



The I-70 Scout

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Bennett, AdCo settle suit against sheriff

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — The town of Bennett's year-long lawsuit against the Adams County Sheriff appears not destined for trial in September after a settle-

ment agreement was announced last week.

During their May 26 meeting, Bennett trustees voted 6-0 to settle the municipality's pending litigation against the county and Sheriff Gene Claps regarding actions and billing

of services around the time of a shift in law enforcement services from Adams to Arapahoe County at the beginning of 2024.

"The town of Bennett believes this is in the best interest of residents of Bennett — return our funds and a por-

tion of our attorney fees," said Trustee Denice Smith, who seconded the settlement motion of Trustee Donna Sus Tuesday night.

Mayor Pro Tem Royce Pindell added: **SEE BENNETT-CLAPS SETTLEMENT**

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REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

JALEE KITZMAN/For The Scout

ALYSSA STEMOM/For The Scout

Local veterans groups hosted Memorial Day ceremonies at Bennett, Byers and Deer Trail cemeteries May 25. From left photo, Jayden Lind, an incoming Strasburg High School senior, plays "Taps" at Byers Community Cemetery, and local veterans are joined by an area Boy Scout and Girl Scout in saluting the flag at Mount View Cemetery in Bennett. **SEE PAGES 12-13.**

Kansas toddler struck by rattler near Bennett

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

BENNETT — A 2-year-old Kansas girl has a long fight in front of her after she was bitten by a rattlesnake northwest of Bennett last week.

At roughly 5 p.m. May 25, Bennett-Watkins Fire Rescue personnel and Arapahoe County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the area of Quincy Avenue and South Tom Bay Road on report of an injured toddler.

Upon arrival, the girl was found having difficulty breathing with a pair of bite marks on one of her thighs. Published and broadcast reports said that the girl's mother started CPR.

A medical chopper was dispatched and the girl was airlifted to Children's Hospital Colorado in Aurora. The girl's family was transported into the hospital via a police escort.

According to statements from the hospital, the girl had received 30 vials of antivenom over the first two days of treatment and the treatment started showing promising results as the girl started to move her extremities and, on Wednesday, her breathing tube was removed and physical therapy started. Antivenom had to be collected from multiple hospitals for the treatment. The girl also re-

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ArapCo confirms hantavirus case

by Steven Vetter
Managing Editor

LITTLETON — A confirmed human case of hantavirus infection in Arapahoe County two weeks ago has no ties to the highly publicized rash of infections of passengers of a Dutch-flagged cruise ship at the beginning of May and is a reminder to be vigilant around rodents this spring and summer.

Arapahoe County Public Health reported May 22 that a resident has tested positive for hantavirus and is now recovering. The resident did have known exposure to rodents, particularly deer mice, which can spread the Sin Nombre variation of the virus. A more specific location of the infected person was not available from county officials because of privacy concerns.

The infected resident has no recent travel history and no

known contact with any person associated with the Andes hantavirus outbreak on the cruise ship.

The resident was also said to have no known connection or exposure to hantavirus death earlier in May in Douglas County.

Sin Nombre hantavirus is not uncommon in Colorado but cannot be spread person-to-person. Instead, infection happens via contact with infected rodents or their urine, feces or saliva and can cause a range of illnesses, including severe disease and death.

The only variation of hantavirus known to spread person-to-person is the Andes strain, which is native to South America and does not naturally occur in North America and has not been found in Colorado.

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GRADUATIONS TAKE 2!



ALYSSA STEMOM/For The Scout



ISAAC MANAUGH/The I-70 Scout

The second weekend of I-70 Corridor graduation ceremonies occurred May 22-23 with Bennett moving its program from Paul Read Field into the big gym because of forecasts for inclement weather Friday night and Deer Trail's 15 seniors walking the following morning. For additional I-70 Corridor graduation coverage, **SEE PAGES 22-24.**

COMMUNITY CORRAL

Music spanning 8 decades set for concert band performance

BENNETT — The High Plains Music Ensemble will feature selections from the 1940s to the present at its summer concert, “Dazzling Decades,” starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 13, at Mountain View Fellowship in Strasburg. After opening with Glenn Miller’s “In the Mood,” the band will perform music representing each 10-year period from the 1950s through the 2020s. Featured artists will include Bill Haley and His Comets (“Rock Around the Clock”), The Mamas and the Papas, Stevie Wonder, A-ha (“Take On Me”), Coldplay, and Bruno Mars (“Uptown Funk”). In addition, a medley of 18 songs from the 1990s as well as music from the movies “Golden” and “K-Pop Demon Hunters” will be performed. Admission is free. A reception follows.

Country music artists booked for Adams County Fair show

BRIGHTON — Country artists Cooper Alan and Dylan Marlowe will take the stage at the United Power Grandstand to wrap up the Adams County Fair July 29 through Aug. 2. The concert begins at 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1, at Riverdale Regional Park, 9755 Henderson Road, Brighton. Alan and Marlowe will be joined with special guest Austin Snell. The United Power Grandstand will also host Demolition Derby Nights on Thursday and Friday, July 30-31. Tickets and shuttle information are available at adamscountyfair.com.

Walking tour of old Strasburg planned by historical society

STRASBURG — The Comanche Crossing Historical Society will host a Walking Tour of Old Strasburg starting at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 11. Participants will meet for light refreshments at 6 p.m. at Lyons Park. Cliff Smith, curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum, will lead attendees through the areas where Strasburg began, where significant locations were, and what is on these

places today. Water will be provided. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the mission of the historical society. For more information, call (303)622-4322. Lyons Park is located at 1409 Railroad St., Strasburg.

Vacation Bible school plans announced by 'Burg church

BYERS — Vacation Bible school at Mountain View Fellowship will be a week-long, immersive, multi-verse adventure designed to help kids discover what it means to follow Jesus and live in God’s Kingdom, according to a release. The VBS will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 8-12. Children age 4 through the fifth grade can attend. The VBS is free, but a \$10 late registration fee applies after June 1. Participants can also pre-order a VBS T-shirt upon registration.

Pioneer School registration opens at Strasburg Museum

STRASBURG — Pioneer School sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 6-10, July 13-17, July 20-24, and July 27-31, at the Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg. During the event, children ages 6-12 play games, learn history, take lessons on a slate, do chores, and make crafts, all consistent with the settlement of the West. Pioneer-era clothing is welcomed but optional. In-person registration begins at the museum Saturday, June 6, and continues thereafter from 1-4 p.m. daily. Registration is complete once the \$50 per child fee is paid in full and all forms are completed — no reservation without fee and forms. Class sizes are limited.

Biz organization plans lunch with Bennett 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, June 17, at May Farms, Byers. Representatives from the town of

Bennett will speak and sponsor lunch. The public is welcome at the presentation, but guests must RSVP for lunch by Friday, June 12, to office-70ccoc@gmail.com or (720)731-1954.

Gov. Polis fills new position on 17th Judicial District Court

DENVER — Gov. Jared Polis July 1 filled a new on the bench in the 17th Judicial District Court with a deputy state public defender. Lochlin I.S. Rosen was appointed to a new judgeship created by legislation passed in 2025, which also raised the number of judges in the 18th Judicial District from 18 to 19. Rosen is a deputy state public defender in the Brighton office, a position he has held since 2017. His practice consists of criminal defense. Rosen received a bachelor’s degree from Elon University in 2011 and his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 2017.

Parks & Rec outing destined for performing arts complex

STRASBURG — The bus leaves at 10 a.m., Monday, June 22, for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. The trip, which costs \$20, is intended for adults only without age restrictions. A minimum of 10 passengers is required or the trip will be canceled. Lunch is additional. Advanced reservations are required due to limited seating. To RSVP, visit www.strasburgparks.org or call (303)622-4260. The bus will depart from the Strasburg Recreation Center, 1932 Burton St. The excursion is hosted by the Strasburg Parks & Recreation District and Mountain View Fellowship.

Elbert Co. seeks participants for well monitoring program

KIOWA — Participants are wanted for the expansion of the Elbert County Water Well Monitoring Program. Volunteers can play an important role in the county’s reliable and sustainable water future. They will help build on more than a decade of groundwater well monitoring by

Byers July 4th: Concert by teen country singer caps three-day jubilee

BYERS — A local nonprofit will benefit from a concert headlined by the Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame’s 2025 Best Country Single Artist of the Year during Byers Fourth of July festivities this year. Joe Wren & The Roadies will showcase the Small Town Strong Freedom Fest, which starts at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 4, at the Quint Valley Fairgrounds. Wren, 19, will be joined by Grammy-nominated songwriter, vocalist and worship pastor Biff Gore. Known as “The Ambassador of Soul,” Gore will perform a powerful collection of patriotic favorites. Ronnie Davis & the Rocky Mountain Outlaws wraps up the line-up. Tickets are on sale at \$20 each through Saturday, June 6, at Smokeshow Meats and Beans Place, both at 56761 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg. The price rises to \$25 thereafter. Children ages 5 and under are free. Only 600 tickets will be sold. Proceeds benefit the Small Town Strong Foundation in Strasburg. “The American Spirit” is the theme of annual Byers Fourth of July festivities from Thursday through Saturday, July 2-4.

broadening geographic coverage; strengthening groundwater tracking; and helping to power the county’s volunteer monitoring network. In return for access to their wells for monitoring, participants will receive free water level measurements every two months (February, April, June, August, October, December). County staff will contact participating property owners in advance to schedule the visit, and manual measurements will be taken quickly with standard groundwater monitoring tools. For more information, visit www.elbertcounty-co.gov.

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DT School walking bridge placed



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Installation of a pedestrian walking bridge from Deer Trail’s Bijou Estates subdivision to the south side of the Deer Trail School campus occurred May 28. The 100-foot prefabricated steel truss was delivered in two pieces to the school Thursday. They were connected and placed in one piece into the footings on either side of the drainage ditch between the Second Avenue cul-de-sac and school campus. The project, funded and overseen by the Colorado Department of Transportation, resulted from the escalating number of students from the subdivision who were walking to school along First Avenue, which is also Highway 40. Completion is expected by the end of this month. A neighboring resident to the campus, Nathan Varney, allowed the project to cross a small portion of his property.



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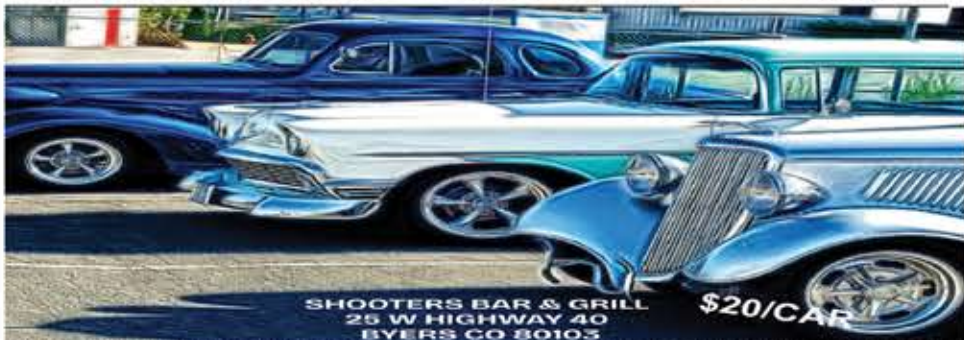
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"That entire geographical region

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FROM PAGE 1

Rodent control in and around homes and outbuildings is the best way to prevent hantavirus infection. Treatment of suspect areas with a 10% bleach/water solution report-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

All cases of hantavirus must be reported to the state health department. For consultation on suspected cases, call (303)692-2700 during regular business hours or (303)370-9395 after hours, weekends and holidays. The State Public Health Virology Laboratory can be reached at (303)692-3485.

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The free, family-friendly community event features fun and educational activities related to the services

provided by Public Works divisions including Building, Engineering Services, Planning, Mapping, Road and Bridge, and Transportation.

Kids of all ages can jump in the driver's seat of big road and bridge equipment, be a junior building inspector, learn about flooding, plan a city, and more.

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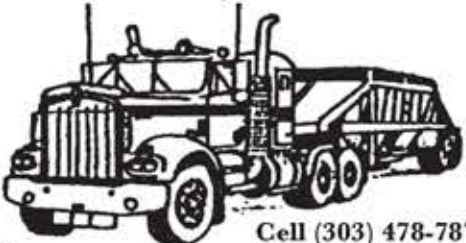
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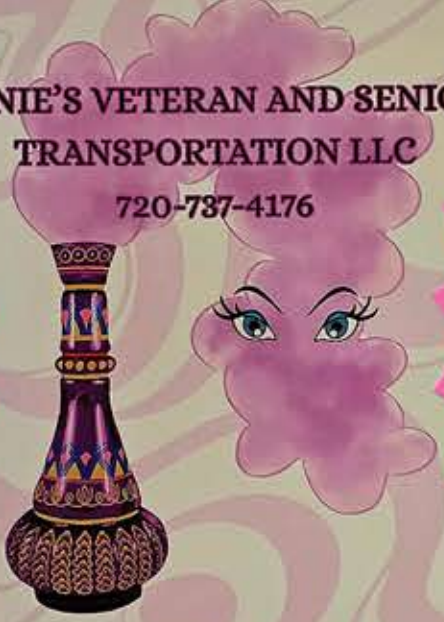
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Deer Trail School hosted a spring concert May 11 featuring the first through fifth grades and the Iron Bratz middle and high school rock band. The night's festivities marked the final hoorah for music instructor Dawn Heck, who resigned earlier in the semester. Above, second-graders Zatheena Canales Morales and Mason Richardson play ukuleles.

CORRIDOR CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
Bennett Parks & Recreation District Board. 5:30 p.m., Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. First St.
Food Bank of the Rockies Mobile Pantry. 9-11 a.m., Kelver 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.
Deer Trail School Board. 7 p.m., Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room at Davies Library. (Rescheduled from June 1)
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.

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.

MONDAY, JUNE 8
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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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
Deer Trail Conservation District Board. 1 p.m., Farm Service Agency office, 133 W. Bijou, Byers.
Strasburg Sanitation & Water Board. 7 p.m., TBK Bank conference room, 56641 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg.

EVERY MONDAY
Snackivities. 4:15-4:45 p.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.
High Plains Music Ensemble rehearsal. 6:30 p.m., Bennett High School band room. For additional information, contact conductor Kurt Elliott at (303)895-7568 or hpmemusicdirector@gmail.com or visit www.highplainsmusicensemble.com.
AA open meeting. 7 p.m., white historic Victorian schoolhouse at Ace Hardware parking lot, 21761 U.S. Highway 40, Limon. For more information, call Sara at (828)243-7681.

EVERY TUESDAY
Family story time. 10:30-11 a.m., Davies Library, Deer Trail.
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Case Name: Remora Gathering Pipeline
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Board of County Commissioners Hearing Date: 7/7/2026 at 9:30 a.m.
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Requests: 1. Conditional Use Permit for a 10-inch natural gas pipeline; 2. Conditional Use Permit for a 10-inch crude oil pipeline.
Location: 2150 Manilla Rd.
Parcel Numbers: 0181735200001, 0181700000276

Case Manager: Greg Barnes,
gjbarnes@adamscountyco.gov, 720-523-6853
Applicant: Janice Kinninn,
Elevation Midstream, 1200 17th Street, Denver 80202



Adams Co. names new media chief

BRIGHTON — The Adams County Board of Commissioners recently announced the appointment of a new communications director.

Amber Ferguson, who was serving as interim director, brings 13 years of extensive experience, including 10 years with Adams County.

As deputy director of communications, Ferguson played an instrumental role in leading strategic, community-led, and responsive communications efforts for the county, according to a release.

“Amber not only knows the communications profession, but she also knows Adams County,” said Commissioner Julie Duran Mullica, board chair. “Her knowledge and ability will support us in our commitment to fostering community trust through transparency.”

Prior to joining Adams County in 2016, Ferguson worked in pivotal roles at a national public relations firm and a sports entertainment company with nationwide reach. Once finding her home in local government communications, Ferguson worked her way up through the ranks on the communications team. She uses that experience serving in multiple roles to inform both her leadership and communications philosophies and believes in walking shoulder-to-shoulder with her team and her community.

“We have an excellent team here, and I’m thrilled to get to build upon the work we’re already doing to be as intentional, efficient and attentive to community needs as possible,” Ferguson said. “We have an excellent team here, and I’m thrilled to get to build upon the work we’re already doing to be as intentional, efficient and attentive to community needs as possible.”

Ferguson has a Bachelor’s of Science in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She looks forward to guiding the county’s efforts to share information and updates with residents in a timely manner.

“Promoting Amber to the role of Communications Director was an easy choice — she’s an excellent communicator and a great leader,” said Adams County Manager Dionne Stroter.

A lifelong Coloradan, Ferguson lives in Westminster with her husband, Andrew, and two beloved dogs. She enjoys traveling, spending time with her family, live music, books, and time outdoors.

Byers church seeks students for King’s Kids Music Camp

BYERS — King’s Kids Music Camp is back for another summer at a local church.

The camp will run from 9-11 a.m., Monday through Thursday, June 22-25, at Byers Community Church, 135 S. Sherman St.

Elementary-age kids (entering kindergarten through the sixth grade) can spend four days engaged in singing, making music, crafting instruments, playing games, and moving to the beat.

Registration is free; space is limited! To sign up, visit the Byers Community Church Facebook page or send an e-mail to byerschurch@gmail.com with Music Camp in the subject line.



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BENNETT-CLAPS SETTLEMENT

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ed, “This has been a conflict for the past year-and-a-half and under litigation the past year. A settlement allows the town of Bennett to move on.”

The affirmative vote also included Mayor Whitney Oakley and two of three new trustees, Chris Clemens and Bonnie Brown. Chris Arbogast, who was sworn onto the board during its May 12 meeting, was absent.

The following day, the county and town released a joint statement concerning the expiration of the inter-governmental agreement between the two entities.

“Under the agreement, Adams County will reimburse the town for funds previously paid to the sheriff following the expiration of the inter-governmental agreement (IGA), as well as contribute toward a portion of the Town’s attorneys’ fees incurred during the matter,” the statement said.

Although Claps was the named defendant in the lawsuit, neither the sheriff nor anyone from his office had additional comments.

“Nope. Just the joint statement you received earlier,” a sheriff’s office spokesman told *The I-70 Scout* in a May 29 e-mail reply.

While both sides announced the settlement agreement, Adams County Court Division C had not received notification of the agreement last week.

“There have been no new filings in this case as of yet. Nothing (additional) has been filed since Nov. 3, 2025,” said a spokeswoman with the Adams County Court Records Department.

According to a May 29 online docket search, a trial was still scheduled for Sept. 28-30 with a pre-trial readiness conference Sept. 15.

The total amount to be paid from the county to the town was undisclosed but appears to be below the approximately \$250,000 originally requested by Bennett and its counsel.

Claps’ office sent a \$40,826.89 bill for service to the town in January 2024 even though no contract had been signed. Bennett trustees reluctantly paid the bill, but balked when the same amount was billed for February. In a Feb. 20, 2024, letter to Claps, Pindell, who was then mayor, demanded a refund of the January bill and noted that, even in absence of a contract, Adams County was statu-

torily obligated to provide law enforcement services to in-county areas.

The town claimed in its legal filing that state statute makes it eligible to receive “three times the \$81,653.78 [that] Sheriff Claps unlawfully extracted or sought to unlawfully extract from the town.”

COMPLAINT BACKGROUND

The final decision to change the town’s law enforcement provider from Adams to Arapahoe County was OK’d by trustees Jan. 9, 2024. Claps’ 2024 contract proposal was \$489,922.64 — up nearly \$100,000 from 2023.

Bennett staff said they had budgeted a 6% increase based on the reported 6% increase reported in calls for service during the third quarter of 2023. A 26% increase was deemed untenable and Claps would not negotiate.

The town also alleged numerous procedural and policy missteps made by Claps when providing his proposed 2024 contract, including:

- failure to reply to e-mails dated July 25 and Nov. 2, 2023, to progress the negotiating process for 2024 legal services;
- an unannounced appearance by Claps at the town’s Nov. 14, 2023, study session where he allegedly “handed the board a proposed 2024 IGA generated solely by his office, with no input or discussion with the town;”
- forewarning that the town could expect to pay “three or four times the amount set forth in his 2024 IGA;” and
- failure to provide an explanation of services provided for the almost \$41,000 bills for January and February 2024.

The town formalized its new law enforcement arrangement with Arapahoe County Sheriff Tyler Brown in spring 2024 with the formal IGA taking effect May 1, 2024, including start-up costs and an annual base rate in excess of \$500,000 for two full-time deputies’ and part-time investigator’s salaries and benefits, plus equipment and other costs. The contract includes provision of services for both the Adams and Arapahoe county sides of the municipality. Arapahoe County previously served the Antelope Hills subdivision only.

**Notice of Proposed Budget
Deer Trail School District 26J
2026-2027 Fiscal Year**

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Deer Trail School District 26J for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and has been filed in the office of the Superintendent where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a Regular meeting of the Board of Education of said District at the Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room on June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget file or register his objections thereto.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated May 4, 2026
Deer Trail School District 26J
Mike Cowell, Secretary

Limon museum opens for 35th season

LIMON — Heritage Day promises to be a one-of-a-kind event with a dazzling drone show in honor of America's 250th, Colorado's 150th, and the Limon Heritage Museum's 35th anniversaries this year.

The Heritage Day celebration, which starts at 4 p.m., will peak with a 500-drone light show at 9 p.m., Saturday, June 13, at the museum grounds and Railroad Park. In addition, volunteers will share stories of Native Americans, buffalo, prairie homesteaders, cowboys, ranchers and wheat growers. Visitors can also explore antique farm equipment, historic windmills, sculptures, and many other unexpected artifacts.

Museum highlights include the authentically restored manager's home of the Russell Gates Mercantile and a fascinating replica of the old-time store.

The depot turns 116 years old this year. And the "Our Military History" exhibit continues to garner high



The fully restored Gates House rests on the grounds of the Limon Heritage Museum.

praise, according to a release.

In April, the Limon Town Board proclaimed 2026 a Year of Volunteer Community Enrichment honoring the Triple Anniversary of the nation's 250th, Colorado's 150th, and Limon Heritage Museum's 35th birthday.

The museum, located at 701 First St., is now open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays (closed Wednesdays); and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

Admission is free. For more information, call (719)775-8894.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bennett HS sports physicals for all I-70 Corridor athletes

BENNETT — Student-athletes from all I-70 Corridor schools are invited to take advantage of sports physicals being offered from 2-7 p.m., Friday, June 5, at Bennett High School, 610 Seventh St.

The walk-in event costs \$40 per physical.

For those students/families unable to attend this week's clinic, the same \$40 offer is available from 2-7 p.m., Friday, July 17, at Three Peaks Urgent Care, 3471 N. Salida St., Suite 40, Aurora.

Byers High School hosting youth hoops camp next week

BYERS — First- through seventh-graders are invited to participate in the Byers High School Youth Basketball Camp Monday, June 8, through Wednesday, June 10.

Camp will run from 1-4 p.m. each day in the Byers High School main gym.

Cost is \$60 per participant. Walk-up sign-ups are welcome on

the first day of camp between 12-12:30 p.m.

Both boys and girls are invited to attend.

For more information or to pre-register, e-mail high school boys head coach Jeremy Kerns at kerns.jeremy@byers.k12.co.us.

Summer soccer workout calendar set at Bennett HS

BENNETT — I-70 Corridor high-schoolers interested in playing soccer at Bennett for the 2026-27 season are urged to attend summer soccer training in July.

Boys and girls entering ninth through 12th grade next school year are invited to participate in summer workouts and technical skill development from 4:45-6:30 p.m., Monday through Fridays, July 6-31.

Students from Bennett, Strasburg, Byers and Deer Trail are all invited to participate. Freshman and other first-year players are urged to attend.

For additional information, including QR access codes for both boys and girls team, visit the Bennett High School Soccer page on Facebook.

CSU Wheat Field Days slated across East Colorado plains

FORT COLLINS — Colorado State University's Crops Testing Program will host Wheat Field Days starting at 4 p.m., Friday, June 12, at Cooksey Family Farms, Roggen.

The events will include a walk-through of the official CSU Wheat Variety Trial entries with wheat breeder Dr. Esten Mason, Crops Testing Program director Sally Jones-Diamond, and seed company representatives. CSU faculty and experts will also share the latest information and research on wheat entomology, pathology and Colorado seed programs.

To get to the site, go 8 miles east on Highway 52 from Prospect Valley to Weld County Road 85. Go north 1 mile, then east 0.25 miles on County Road 14. The field is on the north side.

Wheat Field Days will be held across Eastern Colorado from June 10-12 and June 16, including Burlington, Hoyt, Orchard, Akron and Yuma.

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Grow a podcasting fan base with Abi Clark: Teens can learn the basics of podcasting with radio host Abi Clark. They will choose a topic, record a short discussion, and learn to edit their audio. They will then select a song that fits their vibe and mix the vocal track with a music bed. Participants will walk away with a produced podcast segment to enjoy and share with their fan base. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 5-6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 6.

Introduction to Genealogy: Adults can learn about the tips and tricks for getting started with tracing their ancestry from professional genealogist Ellen Kowitt. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 6-8 p.m., Saturday, June 6.

Itsy Bitsy Bugs with the Butterfly Pavilion: Children ages 3 through the first grade can flutter, hop and explore the fascinating world of bugs. Preschoolers will get up close with live invertebrates and learn about the creatures they encounter in their own outdoor spaces, different species, habitats and behaviors while building curiosity and appreciation for nature. Space is limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10-11 a.m., Monday, June 8 (Spanish); Tuesday, June 9 (English).

Bennett Sci-Fi Book Club: Bennett's beloved Sci-Fi Book Club for adults is

now meeting at the Anythink Bennett Library on the second Monday of each month for lively conversations about a new science fiction title each month. Come ready to share your thoughts and discover fresh reads. 6-8 p.m., Monday, June 8.

Grow & Play. A Sports Exploration Experience: Children ages 6-10 will participate in an engaging mix of soccer and frisbee activities designed for multiple skill levels. A nourishing snack will be provided along with simple nutrition takeaways to encourage healthy choices all summer long.

Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up each individual child to participate. 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, June 10.

Mexico vs. South Africa watch party: Adults will watch the exciting match between Mexico and South Africa. A variety of snacks and drinks provided. The game begins at 1 p.m. The game will be broadcast in English with Spanish subtitles. 12:30-3 p.m., Thursday, June 11.

Let's Play Football! 26 Tournament: Football fans of all ages can brush off their virtual cleats and kick their way to the top of the Let's Play Football tournament. They will compete head-to-head to test their skills and see who claims the top spot. All players welcome. Snacks provided. Prizes will be awarded to the final two challengers. The program will be hosted in English and Spanish. No registration required; participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The game will begin with 10 starting slots. 1-4 p.m., Friday, June 12.

Meet animals with Spurs Academy: Toddlers and children up to age 6 can say "Hello" to adorable farm animals from Spurs Academy. In this gentle, hands-on experience, little ones will meet a variety of animals — sometimes bigger friends like donkeys and sometimes smaller ones like guinea pigs and rabbits. This outdoor program may be canceled due to inclement weather. Check the event listing for updates. Closed-toed shoes, sunscreen, a hat and plenty of water are advised. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10-11 a.m., Monday, June 15 (Spanish).

Children Grow through Yoga: Children ages 0-5 will move, stretch and breathe in a family-friendly yoga experience. Through simple poses, mindfulness, breathing exercises, stories and songs, children and caregivers will practice slowing down, tuning in, and growing together. They can bring their own yoga mat or borrow one from the library. Parents and caregivers should attend. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10-11 a.m., Tuesday, June 16.

Sticky seeds, happy flowers: Children ages 5-11 can create colorful flowers from a variety of seeds in a hands-on art activity. Participants will design their own seed mosaic flowers while exploring creativity, texture and growth. The event is perfect for curious hands and happy imaginations. 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, June 17.

Taxidermy stuffed animals: Teens 11 and up can give a small recycled plushie new life as a taxidermied display. They will use a variety of tools and techniques to mount and decorate an adorable stuffed animal "specimen." Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 1-3 p.m., Thursday, June 18.

Cultivating mindfulness: Adult can learn techniques on cultivating mindfulness to be more present in day-to-day life. A variety of resources and techniques will be shared to help participants get started or continue on

your mindfulness journey. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, June 20.

Colors grow with Lauren Fine: Children up to age 6 will splash, mix and create as colors come to life. They will explore how colors grow, blend and transform through music, movement and messy art-making. Together, the kids will sing and dance through the rainbow, mix primary colors to discover new shades, and paint with brushes, fingers and unexpected tools. Through storytelling and sensory play, the children will watch colors "grow" as creativity blooms. Each child will have time to experiment, express and explore while building confidence and curiosity. Parents and caregivers should attend. Space limited; registration required. Visit anythinklibraries.org to sign up. 10-11 a.m., Tuesday, June 23.

Crazy Hair Potatoes using Seeds, Sprouts & Silly Faces: Kids ages 6-12 will turn ordinary potatoes into wacky characters with a face and grow real, "crazy hair" using fast-sprouting seeds. They will decorate their potato pal and learn what plants need to grow while taking home a living project they can watch change all summer long. 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, June 24.

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Little Makers Club: Children ages 0-5 and their families will participate in activities working on motor skills, literacy and counting. Free crafts, toddler-friendly snacks, and goodie bag provided. 10-11 a.m., Friday, June 3.

Tummy Time & Social Hour: Babies explore while parents and caregivers visit. Quilts, toys and books provided. Early childhood professionals on hand. 10-11:30 a.m., Friday, June 5.

'Weird Denver': Adults can learn about fascinating events and lesser-known stories of Colorado's bizarre history in a presentation by Treasure Box Tours. 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, June 17.

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Heroes' Destiny: A Medieval Role Play Adventure: Kids and tweens CAN step into a fantasy kingdom to become royalty, traitors and spies. Through guided scenarios, they will learn about the medieval court — then use problem-solving and swordplay to become the heroes of the story. Led by Heroes Destiny, a live-action role-playing company that brings fantasy worlds to life. Events are designed to help kids build bravery and confidence through imaginative play. Space limited. To RSVP, visit arapahoelibraries.org. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 9.

Mad Hatter Tea Party: Teens and tweens, come for an afternoon of tea, desserts, and plenty of silliness. Sip tea from fancy cups, learn to make bite-sized treats (like cucumber sandwiches and lemon tarts), and embrace the madness by wearing your most curious hat or outfit. 4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 10.

Once Upon A Time: Drop in for a special storytime celebrating the magic of fairy tales. Storytime will begin every half hour, followed by themed activities and a photo opportunity. Costumes are optional. Appropriate for children ages 0-5. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday, June 11.

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mySummer reading program kicks off



Anythink Bennett library hosted a kickoff event for its MySummer reading program May 28. In addition to highlighting books and outdoor activities, the afternoon of festivities included nutrition education and handouts from the Bennett- and Denver-based Ag & Food Lab. Clockwise for top left, Jackson Colombo, 7, puts all his effort into hitting the dunk tank target; Skyler Largaespada, 7, proudly displays her custom book bag; Ag & Food Lab board member Lisa Reynolds hands out healthy snacks; and librarian Ciara Headly mans the heat press to produce a custom book bag for one of the library's young patrons.

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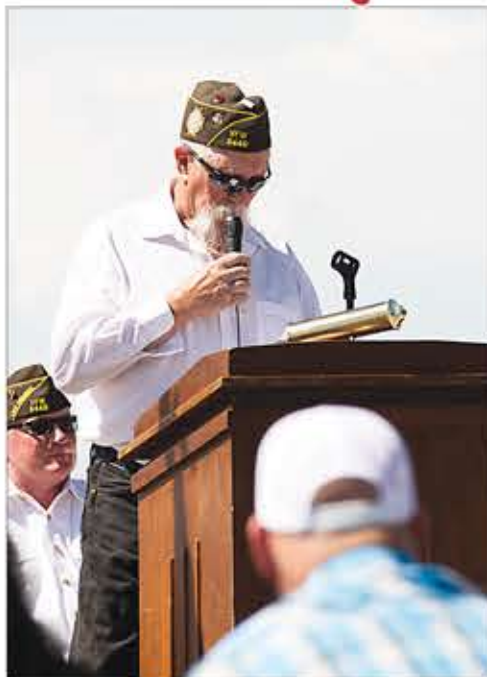
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Three I-70 Corridor cemeteries held Memorial Day services May 25. The first was hosted by Bennett VFW Post 8449 at Mount View Cemetery, while Deer Trail American Legion Post 121 and Alton Franz American Legion Post 160 of Byers co-hosted ceremonies at Evergreen and Byers Community cemeteries May 25. From left photo, VFW Post 8449 officers Dan Goodnight and Robert Russo speak during the Bennett ceremony; Byers American Legion Auxiliary member Dayna Thelen places a flower at the base of the Byers Community Cemetery flag pole; Kagen Kitzman, left, Glenn Merritt, Kirk "Sarge" Russell, and Matt Newton participate in the honorary rifle brigade at Deer Trail; and Ray Gunther salutes after placing a flower at the base of the Evergreen Cemetery flag pole.

NOTICE OF ELECTION Primary Election by Mail Ballot Adams County, Colorado Tuesday, June 30, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in Adams County, Colorado, on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, as a Mail Ballot Election.

Beginning June 8, 2026, ballots in signed Official Return Envelopes may be dropped off at any of the following designated drop-off locations.

24-Hour Drop Box Locations

Adams County Government Center — 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton
Adams County Human Services Center — 11860 Pecos St., Westminster
Adams County Justice Center — 1100 Judicial Center Dr., Brighton
Adams County Motor Vehicle Office, Aurora — 3449 N. Chambers Rd., Aurora
Adams County Motor Vehicle Office, Bennett — 355 S. First St., Bennett
Adams County Motor Vehicle Office, Commerce City — 7190 Colorado Blvd., Commerce City
Adams County Motor Vehicle Office, North Pecos — 12200 N. Pecos St., Westminster
Adams County Motor Vehicle Office, Westminster — 8452 Federal Blvd., Westminster
Adams County Sheriff's Office, Strasburg — 2550 Strasburg Rd., Strasburg
Anschutz Health & Wellness Center — 12348 E. Montview Blvd., Aurora
Anythink Library Wright Farms — 5877 E. 120th Ave., Thornton
Aurora Municipal Center* — 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora
Brighton City Hall — 500 S. 4th Ave., Brighton
Carpenter Skate Park (Margaret Carpenter Rec Center) — 3558 E. 112th Ave., Thornton
Colfax & Kingston — 1585 Kingston St., Aurora
Commerce City Civic Center — 7887 E. 60th Ave., Commerce City
Daniel C. Vallez Family Education Center — 7125 Mariposa St., Denver
Federal Heights City Hall — 2380 W. 90th Ave., Federal Heights
Front Range Community College — 3705 W. 112th Ave., Westminster
Hilltop Village Shopping Center — 13762 Colorado Blvd., Thornton
Kelver Library* — 585 S. Main St., Byers
Larkridge Shopping Center — 16434 Washington St., Thornton
Martin Luther King, Jr. Library* — 9898 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora
Northglenn City Hall — 11701 Community Center Dr., Northglenn
Reunion Recreation Center — 17910 Parkside Dr. N., Commerce City
Riverdale Animal Shelter — 12155 Park Blvd., Brighton
Rotella Park — 1824 Coronado Pkwy. S., Denver
Thornton Civic Center — 9500 Civic Center Dr., Thornton
Thornton Community Center — 2211 Eppinger Blvd., Thornton
Trail Winds Recreation Center — 13495 Holly St., Thornton
Westminster City Hall — 4800 W. 92nd Ave., Westminster

Ballots must be received at the Adams County Election Office, a designated ballot drop box, or Voter Service & Polling Center (VSPC) location by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, June 30, 2026, for your vote(s) to be counted. Ballots received after 7 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted. Postmarks do not count as a received date.

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Phase 1 VSPCs

June 22–30

Hours:

Monday-Friday, June 22–29, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Tuesday, June 30, Election Day, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

Adams County Government Center (Conference Center Entrance on West Side) — 4430 S. Adams County Pkwy., Brighton
Adams County Human Services Center — 11860 Pecos St., Westminster
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Commerce City Motor Vehicle — 7190 Colorado Blvd., Commerce City
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Moorhead Recreation Center — 2390 Havana St., Aurora
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Phase 2 VSPCs

June 29–30

Hours:

Monday June 29, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Tuesday, June 30, Election Day, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

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*Denotes drop boxes and VSPCs shared with Arapahoe and/or Denver Counties.

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For more election information and frequently asked questions, visit the Adams County Elections website at [AdamsVotes.com](https://www.adamsvotes.com) or call the Adams County Elections office at 720.523.6500.

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AVISO DE ELECCIÓN Elecciones Primarias por Boleta por Correo Condado de Adams, Colorado Martes, 30 de junio de 2026

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una elección en el Condado de Adams, Colorado, el martes 30 de junio de 2026, bajo la modalidad de Elección por Boleta por Correo.

A partir del 8 de junio de 2026, las boletas dentro de los sobres oficiales de devolución firmados pueden entregarse en cualquiera de los lugares de entrega designados a continuación.

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22 al 30 de junio

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29 al 30 de junio

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THESE DUSTY PAGES

STEAM PLOW FALLS IN WELL

The big steam plowing engine of the Strasburg Land & Development Co. fell into an old abandoned well Tuesday afternoon while the plow gang was at work. Supposedly this well was filled up several years ago, and the plowing outfit has passed over it several times without any signs of its giving, but this time it went down without warning, dropping the rear of the engine into the hole. This shot the water all to the front of the boiler, and in his eagerness to pull the fire before the crown-sheet was damaged, engineer Young burned himself considerably. No serious damage is expected to result and Foreman Young will be on his way again shortly.

The Strasburg News
June 3, 1916

MAN SHOT AT DEER TRAIL
STILL ALIVE IN HOSPITAL

William Kingsbury, who was shot by his best friend and tenant, Smith Thompson near Deer Trail last Thursday is still in a very precarious condition at St. Luke's hospital in Denver. Thompson, after shooting Kingsbury, made an unsuccessful attempt to kill himself and is also in a dangerous condition at his home. He has not been arrested for the shooting but is being guarded in case he tries to escape, which is not thought probable. He and Kingsbury were very warm friends and the shooting was caused over a woman, it is said.

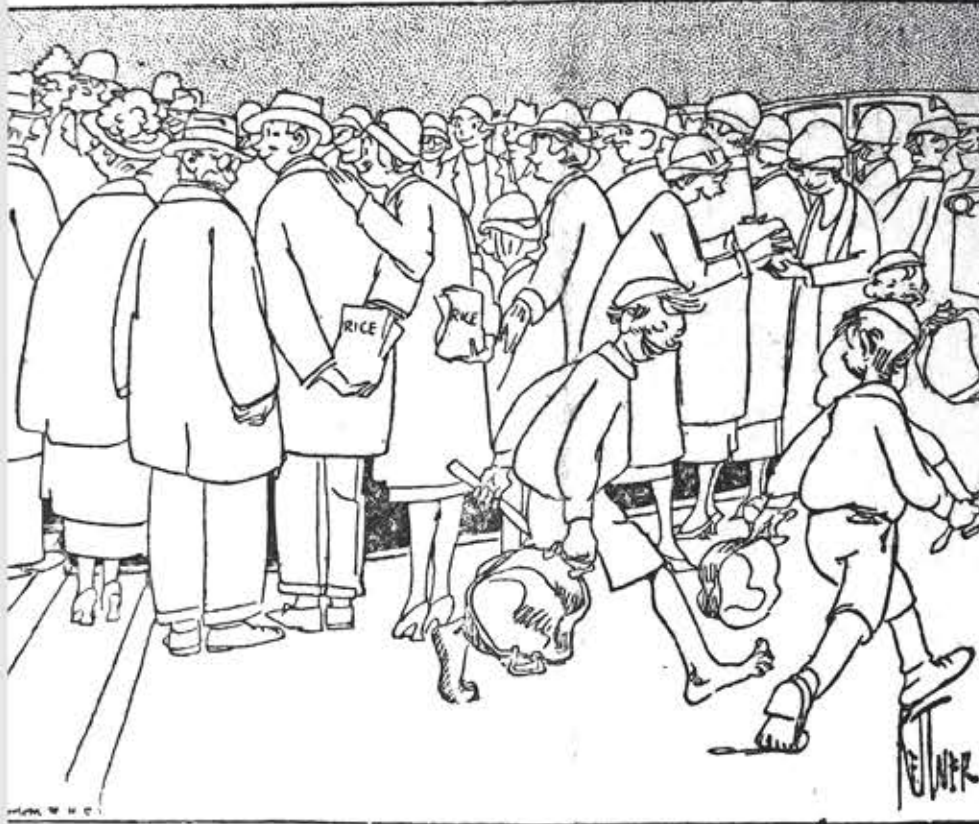
The Strasburg News
June 3, 1916



LIGHT WORK . . . Isolated Puerto Rican home gets electricity because a helicopter is used to lower a power line pole into a hole. Difficult terrain makes construction problems calling for the use of a helicopter.

Eastern Colorado News
June 8, 1961

Here Comes the Bride



The Strasburg News
June 3, 1926

9200 Young Men in State
To Resister July 1st

EVASION PENALTY
IS SEVERE

Approximately 9,200 young men in the State of Colorado face an obligation to register for Selective Service on July 1. This estimate has been based on census figures to cover the young men who have reached 21 since last October 16, or will have reached that age up to and including July 1 of this year, the date which President Roosevelt has fixed by proclamation, on which a second registration will be conducted.

This is an obligation placed on the men under the Selective Service Act and wilful failure to register on that day constitutes a violation of the Act, punishable by heavy fine and imprisonment.

The registration on July 1 will be conducted under the direction of the local boards rather than thru the election machinery which was employed last October.

Eastern Colorado News
June 5, 1941



TRUCKIN' ARMY STYLE—Mary Hart, of Highland Park, Ill. (left) and Madalyn Osborne, of Chicago, attired in the natty uniforms recently adopted by civilian workers at Fort Sheridan.

Eastern Colorado News
June 4, 1942

POISONOUS PLANT KILLS
LIVESTOCK IN COLORADO

STOCK EAT TIMBER MILK
VETCH ON MOFFAT
COUNTY RANGE

Northwestern Colorado ranchmen who lost many cattle and sheep on summer range during recent years can blame a poisonous plant, timber milk vetch, for their losses, according to tests made by Colorado State College Experiment Station at Fort Collins.

Because the disease is confined to cows with calves, and affected animals are said to chew bones, it was first assumed that there was a lack of phosphorus or lime in the forage, but feeding and chemical experiments proved this was not so. Other examinations showed that selenium, a substance in the soil that often causes cattle poisoning, was not the cause.

Controlled feeding tests on the range proved conclusively that the symptoms and death could be produced in both sheep and cows by infested areas after that time. Good feed and care will bring some affected animals through and allow them to be slaughtered for meat. The worst affected should be killed early to save feed.

Eastern Colorado News
June 4, 1936

MAN FOUND ON HIGHWAY UN-
CONSCIOUS WITH AX WOUNDS
ON HEAD

Last Monday morning Deputy Sheriff R. O. Beck and Ralph Larimer found a man, later identified as Frank Martz of Oroville, California, on the highway east of Byers about two and a half miles. At first it was thought that the man was asleep as he was wrapped in blankets but after uncovering him it was discovered that his head was covered with blood and that he was unconscious but still alive. He was rushed to the Colorado Hospital in Denver where examination showed that the skull had been penetrated by the ax and that there was little chance of his recovery. After making a thorough investigation, Sheriff Haynes arrested a young fellow by the name of Paul Cain near Agate and who represented that he was going to Kansas. He was lodged in jail at Littleton and will be held for further investigation.

The Strasburg News
June 3, 1926

Triumphant



The Strasburg News
June 5, 1941

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

THE NOT-SO DUSTY PAGES

20 YEARS AGO
JUNE 6, 2006
The Woodlin School District recently discovered the generosity and compassion rural residents are so often known for.

On Jan. 19, Woodlin School suffered severe fire damage destroying the preschool classroom, leaving the kindergarten room with extensive heat and water damage, causing the school to be shut down. When deemed safe to reopen, the dilemma became all the lost supplies, desks and a multitude of other items needed to run a school.

The I-70 Corridor opened its hearts and their pocketbooks. "We got a lot of local support," said Tracy Weisensee, Woodlin School counselor.

Businesses, churches, school districts, private and government organizations and local families all chipped in to help Woodlin School get back on its feet.

The list of 66 contributors range from Akron to Wray. Help even came from as far away as Texas. Weisensee shared the fire story with her sister-in-law, who is an elementary school teacher at the Wilshire Elementary School in San Antonio.

"We sent a catalog to the Wilshire Elementary School because they wanted to help out," Weisensee said. "They donated about \$500 worth of very nice items for the kindergarten and tons of school supplies."

The Deer Trail and Byers school districts were two of many local contributors.

"Our student council is really active," said Sandy Koepke, Deer Trail district secretary. "Each year they choose a cause for their 'Hearts to Hands' project. They have supported the Hurricane Katrina victims with donation cans, sold yellow Support the Troops bracelets, and this year they decided to help the Woodlin School District."

15 YEARS AGO
JUNE 7, 2011
BROOMFIELD — An I-70 Corridor educator was honored last month for his dedication to improving students' educational opportunities by a member of the state's congressional delegation. Bennett librarian and former science teacher Casey Veatch was named one of 15 outstanding teachers statewide by the Jared Polis

Foundation. A teacher recognition awards ceremony for Veatch and his distinguished colleagues occurred May 6 at the Omni Interlocken Resort in Broomfield.

According to Bennett High School Principal Mark Purslow, Veatch was selected because of his innovative teaching techniques using updated technology, in addition to his past successes getting Bennett science students involved with activities such as Science Olympiad.

"What he does is absolutely amazing to me," Purslow said. "The things he can make some of these machines do now days can just blow your mind, but they really help with getting students to learn and progress."

As part of the honor, Veatch received a \$1,000 award and the Bennett School District received another \$1,000 grant.

According to Veatch, the money will be used for more technology in the district, especially laptops and accessories.

10 YEARS AGO
JUNE 7, 2016
BENNETT — Partners in a new large-scale power facility near Bennett didn't let Mother Nature deter them from celebrating the project's pending construction. Officials with Intermountain REA, solar manufacturer juwi Inc, and Adams County all braved quagmire conditions at 56th Avenue and Converse Road north of Bennett to break ground on the 152-acre Victory Solar site May 27.

"On a day that seems more appropriate for talk about wind or water, we stand here excited for what lies in store for us with this upcoming solar facility," said Intermountain REA Chief Executive Officer Pat Mooney, citing the area's 3-plus inches of rain the previous 24 hours. "It's another step in our process to provide customers with reliable electricity as efficiently and cost-effective as possible."

The facility projected to house approximately 47,000 solar panels, is expected to generate approximately 16 megawatts of renewable energy next door to the existing IREA substation on the southwest corner of the 56th Avenue and Converse Road intersection.

Officials with juwi expect construction to last approximately seven months, weather permitting.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, June 3, the 154th day of 2026. There are 211 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On June 3, 1943, an altercation between U.S. Navy sailors and young Mexican Americans on the streets of Los Angeles led to several days of clashes known as the Zoot Suit Riots as white mobs attacked Mexican

Americans across the city, injuring more than 150 people.

ALSO ON THIS DATE:
In 1844, the last confirmed specimens of the great auk, a flightless bird, were killed on Eldey island, near Iceland.
In 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat" by Ernest Lawrence Thayer was first published in the San Francisco

Daily Examiner.
In 1935, the French liner SS Normandie set a record on its maiden voyage, arriving in New York after crossing the Atlantic in just four days.
In 1965, during the Gemini 4, spaceflight, astronaut Edward H. White became the first American to "walk" in space.
In 2016, former heavyweight

boxing champion Muhammad Ali, whose athletic feats and activism placed him among the most revered athletes of all time, died in Scottsdale, Ariz., at age 74.
In 2017, elite rock climber Alex Honnold became the first to climb solo to the top of the massive granite wall known as El Capitan in Yosemite National Park without ropes or safety gear.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS
Former Cuban President Raúl Castro is 95. Basketball Hall of Famer Billy Cunningham is 83. Golf Hall of Famer Hale Irwin is 81. Singer Deniece Williams is 76. Former first lady Jill Biden is 75. Olympic gymnastics gold medalist Peter Vidmar is 65. Musician Kerry King (Slayer) is 62. Tennis player Rafael Nadal is 40.
—Associated Press

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THEME: GREETINGS

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- Shapeless masses
- RFK's brother
- German card game
- "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" author
- Ancient Chinese dynasty
- Top of a steeple
- Ice house
- Not outs
- Gustatory sensation
- "What's cooking, good ___?"
- "Greeting aimed at a king"
- Like a fox
- Easy run
- "Harper Valley ___"
- Off-limits
- Daryl Hannah/Tom Hanks movie
- Snaky swimmers
- Coal unit
- Vigorous fight
- Done before dealing
- Walk leisurely
- Like certain food trend
- Raccoon's South American cousin
- Dano or Rudd, e.g.
- Deep-red variety of chalcedony
- Straying, as in baseball
- FBI agent, slangily
- It's the limit?
- Alex Honnold's "Free ___"
- Long Island iced ___
- "Military greeting"
- "___ greetings, in December"
- Last test
- Had a meal
- Ilya Rozanov to Shane Hollander, e.g.
- Take puppy from a pound
- Hemingway's "___ Whom the Bell Tolls"
- Bodily swelling
- Hibernation stations
- Pampering spot
- Extend subscription

DOWN

- Leave without farewell, slangily
- Kids' construction set
- Capital of Norway
- Amazon offerings, originally
- Spoiled, in U.K.
- Nest material
- Even, poetically
- 70s dance joint
- Capone's shoe cover
- "Twice-done greeting move, in Italy"
- Creative
- PGA peg
- Bacterial throat infections

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The Cosmic Menu

In the best restaurants, the menus are often well-laid out, easy to read, descriptive and fun. But the menu of life isn't usually like that, if it appears at all. More often we observe the options and lay out the menu ourselves. As Mercury and Neptune square off, poke around to see what's available. Ask questions. Wake up to the full delicious array.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a point in which enjoyment tips into "too much," and unfortunately, that line isn't always so easy to see. Getting carried away can be part of the fun, but it's only really fun if there is a safety net.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your offer is changing. Can you put it into words yet? There's something you're delivering that will be better accepted and compensated with the right description. Play with the wording, style and tone. It takes time to get this right.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No matter what was lost in the past, today is still yours to win. Just lean into your natural tendencies. They won't steer you wrong. The afternoon is for troubleshooting and problem-solving. With a bit of adjustment, you'll make it work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's plenty of noise and not enough signal today, posing a challenge to clear communication. But if anyone can sidestep the pitfalls, it's you. Expect misinformation. Check sources. Stay out of the arguments; they aren't worth it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Collaboration is the way to multiplied results. Not just more hands, but more ideas and shared energy. And there's a bonus layer: Letting others share credit deepens the satisfaction. So stay open to input. You will be both influential and influenced.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's a day of threes. You'll move three things out of the way. There will be a shift in the plans, priorities and expectations. You'll delay one thing, say no to another and rethink a third.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll master the fine art of being a boss without being bossy. It's a tightrope walk to be sure, but as long as you're paying attention to the feedback others give you, you'll maintain your balance and cross to the other side.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The problem you couldn't solve last week comes back around. This time, approach from a different angle. Consider that the details may be less important than you were making them. This is something that just needs to be done, perhaps imperfectly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Recommit to what you want. Go after it daily. Like the river that cuts through rock, this is not about how powerful or sharp you are; it's about what you can do over time with persistence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll make major progress with a project. An easy, relaxed state of mind allows you to focus well and get an impressive amount of work done. Also, upgrading some aspect of your technology will give you a thrill.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Just because something works on paper doesn't mean it will in real life. The logical solutions won't be enough to fix what goes wrong. The key ingredients for success today: creativity, vision, empathy and patience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People make choices that don't seem quite right to you. Of course, you don't have full access to their reasons, their history or what they need to learn for themselves. You still feel pulled to step in.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 3). Welcome to your Year of Sacred Wonderment, when what you hold in holy esteem will nourish your spirit, fill you with awe and prove worthy of your devotion in more practical ways, too. More highlights: Peace becomes a springboard for daring goals and heartfelt connections. Financial aims will be met and surpassed. You'll contribute to solving a problem that is affecting many. Capricorn and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 20, 1, 15 and 3.

—Horoscopes by Holiday

ANSWERS ON PAGE 17

Fuel prices: Change driving habits to boost gas mileage

by Alexa St. John
Kiki Sideris
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — When gas prices spike, filling up gets more painful. But consumers can do something to stretch their fuel just a little farther: Change the way they drive.

“It’s a hard one to swallow, right? You got to put gas in to go about your day and get to work and pick the kids up from school,” said Michael Crossen, *Consumer Reports’* manager of auto testing.

Here are seven tips from experts for drivers looking to use less gas:

DRIVE SLOWER OR USE CRUISE CONTROL

Vehicles are designed for maximum efficiency around highway speeds, said Sean Tucker, managing editor for compact and full-size vehicles at Kelley Blue Book.

“Stick to 65 (mph) on the highway,” Tucker said. “Today’s cars are geared to be most efficient at that speed, and you lose quite a bit of fuel efficiency the faster you go.”

Estimates suggest slowing down increases gas mileage as much as 14%.

“If you have a hard time doing that, cruise control is your friend,” Tucker said.

Speed regulators maintain a set speed, which cuts the need to press on the gas pedal and avoids jerky acceleration or hard braking.

Experts also recommend coasting to stoplights, whether there is a red light ahead or a green light that is likely to change soon.

LIMIT IDLING

Use a vehicle’s automatic start-stop ignition, experts say. This shuts off the engine at stoplights or when idling, and restarts it once the accelerator is pressed.



“If you’re stuck in traffic and you see it bumper to bumper for a while and you have start-stop, don’t turn that off,” said David Bennett, AAA senior automotive manager. “Allow the engine to turn on and off as it’s needed.”

That’s especially true when drivers don’t need to blast air conditioning while waiting for long periods of time.

REDUCE DRAG AND DROP EXTRA WEIGHT

Many drivers have roof racks on top of their vehicles or bike racks on the back. It takes extra fuel to push that structure through the air — experts have found it can cost several miles per gallon.

“If you’re not actually using those devices, it’s like dragging a parachute behind your car,” Crossen said. “Any other type of accessories that basically cause drag, you want to lose those.”

If you’re carrying heavy items in your back seat, trunk or truck bed, and you don’t need them, leave them

at home.

CHECK TIRE PRESSURE, OTHER MAINTENANCE

Experts say it’s important that tires are properly inflated, based on what the vehicle’s manual recommends. Checking tire pressure every other fill-up is one suggestion.

“Lower-inflated tires will increase the resistance on the road so, properly inflated, the vehicle is going to drive a little bit smoother and be able to accelerate properly,” Bennett said.

Expect an impact on gas mileage by as much as 10%, estimates say.

Auto shops might also be able to make simple changes to improve a vehicle’s fuel economy.

“If you’re finding that you are not getting close to what you’re supposed to, then you need to go to the mechanic,” Tucker said.

For example, a shop might replace the air filter or oxygen sensors that tell the engine how rich to make the

fuel mixture.

CARPOOL, COMBINE TRIPS

Figure out a carpool to effectively split costs with other participants. And be more thoughtful in planning and organizing fewer trips overall.

“Don’t make unnecessary stops. Don’t drive all the way across town just to save a dollar on eggs,” Crossen said. “Plan your trips. Don’t drive if you don’t have to.”

WHAT FUEL ARE YOU BUYING AND WHERE?

Some cars require more expensive premium gas, and that’s what they should get, experts say. But sometimes drivers are filling up with premium when their vehicle doesn’t need it — and will do just fine on cheaper regular gas, they say.

Regardless of your octane choice, you can be mindful of the quality of your gas. Consider whether a local station carries what’s called “Top Tier gas” — gas developed with additives aimed at clearing carbon deposits from your engine. During periods of high prices or shortages, it isn’t a requirement, but it’s good for vehicles in the long term.

Apps such as GasBuddy are great resources to compare local gas prices or prices along a route back home.

Experts say to also think about getting gas around half a tank. That gives flexibility to watch for lower prices.

TIME FOR A NEW CAR? CONSIDER A HYBRID

The average age of a vehicle on the road these days is about 12 years, and newer vehicles are more fuel-efficient than older ones. Not everyone can afford a new vehicle but, when it’s time, shoppers can consider a hybrid if they’re not ready to go fully electric.

And if you’re ready to get off gas entirely, EVs — including plenty of used models — are out there.

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by Alex Murphy
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While many major airports rely on trains to move passengers between terminals, some, like Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, also allow passengers to walk between concourses. Denver doesn’t, and that proved problematic in 2025, when reports showed the trains stopped working 131 times.

“This is a big win for Denver’s travelers and for our entire community,” Johnston said in a press release. “We’ve heard loud and clear that easier, more reliable ways to move between concourses has been a top priority for people traveling in and out of DEN. These new pedestrian walkways would deliver on that — giving folks more flexibility while we continue building one of the best-connected airports in the world.”

Officials said the option to walk would “complement” the existing train system. DIA recently invested more than \$75 million to modernize technology that has been used at the airport for decades.

“Adding pedestrian walkways to [DIA]’s current infrastructure is another key component of our Vision 100 plan,” Washington said in the press release.

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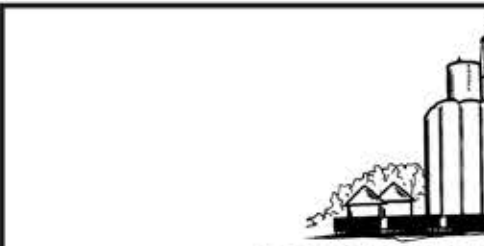
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TOWN OF BENNETT, COLORADO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Bennett Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2026. The purpose of the hearing will be to consider the Muegge Farms Town Center rezoning, Case No. PZ2026-0008.

The applicant is Rachel Summers, Deputy Town Manager representing the Town of Bennett. The town proposes to rezone 4 parcels it owns from PD - Planned Development to P - Public with an MS - Main Street overlay zone district. The property is in the Muegge Farms Development area. They are Parcel Number 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Bennett Town Center Exemption from Subdivision Plat. The parcels are west of 1st Street, east of Muegge Street, south of Civic Center Drive and north of the King Soopers shopping center.

Such Hearings will be conducted at the Bennett Town Hall, 207 Muegge Way, Bennett, Colorado 80102. Any person may appear at the Public Hearing and be heard regarding the matters under consideration. Copies of the application are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, 207 Muegge Way, Bennett, Colorado, during regular business hours.

Dated the 27th day of May 2026.

TOWN OF BENNETT, COLORADO
Christina Hart
Town Clerk

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Byers High School hosted Class of 2026 graduation ceremonies May 17 in the large gym. Left photo Isabelle Rains walks down the aisle; right photo Senior Cossette Kerns introduces the senior video.





The I-70 Corridor senior graduation season commenced with Prairie Creeks High School May 16 at Mundell Gymnasium in Strasburg High School. Top left Yudi Escobar talks about his experience at the alternative high school; top right Jasmine Rosado walks down the aisle after receiving her diploma; and bottom photo Aliena Cantero waves to family and friends after receiving her diploma

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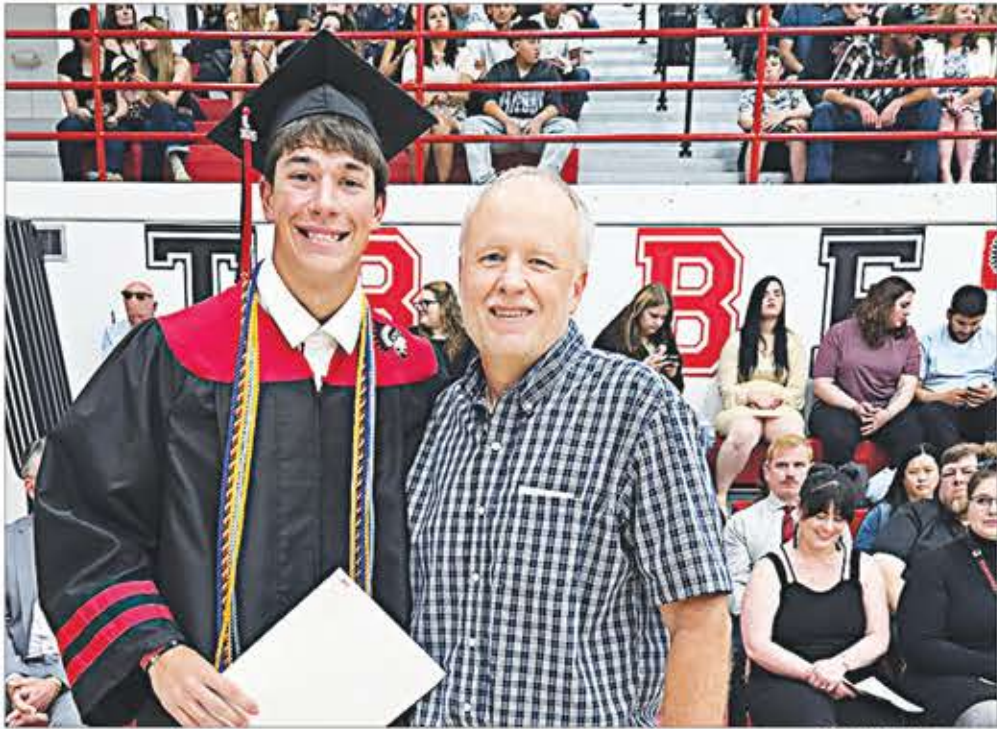
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A senior class of five walked through Agate graduation ceremonies May 17. From left to right, Superintendent/Principal Melinda Walls introduces the Class of 2026; Isaiah Winant enters the graduation hall; Preston Bertram speaks; and Brendon Lawson walks down the aisle.



ABOVE PHOTOS BY SCOTT GERRARD/For The Scout

Strasburg High School hosted graduation ceremonies May 17 in Mundell Gymnasium. Clockwise from above left, Mikayla Friedrich and Cade Hemphill receive the Mundell Award for multiple sports from Athletic Director Rick Jacoby; school board members Diana Elliott, Gemma Gomez, Courtney Vance, Michael Marrero and Mary O'Malley prepare to hand out diplomas; Rachael Sorensen gives a low-five as she comes down the graduation hall; the high school band, under the direction of first-year director John Ricks, prepares to play "Pomp and Circumstance;" and Cameron Manahan receives his Strasburg Parks & Recreation District scholarship from district board member Scott Gerrard. Hemphill also received a rec district scholarship from Gerrard. Manahan and Hemphill were named recipients of the Strasburg 311 Education Foundation Scholarship.



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED BUDGET

AGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT #300

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Notice is hereby given that the proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education of Agate School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and has been filed in the superintendent's office where it is available for inspection. The proposed budget was approved for adoption at a regular board meeting of the Board of Education at 41032 2nd Ave. in the Agate school cafeteria on Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Any person paying school taxes in said district may at any time, prior to the final adoption of the budget, file or register their objections thereof.

Board of Education

Agate School District #300

Dated: May 27, 2026

Shelia Mikita, Office Clerk

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The threat of inclement weather pushed Bennett High School's graduation services from Paul Read Field to the Tiger big gym May 22. Left photo, Markus Pauley is all smiles waiting to hear his name called. Right, Luz Lobatos, Jordan Ladd and Natalee Kalcevic are all smiles on their big day.



The final local I-70 Corridor School District to graduate its Class of 2026 was Deer Trail May 23. From left, Armando Valdez Jr. introduces guest speaker Cristian Aya; Salutatorian Megan Donovan hugs her father, Phil; and Valedictorian April Peña Avila addresses classmates, family and friends



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