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#### **VOLUNTEERS GEAR UP**

More than 100,000 letters will stream into Loveland from all over the world this Valentine's Day. Volunteers have been stamping letters with love for years. The 74th annual Valentine Re-Mailing Program is under way .





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On top of that, there are loads of important issues being worked on and discussed in your local community that you may not hear about until they are already decided against your best interest. Take the loss of public space where you live -- there were public hearings but due to your previous interests, this newto-you interest never came to your attention until it was voted upon and a "done-deal" in favor of some mega-corporation. And you never even knew it was under discussion.

Change has occurred so rapidly in the past ten years. Many folks don't fully comprehend what is being lost when they are continuously being prompted to "Look over here!" (pop-up ads are notorious for this heckling distraction). And while it may not be intentional, citizens are being distracted from knowing about some pretty impactful situations going on in the midst of all this busy-ness. As traditional sources of local news keep going under, there is less and less surveillance of elected officials. Unchecked, government keeps getting more and more powerful.

The other thing that can easily be missed in the modern day is that many civic-minded initiatives are being launched and advanced. Identify an issue and you may find that someone in your local community or a community nearby is working hard to effect positive change around that issue. But if all you ever read about is national and a one-size-fits-all type of news, you will not be informed about what's happening where it counts -- where you live!

So what's the answer? If you've read this far, hopefully, you are not just one of our readers but one of our supporters. If you're a supporter, we thank you. And if you're a reader, please consider also becoming a supporter so that we can keep on improving.

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PHOTO BY BLAINE HOWERTON. The original American Flag on display at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

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# FEATURE

## LOVE IS IN THE AIR – AND THE MAIL – THIS VALENTINE'S DAY AS LOVELAND LAUNCHES 74TH VALENTINE SEASON

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Send your valentines from Loveland or head to the city for the Sweetheart Festival, to get married, lock your love, enjoy wine, beer and more.

In Loveland, the nation's Sweetheart City, valentine season starts now. The Loveland Chamber of Commerce, Visit Loveland and partners have unveiled details and plans for the 74th year of the valentine program including the Valentine Re-Mailing Program, Sweetheart Festival, group wedding, valentine beer and coffee, love locks and the new valentine wine by Sweetheart Winery. All activities and events happen the first two weeks of February.



Loveland's Valentine Re-Mailing Program

The chamber recently unveiled the 2020 official Loveland valentine card and

collector's stamp. Loveland receives more than 120,000 valentines from all 50 states and 110 countries across the world through its Valentine Re-mailing Program, the largest program of its kind. A group of 50 volunteers handstamps the collector's stamp and postmark onto each individual valentine that comes through the city.

#### 2020 Collector's Envelope Artwork, Remailing Program Deadlines Announced

Dan Cupid continues to play his part Though he doesn't text or tweet He knows a Loveland Valentine Is a sweeter treat.



#### 2020 Valentine Card On Sale

The Loveland Chamber of Commerce also produces an annual Valentine's Day card from the works of local artists. The 2020 card was designed by Corry McDowell and honors Colorado's largest love lock sculpture, unveiled in 2019. The valentine card verse, written by Jeani Bork, is: "The City of Loveland sends a message every day. From a beautiful sculpture, we proudly display. It's comprised of four letters L, O, V, and E. A welcome to our city, for all to see. Embrace those letters and what they say For 'Love' is the reason we have Valentine's Day."

Valentine cards can be purchased online at loveland. org for \$5 and at the Loveland Chamber of Commerce, Loveland Visitors Center and other local retailers such as King Soopers, Safeway, Wal-Mart and Walgreens. For a more complete list of retailers and for more information, visit Loveland.org.



Loveland's Second Love Lock Sculpture

Loveland has unveiled its second love lock sculpture which will sit in the Foundry Plaza downtown for six weeks, through the Sweetheart Festival, before moving to its permanent location along the south shore of Lake Loveland. The sculpture was constructed in Loveland by Doug Rutledge, Beatty Construction Services and Loveland Ready Mix Concrete.

Love locks sell for \$20 at the Loveland Visitors Center, or visitors can bring their own. Locks will also be for purchase during the Sweetheart Festival in the 4th Street Gallery.

Love locks are a symbol of love and commitment that has been inspired by an ancient custom, which is believed to have originated in China – where lovers lock a padlock on a chain or gate and then throw away the key, symbolically locking their love forever.

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The 2020 collector's envelope artwork was designed by Corry McDowell. It includes the following verse written by Teresa Boynton: "Dan Cupid continues to play his part. Though he doesn't text or tweet, he knows a Loveland Valentine is a sweeter treat."

To get this special collector's envelope artwork and the special 2020 postmark, send your pre-addressed, pre-stamped valentines in an enclosed, larger 1st Class envelope. Then send this envelope to Postmaster – Attention Valentines, 446 E. 29th St., Loveland, CO 80538-9998. Once received, valentines will be removed from the larger envelope and stamped before being re-mailed to its intended recipient.

All international mail must be received in Loveland by Feb. 1, all U.S. mail must be received by Feb. 7, and all Colorado mail must be received by Feb. 10 to ensure delivery by Valentine's Day. Colorado residents can drop off their valentines at the Loveland Chamber of Commerce, 5400 Stone Creek Circle, Loveland, CO 80538 or at either Loveland post office by Feb. 8. Participants are encouraged to send their valentines to Loveland as soon as possible.

#### **Festivals and Events**

The Loveland Sweetheart Festival February 14-15, 5-9pm Lovelandsweetheartfestival.com

The festival is an extension of Loveland's 74+ year history in the nation's Sweetheart City. It features something for everyone - families, couples, beer, wine and chocolate lovers, running lovers, art lovers and forever loves.

Loveland's Valentine's Day Group Wedding February 14, 4:30 p.m. Valentinesdayinloveland.com

Say "I Do" in the land of love at Loveland's Valentine's Day Group Wedding. The wedding features a romantic, candlelit ceremony with music and readings voted on by wedding couples, a customized ceremony, keepsake photos, a love lock for the new love lock sculpture, gift bags, signature wedding cupcakes, and a chance to win a huge gift basket. Fun Fact: All marriage licenses that get issued from Loveland have a special "Sweetheart City" designation.

#### **Lovely Valentine Libations**

#### NEW: 2020 Loveland Valentine Wine

Sweet Heart Winery in Loveland has produced Loveland's first official valentine wine – a Valentine's Day 2020 special edition 2017 malbec. There will be 400 bottles of this Special Edition 2017 Malbec available Feb. 1 at Sweet Heart Winery.

#### 2020 Loveland Valentine Beer

The Loveland Chamber of Commerce partners with Grimm Brothers Brewhouse to produce The Bleeding Heart, the official Loveland valentine beer. The valentine beer will be released to the public Jan. 22 at the brewery, 623 Denver Ave Loveland, Colo, 80537.

#### 2020 Loveland Valentine Coffee

The Loveland Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Top of the Lake Coffee Roasters to produce the 2020 official Loveland valentine coffee. The Sweetheart Blend 2020 is a Mint Mocha and will be sold at the Loveland Visitors Center.

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# **Age is No Barrier**

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PHOTO BY LIBBY JAMES Debbie Kellogg showing her 2019 New York Marathon finishing medal.

At age 71, the marathon was Kellogg's first, achieved after a long training period that included setbacks resulting from injuries and the development of an attitude that allowed her to run her own pace, maintain her own rhythm, and never give up, even when the road ahead seemed impossibly long and hard.

"You are never too old to do this," she insists. Her journey began when she was 57, busy with travels and conferences across the country, and wanting to spend more time with her husband, Bart. He went to a health club regularly and she decided to join him there, though she wasn't sure just what she'd do once she got there. At least they could go together.

After some walking workouts, she decided she needed a reason for exercising—a goal. She found a friend in her 20s and began to run with her. Before she knew it, she and her friend had signed up for Run for Hope, a 5k race in City Park in Fort Collins. She found running to be a welcome stress relief that allowed her to indulge her need for a bit of competition, and encouraged her to do her best.

When another friend invited her to come to a regular Tuesday and Thursday morning running group based at the Fort Collins Club, she joined eagerly. She has been a part of this group ever since.

She began participating in longer races, from 10ks to half-marathons. There was a day when a 5k seemed a long distance, but in time and with training, she began to enter 10ks and halfmarathon. Eventually, overuse injuries showed up: a couple of broken toes and IT band issues among others. She credits physical therapist Brad Ott and trainer Izek Vigil with helping her to recover and stay healthy, strong and flexible.

that her example will encourage others of all ages to In 2014, she paid a visit to her daughter, Vicki, who lived in New York. The visit was twofold. While find their own rhythm and realize their potential there, she ran the New York half marathon (13.1

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When Debbie Kellogg returned to her hotel room after finishing the New York Marathon in November 2019, she found a framed plaque in her room, presented to her by the Loews Hotel.

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It read:

Finishing a marathon isn't just an athletic achievement. It's a state of mind: a state of mind that says anything is possible.

John Hanc

miles), finishing fourth in her 65-69 age group with a time of two hours and one minute.

The New York Road Runners began encouraging her to come and do a full marathon. They offered her an automatic entry into the following year's race. "All you had to do was click on a little red button on the computer and you were in," she explains. "It was so tempting!" Eventually she pushed that red button, giving her a spot in the 2018 NY marathon.

Then disaster struck. Her back became so painful that she wondered if she would ever run again. After months of therapy and a visit to a sacrum specialist, her back began to feel better, but she had been forced to opt out of the 2018 race.

However, the following year, she pushed that little red button again and began serious marathon training. She lifted weights, found a training schedule designed for seniors and enlisted friends to do training runs with her. Her husband began biking alongside her on long runs. She competed in half-marathons and eventually did a 21-mile run at the peak of her marathon training.

At the Expo prior to the race in New York, she was inspired to the point of tears by the sea of humanity, from 140 nations, gathered together showing so much love and support for each other.

With the help of an experienced NY marathon runner she made friends with, she found her way to the start, via bus and ferry. During the race she encouraged a German woman who found her at the finish, and asked to be the one to place the medal around her neck. Then Debbie returned the favor. They hugged and went on their separate ways.

"Mile 16 was the hardest," Kellogg said. I was tired, but I knew I still had 16 miles to go. It became a mental thing." Praying and singing helped her to her focus. She found a rhythm which allowed her to keep going. "We all have our own rhythm," she says. "When you find it, you can run for miles."

In four hours, 59 minutes and 11 seconds, 49 seconds ahead of the five-hour goal she had set for herself, Kellogg crossed the finish line. She credits her strong faith, determination, and the help of her fellow runners for her accomplishment. She hopes

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**KELLY TOWNSEND** | Deputy Town Administrator | Town of Wellington

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The term of office for all members of the Board of Trustees shall be four (4) years. All Trustees are elected in the Town at large. As a Statutory Town, the following are requirements for holding public office:

• Be a citizen of the United States

- Be registered to vote
- Be at least 18 years old on the date of the election
- · Have resided in Wellington for at least twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the election Ballots for the next local election will be mailed to voters as early as Monday, March 16.

For additional information, please contact Deputy Town Clerk, Cynthia Sullivan 970-568-3381 Ext 110 or visit our website http://www.townofwellington. com/271/Elections

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## **Registration Open for 10U Intermediate Baseball Tryout**

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Registration is now open for the 10U Intermediate Baseball Tryout.

Those interested may choose to participate in "tryouts" for an Intermediate level team for ages 9-10. There is no fee to register for the "tryout". Players who make the Intermediate team will incur a \$390 fee (which includes uniform). The "Tryout" date is tentatively set for March 7. Walk in registration for the 10U Intermediate Tryout ends 5:00pm on March 5 (online registration closes at midnight on March 5).

The Intermediate team will play 14 games and is limited to 12 players. Age cut off for Intermediate

team is April 30 (can turn 11 on May 1). Practices may begin week of March 9. Players that do not make the Intermediate team will still be eligible to play in the Grade 4 Baseball Recreation League if currently in Grade 4.

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## Larimer County Updates Retail Food Establishment Inspection Ratings

**KATIE O'DONNELL** | Larimer County Community Relations and Public Information Supervisor

2020 brings updates to the statewide Retail Food Establishment Inspection Ratings. Effective the first of the year, Larimer County transitioned to the new rating for retail food establishment inspections. These new ratings are Pass, Re-inspect, and Closed.

The rating changes were made as a result of the passing of House Bill 19-1014 and Colorado Retail Food Program Requirements for Communicating Inspection Ratings which was included as part of that bill. The changes in communicating inspection ratings were done through a stakeholder process that included industry representatives, local public health agencies, and consumer focus groups.

"Over the past two years the restaurant industry, public health and consumers have worked collaboratively to develop a new retail food rating that accurately informs the consumer on the conditions of the establishment, said Tom Gonzales, MPH, Public Health Director for the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment. The new rating system will be consistent across the state, with a goal to prevent foodborne illness in retail food establishments. We're looking forward to continuing to grow our relationships with our retail food establishments to help keep our community safe."

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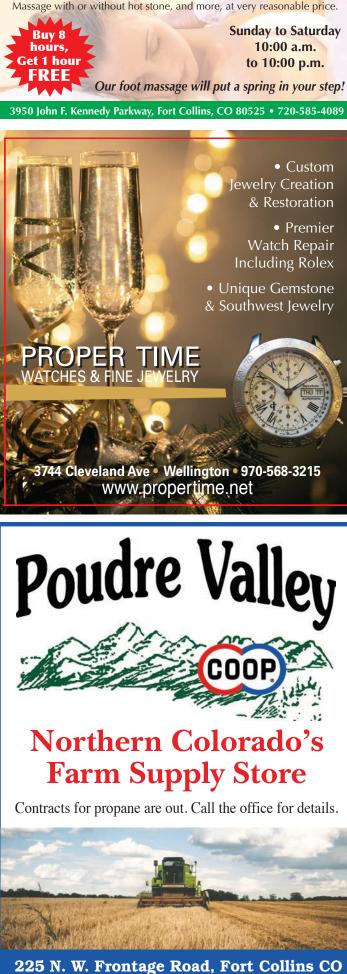
To provide transparency the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment has provided inspection ratings to the public since the 1990's and was the first County to provide ratings in Colorado. The pre-2020 ratings utilized a fivetier system from Excellent to Unacceptable. The new 2020 rating system utilizes a threetier system Pass, Re-inspect, and Closed. The new tier "Closed" is determined when the retail food establishment has multiple critical violations representing a high risk for foodborne illness.

The establishment must close operations until conditions and violations are corrected.

The Larimer County Department of Health and Environment focuses on education and compliance, working with food workers and owners to help create policies and processes to keep food safe and to prevent foodborne illness. The Health Department works with the establishment owners, staff, and food workers to ensure proper storage, preparation and service of their food. Education and guidance is provided around how to reduce foodborne illness risk factors that can cause outbreaks such as improper temperatures, dirty utensils and equipment, and employee health and hygiene.

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## What to Consider Before Buying a Used Car

**STATEPOINT** 



When it comes to their next set of wheels, the majority of Americans would consider buying used despite harboring concerns about reliability and necessary repairs, suggests a new survey.

The survey from Ally Financial and conducted online by The Harris Poll found that 69% percent of Americans would be likely to consider a used vehicle for their next auto purchase.

The survey also found that the source of the used vehicle matters to consumers, with 53% of respondents saying they would feel most comfortable buying used at a dealership that sells both new and used vehicles. This was much higher than any other category, including purchasing the car from another individual (12%), a usedvehicle-only dealership (10%) and from an

internet-based company (8%).

"While there's a lot of hype around internet auto sales within the industry, the majority of consumers are most comfortable purchasing at a franchise dealer that's part of the community and where they can ask questions," says Matthew Arnold, senior regional vice president of Auto Finance at Ally Financial.

Those who currently own used cars largely cite value as the reason for their purchase, with 61% saying they opted for a used car because it was less expensive than a new vehicle, and 34% saying they were able to get more car for their money.

"With new vehicle prices approaching \$38,000, it's a good time to have a refreshed look at used vehicles," Arnold says. "Vehicle quality from the factory has greatly improved in recent years and that is carrying over to the used vehicle market. Yet, there are still several common sense steps consumers should take before purchasing."

Arnold recommends the following steps when researching used vehicles:

• Get a vehicle history report. The minimal cost is worth the investment, and some car dealers will provide it for free upon request.

 Consider buying certified pre-owned (CPO). CPO vehicles are backed by the manufacturer and are a good option for used car buyers concerned about reliability.

· Give yourself peace of mind. Vehicle service contracts can help cover unexpected repairs and replacements parts.

 Do your homework. Go online and check independent sources on vehicle reliability and dealership reviews. You can also check the local market value for a specific model based on its mileage and condition. To get savvy about car buying and ownership in general, visit Ally.com/ do-it-right/car.

While a used vehicle can be a good idea for a lot of shoppers, it may require a bit of extra research, particularly if you are harboring any concerns about the vehicle's reliability. However, experts say that taking a few smart steps can offer you peace of mind and a better deal.

#### Purchasing a Car in Larimer County?

The Larimer County website is a great resource of information for registering your car, whether it's a new, used or out-of-state vehicle.

Wait times in many counties in Colorado at local offices can be lengthy.

Larimer County has locations in Loveland and Fort Collins with the ability to set an appointment with no wait times.

If you're looking just to renew your plates, Innovative kiosks can be found in Loveland and Fort Collins.

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The start of a new year often means setting new goals or creating resolutions. Why not make your resolution to stay scam free in 2020? While scams can take various forms, there are often "red flags" that are common to many scams. Recognizing red flags will help you avoid scams. The following are some common red flags that may help you identify if a scammer is trying to steal your money or personal information:

- You are asked to send payment in a non-traditional way, such as via pre-paid gift card, wire transfer or crypto-currency
- You receive unsolicited contact from a government agency, business or other entity that is unexpected and unprofessional
- You are requested to provide or verify critical information such as a

bank account number or your Social Security number

- The request is urgent in nature, often with a timeline to ensure there is not time to verify its legitimacy
- The offer seems "too good to be true" or not in line with market value for the product or service
- There is little or no contact information for the organization and third-party reviews are limited or don't exist

Aside from recognizing red flags, one of the best ways to stay scam free is to "trust your gut,' if something doesn't sound right, don't go along with it.

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# FORT COLLINS

## Letter to the Editor: Legislators Should Support Colorado's Children by Approving Jared Polis' Proposed Budget

#### **NICOLE LAMB**

#### To the Editor:

As a teacher with 21 years of experience in the classroom, I am excited to welcome Colorado state legislators back to session!

I look forward to seeing our policymakers invest in kids in 2020, particularly by expanding preschool and supporting child care workforce development.

Investing in quality and affordable preschool and other early childhood education programs is an excellent use of resources. Research shows that children who receive a quality early education are 20 percent more likely to graduate from high school and will go on to earn, on average, 50 percent more than their peers.

In 2020, Colorado legislators have the opportunity to expand early learning for Colorado's kids by supporting Governor Polis' proposed 2020 state budget. This budget calls for an addition \$27.6 million to decrease the Colorado Preschool waitlist, creating 6,000 new preschool spots for our state's early learners.

Child care is another important component of early learning. In Colorado, 51 percent of people live in child care deserts. This legislative session, legislators will also have the opportunity to support workforce bills that will increase access to, and availability of, child care. Such bills would create more affordable and flexible pathways for professionals to enter and remain in the child care workforce.

Colorado's children deserve the best start in life, and our state legislators have the opportunity to make this happen in 2020. I urge the Colorado General Assembly to support the governor's budget for preschool, and support child care workforce legislation. Investing in kids is an investment in Colorado's future.

Sincerely,

#### Nicole Lamb

This Letter to the Editor was printed word-for-word on behalf of its submitter. Submit yours to opinions@northfortynews.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Robert Richard Kauer, Petitioner vs. Rogelio Romero Navarro, Respondent CASE NO.: 2019 13071 FMDL

#### OTICE OF ACTION

## Colorado U.S. Attorney Announces Settlement With Walmart Over Discrimination Claim By Naval Reservist

JEFF DORSCHNER | United States Attorney's Office, District of Colorado



Walmart agrees to amend national hiring practices to protect military members

U.S. Attorney Jason R. Dunn and the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division announced the resolution of a lawsuit in which Naval Petty Officer Third Class Lindsey Hunger alleged that Walmart violated her rights when it failed to offer her employment at the Walmart store located at 2545 Rimrock Avenue in Grand Junction, Colorado because of her upcoming Naval Reserve commitments. Ms. Hunger had alleged that Walmart's actions violated the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 ("USERRA"). The United States Attorney's Office represented Petty Officer Hunger in the lawsuit.

As part of the settlement, which includes backpay for Petty Officer Hunger, Walmart has agreed to review its employment and internal hiring policies across the corporation. It has also agreed to revise the policies to include the following language: "Walmart prohibits discrimination against individuals, including applicants, based on their military service (including required military training obligations) or membership in the uniformed services." Walmart will also ensure that "all supervisors, managers, and administrative staff" in the Grand Junction, Colorado store at issue receive training—developed in consultation with the United States—"on the requirements of USERRA and on employees' and service members' rights and obligations under the statute".

"Walmart is one of the nation's largest employers and scores of dedicated servicemembers all across the United States will benefit from this settlement and Walmart's agreement to update its employment and training practices," said Assistant Attorney General Eric Dreiband of the Civil Rights Division. "On behalf of a grateful nation, the Department of Justice will continue aggressively to enforce the federal civil rights laws on behalf of all servicemembers, including the citizen-soldiers of our National Guard and Reserve. Their sacrifice to serve should never jeopardize their ability to earn a living."

This lawsuit stems from a complaint that Ms. Hunger filed with the United States Department of Labor, which, after an investigation by the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service, referred the matter to the Department of Justice.

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado, the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, and the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service all give high priority to the enforcement of servicemembers' rights under USERRA. Additional information about USERRA can be found on the Justice Department's websites at www. justice.gov/crt-military/employment-rightsuserra and www.justice.gov/servicemembers as well as on the Department of Labor's (DOL) website at www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra.

#### NUTICE OF ACTION

TO: Rogelio Romero Navarro, 420 E 57th St. Lot 46, Loveland, CO 80538

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner or petitioner's attorney:

Robert Richard Kauer, 1703 N Stone St., Deland, FL 32720

On or before January 27, 2020 and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court at P.O. Box 6043, DeLand, FL 32721-6043 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a Default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office notified of your current address. (You may file Florida Family Law Form 12.915, Notice of Current Address.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's Office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, require certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: December 11, 2019 and signed by Laura E. Roth, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

"It is an honor to represent the men and women of our armed forces and ensure that their military training commitments do not deter employers from hiring them," said U.S. Attorney Jason Dunn. "By obtaining Walmart's agreement to amend its national hiring practices, this case will have a lasting impact."

This case is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Zeyen Wu in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado and Andrew Braniff from the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

### **City Council Members Host Listening Sessions**

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Two Fort Collins City Councilmembers will host informal community listening sessions on Saturday.

#### Susan Gutowsky

Northside Aztlan Center, 112 E. Willow St. (Eagle Room 1), Fort Collins 9-10 a.m.

#### Emily Gorgol

District 6 Office, 200 W. Mountain Ave., Suite B, Fort Collins 10–11 a.m.

The public is invited to attend and share ideas about the issues facing Fort Collins.

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## Field Trip Scholarships Available for K-12 Class Visits Within the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area

CACHE LA POUDRE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA | PoudreHeritage.org



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Kids from the Boys & Girls Club of Larimer County enjoy a day outdoors at the Poudre Learning Center with support from the "Learning in Our Watershed" scholarship program.

The Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area (CALA) and the nonprofit managing entity—the Poudre Heritage Alliance (PHA)—received a \$9,000 Open Outdoors for Kids grant for the 2019-2020 school year from the National Park Foundation (NPF), the official nonprofit partner of the National Park Service. The NPF grant supports PHA's Learning in Our Watershed<sup>™</sup> program, which provides scholarships to schools in Larimer and Weld county to visit various locations throughout the CALA.

This grant from NPF is part of their Open OutDoors for Kids program, which creates pathways for kids to explore and connect with national park experiences. It is made possible through the generous support of partners including Union Pacific Railroad and donors across the country.

Through this partnership with NPF, PHA will be able to provide scholarships that defray transportation and admission costs for approximately 25 schools and 3,000 children during the 2019-2020 school year. The field trip grants are still available on a first come, first served basis through PHA's website: www.poudreheritage.org/field-trip-grants/.

Scholarship priority is given to 4th grade classrooms and Title I schools. Popular destinations within the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area include the Poudre Learning Center, Children's Water Festivals in Greeley and Fort Collins, Centennial Village in Greeley, and the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery. The Poudre Heritage Alliance also offers guided wellness walks as a way to explore the heritage area through this program.

A 4th grade teacher from Bauder Elementary had this to say about the Learning in Our Watershed program: "Your donation to fund this trip made it possible for our kids to only pay half the admission. As a Title I school, getting these kids real life experience is so important. Because of you we made that possible. Thank you."

These initiatives are coordinated alongside the Department of the Interior's Every Kid Outdoors program. The Every Kid Outdoors annual pass provides fourth grade students, along with their families, friends and classmates, free access to National Park sites, along with more than 2,000 other federal recreation areas for a year. The Every Kid Outdoors Program encourages fourth graders to explore, learn, and recreate in spectacular settings, including national parks, wildlife refuges, marine sanctuaries, and forests.

To obtain the free pass, fourth grade students visit the Every Kid Outdoors website, participate in a short educational activity, and download a voucher. The voucher is valid for multiple use between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020 to correspond to the traditional school year. The voucher may be exchanged for a plastic keepsake pass at participating federal lands.

The Every Kid Outdoors Program was established by Congress in 2019. It replaces the Every Kid in a Park Program which was launched in 2015. It is an interagency collaboration between the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and U.S. Forest Service.

## **Rotary Club of Fort Collins Seeks 2020 Grant Applications**

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Grants Committee will favor innovative projects that address local needs and contain an active volunteer service opportunity for RCFC members.

Grants may be used for special projects or services that include capital items. Grants cannot be used to retire debt, for general operating expenses, to assist specific individuals or to duplicate an



The Rotary Club of Fort Collins (RCFC) plans to award financial grants to deserving 501(c)(3) non-profit service organizations located in the Fort Collins area. Grants will be awarded in specific categories quarterly. For the first quarter of 2020, the category will be Arts and Culture Programs. The club began accepting applications on January 2, 2020. The application due date is February 21, 2020. Grant awards will be made starting April, 2020.

Complete details of the grant program, eligibility criteria, application requirements, grant categories, submission instructions, and submission dates for each category may be found at http://rotarycluboffortcollins.org/Page/ community-grants. The Community established project in the community.

Organizations receiving grant awards will be asked to submit a grant award project report six months after the grant award. The Community Grants Committee will evaluate grant applications and submit grant award recommendations to the Rotary Club of Fort Collins Board of Directors for final approval.

Completed applications for Arts and Culture Program Grants must be submitted in electronic pdf format by email to: grants@ rotarycluboffortcollins.org by 5:00 p.m., on Friday, February 21, 2020. Grant recipients in the Arts and Culture Programs category will be notified in early March, 2020, and checks will be distributed at Rotary Club of Fort Collins Wednesday noon lunch meetings during April, 2020.

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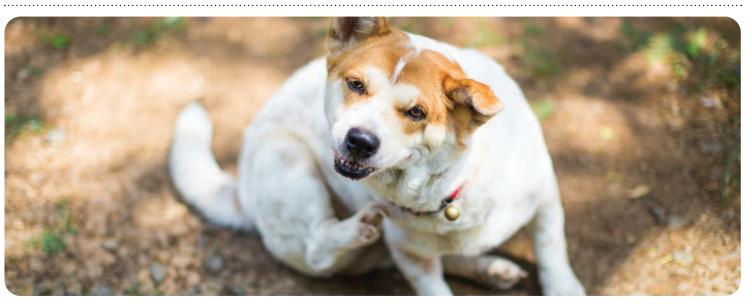
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## Windsor Police Department Partners with Larimer Humane Society on Lost and Rescued Pets

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Starting this year, the Town of Windsor Police Department is working with the Larimer Humane Society (LHS), located at 3501 E. 71st St. in Loveland, to address issues of lost, abused or stray pets.

Windsor Police urges residents to call their non-emergency line to report stray or missing animals. Do not approach an unknown animal, especially if they appear to be sick. Windsor PD provides safe and consistent service when dealing with stray and missing animals. They will make all attempts to reunite the animal and their owner as quickly as possible.

Reaching out to police allows the missing animal to be formally documented and also checked for a microchip. This helps the police return the animal to their home and provide information about an animal's whereabouts to pet owners. If unable to find and contact the pet owner, the animal will be taken to LHS. Lost animals brought to LHS will be held for five days before becoming available for adoption. If a Windsor resident has lost a pet, call Windsor PD at 970-6746400 and visit LHS. For a list of recent missing animals brought to the shelter, visit larimerhumane.org/lost-found-pets. The list is updated regularly but is not exhaustive. Proof of ownership is required to reclaim a pet. Impound and boarding fees will apply to animals brought to and cared for by LHS.

LHS has been supporting animal welfare in Larimer County for over 50 years. Their 39,000 square feet facility has full-time, onsite veterinary professionals to provide medical services to the animals in its care. In fiscal year 2019, the non-profit had an 84% success rate of reuniting lost dogs with their caretakers.

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For more information about the Windsor Police Department, visit windsorpd.com. Visit larimerhumane.org for more information about the Larimer Humane Society.

## **Family History Through Storytelling**

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County who will conduct the free one-hour program.

"They will learn how to share family history and strengthen relationships through storytelling," Spellbinder's chairperson Diane Campbell said. "We'll show how easy it is to find stories from everyday experiences, family lore and even from the children themselves," she said.

Stories are better and more compelling if they have a simple structure, including an interesting opening statement, conflict, challenge or danger, and interesting details. The stories should flow easily with a few key points in mind. Memorization stifles the creativity and unnecessarily burdens the teller, Campbell said.

Last school year volunteer Spellbinders storytellers visited 379 classrooms in 56 schools in the Poudre, Thompson and Weld school districts. The 68 storytellers in the Larimer County chapter typically visit kindergarten through fifth grade classes once a month in 30-minute story sessions. They also volunteer at various community events, senior centers and independent living communities. "We're always looking for more storytelling volunteers," Campbell said. "We hope some of those attending the workshops will join our group," she said. The chapter conducts training sessions twice a year.



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Parents and grandparents will have a unique opportunity to share their family history and traditions with children and other family members by attending storytelling workshops at the Clearview Library in Windsor on Tuesday night, January 21st from 6:30-7:30 pm. Diane Campbell (Windsor), Mike Forney and Phil Murphy (both from Fort Collins) are the members of Spellbinders Oral Storytellers of Larimer

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Property owners in Larimer County soon will receive their annual property tax statements. As Larimer County Treasurer, I often get questions from residents about property taxes like, "What does the county do with all the money I pay them?" or some might ask, "Why are my taxes so high?"

Just what does the Larimer County Treasurer do? We collect and distribute property taxes for Larimer County and other taxing authorities, like your local school districts, fire districts, library districts, and other special districts that provide public services to residents in Larimer County.

Mill levies that are set by these taxing authorities are certified to the county which the Larimer County Assessor then adds the total assessed value for each property to the tax roll. The tax roll is then certified to the Treasurer for collection and distribution to the taxing authorities.

This year, school districts will receive 53.4% of your property taxes, 23.3% stays with Larimer County and 14.9% will be distributed to special districts. The remaining percentage of 8.4%, goes to cities and towns in Larimer County to help fund the public services they provide.

In Colorado, we collect property taxes one year in arrears, which means we are collecting 2019 taxes payable in 2020. This year we are mailing out 164,607 tax statements and collecting \$100,124,694 more in property taxes than last year. This increase is due to more new properties being assessed and increased property values overall.

In May of last year, Larimer County property owners received a Notice of Value [NOV] from the Assessor's Office. The average increase

in value throughout Larimer County was right at 18.6%. The newer values will be reflected in the tax statement you'll be receiving shortly, and you should expect your taxes will be higher this year with the increased valuation.

Please note by an asterisk on your property tax statement next to "Larimer County" under Tax Authority, that the Larimer County Commissioners approved a tax credit to allow property owners to retain \$3.5 million in property taxes. No action is required on your part, the credit was applied by a temporary mill levy reduction.

In addition, we've added new services this year to enhance doing business with the Treasurer's Office. You can sign up for paperless property tax notices, and we've added a no-fee eCheck payment option. Have a question? You can always chat with us online or call us at 970-498-7020. Need to change your address? Use our online change of address form. You can also drop off your tax payments using our new, secure 24-hour accessible drop box at 200 West Oak St., Fort Collins.

You can always visit our office at 200 West Oak St. in Fort Collins; we're happy to help you in person. If you haven't received your property tax statement by the end of January, visit www.larimer.org/ treasurer to print it or contact us at 970-498-7020.

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Irene Josev is Larimer County Treasurer.

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# FEATURE

## **Bio Bites: The Brave New World of Organoids**

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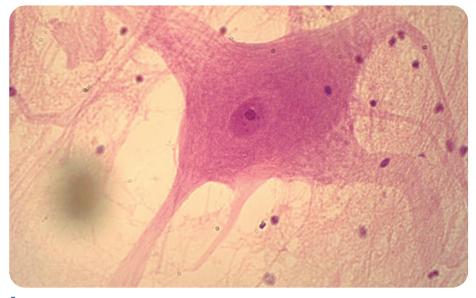


PHOTO COURTESY OF ROANE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE. Typical nervous tissue that can now be grown as organoids in the lab.

One of the big scientific news stories of 2019 involved the use of organoids to help fight disease, and to learn more about how embryos build entire human beings from one fertilized egg cell. The term organoids has a science fictiony sound to it. A title like "Attack of the organoids" wouldn't be out of place in an SF library. Actually, the ability to create specialized tissue—like bundles of brain neurons that hook together to transmit nerve impulses—can raise a few hairs on one's neck. But organoids do hold great promise for curing diseases, broadening our understanding of development, and personalizing medical treatments.

Stem cells allow scientists to build organoids. Stem cells are like major subcontractors produced by embryos to build the various organs and organ systems we depend on.

## A biologist-artist's ruminations about our roles in a science-inspired world.

These pluripotent cells (cells that can differentiate in many ways) can produce brain, kidney, lung, intestinal, stomach, and liver tissue. The tissue clumps produced tend to be small—roughly the size of a pea—partly because they don't have access to the circulatory system the body uses to provide oxygen and nutrients and remove wastes. Scientists have to provide work-arounds to keep organoids alive and functioning.

One of the amazing things about organoids is that they self-organize into recognizable tissues without input from an entire body. Take brain cells for example. The neurons produced by stem cells link up and form networks that are capable of transmitting nerve impulses like an intact, complete brain. One leading researcher in this field of study is Alysson Muotri, a biologist at University of California San Diego School of Medicine. His website is www.medschool.ucsd.edu. He also has a fascinating series of YouTube videos called "Building The Brain With Alysson Muotri." Muotri was senior author on a paper in 2019 in Cell Stem Cell. His lab was able to nurture the growth of brain organoids for many months. After four months electrical activity in the organoids began to increase exponentially. By twenty-five weeks, a computer program had a hard time distinguishing between brain wave patterns produced by organoids and pre-term babies.

Brain tissue organoids also hold promise for studying conditions like autism in human beings—a kind of neurological condition marked by differences in learning styles, repetitive motions, and sometimes difficulty with language and communication. The Harvard Stem Cell Institute is also studying how the Zika virus associates with microcephaly (small brain syndrome) during early embryo development.

Someday, scientists may be able to routinely take stem cells from individuals and test the efficacy of drugs on that person's liver cells, for example, to make sure those drugs won't produce harmful or fatal effects.

The brave new world of organoids is coming—and not just in the next SF novel you read.

## Larimer County Health Department Working to Prevent the Spread of Hepatitis A

KATIE O'DONNELL | Larimer County Health and Environment | Larimer.org/health



Since 2017 there has been an ongoing outbreak of hepatitis A in Colorado. This outbreak has risk factors for people experiencing homelessness, people who use drugs, people who are or have been recently incarcerated, and men who have sex with men. The Health Department has been partnering with local agencies to vaccinate individuals who fall into these at risk populations to try and prevent an outbreak of hepatitis A in Larimer County. Partnerships include Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope, Fort Collins Rescue Mission, Outreach Fort Collins, Northern Colorado Health Network, 137 Homeless Connect, Front Porch, Larimer County Community Corrections, Larimer County Jail, Larimer County Sheriff's Office and many more.

In 2019 the Health Department vaccinated 561 people within the at risk populations at 48 clinics. Work will continue in 2020. So far, there have been no Larimer County cases of hepatitis A tied to the current outbreak. In Colorado there have been 322 cases of hepatitis A across 17 counties. 232 of those cases have been hospitalized, with 2 deaths.

Hepatitis A is a contagious liver infection caused by the hepatitis A virus. The disease

who might be at high risk for getting the disease. We couldn't do this work without these strong partnerships with agencies in our community, and we are so grateful for their collaboration in helping us prevent an outbreak here in Larimer County," said Tom Gonzales, M.P.H., Public Health Director for the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment.

Hepatitis A varies in severity, with mild illness lasting two weeks or less and more severe illness lasting 4-6 weeks or longer. Even mildly ill persons can be highly infectious. People who are older or have health problems are at higher risk of dying from hepatitis A.

Symptoms begin about 2-6 weeks after being exposed to the virus. Symptoms commonly include mild fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, tiredness, pain in the upper right side of the abdomen, dark urine, and jaundice (or yellowness of eyes or skin).

Vaccination is the best way to prevent hepatitis A. The vaccine is safe and effective. Children routinely receive the vaccination, but because the vaccine wasn't available until the mid-1990s, many adults have not been vaccinated. Hepatitis A vaccine is available at doctors' offices and many retail pharmacies, as well as through outreach clinics and by appointment at the Larimer County Health Department.

usually spreads when a person unknowingly ingests the virus from objects, food, or drinks that are contaminated by small, undetected amounts of poop from an infected person. It also spreads through close, personal contact with an infected person, such as through sex, caring for someone who is sick, or sharing drugs with someone who is sick.

"Our focus is on preventing the spread of hepatitis A, and we do this through vaccination. We're working with our partner agencies to provide free vaccine to anyone

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# GREELEY

## **Bittersweet Park Improvements Begin**

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One of the largest public turf replacements projects in the state begins construction in Greeley's Bittersweet Park in January. The work includes irrigation and water conservation improvements, increasing plant diversity and wildlife habitat, and enhancing drought-tolerance and landscape resiliency. This project will convert 21 acres of high-water-use turf grass to low-water native alternatives.

Residents and community members will see construction crews mobilizing equipment in the southern Bittersweet parking lot. The lot will remain open, but construction will limit available space. Officials encourage park visitors to use the west side parking lot. Bittersweet will remain open during construction, but residents can expect construction fencing, work crews, and construction equipment inside the park. Pedestrians may be rerouted and surfaces may be uneven during some phases of project construction. Officials anticipate the project to finish in July 2020.

Bittersweet Park consumed more than 20 million gallons of water for irrigation in 2018; the same amount needed to provide for water for 706 households a year. The park required that much water because of its 30-year-old, inefficient irrigation system. This project replaces the old irrigation system and converts traditional Kentucky Bluegrass with drought-tolerant perennials and a mix of xeric and native turf grasses that use less water.

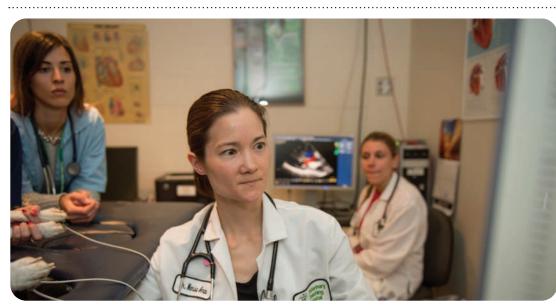
As a popular destination for walkers and runners, this project will build additional paths in the park and create new opportunities for pedestrians, including better access to the large pond within the park. The project will also build soft, natural trails to provide an alternative to hard concrete paths.

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In early 2019, the City of Greeley and the landscape architecture team of Matrix Design group held three community outreach sessions to gather feedback on the project. Within these sessions, residents identified park improvement opportunities and endorsed a progressive approach to water conservation. Part of the process to improve Bittersweet Park included three public meetings held in 2019. You can see the presentations from those meeting below.

## Two Northern Colorado Cities Rank in US Top 10 Best Midsize Cities for Veterinarians

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**PHOTO BY JOE A. MENDOZA/CSU PHOTOGRAPHY.** Dr. Marisa Ames performs an echocardiogram on a dog at the James L. Voss Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

## Stampede Seeks Beverage Coordinator

#### **KEVIN MCFARLING**

Greeley Stampede

The Greeley Stampede is currently looking to hire a Beverage Coordinator to join the team.

The Beverage Coordinator is a new full-time non-exempt hourly position that will assist with bartender staff, beverage policies and permits, bar logistics and setup, product inventory, and event support.

The successful candidate will possess excellent written, verbal and interpersonal communications skills due to frequent contact with event guests, staff & volunteers. Excellent organizational and time management skills and the ability to work well with others as a team member and as a provider of customer service are also essential to be successful in this position. Previous bar management and special event experience preferred.

The Greeley Stampede beverage program operates and supports eighteen beverage outlets and employees more than 100 seasonal bar staff.

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For a full job description and to apply, visit www.greeleystampede.org/p/ beverage-coordinator.



Advisor Smith has ranked two cities in Northern Colorado to be among the top 10 in the United States Mid-Size Cities for Veterinarians.

According to a recent study by the American Pet Products Association, published by Advisor Smith, people are spending more money on their pets than ever before. Total consumer spending on pet medications, food, services and veterinary care reach a record \$72.56 billion in 2018.

Advisory Smith conducted the survey in 264 U.S. Cities for veterinaries to pursue their careers in.

In the Midsize city Category, Fort Collins ranked 4th and and Greeley ranked 6th.

Fort Collins ranked #9 overall in the study of 264 cities, with Greeley at number #14, Grand Junction #16, and Boulder #62.

The published report also noted the annual average salary for veterinarians in the U.S. in 2018 was \$101,240.

To view the report: https://advisorsmith.com/data/ best-cities-for-veterinarians/ Lubbock, TX
 College Station, TX
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 Athens, GA
 Grand Junction, CO
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 Kingsport, TN

## City of Greeley offers 2020 Landscape Lecture Series

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A big part of your household water is used to grow and properly maintain your lawn and landscape. Greeley is offering a Landscape Lecture series to the community. The classes and workshops are free; however, RSVPs are required to ensure that we have enough seats and materials.

Landscape Lectures are scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from January through June and September through October.

RSVP at: http://greeleygov.com Greeley Water and Sewer 1001 11th Ave, 2nd Floor Greeley, CO 80631 Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm 970-350-9811 tel | water@greeleygov.com

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## A PREVIEW OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN NORTHERN COLORADO

For more details on these and other local events, visit: calendar.scenenoco.com

#### Wednesday, January 22

Avo's Old-Time Open Bluegrass Jam, Avogadro's Number and Avo's Bar, 8 pm Color Out of Space w/ Nic Cage Q&A!, Lyric Cinema Cafe (Theatre), 6:30 pm -9 pm

- Dessa + String Quartet, The Music District, 7 pm -9:30 pm
- **Email Marketing Quick-Start with Constant** Contact, Larimer SBDC , 1 pm -3 pm eTown Presents Green Screens at eTown

Hall: The Pollinators, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9:30 pm

McDonald's Twilight Nights Race Series, Purgatory Resort, 6 pm -9 pm

Music Bingo Night - Hair Band Edition, Timnath Beerwerks, 6:30 pm -8 pm

National Park Radio at Magic Rat, Fort Collins, Magic Rat Live Music, 8 pm -11 pm Rekindle the Classics: "Parable of the

Sower", Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 5 pm -8:30 pm Shut Up & Write!, Letterpress & Publick House

Downstairs, 7 pm -8:30 pm Signing Smart - Your Baby CAN Talk!!,

Full Moon Books, 10:15 am -11 am

The Crooked Wheel Pop-Up Bike Shop, Letterpress & Publick House Outside (weather permitting), 12 pm -5 pm



Thunder and Rain with Jason Daves, Moxi Theater, 7 pm Wednesday Open Ride (WOR), 4616 South Shields Street, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm Women's Mechanical Clinic, Push Industries, 6:30 pm -8 pm

#### Thursday, January 23

An American in Paris, Lincoln Center, 7:30 pm -10 pm

Arlo McKinley w/ TMULE, Hodi's Half Note, 9 pm -12 am Be Inspired, Zonta-Style, Global Village Muse-

um of Arts and Cultures, 5 pm -7 pm CBD 101, Canna World Market Loveland CBD,

- 6 pm -7 pm **Cirque Mechanics 42FT A Menagerie of** Mechanical Marvels, Union Coloney Civic Center, 7 pm -11 pm
- CMH Heli-Skiing in Virtual Reality at Aspen Snowmass, Silver Queen Gondola, 9 am

-4 pm Colter Wall - Two Nights at Boulder Theater, Boulder Theater, 7:30 pm -11 pm

Guest Barista Day: The Kitty Coalition, The Human Bean, 9 am -11 am

January New Moon Circle for Women, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 6 pm -9 pm

- Tuesday/Thursday Group Ride (TTH), 1833 East Harmony Road, 11:12 am -12:42 pm "We are the Radical Monarchs", The Lyric, 6
- pm -8:30 pm Yail / Girl in a Band / Rose Variety at PBJ, Pinball Jones Campus West, D-1, 1228 West Elizabeth Street, Fort Collins, CO 80521, USA, 9 pm -12 am

Friday, January 24 97.3 KBCO Presents: Chadwick Stokes & The Pintos, The Fox Theatre, 8 pm

An American in Paris, Lincoln Center, 7:30 pm -10 pm

**Bandwagon Magazine Presents: LADY** GANG (Chipper's Greeley), Chippers Lanes, 9 pm -11 pm

Bonnie and the Clydes + Bowregard / Chandler Holt and Eric Wiggs, Globe Hall, 9 pm -2 am

- College Fridays at Hesperus!, Hesperus Ski Area, 4 pm -9 pm
- Colter Wall Two Nights at Boulder Theater, Boulder Theater, 7:30 pm -11 pm
- Dreaming of a Vetter World Movie + Q&A, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 6:30 pm -9:30 pm
- Friends of the Library Winter Book Sale, Harmony Library, 12 am -11:59 pm

Jesse Voelker / co-stanza at Pinball Jones, Pinball Jones Campus West, 9 pm -12 am LaserDome: Lady Gaga, OtterBox Digital

Dome Theater at FCMoD, 9:30 pm -10:30 pm LaserDome: Pink Floyd – Dark Side of the

- Moon, OtterBox Digital Dome Theater at FCMoD, 6:30 pm -7:30 pm
- LaserDome: Queen, OtterBox Digital Dome Theater at FCMoD, 8 pm -9 pm Live Music: AJ Fullerton Band, New Belgium

Brewing Company, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm Live music with Matt Skinner,

Sparge brewing, 6 pm -9 pm Live @ Red Truck Beer Company, Red Truck Beer Company, 6 pm -8 pm

Matt Cox at Swing Station, Swing Station, 8 pm -11 pm

MEN ON BOATS **JAN 18-FEB 15** ge.com or 970.221.6730

- "Men on Boats" Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre,
- 7:30 pm -9:30 pm Moody Good w/ Jakattak, Enenra, Aggie Theatre, 9 pm
- Northern Colorado Spring Home & Outdoor Show, DEC14Sat11:00 AM, 12 pm -4 pm

Northern Colorado Spring Home & Outdoor Show, Putnam Museum, 12 pm -8 pm Open Mic Night at Red Truck,

Red Truck Beer Company, 8 pm -10 pm Play Forever Fridays, Copper Mountain, 9 am -4 pm

Quinn Ayers with Napalm, Devin Tremell, Rolos Rios, Carti Ferarri at Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8:30 pm

**Rialto Presents: Classic Albums Live - Tom** Petty, Rialto Theater, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm Slap Frost Revue - The Bay to FoCo, The

2020 Macaroni Kid Preschool & Kids Activi-

ties Fair, The Lincoln Center, 10 am -1 pm

Austin: Wine Tour and Tasting, The Infinite Monkey Theorem, 5 pm -6 pm Blockbusters and Beethoven, Cheyenne,

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Wyoming, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm Chess at Breakfast and The Beeves w/ Robert Shredford, People In General, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm

Colorado Mammoth vs. Buffalo Bandits, Pepsi Center, 7:30 pm

Cupcake Cabaret Live at The Whisk(e)y!, The Whiskey, 9 pm -11 pm

- Drag Bingo, New Belgium Brewing Company, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm Early Bird Walk, Standley Lake, 8 am -10 am
- Gary Schmidt Piano Inspiration,
- Rialto Theater, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm Gone Full Heathen / Spirit of Revolt / Bad **Roommates +1,** Pinball Jones Campus West, 9 pm -12 am

Heroes and Villains,

Chevenne, Wyoming, 2 pm -3 pm Its Just Bugs with Wolfblitzer, Trash., Jellyfish Farm, Moxi Theater, 8:30 pm

January Synth Meetup!, The Music District, 3 pm -5 pm

- Live Involved, Fort Collins Senior Center,
- 10 am -2 pm Live Music at The Forge Publick House, The Forge Publick House, 8 pm -10 pm
- Live music with Mystic River Duo, Sparge
- Brewing, 6 pm -9 pm Loch Ness Monster Truck!, Red Truck Beer Company, 6 pm -8 pm
- Lucero presents Block Party West, Mission Ballroom, 6:15 pm
- "Men on Boats" Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm
- Michael Kirkpatrick w/ Blue Canyon Ritual, Avogadro's Number, 7 pm -10 pm
- Napoleon Dynamite A Conversation with Jon Heder and Efren Ramirez, Boulder Theater, 6:30 pm
- Northern Colorado Spring Home & Outdoor Show, Putnam Museum, 10 am -5 pm
- Polar Bear Run & Plunge,
- Horsetooth Reservoir, 9 am -1 pm Red Rocks Local Set,
- Red Rocks Amphitheater, 7 pm -11 pm Saturday Open Ride (SOR), 4616 South
- Shields Street, 9 am -1 pm Sean McConnell | Fort Collins, CO, Magic Rat

Live Music, 7 pm -10 pm

Ski with a Ranger Day!, Loveland Ski Area,



<sup>8:30</sup> am -4 pm

- Sugar Britches at The Roost!, The Roost, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm
- Sunrise Genius 2020 Launch, Swing Station, 8 pm -11 pm **The Best Brothers,** Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm
- The Tale Spinner Lounge,
- Avogadro's Number and Avo's Bar, 7 pm Turvy Organ at Black and Blues Music and Brews, Black and Blues Music and Brews,
- 8 pm -10 pm ISASA Slopestyle Competition

Sunday Funday: Karaoke at Chipper's College Lanes, Chippers Lanes, 9 pm -11 pm The Best Brothers, Bas Bleu Theatre, 2:30 pm The Wailers, Washington's, 7 pm -9:45 pm USASA Slopestyle Competition, Purgatory Resort, 8 am -4 pm

#### Monday, January 27

Austin: All Day Happy Hour, The Infinite Monkey Theorem, 3 pm -9 pm

- Austin: No More Mundane Mondays w/ Spiritualish, The Infinite Monkey Theorem, 5 pm -6:30 pm
- Caregiver Community Group, Pathways, 1 pm -2:30 pm
- Colorado: All Day Happy Hour, Putnam Museum, 3 am -10 pm
- Cook Meet Share , Council Tree Library, 5 pm -7:30 pm
- DIY Letterpress Mondays, Letterpress & Publick House @ 316 Willow St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, USA, 5 pm -9 pm
- Mug Night!: Stand-Up Comedy (Open Mic), Hodi's Half Note, 7 pm -11 pm
- Red Solo Cup Night, Chippers Lanes, 8 pm -11:59 pm
- SnoKatz Kids Lessons Start, Hesperus Ski Area, 5 pm -7 pm
- Weld County Caregiver Community Group, Pathways, 1 pm -2:30 pm

atre), 6 pm -8:30 pm

5 pm -7 pm

-10:55 pm

-9 pm

Publick House, 7 pm

Wednesday, January 29

dro's Number and Avo's Bar, 8 pm

Johnny Burroughs - Day 1 Live at Moxi

Leave No Trace Screening, The Lyric, 6 pm

Search Party: Experimental Comedy Show,

Shut Up & Write!, Letterpress & Publick House

Downstairs, 7 pm -8:30 pm Signing Smart - Your Baby CAN Talk!! , Full

Singletrack Social Ride, 4791 West County

Road 38 East, 80526 Fort Collins, Colorado,

Theater, Moxi Theater, 7:30 pm

Prost Brewing, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm

Moon Books, 10:15 am -11 am

States, 5:50 pm -9:20 pm

- Tuesday, January 28 Avo's Open Mic, Avogadro's Number and
- Avo's Bar, 7 pm City Streets Criterium Series, 625 9th Street, 80524 Fort Collins, Colorado, United States 4:30 pm -8:30 pm
- **Classical Convergence Concert: Joshua Bell** with Alessio Bax, Lincoln Center, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm Colorado Experience Road Show: "Hutchin-

son Homestead", Lyric Cinema Cafe (The-

Joshua Bell, The Lincoln Center, 7:30 pm

Mike Gordon, Boulder Theater, 8:30 pm

ket Loveland CBD, 5:30 pm -6:30 pm

Paint Party - Highland Cow, Tues, Jan 28, Sparge brewing, 7 pm Wolverine Book Club: What Is Not Yours Is

Laramie Mountain Bike Series, Happy Jack

Trail, 82070 Laramie, Wyoming, United

Moving Towards Balance, Canna World Mar-

Open Craft, Letterpress and Publick House @

316 Willow St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, USA,

Not Yours, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and

Avo's Old-Time Open Bluegrass Jam, Avoga-

FREE KARAOKE w/ DREW, Surfside 7, 9 pm

Jim Kristoff Live at Timnath Beerwerks,

Timnath Beerwerks, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm John Statz, Magic Rat Live Music, 8 pm -10 pm Live On The Lanes: Venture Still (Chipper's College), Chippers Lanes, 9 pm -11 pm Loveland Ski Area Women's Only Clinics, Loveland Ski Area, 9 am -4 pm Make it Official, Larimer SBDC, 8 am -10 am Max solo at Prost Brewing, Prost Brewing, 8 pm -10 pm "Men on Boats" Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm Pictures of Moss, Surfside 7, 9 pm

Speed Dating (ages 21-40), Sparge brewing,

7 pm -9 pm

Subtronics, Aggie Theatre, 9 pm

Sugar Britches XIV: the tasty weasel wears Sugar Britches, Tasty Weasel Taproom, 5:30

pm -7:30 pm

The Best Brothers, Bas Bleu Theatre, 6:30 pm Thursday Tot Time, Standley Lake, 10 am -10:45 am

Colorado Room, 8 pm -11:59 pm Strangebyrds & The Teresa Storch Band, Avogadro's Number and Avo's Bar, 8 pm Sugar Britches at Black and Blues Music and Brews, Black and Blues Music and Brews, 8 pm -10 pm The Best Brothers, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm Venture Still and Glass Cases at The Magic Rat, Magic Rat Live Music, 8 pm -11 pm Verboten Comedy, Putnam Museum, 8 pm -9:30 pm Warren Station Winter Comedy Series #3 with Sam Adams and Stephanie McHugh - January 24th, 2020, Warren Station Center for the Arts, Keystone, 7 pm -9:15 pm Saturday, January 25 1920's Dance Party, High Hops Brewery, 8 pm -10 pm

Purgatory Resort, 8 am -4 pm Visualize, Gregory Allicar Museum of Art at Colorado State University, 6 pm -8 pm

#### Sunday, January 26

An American in Paris, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 3 pm -5 pm

Cragon Sims Live at Timnath Beerwerks, Timnath Beerwerks, 5 pm -7 pm Denver Nuggets vs. Houston Rockets, Pepsi

Center, 1:30 pm

FC: Uncorked! Comedy Show,

The Exchange - Fort Collins, 6:45 pm -9 pm Johnny Johnston at Black and Blues Music and Brews, Black and Blues Music and Brews, 3 pm -5 pm

Live eTown Radio Show Taping with Allen Stone & More, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9 pm Puppy Yoga - Fort Collins, Maxline Brewing, 10 am -11 am

Ski Free Sunday - January 26th, Kendall Mountain Ski Area, 11 am -4 pm

United States, 4791 W Co Rd 38 E, Fort Collins, CO, United States, 6 pm -8 pm TAXES - Get Informed and Organized Now!, Larimer SBDC, 8:30 am -12 pm The Crooked Wheel Pop-Up Bike Shop, Letterpress & Publick House Outside (weather permitting), 12 pm -5 pm Trivia Night, Sparge brewing, 6:30 pm Wednesday Open Ride (WOR), 4616 South Shields Street, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

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## **RED FEATHER, BELLVUE & LAPORTE**

## Colorado Parks and Wildlife Report Likely Presence of Gray Wolves In Colorado

#### MIKE PORRAS | Colorado Parks and Wildlife | cpw.state.co.u

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MOFFAT COUNTY, Colo. - Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials say an eyewitness report of six large canids traveling together in the far northwest corner of the state last October, in conjunction with last week's discovery of a thoroughly scavenged elk carcass near Irish Canyon - a few miles from the location of the sighting - strongly suggests a pack of gray wolves may now be residing in Colorado.

According to the eyewitness, he and his hunting party observed the wolves near the Wyoming and Utah borders. One of the party caught two of the six animals on video.

"The sighting marks the first time in recent history CPW has received a report of multiple wolves traveling together," said CPW Northwest Regional Manager JT Romatzke. "In addition, in the days prior, the eyewitness says he heard distinct howls coming from different animals. In my opinion, this is a very credible report."

After learning about the scavenged elk carcass, CPW initiated an investigation which is still ongoing. At the site, the officers observed several large canid tracks from multiple animals surrounding the carcass. According to CPW wildlife managers, the tracks are consistent with those made by wolves. In addition, the condition of the carcass is consistent with known wolf predation. (Photos below)

"The latest sightings add to other credible reports of wolf activity in Colorado over the past several years," said Romatzke. "In addition to tracks, howls, photos and videos, the presence of one wolf was confirmed by DNA testing a few years ago, and in a recent case, we have photos and continue to track a wolf with a collar from Wyoming's Snake River pack. Romatzke says from the evidence, there is only

one logical conclusion CPW officials can make. "It is inevitable, based on known wolf behavior,

that they would travel here from states where their populations are well-established," he said. "We have no doubt that they are here, and the most recent sighting of what appears to be wolves traveling together in what can be best described as a pack is further evidence of the presence of wolves in Colorado."

Romatzke adds CPW will continue to operate under the agency's current management direction.

"We will not take direct action and we want to remind the public that wolves are federally endangered species and fall under the jurisdiction of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. As wolves move into the state on their own, we will work with our federal partners to manage the species," he said.

The public is urged to contact CPW immediately if they see or hear wolves or find evidence of any wolf activity. The Wolf Sighting Form can be found on the CPW website.

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For more information about wolves, visit cpw.state.co.u.

## 2020 Update from Red Feather Lakes Library

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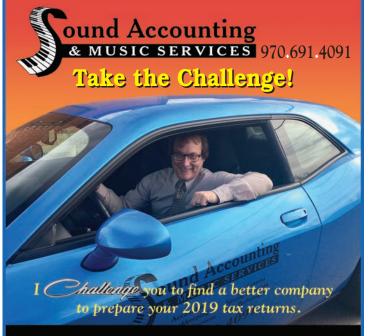


increased to an estimated 50,000 items available for downloading or streaming.

Programming in 2019 included 292 individual programs for 623 hours serving 3,858 individual participants of all ages. The latter is an 11% increase over 2018.







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Preliminary figures for 2019 are here at Red Feather Lakes Community Library.

Physical item circulation was relatively flat at 32,533, a 150 item drop from 2018 and the first flat year since 2011 -- when annual circulation stood at 16,250. I attribute this to an unusually slow fall season.

Public use of the library, however, increased 8% to 21,957 people entering the building.

230 new patron cards were issued in 2019.

Operating hours topped out at 3,175 -representing a slight decrease tied directly to 4 closed snow days during 2019.

The physical items held by the library increased to (about) 15,500 while downloadables (with the addition of Kanopy, IndieFlix and Acorn) Friends of the Library in 2019 funded the recarpeting of the children's area, fall materials purchases, additional magazines and the Coloradoan, additional spinners for materials organization, the new hard flooring for the hallway and bathroom, courier service for interlibrary loan, summer reading program incentives, children's spring and fall programming, the Greening Santa children's gift program and has committed to the water improvement project (upcoming, we trust) in 2020.

We'll have a more comprehensive overview for you soon. with comparative data -- while attempting to define the more indefinable regions of patron use and satisfaction.

All this comes about through your considerable efforts in behalf of the library and the larger community. Thank you at the end of another year: Board, Staff, Volunteers, Friends and Users.

Creed Kidd is Library Director at Red Feather Lakes Library.

#### **Chapel in the Pines** Interdenominational Christian Church



#### Guest Pastors for January, 2020

1/5	Dr. Richard Maurer, Wesleyan Methodist, Johnstown, CO
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- 1/12\* Father Teri Harroun, Ecumenical Catholic, Longmont, CO
- 1/19 Pastor Lloyd Nichols, Non-denominational, Loveland, CO
- 1/26\* Pastor Pam Hilliard, First Christian Church (DOC), Loveland, CO

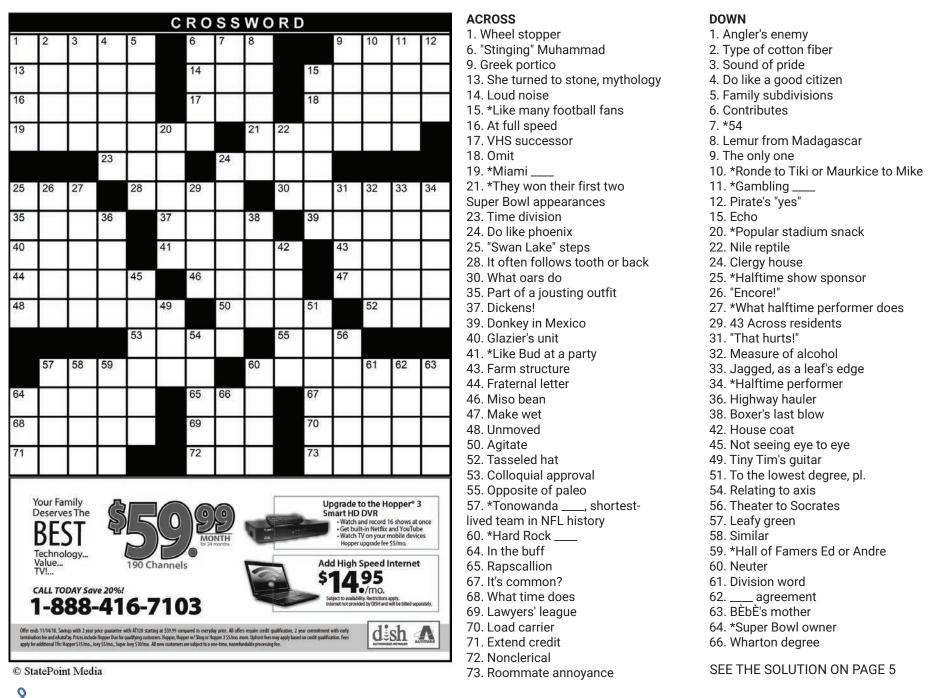
#### \* Communion Sunday

Forum & Sunday School at 9:30 • Fellowship Hall • Fellowship Hour: 10:30 a.m.

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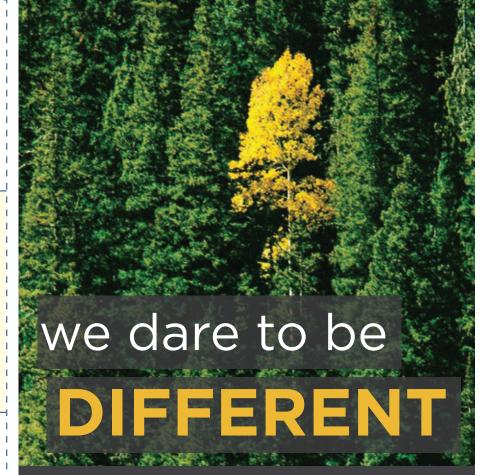




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