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History buffs will no doubt recognize the famous line from the speech of Winston Churchill to the House of Parliament on June 16, 1940 after the fall of the French government. He warned the British people: "Let us brace ourselves to our duties...and if we prevail future generations will say 'This was their finest hour'."

Who alive today has ever witnessed a call from all levels of government to mandate conditions that result in social distancing to slow the pace of a proven pandemic?

For many, this will create sacrifices that span from the disappointment of a canceled senior prom to the possible permanent closure of small businesses we have come to know and love (if they too are mandated to close or if their business drops so precipitously that they can't meet their cost of doing business).

The speed of modern-day international communications permits us to track events in other countries almost as fast as they occur. Our health officials at both the local and national levels have been notified of countries in which COVID-19 has had devastating effects and they are understandably alarmed.

In Italy where locals greet each other with a hug and a kiss on both cheeks, the population tends to be older. The rate of infection in Italy is so severe that their medical facilities and ability to respond to their most critically ill citizens have been compromised. Italian doctors have been forced to make difficult decisions as to where to allocate their limited resources. With their example, we must take all the necessary steps to do our best to ensure that this does not happen here.

As a country, we have been favored in many ways and for many years. The last time the American people were called upon to make personal sacrifices over a long period of time for the national good was during World War II with its strict rationing of everyday items and extended unavailability of many goods.

Currently, even in these early days of

social restriction and change, we have seen evidence of the better nature of humankind. On neighborhood message boards, several people have reached out to their elderly neighbors offering to shop for them to decrease their exposure to others.

For most people under 60 who don't have a serious pre-existing medical condition, if they do contract COVID-19 according to the CDC, their case may well be mild. It's the elderly among us who are at greatest risk.

Please become mindful of the need to wash your hands repeatedly throughout the day with anti-bacterial soap whenever possible and use hand sanitizer when soap and water are unavailable. This basic new routine will go far to protect you and

Please check this CDC link: www.cdc. gov > coronavirus > 2019-ncov > about > share-facts for a full list of recommendations to help stop the spread of COVID-19. And please be patient with precautionary closures and cancellations.

Truly, we are all in this together. Look at the ways you can safely keep in touch with your friends through Skype and email messages that go beyond the short messages of texting -- who knows, this period in time could result in your becoming a better writer -- and THAT could

enhance your career.

Stay positive and observe the changes in our local culture as hopefully, we find creative ways to accommodate our current reality to successfully minimize the effects of this pandemic.

If you're doing something new and creative to address these unprecedented times, we'd like to hear from you to share it with our readers. Send your comments to: info@northfortynews.com or ahunter@northfortynews.com

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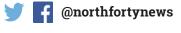
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# Covid-19 Response Fund Established for Non-profits

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The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado and the United Way of Larimer County have established the Northern Colorado COVID-19 Response Fund. As with other disaster response initiatives, the objective is to provide leadership and collaborative funding to support those who face the greatest need.

The COVID-19 coronavirus has stunned the world and is taking its toll on every individual and organization, including our community's nonprofits. To help respond to this unprecedented challenge, this effort will provide funding to local nonprofit organizations that work with people disproportionately affected by the consequences of COVID-19. Initially, these recipients include human service organizations that address food insecurity, especially for youth and older adults.

"This initiative reflects the core of why the Community Foundation exists," said Ray Caraway, Community Foundation president. "We have the infrastructure, relationships, and experience to convene community resources and respond rapidly when action is needed."

"This fund is designed to be nimble and will evolve to meet the greatest needs of the community as they unfold," said Annie Davies, United Way of Larimer County chief executive officer. "We appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Community Foundation to connect generous businesses and individuals to a meaningful and local opportunity to help

those affected by the pandemic."

"The Food Bank of Larimer County is at the very front of this when it comes to food," said Amy Pezzani, Food Bank of Larimer County CEO. "We serve over 1,000 families each day."

"As a part of the emergency response plan, the Town of Estes Park is referring people who need assistance to Estes Park's Crossroads Ministry," said Brian Schaffer, the organization's executive director. "We will be delivering food boxes to those confined to their home as well as adding others to our Meals on Wheels list to receive a hot, nutritious meal."

As a basis for this initiative, the Foundation is contributing \$50,000 dollars and the United Way is contributing \$100,000. Both organizations are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions from private foundations, corporate partners, and individual donors.

The Community Foundation and United Way of Larimer County will administer grants from the COVID-19 Fund with the assistance of community volunteers who will sit on the grant selection committee. Donations can be made to either organization.

Grants will be distributed to nonprofit organizations throughout Larimer County through the course of the crisis. The goal is to move resources quickly and adapt to evolving needs. COVID-19 Response Fund expects to disburse an initial round of grants by March 31, 2020. Neither United Way nor the Foundation will charge an administrative



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fee for this fund.

"We all have a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us from contracting COVID-19," Gov. Jared Polis said in a statement. "We are all in this together, and we all have people we love who are particularly vulnerable — our parents, our grandparents."

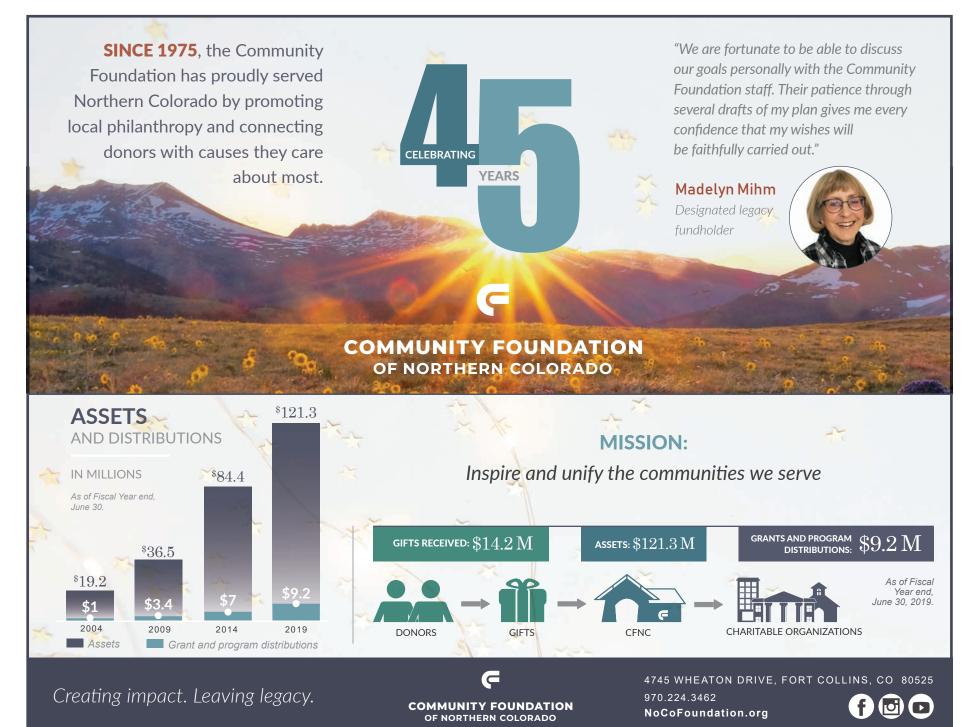
To assist in this critical work, you may donate to the Fund through either the Community Foundation or United Way.

Community Foundation of Northern Colorado: Donate online at www.coloradogives.org/COVID-19. Checks may be made payable to the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, 4745 Wheaton Dr., Fort Collins, CO 80525, with COVID-19

Fund in the memo line. Visit https://www.nocofoundation.org/COVID-19 for additional information.

United Way of Larimer County: To donate text LARIMERUNITED to 41444, make an online donation at www.impact.uwaylc. org/corona, or send checks to United Way of Larimer County, 525 W. Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO 80521 with COVID-19 in the subject line. To learn more about community resources & volunteer opportunities, please visit www.uwaylc.org.

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3728 Cleveland Avenue, Wellington CO 80549 970.568.4139 The Town of Wellington and its officials are closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak. Town leaders have spent several days consulting with internal and external partners, including guidance from the State of Colorado. The Town of Wellington is issuing an Emergency Declaration effective immediately for a seven (7) day period and will reassess the overall COVID-19 impact at that time.

Out of an abundance of caution, the Town of Wellington will be proactively closing the Wellington Senior Resource Center, Wellington Public Library, and Wellington Recreation Programs. This includes all town events, programs, and classes. Adults aged 60+ who are residents of Wellington may still request meals provided by the Volunteers of America Senior Nutrition Program. Seniors will also have access to transportation services for medical appointments through the Senior Ride Program.

The closure will start Monday, March 16, 2020 and be in place through March 22, 2020, at which time we will reassess the overall COVID-19 impact on the community. "At this time, we are working closely with our local, state and federal partners.



We realize these closures are inconvenient but have been made to ensure the safety of our residents," said Ed Cannon, Town Administrator.

Mayor Troy Hamman said, "I'd like to thank our first responders, health care professionals, Board of Trustees, and other frontline workers. While there is a lot of uncertainty right now, we know that if we stick together and support each other, we can honor our Wellington values and will be stronger because of it."

MORE INFORMATION: The public is encouraged to sign up for regular updates from our partners at Larimer County Department of Health and Environment (LCDHE) and their website (www.larimer.org/coronavirus) for accurate information and news about COVID-19.

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### Bagged Meals Available at Wellington Boys and Girls Club for Students

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Students can go to the Wellington Boys and Girls Club (8445 3rd St., Wellington, CO 80549) from 4-6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, between March 19 through March 27, to pick to up bagged meals.

They may pick up two meals per daily visit. Meals will be distributed in a drive-up fashion in the parking lot on the south side of the building.

Additional boxes of food will be available (1/family/week) from the Wellington Food Bank on Thursday evenings during those same hours. The club is not open to the public.

# Yes! We're Open; Wellington Restaurants Offer Take Out and Delivery Options

KALLIE COOPER | Executive Director Wellington, CO Main Streets

This is an unprecedented time for restaurants and beverage producers, who've seen their business models upended in a matter of days. To survive, they're getting creative: Some local Wellington restaurants now offer curbside carryout, and breweries are utilizing to-go methods to keep their businesses open. Meanwhile, restaurants like Pizza Palace and the Wellington Grill are taking delivery into their own hands. When your fridge is looking a little bare, or you can't think about cooking after a day of working from home, here are local businesses looking for some support:

- Avuncular Bob's T-Bar Inn will be offering take-out and curbside pick-up daily from 6:00 am 7:00 pm. Call (970) 568-9829 to order. Take out menu available on Facebook @BobsTBar.
- The Cakery will be reopening on Friday, March 20th for normal business hours Tuesdays Saturdays from 10:00 am 6:00 pm and Sundays from 10:00 am 3:00 pm. Specialty orders are still available with 48-hour notice. Call (970) 591-2253 to order. Menu available online at www.thecakeryco.com.
- Cantina Liquor will be open for walk-in and delivery service during regular business hours Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 10pm; Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 am – 11:00pm, and Sundays from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Call (970) 568-9596 for delivery.
- Leave It To Cleaver will be open daily from 12:00 8:00 pm for take out and pick-up in parking lot call ahead to (970) 829-1361 is encouraged. Menu available online at cleaverfoodtruck.com Les's BBQ and Smokehouse will be serving burritos Thursday Saturday starting at 6:00 am and BBQ starting at 11:00 am

- until they sell out, weather permitting.
- Papas Table will be offering take out and curbside pick-up Tuesday - Sunday from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm for Asian lunch and 4:30 - 9:00 pm for Italian dinner. Call (970) 568-4139 to order. Menu available online at papastablewellington.com.
- Pizza Palace provides delivery and curbside pick-up Sundays - Thursdays 11:00 am - 9:00 pm and Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 am-10:00 pm. Order online at www.pizzapalacewellington.com or call (970) 568-3011.
- Sol De Jalisco 3750 will have take out available daily from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. Call (970) 488-9128 to order. View their menu online at www.soldejalisco.com.
- Soul Squared Brewing Company is offering beer TO GO Mondays Fridays 4:00 8:00 pm and Saturdays and Sundays 2:00
- 8:00 pm. Call (970) 829-1361 to order!
- Subway provides take out service and online ordering for pick up daily from 10:30 am to 7:30 pm. Visit subway. com and select Wellington for store location to order.
- Sparge Brewing will be open M-Th from 3-7, Friday's 2-8, Saturday's 12-8 and Sunday's 12-4 pm to purchase crowlers and growlers to go. Gift cards and merchandise are also available for purchase in the tap room. E-gift cards are available to purchase online at www.spargebrew.com.
- Wellington Grill will be providing curbside pick-up and delivery daily from 4:00 8:00 pm.

  Call (970) 568-4065 to order! Check out their menu online at www.

  wellington-grill.com.

- Ridley's Wellington will remain open during regular business hours daily from 7:00 am - 10:00 pm. The store will open for seniors only on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 am. Online ordering is available at shopridleys.com.
- Drive-thru Restaurants will remain open for drive-thru service and hold regular business hours.

Gift cards are available at most restaurant locations and are the perfect way to help these businesses get through this difficult economic season. These businesses need us now more than ever before! Look for our new "Take Out and Curbside Pick-Up Available" signs and "Yes, We're Open" signs around town. The Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce and the Wellington CO Main Streets Program want to thank our communities for their continued support. Follow us on social media @WellingtonMainStreets and @Welling to an Area Chamber Of Commercefor daily updates on business hours, event postponements and cancellations, and for continued business support. We are here to serve our community and provide innovative ways to keep our business



# Wellington Food Bank Changes Its Procedures

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from noon-3:00 p.m. every Thursday for at least the next month.

Those in need of a food box to supplement what they are able to purchase on their own are asked to drive up to the west door at Zion Lutheran Church, 8322 Second Street, or the south **Income Qualifications** parking lot of the Boys' & Girls' Club on Third Street.

Please remain in your car! A volunteer will bring a pre-packaged box to you.

In order to try to avoid congestion, we ask those with last names beginning with A-H to come between 12:00-1:00 p.m., I-Q between 1:00-2:00 p.m., and R-Z from 2:00-3:00 p.m. If this is not possible for you, come when you can.

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### Please bring the following:

- · A photo ID or driver's license.
- · A bill, lease agreement or piece of mail displaying your name and physical address in Larimer County.
- · Current pay stub, current year's statement of SS, SSI, SSDI, SSD, OAP or veteran benefits.

If you will be visiting the Food Bank for the first time, please use the link below to access a form. If you have access to a printer, please print and complete the form and bring it with you for your first visit. If you cannot do this, we will have forms available.

The Wellington Food Bank will be open **ENGLISH**: www.foodbanklarimer.org/ wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-fblcclient-form1-eng.pdf

> **SPANISH:** https://foodbanklarimer.org/ wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-fblcclient-form1-esp.pdf

To qualify to receive food from the Wellington Food Bank, you must live in Larimer County and your gross monthly income must fall at or below the guidelines listed below. Individuals who qualify for Fresh Food Share also qualify for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Through TEFAP, qualifying individuals receive United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities one time per month. Commodities typically consist of nonperishable items, produce, and frozen

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\*A Household is defined as the total number of related or unrelated persons living at the same address who purchase, prepare and consume food together. Household income is the combined income of said persons.



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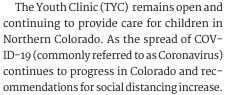
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# The Youth Clinic Response to Covid-19 Outbreak

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"The Youth Clinic continues to work diligently to provide a safe place for children to receive health care and we are taking precautionary measures to ensure that all patients and staff remain safe and healthy," says Larry Mortensen, Executive CEO of The Youth Clinic. "We are committed to providing a safe place for our families to receive excellent pediatric care for their children."

Children are still at vastly more risk of chronic illnesses such as RSV, strep throat, influenza, ear infections, injuries, etc. than COVID-19. "We are reminding parents that we are available to provide the treatment needed for such urgent care instances," says Mortensen. "We believe it is now even more important than ever to provide great care for the children of our community."

TYC understands that properly diagnosing patients and providing the appropriate treatment will benefit the health of the community. Providing ongoing well-child care and immunizations will also benefit our patients and the health of our community by preventing other communicable diseases. To support this vital effort, TYC will continue to provide evaluation and treatment needed for sick visits and will also continue to provide well-child care to patients at three select locations: Oak Park Drive, East Elizabeth, and MCR during the Coronavirus outbreak.

Additionally, to balance the needs of patients, prevent the further spread of the Coronavirus, and to maintain a healthy environment, TYC has implemented several new measures including, but not limited to:

### Designated "sick" and "well" office locations and staff

• Effective immediately, the Timnath Office is now a "sick-only" clinic. Patients who are experiencing respiratory or COVID like symptoms will be scheduled at this location.
• Effective Monday, March 23rd, all Well Care



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visits initially scheduled at the Timnath Office will be rescheduled to one of the three TYC "well" offices previously listed above (Oak Park Drive, East Elizabeth, and MCR). This decision was made to ensure that we are containing appointments for potential COVID-19 cases to one office (Timnath) to better manage and reduce the spread of germs. All families with well care appointments scheduled at the Timnath Office will be notified.

- Effective Monday, March 23rd, all Colorado University School Of Medicine Specialty Clinics scheduled at the Timnath Office will be held at the Oak Park Drive office location.
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Zero tolerance policy of any staff on–site while sick.
- Implementing telemedicine visits for patients needing routine medication evaluations.
- Requiring digital registration ahead of all appointments (utilizing the online registration system Phreesia) to minimalize potential spread of the virus by ensuring all high-risk patients are seen with precautions in place, such as immediate staff escort directly to a prepped, appointment-ready room to minimize traffic within facility waiting rooms.
- Additional implementation of a strict and detailed cleaning regimen at all offices, including additional cleaning and disinfecting of all hard surfaces, door handles, front desk and waiting room areas.
- Positioning additional staff to its Phone Nurse Triage line to help field questions from concerned parents and patients with credible information regarding the current state of the virus and precautions to stay healthy.
- Cancellation of all classes and group meetings scheduled at TYC and Pediatric Urgent Care facilities until further notice.

Those seeking more information on the Coronavirus outbreak are encouraged to view The Youth Clinic's informational video at https://youtu.be/J2iRT8ttS6A. For more information on the above information or upcoming appointments, visit The Youth Clinic website at www.youthclinic.com or call 970-267-9510.

# CDOT Announces Transparency and Accountability Measures

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The Colorado Department of Transportation is announcing a comprehensive transparency and public accountability strategy in preparation for an expanded construction program in 2020 and beyond. CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew presented the new plan on March 13 in Grand Junction alongside Transportation Commissioner Kathy Hall and State Senator Ray Scott.

"This initiative is particularly important now, as the legislature has entrusted CDOT with an additional \$500 million each year for the next several years and raised our normal \$1.5 billion budget to \$2 billion," said Director Lew. "This funding boost will help us move the needle on several key needs—and it will be up to us to prove we can handle the added responsibility."

Planning and project delivery is the first plank of CDOT accountability strategy. The agency prioritized and streamlined construction projects for 2020, after conducting a statewide listening tour and review in 2019. The result is a statewide project pipeline that gets the most out of available funding and sets a plan for future dollars.

### The plan implements:

- More detailed tracking of budgets on larger projects that are scheduled to last longer than a year to complete.
- New software that helps detect irregular patterns and unusual budget requests, allowing CDOT to spot potential fraud early and investigate proactively.
- New public reporting projects so Coloradans can see the progress on CDOT projects and how dollars are spent.
- Setting new spending targets to ensure more money is spent on infrastructure, where the public can see and use CDOT's work.
- Checks and balances to make sure CDOT is spending on projects that directly benefit residents.
- Reviewing the way CDOT does business with the contractors who build capital projects.

In the budget CDOT submitted to Governor Jared Polis late last year, CDOT proposed \$25 million in savings through an internal reorganization and other measures.

"At my direction, CDOT slashed spending on out of state travel and conferences by more than \$500,000 last year; between 2015 and 2018, CDOT's out of state travel spending had increased by 70%," said Director Lew. "We also worked with the Transportation Commission to repri-



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oritize about \$11 million a year towards common-sense safety improvements, like better and more visible highway striping, and to find more cost-effective ways to remain a leader in emerging areas like preparing Colorado for shared, connected, autonomous and electric transportation technologies."

This comprehensive effort seeks to put every resource and dollar where it can best be put and where Coloradans can see results.

"Director Lew has shown a willingness to push CDOT towards more accountability—first when she worked with her planning and outreach team to engage the public more seriously last year, as well as when she shifted spending," said Transportation Commissioner Kathy Hall. "If the full range of proposals in this accountability strategy meet their goals, Colorado will have a far more transparent and effective transportation department than it has ever seen."

CDOT has approximately 3,000 employees located throughout Colorado, and manages more than 23,000 lane miles of highway and 3,429 bridges. CDOT also manages grant partnerships with a range of other agencies, including metropolitan planning organizations, local governments and airports. It also administers Bustang, the state-owned and operated interregional express service. Governor Polis has charged CDOT to further build on the state's intermodal mobility options.

## Public Hearing on Land Use Amendments for the Estes Valley

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Larimer County will hold a public hearing to review proposed Larimer County Land Use Code Amendments for unincorporated areas of the Estes Valley.

At the hearing, the Board of Larimer County Commissioners will review and consider the adoption of Land Use Code Estes Valley Supplemental Regulations for existing zoning districts, regulations, permitted uses and regulations, and definitions from the Estes Valley Development Code.

The hearing is at 6 p.m., March 26. It will be broadcast at www.colorado.gov/pacific/townofestespark/meetingvideos.

Beginning April 1, 2020, Larimer County will process all planning applications for

unincorporated Larimer County, while the Town of Estes Park will start processing all planning applications within the town limits.

More detailed information on these changes is available at www.larimer.org/planning/estes-valley, including frequently asked questions, draft regulations, and other documents.

Additional questions regarding the transition can be emailed to Don Threewitt three-wdl@larimer.org, and questions about vacation homes emailed to Amy White, awhite@larimer.org.



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# **Mountain Lion From Attack in Loveland Tests Positive for Rabies**

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A mountain lion that attacked a resident and a Larimer County Sheriff deputy Wednesday has tested positive for rabies, according to Colorado Parks and Wildlife's wildlife pathologist.

Both bite victims have been notified and the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment is managing the rabies exposure investigation and response.

#### **Attack Details:**

At approximately 1:55 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, deputies from the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Colorado State Patrol, rangers from Larimer County Natural Resources and CPW wildlife officers all responded to a reported mountain lion attack west of Loveland near an RV park along the Big Thompson River.

A man and a delivery driver were talking outside a home near the Riverview RV Park when the driver noticed a mountain lion come from behind his truck. The mountain lion attacked the civilian he was talking to, inflicting injuries.

Larimer County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived first and found the mountain lion still in the vicinity. As deputies tried to contain the mountain lion, it attacked a deputy and multiple shots were fired at the animal. As the mountain lion continued moving east across the Big Thompson River and near a residence on Black Crow Road, a CPW wildlife officer shot and killed the animal.

Both people were sent to the hospital with inuries.

A necropsy showed the male lion was in good body condition, weighing 91 pounds, and had a mild skunk odor.

DNA evidence was sent to Laramie for testing at the Wyoming Game and Fish Wildlife Forensic & Fish Health Laboratory. Those results are pending.

#### **Human-Wildlife Interactions in Urban Areas**:

The complex and sometimes dangerous interactions with wildlife calls to attention the challenges wildlife managers

face in our urban areas. An expanding resident elk population in west Loveland is a prime food source for predators in the area, in addition to smaller prey. With the increasing herds, managers regularly deal with increased wildlife conflict, including mountain lions, along the Front Range.

"Management becomes more difficult and complex along the urban interface," said Mark Leslie, CPW's Northeast Region Manager. "Hunting is the most efficient tool we utilize to manage wildlife populations and that becomes especially complicated in and around our urban areas with increasing encroachment and human activity in wildlife habitat. Along the Front Range of Colorado, we need to consider alternatives that are more difficult to deploy, in conjunction with smart hunting strategies."

### **Rabies in Wildlife Populations:**

While it is unknown how the mountain lion contracted rabies, it is possible that it was bitten by a smaller prey animal that was also rabid. In the spring, as some wildlife become more active, CPW regularly sees an uptick in rabies activity, especially in skunks.

"Skunk rabies is endemic in the state, and skunk activity is increasing with the warming weather," said Karen Fox, CPW's wildlife pathologist. "Remember to keep your pets vaccinated."

If members of the public observe a wild animal with unusual symptoms or appearing to be diseased, they should contact their local CPW office. Note: The Fort Collins office can be reached at 970-472-4300.

If someone has come into contact with such an animal, they should contact their local public health officials immediately. The Larimer County public health number is 970-498-6775.

### **Mountain Lions in Colorado:**

This was the 23rd known attack of a mountain lion on a human in Colorado since 1990. There were three attacks in



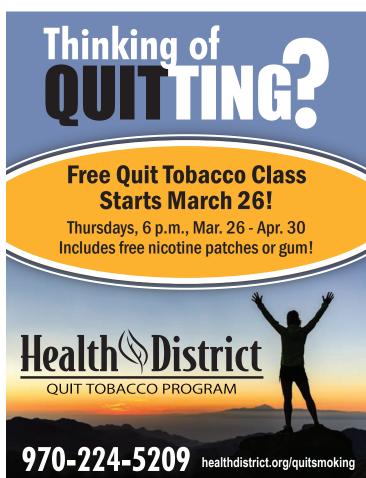
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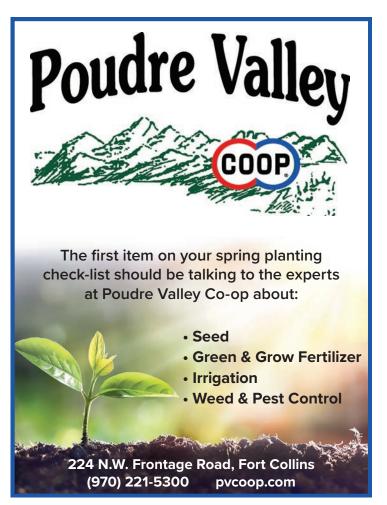
2019, but prior to those, the last attack occurred in 2016. Before 2019, the last time three attacks occurred within the same calendar year was 1998.

Though mountain lions are elusive, and attacks are relatively rare, it's important to know how to avoid or manage potential encounters.

To learn more about living with mountain lions in Colorado, visit cpw.state.co.us.







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## **Earth Day to** be Celebrated Virtually -At Least for Now

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### A Message to our Community

As we learn how to adapt to the challenges presented by Coronavirus (COVID 19) we are all confronting difficult decisions on a daily basis. In an effort to support the health and safety of our community the Sustainable Living Association has made arrangements to host a virtual Earth Day celebration between April 18-22. The 10th Annual Earth Day Fort Collins event has been rescheduled to September 19 at Civic Center Park from 11am-5pm. We know there are many pressing issues right now and we want you to rest assured that we have your best interest in mind.

### What we are doing:

We are hosting a virtual Earth Day event from April 18-22 where we will feature videos, community stories, tips on how to reduce your environmental impacts and fun ideas on how to celebrate Earth Day at home.

Our September 19 event will be a combination of Earth Day activities and a 20-year celebration of the Sustainable Living Associations' efforts in our community. This family oriented event will feature speakers, exhibitors, music, food and other activities that celebrate Fort Collins as a leader in sustainable practices and climate action.

We are committed to keeping the momentum on environmental protections that will protect our planet for many more years to come. We appreciate the trust you place in us as we all continue to do our part to keep our communities healthy and safe. Take care and be well.

To the Future,

Kellie Falbo, Executive Director SustainableLivingAssociation.org



**IMAGE COURTESY CITY OF FORT COLLINS** The \$3.8M Linden Street Renovation Project would create a "convertible" street.

# **Fort Collins Provides Update** on Linden Street Project

NORTH FORTY NEWS | NorthFortyNews.com

An update was given in the March Fort Collins City Manager's report about the plans for the renovation of Linden street between Walnut and Jefferson.

The city anticipates to finalize the design of the \$3.8 million project in April.

The initial concepts include converting the section of Linden Street to a "convertible" street; one that can function primarily as a roadway but can also be closed to vehicles and converted to a pedestrian plaza during specialty events.

Construction would begin in April and finish by Fall.

### Project status:

· Staff is negotiating with a Contractor to construct the planned improvements. Staff has integrated the Contractor into the final design phase of the project.

- Staff and representatives from the Contractor are collectively performing outreach to gather feedback and perspectives on potential construction phasing plans and to inform stakeholders of the upcoming construction.
- Staff anticipates finalizing design plans in April, with construction starting shortly thereafter. Staff is targeting a late Fall completion date, but this date is dependent on the approved construction phasing.

### **Local Community Members Purchase Glass Doctor Franchise**

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Joel White knows a bit about customer service after spending 21 amount of years leading not only customer service training for all employees but also leading the Food and Banquet Department to great success at the Fort Collins Country Club. Three years ago, Joel decided to make a life change and took a long-awaited vacation traveling the U.S. giving thought to his next career.

Butch and Maureen Stockover, longtime Fort Collins community members and friends of Joel began one-day discussing possible ideas of future partnership endeavors and within a short time, Butch and Maureen left retirement and joined Joel and the three purchased the available Glass Doctor franchise located in Fort Collins at 2901

South College Avenue.

Relationships within the community, great customer service and a desire to always deliver a better job than requested is the motto for these three owners. Glass Doctor, known well for auto glass repair also provides home glass and business glass. Even emergency service for your business is available 24 hours every day of the week. "We saw this opportunity and jumped on it quickly. Glass Doctor has an excellent reputation nationwide and we knew what we were capable of doing in Fort Collins and look forward to becoming the Glass Doctor for all in our community, said owner



**IMAGE COURTESY GLASS DOCTOR** Glass Doctor franchisees Joel White, and Butch and Maureen Stockover

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### **Local Art Gallery Advances from Unique Ownership**

**STEVEN BONIFAZI** | NorthFortyNews.com

The Blue Moose Art Gallery in Fort Collins is succeeding under a fairly new change in ownership as a result of being one big family.

Now owned by 21 owners, the Blue Moose Art Gallery was opened back in October 2016 by 2 of the 4 original owners, mother Deb Groesser and her daughter Julie Grillo. They currently run the Blue Moose Art Gallery along with another art gallery called Blue Goose Gallery in the small town of Chester, California, originally opened in 1991.

From pine needle-woven baskets to acrylic wall paintings, pottery, glass, and photography, the gallery represents over 90 Colorado artists throughout the store. The Blue Moose Art Gallery has exclusivity with artists in Fort Collins, meaning no other galleries in the city have the same artists.

"I thought it was possible because I like to go out of the box. I knew we needed more people to run this. I put an email out to everybody on the mailing list and said who wants to buy a gallery and the rest is history," said Groesser.

The gallery not only has art for sale but offers 15 classes a month featuring over 30 instructors, all who are professional artists. The classes range from beginner to advanced and include topics like Solar Light Diffuser Pottery and Glass Suncatcher classes during March.

"Every student gets individual attention," said Grillo. "We are really good at knowing our artists and really believe in them", she said.

The work of the Blue Moose Art Gallery is only possible through their unique business model of 17 committees made up of 21 owners. The day the transition from 4 to 21 owners became official was May 31, 2019.

"We had the gallery coming along, but nowadays a small business requires so much personal attention, social media,

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marketing, advertising, classes, there were so many opportunities we were running out of steam", said Marge Brodahl, Artist and Co-Owner of Blue Moose Art Gallery.

The committees are all essential and vary ranging from the organization of the gallery to marketing and advertising. With 21 owners required to work 3 days a month, the gallery has a large selection of backgrounds that fit within their committees.

"I have a fabulous opportunity to not have a full-time job but still have my hand in the business," said Alesa Locklearm, co-owner of the gallery. Locklearm has a background as a certified public accountant and is a member of the marketing and finance committees for the Blue Moose

Stephen Huth, the one male owner of the Blue Moose Art Gallery, does the scheduling. A total of around 30 people staff the gallery, and some people do it simply because they like to according to Huth.



IMAGE CREDIT: MARGE BRODAHL.

Top Row L-R: Beatrice Rudolph, Debbie Tamblin, Vicki McCargar, Raine Green, Liz Williams, Inara Rudmanis, Alesa Lockhart, Cindy Kuck, Steven Huth Bottom Row L-R: Marge Brodahl, Deb Groesser, Cecilia Fuller, Julie Grillo, Judi Sevel, Rhea Ferranti

Floor: Michelle Rudolph, Artist and Owner, Blue Moose Art Gallery

"Many galleries feel remote, but we're willing to talk about the artists because we know them, said Huth.

The owners and customers keep the gallery alive. Each person and committee helps keep the Blue Moose Gallery on its feet, while it may not be a routine way of doing business, it works for them.

"We have pulled in some phenomenal people and with the experience they bring to the table, most are retired but have a wealth of life experience," said Brodahl. "We don't want drama we just want to have a good time," she said.

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For more information about the Blue Moose Art Gallery, including class price and information, please visit their website at www.Blue-MooseArtGallery.com or call at 970-825-5704.



### "Shooting Heroin" To Make Its Premiere at the Lyric On April 2

Opioid Drama Starring Sherilyn Fenn, Alan Powell, Nicholas Turturro and Cathy Moriarty

WHERE: The Lyric:

www.lyriccinema.com

www.heroinfilm.com/tour

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The film tells the story of a smalltown community that comes together to fight back against the spread of drugs "by any means necessary"—a story of

a group of vigilante townsfolk who take justice into their own hands to fight for the heart of America, and 1209 N College Ave.Fort save the next generation from overdosing and dying. Filmed in the Rust Belt of Pennsylvania, SHOOTING HEROIN

offers the heartbreaking realism of the lives ruined by the opioid crisis and a community willing to resort to exceptional means to meet an increasingly dire problem.

SHOOTING HEROIN features Sherilyn Fenn (Twin Peaks), Alan Powell (Quantico), Garry Pastore (HBO's The Deuce),

Nicholas Turturro (SVU), Cathy Moriarty (RAGING BULL), and Lawrence-Hilton Jacobs (Cooley High), among others. The film most recently won the Best

Film, Best Director and Best Supporting **WHEN:** Thursday, April 2nd Actor (Pastore) at the Hell's Kitchen Film Festival in New York City in October.

> WHO: Sherilyn Fenn (Twin Peaks), Alan Powell (Quantico), Garry Pastore (HBO's The Deuce),

Nicholas Turturro (SVU), Cathy Moriarty (RAGING BULL), Lawrence-Hilton Jacobs (Cooley High), and Director Spencer T. Folmar (GENERATIONAL SINS).

WHAT: The Colorado area opening of SHOOTING HEROIN, a narrative feature film on the current opioid epidemic in America.

### Northside Aztlan will be 24/7 Shelter for Those **Experiencing Homelessness** from March 19 – April 10

NORTH FORTY NEWS | NorthFortyNews.com

In response to the latest local, state and federal recommendations regarding social distancing and in an effort to protect vulnerable community members, the City of Fort Collins is using Northside Aztlan Community Center (112 E Willow St.) as a day time and overnight shelter for those experiencing homelessness beginning March 19 at noon until April 10.

This is a part of the City's ongoing efforts to protect the community and limit the potential spread of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus).

"Those who are experiencing homelessness are some of our most vulnerable community members", says Chief Sustainability Officer, Jacqueline Kozak Thiel, "and providing 24/7 shelter will help these community members abide by CDC recommendations and give them a healthy and safe place to rest during this uncertain and unprecedented time."

### Shelter details are as follows:

Thursday, March 19 (noon) to Friday, April 10:

- Day Shelter: 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (sack lunch provided at noon)
- Evening Shelter: 5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
- · Men Overnight Shelter: 9:00 p.m. men only at Northside Atzlan Center
- Women Overnight Shelter: will occur at Fort Collins Rescue Mission and Community of Christ (9:00 p.m.)
- · Breakfast and dinner will still be served daily at Fort Collins Rescue Mission

For more information and latest updates, go to fcgov.com/coronavirus.



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# The Musical Intersection

# **MUSIC CORRELATES** WITH ACHIEVEMENT IN SCHOOLS

**ANNE CLEARY** | Professor of Cognitive Psychology

"There is a connection, hard to explain logically but easy to feel, between achievement in public life and progress in the arts." - John Fitzgerald Kennedy

This quotation, engraved on the walls of the Kennedy Center River Terrace in Washington DC, states what I believe is a profound truth: Accomplishment in the arts is tied very tightly to accomplishment in most other human en-

And science is now beginning to provide the logical connection that JFK found so elusive.

That connection comes in the form of correlations.

For example, training in music is strongly correlated with achievement in realms like math, engineering, or science. In other words, the more musically trained and skilled a person is, the more likely that person will also have attained academic achievement in domains not directly connected to music, like math and science.

But correlations don't tell us about the direction of the causality. So, the key question for scientists now is, "Why?"

The correlations could be there because people who are good at learning to play music and who are willing to practice and stick with years of music lessons are also good at other things like practicing math problems and studying for science exams.

Or, more interestingly, maybe training people in music actually changes their brains in some critical way that makes them more apt to succeed in other areas, like math

Indeed, a number of recent studies are starting to point toward the existence of a beneficial effect of musical training on cognitive development.

For example, researchers at the Brain and Creativity Institute at the University of Southern California published a longitudinal study in 2018 looking at three groups of children. The children-all 6 to 7 years old-were recruited from low-income communities around Los Angeles. One



### ■ PHOTO BY CHRIS FULLER

group was randomly selected to enroll in a community music training program where they would receive 6-7 hours per week of musical instrument training for two years. A second group was enrolled in several hours of soccer training per week for two years, and the third group was not enrolled in any after school activities.

After two years, the students assigned to the musical training exhibited many structural differences in their brains compared to the students in the other two groups. One difference was increased connectivity and neural communication between the two brain hemispheres among the musically trained students, something that had already been observed in the brains of musicians.

Because there was no reason to believe that the students in the musically trained group in this study were inherently more musically apt-they had been randomly selected from the same comparably disadvantaged, low-income communities as the other two groups--the authors concluded that prolonged musical training actually changes aspects of the structure and connectivity of the brain during development.

In sum, although we still do not fully understand how exactly that translates to other cognitive abilities or academic performance and achievement, the evidence is starting to point toward the benefits of prolonged musical training on developing brains.

This is one reason why cutting the arts from education when faced with budget cuts is a mistake. Setting aside the value of the arts in and of themselves for what they bring to the human spirit, it is important to recognize that training in the arts is tied to advancement in the critical STEM topics (Science, Technology, Engineering,

And it is also a reason why we must provide community musical training programs to everyone, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

> An example in the Fort Collins community is the Academy Programs provided by Off the Hook Arts.

> On February 1, those who came to the Off the Hook Arts Chamber Music Mixer witnessed the fruits of this program. More information about Off the Hook Arts can be found at www.offthehookarts.org/

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Anne Cleary is a Professor of Cognitive Psychology who lives with her family in the Historic Fort Collins High School Neighborhood of Old Town Fort Collins. Off the Hook Arts is a Fort Collins non-profit that provides low-cost music performance education for students while cultivating a love of the performing arts through public concerts and special events.

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# BIG CHANGES AHEAD FOR **LOCAL BLUES SOCIETY**

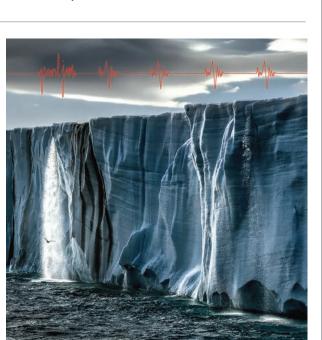
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With the new year, exciting changes are coming for an ever-growing number of area blues fans. To begin, the Fort Collins Blues Society will now be known as the High Plains Blues Society. Although the basic mission of the non-profit 501(c) organization remains the same, i.e., to promote and support blues music, membership will now extend to include both Wyoming and Nebraska residents. By offering membership beyond the immediate Northern Colorado region, the group hopes to keep the blues alive in neighboring communities further north and east of Fort Collins.

Currently, the High Plains Blues Society is busy at work promoting new membership and creating upcoming events for 2020. Keep posted for some great opportunities to attend blues shows this year! If you'd like to volunteer, become a member, provide business or venue endorsement, or just learn more about the High Plains Blues Society, please visit highplainsbluessociety.com for details.



**■ PEARL JAM GIGATON.** 

### PEARL JAM TO RELEASE **ALBUM "GIGATON"** ON MARCH 27

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Pearl Jam has released the track listing for their much-anticipated eleventh studio album, Gigaton which is set to be released via Monkeywrench Records/Republic Records on March 27, 2020. Produced by Josh Evans and Pearl Jam, Gigaton features 12 tracks including the first single, "Dance of the Clairvoyants". See the full track list below.

Gigaton is available for pre-order at www.pearljam.com. Gigaton:

- 1. Who Ever Said
- 2. Superblood Wolfmoon
- 3. Dance of the Clairyovants
- 4. Quick Escape
- 5. Alright
- 6. Seven O'Clock 7. Never Destination
- 8. Take The Long Way
- 9. Buckle Up
- 10. Come Then Goes
- 11. Retrograde
- 12. River Cross

### About Pearl Jam

2020 officially marks 30 years of Pearl Jam performing live. Eleven studio albums, hundreds of unique live performances and official live concert bootleg releases later, the band continues to be critically acclaimed and commercially successful - with over 85 million albums sold worldwide and a 2017 induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.





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# CITY BUZZ

# >> SPRINGTIME ENTERTAINMENT AND BEER AT PROST

**SEAN CLANCY** | General Manager, Prost Brewing & Biergarten

"Frühling! That's "springtime" in German, and that time is almost upon us! We at Prost have a slew of exciting events and biers to coincide with what many consider the best season of the year!

With a litany of new food trucks peppering our alleyway, our food options are ever-expanding! We've had Chief's Chicken Shack, Atacolypse Now, Lavish Dogs, Bratley Crew, and Peak 59, just to name a few. Prost-favorite Nomad Micro Pizza will be coming back this spring - with talk of exciting, new options - as well! Visit our facebook and instagram pages to see who will be serving up delicious food go with your

While you're ingesting delicious food, be sure to stick around to catch the live music that has been taking over our stage every weekend. Our talented music booker, Kevin Ott, has been hard at work to bring talent from all across the country to Prost's stage. Be sure to check out our St. Patrick's Celebration on March 14th, where The Blind Alley Troubadours will be helping you boogie the night away. Choice City Stomp begins on April 3rd and we'll be THE venue for hosting this event! Be sure to visit choicecitystomp. com for line-up information and to secure tickets! April 18th also kicks off our anniversary party, where we'll be releasing our barrel-aged Maibock that's aged on Palo Santo wood chips, with Roots & Rhythm rocking the stage. As always, follow us on facebook and instagram so you don't miss out on any of our other upcoming shows! Also, be sure to check our event calendar in 'The New SCENE Magazine!'

If you're looking for something more casual, be sure to check out our other fun events that have been gaining tons of popularity! On Mondays, we have a cornhole league that has been put together by the kind folks who also made our beautiful cornhole boards: Wilson Cornhole. The last Tuesday of every month, we have a Music/Video Match Bingo game in our spacious back room. Every Wednesday, with the exception of the last Wednesday, we host a drone racing league. Yes, you read that right: drone racing. Our friends at FoCo FPV create an obstacle course in our back room that's also broadcast on our giant projection screen for all to watch. The last Wednesday of the month features a unique and hilarious comedy show, "Search Party Comedy," hosted by the talented and comical Sam Sisson. This gut-busting comedy showcase features local comedians, as well as nationally touring acts which have even had appearances on HBO, Hulu, and Comedy Central. Rounding out the week on Thursdays is Jammin' Feud, which is a Family Feud-style game that has been quickly gaining attention and popularity. While this is done every Thursday, the last Thursday showcases an "adults only"



PHOTO BY. The outdoor patio at Prost Brewing in Fort Collins.

version where the questions get a little more "risque." With all of the aforementioned events, there are always prizes involved and all of our events and shows

There's every reason to come on down to Prost and raise a glass! "Wir sehen uns dort!" (see you there!)"

# CALL FOR HUMAN "BOOKS" FOR THE LIVING LIBRARY PROJECT

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Poudre River Public Library District is seeking people to join their Living Library project and be part of a collection of diverse people who will share individual stories, talents, and experiences with small groups of "readers" during a special event on April 25, 2020 at Old Town Library.

Those interested in serving as a book and sharing their story should contact Audrey, the District's Volunteer Manager, at (970) 221-6183 by April 1, 2020.

People serving as a living book will be asked to meet with a small group of community members - or, readers - during the April special event for informal conversations around their individual

story. It's an opportunity for the community to engage in discussions and meet unique people.

"Our Living Library Project is an effort to build community connections, foster dialogue, and give people an opportunity to meet and learn from someone they might not otherwise have had a chance to meet," says David Slivken, executive director, Poudre River Public Library District.

The deadline to volunteer to be a living book is April 1, 2020. Sign up to participate as a "reader" will begin in April where you can browse the books and put one on hold. The special Living Library Book Fair event will be held April 25 at Old Town Library.

### About the Poudre River Public Library District

Established in 2006 by voter approval, the Poudre River Public Library District's shared resources serve more than 191,740 people across a vast 1,800 square-mile region in northern Larimer County, Colorado. Anchored by three libraries in Fort Collins, the District is dedicated to matching diverse communities' needs, interests and priorities with exceptional opportunities for learning, intellectual stimulation, and personal enjoyment. In all its endeavors, the District aims to enrich the cultural, educational and economic life of the growing regional area which it serves. More information can be found online at PoudreLibraries.org or by calling (970) 221-6740.



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■ PHOTO BY. James Reed in January 2020.

James Reed caught the music bug at a very young age and started performing during his elementary school's talent shows when he was nine years old. At the age of 12 he was fortunate to join some other rising musicians in the local Fort Collins scene and started performing all over the region including festivals like on the kid's stage at New West Fest; the Lincoln Center, Ben & Jerry's Cream of the Crop Music series. He also played numerous venues like Everyday Joe's Coffee House, Avogadro's, Island Grill, Spotlight Music and more. He also was a regular performer on KRFC-FM's kid's music program where he first started writing and playing some of his original songs on the guitar, ukulele and keyboards.

"Songwriting has always been a way for me to express myself and work through a variety of emotions. It seemed like the melodies and lyrics always came naturally to me," says James Reed who started writing songs when he was 13. Since then, he has over 100 original songs he has penned over the years. Songwriting has always been a fun process for James. "Sometimes a song will just pop up in my head in a matter of minutes and other times it is more like putting together an intricate puzzle."

He graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in 2016 spending time in the choir meeting friends and eventually forming various bands, duos, and ensembles throughout his high school years. After graduation, James spent a year at the University of Wyoming studying business economics but his heart was always with music. When he heard that the prestigious Berklee College of Music was going on tour across the US to find musicians and award them a full-ride "North American Scholarship" with a stop in Denver, he jumped at the chance to follow his dreams. After an intense round of interviews and auditions, he was able to play one of his original songs with some talented instructors, which was an experience he will never forget.

"Waiting for the results felt like the longest month of my life. But when I finally heard the news that I was given a full-ride scholarship to attend my dream school I had to go," adds Reed. So he headed to Boston in the spring of 2018, with studies in Songwriting and Guitar Performance.

Growing up in Fort Collins gave James a rare opportunity to hone his performance skills because the youth music scene here is so strong. "I realized how special and important growing up here was for me when I discovered so many of my peers at Berklee had never even performed in front of any size audience, let alone in Moby Area in front of 5,000 people. Where else are young kids given this amazing chance?" adds Reed.

His music is comparative to a John Mayer, a Jack Johnson or Jason Mraz but with some funk and innovative echo sounds. James has since performed in various venues in Boston like the Hard Rock Cafe, at Berklee in a variety of performance halls and around the New England area, playing original music, developing his craft, while getting the opportunity to meet other amazing and talented musicians.

While visiting home on break during a recent radio interview on 90.5 KCSU-FM, James explained that writing songs is intoxicating. "Going to Berklee has been a humbling experience for me. One thing I have learned is that music is just so subjective. I mean there are just so many possibilities... what's crazy is there are only 12 notes you can play but a million different ways to play them." Adds Reed.

James plans on recording and releasing a full EP on major platforms such as Spotify and Apple Music later this year, compiling music he has written over the past 3 years.

### FIND JAMES REED'S ORIGINAL MUSIC:

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## **VA Employee Found Guilty of Corruption Charges and Defrauding VA of Nearly** \$19 Million in a Year

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**DENVER** - United States Attorney Jason R. Dunn announced that yesterday a jury sitting in U.S. District Court in Denver found former Veterans Affairs (VA) employee Joseph Prince, age 60, of Aurora, Colorado guilty of felony health care fraud, conspiracy, payment of illegal kickbacks and gratuities, money laundering charges and conflict of interest. The verdict is the result of an eight-day jury trial before U.S. District Court Judge Raymond P. Moore. Prince's bond was continued and he was ordered to home incarceration pending his sentencing.

According to the indictment and evidence presented at trial, Prince was a Beneficiary Provider Relationships Specialist with the VA's Spina Bifida (SB) Health Care Benefits Program, which covers medical needs of children of certain veterans of the Korea and Vietnam wars suffering from SB. Prince worked for a VA call center in Denver, and spoke with health care providers and SB beneficiaries or their families regarding their health care needs and care reimbursement.

Prince defrauded the VA's Spina Bifida Health Care Benefits Program by signing up the family members of the program's beneficiaries as home health "contractors" with sham home health entities run by Prince's associates. Prince knew that the sham home health entities were not authorized providers by the VA. He nonetheless encouraged the family members to submit bills despite the fact that they were not approved providers and to include the bills for services that either were not provided or were not allowed by the VA. He then accepted payments from the associated home health entities for referrals he himself made to those agencies. Prince's referrals led to payments totaling approximately \$20 million from the VA to the Prince-related home health agencies, which were run by associates including his wife, his brother-in-law, his half-sister,

Ultimately Prince referred approximately 45 SB beneficiaries to the sham home health entities. The total amount of fraudulent claims paid by the SB Health Care Benefits Program to the five Home Health Entities totaled approximately \$19 million. Of that amount, Prince received approximately \$1.5 million in kickbacks from two home health entities between December 2017 and June 2018.

"To steal from a program that is intended to help our veterans and their children who suffer from serious medical conditions is reprehensible," said U.S. Attorney Jason Dunn. "Mr. Prince was also harming the American taxpayers and will now pay a significant price for his actions."

"The crimes perpetrated by Joseph Prince and his associates were especially troubling since Prince was a VA official," said Gregg Hirstein, Special Agent in Charge, VA Office of Inspector General. "The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General is committed to holding accountable



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those who illegally enrich themselves using VA programs intended to help our nation's veterans and their dependents, who deserve to be served by a workforce of the highest integrity. I am thankful for the close coordination of the investigative agencies and the United States Attorney's Office to quickly end this massive fraud."

"The sizeable amount of false claims Joseph Prince submitted and subsequent kickbacks he received are an affront to government programs intended to help the public," said Andy Tsui, IRS Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge, Denver Field Office. "It is unacceptable to abuse a position of trust for personal financial gain and for those that do, IRS-Criminal Investigation will seek justice on behalf of the true beneficiaries of government benefits programs."

"The recent conviction of Joseph Prince is significant and highlights the FBI's collaboration with the United States Attorney's Office as we hold this defendant accountable for abusing his position as an official at the Department of Veteran's Affairs to manipulate government contracts for personal gain," said FBI Denver Special Agent in Charge Dean Phillips. "The FBI will continue to use all available tools to detect illegal conflicts of interest and bribery schemes in government entities."

Long-time friend of Prince and coconspirator Roland Vaughn pled guilty to paying an illegal gratuity to a public official on August 1, 2019, and is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Moore on April 9, 2020. Glenn and Catherine Beach, who were also friends of Mr. Prince, pleaded guilty to paying an illegal gratuity to Prince. The Beaches will be sentenced on April 1, 2020.

Prince will be sentenced on June 11, 2020. Felony Conflict of Interest carries a penalty of not more than five years in prison and a fine of not more than \$250,000 or two times the gain or loss from the offense per count. Health care fraud carries a penalty of not more than 10 years in prison and a fine of not more than \$250,000 or two times the gain or loss from the offense per count. Conspiracy to Commit an Offense against the United States carries a penalty of not more than five years in prison and a fine of not more than \$250,000 or two times the gain or loss from the offense. Soliciting/Receiving an Illegal Gratuity carries a penalty of not more than two years in prison and a fine of not more than \$250,000 or two times the gain or loss from the offense per count. Unlawful Monetary Transactions carries a penalty of not more than 10 years in prison and a fine the greater of \$250,000 or two times the value of the property involved in the transaction per count. Money Laundering carries a penalty of not more than 20 years in prison and a fine the greater of \$500,000 or twice the value of property involved in the transaction per count.

The government will seek forfeiture of specific assets and restitution to the Veterans Health Administration in the amount of approximately \$19 million.

This case was investigated by VA's Office of the Inspector General, the FBI, and

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Anna K. Edgar and



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■ PHOTO BY SCOTT BURNWORTH: Sand Hill Cranes on the Platte River in March 2020

# Bird Watching on the Platte

SCOTT BURNWORTH | Livermore Resident

In early March, I was fortunate to visit the Audubon Rowe Sanctuary on the Platte River near Kearney, Nebraska. The Sand Hill Crane migration was beginning. I was in a group of 23 on the first morning of reserved viewing spots in a newly constructed blind about 15 yards from the river's edge. The Guides walked us from the Visitor's Center to the blind using red filtered flashlights about an hour before sunrise in the brisk 24-degree humid morning. There we waited for sunrise. The waiting was its own unique experience. Although very dark, the loud talking and chattering of the roosting cranes seemed like only a stone's throw away. As it turns out—it was. The light increased, cranes became visible in the shallow river

water, and the cameras went into action.

The numbers of cranes present then were only about 1/5 of the migration peak. But nevertheless, when a large loud wave flew down the river channel towards us, it felt like a literal stampede in the air. My heart quickened, my senses heightened, and I involuntarily became anxious as to what was about to happen as the tremendous noise became deafening and the chaos of wings proved disorienting.

Back in Livermore, I have recently heard the occasional distinctive clacking voices of small numbers of cranes flying high overhead and barely visible. I am then reminded of the amazing sights and sounds on the Platte.

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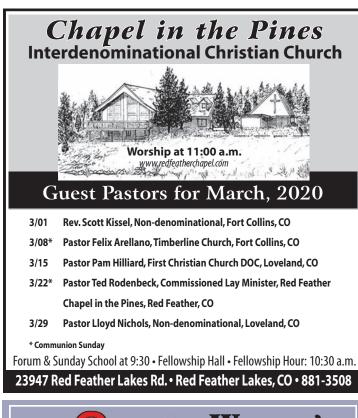


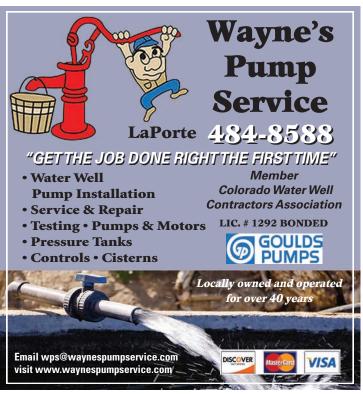
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# LOVELAND

### **Banner Health Implementing New Visitor** Restrictions

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### Banner Health

Restrictions to go into effect 7 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, at all Banner hospitals

To create a safe and secure environment for our patients and our health care workers during the COVID-19 outbreak, visitors will no longer be allowed in Banner hospitals starting at 7 a.m. on Thursday, March 19. We understand this will be challenging, but we're committed to take the necessary precautions to protect our patients, health care workers and the community.

#### There are two exceptions to the visitor restriction:

- Pediatric patients (under the age of 18) may have one adult visitor with them.
- Laboring mothers may have one support person with them.

Because we understand the importance of engaging with loved ones, we highly encourage phone calls, FaceTime or video chats to stay in touch during this time.

#### Additional information and resources:

Visit Banner Health's COVID-19 webpage for the more information about COVID-19 and changes at Banner Health due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Banner Health also has an online symptom checker for those who are concered about their symptoms.

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Headquartered in Arizona, Banner Health is one of the largest nonprofit health care systems in the country. The system owns and operates 28 acute-care hospitals, Banner Health Network, Banner - University Medicine, academic and employed physician groups, long-term care centers, outpatient surgery centers and an array of other services; including Banner Urgent Care, family clinics, home care and hospice services, pharmacies and a nursing registry. Banner Health is in six states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada and Wyoming. For more information, visit www.BannerHealth.com.

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# **Attack Submarine USS Colorado** (SSN 788) Holds Change of **Command in Groton**

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Commander Garth Storz relieved Captain Jason Geddes as commanding officer of the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Colorado (SSN 788) at Naval Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut, March 6.

Captain Andrew Miller, Commander, Submarine Squadron Four (CSS-4), recognized Geddes for exceptional leadership.

"What a fantastic moment to be able to recognize the accomplishments of Captain Geddes after starting his career as an E-1 Disbursing Clerk," Miller said. "Your inspirational leadership and mentorship had a significant impact not only aboard your ship but across the entire Groton waterfront."

Under Geddes' command, Colorado returned from her deployment last month from the U.S. European Command area of responsibility, where it executed the chief of naval operations' maritime strategy by supporting national security interests and maritime security operations.

"I am humbled by the skill, hard work, and dedication these Colorado warriors displayed for our maiden deployment," said Geddes. "And for my relief, Commander Storz, you are the perfect guy for the job and will, no doubt, take Colorado back out to the tip of spear and do amazing things."

In his first act as commanding officer, Storz, a Clifton Park, New York native, shared an inspirational message with the Colorado crew.

"When I walked on board a little over a month ago I was greeted by 140 steely-



(U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY JOHN NAREWSKI) Jason Geddes, right, salutes as he turns over command of USS Colorado (SSN 788) to Commander Garth Storz while Captain Andrew Miller, Commander Submarine Squadron Four, looks on during a change of command ceremony that was held on Friday, March 6, 2020 at Dealey Center onboard Submarine Base New London in Groton, CT. While at the helm of Colorado Geddes took the Virginia-class attack submarine on her maiden deployment to the European Command Area of Responsibility completing multiple missions vital to national security.

eyed killers of the deep at the end of an incredible maiden deployment," Storz said. "I look forward to many years of sailing together and the continued success of Colorado."

Geddes, a native of Indianapolis, will

transfer to the Undersea Warfighting Development Center (UWDC).

Storz enlisted in the Navy in 1997 and selected for the Nuclear Enlisted Commissioning Program shortly after. He received a Bachelor's degree from Penn State University in Nuclear Engineering and was commissioned via Officer Candidate School in 2002. He previously served as an Executive Officer on USS Dallas (SSN700) at CSS-4 in Groton, Connecticut.

Colorado was commissioned in March 2018 as the 15th Virginia-class fastattack submarine to join the fleet.

Fast-attack submarines are multimission platforms enabling five of the six Navy maritime strategy core capabilities - sea control, power projection, forward presence, maritime security, and deterrence. They are designed to excel in anti-submarine warfare, antiship warfare, strike warfare, special operations, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare and mine warfare. Fast-attack submarines project power ashore with special operations forces and Tomahawk cruise missiles in the prevention or preparation of regional crises.



(U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY JOHN NAREWSKI) The U.S. Navy attack submarine USS Colorado (SSN-788) sits pierside at Groton, Connecticut (USA), on 15 March 2018, prior to commissioning on 17 March. Colorado was the the U.S. Navy's 15th Virginiaclass attack submarine and the second ship named for the State of Colorado.



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# **Would You Like Your Refund Now or Later?**

**LUCAS CASEREZ** | NorthFortyNews.com

Have you filed your taxes already? Did you get a great big refund or was it not what you were hoping for?

Did you know you don't have to wait until tax season to receive your refund or even wait to find out how much it will be?

The IRS provides a great tool that lets you forecast your taxes due for the year. It will even help you adjust your paycheck to increase your tax refund or reduce it.

Why would you reduce it? Because it means you can start receiving your refund now rather than wait until you file your taxes

This works exceptionally well when you are disciplined with the larger paycheck. You could use the additional cash flow to pay off debt faster rather than wait until next tax season. The difference could be hundreds of dollars in saved interest costs.

Example: If you expect to receive a \$2,400 refund, you can adjust your paycheck and it will reduce your tax withholding by \$200 a month and increase your paycheck. When you file you will get \$0 back but will be able to use your refund throughout the year.

If you know yourself and don't think that you'll do well with larger paychecks, then receiving a refund may be the best thing. The calculator can still help with that though. You can estimate what your refund is likely to be and can toggle the number to increase your refund.

Example: If you expect to receive a \$2,000 refund, but wanted to increase it to \$3,200 to force you to save more. You'd make an



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adjustment to your paycheck that withholds \$100 more a month if you did this at the start of the year.

(The examples used a full year. If you implement changes to your withholding mid-year the adjustments will be larger and would require you to update your tax withholding the following year to smooth out 2021 tax withholding estimates)

Regardless of how you utilize the IRS Tax Withholding Calculator, it will provide you additional insight into what to expect. Your tax withholding and your tax refund no longer have to be a mystery. This will allow you more control in your planning and to "Take Your Financial Confidence to the Next Level!". This is the goal of all of the articles I write for the North Forty, as well as, my blog for Level Up Financial Planning.

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Lucas Casarez is a husband, father of two amazing kids, and a Certified Financial Planner<sup>™</sup>. He founded Level Up Financial Planning, which is one of the few fee-only financial planners in Northern Colorado. The mission of Level Up Financial Planning is to guide his clients in taking their financial confidence to the next level.

Have a personal finance question you would like me to answer in a future week? E-mail askluketheplanner@gmail.com.

# The Sounds of Maputo

**LIBBY JAMES** | NorthFortyNews.com

During the time I spent in Maputo, the capital of Mozambique in East Africa, I listened to sounds different from the ones I was used to at home.

From my bedroom on the lowest level of the house, I heard noises at nightrattling cars and small buses bouncing over rough road surfaces, dogs barking, and Portuguese spoken by men guarding the neighborhood, chatting to each other as they strolled the streets. I heard the screechy bleep, bleep of car alarms and small tinkling noises that were strange to me.

Early every morning, the soft swish, swish, of a palm-frond broom sweeping clean a small sandy path just outside my window told me it must be 4 a.m. About 6:30 I'd hear the children's mother calling them to breakfast. Her voice boinked up two flights of granite stairs like a Slinky toy in reverse. Noises boom and echo up and down and all around this concrete house with shiny,

Casamo, the guard on duty, clanks open the gate in front of the house and the family car with three kids loaded down with backpacks, pulls out for the bumpy ride to the American School. It bumps over pot holes, slowing to plough through a sandy pit where rain has washed away the road The driver, their mom, is used to negotiating what is more a trail than a road. The big blue gate to the school creaks open, the school guards wave and smile and the kids call out to friends as they hurry to their classes.

Back home, midday quiet soon settles over the house. Olga, whose job it is to keep the place clean, does her work with only a broom and a rag. Here there is no vacuum cleaner, dishwasher, clothes dryer or furnace to create household noises.

When the work day is over and the next door neighbor pulls up at the entrance to his driveway, he leans on his high-pitched horn until his guard arrives to open the gate. The neighbor does this every night, always blasting his horn until the guard arrives. Usually, the guard takes his own sweet time, his silent way of saying, "What's the hurry?"

On Sunday afternoons, a nearby stadium rings with the shouts and cheers of soccer fans, rising to a crescendo, then fading when the game ends. A loudspeaker blares African music as fans make their way out of the stadium.

In early evening, a strong ocean breeze comes up and wafts through the windows on the highest level of this six-story house where the family likes to gather for games after dinner. Blam! The breeze slams the metal door to the upstairs room shut and the kids jump in surprise.

Soon you can hear click, click, click as doors and windows all over the house are carefully locked for the night. With a couple of tiny ticks, the inside alarm is set. I slip into bed, pull the gauzy mosquito net around me and turn out the light and wait for the noises of the African night to tune up.

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### Continuing In Uncertain Times: An Important Notice From North Forty News

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In response to Covid-19, North Forty News is implementing an emergency action plan to continue coverage and operations during these uncertain times.

Primarily, we plan to help ensure the well being of our community as well as our staff by limiting our exposure to public places while increasing delivery of the number of our publications to Northern Colorado.

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Starting immediately, and until further notice, North Forty News is changing its delivery policy.

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Our community needs to come together, while all recommendations are that we must limit personal contact with each other. North Forty News is committed to using every effort to communicate safely during this time and in as many places as possible.

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# Protecting Your Early Spring Garden Against the Weather North

THE GARDENS ON SPRING CREEK HORTICULTURE TEAM | NorthFortyNews.com

With the uncertainty of Colorado weather, understanding how to help your garden thrive in the early spring is important – and not always the best lesson to learn through experience. So, the horticulture team at The Gardens on Spring Creek has shared their best tips and tricks for protecting your early spring vegetation.

For the most part, the key is to let your plants be. Snow is largely trapped pockets of air that insulate well. The most dangerous weather to your garden is an exposed, hard freeze without any precipitation to protect your plants. While most classic garden perennials like peonies, tall border phlox and clematis are fairly hardy, there are steps you can take to protect your new growth.

**Water Wisely:** If you know that inclement weather is on its way, water your plants thoroughly a few days before. Cold stress and drought stress damage plants on a cellular



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE GARDENS ON SPRING CREEK. Iris reticulata with snow.

level in a similar way, so by watering you can avoid extra damage. Additionally, well-hydrated soil resists temperature fluctuations, so watering can also protect fine root systems. Keep in mind that watering should be done only be done when the weather is above 50 degrees.

**Cover It Up:** Adding mulch – wood, leaves or straw – can add a layer of protection against inclement weather.

### Frost Cloth Covered Plant

You can also consider using frost cloth or blankets to cover vegetation you want to protect. These materials can provide varying degrees of protection, depending on weight. When covering plants, create a sphere of protection without actually touching the plant. You can use metal hoops, stakes or other materials to drape your cloth without making contact.

Hands Off: If plants are frozen, don't touch them – let them thaw. While they may look like they need help, they can handle a certain amount of stress. Touching frozen plants can cause additional damage and even plant cells to rupture. This goes for turf as well. Avoid a creating a path of dead grass by not walking on a frozen lawn.

When it comes to weather tolerance, plant selection is your best protection for future plantings. Here are some things to consider as you make any changes to your landscape:

Check Your Zone: Match your plants' hardiness to your site. The Gardens on Spring Creek sit at a USDA Hardiness Zone



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE GARDENS ON SPRING CREEK. Frost cloth covered plant.

5b, but you might be in a different zone or microclimate. When shopping for perennials, grasses and shrubs, be sure to check for hardiness rating.

Stagger Bloom Time: While this may not help your current garden, it is a good tip for future planting. Planting vegetation with varying bloom times can help your landscape look its best even if you lose a portion of your buds to snow or hail.

Plant in Cooler Areas: Position early-blooming plants in cooler spots in your garden – along the north side or east, for example. Planting in warm spots, like against a brick wall or facing south will cause bulbs and perennials to pop early, leaving them exposed to early spring weather.

# Amid COVID-19 Outbreak Beef Producers Remain Vigilant

COLORADO CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION | NorthFortyNews.com

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a serious and rapidly changing situation throughout Colorado and the entire United States. The virus and its impacts are being taken very seriously throughout the beef industry. The health of the public and our employees is of the highest priority, as well as our responsibility to produce and deliver safe and wholesome food throughout the nation and world.

"The United States food and beef supply is the safest and most abundant in the world. The beef industry remains committed to providing the same nutritious, safe, and wholesome products consumers expect, even during these stressful times", said Steve Wooten, Colorado Cattlemen's Association President. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food. However, it is always important to follow good hygiene practices (i.e., wash hands and surfaces often, separate raw meat from other foods, cook to the proper temperature, and refrigerate foods promptly) when handling or preparing foods.

With empty shelves and aisles in grocery stores throughout Colorado it may appear that the United States is running out of food. Be assured that there is plenty



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of food, it is just a short-term disruption of the food supply. "According to the North American Meat Institute, there is food being produced and there is food in warehouses," stated Sallie Miller, Chair of the Colorado Beef Council. "There is plenty of food available in the country." In particular, retail demand for beef remains high and beef suppliers are prepared to continue to meet consumer demands.

"Our thoughts go out to those impacted by COVID-19, and rest assured

our industry is poised and ready to face the challenges presented by the onset of COVID-19," said Mike Veeman, Colorado Livestock Association President. While our industry is prepared to proceed with caution and take the necessary steps to limit the rate of infection of COVID-19, our producers will continue to fuel the economy through their actions in caring for livestock and ultimately bringing needed protein all across the state, nation, and world.

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# **Timnath Foundation Launches** "Timnath Community Cares"

**TIMNATH FOUNDATION** | NorthFortyNews.com



Dear Timnath Residents,

This is an unprecedented time for all of us, but our community is strong, and together we will help each other through these difficulties, becoming stronger with resolve and connectedness.

First, thank you for following all of the required or recommended safety practices to flatten the curve of COVID-19, and keep our community and at-risk residents safe. Your health and safety is our number one priority.

Our routines have changed significantly due to social distancing, the closure of indining establishments and other local businesses. More than disruptions to daily life, some of us have lost jobs causing stress and hardships for our neighbors and local businesses. We are not helpless though, and there are many things we can do to help each other when it is needed the most. It is times like these when our compassion, kindness and humanness shines the brightest.

As Timnath's Mayor, I also serve as the Board of Director's chair of the Timnath Foundation, a recently formed nonprofit to promote the well-being of Timnath and our future. The Board just formed a program called Timnath Community Cares, to provide support for our neighbors and local businesses in need through donations of funds or volunteer services.

The website www.timnathfoundation. org will have more information about this program online in the coming days. You'll be able to submit confidential requests of needed support for you or others in our community, ask questions, donate funds or sign up to volunteer. In the meantime, you may contact Timnathfoundation@gmail.com to share a need or find out how to help. This may be a simple request, "I am isolated and need someone to bring my medicine", or "I lost my job and need help with a bill." Also, the funds collected will be available to help our local businesses as needed.

#### **HOW TO CONNECT:** TIMNATHFOUNDATION.ORG

Visit the Timnath Foundation website in the coming days and on the home page you'll find a way to request assistance or to donate. We will not share your information unless you give us permission to do so. You may also send a check made payable to Timnath Foundation "Timnath Community

Cares", and mail it to the Timnath Town Center, 4750 Signal Tree Dr. Timnath, CO 80547. As the Timnath Foundation is a non-profit entity, any donation you make may be tax-deductible.

More details will be forthcoming in the following days, but please reach out and find out how you can get involved to help. In the meantime, here are some other things we can do for each other right now, and other resources in our community.

### **SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS - Small Kind Actions Can Have Big Impacts**

Many of our neighbors might be considered high-risk of contracting the virus and therefore could be feeling isolated or have needs as they minimize interactions

Know your neighbors' phone number, especially those who are older or living alone. Check-in on them regularly. This can be a very lonely time so sometimes just having someone call or text can be

Ask if they need anything - medicine, an errand, groceries, a meal, snow shoveling.

Be kind, patient, positive and caring to all, as no one truly knows what the other person is going through right now or how they might be hurting.

Look for neighbors that may be struggling and let them know you are there and share a known need with Timnath Community Cares if it isn't something you can

Reach out and ask for help if you need it, many people want to help but don't know what people need, please ask.

Donate or volunteer your time. Timnath Community Cares allows you to donate time or money to support your neighbors facing these challenges, and it provides a place for you to ask for help if needed.

### SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES -Help Today So Our Local Businesses **Are Here Tomorrow**

The practice of social distancing and the Governor's recent orders to temporarily suspend dine-in service at restaurants and bars will have a real impact on our local businesses and our neighbors who own them. Many Timnath restaurants are small business operations without the financial backing of large corporations; they rely on us to stay viable. Timnath Community Cares is a place where you can donate funds to support our local businesses and help them and their employees weather this time.

- Buy a gift card to use at a later time
- Use their delivery or pick up services for take-out as you can, door dash and other delivery options now also offer a "no contact" option for the delivery
- · Shop online as you can if available
- · Look to go to virtual when available such as classes taught online and watched in

### **OTHER RESOURCES & SUPPORT:**

There are other community resources or support available, and a few are listed here: (contact them for further details)

- · Larimer County Food Bank is offering drive-through services
- · Verizon, AT&T and Sprint are waiving service terminations for customers un-
- Xcel and our other service providers will not discontinue service because of an ability to not pay
- · Water service providers will continue in the event of an inability to pay
- Xfinity will not discontinue service for customers who call and tell them they
- · Small Business Administration (SBA) Assistance - https://www.sba.gov/disasterassistance/coronavirus-covid-19

Timnath has always been a community that cares. We truly care about our town and the people living and working within it. I have no doubt that we will prove this once again during these stressful times and I look forward to the good we can do through the Timnath Foundation and the Community Cares program.

Please take care of yourself, your family and your neighbors.

Warm Regards, Jill Grossman-Belisle Board Chair - Timnath Foundation



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## Town of **Timnath** Announces **Job Openings**

**NORTH FORTY NEWS** 

NorthFortyNews.com

The Town of Timnath is adding to the team! The Public Works Department has two immediate openings. The individuals who fill these positions will perform a wide variety of maintenance work on Town streets, buildings, grounds, parks, and other public facilities.

### The open positions are:

#### **ACCOUNTING MANAGER/DEPUTY** FINANCE DIRECTOR

The Town of Timnath has an immediate opening for an Accounting Manager/ Deputy Finance Director. Applicants for the position should note that this position will not be considered a Town employee position but rather a contracted position with one of the Town's current service providers. All applicants must complete and submit a Timnath Employment Application.

### **PUBLIC WORKS** MAINTENANCE WORKER

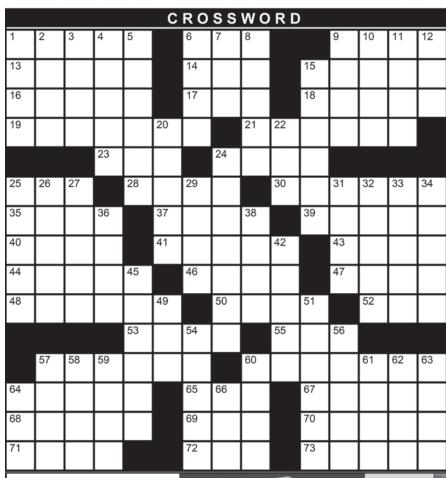
The Town of Timnath Public Works Department has an immediate opening and is now accepting applications for a Public Works Maintenance Worker. This is a full-time position, eligible for benefits. This position performs a wide variety of maintenance work on Town infrastructures. Some of the essential duties and responsibilities include a variety of tasks on existing facilities, assisting with snow removal, park maintenance, sprinkler system repair, street and drainage maintenance. Must possess a valid class B driver's. All applicants must complete and submit a Timnath Employment Application (above).

### PUBLIC WORKS - SEASONAL GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Town of Timnath Public Works Department has an immediate opening and is now accepting applications for a Seasonal Public Works Maintenance Worker. This is a full-time "seasonal" position, work hours will be 7:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, May through September. This position performs duties as a General Maintenance Worker for the Public Works Department and reports to the General Maintenance II for daily work tasks. All applicants must complete and submit a Timnath Employment Application.

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### Driver's Ed



### **GRAND ALASKAN CRUISE & TOUR**

12 days, departs May - Sep, 2020



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- 1. Happen again
- 6. Promotions
- 9. Field mouse
- 13. UV absorber
- 14. Seek a seat
- 15. Eagle's nest
- 16. Jury \_
- 17. Mad King George's number
- 18. Bad-tempered one
- 19. \*Two or more people on the road
- 21. \*Fines can do that?
- 23. Scot's woolen cap 24. Give an impression
- 25. Last month
- 28. Willy Wonka mastermind
- 30. Lay down to rest again
- 35. Container weight
- 37. Damaging precipitation
- 39. One born to Japanese immigrants
- 40. Windows alternative
- 41. Clown act
- 43. London subway
- 44. What Motion Picture Association of
- America does
- 46. Lentil soup
- 47. Pulitzer winner Bellow
- 48. Little Women to Aunt March
- 50. Victorian and Elizabethan ones, e.g.
- 52. Dropped drug
- 53. Type of dam
- 55. Post Malone's genre
- 57. \*Traffic separator
- 60. \*Kind of lane
- 64. Tiger's and lioness' offspring
- 65. J. Edgar Hoover's org.
- 67. Capital of Vietnam
- 68. Between wash and dry
- 69. 1985 Kurosawa movie
- 70. Village V.I.P.
- 71. Brewer's kiln
- 72. Play part
- 73. Young salmon

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Campus drilling grp.
- 2. Poet Pound
- 3. Coconut fiber
- 4. Not fitting
- 5. Add a new magazine
- 6. Seed cover
- 7. \*Punishable driver offense, acr.
- 8. Like a hurtful remark
- 9. Action word
- 10. Like face-to-face exam
- 11. Don't cross it?
- 12. Comic cry
- 15. Keenness in a certain field
- 20. D-Day beach
- 22. Old-fashioned over
- 24. Move like a serpent
- 25. \*Go back the way you came
- 26. Hawaiian veranda
- 27. Banal or commonplace
- 29. \*"Raised \_\_\_ \_, " or "Don't Walk"
- 31. Small fragments
- 32. Bar order, with the
- 33. Puzzle with pictures and letters
- 34. \*Up-side-down triangle sign
- 36. Biz bigwig
- 38. Yarn spinner
- 42. "The Nutcracker" protagonist
- 45. Crafting with stitches
- 49. One of Sinbad's seven
- 51. Miss America's accessory, pl.
- 54. Prefix for below
- 56. Church song
- 57. Actress Sorvino
- 58. Shining armor
- 59. Negative contraction
- 60. Pub order
- 61. \_\_\_\_-China
- 62. Christmas season
- 63. Horizontal wall beam
- 64. \*Keep your hands at ten and
- 66. \*Measurement of alcohol in body, acr.

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# **PVREA Annual Meeting** Changed to VIRTUAL

April 4, 2020 | pvrea.coop/annualmeeting

**ONLY Meeting** 

PVREA's Annual Meeting scheduled for April 4, 2020 at the Embassy Suites in Loveland has been moved to a VIRTUAL ONLY event.

Tune in online on April 4 to hear from co-op leaders and your board of directors.

More information can be found online at pvrea.coop/annualmeeting.

