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Strasburg mining project roundly booed

Neighbors incensed by previous illegal digging; borrow pit proprietors asked to vacate property

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — If last week's interaction between Strasburg area residents and applicant representatives for a second chance at a dirt mining project a few miles south of Strasburg is any indication, there will be minimal, if any, public support for the request when it is heard by Arapahoe County.

An overflow crowd of 55-60 disgruntled neighbors and other area residents vociferously and angrily stated their opposition to the proposed Strasburg Borrow Pit at 56505 E. County Road 26 at an April 20 public meeting at Anythink Bennett library.

The crowd size surprised the applicant representatives in attendance, who said, "sorry for the tight quarters but more people than expected in too small of a room." While the applicant distributed only eight letters of noti-

fication to adjoining property owners to meet statutory requirements, news stories and word of mouth resulted in much more public participation than anticipated.

Two Arapahoe County Sheriff's officers were on hand in case things got out of hand and, while tempers flared numerous times, no physical altercations occurred.

"They've already broken the law, so why are we even having to deal with this at all?" one audience member angrily asked, referring to the formerly named Arapahoe Farm Pit, which was shut down last year for violations of both county zoning/land use code and mining rules from the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety.

Another meeting attendee called the current mining permit request a "blatant, backhanded effort to circumvent illegal activity."

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Between 55-60 local residents overflowed the Anythink Bennett library's meeting room April 20 to state their dislike of a proposed sand and gravel mining project a few miles south of Strasburg. The meeting was hosted by representatives of the property owner and site operator, who were on the receiving end of requests to discontinue their effort, sell the property and "move on."



CARL STEITZ/The I-70 Scout

Strasburg Elementary School hosted a pair of spring concerts April 23 at Mountain View Fellowship. The first grade's "Once Upon a Time" performance featuring costumes and songs associated with fairy tale characters was followed by the third grade and Strasburg Singers, whose "To the Sky" offerings focused on things like birds, the sun, and rain and rainbows. Above, first-graders Ezra Gurule and Jaxson Hinkle portray a dragon and pirate, respectively.

Deer Trail trustees suspend municipal court for rest of '26

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

DEER TRAIL — Deer Trail residents will not have to attend municipal court for the rest of the year, according to a mid-May vote by the town board.

The Deer Trail Board of Trustees voted 4-1 April 14 to suspend its municipal court operations through the rest of 2026.

"Under Colorado Statute we have a kangaroo court," said Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Buss prior to making a motion to "suspend our court until the first of (next) year until we can work out our own damn paperwork so that our court is in compliance with state statute and, if that includes firing

our attorney, that's what we should do because our attorney is who has gotten us into this mess."

Buss added that additional efforts must be made to collect what court documentation has been misplaced or inappropriately handled.

"I still want to know where the court records are and who has the current court records," he added. "How are they being stored? How are they being looked after? There is no ordinance that defines [the court]."

Buss also said that any residential fines over \$500 should be reimbursed.

"If the state would actually come down on us, I think we

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ArapCo commissioners approve Quincy Ave. composting site

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

LITTLETON — Earlier this month, Arapahoe County commissioners split their vote but still approved a new composting site in eastern unincorporated Arapahoe County.

During its April 14 business meeting, the board of county commissioners voted 3-2 in favor of a Use by Special Review request for the 40-acre Kiowa Creek Composting Facility along Quincy Avenue between Kiowa-Bennett and Wolf Creek roads.

According to the applicant, KJK Properties LLC, the composting facility itself will take up a fenced

area of 24 acres and receive "green waste" materials — such as grass, leaves and mulch — via semi-trucks.

Products will be delivered from the Aesthetic Alternative Recycling location in the Four Square Mile area of unincorporated Arapahoe County.

"This green waste material will then be processed to specifications of a Class 1 compost facility," the county staff report said. "The green waste will be placed in long piles called windrows and turned with a compost turner until the material is completed as a finished compost product. This finished product will then be sold and transported to vendors as compost."

Future additions include an office/shop building on the west side of the property.

While the compost area will not take up the entire parcel, adjacent neighbors said the location of the materials and an access road to the property would be problematic.

"It's right up against a fence line and livestock," one person testifying said. "Not a safe situation."

Other residents from the area claimed the smell and unsightliness of the facility will have a negative impact on the neighborhood.

During additional public comment, residents

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COMMUNITY CORRAL

East Colo. native reappointed for 2nd term as state auditor

DENVER — The Colorado General Assembly unanimously voted to reappoint its state auditor for another five-year term, which will last through June 2031.

State Auditor Kerri L. Hunter was first appointed in July 2021 with her current terms expiring in June. The position, which must be appointed by a majority vote of the whole legislature, was created by Colorado's Constitution.

Hunter is a certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner with more than 30 years of governmental auditing experience.

She joined the Office of the State Auditor as a staff auditor in 1994 and served as a deputy state auditor for 10 years prior to her first appointment as state auditor.

Hunter grew up on the Eastern Plains and is a Burlington High School graduate. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Denver.



Hunter

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.

Byers FFA chapter prepares for member auction, awards

BYERS — The annual Byers School FFA Member Auction & Awards Ceremony will celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of chapter members starting at 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, in the main gym.

Auction items will include handcrafted Adirondack chairs, custom plasma-cut signs, and eight hours of service from individual FFA members.

The event will feature a one-of-a-kind custom table featuring local brands. Brand owners who wish to participate should send the brand to

the Byers FFA with a \$20 donation to the chapter.

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, May 8. Veterans and seniors from 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.

Declaration of Independence topic of Strasburg discussion

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society and Museum will host a presentation on the American Revolution and Declaration of Independence.

The lecture is the second part of a three-part series. It will run from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, May 14, at the TBK Bank Community Room.

The presentation will feature an overview of the American Revolution and the significance of the Declaration of Independence and its importance today.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for light snacks and conversation. Free will offerings will be accepted to benefit the mission of the historical society. For more in-

formation, call (303)622-4322. 4/15 TBK Bank is located at 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

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.

Yard sale fundraiser slated to benefit Lutheran church

STRASBURG — A yard sale to benefit Saron Lutheran in Strasburg will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at the church at 1656 Main St., Strasburg.

A wide variety of items, including furniture, books, housewares, linens, kitchenware and more will be offered at reasonable prices.

Parks & Rec outing headed for Wild Animal Sanctuary

STRASBURG — The bus leaves at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 21, on an excursion to the Wild Animal Sanctuary at Keenesburg.

The trip, which costs \$26, 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.

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.

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.

Application deadline looms for energy assistance bucks

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'Burg High School sets Shakespeare plays

STRASBURG — The Strasburg High School drama department will perform its version of William Shakespeare's 1600 classic *A Midsummer Night's Dream* Thursday through Saturday, May 7-9, at the amphitheater of the new Strasburg Community Park East.

The performances on Thursday and

Friday are scheduled from 4-5:30 p.m. with Saturday's matinee to run from 1-2:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

The amphitheater is on the north edge of the new park at 1866 Wagner Street across from the original Community Park and softball field.

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Visit arapahoecountyfair.com/volunteer to learn more.



Planting Tomatoes | May 16 | 9:30-10 a.m.
When is the right time to plant your tomatoes? How do you plant those "leggy" tomato plants? Should you take off the blossoms and fruit on the plants before planting? This free class held at the Hudson Gardens Demonstration Garden will answer all these questions and more. Presented by Arapahoe County CSU Extension Colorado Master Gardeners. Register now at hudsongardens.org/event/planting-tomatoes



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Scan the QR code below to learn more and register.



ADAMS COUNTY STRASBURG
Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, May 9 | 7 a.m.–noon



**Adams County Strasburg
Neighborhood Cleanup**

Adams County residents are encouraged to bring yard waste and other debris to a free neighborhood cleanup in Strasburg on **Saturday, May 9 from 7 a.m. to noon** at the District 3 Yard, 2550 Strasburg Rd.



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Construction on the Maverik gas station/convenience store on the westbound side of the I-70 interchange at Deer Trail is quickly progressing.

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would suffer some very dire consequences,” the added.

Buss was joined by trustees Emma Richardson, Brandon Rowley and Sandy Bell in voting in favor of the court’s suspension.

Mayor Judd Behrens was the lone dissenting vote, questioning whether the board could make such a vote when the item wasn’t specifically on the agenda. The agenda item in question was amending an ordinance concerning the court clerk’s salary. In addition, the agenda item appointing a new judge was pulled because of the court suspension vote.

Trustee Robert Rhodes was absent.

FULL BOARD RESTORED

Following the cancellation of the municipal election this spring because of lack of candidates, the board appointed sitting board member Brandon Rowley and former trustee Dara Sanders to fill a pair of vacancies. A third candidate, John Dillingham, lost the board vote.

Sanders, who lost her trustee bid during the April 2024 municipal election was appointed to the board in

November of that same year; however she resigned her position in August 2025, citing health concerns.

Rowley will serve a four-year term after winning a two-year term during the April 2024 election.

OTHER BUSINESS

- During the wastewater project update, the preliminary engineering reports is being modified to include phase I of current lagoon system improvements and addition of a lift station to prevent overcapacity at the lagoon site.
- The board authorized Buss to look into the process for possibly getting the community’s historic elevated water tower over town hall listed on the registry of the Colorado Historical Society.
- A resolution specifying only the U.S. and Colorado flags at town facilities was voted down. The issue will likely be addressed during upcoming meetings.
- The board will next meet in regular session at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, at town hall, 555 Second Ave.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Senior Resource Fair. Area senior citizens are invited to visit with health care and medical organizations, finance and insurance consultants, housing providers and other general wellbeing resources. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., May Farms. For more information, call (720)460-6636.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Big Purge of junk, yard debris, small furniture, and old electronics to raise \$5,000 for the Bennett Performing Arts program. Drop off from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tri-Valley VFW Post 8449, 115 Palmer Ave., Bennett. Minimum donations required.

MONDAY, MAY 4

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

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Bennett Middle School Prism Concert (band, choir, small ensembles, solos). 7 p.m., high school auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Prairie Creeks High School Graduation. 11 a.m., Strasburg High School Gym.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Strasburg High School Graduation. 1 p.m., Strasburg High School Gym.

Agate High School Graduation. 1 p.m., Gymnasium.

Byers High School Graduation. 1 p.m., New Gym.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Bennett High School Graduation. 7 p.m., Paul Read Field. Fireworks at dusk (weather permitting).

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Deer Trail High School Graduation. 10 a.m., Gymnasium.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

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

EVERY THURSDAY

Play & Learn for ages 1-3 and their families. 10-11 a.m., Kelter Library, Byers.

Family story time. 10:30 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.

Coffee, Cookies & Chat for all I-70 Corridor seniors. 11 a.m., Bennett Recreation Center.

Gaming Club: Patrons ages 10 and up play video games after school. 4-5:15 p.m., Bennett Anythink library.

Patriot meeting of like-minded individuals to learn about the nation’s history, constitution and rights. 6 p.m., call (303)622-4648 to RSVP.



PHOTOS BY ISAAC MARAUGH/The I-70 Scout

The Bennett High School drama guild performed its version of "Anastasia: The New Broadway Musical" three times to the public April 16-17. Multiple casts performed over the two days, including a predominantly senior cast Friday night. Clockwise from above left, Tsarina Alexandra Romonov (Brailynn Bell) and Tsar Nicholas II (Travis Varra) dance as part of an Anastasia memory; Luda (Macy Meyer) hams it up in public; Young Anastasia (Liberty Larson) and the Dowager Empress (Alexzandra Arnold) share a moment with an antique jewelry box; Anastasia Romanov (Adeline Cranwill) is uncertain of the conversation with Dmitri Sudayev (Damien Wise) and Vladimir Vasilovich (Jordan Jacoby); and Dmitri Sudayev (Travis Spencer) speaks to the people.



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**ARAPAHOE COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE NOS. LE25-003 AND ASI25-001,
COLORADO'S POWER PATHWAY 345-KV TRANSMISSION
LINE / LOCATION AND EXTENT WITH A 1041 PERMIT**

PROPOSAL: The applicant, Public Service Company of Colorado (an Xcel Energy Company), is proposing 17 miles of new 345-kV double-circuit electric transmission. The transmission line will commence at the Harvest Mile Substation (4455 S. Harvest Road) and then head north to the north side of E. Quincy Avenue (CR 30). The transmission line then continues east for approximately 10.5 miles and then crosses CR 30 and then travels along the south side of this road. The line then turns south between S. Tom Bay Road and S. Brick Center Road (CR 129). The line continues south until E. County Line Road (CR 50) and then heads east approximately 1.3 miles before turning south into Elbert County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 19, 2026, the Arapahoe County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M., or as soon as possible thereafter at 6954 S. Lima St., Arapahoe Room, Centennial CO 80112; at which, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the above-described Case Nos. LE25-003 and ASI25-001, Colorado's Power Pathway 345-KV Transmission Line / Location and Extent with 1041 Permit. The agenda will typically be posted by the Friday afternoon preceding the hearing and can be viewed on our website at <https://arapahoe.legistar.com/Calendar>. You can also listen to, or speak at, the meeting by calling 1-855-436-3656. To join the speaking queue, press *3 on the telephone keypad.

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, 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

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Arapahoe County commissioners by a vote of 3-2 recently approved a composting site along Quincy Avenue east of Kiowa-Bennett Road and west of Wolf Creek Road.

COMPOSTING SITE

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indicated that a neighboring existing home and a nearby parcel where a soon-to-be-built home is planned will go on the market if the composting facility was approved.

Other neighbors questioned how this specific composting site is an allowable use in an ag-zoned area.

“To have something this close to our properties is disturbing,” a neighbor said. “The roads are terrible — you might get a grader out there once every two or three months. Imagine having your children being raised next to this.”

The homeowner immediately to the east of the composting site, said that the property line is 240 feet from his house and the detention ponds will be 300 feet from his front door.

“Immediate and stark negative impacts will be completely unavoidable,” he said. “It’s undeniable that

this site would introduce dust, odor and increased truck traffic. Odor is one of our primary concerns. No way to guarantee this composting facility will produce no odor.”

Neighbors are concerned about likely mosquito infestations and upticks in the number of rabbits and coyotes.

“Even more safety issues to worry about with our kids and livestock,” a neighbor said.

While District 3 Commissioner and Chair Pro Tem Jeff Baker, who represents eastern unincorporated areas, and District 2 representative Jessica Campbell voted against the proposal, Chair Leslie Summey and District 1 and 5 commissioners Carrie Warren-Gulley and Rhonda Fields voted in favor of the request.

The facility will be monitored by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

Registration opens for cattlemen’s forum

DENVER — Registration is open for the Colorado Cattlemen’s Association’s annual convention June 22-24 at the Embassy Suites Loveland Conference Center.

On Monday, members participate in CCA committee meetings on policies that will shape the future of Colorado. Lunch will include the presentation of the Colorado Leopold Conservation Award.

To start Tuesday, the association will hold a “Grab & Stay” networking breakfast followed by the ninth annual Ranching Legacy Symposium, which will provide industry updates and address current issues from CCA’s state and federal partners. After lunch, members can travel to Colorado State University’s new livestock hospital for a panel discussion with CSU’s College of Agriculture leadership and tours of the new space. The evening will conclude with a “Big Top Bash” banquet.

Wednesday begins with the CCA Beef & Business breakfast, which includes updates from affiliate organizations. CCA’s Business session will occur after breakfast.

The convention concludes with a gubernatorial candidate forum, where candidates for can share their perspectives on issues important to Colorado agriculture.

For more information, visit www.coloradocattle.org or call the CCA office at (303)431-6422.

LUNCH MENUS

- AGATE**

Thursday, April 23: Corn dogs, baked beans.

Monday, April 27: Rib sandwich, chips.

Tuesday, April 28: Biscuit and sausage with gravy.

Wednesday, April 29: Pizza.
- Monday, April 27: Chicken drumsticks, potatoes with gravy.

Tuesday, April 28: Beef tacos, beans, corn.

Wednesday, April 29: Corn dogs, peas.
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Thursday, April 23: Soft beef tacos.

Friday, April 24: Pretzels with cheese.

Tuesday, April 28: Meatballs with mashed potatoes.

Wednesday, April 29: Chicken strips wraps.
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Thursday, April 23: Chicken tenders with waffles.

Monday, April 27: Lasagna with garlic knots.

Tuesday, April 28: Chicken ramen with green onions.

Wednesday, April 29: Pata Chinois (shepherd’s pie) with Hawaiian roll
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Thursday, April 23: Italian roll-up with marinara, mixed vegetables, peaches.

Friday, April 24: Taco pizza, cucumber, rings with ranch, mixed fruit.

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DIA flights, wildlife collide

\$1 million in damage reported during 2025

by Scott Franz
KUNC

Aircraft collided with at least 863 birds and other wild animals last year at Denver International Airport, the second highest strike total in the airport's history.

The total was just 1 percent shy of the record high set in 2024 and is nearly 30% above the airport's five year average for wildlife strikes.

A collision between a Boeing 737 and a white-tailed jackrabbit last April was particularly notable.

The rabbit was reportedly ingested into one of the plane's engines during takeoff, forcing the United flight to return to the airport and make an emergency landing.

The strike cost \$344,500 in damage to the aircraft, including replacement of the engine's fan blades and oil cooler.

DIA contracts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to manage wildlife around the airfield.

The agency attributes a significant rise in wildlife strikes over the last decade to a combination of increased air traffic, development near Denver that is pushing more wildlife toward the airport, and more awareness in the aviation community to report strikes.

The public safety threat from such strikes has resulted in a management program that utilizes a combination of lethal animal control and deterrents.

Dozens of hawks and owls are also captured and relocated.

According to a March report, KUNC-TV obtained through an open records request, federal agents with Wildlife Services reported killing 6,341 wild animals at the airport last year and hazing away more than 126,000 birds to prevent collisions.

Rock pigeons, red-winged black-birds and morning doves were the most frequently killed species.

The list of animals lethally controlled is diverse and includes coyotes, badgers, feral cats and several species of birds.

One bull snake was also safely relocated away from the airfield.

Agents also make recommendations to airport officials on how to deter wildlife from accessing the airfield.

Wildlife Service's list of identified issues at DIA includes broken chains meant to prevent cliff swallows from nesting, an obsolete canopy that has become a breeding ground for pigeons, and a perimeter fence that is in need of reinforcement.

"Currently, small mammals such as coyotes, foxes, raccoons, badgers and rabbits access the airfield at [DIA] by digging under the perimeter fence," agents wrote in their latest report. "Wildlife Services continues to remove mammals from the (aircraft operations area), but individuals will continue to access the flightline until they are unable to do so."

Agents noted that the lack of adequate wildlife fencing comes with a cost. They say they've removed an average of 581 rabbits, 102 coyotes, six foxes, nine raccoons and two badgers from the airfield each year.

"Direct control of mammals will always be necessary, but the addition of an apron or skirt will reduce mammal strike risk, runway/taxiway incursions, and the time required of (Wildlife Services) and Airside Operations to respond to mammal incursions," agents wrote.

They noted there are rolls of fencing material stored at the airport's boneyard that could be repurposed to reinforce part of the fence "with no material cost" to the facility.

It's the second year in a row that federal agents have recommended that DIA improve the perimeter fencing, fix broken exclusionary devices for birds, and remove the obsolete canopy.

Asked about the status of airport action on the recommendations from Wildlife Services, DIA spokesperson Ashley Forest referred KUNC to the USDA, saying the airport's wildlife team falls under the agency.

Tanya Espinosa, a USDA spokesperson, said April 18 the department could not accommodate an interview.

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Kelter Library in Byers hosted a youth Fantasy Costume Masks craft event April 21. Participants got to pick from a variety of mask types and adorn them as a fantasy hero, villain or other fairytale character of their choosing. Clockwise from top left, Brooklyn Fournier, 6, decorated her mask to match her pink princess gown; Davian Kowalewsky, 11, shows off his "Phantom of the Opera" project; Ember McDaniel, 8, waits for her brightly colored project to dry; and Anastasia Fehr, 6, shows off her kitten mask.



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Anythink Bennett library hosted its monthly adult craft event April 16 to the theme of Decorative Birdhouses. From left photo, Daniel Lockwood decides to work on his project on a piece-by-piece basis; the Edmunds family duo of Michael and Destiny work side-by-side; and Michele Merks contemplates the placement of the roof on her creation.

LIBRARY NEWS

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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.

Toddler Time: Children ages 0-4 enjoy stories, songs and activities that are just right for active toddlers. 10-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 5.

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.

Bennett Sci-Fi Book Club: The Ben-

nett Sci-Fi Book Club is now meeting at Anythink Bennett on the second Monday of each month.

Participants will gather with fellow sci-fi fans for lively conversations about a new science fiction title every month. 6-8 p.m., Monday, May 11.

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.

Artist meet-up: Adults can join the Corridor Creative Arts League at the Denver Botanic Gardens for inspiration, photos, plein air creation — the practice of painting outdoors — or just relaxation. Free mini watercolor for each participant. Carpools available. Space limited. Registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 16.

Teen Advisory Board: Kids ages 12-17 can attend regular meetings to take an active leadership role in planning and implementing library programs and events. They can also use their voices to advocate for youth services in Bennett. 4:45-6 p.m., Wednesday, May 6.

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Little Makers Club: Children ages 0-5 and their families will work on literacy and counting. Free crafts, toddler-friendly snacks, goody bag provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Fridays, May 1.

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

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

p.m., Wednesday, May 6.

Denver Firefighters Museum: Adults will listen to a presentation by Denver Firefighters Museum to hear about the big fires that shaped Denver's history, the hard work that went into fighting them, and how firefighting tools have evolved to today. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 20.

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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.

Tea at 2: Adults are invited for tea and activities, such as cards, puzzles and adult coloring pages. Patrons can also bring their own activities. 2-3 p.m., Friday, May 1.

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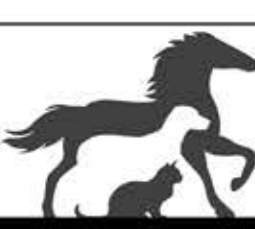
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MINING PROJECT

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Neighbors also indicated they are well aware that the current permit application is an effort to recoup almost \$50,000 in fines levied against the applicant for last year's indiscretions.

Between July and October of last year, both the county and state uncovered violations serious enough to cease and desist operations at the property. The operator was reportedly transporting material to commercial roadway construction sites in the region.

The state reclamation division said that the original permit granted the operator of the site was for agricultural purposes but that the extent of excavation and material removal rose to the level of the definition of mining.

"Arapahoe Farm Pit meets the definition of a 'mining operation' ... as a construction material (sand) was extracted from its natural occurrences on affected land," the state violation said. "Therefore [per state statute] a reclamation permit is required."

County officials also considered the use on the property in violation of both zoning code and what the original approved conditional use was.

Among the violations that led to the previous operation's closure was the heavier-than-anticipated excavation activity on the site, heavy semi truck traffic, and neighboring environmental impacts.



Representatives of the proposed Strasburg Borrow Pit south of town present a project overview in front of a hostile overflow crowd at Anythink Bennett Library April 20.

Under the new project name, Strasburg Borrow Pit, the applicant Jose Gonzalez, via Momentum Civil Consultants, originally indicated plans to restart hauling up to 150 truck loads of material off the site between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; however, updated documentation showed a revised work day schedule of 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The site operator would be Haulr LLC.

"Excavation is anticipated to be generally less than 10 feet deep ... with active extraction expected to last about 12 months," the project overview said. "Following extraction, the

site would be backfilled, regraded and reclaimed to match pre-disturbance conditions."

Neighbors' concerns continue to include school bus route safety, especially along County Road 157; heavy amounts of windblown dust; encroachment onto neighboring property lines; and un-repaired roadway and right-of-way damage and a raped piece of land nearby.

"The dust alone from the first dig was unbearable. Up to 300 (one-way) truck trips daily, that's dangerous to our kids when getting on or off the bus," were among the public comments. "Are road repairs going to be

done immediately? Who is going to pay for that?"

One neighbor requested the applicant to "Fill in the damage, sell the property and move on."

The applicant representatives stated a desire to work with neighbors and address their concerns but those comments were rebuffed by the crowd. In one case, a female neighbor alleged previous intimidation by one of the property owners.

Repeatedly the applicant mentioned plans to restore the property to better than it was before with better top soil to help with future agricultural plans for the land. When produce farming, particularly via greenhouses, was mentioned, neighbors clamored "Where's your water going to come from."

Upon leaving last week's meeting, residents stated their displeasure that no Arapahoe County staff attended and requested that the county permit process include an evening public hearing in the eastern part of the county rather than a 9:30 a.m. board of county commissioners meeting on a Tuesday in Littleton.

"They just make it so difficult to be part of the process," a meeting attendee said of the county's public hearing process. "I hope they realize how big of a deal this is to this community and take that into account."

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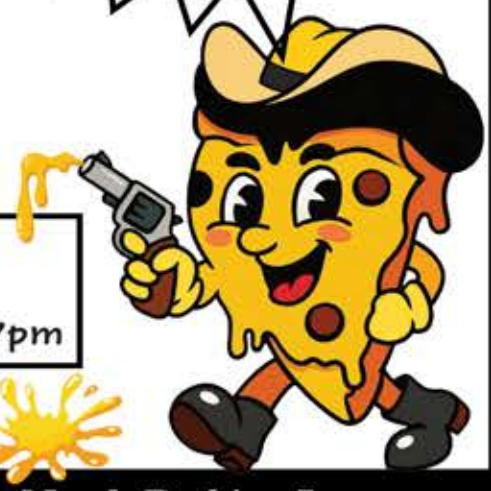
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SPORTS



DT School sup't selected to head CHSAA board



by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

LONE TREE — In what appears to be a first for any of the local schools, an I-70 Corridor district boasts having the chairman of the board of the Colorado High School Activities Association.

Deer Trail Superintendent/Athletic Director Micheal "Mike" Jobman was introduced as the next president of CHSAA's Board of Directors during the organization's spring legislative council activities April 22 at the Douglas County School District's Legacy Campus.

Effective July 1, Jobman takes the place of Joe Brown, who is leaving the board of directors after being hired by CHSAA to become a member of staff as an assistant commissioner starting the 2026-27 year.

CHSAA Commissioner Mike Krueger said. "Mike is a thoughtful and caring leader who brings a broad and balanced perspective to his work. His experience as the superintendent of a small, rural school district pro-

vides an important and valued voice within our organization, and he has consistently demonstrated a commitment to representing and supporting all member schools, regardless of size or geography.

"Mike has been an invaluable member of our board, and I am confident he will seamlessly continue the strong leadership and meaningful work that has been established."

Jobman, who arrived in Deer Trail as high school principal and athletic director starting the 2021-22 school year, took over as interim superintendent in October 2022 after the immediate resignation of B.J. Buchmann. He was named full-time superintendent, while retaining the AD duties, the following February.

Jobman, who was the 1A Athletic Director of the Year for 2023, was first appointed to the CHSAA Board of Commissioners in 2023-24 to represent District 10, which consists of the Patriot, Union Pacific and YWKC conferences in northeastern Colorado.

"The trust the membership and the

board of directors has placed in me to lead from this position is incredibly humbling," said Jobman in a CHSAA press release.

He added that he looks forward to growing relations with all of CHSAA's member schools statewide.

Prior to arriving at Deer Trail, Jobman's 25 years in education has included a 2013-2019 stretch as head boys basketball coach at Mountain Vista and, after that, principal/athletic director at North Park School District.

OTHER CHSAA BUSINESS

During its second of two Legislative Council meetings for 2025-26, members approved numerous changes starting next school year, including modified recruiting language, disciplinary action guidance, postseason adjustments, and winter sports classifications.

ADM Proposals 4 and 5 clarified the definition of recruiting and more closely stipulated what appropriate

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Corridor athletes in final push for state track meet

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

With only two weekends left in the regular season, sprinters, runners, jumpers and throwers across Colorado are on their final push to qualify for the state championship meet in mid-May.

Through April 25, a large contingent of I-70 Corridor athletes appear safely qualified or on the bubble for the Colorado State Track & Field Championships May 14-16 at JeffCo Stadium in Lakewood.

The top 18 in each event, including ties, qualify for the state meet in 2A through 5A. In 1A, the top nine in sprints, top 12 in distance races, and best 10 in field events qualify.

At press time, Strasburg looked to be qualified in or on the bubble for 12 girls events and 13 boys events.

Through last weekend, the red-and-black had the top times or distances in two boys events — junior Mason Dickens in the shot put and the 4x400 relay team.

The boys 4x200 and 4x100 relay teams are second and fifth in 3A. On the girls side, freshman McKenna Garcia has the second-longest long jump in 3A, while senior Taryn LaForce is in the top five in both throws. All four Lady Indian relays are currently within the top 18.

Bennett is currently only represented by its 4x100 girls relay team and sophomore Adeline Cranwill in the high jump.

Tiger head coach Lance Mangham hopes to get other girls relays qualified, but the orange-and-black missed an opportunity to help their cause when the Coronado Cougar Classic in Colorado Springs was canceled.

"Over 40 years of track & field and I've never seen one canceled because

of lack of officials," Mangham said. "Missing that meet hurts, but we still have three left for the girls to make a run at two more relays."

The first of those three opportunities was at the Frontier League Meet at JeffCo Stadium April 28.

No Bennett boys are in qualifying positions.

For Byers in 2A, the 10 girls qualifiers are paced by the 4x400-meter relay team, which has recorded the fastest time in the classification this spring. The team hopes that senior distance runner Quincy Bowling returns from injury to help the Lady Bulldogs' cause.

The Bulldog boys are again led by the sprinter duo of senior Quincy Eacret and Ben McPherson but, similar to last year, injuries must be overcome. McPherson hasn't ran since the Mitchell Invitational in Limon.

Last year, Eacret was not 100% healthy when competing at the state meet. Junior Caleb Eastwood has a top-five time in the 110-meter hurdles.

Deer Trail has three boys events on the bubble, including senior Nev-in Musser at 10th in the 100-meter dash. Lady Eagle Megan Donovan is narrowly on the outside looking in at 11th in the 100-meter dash.

Final state event qualifiers won't be confirmed until the weekend of May 9-10.

Corridor athletes currently qualified or on the bubble follow:

CORRIDOR GIRLS TEAMS

DEER TRAIL (1A)

200-meter dash (best time 25.29): Sr. Megan Donovan, 11th, 27.95

BYERS (2A)

100-meter (12.63): So. Sydney Smith, 14th, 13.25

200-meter dash (25.94): So. Bella Hogan, 19th, 27.78

800-meter run (2:18.84): Jr. Reese West, 9th, 2:28.69

1,600-meter run (5:05.02): West, 11th, 5:30.17

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LORI KIRBY

James Shelley of Byers lived out a longtime dream of singing the National Anthem before a Denver Nuggets game April 8 at Ball Arena. Shelley, the announcer at many Byers High School games and a Nuggets season ticket holder, said his wife, Brandy, recorded him singing the National Anthem at a Byers Homecoming volleyball game last fall and sent the video to Nuggets PA announcer Kyle Speller, who forwarded it to the team's entertainment coordinator. In addition to the Nuggets victory over the Memphis Grizzlies 136-119 that night, it was the club's first 10-game winning streak in franchise history.

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Deer Trail Superintendent/Athletic Director Micheal Jobman closes out the Colorado High School Activities Association's Legislative Council meeting April 22 after he was appointed the new CHSAA Board of Director's Chair for 2026-27.

JOBMAN

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and non-appropriate contact between schools and students are, respectively.

Another clarification was made concerning contact with kids not yet of high school age.

Proposals about a specific timeline for ejected coaches to file the appropriate paperwork and allowances by schools to implement spectator behavior guidelines and potential consequences were also approved.

For new classifications in all activities, visit chsaanow.com.

For the basketball season, the minimum game requirement for postseason inclusion has been changed to 18. Seeding criteria will also be updated to resolve league conflicts.

In football, seven-man officiating crews will be assigned to all 11-man semifinal games. Automating qualifying bids will be set for multi-classification leagues, for example a conference that contains teams from both 1A and 2A.

In 1A track and field, the state meet will include 12 qualifiers in all field events, up from the 10 in previous years.

Wrestling squads will be allowed up to 10 dual days with match limits increasing.

SPORTS CHANGES

TF UPDATE

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3,200-meter run (11:14.02): West, 11th, 12:12.06; Sr. Quincy Bowling, 18th, 12:42.88	200-meter dash (22.20): Eacret, 5th, 22.58; McPherson, 7th, 22.60
4x100-meter relay (50.74): Byers, 5th, 52.45	400-meter dash (49.51): McPherson, 2nd, 50.63; Eacret, 5th, 51.08
4x200-meter relay (1:48.07): Byers, 6th, 1:51.53	110-meter hurdles (15.72): Jr. Caleb Eastwood, 5th, 16.60
4x400-meter relay (4:16.12): Byers, 1st	4x100-meter relay (43.68): Byers, 11th, 45.83
4x800-meter relay (9:50.11): Byers, 10th, 10:46.09	4x200-meter relay (1:30.88): Byers, 7th, 1:34.20
Long jump (18'11/2"): So. Karley Linnebur, 14th, 15'3'1/2"	4x400-meter relay (3:29.00): Byers, 10th, 3:39.53
STRASBURG (3A)	Triple jump (44'7'1/4"): Jr. Samuel Linnebur, 12th, 39'11"; Sr. Samuel Shelley, 16th, 38'7.00
100-meter dash (12.11): Jr. Addison Kent, 8th, 12.83	High jump (6'1"): Eastwood, 16th, 5'10"
400-meter (57.39): So. Calleygh Hougland, 16th, 1:02.22	STRASBURG (3A)
100-meter hurdles (14.74): Kent, 12th, 17.19	100-meter dash (10.89): Sr. Cade Hemphill, 14th, 11.26
300-meter hurdles (44.20): Hougland, 8th, 49.48; Kent, 9th, 49.64	200-meter dash (21.80): Hemphill, 9th, 22.59; Jr. Ayden Dodge, 18th, 23.09; Sr. Konner Casebeer, 19th, 23.16
4x100-meter relay (49.18): Strasburg, 18th, 52.43	400-meter dash (48.25): Casebeer, 8th, 49.62; Jr. Jayden Miller, 16th, 51.06; Dodge, 21st, 51.57
4x200-meter relay (1:45.37): Strasburg, 5th, 1:48.99	110-meter hurdles (14.48): Sr. Will Hauser, 13th, 16.39
4x400-meter relay (4:02.82): Strasburg, 7th, 4:18.56	300-meter hurdles (39.41): Hauser, 11th, 41.81
Long jump (18'5'1/2"): Fr. McKenna Garcia, 2nd, 17'5"	4x100 (41.54): Strasburg, 5th, 43.15
Triple jump (40'11"): Cardenas, 12th, 33'7"; Garcia, 13th, 33'5'1/2"	4x200 (1:25.97): Strasburg, 2nd, 1:29.22
High jump (5'4"): So. Laci Zimmerman, 6th, 5'2"; Hougland, 14th, 5'	4x400 (3:26.90): Strasburg, 1st, 3:26.90
Shot put (39'7"): Sr. Taryn LaForce, 3rd, 36'10"; Jr. Elizabeth Zobell, 19th, 31'8"	4x800 (8:15.93): Strasburg, 20th, 8:56.20
Discus (144'3"): LaForce, 5th, 117'4"	Long jump (22'11'1/4"): Dodge, 11th, 21'3"; Hemphill, 18th, 20'7"; Sr. Jorge Parra, 19th, 20'7"
BENNETT (3A)	Triple jump (44'5'1/4"): Dodge, 16th, 41'2'3/4"; Jr. Brody Hopwood, 21st, 40.9"
4x100-meter relay (49.18): Bennett, 14th, 51.90	High jump (6'7"): Dodge, 11th, 6'3"; Miller, t-16th, 6'1"
High jump (5'4"): So. Adeline Cranwill, 17th, 4'11"	Shot put (52'3'1/4"): Jr. Mason Dickens, 1st, 52'3'1/4"
CORRIDOR BOYS TEAMS	Discus (167'1"): Dickens, 5th, 150'10"
DEER TRAIL (1A)	DEER TRAIL & BYERS TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE
100-meter dash (11.16): Sr. Nevin Musser, 10th, 11.83	May 1: @ Burlington Invitational
1,600-meter run (4:35.18): Jayden Mingee, 10th, 5:02.78	STRASBURG TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE
4x400-meter relay (3:38.64): Deer Trail, 8th, 3:50.46	April 30: Patriot League Meet, Greeley
BYERS (2A)	BENNETT TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE
100-meter (10.97): Sr. Quincy Eacret, 6th, 11.24; Jr. Ben McPherson, 13th, 11.44	May 5: Spartan Last Chance Qualifier, Berthoud

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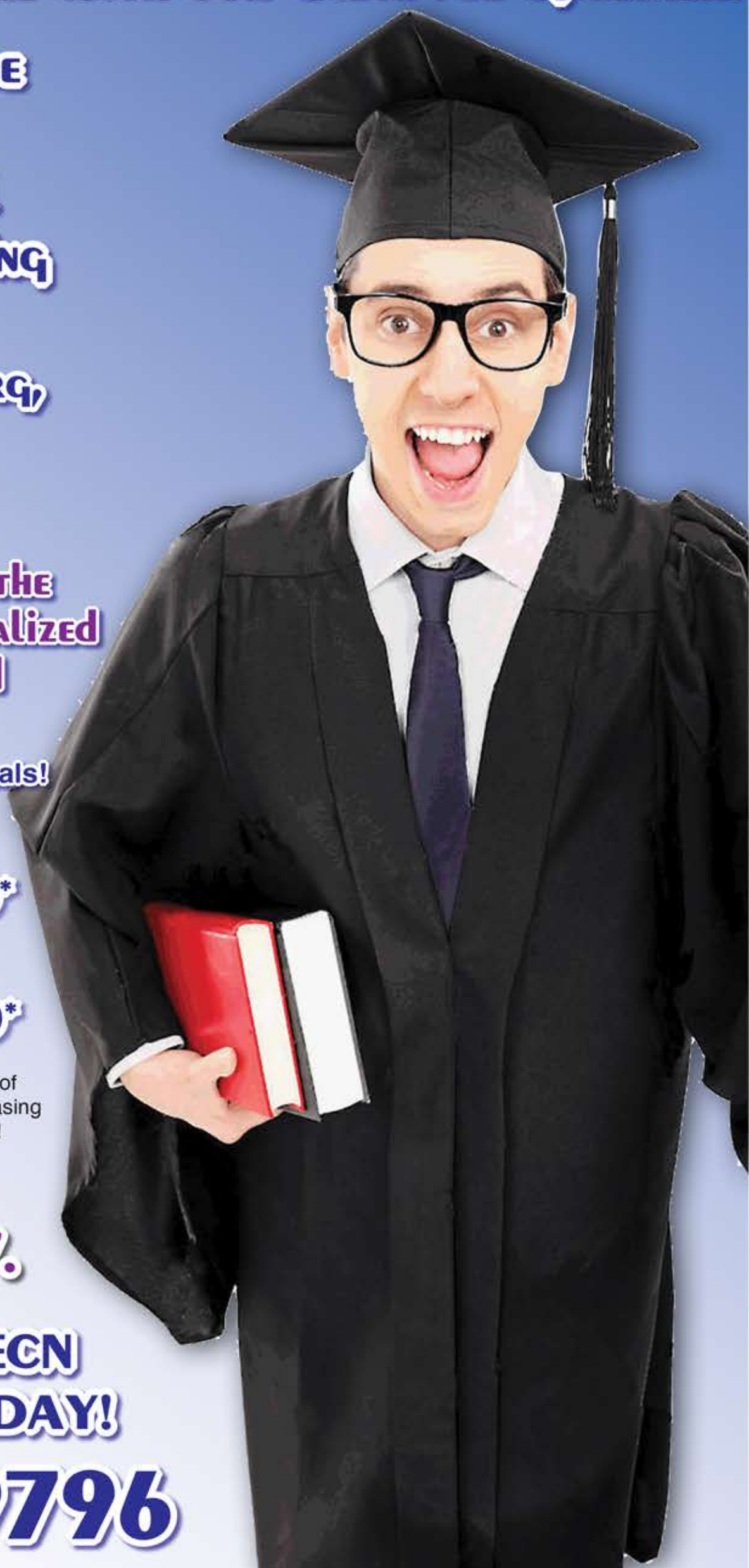
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Byers freshman outfielder Jack Long had a busy top of the fifth inning in game one against Yuma April 23 as he had three consecutive plays at the left field fence, making two catches and just missing a home run that cleared the fence. Above, Long makes the second catch of the frame then skids about 10 feet before coming to rest in front of a young spectator outside the fence line.

Tigers, Bulldogs gunned down by Yuma on home diamonds

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

Bennett and Byers both saw the visiting Yuma Outlaws live up to their 2A No. 4 state ranking last week. The Tigers fell 14-6 April 20 to the visitors from northeast Colorado and, three days later, the Bulldogs felt Yuma's wrath twice — 7-3 in the first game and 9-4 in the nightcap. Monday saw Bennett go up 1-0 on an RBI double by sophomore Brayden Werner in the bottom of the first and knot up the game 3-3 on a 2-run double by junior Avant Dickens in the second. The visitors responded with 2 in the top of the third and tacked on a 5-spot in the fifth to go up 10-3. After Bennett closed the gap to 10-5 with 2 runs scoring on another double by Dickens, Yuma cinched the game with another 4 runs in the top of the seventh. The orange-and-black could only muster a single run in the bottom of the frame on an RBI single by senior Cougar Cronk. Bennett outhit Yuma 14-13 but only received three free passes compared to 10 for the Outlaws. The orange-and-black also committed four errors and had trouble curtailing Yuma's running game, which accumulated 15 stolen bases. Bennett junior leadoff hitter Evan Garner recorded a three-hit afternoon and scored two runs, while Cronk, Dickens, junior Owen Hawes and freshman Victor Herrera added two hits apiece; Dickens drove in four runs.



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Tiger Avant Dickens tries to dive around the tag attempt of a Yuma infielder on his way to third base during an April 20 nonconference contest.

On the mound, Werner threw the first four innings and Garner the final three, allowing 13 earned runs combined while striking out three apiece. The loss dropped Bennett to 6-9 overall. The Tigers hosted Strasburg in the annual Corridor rivalry April 25 and defeated the Indians 8-7. For full coverage of Saturday's neighborhood bash, see the May 1 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*. **BYERS DOUBLEHEADER** Thursday's two games at Byers saw the hosts unable to dig out of too big of holes after three innings. In game one, Yuma scored 2, 1 and 1 runs over the first three innings,

which was enough in the end. Byers tallied 1 the third on an RBI double by junior Kaden Bennett and, with the score 7-1 entering the bottom of the seventh, collected 2 runs, including an RBI hit by senior Jack Earl. Byers mustered six hits compared to 11 for the victors and received only five free passes while striking out 10 times. Byers stranded eight on the bases. Earl and junior Gabe Price recorded two hits apiece for the hosts. Along with his two RBIs, Bennett threw all seven innings, allowing 5 earned runs on 11 hits while striking out 12. In the nightcap, Yuma scored 2 in the first and 3 in the second before Byers junior Wes Butterfield crossed

home after an Outlaw wild pitch in the bottom of the second. Yuma tacked on 2 in the third and the score remained 7-1 until both teams scored 2 in the fifth; Byers runs came without a hit — a walk, hit batsman and multiple wild pitches. Byers tallied its final run in the seventh when Earl singled, stole second and third, and scored on another wild pitch. Byers mustered only two hits — singles by Earl and junior Dane Curry — but walked seven times and were hit by pitches twice. Like the first game, eight Bulldogs were stranded. Earl threw the first 2⅔ innings, allowing 7 runs, 5 earned, on seven hits while walking three and striking out three. Butterfield threw 4⅓, allowing 2 earned runs on three hits while walking four and striking out one. Byers dropped to 7-10 overall after Thursday but, instead of falling in the state playoff rankings, they jumped up two spots to No. 22 thanks to the Outlaws' 11-4 record and top-five ranking. The Bulldogs snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 7-6 win at Evangel Christian Academy April 25. For full coverage, see the May 1 *Eastern Colorado News*.

BENNETT BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 30: @ Lamar
May 1: Brush
May 4: @ Mitchell
May 6: @ Wellington

BYERS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

May 4: Front Range Christian
May 5: @ Crowley County
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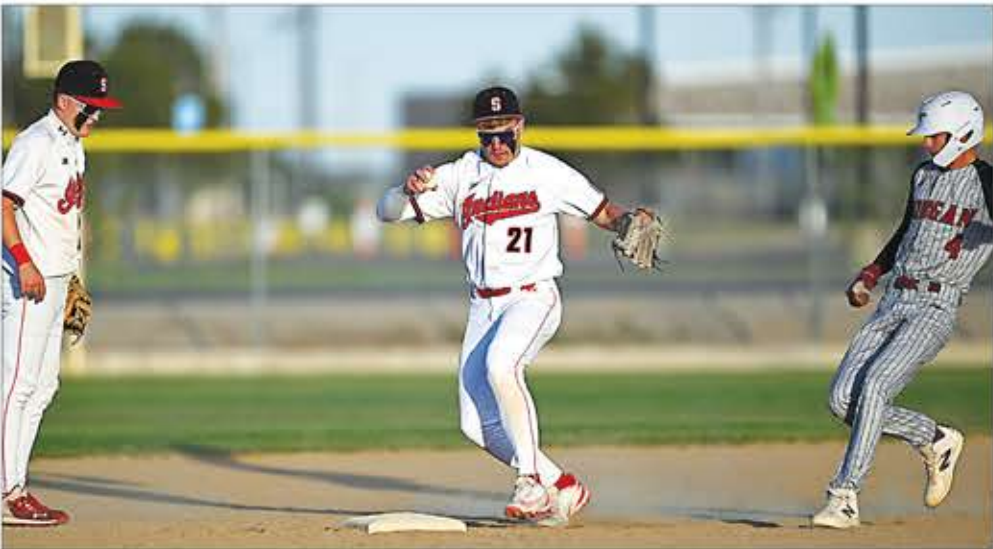
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Indian infielder Gabe Smith (21) races to the second base bag ahead of a Fort Morgan base runner during Patriot League action April 23.

Indian 9 on downhill slide

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

After starting the baseball season 6-2, the Strasburg Indians lost their next six in a row, including a quartet of contests April 18-23.

Over that six-day stretch, the red-and-black lost 10-2 at nonconference Elizabeth before losing three consecutive Patriot League tilts — 11-0 at home against Platte Valley April 20, 11-10 at Liberty Common the following day, and 17-2 against visiting Fort Morgan April 23.

In the most competitive game of the four, Strasburg and Liberty Common were tied at 2 after the first inning but the Indians had leads of 3-2 after the third, 5-3 after the fourth, and 9-5 after five. The host Eagles cut the deficit to 9-8 in the bottom of the sixth with the help of a pair of Indian errors. Strasburg added a run in the top of the seventh to extend the advantage to 10-8, but a hit batsman, a walk and an error combined to allow the host Eagles to walk off with the victory.

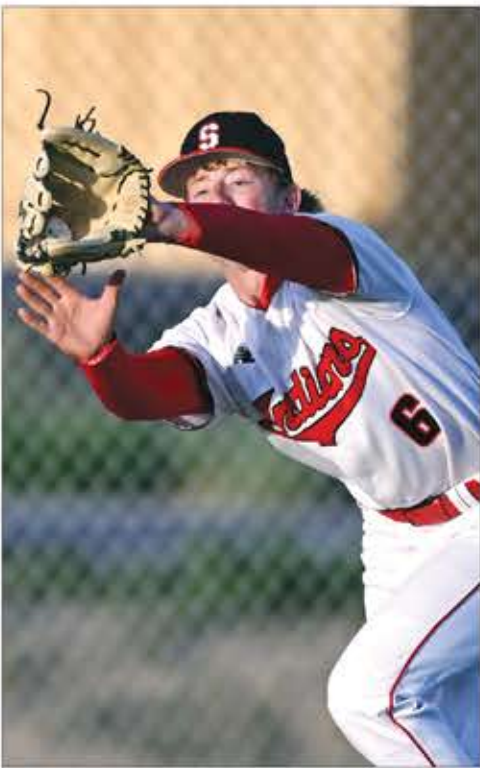
Strasburg outhit Liberty Common 12-10 but the Indian defense committed six errors, which doomed the red-and-black. Only 6 of the Eagles' runs were earned. After sophomore Gavin Welch threw the first five innings and allowed 5 runs, all earned, on six hits while walking three and striking out four, the combination of seniors Aiden Bongard, Camden Hess and Gabe Smith threw the last 12/3 innings with 5-of-6 runs against them unearned.

Offensively, freshman Coltrane Smith went 3-of-4, including a 2-run double, with four RBIs, while Gabe Smith added two hits and two RBIs. Junior Reagan Rosier added a hit and two RBIs.

The other three losses surrounding the Elizabeth game appeared out of hand early.

Against Elizabeth, the hosts Cardinals scored 2 in the third and 4 each in the fourth and fifth innings, while Strasburg only mustered single tallies in the fourth and fifth. Nine defensive miscues proved costly as only one Elizabeth run was earned.

In Monday's five-inning shutout by



Strasburg center fielder R.J. Weaver watches a Fort Morgan fly ball land safely in his glove April 23.

Platte Valley, the Broncos jumped up 2-0 after the first and had a 7-run second. A 2-run fifth ended the game a couple innings early. Strasburg only mustered two hits and committed five errors that helped the victors with 8 unearned runs.

Early inning woes again doomed the Indians against Fort Morgan, who tallied 12 runs in the first, 1 in the third and 4 in the fourth, to conclude the game via the 15-run mercy rule. Strasburg scored single runs in the second and fourth frames. In addition to winning the hitting battle 14-6, Fort Morgan was assisted by eight Indian errors; all of the Mustangs' runs were considered unearned.

The Indians' losing skid was extended to seven after their 8-7 loss at Bennett but specifics were unavailable at press time. For full coverage, see the May 1 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

STRASBURG BASEBALL SCHEDULE
April 29: @ Brush
April 30: Arvada
May 1: Eaton
May 5: @ Sterling

DT boys basketball schedules dinner, auction moneymaker

DEER TRAIL — The Deer Trail High School Athletic Department is hosting a spaghetti dinner and silent auction fundraiser for its boys basketball team from 4-6 p.m., Saturday, May 2, at the Deer Trail School.

All proceeds from the evening's activities will go directly to the Eagle boys basketball program for attendance at summer skills and team camps and other summer/offseason team-building activities.

For more information or to donate auction items, contact Tara at (303)513-2564.

Donations must be dropped off by April 30.

The school is located at 130 S. Second Ave.

Summer track competition slated by 'Burg Parks & Rec

STRASBURG — Registration is now open for Colorado Association of Recreational Athletics Track through the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District.

Participants at CARA track meets compete in heats separated by gender and age at meets on Saturdays, June 13, June 20, June 27 and July 11, followed by a state meet July 18 with athletes from all divisions — North, South and Metro — with Strasburg participating in the latter.

All meets will occur in the Denver metro area.

Recreational agencies from around

Young Tigers honored



Bennett sixth-graders Kolton Barden, left, and Alonso Vazquez show off their bling from the Colorado Youth Football Invitational March 20-22 at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Of the approximately 1,000 football players in grades 4-8 who apply or are nominated for the program each year, only about 280 are selected. Vazquez participated for the second straight year.

Colorado offer the CARA track program so young athletes ages 3-16 can participate in a healthy summer activity. Participants can try different events each week or stick with their favorites.

Registration with a \$70 fee is required by May 17. Practice starts June 1.

For additional information, visit <https://teamsideline.com/CARA>.

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20 YEARS AGO
MAY 2, 2006
The Strasburg School Board held a special meeting April 24 and received an updated schedule for the Hemphill Middle School project from owner's representative Tom Homer.

According to the timeline, the construction will still be completed in time for students to occupy the new building at the commencement of the 2007-08 school year.

The board approved two changes to the construction documents presented by Homer, including a reconfiguration of the reception area and the bus loop. The intended goal of the bus loop change is to streamline it and, where possible, make it a single loop.

The project consists of two contracts — one for the site work and the Wagner Street extension, and one for the construction of the school.

Homer believes the project will still finish on time for school in fall 2007.

15 YEARS AGO
MAY 3, 2011
DEER TRAIL — Deer Trail School Board members tentatively continued last year's pay freeze for teachers next school year, but a bump in pay to levels seen two years ago is not out of the realm of possibility.

During their April 25 meeting, board members agreed to move forward with plans to pay the teachers their same salary as the current year, but also asked district staff to work up an alternative budget that included the salary schedule from two years ago.

This year's teacher salaries were cut 2% from the previous year.

Board members asked Finance Director Janelle Turecek if the

money was in the budget to add the 2% back in, to which she said, "I can't tell you that for sure. We still have \$61,000 to cut and, where that is coming from, I don't know yet, but I will sure work up [a second] budget for you to look at."

The \$61,000 in anticipated budget cuts is down from a previous projection of more than \$100,000.

10 YEARS AGO
MAY 3, 2016
BRIGHTON — Strasburg remains a hotbed of residential development activity and that growth spurt will continue with the addition of more homes to an existing development near that school.

Adams County commissioners April 18 unanimously approved Filing 2-A for the Blackstone Ranch subdivision immediately north of the school campus on the west side of Strasburg Road.

Developer Pauls Development East asked for approval of a final plat to allow another 43 homes on 7.76 acres southwest of the subdivision's existing homes.

While no neighbors' comments were stated during last month's public hearing, county staff noted written concerns from one neighboring property owner and three local agencies.

The residential comment evolved around the continued increase in traffic along Monroe Street/Strasburg Road; Colorado Department of Transportation also cited similar issues about what increased traffic might mean for improvements to local thoroughfares, particularly I-70 and Highway 36 (Colfax Avenue).

The Strasburg Water & Sanitation District expressed water availability concerns but county staff indicated that the Colorado Department of Water Resources has signed off that there will be enough water.

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Today is Wednesday, April 29, the 119th day of 2026. There are 246 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On April 29, 1992, a jury in Simi Valley, Calif., acquitted four Los Angeles police officers charged with assault and using excessive force in the videotaped beating of motorist Rodney King; the verdicts were fol-

lowed by six days of rioting in Los Angeles that destroyed hundreds of businesses and resulted in over 60 deaths.

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In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp in Nazi Germany.

In 1991, a powerful tropical cyclone made landfall in Bangladesh, creating a storm surge that resulted in more than 138,000 deaths.

In 1997, the Chemical Weapons Convention, a worldwide treaty banning the use of chemical weapons and mandating the destruction of existing chemical weapons, went into effect.

In 2008, Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama denounced his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, for "divisive and destructive" remarks on race.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
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The lunar square to Jupiter asks: what would it look like to meet your moment of readiness with that same kind of wholehearted yes?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you were a pop song, your chorus would hang in a listener's mind long after the DJ faded the last chord into the next ditty. You're making an impression on everyone you meet today, superstar.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll teach by example, perhaps unknowingly. When someone imitates you, they aren't necessarily taking from you. It could be flattery, a tribute, or a signal from the universe to open your eyes to the very real influence you have.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be busy for much of the day with some version of keeping your word. It's the small things that will build trust, especially showing up when you said you would. Your reliability has a magnetic quality people return to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You ask good questions today, the sort that invite a real answer. You'll listen for details and follow one thread a little deeper. You're getting to something real. Conversations become discovery instead of routine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It does seem you were happier when you weren't as worried about the schedule. How important is it, really, that you hit all the mile markers along the way? If you loosen your grip, you'll still make the deadline.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The African proverb suggests that things are more easily laid straight when they are green than when they are dry. You'll learn the correct method from the get-go to avoid picking up bad habits or losing your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). "Fake it till you make it" is only necessary in atmospheres

where showing vulnerability and ignorance will get you ousted. In healthy learning environments, it's OK to admit what you don't know. In fact, that's the most efficient place to start.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Improvements are not isolated events. Today you'll experience what is known as the Diderot effect, when one upgrade you make suddenly has you seeing everything around it as, well... a bit shabby comparatively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll share a bit of your own experience without turning the spotlight. A short story that relates to others builds connection. Keep it concise and loop back to them. You're an expert at building bridges.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Kindness doesn't always boomerang back in the moment. And people who behave terribly aren't always met with timely and proportionate consequences. But you can bet that today's karma will eventually balance in unique and unpredictable ways.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Medical science is constantly reiterating what mother told us all along — a good night's sleep is a game changer. Health, mood, work, relationships — it's all better when built on solid, sound, consistently excellent rest. Today proves the point.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You want to add something of value, or nothing at all. You can accomplish either aim. If you contribute, you'll be sure to do it right. And if you sit this round out, you'll learn something. You can't lose.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April. 29). Your Year of Cosmic Communication will have you receiving signals and interpreting your way into beautiful relationships, stellar professional situations and gold that's just waiting for you to claim it. Your environment points you to the perfectly poetic next move. More highlights: You'll ink an auspicious deal and have the means to make a difference for the ones you love the most. You'll take home a trophy. Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 5, 16, 4 and 10.

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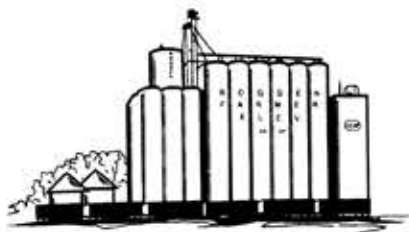


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Day of the Child

El Día de los Niños

What's wonderful about being a child? You have your own special day! In 1998, the U.S. Congress named April 30 as Day of the Child—a day to honor kids, to promote their well-being, and to encourage good reading and writing skills. This national celebration borrows from the traditional Mexican holiday, El Día de los Niños, and is a day for fun, family and friends. What will you be doing on the Day of the Child?

What fun!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with fun community activities:

1. Draw and color pictures or _____ and hang them around your community.
2. Dress up as your favorite story character and go to a storytelling time at the library or join in a _____ on the street.
3. _____ in the park with other families. Join in soccer exercises or fly kites.
4. Listen to and _____ to the music of a mariachi band.
5. Try _____ cutting, origami, cookie dough art or arts and crafts set up by your school or library.
6. Enjoy snacks: apples, cookies, _____, ice cream.
7. Go to a children's _____ or fair and try a new activity and a new food.
8. Visit your _____ and take out books that are bilingual (written in two languages—English and Spanish).
9. Work with your family to be in a menudo _____ contest or other event (hint: think food).
10. Hang banners, write _____, put on plays that show what's great about being a kid.
11. Watch a _____ show such as "La Cucaracha (The Cockroach)".
12. Have a blast with family and friends making a _____ and then breaking it.
13. Hear Hispanic _____ read their books aloud.
14. Have a Cascarones festival. Learn about their _____ and traditions (confetti-filled eggshells).
15. Organize a huge children's tag sale. Give the _____ to a children's organization.



clues: authors, posters, parade, puppet, paper, stories, money, juice, picnic, piñata, library, dance, history, carnival, Super Hero Stories!



Celebrating Children!

Let's borrow computer games.

Library

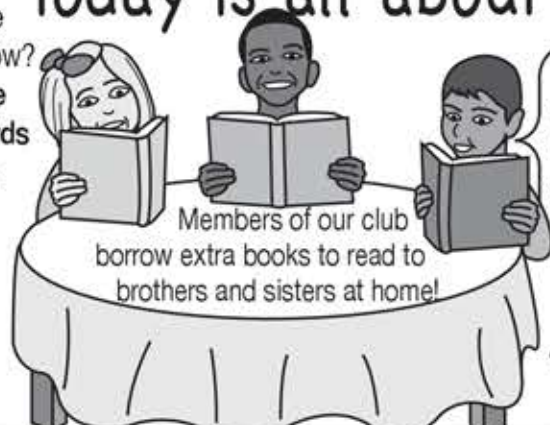
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How would you describe the children you know?

Find and circle all of these words about children:

responsible
learning
singing
leaping
skipping
safe
hopes
health
future
dreams
happy
jumping
respect
laughter
dancing

Today is all about us!



Members of our club borrow extra books to read to brothers and sisters at home!

We formed our own book club. We meet at the library to choose books.

Bilingual Books

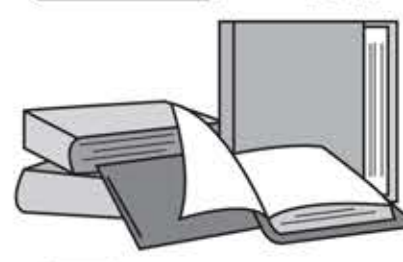
Books that are **bilingual** are books that are written in 2 different languages. People like to use these to learn another language.

Check out these books written in English and Spanish!

1. *The Piñata Maker/El Piñatero* by George Ancona.
2. *Fiestas: A Year of Latin-American Songs and Celebrations* by Jose-Luis Orozco.
3. *Giants of Science/Gigantes de Ciencia-The Wright Brothers* by Anna Sproule.
4. *An Illustrated Treasury of Latino Read-Aloud Stories: 40 of the Best-Loved Stories for Parents and Children to Share* by Maite Suarez Rivas.

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What Do These Spanish Words Mean?

We speak and read in English and in Spanish! We are bilingual. We enjoy teaching our friends Spanish words. Here are some of the words we have shared. Can you match them to their English translations?



caramelo

padre

madre

dog

gato

niños

father

mother

perro

soccer

cat

fútbol

children

holiday

fiesta

CHUCKWAGON

Iced Strawberry Matcha Latte

by Lauren Habermehl
Taste of Home

This artfully layered iced strawberry matcha latte is balanced, colorful and refreshing.

It took me a long time to hop on the matcha train. For some reason, despite my love for many different tea recipes, matcha just never happened — until one day we were out for dinner and matcha cheesecake was served for dessert. I was instantly hooked and immediately purchased matcha powder. This iced strawberry matcha latte was one of my first forays into making matcha drinks at home and is now my go-to drink as soon as berry season hits.

This lovely layered drink is as beautiful as it is tasty — and it's simple to make. It begins with a homemade strawberry syrup that comes together in just a few minutes. Once cool, the syrup is layered with ice and your preferred milk, then topped with a cloud of creamy matcha.

- ICED STRAWBERRY MATCHA LATTE**
INGREDIENTS
- 1½ cups chopped fresh strawberries
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 1 pinch salt
 - ½ cup water, divided
 - ½ teaspoon matcha (green tea powder)
 - ½ cup 2% milk
 - ice cubes
 - honey or desired sweetener, optional
 - sliced fresh strawberries, for garnish, optional

- DIRECTIONS**
1. In a small saucepan, combine strawberries, sugar, salt and ¼ cup water. Bring to a simmer; cook until the strawberries soften and release their juices, 4-5 minutes. Mash lightly with a fork. Remove from the saucepan; let cool completely.
 2. Meanwhile, combine matcha and the remaining ¼ cup water in a glass measuring cup; whisk until smooth.
 3. Divide the strawberry mixture evenly between two tall glasses. Fill each glass halfway with ice. Slowly pour milk over the ice until the glass is three-quarters full. Using a spoon, carefully spoon the matcha mixture into each glass. Sweeten with honey, if desired. Garnish the rim with a sliced strawberry, if desired. Serve immediately.





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MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Elementary:

- May 4 - 8 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 7 - Elementary Field Day (K-2nd in the am; 3-6 in the pm)
- May 8 - Teacher Work Day—NO SCHOOL.
- May 11 - Alternate Elementary Field Day.
- May 14 - Last Day for Preschool students.
- May 14 - School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm.
- May 15 - Last day for Kindergarten. Graduation at 1:15 in the cafeteria.
- May 18 - Preschool Round-up (call Byers Elementary ext. 1140 to make an appt)
- May 19 - Kindergarten Round-up (Call Byers Elementary ext. 1140 to make an appt)
- May 19 - End of the year Elementary Assembly @ 1:30 pm in the new gym.
- May 20 - Last day of school! Dismissal @ 11:00 am. No lunch served.

Secondary:

- May 1 - HS Track @ Burlington 10:00 am
- May 4 - HS Baseball vs. FRC 3:30
- May 4 - HS Girls Golf @ Limon 10:00 am
- May 5 - HS Baseball @ Crowley County 4:00
- May 7 - HS Girls Golf @ Eads 10:00 am
- May 8 - HS Track @ Limon (UPL League Meet) 10:00 am
- May 8 - JH Track @ Limon (UPL League Meet) 10:00 am
- May 8 - HS Baseball @ Fort Lupton 3:00
- May 9 - HS Track @ Roosevelt 9:00 am
- May 11 - HS Baseball @ Bennett 4:00
- May 14 - HS Track @ Jeff Co Stadium (State Meet)
- May 15 - HS Track @ Jeff Co Stadium (State Meet)
- May 16 - HS Track @ Jeff Co Stadium (State Meet)
- May 16 - HS Baseball @ Regional Tournament
- May 18 - HS Girls Golf @ Lone Tree Golf Course (State Meet)
- May 19 - HS Girls Golf @ Lone Tree Golf Course (State Meet)
- May 22 - HS State Baseball Tournament Quarterfinals
- May 23 - HS Baseball State Tournament Semifinals
- May 30 - HS Baseball State Tournament Finals

Off The Field

- May 2 - Prom
- May 6 - FFA – End of year awards
- May 12 - NHS Induction Ceremony – 6:00 pm
- May 12 - Hispanic Heritage Club Fiesta – 6:30 -8:00 pm
- May 15 - Last day for Seniors
- May 17 - Graduation - 1:00 pm – Gymnasium
- May 18 - Last day for 8th graders
- May 18 - 8th grade promotion – 6:30 pm – Gymnasium

Top Elementary Fundraiser

Every January, we run the Kids Heart Challenge, which is put on by the American Heart Association. As a school, we have raised: 2024=\$5,896.75; 2025=\$5,970.45; 2026=\$5,208.74; Total=\$17,075.94

Addison Sketers, a third-grader in Mrs. Hudson's class, has been above \$1,000 all 3 years, including \$1,002.36 in 2025 and \$1,258.43 in 2026. Last year, Addison was in the top 20 of 13,860 students in Colorado.



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