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Signs of Summer

Mother's Day is always the day I use as a good reference for all things spring. I started my seeds about four weeks before, started planting (and buying) my spring plants on the day, and this year, it was the weekend I was finally comfortable bringing my first big tank of water (175 gallons) to the RV on my mountain property. Well, that day is long gone.

In the past few weeks, I have made good progress toward building my off-grid cabin.

The site is ready, building plans are almost ready to submit for county review, and the natural spring flowers are in bloom. I got my first visit from the hummingbirds too! Aaah, spring. And, soon, SUMMER (in just a few short weeks, June 21, officially).

For you hummingbird enthusiasts, I found a great hummingbird feeder on Amazon. It was the first time I had seen one with ten feeding ports, and it was reasonably inexpensive (Less than \$20 for two). The little birds were eagerly circling as we hung and filled the feeders. Purchase it from this link, and North Forty News will get a small credit -- <https://northfortynews.com/hummingbirds>.

According to birdsandblooms.com, the little guys and gals are prone to come back to their hatched areas. I'm convinced I will see many birds with the same markings and behaviors. Quite simply, I can't wait! They deserve a good season of meals after migrating thousands of miles — all the way to and from Mexico and Panama for some species.

It's hard to believe graduation is here too.

Next week, nearly 6,000 students will graduate from Colorado State University, and thousands more will graduate from other Northern Colorado Universities and High Schools.

And in a few weeks, all of our smaller children will be off for the entire summer. Yikes!

Here's to a great, healthy summer for everyone in Northern Colorado. I love spring because it is so full of new life and opportunity. Go out, do some hiking, watch some birds, walk your dog - enjoy it! Summer is coming!



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Larimer County Lifts Fire Restrictions

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On recommendation from the Larimer County Sheriff, the Board of Larimer County Commissioners at their regular Administrative Matters meeting on May 10 let the current fire restrictions in unincorporated Larimer County that were put in place on April 27 end on May 11, at 6 pm.

The restrictions were originally put in place because of above-normal temperatures, and windy dry conditions. Larimer County Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Director Justin Whitesell felt comfortable lifting the restrictions for now. In the meantime, the Larimer County Sheriff's Emergency Operations Office will be keeping a close watch on conditions and return with an update.

Larimer County residents and visitors are still urged to exercise caution with all combustible materials.

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Perennials and Annuals for Pollinators

KELLY KELLOW | Gardens on Spring Creek

One of the best sights to see in the springtime are active honeybees buzzing around, hopping from flower to flower, and collecting pollen for their upcoming broods. It means that summer is coming, and the bountiful smells and brilliant colors of perennials await. Even the most novice gardener can help create foraging and nesting sites for many pollinators by selecting plants that butterflies and moths, beetles, and even flies love. When selecting the elements of your garden, it's best to include plants of varying shapes, sizes, and species to cater to all pollinators.

Perennials are one of the more important plants to integrate into your garden to provide an ongoing source of food for pollinators. Sea holly (*Eryngium planum* 'Blue Cap') is a perennial that provides bountiful flowers for a long bloom season. Sea holly has open umbels of prickly steel blue flowers that can reach 36 inches in height. A very hardy species with a Hardiness Zone of 4-9, it's perfect for Northern Colorado gardens in that it tolerates hot, dry sites and poor soils, even those high in salts.

If you have areas that are rich and moist, Joe Pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*) and swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) are also great selections. As Colorado native plants, both create a naturalistic look to any garden. Joe Pye weed can grow up to six feet tall with strong stems that hold crowned clusters of the bright pink flowers in late summer and are magnets for dozens of species of butterflies. Swamp milkweed grows upright about two to three feet with slender, willow-like leaves topped with round, pink-to-rose-colored flower clusters. This perennial variety is known to attract many native butterflies and bees and is important in feeding Monarch caterpillars.

Annuals and herbs are season extenders for many gardens and can be planted among perennials and



Monarch on Joe Pye Weed (Photo by Gardens on Spring Creek)

in containers. When selecting annuals to attract pollinators, consider sweet alyssum, torch tithonia (also called Mexican sunflowers), zinnia, Verbena bonariensis, and cleome. These annuals perform best in full sun and well-drained soil.

Herbs are not only great culinarily plants, but their long-lasting flowers provide a great food source for pollinators. Add sage, different types of mint, oregano, and dill into a perennial herb garden. Dill is great for pickles and is also a food source for swallowtail caterpillars. Basil, lemon verbena, and pineapple sage are tender annual herbs that provide long bloom times and abundant flowers for extended foraging periods. While these species will overwinter, they could be dug up and brought inside for winter color and flavor.

There are many more annuals, herbs, and perennials that pollinators love – especially those with bright flowers. By working intentionally to incorporate these into your garden, you will create a long season of blooms for pollinators of all kinds.

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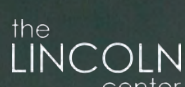


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NANCY HARRISON | Adventure Media

There's a lot happening in Wellington in the coming weeks – it must be Spring!

The Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce announces their **Spring Membership Orientation**. To be held from 8:30 – 9:30 at First National Bank at 4100 Harrison Ave, this is a perfect opportunity for new members (or existing members who want to network and welcome newcomers) to learn about their membership benefits and meet the Chamber Board of Directors. Cinnamon Decadence plans to provide warm cinnamon rolls to go with the coffee being served.

The **Spargetoberfest Music Festival** will hit the stage Saturday, May 21 in the field East of Sparge Brewery. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join in for a day of live music sure to please fans of all genres. To add to the fun there will be vendors and food trucks (Marchios Grill and Double Wide Burgers). Doors open at 12:30; \$20 admission, 12 & under free, includes your first beverage. Registration includes one free drink and a ticket for prize drawings throughout the day. Buy Tickets at <https://spargetoberfest-foundation.square.site/>

The Larimer County Boys & Girls Club will celebrate **"A Spring Soiree"** on May 20 at the Budweiser Events Center. They will recognize Daren Roberson, CEO of Sage Homes, whose generous donation established the Wellington Boys & Girls Club. Guest Speaker will be Head Football Coach of the CSU Rams, Jay Norvell. Tickets are \$700 for a table of 8 (87.50 per person) or \$100 per ticket. The festivities begin at 6 PM with the program commencing at 7:15. The night will include the Youth of the Year winner, live music, and locally sourced heavy hors d'oeuvres. Attendees can expect to leave inspired by the keynote speaker, new Colorado State Rams Head Football Coach Jay Norvell, and energized by the

old-school funk sounds of The Jakarta Band.

Eyestone Elementary School Field Day presents "Better Together – Community Strong!" May 20, 2022, 8:30AM to 2:20PM. This special day of fun activities will feature 15 beach-themed event stations: food trucks and an obstacle course. Businesses can get involved by volunteering to run a station, making a \$100+ donation to pay for the bouncy house and the obstacle course, or donating goody bags for all the students. You can also donate all the above! The deadline for sponsorships is May 6. Contact Sandy Fetzer at sfetzer@psdschools.org or call 970.443.1316.

The annual **Wellington Fishing Derby** is set to be held May 21 from 8 AM – 12 Noon at the Wellington Village Ponds on the East side of Wellington by the Disc Golf Course. Kids below 15 years can participate. There will be free fishing rods for the first 120 kids. Educational materials will be provided by Colorado Parks & Wildlife and the Wellington Fire District.

Tickets went on sale May 11 for the annual **Wellington Brew Fest** on June 4, 2022. **BEER FOR A CAUSE**. Profits from **Wellington Brewfest** will benefit the Wellington Main Street Program. By partnering with organizations and leaders at the local, state, and national level, the Wellington Main Street Program protects the historic character of downtown and promotes shared prosperity. Buy tickets here <https://wellingtonbrewfest.com/>

Registration is now open for parade entries and vendors for Wellington's Annual 4th of July celebration. **2022 Fourth of July Vendor Pre-Registration Form** is available now.

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The last two years of disruption and uncertainty have been challenging for everyone, and our children may be experiencing the most profound and the longest-lasting of those impacts. Since the onset of the pandemic, Partners has seen a 200% increase in referrals to its prevention education while also experiencing a 50% decrease in volunteer inquiries.

Although our teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to support student needs, COVID has affected school attendance, academic progress, and social-emotional growth in Larimer County youth. Education has never been an easy profession, and the challenges we face in the wake of this pandemic are creating new opportunities for partnership and a collective approach to supporting our students.

Across the U.S. and here in Northern Colorado, we are facing a youth mental health crisis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a recent report that says over one-third of high school students experienced poor mental health during the pandemic, with 44% saying they felt persistently sad or hopeless. Many experienced isolation from their peers, significant changes at home and the loss of safety and engagement created by a daily school routine. Teachers in elementary and middle schools are also struggling with increased behaviors and disruptions in the classroom often caused by pandemic-related trauma. Local nonprofit Court

Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) has seen a 37% increase in dependency and neglect cases, and 90% of kids participating in Partners, a Larimer County youth mentoring organization, are experiencing mental health issues personally or in the home.

We know that keeping kids connected is critical to their social-emotional well-being and for them to remain on track with their studies. As the end of the school year approaches, we are asking our community to consider giving of their time, talents, and treasure to support our students. We can change the trajectory for so many children by coming together around this critical need. **Please join us in leading a Larimer United for Youth.**

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It is an honor and privilege to lead our local school districts. Your investment in youth and education programming increases exponentially, as our children grow and thrive. **A Larimer United for Youth is a community that creates a brighter future for all.**

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Wonderings and Worms: Kindergarteners Build Lifelong Skills Through Exploration, Laughter

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Suzanne Biedscheid's little scientists (Photo courtesy Poudre School District)

To students' delight, Suzanne Biedscheid's garden friends recently lent a hand – or rather a segment – in her kindergarten class at Bacon Elementary School.

Although they were silent, they generated much conversation. Although cold, they encouraged connections. And though they flip-flopped (and flopped again), they helped students gain clarity.

Life lessons aside, the pink-and-brown-bodied worms were simply a hit.

"We're going to be scientists today," said Biedscheid, who shuttled her teaching assistants from dirt to school in a Tupperware container. Scientists who seek answers to questions, and who aren't afraid of things that are gooey, dirty, or yucky.

One by one, students shared "I wonder" statements: "Does he have a heart?" "How does he move?" "What does he feel like?" Then Biedscheid dug in – literally into the dirt that is – and placed a worm in front of each tiny scientist to study.

"They're so wiggly!" one student said, giggling. "We should name them," another declared.

Reflecting on her 37 years of teaching at many grade levels, Biedscheid said there's something uniquely special about kindergarteners.

"They're very ready to soak everything in," she said, and that hunger for learning makes a huge difference in kindergarten teachers' ability to "stretch them and make them really think."

"They come in saying sounds and leave doing

this," she said of reading, pulling two example books off a shelf decorated with stuffed book characters like Pete the Cat and Maisy Mouse.

Asked what she wants parents to know about kindergarten in Poudre School District, she said: "We have ways to reach every child who's here, meeting them where they're at."

Melissa Duve, principal at Rice Elementary School in Wellington, believes the same, adding that the quote "Everything you need to know in life you learn in kindergarten" is true, even though it's a cliché.

Kindergarten lays the foundation for students' academic careers. They play, socialize, learn how to be learners, gain independence, practice making mistakes, and develop friendships. School is a place where students are safe and loved, Duve said.

"They soak everything up and being in a school environment helps them throughout the school year" and beyond, she said.

After careful hands-on analysis that involved miniature magnifying glasses, the kindergarteners discussed their findings while the worms took a break. They discovered that worms move through dirt using segments of their bodies. It was a concept they came to understand after Biedscheid made an expert adjustment on the fly, lining them up as a human worm so they could test their wriggling abilities around the room.

"We just solved this 'I wonder,'" she said, circling their original question on the whiteboard and eventually bringing the lesson to a close so the kids could get to their specials class. Before they left, she reminded them of their upcoming field trip to the Butterfly House at The Gardens on Spring Creek, which elicited cheers and excited chatter about wearing hand-sewn, sparkly wings that Biedscheid and one of the classroom parents made.

Biedscheid started her career in the 80s and said she is teaching harder material in kindergarten now than she used to in first grade. Each year she pushes a little more, and each year, her students rise to the challenge.

"I've got some little honeys who are going to change the world," she said, a wide smile across her face.

Neighbor to Neighbor Breaks Ground on Extensive Project to Rehab Aging Affordable Housing

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This spring, local nonprofit Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) is beginning a year-long rehabilitation project, which includes the renovation of 112 affordable housing apartments and its Fort Collins office building. This intensively planned investment by N2N ensures all 132 of its residential homes remain viable for local families needing access to affordable housing. On May 19th, N2N is hosting a groundbreaking event, where along with the project builder Krische Construction, Inc., they will reveal design plans and offer a behind-the-scenes office and apartment home tour.

In addition to community partners, supporters, volunteers, and residents, the groundbreaking celebration will be attended by Larimer County Commissioners Kristen Stephens, Jody Shaddock-McNally, and John Kefalas, as well as a representative from Congressman Neguse's office. For several years, N2N has laid the groundwork for significant renovations to its aging affordable housing portfolio. The project includes rehab of sixty-eight Section 8 apartments and a large community center at Coachlight Plaza Apartments in North Fort Collins, as well as 44 apartments

scattered throughout North Fort Collins.

"In our community's work to expand its inventory of affordable housing, it is equally important to preserve existing housing so that we don't end up taking one step forward and two steps back," explains N2N Executive Director Kelly Evans. "By investing in these much-needed repairs and improvements now, we will expand our capacity to directly serve our community while continuing to provide safe, affordable homes to local families."

Overall, apartment and office renovations will feature enhanced safety, security, and accessibility; expanded storage and multi-purpose office and counseling spaces; improved energy and cost savings; and updated paint, landscaping, and structural repairs.

Neighbor to Neighbor impacts over 10,000 residents annually through its housing stability programs and services. In addition to being an affordable landlord with apartments in Fort Collins and Loveland, N2N provides eviction and foreclosure prevention, utility and move-in assistance, homeownership education, mortgage, and budget counseling, and youth enrichment and resident services.

HEALTH



Two Area Hospitals Receive 'A' Safety Grade

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(File Photo)

McKee Medical Center in Loveland and North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley received an “A” Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for spring 2022. This national distinction recognizes their achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and error in the hospital.

“To receive an ‘A’ safety rating as we emerge from the pandemic proves that our teams kept their focus on patient safety despite significant challenges,” said Banner Northern Colorado CEO Alan Qualls. The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” or “F” grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries, and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital rating program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent, and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

“As our health care system continues to feel the strain of the pandemic, I thank the workforce and leadership of Banner Health in northern Colorado for sustained commitment to patient safety, day in and day out,” said Leah Binder, president, and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “An ‘A’ Safety Grade is an outstanding achievement and one that is not possible without a 24/7 effort by the entire health care workforce to protect patients from harm. This community should be proud.”

Banner Health is one of the largest, secular nonprofit health care systems in the country. In addition to 30 acute-care hospitals, Banner also has an academic division, Banner – University

Medicine, and a partnership with one of the world’s leading cancer programs, Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center. Banner’s array of services includes a health-insurance division, employed physician groups, outpatient surgery centers, urgent care locations, home care, and hospice services, retail pharmacies, stand-alone imaging centers, physical therapy and rehabilitation, behavioral health services, a research division, and a nursing registry.

To make health care easier, 100% of Banner-employed doctors are available for virtual visits, and Banner operates a free 24/7 nurse line for health questions or concerns. Patients may also reserve spots at Banner Urgent Care locations and can book appointments online with many Banner-employed doctors. Headquartered in Arizona, Banner Health also has locations in California, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, and Wyoming. For more information, visit bannerhealth.com.

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward for patient safety. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey and new Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey collect and transparently report hospital and ASC performance, empowering purchasers to find the highest-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog’s other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents, and infections. For more, follow us on Twitter and Facebook, and sign up for our newsletter.

Ground Broken on Resort-Style Senior Living Community in Old Town Fort Collins

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Project partners MorningStar Senior Living, Haselden Real Estate Development and Post-Modern Development have broken ground on a 188,000-square-foot senior living community in Fort Collins, at the southwest corner of Cherry Street and North College Avenue.

MorningStar Senior Living at Old Town will offer 160 suites for independent living, assisted living, and memory care residents, supporting the growing demand for quality senior housing in Larimer County.

Sitting on 2.70 acres, MorningStar at Old Town will be the first mixed-used senior living community in Fort Collins and more broadly Colorado, offering complimentary retail and office space on its first floor for intergenerational connection. Retail is likely to include banking, dining and pharmacy. Ideally situated in the heart of historic Old Town on the last undeveloped parcel along College, the project will expertly blend the signature architecture of Old Town and historic features of College Avenue.

Developed within the specifications of

MorningStar’s Whole Health Standards, the project will deliver quality, holistic designs that incorporate the latest protections for residents’ physical health, promote features essential to mental health and place a strong emphasis on safety, hospitality and comfort. It is anticipated to open in early 2024.

“MorningStar at Old Town will be a place for local seniors to build vibrant community while remaining connected to their city. We are excited to celebrate the launch of such an important project after the challenges of these past two years,” said Matt Turner, Managing Partner of MorningStar. “This project will meet the desire of seniors to stay in their neighborhood, close to family and friends and the amenities they’ve come to enjoy.” The community will offer studio, one- and two-bedroom suites as well as adjacent covered parking. As health dictates, assisted living residents will be offered personalized support with the activities of daily living through 24-hour staffing and full-time licensed nurses.

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City of Loveland Begins Nationwide Loveland Police Chief Search

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(File Photo)

Recently, the City of Loveland started a nationwide recruitment effort with The Prothman Company (Prothman) to hire the City's next police chief.

Prothman specializes in providing national executive recruitment services to cities, counties, districts, and other governmental agencies throughout the western United States. The same company led the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority chief search in 2021 and has significant experience leading Police Chief recruitments.

"A police chief is one of the most important roles within any community. As the City embarks on its search to find an excellent community leader for the Loveland Police Department, we will be deliberate and comprehensive in our process. It is essential that we find the right candidate to guide the department into the future of policing," said Loveland City Manager Steve Adams. "Our City is just as eager as the community for this work to begin."

Recruitment efforts are expected to

take three to four months. The first step in the process will be creating a tailored recruitment strategy that includes information gathering and soliciting input from LPD and City staff, City Council, and public stakeholders. The company will also lead all advertising, promotion, recruitment, screenings, and assist in the final interview process alongside the City's Human Resources department.

"Hiring public service and public safety positions takes a special focus. I know this process will benefit from the diverse government expertise and police operations experience that Prothman brings," said City of Loveland Human Resources Director Julia Holland. "While we are just getting started, we will work to keep the community apprised of this process, including opportunities for the public to engage with the recruitment team."

Loveland's recruitment efforts will be led by a seasoned law enforcement practitioner who has successfully served as chief of police for three cities with populations ranging from 20,000 to 125,000. All project team members bring former government experience to the chief search, including a former elected official and a former U.S. Library program manager.

The contracted recruitment process is estimated to cost \$29,500. The City will include future chief recruitment updates, including any public input opportunities, on the Loveland Police Department Accountability web page, lovgov.org/LPDAccountability.

Platte River Board Appoints New Vice Chair: Gertig Selected by Fellow Board Members

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PRPA Keven Gertig

During its board meeting on April 28, the Platte River Power Authority Board of Directors appointed Kevin Gertig, director of Loveland Water and Power, to be the organization's next vice-chair. His appointment took effect immediately.

"Kevin has dedicated his entire career to utility operations for public power providers and he has already made significant progress as utility director for Loveland Water and Power," said Jason Frisbie, general manager and CEO of Platte River. "I have known Kevin for more than 10 years and he is a tireless advocate, working in collaboration and partnership with the communities we serve. I look forward to his leadership and guidance as vice-chair on Platte River's board."

Gertig replaces Julie Pignataro, a city council member from Fort Collins,

who was appointed vice-chair this past February. Kendall Minor, director of Fort Collins Utilities, replaced Pignataro as Fort Collins' second representative on the Platte River board. Reuben Bergsten, director of utilities for the Town of Estes Park, remains the board chair.

"I am honored to be appointed vice-chair to the Platte River Board of Directors by my fellow leaders and I want to thank each member for their vote of confidence," said Gertig. "Our region is well-positioned to lead our energy transition with a diverse energy resource mix that provides reliable, environmentally responsible, and financially sustainable energy and services."

The appointment preceded discussions from staff about what's required of both Platte River and the owner communities to achieve a noncarbon energy mix by 2030.

"Given what we need to accomplish over the next several years, we are pleased to have the technical expertise of the utility directors and the elected leadership from our owner communities to help work toward our collective goals," added Frisbie.



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Registration Now Open for City's May 23 Virtual Homelessness Town Hall

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Loveland residents are invited to join City Council and staff for a virtual Town Hall addressing the topic of homelessness in Loveland from 6-7:30 pm, Monday, May 23.

The Town Hall will include a staff presentation featuring Community Partnership Office Manager Alison Hade, Homeward Alliance Executive Director David Rout and Loveland Homeless Systems Project Manager Sandra Wright. The presentation will focus on the larger picture of homelessness including what work is being done and needs to be done to develop systems to make homelessness rare, short-lived, and non-reoccurring for people in Loveland.

Following the presentation, participants will have an opportunity to ask questions, share their views, and have an open dialogue on the topics presented through facilitated discussions by Loveland Public

Library staff.

City staff and council will listen to questions and feedback from attendees about this topic that will further inform future educational opportunities and council discussions. The virtual Town Hall is limited to 60 participants to accommodate the facilitated breakout discussions. Those unable to attend the Town Hall can provide their feedback and engage with the City on this topic through the City's Let's Talk Loveland platform, LetsTalkLoveland.org/homelessness.

This Town Hall will be a remote public meeting through Zoom. Register at bit.ly/HomelessnessTownHall.

This Town Hall is part of the City's Communication & Engagement Roadmap focusing on creating more two-way dialogue between staff, council, and the public on topics of interest.

Beef Sticks for Backpacks Counters Childhood Hunger

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Food insecurity affects more than ten percent of households across the United States, and over ten million children in the country are considered food insecure. In Colorado, one in seven children are unsure where they will get their next meal, and an estimated 400,000 kids are enrolled in the free/reduced lunch programs across the state.

After discovering the need for complex protein in children's nutrition programs, Colorado's beef community came together to create Beef Sticks for Backpacks. This non-profit organization was founded with the mission to produce and distribute beef sticks into backpack programs that help feed kids facing food insecurity on the weekends.

Colorado's beef community, led by the Colorado Beef Council (CBC), Colorado Cattlemen's Association (CCA), and Colorado Livestock Association (CLA), is working directly with Beef Sticks for Backpacks and contributing funds for a week of statewide distribution of

beef sticks. These organizations are encouraging their members and allied stakeholders to contribute to the Beef Sticks for Backpacks program, as well.

Since September of 2020, more than 640,000 beef sticks have been distributed across the state.

"Beef Sticks for Backpacks gives Colorado kids the protein they deserve," stated Dan Byers, Beef Sticks for Backpacks Executive Director. "As our organization continues to expand our outreach into more backpack programs and with assistance from key partners from the Colorado beef community, we get closer to our goal of ending childhood weekend food insecurity across the state."

Over 30,000 Colorado kids go hungry on weekends. Many children are deprived of the recommended daily allowance of protein that the FDA prescribes.

To learn more about Beef Sticks for Backpacks and how you can contribute to their mission of fighting childhood weekend food insecurity, visit www.beefsticks.org.

Loveland Visitors Center Extends Hours to Welcome Summer Travelers

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In preparation for the summer travel season, the Loveland Visitors Center has expanded its operating days and hours beginning May 1 to 9:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Saturday, and 11 am - 3 pm on Sundays.

Conveniently located near I-25 and US Highway 34 on the way to Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park, the Loveland Visitors Center offers a one-stop-shop for information, recommendations, locally-made gifts, and souvenirs, rest and relaxation, and a glimpse into Loveland's art and culture scene. Stop in to find:

- Free maps of the area, brochures, and magazines about area attractions and things to do
- Speak with a local staff member or

volunteer for recommendations

- Shop to find Loveland-branded souvenirs and locally-made art and gifts
- Purchase and engrave a love lock to place on one of the two largest love lock sculptures in Colorado
- Stretch your legs and explore the McWhinney-Hahn Sculpture Park, just outside the Visitors Center

"We welcome visitors to Loveland this summer season and look forward to providing recommendations, travel tips, and more to those getting out and about to experience Colorado's breathtaking outdoors and culture," said Karen DiNola, Loveland Visitors Center Manager.

the new scene weekly

Searching for Norman Rockwell's America

TIM VAN SCHMIDT | SceneNOCO.com

On a recent trip to California, I went out to visit Catalina Island, about an hour and a half ferry ride off of the southern coast.

On that excursion -- besides taking a tour of the island, sauntering along the harbor front checking out the tile art, and having a delicious taco lunch and a cold beer at a relaxed local restaurant -- I also visited the Catalina Museum for Art and History.

The visit to this fine facility tucked back on a side street off of the harbor was inspiring in a way I did not expect.

The featured exhibit was a collection of artist Norman Rockwell's 1940s magazine covers for The Saturday Evening Post. These are the World War II years and mirror the times with a positive attitude that today, some 80 years later, is a rare commodity.

Rockwell's art is perhaps a little cartoonish -- maybe a lot on the commercial side of art. You might say that it's not fine art like a Rembrandt painting might be.

But inherent in all of his works at the Catalina Museum is a palpable amount of heart, warmth, humor, love, and sincerity. The specter of World War II added some other things to the mix too, like cooperation, collective pride, and duty.

What Rockwell's art did not have is the anger, hate, selfishness, flippancy, shallowness, and suspicion that dominates a lot of our contemporary society.

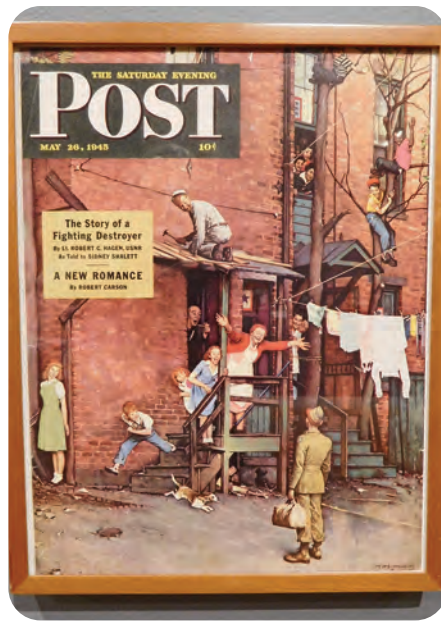
As I viewed the dozens of Rockwell covers, it occurred to me that this is just the kind of thing we really need in the 21st Century. I need it, anyway, like a soothing balm on the soul.

I'm talking about being inspired to believe that good still has a place in the world -- and it is not old-fashioned. Go ahead and scroll any of the major news sites out there today -- are they inspiring in that way?

Rockwell's art shows people coming

together -- it's a refreshing idea. People are caring for each other and working together despite -- and maybe because of -- a world full of uncertainty.

For me, one of the most reassuring pieces in the exhibit was titled "The Homecoming", published in The Post on May 26, 1945. It shows a young man returning from the war to the joy of who must be his family -- everybody has the same red hair -- and a diversity of neighbors.



The Homecoming May 26, 1945

There's laundry on the line, a guy is fixing a porch roof, boys are hanging from the trees and people have their heads poking out of windows and doorways -- and absolutely everybody has a look of loving delight. It's a precious moment and everybody is engaged -- not one person is hunched over looking at their cell phone or texting.

Rockwell honored the women of the war as well. He published "Rosie the Riveter" in 1943. Even more striking is "Liberty Girl", also from 1943.

The exhibit had a photo of the original

model who posed for the artwork, and Rockwell adds plenty to that. In all, a willowy young woman dressed in red, white, and blue threads, is striding purposefully ahead, her sleeves rolled up and ready for action.

She's ready even though she is weighted down by an everything-but-the-kitchen-sink assortment of tools and gear -- from a compass to an oil can to a dustpan, watering can, and much more -- that symbolize the many roles women had



Freedom from Fear 1942

taken on, especially on the American Homefront.

Most of all, "Liberty Girl" has a firm look of determination and resolve -- there's absolutely no monkey business here. She doesn't have time to spare -- this isn't virtual reality -- because there is real work to do.

The true centerpiece of the exhibit, though, was a famous series Rockwell created called "The Four Freedoms". These were pieces of meaning and hope that were made to support the war effort, specifically in the selling of government

bonds.

The four pieces were titled "Freedom of Speech", "Freedom of Worship", "Freedom from Want", and "Freedom from Fear".

In "Freedom of Speech", a "lone dissenter" is shone voicing his opinion at a community meeting -- and the people around him are listening to what he has to say, rather than hurtling insults.

In "Freedom of Worship" a diverse cross-section of people are praying, the words "each according to the dictates of his own conscience" displayed across the top -- and it is a solemn and graceful moment, not torn by jagged violence.

"Freedom from Want" shows the patriarch and matriarch of an extended family delivering a Thanksgiving turkey to a table full of happy, smiling people of all ages -- and the joy of being together as a family is apparently not marred by conflicting politics or differences of opinion.

But "Freedom from Fear" is the one that really struck home for me. In it, a couple tucks their kids into bed, who are already sleeping soundly.

In the father's hand is a newspaper that includes two keywords in the headline -- "bombings" and "horror" -- but the newspaper is folded and the kids are safe for another night. Are the kids in Ukraine safe tonight?

These are all idealized views of the world. But what is wrong with considering ideals? In fact, I would say that reaching for ideals will get us a lot further than throwing mud -- and bombs -- at each other.

Where is Norman Rockwell's America? Is it in the rearview mirror and all we have to look forward to is more anger and division and reckless selfishness? That question makes me want to roll up my sleeves and say "C'mon people, let's turn this thing around".

Visit "Time Capsules by Tim Van Schmidt" on YouTube.

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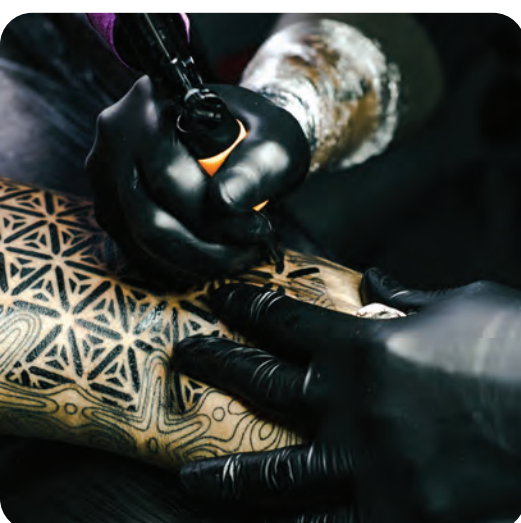


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One of The Worlds Largest Tattoo Culture Art gatherings will take place in Loveland from May 20 through May 22 at the Ranch

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There will be over 200 Tattoo Artists, live Body Modification, Tattooing, Tattoo Competition, Live Entertainment, and a Car show.

The Art driven event is based upon the tattoo culture and industry from around the world and supported by the emerging art community from around the region.

The weekend-long event is expected to draw more than 5,000 participants. There will be Indoor and outside facility activities such as art galleries & collective artist facilities, co-op associations, educational seminars, indigenous cultural organizations, hotels, city venues, breweries, dispensaries, local businesses & Non-profit organizations.

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CITY BUZZ

SONDRE LERCHE DELIVERS HAUNTING PERFORMANCE AT THE AGGIE

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Sondre Lerche performing at the Aggie Theatre (Photo by Jonson Kuhn)

Wednesday night (5/11) at the Aggie Theatre was a great evening of entertainment for the small crowd in attendance; it wasn't the most packed I've ever seen the place but then again it really didn't need to be in order to still provide engaging performances by each of the bands and the crowd was full of energy and anticipation, which certainly carried well into the night. Famed Norwegian singer/songwriter Sondre Lerche and his band were the headlining act, but they were far from alone in delivering one of the more intimate concerts I've perhaps ever seen during my time in Fort Collins.

The opener was someone simply named Cody but I missed the performance on account of the fact that I had to run home to get my vaccination card. The Aggie Theatre was requiring proof of vaccination before entering or a negative COVID test and even once you were inside you were required to wear a mask the entire time. Aggie Theatre was initially one of the venues to be listed as doing away with mandates, so I'm not sure if this was at the request of these particular performers or if the venue has brought back proof of vaccinations and mask mandates for all of their shows. I strongly encourage everyone to always check the website of any venue before heading out to events, so that no one ends up making the same mistake I did.

The second band was from New York and they were called Mmeadows, which consisted of longtime collaborators Kristin Slipp and Cole Kamen-Green. Kristin is a current member of the well-known indie band Dirty Projectors, while Cole has worked directly with Beyoncé on two albums, 'Beyoncé' and 'Four,' Lorde on 'Melodrama' and

'Solar Power,' as well as Laurie Anderson and Meshell Ndegeocello. Their music is mainly defined as experimental pop, with Cole relying on an interesting arsenal of electronic instruments and Kristin relying primarily on her powerful yet soulful vocals. The duo is currently out on tour, but you can check them out on Facebook or Instagram anytime you'd like.

Then came Sondre accompanied by his two bandmates along with ghostly themed aesthetics, even the drummer first came out onstage donning a white sheet like a ghost or a Klan member...I'm not entirely sure. Sondre mostly played songs from his latest double album release Avatars of Love and the crowd stood fast with anticipation for each and every one of them; every person in attendance clearly knew who they were there to see and knew the songs they were there to hear by singing along at points as well as cheering loudly with just the few beginning chords, proving they knew the songs before they even really started.

Whether his music is your particular cup of tea or not, there's no denying that Sondre is a seasoned veteran at performing, from his relaxed and charming stage presence to the ease and grace in which he maneuvers between musical styles, as his newest album features many. One second you find yourself softly swaying back and forth to his quieter love ballads and then the next second you're suddenly stomping your feet and throwing fists in the air to his louder rock-infused numbers and it's this carefully constructed balance of genres that makes for a truly memorable performance.

Follow Sondre online through his website at sondrelerche.com and as always, follow the Aggie Theatre online at z2ent.com/aggie-theatre.

PIANOS ABOUT TOWN ANNOUNCES 2022 PIANO ARTISTS

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Artist Ren Burke paints a piano in Old Town Fort Collins (Photo by Bohemian Foundation)

Pianos About Town, a program that brings local art and spontaneous music to the streets of Fort Collins, recently announced the artists selected to paint pianos in 2022. Twelve of 13 artists are

new to the program this season. Local artists selected to paint pianos in 2022 are Becca Black, Hannah Call, CM Canino, Ciera Dykstra, Monika Lea Jones, Athena Koss, Cheng Li, Holly McQuinn, Kris Barz Mendonça, Rachael Pitchford, Makari Roehrka, Snail Candy Arts, and Aerica Raven Van Dorn. "We're excited to welcome our returning and many new artists to this program," said Ellen Martin, Visual Arts Administrator for the City of Fort Collins. "We received a record number of applications this year and are pleased with the diversity of styles and artist experience selected as part of the City of Fort Collins' RFP process." Outdoor summer painting started May 11 at the Art in Action tent on the south side of Fort Collins' Old Town Square.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: "BACK PORCH BEAUTY"



Bonnie May submitted this photo in March. She spotted this bobcat on her back porch in Livermore and snapped a shot!

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Wednesday, May 18
Author & Punisher/ MVTANT/ Guest TBD, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am
Blast N Bowl w/ WEEED, Starwraith, & Dead Man's Alibi, 2454 West, 7 pm
Goatwhore @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm
Songwriting Circle, Roots Music Project, 7:15 pm -9:30 pm

Thursday, May 19
An Evening with Bruce Cockburn, Boulder Theater, 8 pm
Card Catalog with Time & Tonic + Wiff @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Dana Cooper CD Release Show, Avogadro's Number, 7 pm
GlueMan - Album Release Show w/ Supreme Joy / Flora De La Luna / Pawns, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm
House With A Yard w/ Pickin Pear, 830 North, 8 pm
Kind Hearted Strangers + Violet Pilot with Elise Wunder @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm

Friday, May 20
Boogie Machine Costume Party @ Cheers, At Cheers, 7 pm -12 am
Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County's Spring Soiree: A Night to Support our Future Leaders, Budweiser Events Center, 6 pm -10 pm
Chain Station w/ Jake Leg, 830 North, 8 pm
Co-Stanza w/ Write Minded, Two Headed Sweater, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm
Dirty Date Night: Adult Wheel-Throwing Class 5/20, Flingin Pots, 7 pm -9 pm
Ghost Revue + Rocky Burning Band + Luke Britton @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Lost City Live - David Burchfield w/ Plain Faraday, Lost City River North Patio, 6:30 pm -10 pm
Patty Clayton CD Celebration Concert with Special Guests, The Gressiwick, 7 pm
Rumors (A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac) @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm
Son Lux with Nappy Nina, The Fox Theatre, 9 pm
Stella's Stand Up Underground Comedy Showcase, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 9 pm -12 am

The Christians Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Christ United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
Thelma and the Sleaze/ The Savage Blush/ Fast Eddy/ Velvet Horns, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am
Wake Up and Live (A Bob Marley Tribute), 100 Nickel, 8 pm

Saturday, May 21
All Ages/Abilities Wheel-Throwing Class 5/7, Flingin Pots, 10 am -12 pm
Aspire3D Kite Festival, Loveland, 10 am -3 pm
Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra - Simply Swingin': Great American Crooners with Steve Lippia, Arvada Center, 7:30 pm
Dreamspace Database w/ Crooked Heir, 100 Nickel, 8 pm
Hooligan's Holiday - A Tribute to Motley Crue, 2454 West, 8 pm
Malevolent Creation + Narcotic Wasteland with Drahoria @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Raku Workshop - Fire & Smoke, 200 W. Oak St., 6 pm -8 pm
Rob's 50th Birthday Bash Rolling Stones / Def Leppard / The Clash / British, At Cheers, 7 pm -12 am
Son Lux - Tomorrows Tour w/ Nappy Nina, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Stem Ciders at Acreage 5k | 2022 CO Brewery Running Series, Acreage by Stem Ciders, 10 am -1 pm
The Christians Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Christ United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
The Copper Children + David Lawrence & the Spoonful @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
The Wildwoods at The Gressiwick, The Gressiwick, 7 pm
Wake Up and Live (A Bob Marley Tribute), 830 North, 8 pm

Sunday, May 22
Etana @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Kid's Day! Ice Cream Bowls, Crooked Stave FoCo, 2 pm -3 pm
MEGA Ran w/ Richie Branson & Rustage + More TBA, Your Mom's House, 9 pm -2 am
Ruthless Ginsburg, Swing Station, 4 pm -6 pm
Studio Concert 2022: For the Love of it!, Fort Collins Senior Center, 3 pm -4 pm
Sunday Morning Toast and Jams, Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm
Swindlin Hearts / Lawsuit Models / Black Dots / The Animal Steel, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Texas Hippie Coalition @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Todd Snider & The Cody Sisters, Boulder Theater, 8 pm
Trail Session: iZCALLi & Fancy Bits, Museum of Discovery, 1 pm -5 pm

Monday, May 23
Pikes Peak Safe at Schools Coalition, Online, 4 pm -5:30 pm
Pineapple Thief Feat. Gavin Harrison with The Cyberiam, Boulder Theater, 7:30 pm
Weedeater / High Tone Son Of A Bitch / Jeff Pinkus, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11:30 pm

Tuesday, May 24
Bob's Birthday Bash-Pay or Play, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9:30 pm
WAKE/Glacial Tomb/Noctambulist/ Casket Huffer, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm

Wednesday, May 25
Mini Gnomes Make and Paint Workshop - Create 2!, Maxline Brewing, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm

Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm

Thursday, May 26
Animal Collective w/ Spirit of the Beehive, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 8 pm
Chali 2na of Jurassic 5 "Live on the Lanes", 2454 West, 8 pm
eTown Presents: Darlingside, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9:30 pm
Fayuca "High Off Your Love Tour" with special guest Street Urchin, 830 North, 8 pm
Ike Spivak with Space Force + The Cuddies @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Limp Bizkit Still Sucks Tour, Budweiser Events Center, 7 pm
Melanin MagiQ, Online, 5:30 pm -6:30 pm

Friday, May 27
Built to Spill w/ Sunbathe, Distant Family - Presented by The CO Sound & WeldWerks, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm -12 am
Cary Morin & Ghost Dog with Special Guests, The Lyric, 7 pm
Comedy Underground with Host Luke Gaston, The Louisville Underground, 8 pm -10 pm
Fiddlehead/ Flower Language/ Destiny Bond/ Public Opinion, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am
May Play Music Festival 2022, Moxi Theater, 6 pm -11:30 pm
Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm
The Christians Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Christ United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
The Polish Ambassador, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 8 pm

Saturday, May 28
2022 Odell Small Batch Festival, Odell Brewing Company, 1 pm -6 pm
Art Podell at The Gressiwick, The Gressiwick, 7 pm
Built to Spill with Sunbathe & Distant Family, Boulder Theater, 8 pm
Centennial Celebration at Centennial Village Museum, Centennial Village Museum, 10 am -4 pm
Denver Arts Festival, Conservatory Green - Central Park, 8 am -3 pm
Jantsen with wolf-e-wolf, iAM_Jacko, & Krushendo, The Fox Theatre, 9 pm
Jon Wolfe @ The Outlaw Saloon, Outlaw Saloon, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Lauren Morrow @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Mr.Steak / Bon Jovi 80's Night @ Cheers, At Cheers, 7 pm -12 am
Neck Of The Woods / The Beast Of Nod, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm
Outdoor Concert FUNraiser, 1401 W Vine, Unity of Fort Collins, 4 pm -7 pm
Soul School, The Louisville Underground, 8 pm -11 pm
Stella's Stand Up Underground Comedy Showcase, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 9 pm -12 am
The Christians Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Christ United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm

Sunday, May 29
Denver Arts Festival, Conservatory Green - Central Park, 8 am -3 pm
Esme Patterson // Oh Rose, The Lyric, 5 pm
Hippy Bluegrass Church: May 29th, 2022, eTown Hall, 10:30 am -12 pm
Salute to Veterans of WWII, Spring Canyon Park, 12 pm -3 pm
Spring - A Benefit Concert, Julians Historic Landmark Building, 4 pm

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2022-2023 Colorado Fishing Licenses are Available Now

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reminds anglers the 2022-2023 fishing season is officially upon us.

The 2022-2023 fishing license is valid from March 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023. Regulations and pricing for annual, daily and multi-day fishing licenses can be found in the 2022 Colorado Fishing Brochure. For individuals, ages 18 through 64, a \$10.59 Habitat Stamp is required with the first license purchase for the year. Youth under age 16 can fish with one rod for free, and CPW provides opportunities throughout the season to learn how to fish.

Coloradans and non-resident visitors can purchase fishing licenses online, by phone at 1-800-244-5613, at your local CPW office, or at any of hundreds of authorized sales agents statewide. CPW does not receive general tax dollars and fishing license sales support for all statewide hatchery and fish-stocking operations.

CPW stocks 90 million fish annually in waters throughout Colorado in order to ensure quality angling opportunities. From warmer waters to mountain streams, Colorado angling opportunities are world-renowned. Funding from fishing license sales may allow for additional public access, community angling grants, and habitat improvements that better support our birds, fish, and other small game.

"CPW biologists and volunteers are already spawning fish to replenish our walleye and saugeye fisheries," said CPW Aquatic Section Manager Matt Nicholl. "Our hatcheries are also stocking front range waters with trout while water temperatures remain cool for added angling opportunities."

Fishing is a great activity to share with family and friends, and the perfect chance to get outside and enjoy Colorado's natural resources.

For more information, visit the CPW website at cpw.state.co.us.

United Way of Larimer County Presents Northern Colorado Nonprofit Equity Symposium

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United Way of Larimer County will host the inaugural Northern Colorado Nonprofit Equity Symposium on May 31, 2022, at The Ranch in Loveland. This full-day conference is open to all nonprofit staff and volunteers in Larimer County and Northern Colorado. Attendees will choose from a variety of specialized education tracks to gain knowledge, skills, and insights from expert speakers and presenters, foster connections with other nonprofit professionals, and feel more prepared to advance equity in Larimer County through their work in the nonprofit community. "Equity is part of everything we do," said Deirdre Sullivan, President, and CEO of United Way of Larimer County.

"We've heard from nonprofit partners that diversity, equity, and inclusion training is a need in our community.

The Northern Colorado Nonprofit Equity Symposium was created to further this vital work and ensure our local nonprofits have the tools they need to succeed."

"Local nonprofit organizations are on the front lines of the most critical issues facing Larimer County. By educating and empowering the staff and volunteers who work in these organizations to advance equity, we can reduce the number of people who are affected by identity-based disparities in access and outcomes and make our community a place where everyone has the opportunity to thrive," said Morgan Vanek, Director of Nonprofit Excellence at United Way of Larimer County.

Learn more about the Symposium, including specifics about the six tracks, speakers, schedule of activities, and more at uwaylc.org/noco-np-equity-symposium.

Colorado Welcomes Arrival of New Zero-Emissions Big Rigs

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Zero-Emission Vehicle Portfolio Lineup Includes a Re-Engineered Cabover and a Projected 900-Mile Range Sleeper (image courtesy nikolamotor.com)

Roads in Colorado will soon be seeing green 18-wheelers — big trucks with plenty of power but zero emissions.

That's the result of Nikola Corp.'s announcement recently that it would begin selling its new Nikola Tre truck in Colorado through Wagner Equipment Co. Colorado Energy Office Director Will Toor and Colorado Department of Transportation Office of Innovative Mobility Chief Kay Kelly on Tuesday joined officials from Nikola, Wagner Equipment and the Colorado Motor Carriers Association to hail the arrival of the electric big rigs.

"Colorado recently released a draft Clean Truck Strategy, which is among the most comprehensive plans in the U.S. to build and scale the market for zero-emission trucks," said Toor. "This strategy will reduce air pollution in our most vulnerable and polluted corridors across the state and help us achieve our climate goals. The strategy includes ambitious plans to transition to zero-emissions electric and hydrogen trucks and buses. It's great to see the Nikola Tre here today as a real-world example of an electric heavy-duty truck."

"It's exciting to see zero-emission products entering the heavy-duty market," said Kay Kelly, Chief of Innovative Mobility at the Colorado Department of Transportation. "The growing number of zero-emissions offerings in the medium and heavy-duty truck market is giving Colorado fleets more opportunity than ever before to choose clean, quiet trucks with lower operation and maintenance costs. Colorado's comprehensive Clean Truck Strategy will further develop the supportive ecosystem necessary for fleets to be successful in deploying these compelling new products."

Colorado's Clean Truck Strategy would reduce greenhouse gas emissions from medium- and heavy-duty vehicles by at least 45% in Colorado by 2050.



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COVER STORY

CSU Honors Nearly 6,000 Students at Spring and Summer 2022 Graduation

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It's an exciting time of the year for Colorado State University as it celebrates and honors the incredible resilience and outstanding achievements of the University's Spring and Summer 2022 graduates through an in-person commencement ceremony running from May 13-15.

The University honored roughly 6,000 students through the weekend. Despite facing challenges, related to the pandemic, all persevered to earn their degrees. Rams who have completed work on undergraduate, graduate, and Professional Veterinary Medicine

degrees for Spring of 2022 include 3,546 undergraduate students, with many being candidates for distinction: 86 Summa, 136 Magna, and 295 Cum Laude. Graduate-level consists of 1,070, including 105 Ph.D. students, along with 148 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine students, as well.

The Summer of 2022 class consists of 707 Undergraduate students with 4 Summa, 7 Magna, and 21 Cum Laude. Graduate-level consists of 484 students, including 96 Ph.D. students. In addition, 19 Army and 26 Air Force ROTC cadets, 23 in the U.S. Air Force and three in

the U.S. Space Force, will become commissioned officers.

PROFOUND LEGACY

In a press release issued by the University, Provost and Executive Vice President Mary Pedersen provided the following statement, "Commencement ceremonies remind us that there is a profound legacy to which we are all connected as CSU Rams. We share in the collective pride of more than 150 years across multiple generations who have shaped this university, its impact on humanity, and its institutional character and values. Our graduating students will forever be part of CSU's legacy and history, and they should take enormous pride in that. We wish them a wonderful life and career as they endeavor to make their mark on the world."

The ceremonies were held in the Moby Arena and the Lory Student Center. For more information about the 2022 Spring Commencement Ceremonies visit commencement.colostate.edu.



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Colorado House Passes Property Tax Relief

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The Colorado House recently unanimously passed legislation to lower property taxes, saving the average homeowner \$274 and preventing many small business owners from seeing their property taxes go up at all.

"From sending every taxpayer an early \$400 or \$800 refund check to lowering the cost of housing, health care, and prescription drugs, we've been hard at work saving Coloradans money everywhere we can," said Rep. Mike Weissman, D-Aurora. "The legislation we passed today will prevent tax increases on many small businesses. It builds on our earlier work to lower property taxes for homeowners and businesses and will save the average homeowner \$274 on their property taxes."

"I'm excited to sponsor a bill for a \$700 million property tax decrease and a net overall tax decrease of \$500 million," said Rep. Patrick Neville, R-Castle Rock. "Rising property values bring a price tag of higher property taxes. I dislike taxes in general, but property taxes are the worst kind of tax. Lowering property taxes will help with the inflationary pressures families are experiencing and is much needed in Colorado."

SB22-238 will provide \$700 million in property tax relief over two years for homeowners and businesses, helping save families money on housing and cutting costs for businesses statewide.

The bill allocates \$500 million in 2023

to reduce the residential property from 6.95 percent to 6.76 percent and the non-residential property tax rate from 29 percent to 27.9 percent. The bill also reduces the taxable value for residential properties by \$15,000 and commercial properties by \$30,000. The bill provides these savings while mitigating the impact on schools and local governments from the reduction in revenue.

SB22-238 provides an additional \$200 million in 2024 to extend the property tax relief enacted last year by SB21-293. These savings will reduce property taxes for homeowners by an average of \$274 in 2023 on a \$500,000 home.

The House also unanimously passed HB22-1416, sponsored by Majority Leader Daneya Esgar and Representative Neville. The bill reforms the property tax assessment process. The bill would provide taxpayers with more information about their valuations and a longer period of time to appeal their values.

"By reforming the property tax assessment process, we'll protect homeowners and business owners and make it easier for people to appeal valuation decisions that impact how much they have to pay," said Majority Leader Daneya Esgar, D-Pueblo. "This bipartisan legislation will make the property tax assessment process more fair and transparent to ensure property owners can address errors that can cost them money."

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20. Law school test acronym
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33. Jasmine of "Aladdin," e.g.
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51. *Cloudy
54. Classic TV's Mrs. Brady
55. Same as island
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13. Certain beachgoers' philosophy
14. *Cold weather is needed for this meltable home
19. Part of small intestine
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23. Hit the road
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26. The Obamas' daughter
27. Bruce Lee's "_____ the Dragon"
28. Treat without respect
29. Wallop
31. Scottish lake
32. *Rainbow shape
35. *Weather warning
37. Archeologist's find
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43. State indirectly
45. African antelopes
47. Living room centerpiece? (2 words)
48. 4 x 4 race
49. Cleanse
50. #14 Across, sing.
51. They don't mix with water
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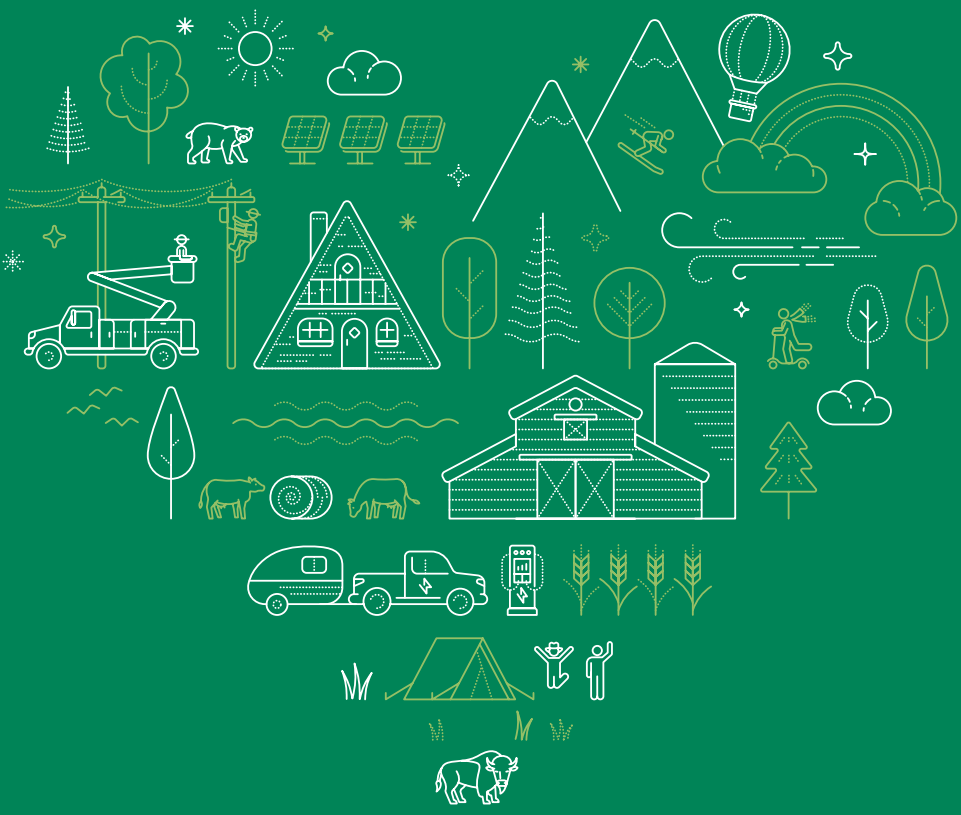


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