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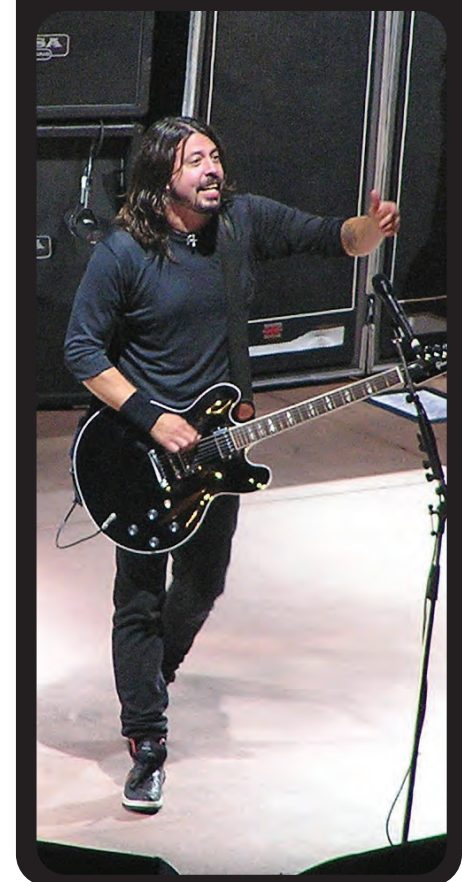


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# LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER



## There Are No Shortages of Problems in Life -- Deal With It!!

I'm a problem solver and a fixer for those who know me. That's one of the big reasons North Forty News drew me in - in the first place. It needed to survive (after the previous owner announced he was shutting it down). There were many problems to solve. I'm proud of North Forty News and the issues I have solved with my team over the years. While North Forty News is about to celebrate 30 years, we have surpassed 2 million unique visits on our website and unprecedented growth overall. We keep going!

Over the past few weeks, there has been no shortage of problems to solve. The latest big problem is our delivery vehicle. The transmission died, and it's way too expensive to fix it. I would work on it myself -- even teach myself how to re-build a transmission, but I simply can't wait for the weeks it will take me while trying to run the business. There is a shortage of affordable cars on the market, and now we are faced with replacing a vehicle purchased only a few months ago. If any of you have a fuel-efficient delivery vehicle, please get in touch! Let's solve this problem together.

It doesn't stop there. I was clearing the spot for my future cabin up on my property. The backhoe on my tractor broke. Things happen; I'm using these tools to their limit! But, when I ordered the part, the wrong one came. So, I had to order it again. This led to two weeks of delays.

While problems like these are super stressful, create delays, and prevent jobs and daily life from happening, I have found the best way to deal with them is to be as positive as possible. I usually find myself upset and stressed initially, but I solve the problem by going through my options, taking them one at a time. I typically plan for backup possibilities while working on the initial ones.

I think while walking, or sitting and enjoying a view outdoors. While planning for these latest problems, I recently witnessed the very first Crocus of the season! It's my favorite spring flower because it's usually one of the first to pop out. It was a nice distraction, and it helped me focus less on the stress of the problem.



The lift pin on my Kubota backhoe broke while digging. (Photo by Blaine Howerton)

I will eventually work out these problems and many others. I have to! I'm learning that significant portions of the communities we serve are super supportive, and it never hurts to ask.

So -- anyone?

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*Blaine H.*  
Blaine Howerton

## North Forty News Website Surpasses 2 Million Visits, Publisher Reports Exponential Growth

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The North Forty News website reached 2 Million unique visits in March 2022. Publisher, Blaine Howerton took over ownership of the newspaper in June of 2017, when the traffic was at 4,855 visits per month. In March 2022, the average was 4,800 visits a day, with over 100,000 visits recorded at northfortynews.com in a single month. Website records show an estimated 485% increase in average monthly website traffic after 4 years.

In June 2017, North Forty News was a monthly publication with 3,000 copies going out a month. Seeing a demand for more up-to-date and frequently distributed news, Blaine decided to make it a weekly newspaper. So, in June of 2019, North Forty News became a weekly publication. Three years later, in 2022, North Forty News is distributing 8,000 copies of the newspaper per week, an estimated 1,250% increase in printed circulation.

In January 2018, North Forty News acquired Scene Magazine and renamed it New SCENE. The 30+ year publication traditionally covered music, arts, theater, and events in Northern Colorado. When

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# Backyard Hops

SELENA KUNZE | Gardens on Spring Creek



Chinook Hops

Whether you are a home brewer, are drawn to the ornamental beauty of the plant or just enjoy the fragrance, hops continue to be popular in home and public gardens alike. Hop plants are a great ornamental climber along fences and pergolas, for shade in a sitting area, or as a privacy screen, and the hops cones add a distinctive flavor and aroma to beer and food.

Hops (*Humulus lupulus*) are perennial plants that die back to the ground in the fall and come up from the crown of the plant each spring. If you're looking to add these to your own landscape, you can purchase hop varieties as rhizomes (an underground stem that sends out roots and shoots) or as potted plants from local nurseries or home brew stores. Plant your hops in spring after last frost in a sunny spot in well-draining soil that has been amended with compost. Dig the hole twice as wide as the container, water well after planting, and apply a light mulch to keep weeds down and the soil evenly moist. Once established, hops prefer deep, less frequent watering.

Hop plants can grow to lengths of 25 feet or more and weigh 20+ pounds, so they need a sturdy trellis

system to grow on. Space plants far enough apart to keep their side arms from getting tangled with other varieties. Use strong twine as the climbing support for the stems (called bines, not vines). Using a natural and compostable twine makes fall clean up easier.

It is necessary to train your hop plants onto their supporting trellis once they reach two to three years old. After your plant has sprouted in spring, cut the first flush of bines to the ground when they are about a foot tall (but not after May 1st). Once they recover in a few weeks, select three or four of the hardier bines and gently wrap them clockwise around the trellis. Continue to cut untrained hop bines to the ground as they pop up, keeping only the main bines on the trellis. In late spring to early summer, you can apply fertilizer suitable for fruits and vegetables to help provide the nutrients that hops require. Additionally, keeping the bottom three feet of foliage cut off the bines through early summer will help with wind movement through the plant, as well as aid insect and disease control.

If you choose to use your hops for homebrewing, you'll need to check them regularly for ripeness.

They are ready to harvest when they make a papery sound and spring back into shape when pinched between your fingers, usually from mid-August to mid-September, depending on the variety. The lupulin inside the cones will also be bright yellow in color (not light yellow or orange) and have a pungent aroma. Selectively harvest all the cones that are ready from each bine.

To store hops, thoroughly dry the cones and vacuum seal them in one- to two-ounce bags, then freeze. Hops keep for up to two years if air is removed and they stay frozen. Fresh, undried hops should be used within 48 hours.



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## Wellington's Human Bean is Officially Open!

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Human Bean Northern Colorado owner Frank Sherman cuts the ribbon celebrating the new Wellington location, as wife and co-owner Kay Sherman, Wellington Mayor, Troy Hamman, along with staff, vendors and members of the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce cheer on.

Wellington residents now have their own Human Bean location. The Human Bean Northern Colorado hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, March 28 at 8121 6th Street in Wellington. The location officially opened to the public on March 29.

"We are excited to become a part of the Wellington community and to develop a closer relationship with coffee lovers in this area," said HumanBean Northern Colorado owner, Frank Sherman.

In attendance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony

were Wellington Mayor, Troy Hamman, along with Human Bean Northern Colorado staff and vendors, as well as several members of the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce.

As part of the ribbon-cutting celebration, attendees enjoyed games and giveaways. Human Bean Northern Colorado served attendees lunch items, a variety of desserts and baristas crafted customized drinks.

The Human Bean is northern Colorado's original double-sided drive-thru, proudly offering a vast selection of locally sourced products and delicious food and drink options. The new Wellington HumanBean drive-thru is just south of O'Reilly Auto Parts on 6th Street. It will serve as a prime location to meet the coffee needs of residents of Wellington, travelers on I-25, and other local visitors.

The Human Bean Northern Colorado has been locally owned and operated since 2004. Now with nine separate locations and one mobile coffee truck, The Human Bean has become known as the leading coffee drive-thru in northern Colorado.

For more information on The Human Bean's community involvement, visit [humanbeannortherncolorado.com](http://humanbeannortherncolorado.com).

## Downtown Wellington's New Monthly Event: Motorcycles, Cars, and Coffee

ANNIE LINDGREN | NorthFortyNews.com

Rust Vintage Market in Downtown Wellington is hosting a new monthly event called Motorcycles, Cars, and Coffee (MCC). Unlike traditional car shows that are heavy with details, logistics, timelines, etc., MCC will not have any of those things. Instead, Wellington MCC creates a fun environment for anyone and everyone to attend as their schedules allow on the second Saturday of every month.

There will be no registration or requirements for anyone. Instead, the gathering encourages folks interested in all things automotive to gather, connect with the community, and be surrounded by motorcycles, cars, trucks, and anything with an engine.

If you love it and can safely drive it to the event, then bring it (motorcycles and cars and trucks and everything street legal). If you don't have anything

to drive or share, show up anyway to participate in a monthly community celebration and gathering.

The local small business community will be open and eager to welcome all participants during the event hours and beyond. So come, chat, look around, share stories and stick around after for a bite to eat, coffee, or whatever strikes your fancy.

"Over time, this event will grow naturally, and our vision is to fill this fantastic town with beautiful (and not so beautiful) automotive treasures the Second Saturday morning of every month," shares Todd and Cris Benz of Rust.

This new event kicks off Saturday, April 9, 2022, from 9 AM to 12 PM at 3734 W. Cleveland Ave in Downtown Wellington. Folks can use the City Parking Lot on the North side of the street and street parking throughout downtown Wellington.



(Photo courtesy of Rust Vintage Market)

## Wellington's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

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Ready, set, egg hunt! Grab a basket and join the Community Activities Commission on April 16, 2022, at Wellington Community Park (8760 Buffalo Creek Parkway, Wellington, CO 80549).

Before being set loose, kids are separated into age-appropriate groups to collect over 4,000 treasure-filled eggs. Hop around with the Easter Bunny and snap your favorite family picture yet.

The Wellington Egg Hunt will kick off at 1 p.m. but come early to enjoy the festivities including a coffee truck. Kids of all ages and abilities are welcome and intentionally included in this fun celebration.

## Support Wellington Recreation by purchasing Colorado Rockies Tickets

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Did you know you can support the Wellington Recreation Department by purchasing Colorado Rockies Baseball tickets? A portion of the proceeds goes to benefit the recreation program.

Purchase discounted tickets through the link below until they sell out.

<https://www.mlb.com/rockies/tickets/specials/wellington>

Upper-level tickets cost \$20.00 per ticket, and lower-level cost \$30.00 per ticket.

The game is May 22, 2022, and is the New York Mets vs. the Colorado Rockies playing at Coors Field in Denver, CO.

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# WELLINGTON

## Hunting and Angling Outreach Programs Help to Get People in the Outdoors

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) hunting and angling outreach programs offer clinics and seminars throughout the year to give novice and experienced sportspeople alike opportunities to learn or improve upon their skills.

CPW's hunter outreach programs offered more than 300 mentored hunts across the state in 2021. The program also incorporates sponsoring agency programs that nonprofits can apply for and makes dream hunt licenses available to youth with a life-threatening illness or injury, through sponsoring agencies.

On the angling side, CPW hosted well over 100 fishing clinics statewide and helped introduce nearly 3,000 people to the sport of angling. These clinics include warm water, fly fishing, kid's events, and ice fishing. Additionally, CPW distributes around 6,000 free fishing rods across the state annually.

Hunting and angling clinics and seminars are informative and educational, featuring experienced guest speakers and CPW experts, and they offer a setting in which to meet others who share similar interests and goals.

Seminars are generally classroom-based and cover specific topics such

as Hunting 101 for a variety of species or really any skill set needed to be a safe, ethical and successful hunter.

Clinics are typically more hands-on and oftentimes take place in the field, at the range, or on the water, sometimes even on the ice. They are usually geared towards fishing, shooting, archery, hunting, or basic outdoor skills. Oftentimes, all the necessary equipment is provided for participants and is free.

"We provide that mentoring and educational aspect to get you started and give you a little bit of confidence so you can get out there on your own safely and effectively," said Pepper Canterbury, hunting and angling outreach coordinator for CPW's Northeast region.

Canterbury last year offered 80 days in the field for both big and small game hunts, many of those coming through CPW's Novice Pheasant Hunter Program (NPHP).

The Novice Pheasant Hunter Program, for adults and youth over the age of 12, supports new hunters, with detailed pheasant hunting knowledge, practical field experience, and quality instruction on a trap range. Students must complete three hours of classroom instruction and one half-day field session to receive an NPHP vehicle

walk-in access (WIA) permit.

Upcoming Colorado Outdoor hunting and fishing basics courses include:

- Fly Fishing 101 - April 17, 9 am to 1 pm - Lake Lehow by Waterton Canyon (Littleton, Colo.)
- Ladies Night Out: Backcountry Gear and Trip Planning - April 21, 6 pm - at CPW's Denver office
- Beginner's Fly Fishing Clinic - April 23, 9 am to 3 pm - Kassler Center in Waterton Canyon (Littleton, Colo.)
- Beginners Warm Water Fishing Clinic - April 30, 8 am to noon - Buckingham Lake in Loveland
- Novice Pheasant Hunter Program - May 21 Morning Session - Wellington State Wildlife Area
- Novice Pheasant Hunter Program - May 21 Afternoon Session - Wellington State Wildlife Area
- Novice Pheasant Hunter Program - June 5 Morning Session - Barr Lake State Park
- Novice Pheasant Hunter Program - June 5 Afternoon Session - Barr Lake State Park
- Ladies Night Out Archery Clinic 101 - June 15, 6-8 pm - Barr Lake State Park

For a complete list of clinics and seminars being offered, please visit [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us).

## Building Community Through Conversation and Curiosity: Moving Beyond our Divides

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Larimer County and the CSU Center for Public Deliberation will host Building Community Through Conversation and Curiosity: Moving Beyond our Divides.

Complex community challenges often can't be solved by experts alone.

Connecting community members and organizations together with thoughtful, facilitated discussion often results in better outcomes, problem-solving, and collaborative decision-making when addressing these issues.

During the event, skilled facilitators will help guide discussions to bring forth different perspectives. Participants will discuss the cause of division and polarization, and how community members can restore trust, respect, and social capital necessary for robust conversations to address shared local challenges.

The time is from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on April 6, 2022 at Larimer County Hearing Room, First Floor, 200 W. Oak St., Fort Collins.

An RSVP is suggested to attend this event - although not required. Walk-in attendees will be seated as long as space is available. To RSVP for this event visit: [forms.gle/KQpvt6qfHujQnHM8](https://forms.gle/KQpvt6qfHujQnHM8).

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## Fort Collins City Council Proposes to Prevent Resident Ability to Choose Your Own Garbage Company

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The City Council of Fort Collins proposes eliminating your ability to choose your own garbage company. While the city most likely has the best of intentions, this decision, if adopted, may do more harm than good in the following ways:

- Customers may be "stuck" with a non-local, multi-state hauler service.
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  - Service options are designed to meet your needs, not the city's needs.
- As the city continues to process this proposal, you can reach out to them and share your concerns in the following ways:
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  - Email the city council with your concerns: Email the City ([cityleaders@fcgov.com](mailto:cityleaders@fcgov.com))
  - Call them and voice your opinion by phoning the city at (970) 221-6878.
  - Follow the Council Agenda online at: [fcgov.com/cityclerk/agendas](https://fcgov.com/cityclerk/agendas)
  - Attend a City Council Meeting and consider giving public comment.
  - (Regular Council Meetings are scheduled on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and start at 6 p.m in the Council Chambers at City Hall West, 300 Laporte Avenue.)
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## Business and Personal Property Tax Declaration Deadline Approaches

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The deadline for business owners to file a Personal Property Declaration with the Larimer County Assessor's Office is April 15. Still, business owners got some welcome news this year.

On January 1, 2022, the threshold requiring business owners to file a Business Personal Property Declaration Schedule on their personal business property was raised from \$7,900 to the current \$50,000 in market value.

Those businesses with less than \$50,000 in business personal property do not have to file a schedule. The deadline to file a Declaration Schedule for businesses with personal property value higher than \$50,000 is April 15. Business can file their declarations online using the Business Personal Property Larimer County link. About 500 businesses have already used the new online filing tool to file their declarations.

"Thanks to the Colorado Legislature passing HB-21-1312 to help small businesses save in taxes,

and innovations in the Larimer County Assessor's Office, companies filing Business Personal Property above \$50,000 will have a much-simplified process this year," said Assessor Bob Overbeck.

Business Personal Property is defined as equipment used in your business and should be included in a

Declaration filing:

- Furniture
- Computers
- Displays
- Electronics
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- Machinery
- Shelving
- Signs

Need more information? Call 970-498-7050 or visit the Business Personal Property on the Larimer County website.

## PSD Selects Principal for Fort Collins High School

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Penny Stires

Poudre School District (PSD) has announced Penny Stires has been hired as the permanent principal for Fort Collins High School.

Stires transitioned from her current position as interim Fort Collins High principal on March 22.

"I have such gratitude to serve the Fort Collins High School community as the first female principal," said Stires. "I understand how important this work is and my desire is to do all I

can for the benefit of students, staff, and families."

Stires joined the district in 2010 as principal of Boltz Middle School. In 2015, Stires transitioned to serving as principal at Lincoln Middle School. Stires also serves as the district's AVID coordinator.

Stires has over 30 years of experience as an educational leader.

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools Scott Nielsen said Stires is a visionary leader and an empathetic listener.

"She leads through learning and adapts to new trends," Nielsen said. "Stires ensures that her staff, students, and families feel motivated and inspired to show up every day."



# FORT COLLINS

## The Remington Opens for Downtown Seniors Former DMA Plaza Affordable Housing Gets a New Look

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The Remington's remodeled sitting area



Elevator lobby, main floor

The board of The Remington, 300 Remington St., has announced its virtual grand opening, which can now be viewed online. "People who were familiar with the old DMA Plaza should be prepared to be amazed," said Mike Sollenberger, board president. "Working together with dozens of community partners, we've modernized this landmark apartment building into a new senior affordable housing community for downtown Fort Collins."

This site of the old Remington school was purchased by the Downtown Merchants Association from Poudre School District in April of 1969. After the school was torn down, the DMA agreed to sell the under-utilized parking lot to the nonprofit DMA Plaza for \$65,000. In 1973, the 11-story, 170,000-square-foot DMA Plaza opened its doors and helped meet the growing need for senior housing for those on a limited income. "The Remington stands tall and continues to answer that need, including serving those with the very low-income levels of 30% AMI," explained Sollenberger.

The exterior got an updated facelift along with new heating, ventilation, lighting, plumbing, electrical, and fire suppression upgrades.

The remodel – designed and executed by Architecture +, VFLA, and Brinkman Construction – expanded the laundry room as well as added a new fitness center, conference room, and outdoor patio.

The city of Fort Collins provided \$2.5M towards the project through community development block grants; it aligns with the city's affordable housing strategic plan of preserving long-term affordable housing and providing services for the most vulnerable populations – including seniors – explained Beth Rosen, city of Fort Collins department of social sustainability grants and compliance officer. "I'm so excited when I walk into The Remington to see this beautiful building that's

providing long-term housing for local residents," Rosen said. "I'm also excited about the amazing opportunities people have to create beautiful lives."

Susan Kirkpatrick, former Fort Collins Mayor, and downtown business owner has served on The Remington (former DMA Plaza) board for about 10 years. She explained that instead of partnering with other organizations, "The very thoughtful board decided to remain an independent, private not-for-profit; and I think in the long haul, that will be a great benefit to the residents, and to the building itself, as there's more flexibility."

The project also received \$1M from the Colorado Division of Housing. The Colorado Housing and Finance Authority authorized \$15M in tax credits, which were purchased by Midwest Housing Equity Group which became an investor in The Remington.

"I want to give a big thank you to our Executive Director, Lori French," said Sollenberger. "She has made herself into a very competent construction person after this experience, and she deserves a lot of credit for what we have achieved." Sollenberger also thanks consultant Dan Morgan from DGMA for his invaluable assistance. Karen Weitkumat, also a former

Fort Collins Mayor and board member for over 10 years, said "The former DMA Plaza served the community for almost 50 years as a place that was safe for residents. And the renovations of The Remington now guarantee that the next 50 years will see us have safe, affordable, attainable, and comfortable housing for seniors in the downtown area. What a legacy."

Visit [TheRemington.org](https://theremington.org) to watch the Grand Opening Red Ribbon Cutting ceremony video and to learn more about the storied history of The Remington. Everyone is also invited to visit this public-private-nonprofit senior affordable housing jewel at <https://theremington.org/video-tour/>.



The Remington

## Growth (from page 2)

the Pandemic hit in 2020, canceling all in-person events, Blaine was faced with a difficult decision on how to run an event magazine during a pandemic. The solution was to combine SCENE into North Forty News, making it a weekly section within the newspaper. Now readers can find New SCENE Weekly content in the middle of every North Forty News newspaper and at [northfortynews.com](http://northfortynews.com).

As Northern Colorado's only locally owned regional weekly news and events publication, North Forty News' numbers show tremendous growth in circulation and online readership. "As we approach the 30th anniversary of North Forty News, we are grateful for the support we get from our advertisers, our readers, and the communities we write about every day," said Blaine. "We are growing exponentially, and we are providing

quality regional news to Northern Colorado."

"I feel honored to be part of a locally owned news publication with a focus on providing quality, positive, and solution-focused news about what's happening in our region. We share stories of community goodness and important topics, available for free at newsstands or hand-delivered to your doorstep. There are not a lot of news sources dedicated to that mission anymore," shares Annie Lindgren, Journalist, and VP of Community Engagement for North Forty News and New SCENE Weekly.

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# LOVELAND & BERTHOUD

## Boyd Lake State Park's Boating Season Is Open

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Boyd Lake Marina (File Photo)

Boyd Lake State Park opened for boating on Friday, March 25. Boyd Lake has two boat ramps for your convenience.

- The main, six-lane boat ramp is located by the marina.
- A two-lane ramp is located further north at Heron Cove, where non-motorized and personal watercraft can be launched.

Its aquatic nuisance species (ANS) inspection station hours will run from 8 am to 6 pm for the remainder of March, 7 am to 7 pm in April and 6 am to 10 pm from May 1 through Labor Day. It is located in the marina.

The ANS decontamination site at Boyd Lake is available seven days a week from 8 am to 6 pm. Boyd Lake's park office is currently open Wednesday through Sunday, 9 am to 4 pm, and available for boat registrations.

Boyd Lake State Park is a water-sports haven for northern Colorado. The lake lies at the western-most edge of the plains at the foot of snow-capped Long's Peak and the mountains of the Continental Divide.

All types of watercraft (ski boats, fishing boats, jet skis, sailboats, canoes, paddleboards) use Boyd Lake's 1,700 surface acres of water. The current water level at Boyd Lake is 50 feet and

the courtesy dock will be installed by Friday's opening.

Please remember to help protect Colorado's waters and to inspect your boat and safety equipment prior to use.

- CLEAN all mud, plants, or animals from the hull of your boat.
- DRAIN all of the water from the boat, live well, and lower unit of the engine.
- DRY the boat and contents before the next launch.
- Check for your life jackets and other safety equipment.
- Inspect your boat prior to launch.
- Have your boat plugs.

Boyd Lake is a popular spot with both shoreline and boat anglers. It provides quality fishing for walleye, white bass, catfish and trout. Anglers may additionally catch smallmouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and perch.

Sport Fishing Notes:

- Walleye - Fish any rock structure when water temps are 45-55°F. Later, fish are scattered but tube jigs, lindy rigs, triple ripples, are good choices.
- White Bass - Follow the birds! The white bass will be chasing shad! Use silver Kastmasters or another shad imitation. Often attracted to flows when the reservoir is filling (especially at 40-52°F).
- Largemouth Bass - Bass fishing can be frustrating given the limited amount of structure. Try rock rip-rap areas with crayfish imitations.
- Channel Catfish - Best baits are cut shad or chicken liver. Night fishing is best.

## Hammers Rugby Wins Season Opener

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Hammer's Rugby Team (Photo by Hammer's Rugby)

Northern Colorado's Hammers Rugby (hammersrugby.com) season began with the High School Boys putting together an impressive performance for a 52-17 victory over Brighton.

The match was played at Aurora Sports Park on Saturday and featured a number of Hammers' players involved in their first-ever competitive rugby game.

The Hammers scored right from the opening kickoff, and their high-tempo style of play continued to produce regular tries throughout the contest.

The team is now looking forward to a

round-robin set of fixtures with Summit and Dakota teams this upcoming Saturday at the University of Northern Colorado fields in Greeley.

Hammers Rugby has players from Fort Collins, Loveland, Windsor, and the surrounding areas.

The boys and girls teams are always looking for new players - no previous rugby experience is necessary. The Boys High School Team practices on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 pm on the field behind McGraw Elementary on Hinsdale Drive in Fort Collins.

## City of Loveland Receives Letters of Intent for Oil and Gas Projects

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The City of Loveland has received letters of intent from MRG, LLC, a McWhinney company, for the construction of two multiple well pads and production facility areas to develop oil and gas.

MRG recently completed the concept review process with the City of Loveland. This allows the applicant to review proposed projects with the City's Development Review Team consisting of staff in current planning, building, transportation, development services,

power, waste/wastewater, stormwater, economic development, and the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority. The concept review process includes an overview of proposed projects and an opportunity to receive feedback (should the developer choose to apply for a project within city limits).

If submitted, the applications will be the first oil and gas development applications submitted under the Unified Development Code (UDC). For more information visit: [lovgov.org/oilandgas](http://lovgov.org/oilandgas).

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# the new scene weekly

## Wide-Eyed Wonder: Dave Grohl's Rocking Stories

TIM VAN SCHMIDT | SceneNOCO.com

Witness the risks and rewards of devoting your life to rock and roll -- according to Dave Grohl. That's Dave Grohl of Foo Fighters. That's Dave Grohl, "that guy from Nirvana". That's Dave Grohl, "author"?

Yes, Grohl recently published a book -- "The Storyteller" -- bringing together a lot of his fondest memories from a life that started with humble beginnings as a suburban teenager in Virginia and blazed toward international rock stardom.

In "The Storyteller", the risks of devoting your life to rock and roll are many including chronic substance abuse, malnutrition, lack of sleep, over-caffeination, and bodily harm at the hands of fans, junkies, and various enemies.

The rewards, for Grohl at least, have also been many, like meeting lifelong musical idols like Little Richard, Paul McCartney, and the band AC/DC; playing with Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, John Paul Jones of Led Zeppelin, Josh Homme of Queens of the Stone Age, and so many more.

There seems to be money too.

What comes through it all, though, is a love for music, music, music. A wide-eyed wonder of music permeates the entirety of "The Storyteller" with all its power to reach the fans and propel the musicians.

Grohl loved rock and roll before he became a musician and it only became deeper when he waded into the middle of it.

I can relate. So can a lot of people. And that's what initially makes Grohl an "everyman" -- struggling to survive while staying true to his art by being willing to forgo the relative security of "regular" life to make it happen.

In the book, Grohl details his early years with DC punk band *Scream* and this is fascinating stuff -- stories that thousands of other rock and roll musicians could totally relate to.

I'm talking about guys going on the road, sleeping in their van, living off of pennies, and blasting to gigs all over the country -- and beyond.

*Scream* was part of a network of

bands that played far and wide on a do-it-yourself basis. It wasn't business; it was a radical alternative lifestyle. They didn't make any real money, but they rocked and rocked some more.

By happenstance, just by being in the right place at the right time, Grohl even got to meet a hero -- punk godfather Iggy Pop -- and play a gig with him long before any kind of widespread stardom.

But after leaving *Scream* and living



Grohl and Hawkins rock (Photo by Tim Van Schmidt)

through the killer storm that was Nirvana -- going from three corn dogs-a-day poverty to crushing stardom in a relatively short amount of time -- things change for Grohl.

As a survivor of intense fame and someone who continued to carry on the never-ending quest to make good rock and roll by founding Foo Fighters, he apparently earned a place at the table.

When he starts talking about playing Saturday Night Live in Tom Petty's band, he turns from an "everyman" to a "special man". He gets to play for President Obama, he gets to play at the Academy Awards, he gets to rock out in front of stadiums full of fans on a regular basis.

These aren't things that regular people get to do or even imagine themselves

doing. These are not "everyman" experiences, despite Grohl's insistence that he can't believe his good fortune either.

"The Storyteller" drops plenty of famous names throughout and you have to cheer him on for this -- I wouldn't mind going over to Neil Young's house for dinner or jamming with Joan Jett --

positive attitude.

In "The Storyteller", every step of the way is the best thing that ever happened to him. As he grows, so does his definition of success, and, apparently, what has come to him has far outstripped his dreams all along the way.

Finally, you have to wonder where else this rock and roll ride can take him.

Grohl has already experienced a couple more of the risks and rewards of rock and roll since publishing "The Storyteller".

One of the rewards has been getting to shoot and star in his own horror movie. In February, Foo Fighters released "Studio 666", a blood-soaked comedy about haunted houses and murdered musicians.

Risks? The horrible news that Grohl's longtime Foo Fighters bandmate and buddy, drummer Taylor Hawkins, someone Grohl describes as a "brother from another mother", died on March 25, just prior to a massive gig in Bogota.

In "The Storyteller", Grohl writes extensively about loss and grief. He expresses the deep hurt he felt losing Nirvana bandmate Kurt Cobain to suicide. That same hurt returned with the passing of his closest childhood friend, Jimmy

The news about Hawkins has probably hit Grohl real hard. And like a lot of the stories in his book, the stakes are high for him in 2022. Foo Fighters had just started touring again and they were scheduled for a Denver date at Empower Field at Mile High on August 6. However, the band has canceled all of their upcoming tour dates.

Despite this current loss, if Grohl is true to what he says in "The Storyteller", he will find a way to someday rock again -- not because it's a good business decision, but rather because he just has to.

*Tim Van Schmidt is a writer and photographer based in Fort Collins. Check out his YouTube channel at "Time Capsules by Tim Van Schmidt".*



Foo Fighters at Red Rocks (Photo by Tim Van Schmidt)

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## CITY BUZZ

### EARTH DAY FORT COLLINS FEATURING AN EV RIDE & DRIVE, MENDING CAFE', YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION EVENT, AND SHIFT CO2 CHALLENGES

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Sustainable Living Association (SLA) will host Earth Day Fort Collins on Saturday, April 23 from 11 am - 5 pm at Civic Center Park, 201 Laporte Avenue, Fort Collins (SustainableLivingAssociation.org). This year continues the collaboration with the City of Fort Collins to provide interactive and educational opportunities for attendees to learn about the Climate Action Plan and how to participate. Admission is free and attendees are asked to bring a donation or nonperishable food items for the Food Bank for Larimer County.

Earth Day Fort Collins is a combination of activities and events for the entire family, featuring informational booths and displays, educational opportunities, arts and crafts, live music, speakers, food trucks, a beer garden and a mini farmers market. This year the Sustainable Living Association is honored to have the support of the Fort Fund Grant and the Bohemian Community Event Fund Award. These organizations help to spread the word as a nonprofit and help to enhance the impact the Sustainable Living Association can have on businesses and community members in Fort Collins.

Northern Colorado Clean Cities will be on site hosting an Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive and will help answer questions consumers may have about owning an EV. The event features the 3rd annual SHIFT Earth Day Challenge coordinated by the City of Fort Collins, challenging area residents to compete in a competition to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. While the adults are test-driving EVs, children can enjoy a fun scavenger hunt and compost-themed activities put on by Compost Queen and A1 Organics. The Mending Cafe will be on site as an excellent resource to bring new life to old clothing that needs hemming or repairs.

With local food from La Piedadina and Antojitos Del Sureste, local coffee from the Brightside Coffee trailer, and local beer from New Belgium and Odell Brewing, Earth Day Fort Collins has something for everyone. The day will begin with yoga in the park hosted by Old Town Yoga and will be followed by some incredible live music. Autumnal, May Be Fern, School of Rock, and Satellite Pilot will provide entertainment throughout the day, with live speakers presenting in between sets. For more information check out the MainStage schedule.

During the NEW Youth Climate Action event, local youth will gather to train and inspire other youth in 4 different educational areas focused on climate change and how to take action. This event is led, organized and implemented by youth who

are aware of the effects of climate change on the planet and they want to do something about it. The Sustainable Living Association is honored to have the support of the City of Fort Collins Utilities for the pilot year of this event. The Youth Writing and Art contest inspires middle-school and high school students to share "what sustainability means to them" and to submit their works for review by April 4, winners will be featured at the event and will be awarded prize bags from Scheels.

The Sustainable Living Association helps to promote Fort Collins as a city that is active in the implementation of sustainable practices. Earth Day Fort Collins provides attendees an opportunity to learn what area businesses, non-profits, and the local government do to support this global environmental effort and how citizens can get involved.

Earth Day has inspired and mobilized individuals and organizations worldwide to demonstrate their commitment to environmental protection and sustainability. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world. Fort Collins is a leader in developing sustainable practices and has gained much attention for these efforts.

The Sustainable Living Association is a grassroots non-profit organization that brings the concept and practices of sustainable lifestyles into everyday life. SLA serves the Rocky Mountain region, providing opportunities designed to educate people on sustainable lifestyles that promote environmental and social responsibility. SLA accomplishes its work through a Sustainability Leadership Program, the Impact Series on Climate Change and is working with the City of Fort Collins to reimagine the past ClimateWise program for businesses. SLA also features other community events that connect citizens with environmental stewardship and sustainable development. For twenty-two years the SLA has been at the forefront of the sustainable living and lifestyle movement in our region. As a community working collectively, our impact continues to grow through outreach and education.

To learn more about Earth Day Fort Collins, visit [sustainablelivingassociation.org](http://sustainablelivingassociation.org).

For more information regarding the city's new plans of Our Climate Future, the Climate Action plan, Energy Reduction plan or the Road to Zero Waste plan see: [northfortynews.com/w6wv](http://northfortynews.com/w6wv).

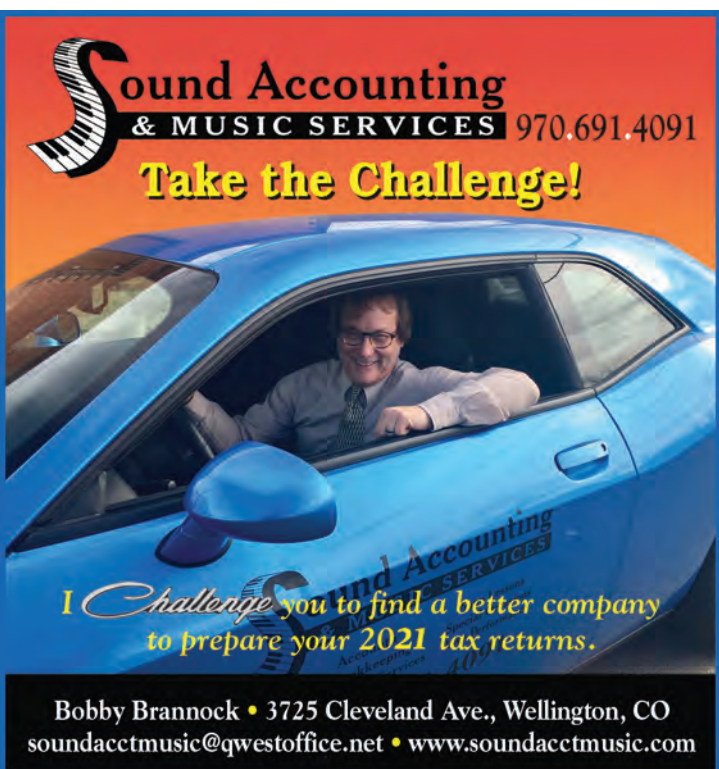


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### BAS BLEU PRESENTS RED-HANDED OTTER

NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com

Bas Bleu Theatre Company of Fort Collins is delighted to announce its next mainstage production, RED HANDED OTTER, a darkly diverting shaggy-dog comedy about people, pets, and passion.

True to Bas Bleu's reputation for new works by acclaimed contemporary playwrights, RED HANDED OTTER explores a ragtag community of security guards who comically work through how we do or don't get on with our lives and the comforts we choose.

Heading up the cast is Fort Collins favorite Jeffrey Bigger, as Paul, a hilariously simmering cauldron of emotion ready to boil over as he butts heads with Brett Schreiber's Donald, an otter loving disco dance machine, seen in December as a Kennedy scion in Bas Bleu's acclaimed holiday comedy HOW TO SURVIVE YOUR FAMILY

AT CHRISTMAS. Added to the mix is recent CSU grad and genderbending CABARET Emcee Kaitlin Kennedy, as Angela, volatile keeper of multiple bunnies, and Nick Boeder of HARVEY and Bas Bleu newcomer Ambre Nowel Gejer as Randy and Estelle, two sweet souls caught in a vortex of pet tales, cheap liquor, and cheaper donuts, slow traveling hermit crabs and madly beeping smoke detectors.

RED HANDED OTTER will be presented April 15 - May 1 at Bas Bleu Theatre, 401 Pine Street in Fort Collins.

Tickets are \$26 for general admission, \$20 for seniors, and \$8 for students, and can be purchased at [basbleu.org](http://basbleu.org) or by calling the box office at 970-498-8949.

RED HANDED OTTER contains adult content, strong language, and dancing rabbits.



# CITY BUZZ

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK: "LAKE LOVELAND, SURF'S UP!"



The photo of the week this week is from David Thoms. The photo is of breaking waves at Lake Loveland on a beautiful sunny (but probably windy) day in Northern Colorado. Sanderosa Art Gallery in Laporte is our sponsor. Each Week North Forty News features a photo submitted by one lucky reader. The chosen submitter will receive a \$25 gift certificate to be used for merchandise at the gallery. Your photo might capture a moment in time of scenery, animals in the wild, a wildfire, your friends or family, or a recent local event. Send us your best shot!

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## BAND W.I.T.C.H. AND SANDWICH SCORE BIG AT THE LYRIC

JONSON KUHN | SceneNOCO.com

I obviously don't know any of you personally, but I'm willing to assume that within your lives you've enjoyed a grilled cheese sandwich a time or two, am I right? It's a pretty ingenious concept: toasted bread with melted cheese in the middle doesn't get much better than that...or does it? I was at The Lyric on Tuesday, March 22 for the much-anticipated performance of W.I.T.C.H., with special guests Holy Wave and Night Beats, and at some point, within the evening it became clear to me that I may or may not have had too much to drink. Now at any other venue that might have become a problem, but one of the many great things about the Lyric is they sell AND serve food for all of those people like me who are still learning how to drink alcohol. They have a lot on their menu but truly, the only thing that really matters is their world-famous grilled cheese with bacon. I can't prove the Lyric is the first to think of adding bacon to a grilled cheese but they're certainly carrying on the tradition with great pride and success. It's a mystical sandwich that, if sober, might just taste like an ordinary run-of-the-mill sandwich, but if you're intoxicated it becomes magically delicious! Honestly, I think police officers should be required to carry grilled cheese sandwiches with bacon in their squad cars and try handing those out instead of tickets...just a thought, I'm not running for office or anything. But alas, it would be quite remiss of me to not get into the actual concert that took place that night as it was quite the evening for music, not just sandwiches. The opening act was Austin, Texas-based Holy Wave, and - crap, they were really good. Not just because of the easy setup for a pun, they were actually really good! With dreamy reverb distortion mixed in with an undeniable garage rock vibe, these guys were hard not to pay attention to, which is saying a lot for an opening act. Their latest album 'Interloper' (released in 2020) has been on my Spotify list for over a week now and I strongly encourage you to give them

a shot! The middle band Night Beats, who have actually been touring alongside W.I.T.C.H., wasted no time taking the stage and letting their presence be known. Originally based out of Seattle, Washington, Night Beats is the sole creation of Texas native Danny Lee Blackwell, and much like their Texas counterparts Holy Wave, they, too, were proficient in the blending of psychedelic R&B with acid-fried rock 'n roll. Their latest album 'Outlaw R&B' was released in June 2021 and it still continues to melt the ears of those brave enough to listen to it. Lastly, we come to the main event, W.I.T.C.H. (We Intend to Cause Havoc). Aside from immense talent, this band has immense history, as well; initially formed in Zambia in the 1970s, they quickly rose to fame and are still widely considered the most popular Zambian band to come from that era. They found a new popularity in 2012 after reissues of their albums started to resurface abroad; headed by lead vocalist Emanuel "Jagari" Chanda, this band has without a doubt seen more members come and go than perhaps Spinal Tap, however, as of 2013 Chanda has been touring steadily with 80's keyboardist Patrick Mwendela, along with an all-new lineup, but still with that same great Zamrock sound. To simply label them as a "psych-rock" band doesn't do them justice, but it's a genre they've without a doubt helped to define and carry on. Chanda has a presence on stage that's both captivating and contagious, as it's nearly impossible to not get lost in dancing madly as he leads by example. W.I.T.C.H. is out touring the planet right now, but that doesn't mean you have to wait for their return before catching up on their entire library, past to present, on Bandcamp or Spotify. And as always, be sure to check out the Lyric's calendar for all new and amazing shows (music AND cinema), and be sure to check out that world-famous grilled "chee" with w/bacon while you're at it!



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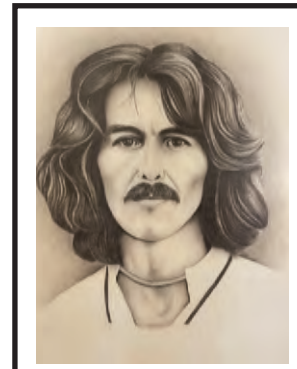
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**Wednesday, April 6**  
**Dirty Date Night: Adult Wheel-Throwing Class 4/6**, Flingin Pots, 7 pm -9 pm  
**FREE: Workingman's Wednesdays w/ Tumbledown Shack**, 830 North, 6:30 pm  
**Gondwana with E.N. Young & Imperial Sound @ Moxi Theater**, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**North by North /Card Catalog/ Zoe Berman /Luna Nuñez**, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm  
**Songwriters' Workshop - Fort Collins**, The Purple Cup Café, 5:45 pm

**Thursday, April 7**  
**90s/00s Dance Party with TwoScoops & Jimeni**, 830 North, 8 pm  
**Anthony Ruptak \*Album Release Show\* w/ Dead Eye Dojo / Nina De Freitas**, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm  
**Develop a Business Plan with Purpose and Durability 2-part session**, Larimer SBDC, 2 pm -5 pm  
**Girl Scouts in Style!**, Online, 6 pm -7:30 pm  
**Jarrold Morris @ Moxi Theater**, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**North by North // King Crowdad // Race to Neptune // Ash Redhorse**, The Lyric, 8 pm

**Friday, April 8**  
**Brother Ali - The Travelers Tour w/ MaLly, DJ Last Word - Presented by 98.7 KGNU**, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm  
**DeadPhish Orchestra**, 830 North, 8 pm  
**Game Show Night with Rion Evans**, The Louisville Underground, 8 pm -10 pm  
**Jarrold Morris @ The Black Buzzard**, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**Rush Archives**, The Oriental Theater, 9 pm -11:30 pm  
**Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre**, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm

**Sunless / Noctambulist / Casket Huffer / Vexing**, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm  
**WoolEye's 3rd Annual Woolawaka w/ Tyler T and The Common Clay @ Spokesbuzz Lounge (INDOORS)**, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 7 pm

**Saturday, April 9**  
**All Ages/Abilities Wheel-Throwing Class 4/9**, Flingin Pots, 10 am -12 pm  
**DeadPhish Orchestra**, 100 Nickel, 8 pm  
**"Don't Draäg My Fcking Diamonds" Brunch Show**, Your Mom's House, 11:30 am -2:30 pm

**FREE Live Music - Reggae Jazz - Oh Like WOW @ High Hops Brewery - Celebration of Spring Event**, High Hops Brewery, 3 pm -5 pm  
**Heartbeat Sessions ft. Ocean Roulette + More**, Your Mom's House, 8 pm -2 am  
**Red Sage with BetaRay @ The Black Buzzard**, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**Rick Lewis Project / Asha Blaine / Rock Cheers**, At Cheers, 7 pm -12 am  
**Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre**, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm  
**Shovelin Stone with Sugar Britches, Lewis Turner**, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm  
**Sicard Hollow**, 830 North, 8 pm  
**Spring Kick Off Party**, High Hops Brewery, 10 am -7 pm  
**The Two Tracks**, 2454 West, 8 pm  
**Timber Dan Toy Show**, First National Bank Exhibition Hall, 9 am

**Sunday, April 10**  
**Horsetooth Half Marathon**, New Belgium Brewing, 8:30 am -2 pm

**Mishawaka Spring Maker's Market**, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 12 pm -6 pm  
**Perspectives**, Block One Events, 4 pm -6 pm  
**Rainbow Full Of Sound @ Moxi Theater**, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre**, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 2 pm  
**Story Maker with Daniel Jaspersen**, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm  
**Sunday Morning Toast and Jams**, Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm

**Monday, April 11**  
**Virtuoso Series Concert: Peter Sommer, Saxophone**, UCA University Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm

**Tuesday, April 12**  
**Dementia Together's April Fundraising Event - Joy on the Journey "Vineyard Vibes"**, Sweet Heart Winery, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

**Virtuoso Series Concert: Megan Lanz, Flute**, UCA University Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 13**  
**April 13 Meeting for Pikes Peak Genealogical Society**, Online, 6:30 pm -9 pm  
**Blast N Bowl w/ Hospital Socks, Clemetine, Scuffed & BUG: Presented by Blast N Scrap and Mishawaka**, 830 North, 8 pm  
**FREE: Workingman's Wednesdays w/ Tumbledown Shack**, 2454 West, 6:30 pm  
**Opiuo - The Doing Shows Playin Music Tour - Night 1 - Presented by Party Guru Productions**, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm  
**The Mastersons with The Whitmore Sisters @ Moxi Theater**, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm

**Thursday, April 14**  
**90s/00s Dance Party with TwoScoops & Jimeni**, 100 Nickel, 8 pm  
**Antibroth/CONNORPARTY/ Dynamo Klat**, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm  
**Develop a Business Plan with Purpose and Durability 2-part session**, Larimer SBDC, 2 pm -5 pm  
**Jazz Combos Concert**, UCA University Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm  
**Melanin MagiQ**, Online, 5:30 pm -6:30 pm  
**Museum at Twilight**, Greeley History Museum, 4 pm -8 pm  
**Museum at Twilight: Local refugee experiences and resources**, Greeley History Museum, 4 pm -8 pm

**Opiuo - The Doing Shows Playin Music Tour - Night 2 - Presented by Party Guru Productions**, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm

**Friday, April 15**  
**2022 Baby Animal Days at Centennial Village Museum**, Centennial Village Museum, 12 am -11:59 pm  
**Blink 303 + Sweater Destroyer @ The Black Buzzard**, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**Carlos Barata at Lucky Joe's**, Lucky Joe's, 9 pm -12 am  
**Colorado State University: Spring Dance Concert**, UCA University Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm  
**Cunninlynguists & Sadistik - Presented by Party Guru Productions - Sponsored by WeldWerks Brewing Co**, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm  
**despAir Jordan Album Release w/False Report, The Sum Beaches**, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am  
**Dirty Date Night: Adult Wheel-Throwing Class 4/15**, Flingin Pots, 7 pm -9 pm  
**eTown Presents: Mr. Sun / Jayme Stone's Folklife**, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9:30 pm  
**Kind Hearted Strangers + Mountain Rose and PJ Moon & the Swappers @ Globe Hall 4/15/22**, Globe Hall, 8 pm  
**Lyric Turns 15 Party!**, The Lyric, 6 pm -11 pm  
**Red-Handed Otter**, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm  
**Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre**, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm

**Spring Craft & Gift Show**, First National Bank Exhibition Hall, 2 pm  
**Stella's Singer-Songwriter Showcase Hosted by Johnny Day**, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 9 pm -12 am  
**The Bergamot, Sturtz, and Sam Rae**, Roots Music Project, 8 pm -10:30 pm  
**Thin Air Crew w/ Boss Eagle and Special Guests**, 830 North, 8 pm  
**Toughest Monster Truck Tour**, Budweiser Events Center, 7:30 pm

**Saturday, April 16**  
**Ain't No Mountain High Enough - A Motown / Stax Revue with Dzirae Gold**, Roots Music Project, 7:30 pm -10:30 pm  
**All Ages/Abilities Wheel-Throwing Class 4/16**, Flingin Pots, 10 am -12 pm  
**Colorado State University: Spring Dance Concert**, UCA University Center for the Arts, 2 pm & 7:30 pm  
**Free Emergency Preparedness Event**, Poudre Fire Authority Training Center, 9 am -11 pm  
**Kaitlyn KDubbs Williams with Glass Human + GhostPulse @ The Black Buzzard**, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**Kids Easter Party**, American Legion George Beach Post 4, 10 am  
**Nordista Freeze / Killer Whale / South Of France / Sunnner**, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -10:30 pm  
**Overtime @ Moxi Theater**, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**Raku Workshop - Fire & Smoke**, 200 W. Oak St., 6 pm -8 pm  
**Red-Handed Otter**, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm

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### Exhibit Featuring Weld RE-4 Student Art Available to Public in Windsor

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Staff from Windsor's Culture Division have partnered with Weld RE-4 elementary school art teachers to curate a student exhibition, scheduled for display at the Art & Heritage Center on weekends from Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 24. The exhibit features approximately 125 pieces of art from students attending Skyview School of STEM, Tozer, Mountain View, Range View, and Grandview Elementary.

The month-long exhibit will kick off with an open house-style artist reception on April 1, from 4 to 7 pm. After that, the exhibition can be viewed at the Art & Heritage Center, located at 116 5th St., Fridays through Sundays, from noon to 4 pm, through April 24. The exhibition will be closed Sunday, April 17, in observance of the Easter holiday. Admission to Art & Heritage Center is free.

According to Museum Curator Caitlin Heusser, "The Town of Windsor Museums believes in building community through creativity and discovery. Student artwork provides a unique perspective, and we want to share that perspective with our community."

For more information, about the Art & Heritage Center, visit: recreationliveshere.com.

### Amazon 600,000 Square Foot Fulfillment Center Coming to Loveland

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Amazon has signed a development agreement to build a sortable fulfillment center in Loveland. In the planned facility Amazon employees will pick, pack, and ship customer orders such as books, toys, and housewares. In general, these types of facilities can employ more than 1,000 people. Thanks to the innovations of Amazon Robotics, employees often work alongside robots, allowing them to learn new skills and help create a more efficient process to meet customer demand.

City of Loveland Economic Development Director Kelly Jones said, "It has been a pleasure working with Amazon and Trammell Crow these past 18 months. The announcement shows a long-term investment in Loveland and the surrounding region leveraging our community's business-friendly climate and diverse talent pool."

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## COVER STORY

# Rock On!

## A Tribute to Norm Miller and Those Who Help Keep Whale Rock Alive

JONSON KUHN | NorthFortyNews.com

Photos by Jonson Kuhn

Who knew a painted rock could and would become such a popular topic?! Why, if I didn't know any better, I'd say this rock is almost more popular than the other 'Rock' that just got slapped at the Oscars! First and foremost, I feel it's important to get a certain specific detail covered before getting too far into the new information I've been given regarding Whale Rock; North Forty had printed a Photo of the Week and the photo featured Bellvue Bluff Dome but it was incorrectly labeled as Whale Rock. Well, obviously, that's not correct and so I just want to be perfectly clear that it was a mistake on our part and Bellvue Dome and Whale Rock have absolutely nothing to do with one another.

Now then, as for who has taken up the mantle of painting Whale Rock after Polly Brinkhoff's passing, I have to make yet another correction by admitting I was wrong in speculating it was Polly's lingering spirit continuing on with her artistic endeavors...turns out it was just other people. The (unofficial) Mayor of Bellvue Judy Jackson was able to get me in touch with Larry and Barbara Monesson who then shared with me that it was Barbara and their son Cal who were at least responsible for painting the rock one time within the last six years.

"We tried to get rid of the graffiti and

and Horsetooth Reservoir that a lot of us have, but the people were friendly and they were clannish, they sort of stuck together and had their opinions[...]We all sort of took a bit of pride in that because we didn't really want people crawling all over the land."

But that's hardly the end of the story; as they say, the plot thickens! In addition to speaking with Barbara, I was also able to speak with Richard Lund, a 31-year resident of Rist Canyon and Treasurer for their Fire Department, and he informed me that Norman Hollis Miller had taken the reigns of painting the rock on at least two separate occasions from the time of Polly's passing in '99.

"Norm Miller, he was a firefighter up here, he's the one that picked up the painting of the rock. Right now, the rock has not been painted since he painted it, he was the last one to do it and the paint is starting to fade away, I'm just not exactly sure how long ago that was, it's been at least a few years," said Richard. "I'm not sure if Norm and Polly knew each other or not, but what had happened was the rock got in such poor shape, as far as painting and so forth, and that's when he (Norm) stepped in and felt that he needed do something about it. He was a really great guy."

Known to many as Stormin' Norman,



The famous Whale Rock alongside Rist Canyon Road (Photo by Jonson Kuhn)

sustained in a tragic accident at his home.

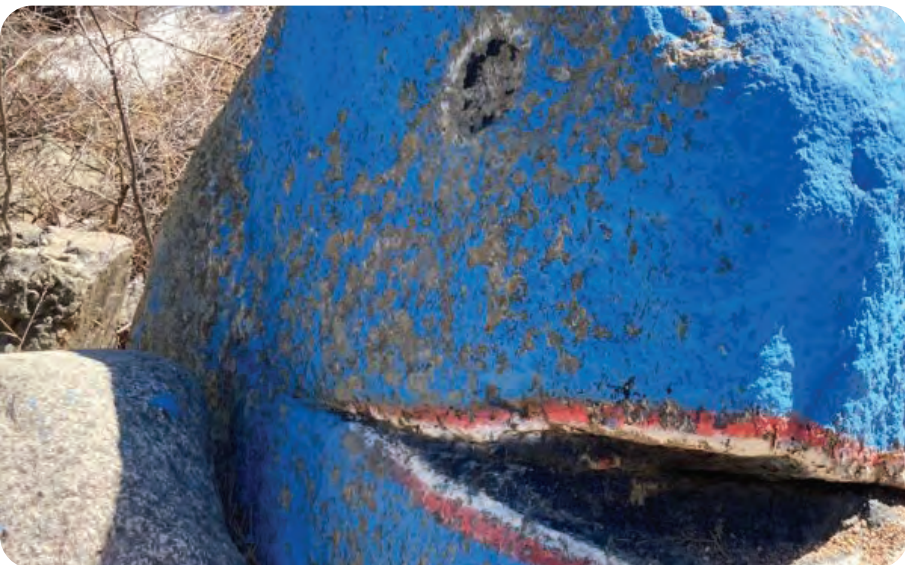
Norm was a proud fireman and EMT with the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department from 2004 through 2020.

He fought during High Park and Cameron Peak wildfires in recent years and kept the department's fire trucks and equipment repaired and ready for action.

"I knew Norm well, I've been in the fire department for thirty-four years now, so

Just a word to the wise for any of you artistic folks that might be reading this and feel inspired to add your creative two cents to the rock, Barbara says the Rist Canyon community would like to carry on the tradition for themselves.

"We would prefer to leave it in our hands, we just wish people wouldn't graffiti it at all or any of the other rocks within Rist Canyon. Norm would actually



Whale Rock in need of repair



View of Whale Rock's left eye

keep it off as much as we could, so far it's been pretty successful; it just requires a can of similar color or same color paint and the motivation to get down there and crawl around in the weeds and shrubs to get it done," Barbara said. "Polly Brinkhoff painted lots of rocks in Rist Canyon and it's sad that she passed, but the history of Rist Canyon, we have a lot of history up here[...]it's sad that the people who have helped create all of this history have pretty much passed on now; Judy Jackson has a wealth of information stored in her head and on paper[...]Larry and I have been here (in the canyon) for forty-something years now and we've met and known a lot of those people."

Seeing how Polly was such a prolific artist and was well known for having painted many rocks, pianos and you name it within Rist Canyon, I asked Barbara why she thought Whale Rock specifically became so popular.

"I think a lot had to do with the early reputation of Whale Rock Road, there were some pretty great characters that actually lived many years ago on this rock; it was just a really interesting place when we came here and we loved it, not so much just because of the view of Fort Collins



View of a freshly painted Whale Rock just beyond a road pavement project several years ago (Photo by Matthew Barmann)

he retired from the fire department last fall and moved to Fort Collins, however, on January 29 of this year he unexpectedly passed at the age of 86, from injuries

Norm was a good friend of mine and we're all certainly really sorry that he had that accident; we miss him and will continue to," said Larry Monesson.

scrub the paint off of the main rocks in Rist Canyon when he saw them and leave them back in as much of a natural state as he could," Barbara said.

In fact, Barbara told me that her son Cal had recently suggested that they go back down and pay Whale Rock another visit to scrape off the eroding blue paint and spruce it up a little bit, so I think it's safe to say that the legacy is in good hands, thus, honoring the spirits of both Polly and Norm, two staple characters of Rist Canyon that much like the paint on the rock, won't ever fade away.

Norm is survived by his wife Joan, daughter Lynn Miller and grandchildren Avery, Hayden, and Chloe; daughter Diane Davis (Mike) and grandchildren Megan, Melissa, Maia, and Nadia; and his sister Kathy Converse (Randy) of Madison, Wisconsin, and many nieces and nephews.

If you knew Stormin' Norman personally, Richard let me know that they have a memorial planned for June 5 at the Anheuser Busch Biergarten Event Center in Fort Collins from 1 pm to 5 pm,

You can also pay your respects and learn more about him and his wonderful contributions to the community by visiting [rcvfd.org](http://rcvfd.org).



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33. Large violin family member
34. \*Bolt and Owens sport
36. \*A trap in #29 down
38. Biblical pronoun
42. Blast from the past
45. Tin Man's prop
49. Bambi's mom
51. Sewing machine brand
54. Do like phoenix
56. Accustom
57. Like gin in fiz
58. Do like goo
59. Kitchen head
60. Russian autocrat
61. Overnight lodgings
62. Hissy fit
63. What acronym and acrylic have in common
65. \*#29 Down prop
67. Oui in English

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- Proposed fees added to your garbage bill
- Less money stimulating the local economy
- Stuck with a non-local, corporate hauler
- No competition = higher prices & worse service
- Want to switch? You have to pay to opt out
- No more flexibility options like weekly recycling



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## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO VOICE YOUR OPINION?

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- Call the City Council with your concerns at [cityleaders@fcgov.com](mailto:cityleaders@fcgov.com) or call them at (970) 221-6878
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