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AdCo plans local bridge, 'S' curve projects

Commissioners, staff confirm improvements on Calhoun-Byers, Old Victory roads; sheriff fights back

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

STRASBURG — Unlike previous years when I-70 Corridor residents left local Adams County town halls frustrated with the lack of answers or direction to their concerns, last week's gathering appeared more constructive.

While the headliners for the April 27 "Let's Talk: Neighborhoods and Quality of Life," presentation at Hemphill Middle School in Strasburg were the five county commissioners, recently promoted Director of Public Works Janet Lundquist stole the show with roadway announcements.

"I actually have some good news," she said. "It's pretty recent, but we are in line for funding, \$11 million, for the Calhoun-Byers Road bridge

replacement. That's pretty big news out here."

The dilapidated crossing over West Bijou Creek about five miles northeast of Byers currently has a 15-ton vehicle limit, making it difficult on local farmers and ranchers.

"I can't hardly get my crops taken out of the field because of how bad that bridge, and the road itself, really is," said one Byers farmer, who brought examples of large rocks or chunks of rocks that have been thrown around while driving. "That's unacceptable, plus maintenance has to be more than on a schedule."

In reply, Lundquist said that road and bridge crews do perform emergency grading operations during inclement weather turns or the county

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Adams County officials announced last week that the Calhoun-Byers Road bridge over West Bijou Creek northeast of Byers will be replaced. The exact time frame for the \$11 million project is uncertain.



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The Deer Trail Players performed their version of "The Addams Family Musical" April 24 at the school auditorium. The musical spin-off of the classic book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice follows the trials and travails of the Addams' daughter, Wednesday, as she falls in love with Lucas Beineke, much to the chagrin of mother Morticia; at the same time, the father, Gomez, tries to keep the teenagers' secret about wanting to marry. Above, Wednesday (Riley Williams) seems a little indifferent to her normal fun of electrocuting brother Pugsley (Elliott Musser).

Byers School directors OK salary increase

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BYERS — Despite uncertainty surrounding the state budget, particularly education funding, the Byers School Board voted unanimously last week to pay its teachers and staff more for 2026-27.

During an April 27 special meeting, school directors unanimously approved a 3% salary increase for teachers and staff next school

year.

According to Byers Superintendent Tom Turrell, his proposal took into account what he thought could be the worst case scenario from a pair of state budget projections.

"[Since our April 16 board meeting], not seeing anything dramatic/big changes from the School Finance Act," he said. "We could go a little lower, perhaps half, on the raise,

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New Bennett SRO introduced

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — After an almost two-year stretch without a school resource officer, the Bennett School District recently received one and she is officially on the job.

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Deputy Kelly Searle began full-time duties on the Bennett School campus April 28. Searle, an eight-year sheriff's office veteran, will cover the entire campus but will be based out of the high school.

"This assignment reflects [our] continued commitment to public safety in Bennett and the surrounding areas," a county statement said.

Sheriff's Office Public Safety Bureau Chief Ken McKlem added, "SROs provide a level of safety and security that is unmatched in the event of a violent incident at a school by serving as the first line of defense to save lives."

"We're excited to have a new full-time SRO on campus to provide that extra layer of safety," said Bennett School Superintendent Robin Purdy. "[Searle] will also serve as a point of contact for students and staff and help build positive relationships within the school community."

The school has been without an SRO since mid-2024 after the town of Bennett decided to change its law enforcement provider from the Adams to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. Unlike the Adams County yearly arrangement,



• Kelly Searle •

the Arapahoe County Sheriff's office contract did not provide an SRO or similar services to the Bennett School District campus, which is located in the town's city limits. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and the town of Bennett continued their contract this year.

"We had an SRO with no cost to the district from 2016 until the town parted ways with Adams County," Purdy said at January's school board meeting. "We appreciate the opportunity to reestablish this role and look forward to working collaboratively in support of our students and staff."

McKlem added that Searle's appointment follows the recent graduation of new deputies from police academy. Four of 10 new deputies are expected to be stationed east of E-470 this year. Over the next four years, the sheriff's office expects to hire 40 new deputies.

COMMUNITY CORRAL

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 information, call (303)622-4322. 4/15

TBK Bank is located at 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

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 (Keller in Byers, Davies in Deer Trail) will speak and sponsor lunch.

The public is welcome to attend the presentation, but guests must RSVP for lunch by Friday, May 15, to officei-70ccoc@gmail.com or (720)731-1954.

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

'Burg students visit THC-free cannabinoid lab



Students in Marissa Hauser's chemistry class at Strasburg High School explored real-world applications of science during a field trip to Kazmira Therapeutics near Watkins March 3. During the visit, students toured the company's modern in-house chromatography labs and learned about Kazmira's role as a global leader in THC-free cannabinoid therapy. They also met with chemical and manufacturing engineers and received a tour of the facility from owner Priyanka Sharma. The field trip occurred in partnership with the I-70 Regional Economic Partnership (REAP).

(303)730-1920 or e-mail to Sheila.gains@colostate.edu. To register, visit www.eventbrite.com.

The event is hosted by Nutrition, Meal Planning & Preparation, and Health at Arapahoe County CSU Extension.

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.

Bennett VFW plans fundraiser
with live band, silent auction

BENNETT — Tri-Valley VFW Post 8449 will host a fundraiser to help

keep its doors open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 9, at VFW Hall, 115 Palmer Ave., Bennett.

The fundraiser will have a vendor fair, silent auction, raffle and concessions with proceeds donated to the Bennett VFW.

The day will also feature a performance by the local band Halfway To Headlight, which is donating its services as well as its tips.

For more information, call Angela at (720)296-7811.

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 commitment 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 partici-

pants. Lunch will be provided daily.

A graduation ceremony will begin at 3 p.m., Friday, May 29, and 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.

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 volunteers, is scheduled at 12 p.m., Friday, May 8. Veterans and seniors from 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.

New chief operating officer
selected from within DRCOG

DENVER — The Denver Regional Council of Governments announced April 27 that it has appointed a new chief operating officer.

In this role, Jenny Hunnings will oversee the agency's internal operations, helping to advance organizational effectiveness and strategic priorities.

"Jenny brings tremendous financial acumen and a collaborative approach to everything she does," said Douglas W. Rex, executive director. "Her experience and steady leadership will be instrumental in advancing DRCOG's priorities."

Hunnings has more than 25 years of experience in financial and business operations. She began her employment with DRCOG in 2014 as contracts and budget manager and was promoted to accounting services manager in 2015 and director of the administration and finance division in 2019.



Hunnings

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Shakespeare in Strasburg



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After hosting the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District's annual Egg-Stravaganza festivities over Easter weekend, above, the recently constructed Strasburg Community Park East will see its north-end amphitheater utilized by Strasburg High School drama students, who will perform their version of the William Shakespeare classic "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Thursday through Saturday, May 7-9. An official grand opening ribbon-cutting for the new park has not yet occurred, but plans for are tentatively scheduled for the last day of school in Strasburg on Wednesday, May 20, if repairs to certain portions of the park are completed. The approximately \$3.5 million project, including a water park/splash pad feature, outdoor sports courts, and an integrated trail to existing rec district paths, was completed just before the end of last year to satisfy grant deadlines for Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO). The new park, on the east side of Wagner Street across from the original Community Park and softball field, was constructed by Buildings By Design of Brush.

'Burg High School sets spring play sked

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 afternoon 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 St. across from the original Community Park and softball field.

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Reginia McKee



Reginia Gail "Crickett" McKee, 74, passed away peacefully at her home in Bennett, Colo., on Sept. 8, 2025, two days before her 75th birthday. She was born on Sept. 10, 1950, in Logan, W.Va., to Jack and Leatrice Perry.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of over 48 years, Danny McKee; children, DaShane McKee (Alicia McKee), Shawn McKee, and Christina McKee (Barry Primm); grandchildren, Keira and Skyler Primm, Adeline and Dakota McKee; siblings, Barbara Perry (Clyde Paradee), Sharon Chambers, Jacqueline Brown, Ronald Perry (Cheryl Woody), Scott Perry (Dawn Jones) all of Logan, W.Va.; and Chuck Perry of Dayton, Ohio; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Crickett served a total of 27 years in the United States Air Force and Defense Finance & Accounting Services (DFAS), where she worked proudly and developed many lasting friendships.

Crickett was very kind and genuine and found humor in life no matter the circumstance and faced every day with grace and gratitude. Her laughter could fill a room, and she made everyone feel welcomed and loved.

Crickett found pleasure in all things family, especially the time spent with her grandchildren, who brought her endless love and joy. Crickett was an incredible cook who could make any meal special. Crickett enjoyed bowling with friends, and she was especially proud of winning the 1992 Colorado State Division II Singles Bowling Championship. Crickett loved being outdoors and watching the hummingbirds in her yard, fishing with her family and camping with her husband and family on the many RV trips they would take.

She will be deeply missed, but her warmth, love and strength will live on in everyone who knew her.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, May 15, at Logan National Cemetery, 4400 W Kenyon Ave., Denver.

Chelsey Young



Chelsey Sue Young
Sept. 10, 2011 — April 24, 2026

Chelsey Sue Young, a radiant soul known for her infectious laugh and bright smile that could light up any room, passed away on April 24, 2026, in Aurora, Colorado. Born on September 10, 2011, in Kansas City, Kansas, Chelsey was a kind and loving girl who consistently put the needs of others before her own, embodying a selflessness rare for someone so young.

Throughout her life, Chelsey brought warmth and joy to everyone fortunate enough to know her. Her kindness was boundless, and her love for those around her was evident in every smile she shared and every moment she spent with family and friends. She was not only an accomplished volleyball player but also an amazing sister and friend—roles she embraced with wholehearted dedication and affection.

Chelsey's family was the heart of her world. She leaves behind her beloved mother, Charity Campfield, and her stepfather, Aaron Hays; her siblings, Madison Hays, Drake Young, and Chaisly Young; and her father, Travis Young. She was cherished dearly by her grandmother Tamara Campfield, great-grandmother Rose Corbin, and grandparents Robert and Lori Young. The love of several aunts — Shalana (Zach) McCann, Tiffany (David) Miller, Brianne Shivers, and Ashley (Trent) Stroud — along with many cousins, including Mikaela, Evelyn, and Jaxon Shivers; Cael and Ciana Colvin; Navy and Daisy Miller; Corbin, Maddoc, and Goldie McCann; and Trevor and ParkerAnne Stroud, surrounded Chelsey in a close-knit family circle. Though Michael Campfield, her grandfather, has departed before her, his memory remains a precious part of her legacy.

Though Chelsey's time with us was far too brief, the beauty of her spirit and the depth of her love will echo in the hearts of all who knew her. Her legacy is a shining example of compassion, joy, and the extraordinary power of a kind heart. She will be profoundly missed but forever treasured in the memories of her family and friends.

Memorial services were held May 2 at Cheyenne Hills Church in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Reconsideration of ArapCo short-term rentals set

LITTLETON — The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners will reconsider its vote on proposed Short-Term Rental (STR) regulations at its regular meeting at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 12, at the Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton.

The board, according to a release, is taking the step out of an abundance of caution after learning of technical issues that might have prevented some community members from participating in online public comment during the original hearing. To ensure that all community members have had a full and fair opportunity to be heard, the board will revisit the matter.

The May 12 reconsideration will provide any residents who could not participate — or were deterred from participation — during the original hearing an opportunity to provide public comment before the commissioners take final action.

The meeting will be livestreamed on Legistar. Instructions for virtual participation are included in the agenda. The steps will be posted in advance at www.arapahoeco.gov.

Adams Co. opens door to day care

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Board of Commissioners recently approved two new initiatives aimed at strengthening local communities and supporting working families.

The first establishes the Adams County Revitalization Authority, a new effort to bring investment to areas of the county that have not seen as much private investment. The goal is to improve infrastructure, encourage redevelopment, and support long-term economic growth in unincorporated areas of the county.

"It's important that our revitalization reflects both local needs and local voices," said Commissioner Julie Duran Mullica, BoCC chair. "This effort is about investing in our people, our neighborhoods, and our future while ensuring the community helps shape what comes next."

The Revitalization Authority, created under state law, allows the county to support partnerships with private developers and reinvestment into improvements through tax increment financing.

The Board of Commissioners will serve as the authority's initial governing body to ensure accountability and alignment with county priorities.

Future steps will include identifying priority areas, conducting planning and analysis, engaging the public, and bringing proposals forward for additional review and approval in accordance with state statute.

No specific projects have been approved.

CHILD CARE PROVIDER PROPERTY TAX REBATE

In the same public hearing, the BoCC also approved a Child Care Provider Property Tax Rebate Incentive Program to help expand access to licensed child care.

Adams County is the first county in Colorado to launch such a program.

The program is designed to address the shortage of affordable and available child care, which impacts families, employers and the local economy. With property tax rebates, the county aims to lower costs for providers and expand of child care options.

Eligible providers can receive at least 50% back on their county property taxes. Providers offering infant and toddler care or operating family child care homes could qualify for up to 100%.

Applications for the first year of the program will be accepted from July 1 through Sept. 15. The program will run as a one-year pilot from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, then evaluated.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Alzheimer's webinar. "Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances." 3-4 p.m. To register, visit www.alz.org or call 1-800-272-3900.

Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board. 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.

Bennett High School Prism Concert (band, choir, small ensembles, solos). 7 p.m., high school auditorium. Alumni invited to play on the final piece to be shared by music teachers Valerie White and Allyse Brennan. Alumni should report at 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Free lunch for military veterans, law enforcement officers, and senior citizens age 65 and older. 12 p.m., Bennett VFW.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Adams County neighborhood cleanup. 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., dumpsters located at District 3 Yard, 2550 Strasburg Road, Strasburg. Bring items such as branches, tires, general yard waste.

Bennett-Watkins Lions Club. 9 a.m. via Zoom. Call Diane at (303)644-3717 for log-on information.

MONDAY, MAY 11

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 9-11 a.m., Kelter Library parking lot, 585 S. Main St., Byers. Optional pre-registration at newclient.link2feed.com.

Strasburg School Board. 6 p.m., Strasburg High School Central Services building board room. Zoom participation available. Visit strasburg31j.com for link.

Comanche Crossing Historical Society. 6:30 p.m., museum office, 56060 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

Bingo. 7 p.m., Byers American Legion.

Byers Water & Sanitation District Board. 7 p.m., District Office, 421 S. Sherman St.

Deer Trail Fire Protection District Board. 7 p.m., Deer Trail Firehouse.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Strasburg Elementary School Fifth Grade Concert & Promotion. 7 p.m. Mountain View Fellowship.

Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 4-8 p.m. or while supplies last, Hinkley High School, 1250 Chambers Road, Aurora.

Alzheimer's webinar. "Building Brain-Healthy Habits." 5-6 p.m. To register, visit www.alz.org or call 1-800-272-3900.

Bennett Board of Trustees. Work-study 5:45 p.m. Regular meeting 7 p.m. For a Zoom link, visit bennettco.gov.

Deer Trail Town Board. Work session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m., Town Hall, 555 Second Ave.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Deer Trail Conservation District Board. 1 p.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.

Adams County Walk with a Ranger. 5-6 p.m., Elaine T. Valente Open Space, 6595 E. 104th Ave., Denver. Visit adamscounttyco.gov to register.

Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board. 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Strasburg Secondary School Concert. 6 p.m. Mountain View Fellowship

LIBRARY NEWS

ANYTHINK BENNETT LIBRARY

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Sewing Drop-In: All ages welcomed every first Thursday of the month for a fun, casual drop-in sewing workshop. A sewing teacher will assist with both special and everyday projects. Sewing machines provided. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, May 7.

Rummikub, Refreshments & More: Adults gather on the second Friday of each month to drink coffee, eat snacks and play Rummikub. Other card and board games available. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, May 8.

Saturday Storytime: A cheerful morning of stories, songs, rhymes and hands-on activities that spark imagination and learning for toddlers and preschoolers ages 2-6 will occur at an external venue. 10-10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 9, KB Home, 47369 Magnolia Ave., Bennett.

Yoga in the Stacks: Adults can practice poses that focus on alignment, stability and flexibility with Bennett yoga instructor Scott Noble. Mats provided. All skill levels welcome. Space limited; registration required. To sign up, visit Anythinklibraries.org. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 9.

Tarot club: Adults can learn about the tarot and do readings for other participants in a beginner-friendly workshop. 2-3:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9.

Bennett Sci-Fi Book Club: The Bennett 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



A 60th birthday celebration for Davies Library in Deer Trail took place April 30, including snacks, crafts, games and raffle drawings for youth and adults alike. From left photo, the Saucedo family — Diego, 1, mom Julie and Romulo, 6, celebrate their door prize and Bertha Rector is in the birthday party spirit in her celebratory glasses and hat. Arapahoe Libraries officials said last week that a full-blown anniversary celebration honoring the history of Davies Library will occur in the summer.



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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.

Open Create with CCAL: Adult artists can collaborate at a gathering hosted by the Corridor Creative Arts League. They can bring their own projects and supplies or choose from a variety provided by the library. 4:30-6:30 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 watercolors for each participant. Carpools available. Space limited. Registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 16.

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.

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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 8.

Adult book club: “Good Dirt” by Charmaine Wilkerson. 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, May 12.

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 participate in activities that work on motor skills, literacy and counting. Free crafts, toddler-friendly snacks, and a goody bag provided. 10:30-11:30 a.m., Fridays, May 8, 15, 22, and 29.

DAVIES LIBRARY

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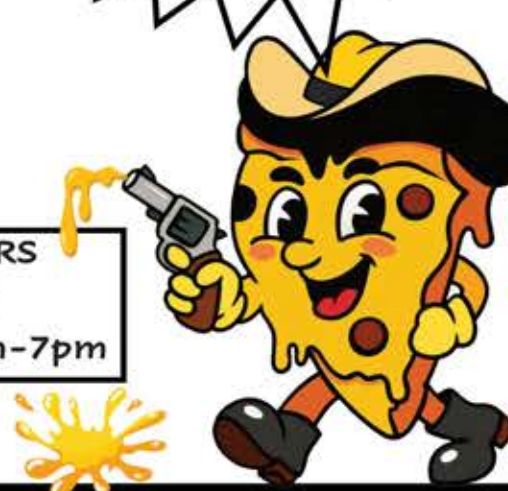
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Chad Daniel Sutherland, 24, of Cheyenne, Wyo., passed away on April 27, 2026.

Chad was a beloved husband, son, family member, and friend. Though his life was far too short, he left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. He was known for his kind heart, quiet strength, and the way he made people feel valued and cared for. Chad had a steady presence — never loud about it — but the kind that brought comfort and meant something when it mattered most.

Chad was born on October 24, 2001, in Thornton, Colo. He attended Strasburg High School, graduating in 2020, where he left a legacy both on the football field and on the wrestling mat. He continued his education at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, where he played football for the Loggers and earned a degree in Automotive Technology.

It was in Lewiston that Chad met the love of his life, Koleen. The two were married in June of 2024 and began building their life together. In 2025, they moved to Cheyenne, Wyo., starting a new chapter side by side.

Chad shared a deep bond with his wife, Koleen Sutherland. Together, they built a life grounded in love, partnership, and shared dreams. Chad was also preparing for one of the most meaningful roles of his life — becoming a father. He was overjoyed to welcome his daughter, Maggie Marie, and looked forward to that role with pride, excitement, and love. Chad had a deep passion for football, racing, and working on vehicles. He had a special talent for restoring old rigs—and then driving them like they were meant to be driven. That work said a lot about him. He didn't quit on things. He showed up, got his hands dirty, and saw things through.

More than anything, Chad valued the people in his life. He built strong, meaningful relationships and created memories that will be held onto for years to come. He will be remembered for his loyalty, his genuine nature, and the way he gave his time and heart to others without asking for anything in return.

Chad is survived by his wife, Koleen Sutherland; his daughter, Maggie Marie; his parents; his siblings; extended family; and many friends whose lives were better because of him. His spirit will live on through Maggie, carrying forward the strength, love, and passion that defined her father.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, May 11, at Cheyenne Hills Church, 7505 S. Hwy. 30, Cheyenne, Wyo., with a celebration of life at 4 p.m. that afternoon at the Strasburg High School gymnasium.

Chad will be deeply missed and never forgotten.





Christopher Clemens and Bonnie Brown (inset) take the oath of Bennett trustee from town clerk Christina Hart during an April 28 town board meeting. Not pictured is Joshua Arbogast, who won the third vacant seat contested during last month's municipal election.

Bennett welcomes new trustees

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — Two of three new Bennett trustees took the oath of office during the April 28 town board meeting.

Christopher Clemens and Bonnie Brown (last name Teachout on the official ballot) took their seats while Joshua Arbogast will be sworn in at a future meeting.

According to the official canvas of votes certified April 17, Clemens was the top vote-getter of the five on the April 7 ballot with 306.

Brown was second with 247 votes, followed closely by Arbogast with 245. James “Grider” Lee and Kat Crow were the other two candidates, receiving 169 and 161 votes, respectively.

The final tally for Question 1, asking residents to approve up to \$20 million in road construction bonds passed 294-192.

Question 2 asking voters to approve the transfer of ownership of the Joe Stemo Ballfield from the town to

the Bennett School District passed by a much wider margin, 377-108.

Preliminary turnout results indicated that less than 20% of ballots mailed to residents were returned; however, the canvas showed that 506, or 24.5%, of 2,695 total ballots were returned. Original reports that 2,965 ballots were mailed appeared incorrect.

“Still not very good,” a Bennett voter retorted.

CIVIC CENTER BALL FIELDS UPDATE

Town officials hope for an early June opening for the Civic Center baseball fields west of town hall and the Bennett Recreation Center; however, the timeline is dependent on final materials and weather conditions.

Trustees earlier this month approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Bennett Park & Recreation District, which will manage youth baseball programming at the new fields.

Civic Center Park will also feature a playground, concession stand, splash pads, and open recreation areas.



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but I'm comfortable with this proposal.”

Turrell added that, if some shortfall does occur, adjustments might have to be made on the fly.

“Should the economy tank, there could be a mid-year rescission. Could happen but hopefully not the case,” he said. “Next year’s budget looks to be as big of a nightmare as what we are dealing with this year.”

Among the adjustments to be made could be a mid-year pay adjustment or a smaller holiday bonus than the \$1,000 last year. But, as of now, Turrell said the district is projected to receive an additional \$200,000 in state funding for 2026-27, which exceeds two anticipated expense increases.

“Originally, health insurance was thought to be about a 19% increase, but we were able to maneuver things to about 10%, which is \$55,000,” Turrell said. “A 3% increase in staff across the board, we’re looking at about \$114,000. In total, that’s about \$170,000 more, so still a little bit of leeway.”

“We still have enough in the budget right now to do \$1,000 at Christmas.”

Last year Byers gave an original 1.5% bump and a \$1,000 bonus plus another 1.25% to more established employees.

Strasburg Spring Sing-Along



PHOTOS BY CARL STEITZ/For The Scout
Strasburg Elementary hosted its spring concert Thursday, April 23, at Mountain View Fellowship. First-graders performed "Once Upon a Time" dressed up as fairy tale creatures while the third grade and Strasburg Singers performed "To the Sky." Clockwise from top left, local professional bagpiper Jay Leasure participates; first-graders Henry Bacon, Makailah Drew sing while in costume; first-grader Alice Taylor goes dramatic in front of the audience; violinist Luciana Smith accompanies "Over the Rainbow;" and high school flutist Brielle Barnes provides assistance during "Manx Lullaby."

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Adams County Commissioners Kathy Henson, left, Julie Duran Mullica, Emma Pinter, Steve O'Dorisio, and Lynn Baca listen intently to interaction between County Assessor Thomas Swingle and an I-70 Corridor resident during a town hall meeting at Hemphill Middle School in Strasburg April 27.

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is contacted by residents.

In regards to the Calhoun-Byers project, Lundquist said a concrete timeline is uncertain because of the extent of the damage and the repairs needed.

She is also working to accommodate local residents' travel routes.

"This project is a doozy and part of it is figuring out if there is any halfway short detour we can use. It just seems likely it will be an out-of-the way route," she said. "Be nice if a shoo-fly around the bridge was doable but, with the creek bed and state and federal jurisdictions involved, it just doesn't seem too likely. We're working on figuring out the design and how to get construction completed."

In addition, Lundquist responded to concerns about the Old Victory Road "dead man's curve" near the intersection of Colfax Avenue, saying, "We have money for that now too. About \$2 million for helping to repair that stretch of road."

The shortcut between Colfax Avenue and Highway 79 has become a commonly used thoroughfare by semi-truck traffic with heavy loads and, in many instances, those rigs, especially heading southbound, have taken the "S" curve too fast and tipped.

"It's not a designated truck route, but we are working to improve things there," Lundquist said.

The time frame on the Old Victory project was also unknown Monday night, but officials indicated that it would likely commence later this year.

ZONING QUESTIONS

Commissioners and Director of Community Safety & Well-Being Matt Rivera both responded to concerns that agricultural-zoned properties are seeing an increased amount of commercial/industrial use and other activities that violate county zoning codes.

"I'm all about small businesses, but within reason when it comes to semis or other work trucks on the premise and other equipment and activities that aren't allowed," said District 5 Commissioner Lynn Baca. "We want good neighbors out here."

Officials also urged residents to report any suspicious behavior to mitigate criminal activity.

"Our code enforcement is complaint-driven," said Rivera, adding that concerns or questions can be addressed more directly if residents use the SeClickFix app on their mobile device. The app allows users to send photos related to their concerns.

Rivera and commissioners also noted that legislation passed earlier this year gives counties more authority when it comes to regulation enforcement.

House Bill 26-1239, also known as "County Enforcement Authority," is designed to modernize and strengthen the power of counties to enforce regulations on property within their jurisdictions.

It also provides faster, more efficient tools for addressing public health, safety and welfare situations.

Among the specific authorities provided by the new bill, which passed both houses April 21, are:

- removal of rubbish, including trash, junk and garbage, from property within the county;
- removal of weeds and brush from property within the county;
- removing or securing any building or structure in the county, with specified exceptions that, due to its condition, presents a substantial danger or hazard to the public health, safety or welfare; and
- the unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, or use of any building or structure in the county or the use of any land in the county in violation of a zoning resolution or ordinance adopted by the board of county commissioners.

"We definitely have been given more authority," said board of county commissioner chair Julie Duran Mullica.

OTHER BANTER

Adams County Sheriff Gene Claps fought back against vociferous allegations that only one deputy patrols eastern unincorporated Adams County and that he is letting traffic safety in Strasburg and surrounding areas slide.

"When I first started, we were 144 positions down and, right now, we're within 10 of being fully

staffed. There are 17 deputies and staff out here," Claps replied. "We run 10- to 12-hour shifts, two units on every shift, and that doesn't include a sergeant each shift, too. I even wrote three to four tickets out here last year and I'm not out here a lot."

"The one deputy at a time out here is inaccurate information. We police equally on both ends of the county, regardless."

District 2 Commissioner Kathy Henson noted the recent completion of the amended Strasburg Subarea Plan, a joint effort between Adams and Arapahoe counties, and urged residents to review and comment on the updated document.

As an amendment to both counties' comprehensive plans, the Strasburg document must be adopted through both jurisdictions' formal land use hearing processes.

Public comment is currently being taken. On the Adams County side, comments can be e-mailed to egleason@adamscountycogov.

Tentative public hearing dates in Adams County are 6 p.m. June 11 in at the planning commission and 9:30 a.m. July 7 in front of the board of county commissioners.

Both hearings will be held in the Adams County Government Center Hearing Room, 4430 S. Adams County Parkway, Brighton.

Arapahoe County public hearing dates are tentatively set for June 16 at the planning commission and July 14 before the county commissioners.

The subarea plan is available for viewing at adamscountycogov.

In his final town hall in front of I-70 Corridor residents, outgoing District 4 Commissioner Steve O'Dorisio noted a significant difference in the tenor that locals are using with county officials and employees.

"It used to be we were told 'just get our roads fixed and leave us alone,'" he concluded. "But now there's a lot more things you're asking about and, I can tell you, we are listening. Quite the change, but for the better is this one."

O'Dorisio is term-limited, serving three consecutive four-year terms.

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BENNETT — Students from Strasburg High School witnessed firefighter training and auto body salvage at LKQ Super Center near Bennett April 14.

Manager Quinton Johnsrud explained the salvage business amid the shelves of recycled auto parts and jaws of life training taking place amid the crushed autos.

Career education was the goal, said Kim Harris, the school's Career and Technical Education counselor.

Harris said that, out of 10 students in attendance, one already has an internship with Wagner Equipment, one has an interest in working at LKQ, and one now has an interest in firefighting.

Students were Jaxson Keyworth, Joseph Martinez, Nate Grow, Camden Hess, Carter Kinyon, David Tella Vega, Liz Zobell, Olivia LaFors, Braidyn O'Malley, Taylor Harris.

The tour was organized by the Regional Economic Advancement Partnership.



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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.

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DENVER — The Colorado Parks & Wildlife Commission has approved a parks pass specifically for vehicles with out-of-state license plates. This fee, which is \$15 per day went into effect May 1. A similar fee structure is used on other CPW products and is in line with other states. Vehicles with Colorado license plates can still purchase the annual Keep Colorado Wild pass with their vehicle registration for \$29 per year, or purchase a daily park pass for \$10 per day.

An additional \$2 fee applies for both resident and out-of-state plates at seven of the 42 parks. For more information, visit cpw.state.co.us.

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by Chase Woodruff
Colorado Newsline

The special cargo arrived on the evening of May 3, 1876, on a west-bound express train to Denver, where the load was watched carefully and wheeled in through the side door at the Colorado National Bank.

The barrel looked "quite as unpretentious and common as an ordinary beer keg," the *Rocky Mountain News* reported the following day — but inside were five heavy sacks full of a product that would dominate the soon-to-be state of Colorado's politics for the next quarter century.

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"(The) keg full of silver shiners, fresh and bright from the mint ... contained 275 pounds of coin, in the denominations of quarters and halves," read the report. "The Colorado Na-

tional also received, per the afternoon train, a bag of \$100 in specie from their correspondents in St. Louis, the coin consisting of halves, quarters, and dimes, tied up in small paper packages."

Similar shipments were being made to banks across the country following Congress' April 1876 passage of a bill to resume the minting of silver coins, which had been out of circulation for 14 years, having been replaced during the Civil War by fractional paper currency — also known as postage currency, since the designs of the paper notes, in denominations ranging from 5 to 50 cents, had been adapted

from U.S. postage stamps.

"The pockets of all classes of tradesmen were jingling last night with the old time quarters and half-dollar pieces," said the *News* in a follow-up on May 5. "It was only silver coin, but it had the right jingle about it, and a fistful of it had a solid, honest feeling."

"The child that was ten years old in 1861 is twenty-five years old now, and has grown from youth to manhood without any experimental knowledge of hard currency," mused an item in the *Kansas City Journal*, republished on May 4 by the *Pueblo Chieftain*.

In Colorado, more than almost any-

where else in the country, much more than nostalgia was motivating this renewed appreciation for the musical qualities of pocket change. In 1874, the value of the silver mined in the territory had exceeded that of gold for the first time, and a series of silver booms in the San Juan Mountains, Leadville, Aspen and Creede would help make Colorado the nation's leading silver producer in the decades that followed.

The U.S. government had officially adopted a dual gold-and-silver monetary standard in 1792. But, for most of the 19th century, the value of silver as a commodity exceeded its coinage value, which was fixed at a 16:1 ratio with gold. Though the lesser metal was debased for use in fractional coins, virtually no silver dollars were in circulation since producers

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FREE SILVER

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profited more from selling silver on the open market than from redeeming silver bullion to be coined by the U.S. Mint. In 1873, with few objections, Congress passed a law ending the minting of silver dollars altogether, effectively adopting a single gold standard for the first time.

But the situation changed rapidly in the mid-1870s as mining booms in Nevada, Colorado and elsewhere caused a global slump in the price of silver — a trend that coincided with an economic downturn that followed the Panic of 1873. Suddenly, mining interests across the country were deeply interested in silver coinage.

“As silver touched bottom and as the depression showed no signs of ending, legislators and other Americans entered on a great debate over whether, and in what ways, silver ought to have a more prominent place in the monetary system,” wrote historian Walter Nugent.

Congressional approval of new fractional silver coins in early 1876 was among the first concessions to these demands — and the excitement that greeted Denver’s first keg of freshly minted quarters and dimes was an early example of what would evolve into a political mania in the Centennial State in the final decades of the 19th century.

The Silverite movement, which advocated for a return to bimetallism — or “free silver,” as advocates called it — united mining interests in the West with populist firebrands across the country, who accused wealthy capitalists in the East and overseas of “demonetizing” silver to artificially limit the money supply.

By the end of the Centennial year, Colorado newspapers were regularly publishing editorials on what they described as “Patrician Gold Against Plebian Silver,” and letters alleging that “the money kings of Europe, with the Rothschilds at their head, have undertaken to make gold the only medium of exchange in the world.” The 1873 Coinage Act, uncontroversial at

the time of its passage, would later be christened by Colorado Sen. Henry Teller, in a speech on the Senate floor, as the “Crime of 1873.”

While they trafficked freely in such conspiracist rhetoric and offered various ideological justifications for free-silver policies, Colorado papers could also be blunt about the state’s material interest in producing as much of the metal as possible.

“Silver mining,” editorialized Georgetown’s weekly Colorado Miner in 1880, “has built up both the mountain and the valley towns, has caused the extension of thousands of miles of railroads throughout the State, has doubled our population in the last three years, has given employment to the ranchman, the mechanic, the stockman, the merchant, as well as to the miner; has brought millions of capital into our mountains, and has made Denver the Queen City of the Plains.”

“Every citizen of Colorado ought to feel a lively interest in maintaining this prosperity, and in encouraging the production of silver,” the paper went on. “How a citizen of Colorado can entertain other views and still believe himself a friend of the interests of the State, we cannot readily understand.”

The Silverites would eventually win partial victories like the Bland-Allison Act of 1878 and the Sherman Silver Purchase Act of 1890, both of which required the Treasury to buy and mint a certain amount of silver each year.

But the federal government never again allowed unlimited silver coinage, and the purchase laws were repealed in an emergency session of Congress after they were blamed as a major cause of the Panic of 1893. Democrat William Jennings Bryan unsuccessfully pressed the free-silver issue in the 1896 presidential campaign, but his victorious opponent, President William McKinley, went on to sign legislation reaffirming the gold standard, which remained in place until 1971.

1.4M F-150s recalled for gearshift issue

by Michelle Chapman
AP Business Writer

Ford is recalling almost 1.4 million of its F-150 pickup trucks in the U.S. because of a gearshift issue that may lead to the loss of control of vehicles and increasing the risk of a crash.

The automaker is aware of two injuries and one accident possibly related to the issue.

The recall includes F-150 light trucks with a six-speed automatic transmission that were produced between March 12, 2014 and Aug 18, 2017.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s safety recall report says that some of the pickup trucks may experience an intermittent selec-

tion signal of the transmission range sensor to the powertrain control module, which may lead to a temporary, unintended downshift into second gear.

This may cause an abrupt reduction in wheel speed for a short period of time, which in some situations could cause the rear tires to slide until the vehicle speed slows.

Ford is aware of 444 warranty claims and 105 customer service reports that could be linked to the issue as of early this month.

Vehicle owners will be notified about the recall by mail and instructed to bring their vehicle to a Ford or Lincoln dealer to have their powertrain control module calibration updated at no cost.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP Photo
A worker inspects a new aluminum-alloy body Ford F-150 truck at the company’s Kansas City Assembly Plant at Claycomo, Mo., in March 2015.



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Clockwise from top left, setting the beat during the High Plains Music Ensemble’s “Flights of Fancy” spring concert April 11 at the Bennett High School auditorium are Lenny Morgan, Jonah Lang, and Katelynn Swallow.



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SPORTS



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Left photo, Bennett senior Tayla Counce, center, races to first place in the 100-meter dash at the Frontier League Championships April 28 at JeffCo Stadium ahead of Fort Lupton's Jade Walker and Lady Tiger Mattie Robledo. Counce also finished second in the 200-meter dash and helped the Bennett 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams finish first en route to being named the conference's Female Athlete of 2025-26. Right photo, Natalie Galdamez crosses the finish line first ahead of second-place Platte Canyon in the 4x100 relay.

Lady Tiger named top Frontier female athlete

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

LAKEWOOD — The Bennett Lady Tigers placed fourth as a team and the orange-and-black boys were sixth at the annual Frontier League Track & Field Championships April 28 at JeffCo Stadium, but one senior left her mark as the meet's outstanding runner. Senior Tayla Counce was named the Frontier League 2025-26 Girls Track Athlete of the Year after winning the 100-meter dash, placing second in the 200-meter dash and participating on the first-place 4x100- and 4x200-meter relay squads alongside fellow seniors Kaurlie Voorhies and Natalie Galdamez and

sophomore Mattie Robledo. "Really cool day for her and all the girls," said Bennett head coach Lance Mangham. "Hope we are able to continue things in a couple weeks at state." Other winning performances were put in by Voorhies in the long jump and sophomore. Adeline Cranwill in the high jump. Voorhies also was second in the triple jump, Robledo third in the 100-meter dash, the 4x200-relay team third, and senior Polish exchange student Jagoda Gutowska was fifth and seventh in the triple and long jumps, respectively. "The bullets we have are pretty good, just not enough of them in the chamber,"

said Mangham, referring to a lack of distance runners and throwers on his 12-girl roster. "On a percentage basis, our team scored better, more efficiently." The 4x100 relay quartet entered the final week of the regular season No. 14 ranked with the top 18 to qualify for the state track meet May 14-16, also at JeffCo Stadium. Voorhies and Cranwill are on the bubble for state qualification in the triple jump and high jump, respectively. On the boys side, Bennett was led by senior Lane Davis, who was second in the 200-meter dash and fourth in the 100 meters, and junior



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Bennett's Kaurlie Voorhies finishes first in the long jump, second in the triple jump, and first as a member of the 4x100- and 4x200-meter relay teams during the Frontier League Championships April 28 at JeffCo Stadium.



CARL STEITZ/For The Scout

Strasburg catcher Gavin Welch tags out Bulldog Jack Earl on an attempted steal of home plate in the annual Corridor rivalry April 28.

Indians escape 8-7 at Byers

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BYERS — The first two games of the annual spring I-70 Corridor baseball round-robin haven't disappointed with both ending 8-7 on the scoreboard and Strasburg finding itself on both sides. Most recently, the red-and-black got the victory at Byers April 28. The hosts scratched the scoring column first on a first-inning RBI walk to Bulldog sophomore Wes Butterfield and an RBI single to left field by senior Cris Papainopol. With the score still 2-0 after two,

Strasburg snagged the lead in the top of the third, thanks to a single by sophomore Gavin Welch and a two-run double by freshman Coltrane Smith. Byers' responded immediately with 3 in the bottom of the same frame — a bases-loaded walk to Byers junior Dane Curry was followed by Papainopol's second two-RBI hit. The back-and-forth game continued in the top of the fourth when back-to-back RBI singles by junior Houston Broskie and Welch tied the game at 5; however, the hosts

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Soccer girls start playoffs Thursday

by Douglas Claussen
Publisher & Editor

BENNETT — The 20th-seeded Bennett girls soccer team will travel to No. 13 Aurora West College Prep Academy in the first round of the 3A soccer playoffs after splitting home games to end the regular season on the soccer pitch. The Lady Tigers (10-4-1 overall) and Spartans (12-2-1) will play Thursday, May 7, likely at Aurora Public Schools Stadium, 1250 Chambers Road. The Lady Tigers whipped Alameda 8-0 April 29 but were defeated 2-0 by Lamar in a non-league contest May 2. Bennett's win over Alameda clinched third place in the Frontier League with an 8-1-1 mark. Englewood also posted an 8-1-1 conference record but won the tiebreaker based on goal differential. After a 0-0 tie with Lake County May 1, Alameda took fourth in the league with a record of 5-3-2.

LAMAR Bennett was missing several players for various reasons against the Lady Thunder, but head coach Ashley Torgerson was satisfied with his team's defensive effort. He noted that Lamar's best player, sophomore Carlota Martinez, who averaged 2 goals per game during the regular season,



ALYSSA STEM/For The Scout

Lady Tiger Luz Lobatos pokes the ball away from an Alameda player April 29. scored just once. "Our defense did what we needed to do," Torgerson said. "Unfortunately, [the Thunder] disrupted our offense." Torgerson said Lamar's players were speedier than they appeared on film. "They're fast, they're physical," the coach said. "They're not overly skilled, but they will outrun you and they will body you, and they will fight for the ball. That's how they win games and they're very good at it." Lamar defenders also double- and

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From left photo, Bennett's Lane Davis finishes fourth ahead of Englewood's Aksel LaMontagne in the 100-meter dash at the Frontier League Championships April 28. Davis also took second place in the 200 meters; Kameron Gow and Liberty Larson run down the straightaway during the unified 100-meter dash; and Adeline Cranwill clears the bar en route to winning the league title in the girls high jump.

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Connor Ranalls, who was third in the 110-meter hurdles and fifth in the 300-meter hurdles. Englewood dominated both team title races — the Lady Pirates' 201.5 points were 90 ahead of second-place Lake County and the boys beat Platte Canyon by 67.

- FRONTIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS**
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS
1. Englewood 201.50
2. Lake County 121
3. Middle Park 116.50
4. Bennett 89
5. Platte Canyon 76
6. Fort Lupton 42
7. Alameda International 12
8. Sheridan 7
9. The Pinnacle 2

- 4x100-meter relay (52.80):** Sr. Kaurlie Voorhies, Robledo, Counce, sr. Natalie Galdamez, 1st
4x200-meter relay (1:52.50): Voorhies, Robledo, Counce, Galdamez, 1st
4x400-meter relay (4:16.42): Sr. Kayden Bevan, so. Adeline Cranwill, Robledo and Galdamez, 4:40.21, 3rd
High Jump (4-8): Cranwill, 4-8, 1st
Long Jump (15-8.5): Voorhies, 15-8.5, 1st; Gutowska, 12-3, 7th; Soriano Wilson, 11-7.5, 12th
Triple Jump (33-1.5): Voorhies, 33-0, 2nd; Gutowska, 30-1, 5th
Discus (91-7): Larson, 22-6, 18th
Shot Put (28-5.25): Soriano Wilson, 18-9.5, 16th

- BOYS TEAM STANDINGS**
1. Englewood 178.50
2. Platte Canyon 121
3. Lake County 112
4. Fort Lupton 86.50
5. Middle Park 86
6. Arvada 38
7. Bennett 29
8. Jefferson 27
9. The Pinnacle 12
10. Alameda International 2

- BENNETT BOYS RESULTS**
100-meter dash (11.11): Sr. Lane Davis, 11.71, 4th; So. Kameron Gow, 17.64, 4th (Unified Boys Race)
200-meter dash (23.47): Davis, 23.61, 2nd; jr. Jacoby Badolato, 25.83, 17th; fr. Caden Vann-Pierson, 26.69, 24th; Gow, 34.60, 3rd (Unified Boys Race)
400-meter dash (53.58): Vann-Pierson, 1:00.33, 15th

- 1,600-meter run (4:39.92):** Jr. Travis Spence, 5:47.08, 13th; jr. Nathan Baker, 6:05.52, 17th; fr. Joseph Harris, 6:21.42, 18th
110-meter hurdles (15.53): Jr. Connor Ranalls, 17.70, 3rd; sr. Sammy Lomri, 20.83, 8th
300-meter hurdles (42.70): Ranalls, 46.20, 5th; Lomri, 51.59, 7th
4x400-meter relay (3:41.61): Vann-Pierson, Lomri, Randalls and Badolato, 3:57.99, 6th
Discus (132-4): Gow, 35-2, 18th
Shot Put (40-4.5): Chance Humiston, 16-5, 20th; Kameron Gow, 13-4, 21st

@ ROOSEVELT MEET
The annual Randall Hess Roughrider Invitational at Roosevelt April 18 hosted 45 schools, including a majority of Colorado 4A and 5A schools with a few Wyoming districts scattered in. Bennett did not get into the team standings for both the boys or girls.

- GIRLS TEAMS STANDINGS**
1. Timnath 68
2. Roosevelt 52
3-4. Fort Collins, Windsor 48
5. Fossil Ridge 44
6. Holy Family 42
7. Poudre 40.50
8. Thompson Valley 38.50
9. Loveland 33
10. Cheyenne Central, Wyo. 28
11. Mountain View 27
12. Conifer 25
13. University 24
14. Palmer Ridge 23

15. Wiggins 20
16. Central Grand Junction 19
17-18. Resurrection Christian, Riverdale Ridge 18
19. Prairie View 14
20. Severance 11
21-22. Heritage Christian Academy, Summit 10
23. Mead 8
24-25. Berthoud, Liberty Common 7
26. Wellington 6
27-28. Erie, Pomona 3
29-30. Longmont, Frontier Academy 2
31. Dayspring Christian Academy 1

- BENNETT GIRLS RESULTS**
100-meter dash (winning time 12.05): Travis, 15.09, 78th; Gutowska, 15.26, 80th; Soriano Wilson, 15.48, 84th
200-meter dash (24.46): Giulia Statkiewicz, 29.01, 57th; Galdamez, 29.19, 63rd; Travis, 29.25, 64th
400-meter dash (56.08): Bevan, 1:08.59, 43rd
4x100-meter relay (46.41): Bennett, 15th
4x200-meter Relay (1:39.52): Bennett, 1:51.77, 14th
High jump (5-06): Cranwill, 4-11, 15th
Triple jump (40-11): Voorhies, 32-2.5, 19th; Gutowska, 30-3.75, 34th

- BOYS TEAM STANDINGS**
1. Fort Collins 72
2. Severance 67
3. Loveland 55
4. Thompson Valley 52
5. Roosevelt 45
6. Timnath 44
7. Palmer Ridge 41
8. Cheyenne Central, Wyo., 36

- 9-10. Windsor, Riverdale Ridge 29
11. Dayspring Christian Academy 23
12. Mead 20.50
13. Resurrection Christian 18
14-15. Berthoud, Pomona High School 15
16-19. Summit, Holy Family, Fossil Ridge, Fort Morgan 13
20. University 12
21. Central Grand Junction 10
22. Frontier Academy 9.50
23. Conifer 9
24. Mountain View 8
25. Erie 7
26-28. Prairie View, Skyline, Longmont 6
29. Wellington 4
30-31. Cheyenne Mountain, Northridge 3
32. Poudre 2
33-35. Skyview, The Academy, Heritage Christian Academy 1

- BENNETT BOYS RESULTS**
100-meter dash (11.06): Davis, 12.13, 55th, Vann-Pierson, 13.46, 124th
200-meter dash (21.94): Davis, 23.45, 23rd
400-meter dash (48.34): Vann-Pierson, 1:01.03, 84th
1,600-meter run (4:12.06): Baker, 5:55.23, 117th; Joseph, 6:17.87, 122nd
3,200-meter run (9:47.67): Baker, 12:37.12, 38th
110-meter hurdles (14.67): Ranalls, 18.67, 35th; Lomri, 20.02, 47th
300-meter hurdles (39.19): Ranalls, 45.75, 28th; Lomri, 48.49, 44th

BENNETT TRACK SCHEDULE
May 9: Teddy's Last Chance Meet, Roosevelt



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From left photo, Tiger Connor Rannals clears an obstacle en route to third place in the 100-meter hurdles at the Frontier League Championships April 28, and Polish exchange student Jagoda Gutowska splashes sand during one of her triple jump landings.

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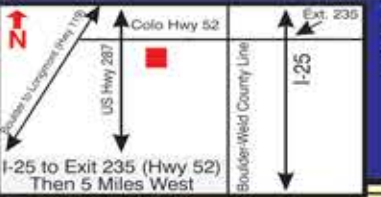


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again tugged a one-run lead back on a ground out RBI by sophomore Wes Butterfield. An unearned Strasburg run in the top of the fifth knotted the score at 6-6.

Strasburg took what would be the final lead of the night in the top of the sixth on another set of back-to-back singles by Broskie and Welch.

Byers appeared prime for its own sixth-inning rally, but with runners on second and third and nobody out, Bulldog senior Jack Earl was caught at home trying to score from third; the batter struck out. After Curry singled to drive in a two-out run, Byers got a single and walk to load the bases, but another strikeout foiled the threat.

After the Indians were retired three-up-three-down in the top of the seventh, Earl singled with two outs in the bottom of the frame and stole second and third to keep the Bulldogs' hopes alive, but Strasburg senior R.J. Weaver got the final strikeout to end the game.

Four Indians combined for all nine Strasburg hits, led by Broskie and Welch with three base knocks and 2 RBIs apiece; senior Cam Manahan added two hits and Coltrane Smith tacked on two runs with his double. Strasburg struck out 10 times while walking once and being hit by three pitches. The Indians' base-running paid dividends, going 7-for-7 on steals; senior R.J. Weaver, who got on by a walk and hit batsman, recorded three steals, while Broskie added two. Defensively, three errors led to three unearned Bulldog runs.

On the mound, the freshman Smith



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From left photo, Byers designated hitter Cris Papainopol streaks out of the box after smacking a base hit past Strasburg third baseman Erik Alamillo during the schools' annual rivalry matchup April 28, and Indian Aiden Bongard seeks out third base coach Dave Glatfelter while rounding second base on a base hit to right field.

got the start, allowing 5 runs, 2 earned, on two hits while walking three and striking out five. Senior Camden Hess threw 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings, allowing 2 earned runs on four hits while walking four and striking out two before Weaver, who got the win, retired four of the five Bulldogs he faced with three strikeouts.

For the hosts, three hitters account-

ed for all seven hits — Papainopol with three (and 3 RBIs) and Earl and Curry with two apiece. In addition to seven walks, the Bulldogs were hit four times, including Earl three times. Earl scored three runs while Butterfield and junior Kaden Bennett crossed home plate twice. Of the Bulldogs eight steals, Earl had seven but was also caught the one time at home plate. Byers committed one error. A dozen Bulldogs were stranded on the base paths.

Bennett, the Bulldog starter on the mound, allowed 8 runs, 7 earned, on nine hits, while walking one and striking out eight. Butterfield threw the seventh and struck out two of the three batters he faced.

Byers dropped to 8-11 on the season but, as of May 2, was still safely inside the top 32 for the 2A postseason at No. 23. Following a game at home against

Front Range Christian on Monday and at Crowley County (Ordway) on Tuesday, the green-and-white complete the regular season on Thursday, May 7, at Fort Lupton and with the final originally scheduled Corridor rivalry game at Bennett May 11.

The win pulled the Indians within a game of .500 at 8-9 overall, but the red-and-black fell the following two games in Patriot League play — 7-5 at Brush April 29 and 19-4 at home against 3A second-ranked Eaton — to drop to 0-8 in the conference.

STRASBURG @ BRUSH

Against the Beetdiggers, Strasburg drew first blood with a ground out RBI by Manahan in the top of the second, but the hosts responded with 4 in the bottom of the frame and tacked on 3 in the fourth. In the top of the sixth, Strasburg made some noise with RBI singles by senior Gabe Smith and Manahan and a two-run triple by Weaver to close the gap to the final score.

The Indians' eight hits included Gabe Smith with a pair of singles and Weaver with a double and a triple. Weaver and Manahan both drove in two. One Strasburg hitter was hit by a pitch, while 11 Indians struck out. Defensively, the Indians had one error.

Welch got the mound start and allowed 7 runs, 5 earned, on eight hits while walking two and striking out one. Gabe Smith threw scoreless fifth and sixth innings, allowing a hit while striking out two.

Specifics from the Eaton game were unavailable at press time. For complete coverage, see the May 8 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

As of May 2, the Indians were on the bubble for playoff determination, ranked No. 30 in the Colorado High School Activities Association's Selection & Seeding Index for the postseason.

After ending league play at Sterling May 5 and at home against top-ranked University May 7, the red-and-white will face Bennett a second time after their game with Arvada was canceled. Bennett defeated Strasburg 8-7 April 25. For coverage of game one between the rivals, see the May 1 edition of the *Eastern Colorado News*.

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Indian boys, girls in top three at Denver West, Highland

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

One of the strongest track seasons in recent memory for Byers and Strasburg combined continued during a pair of meets April 25 and 28.

During Saturday's Cowboy Invitational at All City Stadium, the Strasburg boys took second outright as a team while the Lady Indians tied for second. Both Byers squads finished eighth of the 25-plus schools in attendance.

Tuesday afternoon's Highland Twilight Invitational at Ault saw Byers second and Strasburg third in the girls team standings while the Indian boys were second and the green-and-white fifth.

COWBOY INVITATIONAL

During Saturday's metro meet, Strasburg relied on other team strengths besides their individual sprinters.

The Lady Indians saw junior Addi Kent race to the gold medal in the 110-meter hurdles while freshman McKenna Garcia leapt her way to the triple jump title. They also had four second-place finishes and three thirds, including sophomore Calleygh Hougland with second in the 300-meter hurdles and third in the high jump and senior Taryn LaForce second in

the shot put and third in the discus.

For the Indian boys, juniors Ayden Dodge and Mason Dickens were first in the high jump and shot put, respectively, while the 4x200 relay team also won. Dickens was also second in the discus and the 4x800 and 4x100 relays were second and third, respectively. In total, the Strasburg boys had a dozen top-five finishes.

For the shortened Byers rosters, the Lady Bulldogs had seven podium finishes while the green-and-white boys had five.

Senior Quincy Bowling won the girls 3,200-meter run, followed by junior Reese West in second. The girls 4x200 and 4x100 relays finished second and third, respectively.

On the boys side, senior Quincy Eacret finished second in the 400 and fourth in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

- 1. Vista Peak 139
- 2-3. Strasburg, Wiggins 83
- 4. Evergreen 55
- 5. Denver North 54
- 6. Denver Christian 44
- 7. Soroco 43-5
- 8. Byers 43
- 9. Denver South 33
- 10. West Grand 31-5
- 11-12. Natrona County, Mountain Vista 25
- 13. Skyview 15
- 14. Skyline 12
- 15-16. Hinkley, Montbello 10
- 17. Kent Denver 8

- 18. Thomas Jefferson 7
- 19. Prospect Ridge Academy 3
- 20. Alameda 2
- 21. KIPP Northeast (Regis Groff) 1

STRASBURG GIRLS RESULTS

- 100-meter dash (winning time 12.47):** Fr. McKenna Garcia, 13.86, 14th; so. Abbygail Ryan, 14.12, 22nd.
- 200-meter dash (24.86):** Jr. Wynne Winter, 28.71, 19th; Ryan, 28.82, 20th; Garcia, 29.28, 26th.
- 400-meter dash (58.37):** Maura Kramer, 1:07.64, 14th.
- 800-meter run (2:24.15):** Kramer, 2:49.14, 13th.
- 1,600-meter run (5:39.05):** Kramer, 6:00.94, 7th; sr. Megan Lay, 6:40.44, 17th; sr. Mya Hounshell, 7:24.67, 21st.
- 3,200-meter run (11:50.60):** Lay, 14:36.08, 10th.
- 100-meter hurdles (16.99):** Jr. Addi Kent, 1st; jr. Hailley Hawkins, 20.44, 10th.
- 300-meter hurdles (47.42):** So. Calleygh Hougland, 50.04, 2nd; Kent, 52.40, 5th; Hawkins, 54.36, 9th.
- 4x100-meter relay (51.48):** Strasburg, 52.25, 2nd
- 4x200-meter relay (1:50.33):** Strasburg, 1:54.24, 6th.
- 800-meter sprint medley relay (2:04.31):** Strasburg, 2:20.93, 6th
- 4x400 Meter Relay (4:16.60):** Strasburg, 4:24.79, 3rd
- High jump (5-5):** Hougland, 4-11, 3rd
- Long jump (16-3.5):** Fr. Emelie Cardenas, 16-1, 2nd
- Triple jump (34-4.25):** Garcia, 34-4.25, 1st
- Discus (121-0):** Sr. Taryn LaForce, 109-0, 3rd; sr. Elizabeth Zobell, 85-3, 11th; jr. Jazmin Nonie, 75-0, 15th
- Shot put (41-4):** LaForce, 36-2, 2nd; Zobell, 29-9, 8th; Nonie, 22-5.5, 21st

BYERS GIRLS RESULTS

- 100-meter dash (12.38):** So. Grace Shelley, 14.52, 30th; So. Karley Linnebur, 14.58, 33rd
- 200-meter dash (24.86):** So. Sydney Smith, 27.26, 6th; So. Bella Hagan, 27.40, 12th; Fr. Andie Pelton, 28.47, 16th
- 400-meter dash (58.37):** Sr. Danica Lancaster, 1:07.83, 15th; sr. Michaela Casey, 1:11.90, 20th
- 800-meter run (2:24.15):** So. Caroline Casey, 2:48.55, 11th; Lancaster, 2:57.00, 17th

- 1,600-meter run (5:39.05):** C. Casey, 6:20.25, 12th
- 3,200-meter run (11:50.60):** Sr. Quincy Bowling, 11:50.60, 1st; jr. Reese West, 12:17.85, 2nd
- 4x100-meter relay (51.48):** Byers, 52.62, 3rd
- 4x200-meter relay (1:50.33):** 1:51.22, Byers, 2nd
- High Jump (5-5):** Shelley, 4-4, 11th
- Long Jump (16-3.5):** Linnebur, 14-10, 6th
- Triple Jump (34-4.25):** Shelley, 30-2.25, 4th

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

- 1. Vista Peak 110
- 2. Strasburg 87
- 3. Evergreen 68
- 4. Skyline 56
- 5. Montbello 51
- 6. Denver West 45
- 7. West Grand 38
- 8. Byers 29
- 9. Thomas Jefferson 28
- 10. Denver North 22
- 11-12. Denver South, Wiggins 21
- 13. Gateway 20
- 14-15. Soroco, KIPP Northeast (Regis Groff) 18
- 16. Mountain Vista 15
- 17. Skyview 13
- 18-19. Denver Academy, Denver Christian 9
- 20. Hinkley 7
- 21. George Washington 6
- 22. Gilpin County 4
- 23. Prospect Ridge Academy 3
- 24. Abraham Lincoln 1

STRASBURG BOYS RESULTS

- 100-meter dash (winning time 10.87):** Sr. Cade Hemphill, 11.52, 10th; jr. Emery Waggoner, 11.87, 20th; so. Levi Hart, 12.22, 34th
- 200-meter dash (21.48):** Hemphill, 22.82, 5th; Waggoner, 23.91, 14th; jr. Samuel Gasca, 24.12, 17th
- 400-meter dash (50.62):** Jr. Colton Holloway, 53.35, 8th; sr. Jeremiah Redd, 54.13, 11th; Gasca, 55.96, 20th
- 1,600-meter run (4:36.99):** Jr. Noah Dobransky, 4:52.78, 7th; sr. Israel James, 5:17.58, 18th;

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DT boys, girls top 5 at Akron

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

AKRON — The Deer Trail boys and girls both placed in the top five team standings at the Tom Meyer Invitational at Akron April 25.

For the Lady Eagles, who finished fourth with 45 points, senior sprinter Megan Donovan finished second in the 200-meter dash and third in the 100-meter dash. Donovan also teamed up with sophomores Fatuma Hussein and KyAnn Kitzman and freshman Riley Williams for third in the 4x200-meter relay. Freshman distance runner Khloe Malson-Howard ran to second in the 3,200 meters and fifth in the 1,600 meters.

The Eagle boys finished fifth with 34 points. Senior Nevin Musser topped the individual placers with third in the 100-meter dash and fifth in the 200-meter dash. He also ran with a combination of senior Jayden Mingee, juniors Chauncy Gudenkauf and

Hunter Meredith and sophomore Tytiz Tabor to place second in the 4x200-meter relay and third in the 4x100. The quartet of Gudenkauf, freshman Emmanuel Faulkinson, Tabor and Mingee was second in the 4x400 relay.

TOM MEYER INVITATIONAL

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

- 1. Limon 83
- 2. Cheraw 68
- 3. Merino 62
- 4. Deer Trail 45
- 5. Akron 41
- 6. Caliche19
- 7. Weldon Valley 10
- 8. Fleming 6

DEER TRAIL GIRLS RESULTS

- 100-meter dash (winning time 12.94):** Sr. Megan Donovan, 13.41, 3rd; fr. Riley Williams, 14.17, 6th; so. Fatuma Hussein, 14.77, 10th; so. Kyann Kitzman, 15.49, 15th
- 200-meter dash (26.77):** Donovan, 28.07, 2nd; Williams, 30.32, 4th; jr. Gracie McGough, 32.19, 5th
- 400-meter dash (59.94):** So. Madison Nielsen, 1:10.61, 8th

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PUBLIC NOTICE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS

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To review a student's records, the parent(s) of students under 18 or the eligible student should contact the records custodian. The records will be shown to you as soon as possible and in no case more than three days after the request. If you desire a copy of the educational record, a charge of 10 cents per copy may be charged, unless this fee prohibits your access. The records will be explained to you at your request.

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Bennett 9 bedevils Jefferson, stunned by Thunder on road

by **Steven Vetter**
Managing Editor

The Bennett Tigers continue to feast on Frontier League foes while struggling outside the conference. The orange-and-black took care of conference foe Jefferson 16-1 in Edgewater April 28 before falling 5-3 in an odd contest at Lamar April 30. The split moved the Tigers to 8-10 overall, 6-1 in league play. Bennett also lost to fellow Tigers from Sterling 20-4 May 2, but specifics of that contest were unavailable at press time. Bennett's hopes for postseason play are dwindling; in the May 2 state rankings, Bennett had dropped to No. 34, a couple spots outside the 32-team state bracket. The 3A regional playoffs are May 15-16.

@ JEFFERSON

In a game that was moved from Bennett at the last minute because of a waterline leak that flooded Joe Stemo Ballfield, the Tigers recorded 6 runs each in the second and third innings to take control. The orange-and-black tacked on another 4 in the fourth. The Saints scored their lone run in the fourth. The game concluded after four innings via the mercy rule.

In addition to 10 hits, Bennett walked eight times, was hit by pitches twice and assisted by five Saint errors. A trio of Tigers recorded two-hit games — senior Cougar Cronk and junior Avant Dickens, who had three RBIs apiece and scored three each, and junior Owen Hawes with 2 RBIs. The troops of Bennett head coach Joe Ortiz got their running game in gear, stealing nine bases. On the mound, sophomore Cooper Klausner got the complete-game no-hitter, allowing 1 run while walking four and striking out six. The Tiger defense committed two errors.

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Bennett's trip home from the southeastern corner of the state to end last month should have been more pleasant than it turned out being as sporadic pitching and defense during one inning was the Tigers' deathknell. An RBI single by junior Evan Garner and a successful steal of home by Dickens put the visitors up 2-0 in the top of the first. In the bottom of the second, the first six Thunder batters reached base — four walks, one hit batter and one via a Tigers error — and three scored; the hosts' only hit of the game also occurred in the sec-

ond to give Lamar the 4-2 lead. Back-to-back singles by freshman Trapper Cronk and senior Cougar Cronk pulled the Tigers within 4-3 in the third, but Bennett unable to cross home plate again. Lamar's final tally was in the bottom of the sixth — a Bennett error, sacrifice bunt, walk and sacrifice fly ball. The Tigers had two runners on base in the fourth and seventh innings but could capitalize. Bennett had seven hits to Lamar's one, but only walked twice to the Thunder's 10 free passes. Each team recorded two errors. After throwing a three-up-three-down first inning, junior hurler Brayden Werner was unable to get an out in the second. His final stat line from the mound was 4 runs, 3 earned, on no hits while walking four and hitting one. Dickens threw the final five innings, allowing 1 unearned run on one hit while walking four and striking out nine. "We play clean ball defensively and throw strikes early, that's a game we should win," Ortiz synopsized. "Still a lot of fairly inexperienced guys learning what it takes to win."

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Wrestling coach honored

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Matt Croft, back row center with trophy, president and head coach of the Strasburg Wrestling Club, was named Coach of the Year for the Western Suburban Wrestling League in January. Croft is also head coach of the Strasburg High School girls wrestling team.



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MAY 9, 2006

Deer Trail Schools Superintendent Jerre Doss has left the district after the RV he was living in was vandalized May 1 following the school board's decision to not renew the contract of English teacher and counselor Cindy Foster.

The RV, which was parked on school property near the bus barn, was the temporary residence of Doss and his wife during the one-year interim term he was serving.

A rock large enough to inflict serious bodily injury shattered the RV's window, scaring Doss and his wife.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's office received a call of a disturbance at the Deer Trail School at approximately 9:45 p.m. and an investigation of the vandalized RV ensued.

Doss and his wife left the morning of May 3. Mary Lynch, the current principal and next superintendent, will serve in the interim until her official contract takes effect June 1.

"He felt for the district it would calm things down if he left," Lynch said. "He really felt [the rock] was aimed at him."

A small group of concerned parents met at the Deer Trail Fire Station May 3 to voice concerns regarding Foster's dismissal and Doss' departure. School board president Jody Boydston-Johnson was present after missing the April meeting at which the decision to not renew Foster was made.

Some audience members said they wanted the entire school board recalled.

15 YEARS AGO
MAY 10, 2011

STRASBURG — Major reductions in the 2011-12 budget for Strasburg Schools were outlined at a special board meeting May 4, but the general consensus by those in attendance was that, all things considered, the best was made from a bad situation.

Superintendent Ed VanderTook said calculations indicate a loss in district revenue in 2011-12 of \$305,666, including a reduction in state

funding, no further American Recovery & Reinvestment Act funding, and expected increases in utilities and fuel.

VanderTook recommended staff reductions totaling approximately 5.5 FTE (full-time equivalent), which would, in large part, be achieved through attrition or transfer. Other recommendations included not replacing and eliminating the elementary assistant principal, middle school dean and high school dean positions; reducing two high school teaching positions from full-time to part-time; and reducing the middle school teaching staff by one full-time equivalent.

The Reading Recovery Program would be suspended for 2011-12 and the number of second grade sections reduced because of enrollment numbers.

10 YEARS AGO
MAY 10, 2016

DEER TRAIL — Conversation to reinstate municipal court in Deer Trail has commenced following residents' complaints concerning upkeep and non-compliant businesses on properties throughout town.

During the May 3 board of trustees meeting, neighbors said they were tired of another resident's "rotating garbage ground" and rickety, deteriorating shed, which results in debris blowing into neighbors' yards.

"Why can't we do something about this eyesore?" One neighbor asked. "It's basically in my backyard and I can't do anything about it?"

"Unfortunately, we don't have the process in place to enforce any code of municipal regulations that are being violated," Mayor Kent Vashus replied. "That's why you need a court."

Vashus added that he would contact town of Bennett officials about their municipal court setup and investigate other options.

According to former board members in the audience, court in Deer Trail has been in place previously but residents' dislike or lack of utilization resulted in its dissolution.

The option of unincorporating the town and becoming solely under the jurisdiction of Arapahoe County was quickly booed and dismissed by residents.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, May 6, the 126th day of 2026. There are 239 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On May 6, 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg caught fire and crashed while attempting to dock at Lakehurst, N.J.; 35 of the 97 people on board and one crew member on the

ground were killed.

ALSO ON THIS DATE

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which barred Chinese laborers from immigrating to the U.S. for 10 years. (The act would remain in effect until 1943.)

In 1889, the Eiffel Tower opened to the public as part of the Paris

World's Fair.

In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was established under an executive order signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile at a track meet in Oxford, England, finishing in 3:59.4.

In 1994, the Channel Tunnel connecting England and France

beneath the English Channel was officially opened in a ceremony attended by Queen Elizabeth II and French President François Mitterrand.

In 2004, President George W. Bush apologized for the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by American soldiers at Abu Ghraib prison, but rejected calls for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's resignation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Rock musician Bob Seger is 81. TV host Tom Bergeron is 71. Actor Roma Downey is 66. Actor-director George Clooney is 65. Actor Adrianne Palicki is 43. NBA point guard Chris Paul is 41. Actor-comedian Sasheer Zamata is 40. Actor-singer Naomi Scott is 33. Soccer player Cole Palmer is 24. Actor Aryan Simhadri is 20.

—Associated Press

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THEME: GRADUATION

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1. "___ Louise"

5. Unsolicited email

9. Parentheses, e.g.

13. Not mainstream, as in art

15. Heap

16. Chesterfield, e.g.

17. Not sharp

18. Katy Perry's hit

19. Grammy of sports

20. *Bachelor of Arts, e.g.

23. Autumn mo.

24. Opposite of outs

25. Muslim ruler, respectfully

28. Retirement safety net (2 words)

31. Completely isolate (2 words)

33. "That feels good!" exclamation

34. Programmer's bane

35. Mozart's "L'___ del Cairo"

36. *Same as #11 Down

40. #me___

42. Paleozoic or Victorian, e.g.

43. Yoda: "Do or do not. There is no ___"

44. River port in Belgium

47. Not figurative

51. Wavelike patterned silk

52. "For ___ a jolly..."

53. Bass product

54. *Student speaker at graduation, usually

59. Regrettably, exclamation

61. Immanuel ___, German philosopher

62. Fortune teller's props

63. Welcome ___, pl.

64. "Cogito ___ sum"

65. Subdivision of an act

66. Olden day "you"

67. Whitetail, e.g.

68. Late actor Kristofferson

DOWN

1. Type of ape

2. Twist together

3. Not products, in chemistry

4. Dietary mineral

5. Spring, ___, sprung

6. Devoutly religious

7. Winglike

8. F te des M res honoree

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21. Fire starter

22. Santa ___ winds

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Pluto Retrograde

A key can open a kingdom, a seed can grow the mighty oak, a glance can start a love affair in motion. On this first day of Pluto's retrograde, we're reminded of the power concentrated in certain small things. It could be that an entire experience is colored by what seems minor. This retrograde draws attention to where the power has been hiding.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is the kind of day that could be written into a field report. You really are a fascinating subject, whose decisions, instincts and odd preferences could be studied. Someone loves your signature moves and lets you know.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When people say what they'll do, you believe them. But if they don't deliver, you don't continue to listen to what they say, because words are essentially meaningless. It's what they add up to that matters.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's good to be needed. In the thrust of the day's activities, you get the sense that you're fulfilling your purpose. But the part of each day in which no one expects anything of you? If that's your favorite part, count yourself "normal."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It seems the usual surroundings have run dry. So, you stop looking out there for excitement. Deliberately imagine what could be fun, intriguing and worth pursuing next. Your mind offers ideas like movie trailers for your future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In a good group, victories are more fun and setbacks are easier to handle. In the wrong group, it can feel like the opposite. Credit is diluted, blame is spread unevenly, losses feel heavier too. The group should make your life easier.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes saying yes to life means saying yes less often. This is one of those times. Progress comes when you focus on one thing, do it well and keep at it to completion. The accomplishment will give you continuing confidence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It can feel like you're living in two different worlds de-

pending on your state. When emotions run hot, don't make any big decisions. Because those decisions won't match your wants and needs on a typical day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Is there something daunting about the future? You've felt this way before. You can handle what's next. Just look at what you've already done. That proof builds confidence. Keep noticing even small wins because it helps you stay motivated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll get clarity debating an idea with someone you respect. In defending your position, you'll listen closely for opportunities to refine your thinking. The experience sharpens your mind and builds confidence in your ability to hold your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've cultivated a distinctive taste for something trivial — tea, pens, socks, playlists — the subject matters less than the act of refining your preferences. Discernment builds identity. People with taste feel more like themselves and it radiates as confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Ultimately, a deal will come together because it feels right. A meeting of the minds matters more than some of the other details. Terms can be hashed out by people on the same wavelength.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Self-care isn't always about doing things; it's also about not doing things, or doing things at a comfortable pace. Rest is essential. Sleep long hours when you feel you need it. It's part of what keeps you quick and strong when it matters.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 6). Life is rich with new experiences in your Year of Lucky Beginnings. It will be fun to find out that you're good at certain things from the get-go. Three times you'll strike gold on the first try. More highlights: You'll head projects and lead the group to successes they didn't know were possible. You'll come up with theories that move a study forward. Spontaneous magic will hit your romantic sector. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 27, 39, 12, 24 and 18.

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Lady Tiger Emma Faczak pushes the ball down the Paul Read Field pitch during Bennett's 8-0 home shutout of Alameda April 29.

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triple-teamed sophomores Nathalie Gonzales and Meagan Green, the Lady Tigers' best scorer on the field, throughout the match.

"And then you have no outlet and then the ball gets stolen, and then it goes back down the field," Torgerson said. "We had some good shots and a couple of good chances. We just didn't land them."

Green had all five of Bennett's shots on goal.

Penalties do not count as "goals against," so sophomore goalkeeper Whitney Torgerson yielded just one score on the stat sheet to go with 11 saves.

Both Thunder goals occurred in the second half. Martinez scored the first with the second occurring on a penalty kick.

"Even though it was a loss, I thought that the team played very well and, to me and the rest of the coaches, proved to us that we belong in the playoffs," Torgerson concluded.



Bennett's Mya Robledo battles for possession against Alameda.

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Junior Reese West paced Bennett with four goals and two assists followed by Green with three scores and one assist; senior Alexia De La Torre with one goal; sophomore Emma Faczak and freshman Kynzie Kirby with two assists apiece; and senior Grace Foose with one dime.

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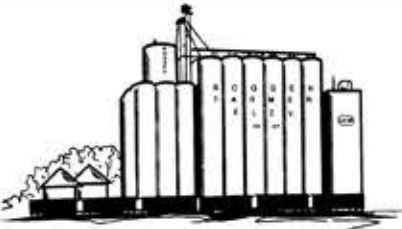


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110-meter hurdles (14.35): Sr. Will Hauser, 15.87, 5th; Jorge Parra, 17.54, 9th
300-meter hurdles (41.65): Hauser, 42.16, 2nd; Jaime Sacristan, 49.79, 17th
4x100-meter relay (43.04): Strasburg, 43.83, 3rd
4x200-meter relay (1:31.64): Strasburg, 1:31.64, 1st
4x800-meter relay (8:40.89): Strasburg, 8:43.63, 2nd
High Jump (6-2): Sr. Ayden Dodge, 6-2, 1st; jr. Jayden Miller, 5-10, 3rd; sr. Brody Hopwood, 5-8, 9th
Long Jump (19-11.25): Sr. Jorge Parra, 19-7, 3rd; Hopwood, 18-8, 5th; Holloway, 17-4.5, 11th
Triple Jump (46-0.5): Sr. Gideon Milner, 35-8.25, 10th; Parra, 35-4, 12th; Hart, 24-5.75, 23rd
Discus (144-4): Sr. Mason Dickens, 135-8, 2nd; Parra, 96-3, 24th, sr. Kevin Murga, 87-8, 33rd
Shot Put (49-6): Dickens, 49-6, 1st; sr. Jearemie Nonic, 35-5.5, 21st; Milner, 29-9, 36th

BYERS BOYS RESULTS
100-meter dash (winning time 10.87): Sr. Quincy Eacret, 11.18, 4th; jr. Caleb Eastwood, 12.17, 32nd; Sr. Samuel Shelley, 12.36, 43rd
200-meter dash (21.48): Eacret, 22.36, 4th; jr. Samuel Linnebur, 24.70, 27th; sr. Ben Gerhardt, 25.48, 39th
400-meter dash (50.62): Eacret, 50.93, 2nd; jr. Ben McPherson, 51.76, 4th, 54.96, Gerhardt, 15th
110-meter hurdles (14.35): Eastwood, 16.89, 6th (In-Prelims)
High Jump (6-2): Eastwood, 5-8, 7th
Triple Jump (46-0.5): Shelley, 38-4, 5th

HIGHLAND TWILIGHT INVITATIONAL
At Highland, the Lady Bulldogs edged closer to full strength, particularly with the middle- and long distance duo of Bowling and West on the track for multiple events.
Bowling won the 800 meters while West was first in the 1,600 meters and the 4x800 meter relay also took top honors. Sophomore Sydney Smith was also busy with her legs, winning both the 200- and 400-meter dashes and placing fourth in the 100 meters.
The Strasburg girls finished with 10 top-three finishes, including first-place victories by Kent in the 100-meter dash, Zimmerman in the high jump, Garcia in the long jump and 4x200-meter relay. Runner-up finishes were posted by Hougland in both the 400 meters and 100-meter hurdles, Cardenas in the triple jump, Kent in the long jump and the 4x100 relay team.
On the boys side, almost half Strasburg's 123 points came on six event victories, including senior Cade Hemphill in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes. Other first-place performances were from senior Will Hauser in both hurdle races and Dodge in the high jump. Dodge also finished second in the long jump and 200-meter dash to account for another 16 team points.
The Bulldog boys were without

their two top sprinters running individually, but the 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams both walked away with first place. Senior Samuel Shelley was second in the triple jump and juniors Samuel Linnebur and Caleb Eastwood were second in the 400 meters and 110-meter hurdles, respectively.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS
1. Wiggins 215
2. Byers 123.83
3. Strasburg 110
4. University 68.5
5. Heritage Christian 41
6. Highland 39.33
7. Weldon Valley 29
8. Deer Trail 24
9. Gilpin County 1.33

STRASBURG GIRLS RESULTS
100-meter dash (winning time 13.06): Kent, 13.06, 1st; Ryan, 14.29, 8th
200-meter dash (27.76): Ryan, 29.72, 5th; sr. Noemi Vendramin, 32.27, 12th
400-meter dash (1:03.77): Hougland, 1:05.25, 2nd; Hawkins, 1:11.47, 10th
100-meter hurdles (17.62): Hougland, 18.14, 2nd; Hawkins, 20.30, 5th
4x100-meter relay (53.67): Strasburg, 1:03.75, 7th
4x200-meter relay (1:50.70): Strasburg, 1:50.70, 1st
800-meter sprint medley relay (2:04.87): Strasburg, 2:58.79, 6th
High Jump (4-11): So. Laci Zimmerman, 4-11, 1st
Long Jump (18-3): Garcia, 18-3, 1st; Kent, 15-10.25, 2nd; Winter, 14-4.5, 4th
Triple Jump (33-1.5): Cardenas, 33-0.5, 2nd
Discus (129-1): Zobell, 78-10, 6th; Nonic, 74-1, 8th; fr. Morgan Sharff, 69-10, 13th; fr. Kylee Andrews, 59-4, 19th
Javelin (82.9): Sharff, 61-5, 4th; LaForce, 60-4, 6th; Zobell, 58-7, 7th; Andrews, 50-5, 12th; Nonic, 35-2, 21st
Shot Put (43-0.5): LaForce, 39-4, 2nd; Zobell, 27-8, 9th; Nonic, 26-4, 10th; Sharff, 23-0.5, 18th; Andrews, 22-6.25, 22nd

BYERS GIRLS RESULTS
100-meter dash (winning time 13.06): Smith, 13.58, 4th; Pelton, 14.47, 10th
200-meter dash (27.76): Smith, 27.76, 1st; Pelton, 29.99, 6th; Lancaster, 31.32, 11th
400-meter dash (1:03.77): Smith, 1:03.77, 1st; Pelton, 1:06.86, 4th; fr. Lily Green, 1:08.17, 7th; Lancaster, 1:08.90, 8th; so. Olivia Eastwood, 1:12.98, 12th
800-meter run (2:35.39): Bowling, 2:35.39, 1st; C. Casey, 2:51.97, 4th
1600-meter run (5:37.08): West, 5:37.08, 1st; C. Casey, 7:00.16, 6th
100-meter hurdles (17.62): So. Kiera Hilbert, 22.20, 9th; fr. Meagan Seibold, 23.55, 11th; So. Shelby Fricke, 23.77, 12th
300-meter hurdles (51.63): Seibold, 59.45, 3rd; Hilbert, 1:05.78, 6th; Fricke, 1:09.53, 7th
4x100-meter relay (53.67): Byers, 1:04.60, 8th
4x200-meter relay (1:56.61): Byers, 2:06.38, 6th
800-meter sprint medley relay (2:04.87): Byers, 2:10.96, 2nd
4x800-meter relay (10:37.64): Byers, 10:37.64, 1st
High Jump (4-11): helley, 4-7, 3rd; fr. Zoie Murphy, 4-3, 8th
Long Jump (18-3): Linnebur, 15-1.25, 3rd; jr. Tina Cichos, 14-1.5, 5th; so. Grace Thomas, 11-6, 12th
Triple Jump (33-1.5): Shelley, 30-8.5, 5th; Green, 27-2.5, 9th; Murphy, 26-11.5, 10th
Discus (129-1): Hilbert, 64-4, 16th; so. Kaci Harris, 57-4, 21st

TF DEER TRAIL

1600-meter run (6:18.32): Fr. Khloe Malson-Howard, 7:48.25, 5th
3,200-meter run (16:26.57): Malson-Howard, 18:39.56, 2nd
4x200-meter relay (1:52.89): Hussein, Kitzman, Williams and Donovan, 2:00.40, 3rd

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS
1. Limon 100
2. Akron 58
3. Merino 47
4. Cheraw 40
5. Deer Trail 34
6. Briggsdale 23
7. Weldon Valley 22
8. Fleming 1

DEER TRAIL BOYS
100-meter dash (winning time 11.80): Sr. Nevin Musser, 12.14, 3rd; sr. Ben Brotherton, 12.98, 10th; jr. Hunter Meredith, 13.28, 13th; sr. Ayden Martinez, 13.65, 16th; sr. Jackson Burdick, 14.88, 21st
200-meter dash (23.47): Musser, 24.71, 5th; so. Tytiz Tabor, 25.17, 8th; fr. Emmanuel Faulkinson, 27.09, 14th; Meredith, 27.44, 15th; fr. Greyson McGough, 28.88, 18th
400-meter dash (53.08): Jr. Chauncey Gudenkauf, 1:00.76, 8th; Brotherton, 1:01.29, 10th; Faulkinson, 1:02.20, 12th, jr. Dmitri Gonzalez, 1:12.47, 18th; Ransom Williams, 1:22.31, 19th
800-meter run (2:01.88): Gonzalez, 3:10.39, 10th

1600-meter run (5:02.71): McGough, 6:51.53, 14th; Williams, 7:37.34, 16th
4x100-meter relay (46.85): Musser, Gudenkauf, sr. Jayden Mingee and Tabor, 50.66, 3rd
4x200-meter relay (1:36.79): Musser, Meredith, Gudenkauf and Tabor, 1:43.61, 2nd
4x400-meter relay (3:52.90): Gudenkauf, Faulkinson, Tabor and Mingee, 4:03.49, 2nd

HIGHLAND TWILIGHT INVITATIONAL
AULT — At the Highland Twilight Meet April 28, the Lady Eagles recorded a handful of podium finishes, led by Donovan with second place in the 200-meter dash. The Lady Eagles finished eighth as a team.
For the boys, who finished 11th, Faulkinson was seventh in the triple jump and, in the discus, senior Alfonso Quezada and junior Sebastian Anguiano were sixth and eighth, respectively.
Efforts to achieve state-qualifying times or distances were mostly futile because of wind. To qualify, a time or distance must occur when the wind is

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Javelin (82-9): Lily Green, 71-0, 2nd; Hilbert, 67-3, 3rd; Harris, 36-7, 20th
Shot Put (43-0.5): Hilbert, 28-0, 7th; Green, 25-8.5, 13th; Harris, 24-11, 14th

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS
1. Wiggins 145
2. Strasburg 123
3. University 75
4. Highland 74
5. Byers 71
6. Gilpin County 57
7. Heritage Christian 55
8. Dayspring Christian 30
9. Weldon Valley 12
10. Prospect Ridge 10
11. Deer Trail. 6

STRASBURG BOYS RESULTS
100-meter dash (winning time): Hemphill, 11.70, 1st; Hart, 12.05, 4th; jr. Xavier Pearson, 12.17, 7th; Gasca, 12.26, 9th; Holloway, 12.64, 18th
200-meter dash (23.69): Hemphill, 23.69, 1st; Dodge, 23.74, 2nd; Miller, 24.28, 4th; Holloway, 25.29, 7th; jr. Jaxon Penland, 28.55, 24th
400-meter dash (53.34): Hemphill, 53.34, 1st; Milner, 1:01.19, 8th; so. Tyler Wilkerson, 1:03.23, 11th
110-meter hurdles (16.64): Hauser, 16.64, 1st; Parra, 19.52, 10th
300-meter hurdles (42.54): Hauser, 42.54, 1st; Parra, 45.76, 4th
4x100-meter relay (44.80): Strasburg, 45.92, 5th
4x200-meter relay (1:32.63): Strasburg, 1:43.70, 6th
High Jump (5-11): Dodge, 5-11, 1st
Long Jump (21-1.5): Dodge, 19-11.5, 2nd; Miller, 19-5.25, 4th; Parra, 18-5.5, 8th; Hart, 16-1.5, 20th; Penland, 12-7, 27th
Triple Jump (40-6): Milner, 33-9.5, 8th
Discus (131-0): Murga, 100-1, 7th; Nonic, 65-8, 16th
Javelin (117-0): Parra, 99-9, 4th; Milner, 99-3, 5th; Wilkerson, 51-1, 16th
Shot put (47-5.5): Fr. Nickolas Gutierrez, 38-3.5, 7th; Murga, 29-8, 17th

BYERS BOYS RESULTS
100-meter dash (winning time 11.70): Jr. Gus Malcolm, 12.17, 8th; jr. James Maes, 12.31, 11th; Linnebur, 12.47, 14th; fr. Gerry Gaetani, 14.92, 33rd; jr. Liam Hilbert, 15.21, 34th
200-meter dash (23.69): Malcolm, 25.05, 6th; Maes, 25.31, 8th; Eastwood, 25.33, 9th; Linnebur, 26.03, 15th
400-meter dash (53.34): Linnebur, 54.37, 2nd; jr. Devin Mohatt, 56.98, 3rd; Shelley, 58.05, 4th; Gerhardt, 1:07.10, 17th; Gaetani, 1:08.30, 18th
800-meter run (2:14.42): Sr. Torin Wardall, 2:44.57, 10th; so. Matthew Wardall, 2:45.13, 11th; jr. Jon Brnak, 2:46.58, 12th
1600-meter run (5:10.38): T. Wardall, 5:58.57, 9th; M. Wardall, 6:07.21, 10th
110-meter hurdles (16.64): Eastwood, 17.02, 2nd; so. Hayden Riemenschneider, 22.19, 13th
300-meter hurdles (42.54): Riemenschneider, 51.78, 8th
4x100-meter relay (44.80): Byers, 44.80, 1st
4x200-meter relay (1:32.63): Byers, 1:32.63, 1st
High Jump (5-11): Eastwood, 5-9, 3rd
Long Jump (21-1.5): Shelley, 15-3.25, 22nd; Gaetani, 10-10, 30th
Triple Jump (40-6): Shelley, 39-7, 2nd; Riemenschneider, 35-7.5, 5th; Wardall, 28-11, 14th
Discus (131-0): Mohatt, 71-3, 14th; Hilbert, 69-6, 15th
Javelin (117-0): Mohatt, 88-10, 9th; Hilbert, 71-4, 12th; Gaetani, 37-3, 19th
Shot Put (47-5.5): Hilbert, 34-10, 11th

2026 BYERS TRACK SCHEDULE
May 8: Union Pacific League Meet @ Limon
May 9: Roosevelt Last Chance Meet @ Johnstown

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2 mph or less.

DEER TRAIL GIRLS
100-meter dash (winning time 13.06): Donovan, 13.72, 6th; Hussein, 14.57, 13th; Kitzman, 15.49, 17th
200-meter dash (27.76): Donovan, 27.84, 2nd
4x100-meter relay (53.67): Deer Trail, 55.12, 3rd
Long Jump (18-3): Kitzman, 13-5, 7th; Gracie McGough, 11-4.5, 13th
Triple jump (33-1.5): Williams, 31-5.5, 4th; McGough, 26-10, 11th
Discus (129-1): McGough, 57-6, 20th

DEER TRAIL BOYS
100-meter dash (11.70): Musser, 12.29, 10th; Tabor, 12.63, 17th
200-meter dash (23.69): Musser, 25.82, 12th; Tabor, 26.23, 17th
Long jump (21-1.5): Faulkinson, 16-7, 18th
Triple jump (40-6): Faulkinson, 33-10, 7th
Discus (131-0): Sr. Alfonso Quezada, 104-7, 6th; jr. Sebastian Anguiano, 97-0, 8th; Burdick, 77-2, 11th; Martinez, 74-10, 12th
Shot Put (47-5.5): Quezada, 35-7, 10th; Anguiano, 32-0.5, 13th; Martinez, 31-8, 15th; Burdick, 29-5, 18th

DEER TRAIL TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE
May 8: Union Pacific League Meet @ Limon
May 9: 1A/2A Last Chance Invitational @ Limon

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INGREDIENTS

- 1½ pounds Ground Beef (80% to 85% lean)
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped (1½ to 2 cups)
- 2 (14½- to 16-ounce) cans sloppy joe sauce
- 3 cups uncooked rotini
- ½ cup water
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- sliced green onions (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 350°F. Heat large non-

stick skillet over medium heat until hot.

Add ground beef and yellow onion; cook 8-10 minutes, breaking into ¾-inch crumbles and stirring occasionally. Pour off drippings.

Stir in sloppy joe sauce, rotini and water.

Spray 9- by 13-inch glass baking dish with cooking spray. Spoon beef mixture into dish; cover with aluminum foil. Bake in 350°F oven 35-40 minutes or until pasta is tender.

Uncover; sprinkle with cheese. Continue baking, uncovered, 5 minutes or until cheese melts.

Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Garnish with green onions, if desired.

— Recipe courtesy
Colorado Beef Council

LUNCH MENUS

AGATE

Thursday, May 7: Nachos.
Monday, May 11: Bosco Cheese Sticks.
Tuesday, May 12: Goulash.
Wednesday, May 13: Field day, hot dogs, chips.

BYERS

Thursday, May 7: Field Day (sack lunch).
Friday, May 8: No school.
Monday, May 11: Chicken nuggets, biscuits, French fries, grapes.
Tuesday, May 12: Taco Tuesday, Spanish rice, green beans.
Wednesday, May 13: Hot ham and

cheese, tomato soup, mixed fruit.

DEER TRAIL

Thursday, May 7: Pizza, salad.
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Tuesday, May 12: Chicken tacos, salad.
Wednesday, May 13: Chili, corn.

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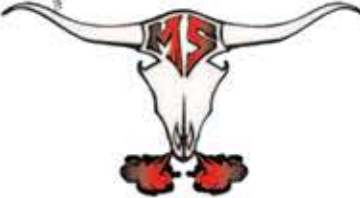
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Class of 2026

SAVE THE DATES

- 15 - 8th Grade Continuation @ 6:30PM
- 16 - PCHS Graduation @ 11AM
- 17 - SHS Graduation @ 12PM
- 20 - Preschool Graduation @ 9AM

MAY Calendar Events

- 2nd-6th - National School Social Work Week
- 4 - Girls Golf @ Limon Invitational
- 4 - SHS Volleyball Informational Meeting @ 6PM
- 5 - Baseball @ Sterling
- 5 - SHS Fine Arts Awards @ 6pm
- 5 - Track @ Berthoud
- 6 - Girls Golf @ Estes Park
- 6 - 4th / 5th Walk Through History Night @ 4:30PM
- 6 - SHS Academic Awards @ 6pm
- 7 - DAC Mtg @ 4:45 PM
- 7 - Baseball @ Home vs. University
- 7 - SHS Spring Play
- 8 - Preschool/Kinder Field Day @ 1PM
- 8 - SHS Spring Play
- 8 - Senior Capping Ceremony @ 5:30PM
- 9 - HMS Track @ Platte Canyon
- 9 - Track @ Thornton
- 11 - BOE Mtg @ 6:00PM
- 12 - 5th Grade Promotion @ 7PM
- 13 - PreK/Senior Grad Walk @ 8:45AM
- 14 - Cell Phone Committee Mtg @ 5PM
- 14 - HMS/SHS Band, Choir, Guitar Concert @ 6PM
- 14-16 - State Track
- 15 - SES Carnival @ 5PM
- 15 - 8th Grade Continuation @ 6:30PM
- 16 - PCHS Graduation @ 11AM
- 17 - SHS Graduation @ 12PM
- 20 - SES Color Run
- 20 - Preschool Graduation @ 9AM
- 20 - Last Day of School!
- 26-29 - 8th Grade DC Trip
- 31st - V/JV Baseball vs. Ellicott @ Home

We wish everyone an amazing



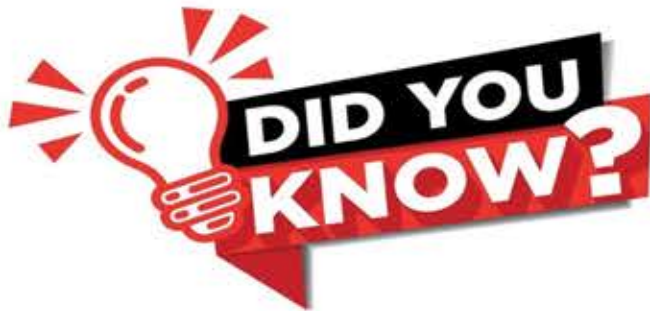


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