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May 5 storm impact on drought uncertain

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

While last week's quick-moving spring storm has already put the month of May in the top 25 historically for the area, much more moisture is needed to pull the region out of drought and address fire fears.

Multiple weather station reports east of I-25 and along I-70 indicated that 0.85 inches of precipitation reached the ground May 5. While snowfall ranged between mostly 3-5 inches, it was preceded by approximately 0.25 to 0.4 inches of rain.

"Even the snow was really wet, on the upper end of the saturation rate, around 0.15 inches of moisture per inch of snow," a National Weather Service report said. "The average is usually about 0.10 inches of moisture per inch of snow. Certainly a wet spring weather event, which brought some much-needed precipitation."

But, even with the saturation, the

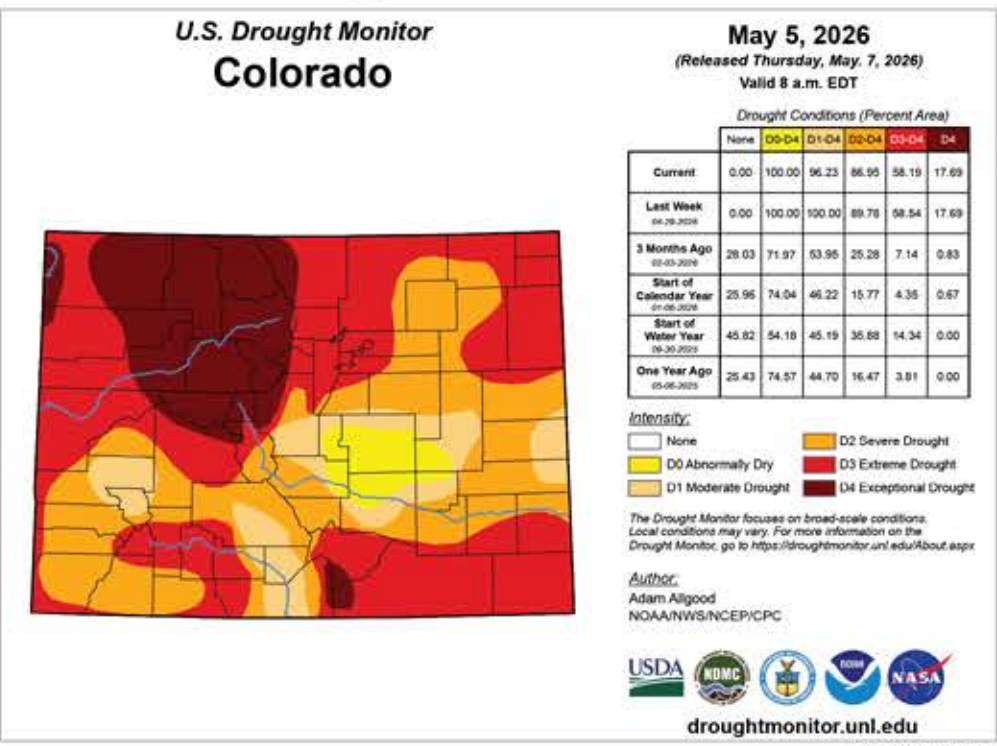
snow was mostly gone by midafternoon Wednesday, minus shaded or covered areas. And the moisture was wicked away by extremely dry soil and tinder box dry foliage.

Locally, two fire calls were dispatched south of Strasburg and near I-70 at the Kiowa-Bennett Road interchange on Thursday afternoon and evening and, while they were extinguished quickly, local fire authorities said fire conditions can ramp up quickly in hot, windy weather.

"The vegetation fire was actually a small rekindle from an approved controlled burn from the day before," said Strasburg Assistant Fire Chief Pat Conroy following a call along County Road 157 south of town about 3 p.m. May 7. "It was in a pit so no big deal at all."

"But, In terms of the future outlook, all we need is a few days of warm dry weather and we will be right back to a

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Whether last week's 0.85 inches of moisture is enough to temporarily stem worsening drought conditions along the I-70 Corridor, particularly in Adams and Arapahoe counties, remains uncertain.



Snowy Perch

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A young hawk doesn't seem to mind sitting among the snow-laden branches while snow falls early May 6 a few miles off the Chaparral Subdivision in eastern Elbert County. At about 7 a.m., between 4-7 inches of snow had fallen overnight along the I-70 Scout with another quarter-inch of rain preceding it.

Court scam activity reaches AdCo

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BRIGHTON — The uptick in law enforcement/court-related scams throughout the Front Range and state recently hit Adams County.

"This time, scammers are impersonating us — even

spoofing our phone number (303)654-1850," said an Adams County Sheriff's Office social media statement dated May 6. "A resident recently received [a] fake 'warrant' along with a phone call from someone claiming to be 'Sgt. Phillips' (we don't have a Sgt. Phillips). The caller demand-

ed money to avoid arrest."

The person that received that fake court warrant paid the scammers via Bitcoin.

A wave of fraudulent text messages and phone calls is targeting Adams County and Denver metro residents,

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Byers School Board OKs budget, repairs for 26-27

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

The last Byers School Board meeting before dismissing classes for 2025-26 was all about preparations for the next school year.

During their May 7 meeting, Byers School directors approved bids for new doors at a couple of the big gym entries, particularly with the commons and ticket-taking areas for volleyball and basketball games. A bid was also approved for continuing the replacement of aging tile in the cafeteria and commons

area.

"Getting rid of the last big areas of the old tile in the school. We've replaced most of that stuff that requires constant mopping and maintenance," said Byers Superintendent Tom Turrell. "Been pretty nice not having to do that and not having a surface that you can slip on with the smallest amount of moisture."

During policy discussion, the board tabled an item concerning restrictions on the use of certain school facilities,

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

A half-dozen of Byers High School FBLA members were honored during the May 7 school board meeting for qualifying for national competition June 29 through July 2 in San Antonio, Texas. Pictured are Molly Barber, left, Ainsley Sauer, Quincy Eacret, Kaci Harris, Quincy Bowling, and Krayton Ebert

COMMUNITY CORRAL

Vietnam veteran set to speak at 'Burg VIP Seniors potluck

STRASBURG — The Strasburg Seniors Comanche VIP Association potluck begins at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, at the Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave. A Vietnam War Navy veteran will discuss the meaning of Memorial Day and what it means to be a veteran. The association, which provides a social outlet for area seniors, meets at 11:45 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Iris Salladay Sirois at (303)822-5262.

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

Bicycle ride on gravel slated for CO Prairie Day

GENOA — Bicyclists will gather for a unique guided gravel road riding experience in Eastern Colorado in celebration of Colorado Prairie Day on Saturday, June 6. Shrikes & Bikes, hosted by the Eastern Colorado Grasslands Coalition, will feature the shortgrass prairie of Lincoln County as part of the state 150/250 commemoration. Participants can choose from 22.2- and 40.5-mile routes through farmlands, renewable energy sites, wildlife habitat, and historic land-

marks such as Homestead Farms and Walks Camp Park. The event opens with a reception from 4:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, June 5, at the historic Union Pacific Roundhouse, 3 Third Ave., Hugo. The ride begins at 8 a.m. June 6 at the newly renovated World's Wonder View Tower, 30121 Old Highway 24, Genoa. To register or for more information, visit www.eastern-grassland-coalition.org. The cost is \$75 per person.

deputy assessor to fill the vacancy in the Assessor's Office following the early retirement of Ken Musso. The appointment of Thomas Swingle, which became effective April 4, fills a short vacancy in the office that voters will fill in November. He has experience leading the Assessor's Office. "We know property taxes are an extremely important topic to our community, especially as our Assessor's Office is preparing for reappraisals in 2027," said Commissioner Julie Duran Mullica, BoCC chair. "Thomas will ensure the office's operations are consistent and effective for our residents." Swingle will serve as assessor until a permanent candidate is elected in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, and sworn in on Jan. 12, 2027.

Drought assistance for stock growers key to USDA webinar

BROOMFIELD — The Farm Service Agency will host a webinar on drought assistance for livestock from 10-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 27. Participants will learn about the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), which can help cover the cost of water, livestock and feed transportation related to drought in 2026. In addition to livestock owners, the webinar is also meant to train people to understand ELAP so they can help agricultural producers submit applications for the program for counties impacted by drought in 2026. For a registration link and more information, visit ag.colorado.gov.

Donations sought for upkeep at Byers Community Cemetery

BYERS — The Byers Community Cemetery Association is seeking donations to defray seasonal maintenance costs. Byers Cemetery has served residents of Byers and Strasburg since 1896. Contributions of any amount are appreciated. Gifts can be sent to BCCA, P.O. Box 733, Byers, Colo. 80103. Call (303)917-5413 for additional information.

mitment to attend all four days. It will be held at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, 13101 E. Broncos Parkway, Centennial. Class size is limited to 20 participants. Lunch will be provided daily. A graduation ceremony will begin at 3 p.m., Friday, May 29. Family members are encouraged to attend. To register, visit the sheriff's office page at www.arapahoeco.gov. For more information, contact Sgt. Shane Walker at SWalker@ArapahoeGov.com or (720)874-4072.

Hot water bath canning class set by ArapCo CSU Extension

CENTENNIAL — Colorado State University Extension in Arapahoe County will host a class on hot water bath canning of high acid foods from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, at its office at 6934 S. Lima St., Centennial. Boiling water bath canning is a safe home food preservation method for foods such as jams, jellies, pickles and fruits. Safety, equipment and elevation adjustments will be addressed as participants make their own jar of pickled grape tomatoes. For more information, call (303)730-1920 or e-mail to Sheila.gains@colostate.edu. To register, visit www.eventbrite.com/5/20

AdCo assessor retires early, his righthand man promoted

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Board of Commissioners in March approved a resolution appointing its

Biz organization plans lunch with library representatives

STRASBURG — The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce will host its April Lunch & Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, at May Farms, Byers. Representatives from both the Adams (Anythink Bennett) and Arapahoe library districts (Kelter in Byers, Davies in Deer Trail) will speak and sponsor lunch. The public is welcome to attend, but guests must RSVP for lunch by Friday, May 15, to officei-70ccoc@gmail.com or (720)731-1954.

Arapahoe Co. sheriff opens youth academy registration

CENTENNIAL — The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Youth Academy from Tuesday through Friday, May 26-29, will allow teenagers ages 14-18 an opportunity to explore the responsibilities and challenges of public safety in the county. The free academy requires a com-

Health jobs contest



Two students from Strasburg High School recently fared well at the Health Occupations Students of America competition in the second year of the group. Freshman Avery Bongard, left, placed in the top 10 in Healthcare Administration and senior Jorge Parra, competing in Environmental Health, became the program's first-ever state champion. His performance qualified him for the national tournament.

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DT Rodeo sets Lady-in-Waiting contest date

DEER TRAIL — The 2027 Miss Rodeo Deer Trail Pageant is set for 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 24, at the Deer Trail Jockey Club Rodeo Grounds.

The event will determine who the 2027 Miss Rodeo Deer Trail Lady-in-Waiting will be.

The contest will include horseman-

ship, interviews, prepared speaking, modeling, and impromptu question-and-answer sessions.

Applications are due Sunday, June 14. For more information or to apply, e-mail deertrailroyalty@gmail.com.

This year's edition of the World's First Rodeo is scheduled for June 26-27.

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Register at bit.ly/CSU_GrapeTomatoes



Pollinator-Friendly Gardening Open House
Drop by 17 Mile House Farm Park and learn the basics of pollinator-friendly gardening. The farm's beekeeper will also be onsite with a demo hive. Featured activities: seed-planting and free guided nature walk at 10 a.m.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET
BYERS SCHOOL DISTRICT 32J
FISCAL YEAR 26-27

Notice is hereby given that the proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of the Byers School District 32J for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and has been filed in the office of the superintendent where it is available for inspection. There will be a public hearing on the budget May 15th at 1:00 p.m. in the District Office of the Byers School District. The proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of the District on June 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The District office is located at 444 E. Front Street. Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time, prior to the final adoption of the budget, file or register his objections thereof.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BYERS SCHOOL DISTRICT 32J

Stacy Sondburg, Business Manager
Dated: May 8, 2026

BYERS BOE

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particularly the Home Economics/Life Skills classroom, during extra-curricular activities. Concerns have been voiced by staff that rooms aren't properly cleaned up or put back in similar condition by groups that sell concessions during games and meetings. On the other side, concerns were voiced that, by restricting access or by levying fines, the school might lose community support.

The issue was tabled and will be addressed at a later meeting.

During budget discussion for the next school year, Finance Director Stacy Sondburg reported that revenue to the district was expected to increase about \$790,000 while planned expenses were likely to climb only about \$128,000.

"Most of that is salary and benefits but that's not too bad," she said, noting outgoing staff are being replaced by new employees with lower salaries. "Past years we've had to budget for a bus, but we don't have that this year. We've paid off our HVAC project, so \$250,000 we won't be paying anymore. Out-of-district [student] programs we bumped up \$50,000 and another \$20,000 increase for our BOCES programming."

Sondburg also said that new elementary school desks have been a priority and that purchase should run about \$9,000.

The district's proposed 2026-27 budget is now available for public review.

The next school board meeting is slated for 7 p.m., Thursday, June 18, in the secondary school conference room. This month's meeting was moved up a week to accommodate the large volume of end-of-school activities.

AD 412 (Rev. 8/09) Arrest Warrant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS
for the
Western District

United States of America

v.

Defendant

Case No. 32746-67

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All Class A Misdemeanor Warrants are punishable by up to 180 days confinement, 1 year Federal Probation, and/or 150 days community service.

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Lt. Allen Hashbec

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Return

The warrant was received on (date) 03-20-2026 and person was arrested in, (city, state) Denver, CO

Date: 03-20-2026



Sgt. Lewis Hall

Printed name and title

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VIA 'X'

A recent fake sheriff/court document scam is targeting Adams County residents.

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falsely claiming they owe money for traffic violations or missed court appearances.

According to the sheriff's office, these scams often include convincing, fake court documents, AI-generated official seals, and QR codes for payment to settle phony warrants.

"They claim you owe money for speeding, tolls, or parking tickets, urging immediate action to avoid license suspension or arrest," the sheriff's office said. "Courts and law enforcement will not call or text you demanding payment to avoid a warrant."

Anyone suspecting that a call or text is suspicious is urged to call the Adams County Sheriff's Office Records Division directly at (720)322-1313 or (303)288-1535.

In the case specifically cited by the sheriff's office, there were a number of red flags noted.

"There is no 'Western District' for the United States District Courts. Ours is the District of Colorado, the sheriff's office said. "Federal agencies would not issue warrants through a Sheriff's Office. Federal agencies enforce federal law, while we enforce state law."

The Adams County scam follows a similar Denver County situation to start the month.

Approximately 200 people arrived at the Denver City and County Building the morning of May 1 after receiving fraudulent text messages claiming they were delinquent on parking, speeding and toll fines.

The scam, which also prompted hundreds of phone calls to Colorado's federal courthouse that same week, included an image of a fake court order. The document threatened that drivers must pay a fine or appear in court.

LIBRARY NEWS

ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

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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.

Toddler Time: Children ages 0-4 enjoy stories, songs and activities. 10-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 19.

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 20.

Open Hours with CSU Extension: Colorado State University Extension in Adams County will provide gardening tips, farming guidance or youth development opportunities through 4-H — including animal care, STEM, health and life skills. Appropriate for all ages. English only. 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 21.

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 27.

MySummer Kick off Party: Library fans of all ages can celebrate the start of summer at the annual MySummer Kickoff Party to open the summer reading season. The Ag & Food Lab will highlight local farmers, growers and gardeners through hands-on ac-

tivities focused on plants and agriculture. Participants can also examine farm equipment, harvest fresh produce from the hydroponics garden and jump into interactive activities. 3:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 28.

Garden of Wonder: Children ages 2-12 can dig into a hands-on planting adventure in the Garden of Wonder. Kids will learn to sow climate-adapted crops, explore how plants grow, and discover the full journey from seed to plate. 10-11 a.m., Friday, May 29.

KELVER LIBRARY

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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.

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 in May.

'Jedi School': Teens and tweens ages 9-18 can train with Knights of the Tempest to learn fight choreography — and take a Lightsaber home. RSVP at arapahoelibraries.org. 2-3 p.m., Tuesday, June 2.

DAVIES LIBRARY

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Adult book club: "Madeleine's War" by Peter Watson. 6-7 p.m., Monday, May 18.

Music & Movement: Kids ages 2-5 can sing, dance and learn to play musical instruments. 10-11 a.m., Thursday, May 21.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE NO. LE25-005, BOX ELDER DIVERSION DAM /
LOCATION AND EXTENT

PROPOSAL: The applicant, Rangeview Metropolitan District, is requesting approval of a Location and Extent application to construct a diversion dam in Box Elder Creek, located in the Northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 5S, Range 64 West of the 6th P.M., Parcel ID No. 2069-00-0-00-014. The location is approximately 2.3 miles southwest of the intersection of E. Quincy Avenue and S. Manila Road. The property is zoned A-1 and is owned by the Colorado State Land Board. No new access roads are proposed for the project and construction traffic will utilize an existing entrance to the parcel off E. Quincy Avenue. The proposed project will be constructed on a Rangeview utility easement granted by the Colorado State Land Board with an approximate size of 1.2 acres. This infrastructure will allow Rangeview Metropolitan District to source surface water according to its water decrees in order to provide additional water to its growing customer base in Arapahoe County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 2, 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 No. LE25-005, Box Elder Diversion Dam / Location and Extent. 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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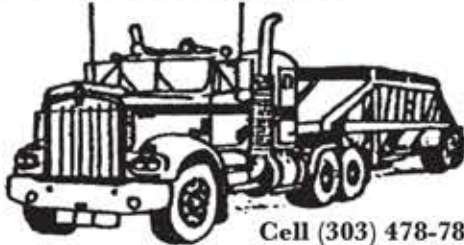
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The first week of May saw observed snowfall accumulations range between mostly 3-6 inches along most of the I-70, but the overall moisture from the fast-moving May 5 spring squall was said to total about 0.85 inches, including at least 0.25 inches of rain that fell prior to the snow.

MAY 5 STORM

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high-risk situation as there are still a lot of very dry fuels out there.”

A hotter- and drier-than-normal April didn’t help as Denver missed out on about an inch of its historical rainfall and almost 3 inches of average snowfall for that month.

How much help last week’s rain and snow will be to both the Eastern Plains and entire state remains to be seen as the moisture fell after the data for the first U.S. Drought Monitor in May was collected. And, if the map is any indication, a long, wet El Niño season is ahead.

“Conditions are rapidly shifting, with a 61% to 70% chance of an El Niño developing and persisting through the remainder of 2026,” said a National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration report. “Models suggest some forecasts of potentially strong ‘Super El Niño’ by late fall or winter.”

The May 5 Drought Monitor map indicated not an inch of Colorado has been spared from some stage of drought condition.

Almost 60% of the state is in either extreme (D3) or exceptional (D4) drought. More than 85% of the state is entrenched in the three most severe drought stages. When it comes to Adams and Arapahoe counties, the western halves of both are in D3, while the eastern halves are severe (D2) drought. In Elbert County, all but the southeastern panhandle are in severe drought; the panhandle area of Elbert and neighboring southern Lincoln County are in moderate (D1) drought.

“Any moisture was not sufficient to engender substantive improvements,” the Drought Monitor narrative for the High Plains and Colorado said. “And any accumulations forecast across the Plains may do little to ease drought conditions.”

“All I know, is that very colorful map is not a sight we want to see,” a Byers farmer added. “The spigot needs to stay on for the foreseeable future.”

The hardest hit drought areas of the state, predominantly the western half, received between 1½ to 3 feet of snow, which is expected to help Colorado to pull out of its snowpack doldrums, but only temporarily.

In early April, snowpack was at only 24% of the 30-year median, marking the lowest or tied-for-lowest levels on record for 60 of 64 long-term monitoring sites.

The approximately 2 feet of snow May 5-6 lifted the statewide snowpack from the lowest percentile, but relief is expected to be short-lived if windy, warm weather persists.

Projections from the USDA indicate that snowpack will be completely gone by June 5, about three weeks ahead of a normal year; however, that estimate has been modified from a previous projection of May 12.

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Left, Byers junior Dani Seibold, pictured teeing off on the par 3 No. 15 at Tamarack Golf Course in Limon May 4, appears to be safely qualified for the 2A State Golf Championships May 18-19 at Lone Tree Country Club. Right, Lady Indian Jordan Duhon, pictured chipping onto the 14th green at Limon, was on the bubble of becoming Strasburg's lone state qualifier last weekend.

2 Corridor golfers on cusp of state tournament

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

When the 2A Girls State Golf Championships are contested next week, two I-70 Corridor schools are expected to participate. According to the final May 9 iWanamaker.com rankings to determine the 84 state qualifiers, Byers junior Danielle "Dani" Seibold and Strasburg senior Jordan Duhon should be among the field play-

ing at Lone Tree Country Club May 18-19. According to iWanamaker, Seibold concluded the regular season at No. 71, while Duhon had jumped multiple spots over the final week of competition to end up ranked 82nd. Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, the four-site regional tournament format was replaced by the iWanamaker system, which calculates the average of all individual players' five best rounds. The final list of qualifiers and pairings for the state

tournament wasn't announced until May 11, after press time, and who would make the final cut was still undetermined, especially for the final handful of spots. "[Seibold] has done a great job of dedicating herself to improving over the course of the season," said Byers head coach Thomas Byrns. "Super excited for state."

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Local tracksters gear up for state track meet this week

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

When the three-day Colorado State Championships start tomorrow at JeffCo Stadium in Lakewood, the I-70 Corridor will be well represented by three local schools. In addition to the Bennett girls qualifying in two events, several handfuls of girls and boys from both Strasburg and Byers will look to put their best foot forward on the track, runway and throwing pits. Multiple event qualifiers are quite plentiful for both Byers and Strasburg. In 2A, Byers will be led by the boys sprinting duo of senior Quincy Eacret and Ben McPherson in the three shortest races, while junior Caleb Eastwood will be in both hurdle races and the high jump. For the girls, junior Reese West qualified for the 800, 1,600 and 3,200-meter runs. Senior Quincy Bowling is also in the 3,200 meters. For Strasburg, junior Addi Kent will have a busy weekend, competing in the 100-meter dash, 100-meter hurdles, and 300-meter hurdles. Senior thrower Taryn LaForce comes in sixth or better in both the shot put and discus. The boys will be led by senior Cade Hemphill in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, junior Ayden Dodge in the long and high jumps, and classmate Mason Dickens in both throws. Dickens has the top distance in the shot put. A number of local relay quartets are also expected to be in the mix for podium finishes. The Byers boys' are second-seeded

- in the 4x400, while the Byers girls are fifth-ranked with their 4x400 relay.
- Strasburg is expected to make waves in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays, entering the state meet fourth, second and second, respectively.
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- BENNETT**
4x100-meter relay: 51.13, 12th
Triple jump: Sr. Kaurlie Voorhies, 34-6.50, 9th
- BYERS**
800-meter run: Jr. Reese West, 2:26.26, 15th
1,600-meter run: West, 5:30.11, 15th
3,200-meter run: Sr. Quincy Bowling, 11:50.60, 10th; West, 12:12.06, 16th
4x100-meter relay: 52.45, 12th
4x200-meter relay: 1:51.22, 12th
4x400-meter relay: 4:16.12, 5th
4x800-meter relay: 10:37.64, 13th
Long jump: So. Karley Linnebur, 15-6.75, 17th
- STRASBURG**
100-meter dash: Jr. Addi Kent, 12.81, 14th
100-meter hurdles: Kent, 16.43, 8th
300-meter hurdles: So. Calleygh Hougland, 47.42, 5th; Kent, 47.53, 7th
4x200-meter relay: 1:48.52, 16th
4x400-meter relay: 4:16.51, 14th
Long jump: Fr. McKenna Garcia, 17-5, 3rd; fr. Emelie Cardenas, 16-11, 9th; So. Laci Zimmerman, 16-5, 16th
Triple jump: Garcia, 34-8, 6th; Cardenas, 34-3, 13th
High jump: Zimmerman, 5-2, 9th; Hougland, 5-0.5, 14th
Shot put: Sr. Taryn LaForce, 39-4, 2nd
Discus: LaForce, 117-4, 6th
- LOCAL BOYS QUALIFIERS**
- BYERS**
100-meter dash: Sr. Quincy Eacret, 11.18, 11th
200-meter dash: Eacret, 22.41, 5th; jr. Ben McPherson, 22.60, 9th
400-meter dash: McPherson, 50.63, 6th; Eacret, 50.93, 7th
110-meter hurdles: Jr. Caleb Eastwood, 16.54, 8th
300-meter hurdles: Eastwood, 42.50, 9th
4x100-meter relay: 44.80, 8th
4x200-meter relay: 1:32.63, 6th
4x400-meter relay: 3:30.12, 2nd

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Bennett's Meagan Green (14) races an Aurora West College Prep Academy defender with the dribble during the Lady Tigers' first-round playoff loss May 7. Green, a sophomore, was Bennett's second-leading scorer for the spring, finding the back of the net 23 times in 15 games.

Soccer girls exit in 1st round

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

AURORA — The 20th-seeded Lady Tigers' 5-1 loss to No. 13 Aurora West College Prep Academy in the first round of the 3A state soccer playoffs May 7 was closer than the final score indicates, their head coach said Sunday. "We had our opportunities. They just didn't land and it is what it is," said Bennett head coach Ashley Torgerson, whose troops trailed 3-1 at the half. "They'd been there before and they played tough and it was a learning experience for us. Now the girls know what playoff soccer is like, what it's going to take, and now we have something to build

on for next year." Bennett trailed 2-0 after the first few minutes, then junior Reese West dribbled through the Lady Spartan defense for an unassisted goal. The hosts answered to go up 3-1 at half. Sophomore Meagan Green had 10 shots but none landed. "They keep surrounding her and pushing her to the outside," Torgerson said. "Some of Megan's stuff went a either a little wide or it hit the near side of the net 'cause she was just trying to squeeze it in." Sophomore goalie Whitney Torgerson yielded five goals with 10 saves. "[AWCPA] had three pretty

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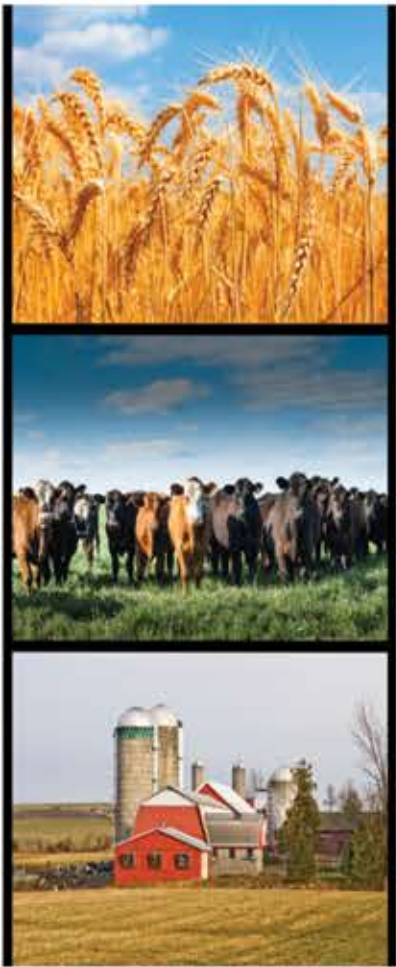
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Bennett freshman Kynzie Kirby elevates over the top of an Aurora West College Prep player for a header during the first round of the 3A girls soccer playoffs May 7 at Aurora Public Schools Stadium.

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good shots from the outside that ... curved perfectly, and Whitney just couldn't do anything about it," coach Torgerson said.

The Spartans were also fast. "They had really two pretty speedy players, and they would just kick and run. I mean, that seems to be the new way to play, which I don't agree with, but they would just kick and run," the coach continued. "They were pretty physical. I mean, I would argue almost to the point of dirty."

Torgerson noted that sophomore center attacking midfielder Emma Faczak and freshmen reserves Kynzie Kirby and Adeline Westendorf helped the Lady Tigers counter the opposition's speed.

Top thieves for Bennett were sophomore Emma Faczak and senior Mya Robledo with five apiece and senior Grace Foose and Kirby with three each.

Torgerson, who wrapped up his first year as head boys and girls soccer coach, has a lot to build on.

In addition, sophomores Paloma Rodriguez and Nathalie Gonzalez also return for Bennett.

"We're positioned very well," Torgerson said. "This isn't the last time we'll be in the playoffs."

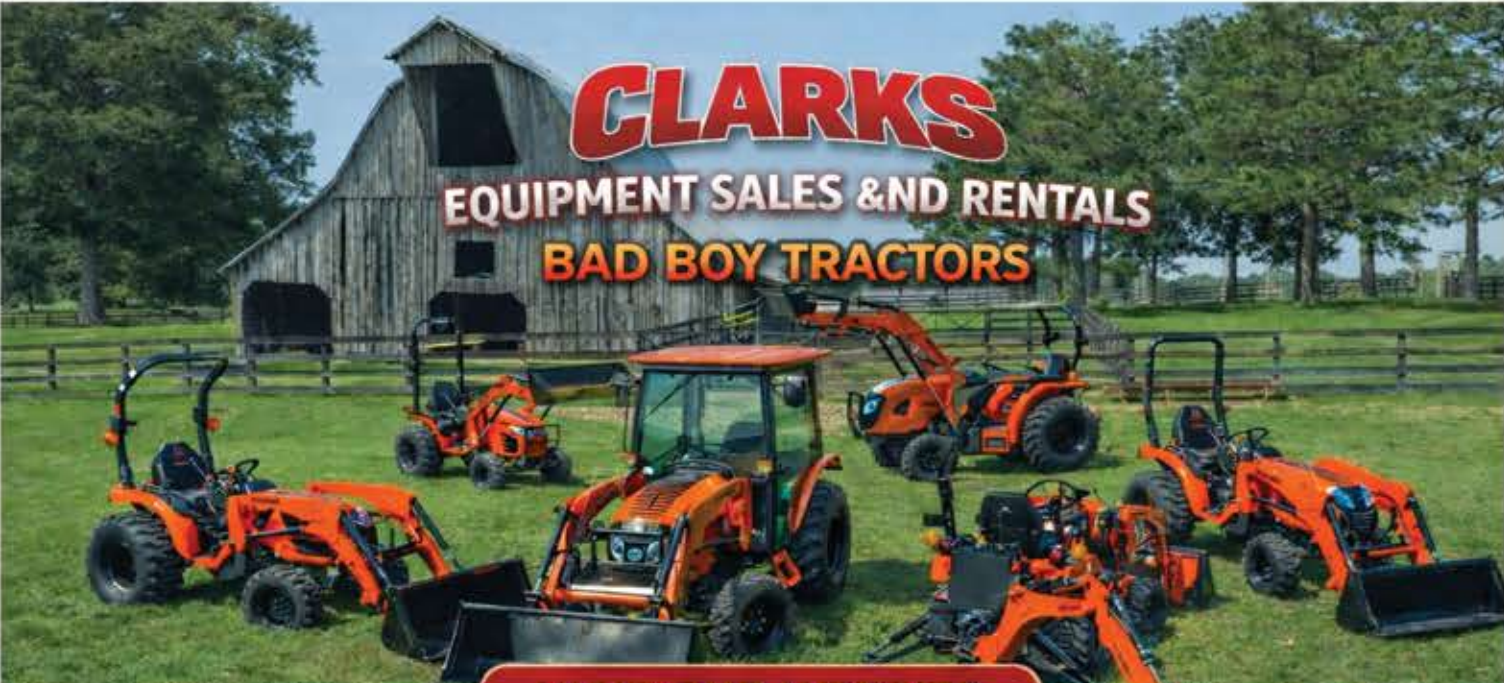
The team is also losing a lot. Seven seniors, including midfielder Luz Lobatos; three of four starters on the defensive line — Robledo, Foose and Aracel Colburn; and reserves Kaylene Guille, Alexia de la Torre and Emma Jordan, will graduate. On behalf of the coaching staff, Torgerson wished Bennett soccer's Class of 2026 good luck.

Bennett concludes the 2026 campaign with a 10-5-1 record overall and third place in the Frontier League an 8-1-1 mark.

Aurora West was eliminated from the tournament 10-0 by Timnath Saturday.



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2 Strasburg graduates named Daniels Scholars

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — A pair of graduating Strasburg seniors and their families won't have to deal with the anxiety of how to pay for college after being named recipients of a prestigious full-ride scholarship starting this fall.

Gideon Milner and Tyler Allyn concluded an almost seven-month process to become two of the 150 Colorado seniors named Daniels Scholars earlier this spring.

The two Indian graduates are attending Daniels Scholarship Program "partner schools," meaning their "full cost of attendance, including tuition, fees, housing, books, and more," will be covered, according to Daniels Fund documentation.

"Just a blessing," said Milner, who will attend Colorado Christian University in Lakewood. "Four years covered will definitely save a lot of money for me and my family and alleviate a lot of stress."

Milner, the son of Tim and Dorilee Milner, has not declared a major but has his sights set on a bachelor's degree.

"Grateful for the assistance for both myself and my parents," said Allyn, who stated he will major in envi-



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Strasburg seniors Gideon Milner, left, and Tyler Allyn were named recipients of the Daniels Fund Scholarship earlier this spring and will receive four-year full rides to Colorado Christian University and Colorado School of Mines, respectively.

ronmental engineering at Colorado School of Mines in Golden. "It will go a long way towards helping me reach my goals and being successful in the future."

Allyn is the son of Rick and Shaunna Allyn.

The scholarship process started with application submittal from mid-September through mid-October, semifinalists named the last week of October, and finalists named in mid-January. From there, finalists faced one last obstacle.

"There were three levels — an essay with the application, another essay, and an interview," said Milner, who, in addition to his studies, helped the Strasburg boys basketball team win the 3A state championship in March. "The interview was at their headquarters in Denver, a very big, pretty impressive place."

Allyn added that he and Milner interviewed the same day in early March but that they didn't meet at the same time of day.

"One of us in the morning, the other in the afternoon. It was us talking with a three-person committee," Allyn said. "A little stressful but turned out OK."

Milner and Allyn are two of four students from East Central BOCES member schools to receive Daniels Scholarships this school year — Lyndi Huelskamp of Flagler and Idalia's Edward Keller were also recipients.

In addition to the 150 Colorado recipients, the Daniels Fund has presented 15 awards to Utah seniors and 20 apiece in New Mexico and Wyoming this spring.

The final 205 recipients, named in early April, were out of an original pool of "several thousands," accord-

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Byers High School hosted its spring play performance April 24. "Rock Around the Block," a 1950s musical comedy, traces Gracie Stanley's roller coaster effort to deliver a rock star, or at least an impersonator, for her high school's Hippy Hop. Left photo, Muffin Mansfield and Virginia Segal (seniors Quincy Bowling and Danica Lancaster) are joined by Jane Connolly (sophomore Kaci Harris) for a song. Right, Ziggy Springer (sophomore Nick Papaianopol) puts on a show in front of Beverly Griffith (freshman Story Barbour) and Lennie King and Officer Moore (seniors Quincy Eacret and Jack Earl).



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Students in the Strasburg High School medical pathway recently completed their phlebotomy unit, marking the first year the program has offered this hands-on learning experience for students interested in health care careers. Throughout the unit, students gained valuable experience in venipuncture techniques, safety procedures, patient care and laboratory skills. Instructor for the first-year course was Nicole Hawkins. From left photo, Konner Casebeer gets firsthand experience “sticking” a volunteer patient, and Strasburg High School science instructor Merci Ames, second from left, goes over diagnostic tools with seniors Mikayla Friedrich, left, Casebeer and Hannah Damron.



Spring
Shakespeare
Switcheroo

PHOTOS BY ISAAC MANAUGH/The I-70 Scout

The Strasburg High School drama guild had to do a quick pivot when it come to its performances of William Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” May 7-9. The spring snowstorm earlier in the week forced the plays to be moved from the new Strasburg Community Park East amphitheater to Hemphill Middle School. Left, Helena (senior Allison Tree) is distraught. Right, Hippolyta (Sydney Reyes) appears to be in disbelief while Oberon (senior Collin Jones) theorizes.





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ing to the Daniels Fund statement. “Students are selected for their strength of character, leadership potential, commitment to serving the community, academic potential and financial need,” said a statement by Hanna Skandera, Daniels Fund President & CEO. “As the living legacy of Daniels Fund founder Bill Daniels, Daniels Scholars embody the values he most cherished.”

The Daniels Fund, which was established by cable television pioneer Bill Daniels, has been funding scholarships in its four-state area since 2000 and, according to an organization’s statement, has invested nearly \$440 million in scholarships to more than 5,600 Daniels Scholars.

In addition to meeting financial need requirements, academic qualifications for the award include an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher and have an ACT score of 18+ in each category, an SAT math score of 490 or higher, and a reading and writing score of 490 or higher.

The 2027 scholarship cycle will begin with the application process in September.

For additional Daniels Fund program information, visit DanielsFund.org.

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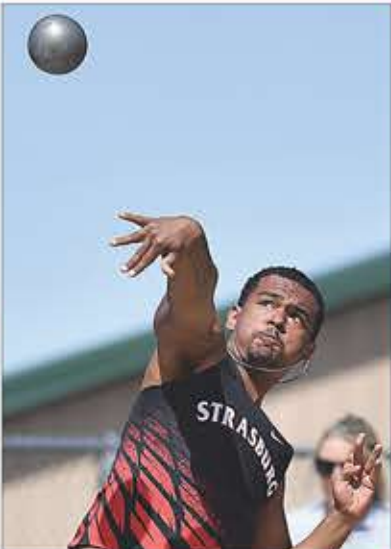
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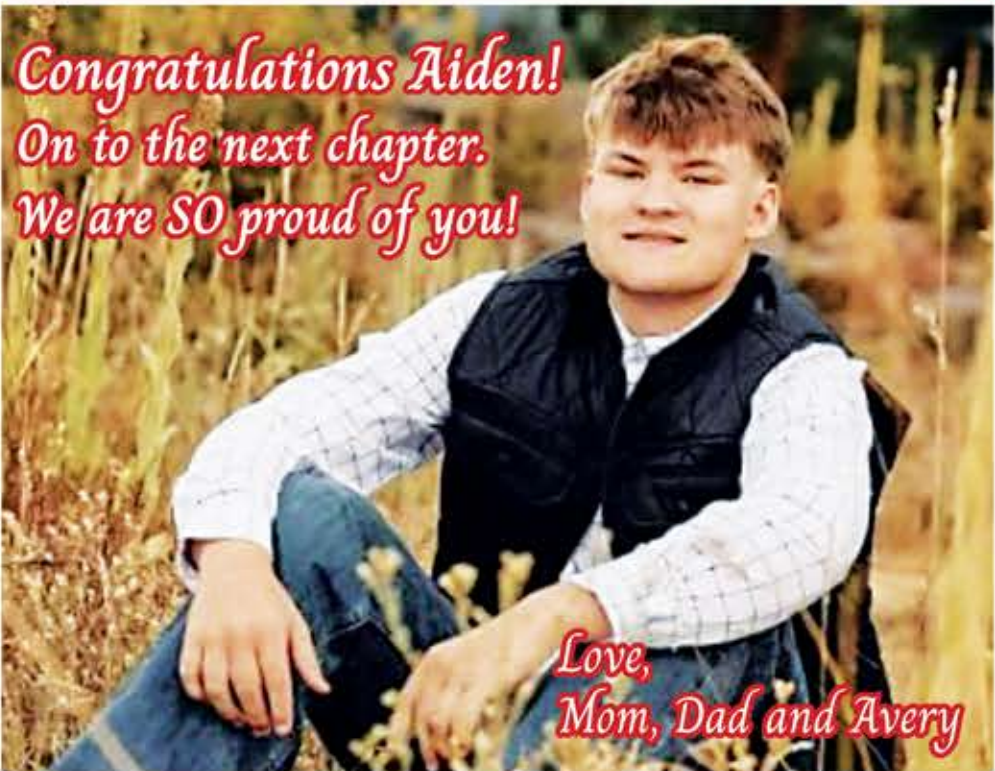
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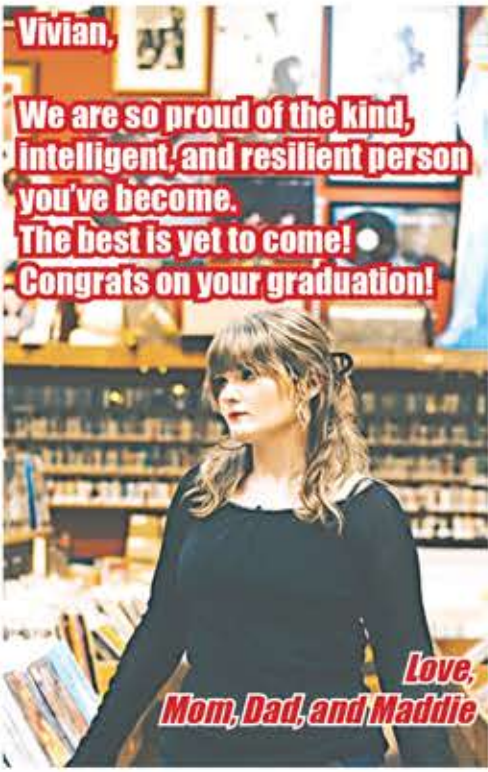


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BYERS



Kyla Bedard



Jenah Bequette



Wyatt Borders



Quincy Bowling



Alan Brewer



Daisy Clark



Dylan Conley



Adam Coronel Urquidi



Jordan Cridlebaugh



Quincy Eacret



Jack Earl



Krayton Ebert

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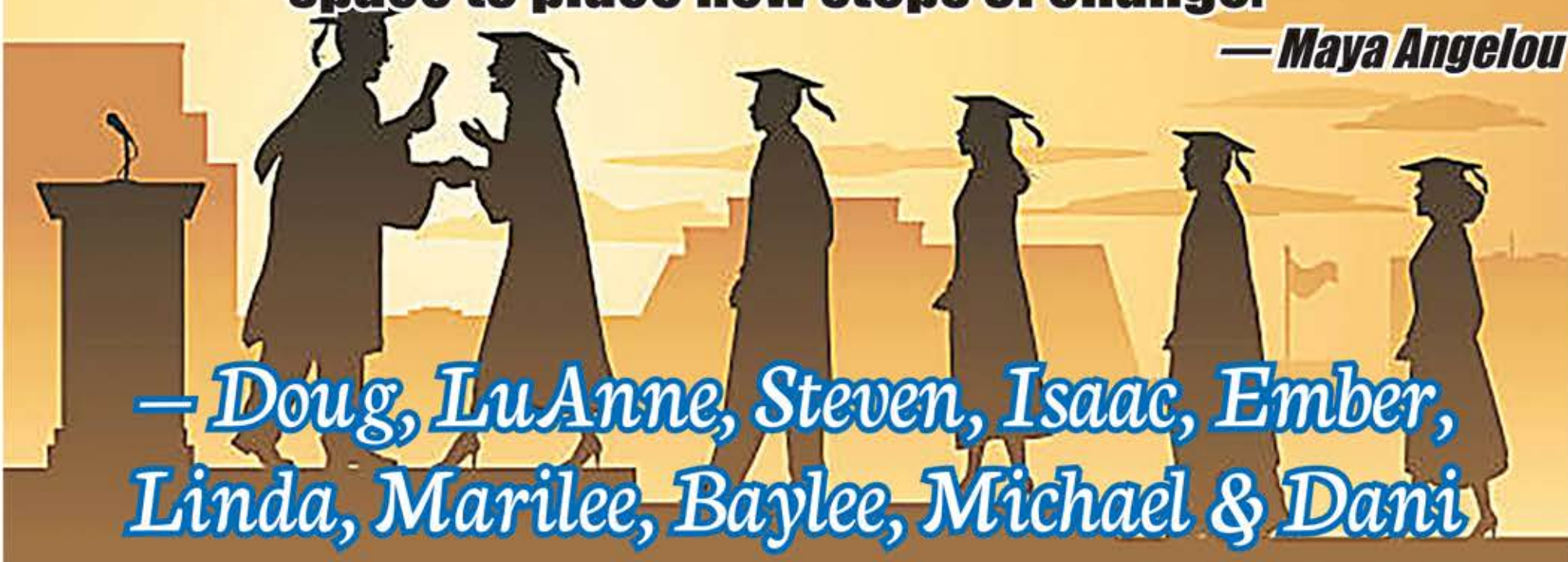


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Congratulates the Class Of 2026.

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— *Maya Angelou*



— *Doug, LuAnne, Steven, Isaac, Ember,
Linda, Marilee, Baylee, Michael & Dani*



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BYERS



Parker Ebert



Jaxzen Egger



Kiera Egloff



Brodie Fisbeck



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Alondra Garcia Medina



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From late nights studying to early mornings on the golf course, long nights at volleyball games, and every single moment in between, you have handled every season of life with determination, grace, and a heart full of compassion. Watching you work so hard for your goals while continuing to care so deeply for others has made us proud beyond words.

We know God has incredible plans for your life, and we cannot wait to watch you chase every dream He has placed on your heart. Watching you spread your wings into this next chapter at Northeastern Junior College fills our hearts with so much joy.

Never forget how deeply loved you are, where you came from, and Whose you are. No matter where life takes you, you will always be our little girl, the best big sister, and we will always be your biggest cheerleaders.

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Brayden Lorenz



Vivian Lucero



Lilah McQuate



Maggie Messer



Oscar Nevarez Corral



Cristopher Papaianopol



Dylan Poll



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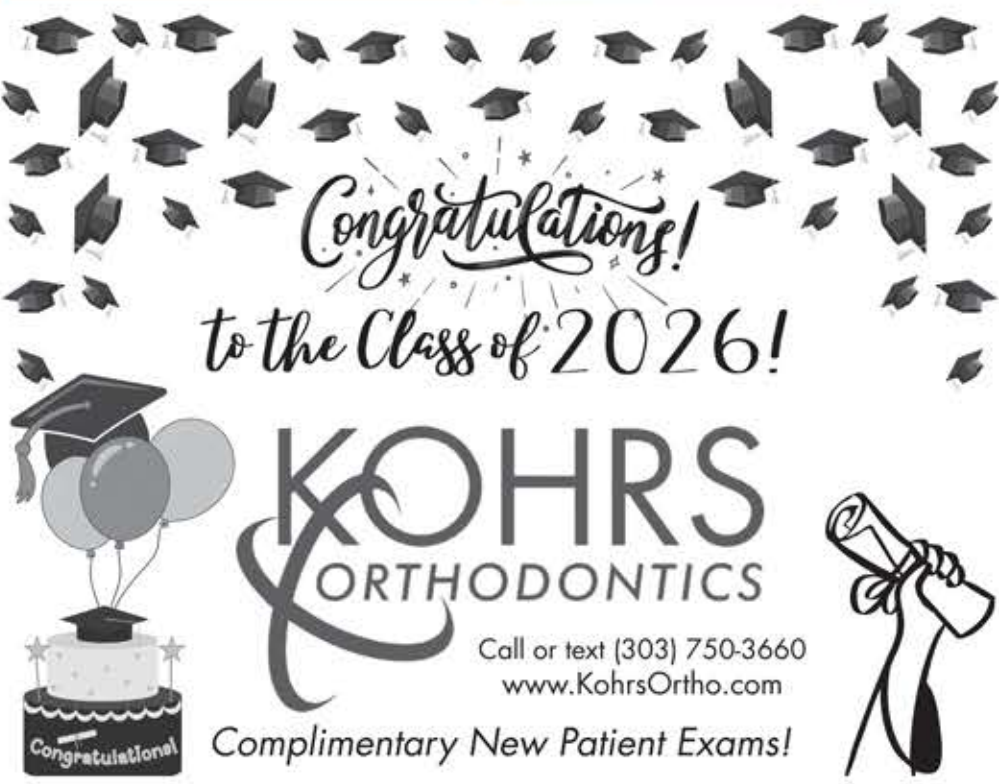


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Yudi Escobar



Uriah Goldsberry



Victoria Gutierrez



Vivian Hilyard



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Seniors!**



- Arapahoe County Commissioner Jeff Baker

**All the best for
future success.**

Congratulations!
Konner Gray Casebeer

Your graduation fills our hearts with so much pride, joy, and love. You've worked so hard, stayed true to yourself, and accomplished something so meaningful - and it's just the beginning. Trust yourself — your strength, kindness, and determination are everything that you need to succeed!

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Students from Byers and Strasburg high schools recently participated in the Colorado Area Health Education Center (COAHEC) CADAVERS outreach program, an immersive healthcare education experience hosted in a university medical setting. The trip to University of Colorado Anschutz in Aurora was sponsored by the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership (REAP) and coordinated by Byers and Strasburg science teachers Tiffeny O'Dell and Merci Ames to provide students with valuable exposure to healthcare careers and advanced anatomy education. The CADAVERS program provided students with hands-on learning opportunities through professional lectures and gross anatomy labs designed to introduce students to careers in health care and medical sciences. COAHEC's mission is to increase access to healthcare and strengthen Colorado's future healthcare work force, particularly in rural and under-served communities. Above, the joint group from Byers and Strasburg takes a moment to gather for a recorded memory from their experience. Below left, Strasburg senior Dawit James pays attention to a lecture and takes notes before receiving hands-on experience with a medical industry grade microscope.



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Early Childhood Teacher Certificate
Keisha Mock
Associate of Science
Cassidy Sherman
Early Childhood Teacher Certificate &
Early Childhood Assistant Teacher
Certificate
Adam Torres
Associate of Science

Byers, CO
Tamara Dawkins
Phlebotomy Technologies Certificate
Mikaela Price
Qualified Behavioral Health Assistant
Certificate
Taylor Thomas
Early Childhood Teacher Certificate

Deer Trail, CO
Erika Rowley
Associate of Arts

Monument, CO
Morgan Beil
Associate of Arts

Limon, CO
Emma Coonts
Nurse Aide Certificate & Associate of Arts
Dreison Davis
Associate of Arts
Sakara Smith
Nurse Aide Certificate
Kymberli Spencer
Associate of Applied Science - Nursing
Kaitlin Wesemann
GED

Strasburg, CO
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Associate of Arts
Megan McAvoy
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Agate

Class Motto:
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— Robert Frost

School Color:
Pink

Class Flower:
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Preston Bertram



Benjamin Brotherton



Brendon Lawson



Alfonso Quezada



Isaiah Winant



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Congrats AGATE Class of '26 and all Corridor Seniors



Here's to your Successes & Taking Your Future by the HORNS!

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THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

20 YEARS AGO
MAY 16, 2006

The decision to allow the Deer Trail Clean Harbors hazardous waste facility to accept low-level radioactive waste has been delayed by the Rocky Mountain Low-Level Radioactive Waste Board.

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment approved Clean Harbors' application for a radioactive waste materials license in December. The permit would enable the facility to accept very low-level naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORM) and technologically enhanced radioactive materials (TENORM) such as water treatment residuals and soils brought to the surface during excavation. Before the facility can begin accepting the material, the board, which regulates low-level radioactive waste in Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico, must also give its nod.

Some entities expressed concerns that designating Clean Harbors as the regional facility would be costly for them. Clean Harbors has contended that it would be a cheaper option for Colorado-based companies because they wouldn't need to ship the waste to other states.

"The operative word is it 'could' be cheaper," said Jaennine Natterman, health department public information officer.

Currently, solid waste landfills are allowed to accept the low-level radioactive waste on a case-by-case basis provided they compile a risk assessment and get approval from the state health department. The trip to Clean Harbors would be farther than Denver solid-waste facilities for some companies and consequently could be more costly.

15 YEARS AGO
MAY 17, 2011

BENNETT — Federal education investigators recently announced the Bennett School District violated anti discrimination laws in connection with a student sexual harassment complaint from last year.

In a May 3 letter, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights in Denver noticed the district and a student's family of its decision in the matter that stems from a Feb. 5, 2010, complaint that middle school and district administration failed to respond to. The original complaint involved a female student who claimed she was sexually harassed by a male student.

"Our investigation revealed that the district failed to appropriately respond to your report of peer-on-peer harassment of the student," the letter said. "We also found that, although the district has designated a Title IX coordinator, the designee did not have a working knowledge of Title IX's prohibitions against sexual harassment."

Title IX, which was amended to limit discrimination against women in programs or institutions receiving federal or, in this case, state funding. The legislation is more known as an equal rights amendment as it relates to the number and quality of women's sports compared to men's, but is farther reaching.

According to Bennett Superintendent Richard Coleman, the student in question was involved in ongoing "relationship issues" and the time frame between the district receiving the sexual harassment complaint and contact with the Office for Civil Rights by the parent was less than one business day, making a district investigation impossible.

10 YEARS AGO
MAY 17, 2016

BENNETT — One of the primary residential pieces of Bennett's anticipated growth was OK'd by town planning commissioners and trustees but the changes weren't received with unanimous board consent.

The Bennett Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of an amended outline development plan for the Prospect Ridge subdivision on the west edge of town during a May 9 public hearing. Trustees voted 5-2 in favor the following night.

Dissenting votes came from trustees Larry Vittum and Carl Gerber, who both expressed concern that the change from an original proposal of 900 housing untied to 1,450 would contribute to too fast of growth. Vittum added his concern is exacerbated when considering the pending buildout of the Bennett Crossing subdivision, which includes around 600 living units along Highway 79 near I-70.

"We are talking about going from approximately 2,500 residents now to over 11,000 people and I'm grievously concerned about that population change in what could be such a short time frame," Vittum said. "If it's 900 homes, I'm all on board, but going up to 1,450, I have to think about this town's residents and say no."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, May 13, the 133rd day of 2026. There are 232 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On May 13, 1846, the United States Congress formally declared war against Mexico, following battles along the disputed U.S.-Mexico border in the preceding weeks; the Mexican-American War would con-

tinue for nearly two years until the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in February 1848.

ALSO ON THIS DATE

In 1940, in his first speech to the House of Commons as British prime minister, Winston Churchill said, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1973, in tennis' first so-called

"Battle of the Sexes," Bobby Riggs defeated Margaret Court 6-2, 6-1 in Ramona, Calif. (Billie Jean King soundly defeated Riggs at the Houston Astrodome later that year.)

In 1980, a tornado struck downtown Kalamazoo, Mich., killing five people and injuring 79.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St.

Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Ağca.

In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as a police helicopter dropped two bombs onto the group's row house, igniting a fire that killed 11 people =and destroyed 61 homes.

In 1995, British climber Alison Hargreaves became the first woman

to reach the summit of Mount Everest without bottled oxygen or the help of sherpas.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Harvey Keitel is 87. Musician Stevie Wonder is 76. Basketball Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman is 65. TV host/comedian Stephen Colbert is 62. Musician Darius Rucker is 60.

—Associated Press

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THEME: MOUNTAINS

ACROSS

- Ill-considered
- Mate
- "I didn't get the ____"
- Biblical preposition
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- Rodgers of NFL fame
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- *Mount Everest mountain range
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- What Cupid did (2 words)
- Amazement interjection
- Not victory
- Eurozone money
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- Birth-related
- Auricular
- Volcanic ash, e.g.
- Pro baseball's "Master Melvin"
- Borat's swimsuit
- Cruel treatments
- It would
- Munchausen's title
- Supernatural life force
- *Mountain inspiration for a pen name (2 words)
- You will
- Icelandic epic
- Double reed woodwind instrument
- Like a good singer (2 words)
- Not quite an adult
- *Matterhorn site
- Like a busybody
- Commercial break contents
- Coloring substances

DOWN

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- Opposite of stern
- Balloon filler (2 words)
- "Vamos a la ____"
- Saintly glows
- Carl Zeiss' product
- *Tallest mountain from base to peak (2 words)
- European sea eagles
- Dead, in France
- Yoko of music fame
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Dorothy made the pilgrimage to present her story to the powerful wizard who could help. But he wasn't a wizard; he didn't have the powers she needed. At least the disappointment led her to learn that she could help herself. Mercury rides in on a magic bubble with the magic wand of Jupiter, pointing to the shoes that were always on our feet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Making it look easy is the essence of mastery. Today, there is simply no question about it — you've mastered the skill. You also happen to look cool and effortless in its execution, so of course this invites imitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you take responsibility for your part in things, you don't bother to qualify it. And you're willing to do whatever it takes to repair what's broken and resolve what's conflicted. Owning your actions builds credibility.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Go back to the beginning. Define your original goal with numbers, dates and conditions. Make the target concrete again, and your mind will stop drifting and start building pathways that connect current reality to the destination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've taught yourself so much through trial and error. You're good at figuring things out without getting permission or formal training. It does take courage. It also takes extra resources. Invest. Set yourself up for success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Things don't come together all at once. This project has stages. Stage one is the front door. Stage two shows you who you can trust. Stage three has you learning what to leverage. Each stage has rules and rewards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People's feelings are very important to protect today, mostly by keeping interactions light and positive. Watch your tone as closely as your words. A steady voice can keep a difficult exchange from tipping into something too charged to contain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Deadlines can be stressful, but it's even more stressful to think a timeline might stretch on and on. Of course big goals often demand seasons

of work. You'll be considering practicalities and deciding what you're willing to take on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone could use a moment of grace, and you'll know exactly how to offer it, whether with a word, a pause or a choice that preserves dignity. Acts like these build a reputation that opens doors and returns value over time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Complexity is the enemy of progress. A system you actually use beats the fancy one that sits untouched. Better organization gives your mind space for creative and strategic thinking. Simple tools help, too, such as a notebook, a calendar or a short list.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have your own ideas about what constitutes success, and society's notions are much too narrow for you. You'll be reminded that just because there's a consensus, it doesn't make an idea correct for all — or indeed for any.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A dynamic that once felt promising reveals itself to be something different from what you thought it would be. Maybe it's no one's fault; it's just a misunderstanding or mismatched needs. Now your interest drifts, seeking a better fit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're willing to revisit an old conversation. Returning with new insight makes a difference. Silence will do some of the work. Space gives people time to process. See what remains after the initial wave of reaction passes.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 13). It's your Year of Electric Connection, where people enter your life sparking and you know just how to wire up and plug in the powerful collaborations, teams and deals. It's exciting. It's lucrative. And it animates more than just your world. More highlights: A long-term plan reaches completion. Your reputation grows, attracting a variety of new and different offers. You'll travel in a small group. Capricorn and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 6, 29, 3 and 33.

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Strasburg's Hannah Damron chips to within a few inches of the cup for a par on the 16th hole at Tamarack Golf Course in Limon May 4.

GOLF

FROM PAGE 7

“Jordan would be only the fourth Strasburg athlete to make state for the girls golf program,” said Lady Indians head coach Stephanie Welch. “Always worry about the rankings until the end. She had gotten to 76th and then there was some pretty good movement [back down]. But as long as she’s in, I’m very happy for her.”

The final weekend of the regular season started with Duhon and Seibold leading their respective squads into the Limon Girls Invitational at Tamarack Golf Course May 4.

Of the 17 schools in attendance, Strasburg finished eighth in the team standings and Byers was 10th.

Duhon was the top local finisher of the 86 individual competitors, tying for 17th with a round of 28-over-par on the par 71 setup. Seibold shot an even round of 100 to finish in a six-way tie for 19th.

Duhon’s supporting cast was led by senior Hannah Damron with a +34 round of 105 for 29th and 42nd-place Leila Christopherson with a +42 (113). Junior Lena Young also shot a +54 round of 125 for head coach Stephanie Welch.

Senior Kierra Egloff recorded Byers’ second-best round of +39 (110) to place 38th, while senior Dylan Conley was 48th, shooting +47 (118). Bulldog senior Jordan Cridlebaugh’s +54 (125) did not qualify towards the team score.

“Pretty decent day to start,” said Byers head coach Thomas Byrns. “A few gusts of wind here and there but not too bad.”

The regular season for both Byers and Strasburg concluded with a handful of tournaments between April 20 and May 8.

Strasburg’s best team standing of the season occurred April 27 at the Patriot League Championships hosted by Resurrection Christian at Boomerang Golf Links in Greeley. The red-and-black placed third of six league schools with Damron finishing in the top 10 with a round +25 (97), good enough for ninth. Duhon was three strokes behind in 12th placed and Young another four strokes back in 15th.

Byers ended the regular season with two top-five team finishes — fifth at the Burlington Invitational April 30 and fourth in the season-finale at Eads May 8. In the two meets, Seibold placed in 11th and 13th, respectively.

Results from the Limon Invitational and other tournaments from the next-to-last week of April follow. For results of additional tournaments and additional coverage from Limon, watch for the May 15 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Eads 264 (+51)

2. Yuma 284 (+71)

3-4. Burlington, Holyoke 286 (+73)

5. Fowler 292 (+79)

6. Sterling 298 (+85)

7. Fort Morgan 317 (+104)

8. Strasburg 326 (+113)

Sr. Jordan Duhon, 99 (+28), 17th

Sr. Hannah Damron, 104 (+34), 29th

Sr. Leila Christopherson, 113(+42), 42nd

Jr. Lena Young, 125 (+54), 56th

9. Stratton 326 (+113)

10. Byers 328 (+115)

Jr. Dani Seibold 100 (+29), 19th

Sr. Kiera Egloff 110 (+39), 38th

Sr. Dylan Conley 118 (+47), 48th

Sr. Jordan Cridlebaugh 125 (+54), 56th

11. Limon 329 (+116)

12. Cheyenne Wells 333 (+120)

13. Elizabeth 334 (+121)

14. Liberty Tree Academy 351 (+138)

15. Flagler 360 (+147)

16. Limon 2 373 (+160)

17. Wray DNS

TIMNATH INVITATIONAL

APRIL 20; PELICAN LAKES, WINDSOR

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Timnath 213 (-2)

2. Windsor 261 (+45)

3. Niwot 268 (+52)

4. Berthoud 273 (+57)

5. Timnath #2 278n (+62)

6. Northridge 280 (+64)

7. Holyoke 281 (+64)

8. Severance 294 (+78)

9. Mountain View 299 (+83)

10. Mead 303 (+87)

11. Fort Morgan 309 (+93)

12. Windsor #2 310 (+94)

13. Loveland 315 (+99)

14. Broomfield 320 (+104)

15. Rocky Mountain 325 (109)

16. Thompson Valley 327 (+111)

17. Liberty Common 331 (+116)

18. Brush 332 (+116)

19. Berthoud 2 341 (+125)

20. Frederick 342 (+126)

21. Byers 344 (+128)

Conley 111 (+39), 51st

Seibold 114 (+42), 62nd

Cridlebaugh 119 (+47), 71st

Sr. Gemini Johnsrud 131 (59), 92nd

22. Roosevelt 371 (+155)

23. Rocky Mountain #2 372 (+156)

24. Byers #2 375 (+159)

Egloff 118 (+46), 70th

Sr. Maggie Messer 127 (+55), 87th

Sr. Abigale Green 130 (+58), 90th

Sr. Cossette Kerns 133 (+61), 94th

25. Severance #2 382 (+166)

STERLING INVITATIONAL

APRIL 22, SKY RANCH GOLF CLUB

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Resurrection Christian 237 (+18)

2. Fort Morgan 287 (+68)

3. Holyoke 289 (+70)

4. Windsor 292 (+73)

5. Sterling 303 (+84)

6. Burlington 308 (+89)

7. Windsor #2 309 (+90)

8. Brush 319 (+100)

9. Yuma 330 (+111)

10. Sedgwick County 338 (+119)

11. Strasburg 341 (+122)

Duhon 111 (+38), t-34th

Christopherson and Young 115 (+42), t-42nd

Damron 122 (+49), t-56th

12. Byers 343 (+124)

Seibold 110 (+37), t-31st

Cridlebaugh 114 (+41), t-38th

Conley 119 (+46), t-49th

Egloff 122 (+49), 56th

13. Limon 347 (+128)

14. Estes Park 353 (+134)

15. Stratton 357 (+138)

16. Cheyenne Wells 370 (+151)

17. Arickaree 380 (+161)

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High jump: Caleb Eastwood, 5-11, 16th

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100-meter run: Sr. Cade Hemphill, 11.16, 17th
200-meter run: Hemphill, 22.42, 12th
400-meter run: Jr. Jayden Miller, 49.60, 9th; Sr. Konner Casebeer, 49.62, 11th
110-meter hurdles: Sr. Will Hauser, 15.36, 6th
300-meter hurdles: Hauser, 41.05, 10th
4x100-meter relay: 43.05, 4th
4x200-meter relay: 1:28.78, 2nd
4x400-meter relay: 3:26.08, 2nd
4x800-meter relay: 8:24.92, 7th
Long jump: Dodge, 21-4.25, 9th
High jump: Dodge, 6-4, 7th
Shot put: Jr. Mason Dickens, 52-3.25, 1st
Discus: Dickens, 150-10, 5th

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On Thursday, 2A and 3A field events start at 1:30 p.m. with the running events starting at 2:05. Field events on Thursday afternoon include the 2A and 3A boys high jump, 2A girls long jump, 3A boys and girls triple jump, and the 3A girls discus. On the track, Thursday's events are mostly preliminary heats; however, the 2A and 3A

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On championship Saturday, in addition to the sprints, hurdles and 4x100 and 4x400 relays having their finals, the field events will feature the 3A girls high jump at 8:30 a.m.; the 3A girls and boys long jump at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively, and the 3A boys shot put at 12:30 p.m.
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Bennett Arts Council Knitting & Crochet-ing Club. 10 a.m., Bennett Town Hall.
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Music in the Parks by Bennett School music students.
SUNDAY, MAY 17
High Plains Trail Riders gymkhana. Office opens at 9 a.m., gymkhana at 10 a.m., Quint Valley Fairgrounds, 601 U.S. 36, Byers. For additional information, visit www.highplainstrailriders.com or call (303)921-6603.
Open Create session, a studio environment where artists work with different mediums and without instructors. 12-3 p.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall.
MONDAY, MAY 18
East Adams Conservation District Board. 9 a.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.
Byers Fire Rescue. 6 p.m., Byers Fire-

house.
Bennett Planning & Zoning Commission. 6 p.m., Town hall or virtually. Visit the Planning & Zoning meeting agendas page at bennettco.gov for information.
Byers Fire Protection District Board. 6:30 p.m., Byers School boardroom.
TUESDAY, MAY 19
Comanche VIP Seniors luncheon. 11:45 a.m., Strasburg American Legion Hall, 56423 Westview Ave.
Bennett Arts Council. 4 p.m., Bennett Town Hall.
Eastern Colorado Beekeepers. 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. E-mail info@easterncoloradobees.com or visit easterncoloradobees.com for link and location.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
Bennett Arts Council Knitting & Crocheting Club. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Bennett Town Hall Community Room.
I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May Farms, Byers.
Bennett School Board. 6 p.m., Bennett High School library. Visit bsd29j.com for a Zoom link.
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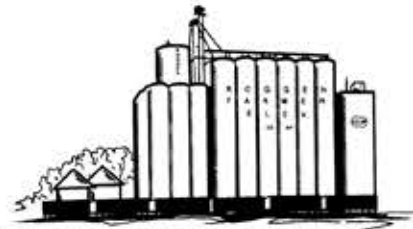
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