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LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

The Lost Ways – Rediscovering Survival

A handful of people have said that these publishers' letters are just a diary. But more have written in saying they are learning from my experiences.

That's why I do this, and that's why I will continue. I have mentioned that before, and I again, because I firmly believe my life experiences are learning lessons for others!

This week, I received a Lumbermill. I have spent countless hours of research over the years — about how I can use the resources available to me on the small mountain property I purchased several years ago. I have seen examples repeatedly where people are returning to the "lost ways."

The "Lost Ways" is a book title that I purchased many years ago. It's all about the things our ancestors did to survive in harsh environments and challenging times.

The book includes recipes. When I write recipes, I mean something that will help you survive. That's food, but it also consists of the things that help you make food. The book includes ways to survive in harsh environments with minimal shelter -- or in a pandemic.

These recipes are the building blocks of how our great-great-grandparents and even more distant ancestors survived.

The book helped start an intriguing life process for me. That process was to take on the challenge of living off-grid.

I did it with my two young sons last year for the better part of a year. We lived in a small RV while I continued to run North For News daily. Our ancestors didn't have RVs, but I'm also a fan of using tools to make our lives easier.

Thanks to an amazingly kind and deep-rooted family in Livermore, my

sons and I now have a home base. It shelters us from the weather, and harsh environment, while we focus on building an off-grid cabin from scratch.

So, the mill arrived at my home base. I'm working with a building engineer to finalize plans for a structure that will sustain nearly 200 mph winds, and I'm personally excavating the cabin site with my new Kubota bx23s.

Upon approval of permits from Larimer county, the construction of the post beam structure will begin. I am NOT looking forward to digging all of those 3 foot deep holes in that rocky soil, but it will happen. Challenge 101 - BRING IT.

When I first read Lost Ways, I realized that many things have been forgotten, due to the convenience of our daily lives. This book helped me learn just a few of them. It will help me know many more, and hopefully, these letters will help some of those lost ways be re-discovered in our communities.

That book is the basis of a strong, healthy, and safe life for my boys and me in the years to come. I strongly encourage everyone to read it! The book is certainly handy to have on hand -- just in case!

The Lost Ways by Claude Davis, Sr. can be found on Amazon. Use this special link and North Forty News will get a small percentage of your order - northfortynews.com/lostways. Thanks for your support!

Blaine Howerton

Dear Readers, Thank You and Farewell



Annie Lindgren | North Forty News

Blaine first asked me to write for North Forty News during an annual dinner for the Wellington Main Street Program (WMSP), where I served as the Executive Director. I gladly accepted his suggestion, and during my last year (2019) with WMSP, those monthly articles became the favorite part of my job. I love writing. My career has been primarily in the Mental Health field and a lot of work with Nonprofits, so writing was a career change. By the end of 2019, I decided to pursue a career as a travel writer and founded Sunshine Ink LLC. In January 2020, I joined the North Forty News team as a freelance journalist.

as hoped.

Earlier this year, I fit in a month-long remote working road trip with my golden retriever Maverick to desert country. That trip went well, 'adventuring' is my happy place, and I regained some balance. But, on March 14, the day after I returned home, Maverick broke his leg while playing fetch in the backyard. Unfortunately, the break was too bad of a spot to repair, so now he is a 3-legged dog. CSU did tests to see if he had bone cancer, and on April 11, I learned that Maverick, who is only six years old, has bone cancer. So I have three months to a year left with my loving canine companion.

Making big decisions is hard, and as someone who lives a very independent life, I rely heavily on the messages and moments that fill my day and energy to know how best to proceed with a big decision. The answers are always there; you just have to pay attention and act. I have never been one to spend time spinning my wheels in miserable situations. Life is all about choices and adapting to changes, and life is short, with no time for dillydallying.

It has been a pleasure writing for the newspaper these past three years. I have grown so much as a writer under Blaine's mentorship and met and shared countless amazing people's stories. As a news reporter, I enjoyed serving my home community, Wellington. Also, I



Annie and Maverick on a freshly laminated NFN Press pass, during Pandemic Roadtrip, 2020. (Photo by Annie Lindgren)

My 2020 went about as well as most people's 2020, and by the end of it, the pandemic canceled all my 'other country' trips. Instead, I had a life-changing 4-month 'Pandemic Roadtrip' under my wheels, and I had returned to working for a nonprofit in the mental health field. I continued doing freelance work for North Forty News and attempted to stay up with the things I hoped to do with Sunshine Ink.

At the start of 2022, I took another leap, left my full-time job with the nonprofit, and joined the North Forty News team as VP of Community Engagement. The nonprofit asked me to stay part-time as a grant writer and marketing person, which I agreed to, and I continued trying to find time for the things I hoped to do with Sunshine Ink.

Sadly, 2022 has not been off to a good start. 'Working too much' has taken a toll on my life. I bought a house in early 2021 that required a lot of work, and I love to travel, so I justified all the work with 'I need the money.' 'Work hard, play hard' is something I am good at, but that 'relax, enjoy daily life, and tend to relationships' piece is something I fail at regularly. So 2022 has been a slog of one thing after another not turning out

slipped in educational pieces supporting our region's history, the mental health field, and my favorite adventure topics anytime I could. I am grateful to have been a part of a local newspaper willing to share stories like these.

My last day with North Forty News was April 22, 2022. I hope to make this the day that I finally draw the line with my problem of being 'too busy' and truly start moving forward with my goals for Sunshine Ink. I will continue my work for the nonprofit in the mental health field, as that part of my career path fuels a lifelong desire to help at-risk youth have the best chance at life. I have a lot of adventures planned this summer, from climbing Chimborazo in Ecuador to hopefully finishing the final 14 of Colorado's 58 peaks above 14,000ft elevation. Meanwhile, I will spend a lot of time enjoying the final stages of life with my favorite adventure companion.

Thank you, Readers, for your support over these last three years. You have helped me grow as a writer. You might find more from me through Sunshine Ink in the future, but the only promise I can make right now is that 'finding joy' is my new priority. Life is too short. Cheers to making the very best of it!

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Pollination Syndromes

BRYAN FISCHER | Gardens on Spring Creek

Flowers have evolved into a dizzying array of shapes, sizes, colors, and arrangements since first making waves on the evolutionary scene at least 120 million years ago. In most cases, this huge spread of morphology owes its existence to the interaction between pollinators and plants. The more effectively a given animal pollinates a plant, the more that plant species will, over time, adapt to favor pollination by that animal.

These adaptations are predictable by pollinator type, and are sometimes referred to as “pollination syndromes.” If looking to attract a specific type of insect or another animal to your garden, having a general understanding of these syndromes can be both fun and useful when shopping at the nursery.

First to evolve, and perhaps least flashy, beetle-pollinated flowers bear cup shapes (think magnolia) and are generally creamy or white in color with varying degrees of scent. These cup-shaped crash pads provide an easy place to land and a high-protein meal in the form of pollen for beetles, which can be a bit awkward in flight.

With adept vision and attunement for colors (except for red, which they do not perceive), bees benefit from “nectar guides” -- lines or dots leading to the flower’s nectar. Flowers adapted for pollination by bees typically present in yellows, purple, blue, or white, and bear a flat area that acts as a landing pad. Bee-pollinated flowers typically have some pollen available, which is a high-protein food source for these hardworking insects. Interestingly, because bees can perceive ultraviolet radiation, many flowers have evolved features designed to show up under the UV light emitted by the sun. These features are invisible to our naked eyes but can

be seen under a UV lens. Commonly grown bee-pollinated species in our region include sunflowers (*Helianthus* spp.), asters (*Symphyotrichum* spp.), and lavender (*Lavandula* spp.).

Butterfly-pollinated flowers share a few features with bee-pollinated flowers: nectar guides are common, landing pads are typical, scents are mild and sweet, and colors are vivid. Beyond these similarities, butterfly-pollinated flowers produce abundant nectar that is at the end of a tube – a long and nimble proboscis is almost always required. For local examples, look to butterfly bush (*Buddleja* spp.), liatris (*Liatris* spp.) and phlox (*Phlox* spp.).

Proportioned quite a bit like butterfly-pollinated flowers, bird-pollinated plants feature flowers with long and tube-like shapes. This is especially true for New World plants where long-beaked hummingbirds are a primary bird pollinator. These plants will often bear sturdy stems to accommodate occasional use as a perch, too. Native plants pollinated by birds are often bright red or orange, like *Penstemon eatonii* and hummingbird mint (*Agastache rupestris*), since these hot colors make them easy for visually navigating hummingbirds to see from a distance.

A variety of other animals, including bats, moths, and flies also reliably pollinate plants. Their pollinator syndromes, however, can make them less appealing to gardeners: bat and moth pollinated flowers are typically white and night-blooming since these pollinators are generally nocturnal, and fly pollinated flowers are generally designed to mimic an animal carcass, complete with a smell. So, next time you’re at the nursery, consider what animals your plant choices may attract. Just be sure whatever way you decide to “flesh out” the front border appeals to you, too.



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Introducing Wellington's New Mayor

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Calar Chaussee, Wellington's new Mayor (Photo provided by Calar Chaussee)

On April 19, 2022, the Town of Wellington Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting for the newly elected Board of Trustees and Mayor to take their Oath of Office. Calar Chaussee is now officially the Mayor of Wellington. Below is a Question-Answer introduction to Mayor Chaussee.

Tell us about yourself!

I've been in Wellington for 25 years; I grew up here. I work at Scott's Fort Collins Automotive. In my free time, I love working on classic cars, welding, riding my Harley, camping, and fishing. I love the outdoors and helping others.

Why did you decide to run for Mayor?

I decided to run for Mayor because I love this town and want to see it do well. I wasn't satisfied with those that were running, and it's always better to do something than to complain about it.

Key issues you are passionate about regarding the community you serve?

I'm passionate about people, and I love serving

others which comes from my background in church ministry and being a follower of Jesus. I would love to bring our community forward in business development and amenities for families. I want a safe, affordable town where families not only want to raise their children in but can brag about it a little too.

How do you envision collaborating with other communities in Northern Colorado?

I see Wellington working with Larimer County to help set the groundwork for future growth. I see us working with similar communities on the water issues they may already be facing or may face in the future. We were the first to go through this process, and helping others avoid it or address it in their community is important.

How do you see your community addressing growth issues over the next 5 years?

Addressing growth issues is going to be complicated. We will have to listen to our citizens and take into account what they are saying. I believe that we need to be wise with our growth and plan it out well. Bringing in businesses will be important to help relieve some of the costs that are on the citizens through tax revenue. As well as help fund things like Rec centers and parks moving forward.

New Trustees Brian Mason, Shirrelle Tietz, and David Wiegand were also sworn in on August 19. In addition, Trustee Ashley Macdonald was voted as Mayor Pro Tem.

Folks are invited to share their thoughts with the new Board of Trustees on Wednesday, April 27 at 6 pm during the Strategic Plan Town Hall. The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is on April 26, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the Leeper Center. Trustee meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

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Spargetoberfest Announces Four Fundraising Events for 2022

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Spargetoberfest Foundation announces four fundraising events for 2022. Proceeds from all these events go to the Wellington Food Bank, the Wellington Waverly Kiwanis Club, and the American Legion Wellington Post 176.

Spargetoberfest 1st Annual Music Festival

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets on Saturday, May 21, and join us on the field for a day of live music sure to please fans of all genres. 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.

The day's line-up is:

- 1:30 Rockin' Sprockets (Pop-Rock)
- 3:00 Ellie D and Soul Mix (R&B, Funk, Blues, and Classic Rock)
- 4:30 Harris & Harris (R&R, CW, Oldies)
- 6:00 Jazz Section (a 6 piece jazz band)

Spargetoberfest 1st Annual Food Truck Rally

Are you tired of going to Ft. Collins for a food truck rally? The wait is over!

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Spargetoberfest 1st Annual Fundo Bike Ride and Family Festival

On Saturday, August 6, Sparge Brewing hosts a Bike "Fundo", a gravel road bike ride. Choose either the 40, 20, or 10-mile route. 40-mile riders will take off from Sparge Brewing at 7:00 AM, followed by the 20 milers at 8:00 and the ten milers at 9:00.

Not a bike rider? Join us on the field beginning at 9:00 to send off the ten milers and welcome the long-distance riders. Then relax with a Sparge beverage, lunch from a food truck, and browsing local vendors.

Registration for the Fundo is \$1 per mile (\$40, \$20, \$10).

2nd Annual Spargetoberfest 5K and Family Festival

Last year 300 runners/walkers/strollers participated in the 1st Annual Spargetoberfest 5K. This year's event will be on September 17, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Join us for breakfast burritos, a trainer-led warm-up followed by the 5K. Prizes will be awarded to individual category winners. There will be music, vendors, food trucks, and, of course, the DUNK TANK following the race! Registration is \$40 and includes beverage, swag bag, Spargetoberfest 5K shirt, and more!

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The following candidates are hereby declared elected:

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Body-Worn Cameras Implemented in the Jail

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In 2020, LCSO announced the implementation of a body-worn camera program for deputies assigned outside the jail. They recently expanded our contract with Axon to provide body-worn cameras to all jail deputies as well.

The new Axon contract provides additional Body 3 cameras and chargers to 188 jail deputies along with those already in use - patrol, investigations, interview rooms, in-car cameras, reserve deputies, and drone services. The total cost of the new contract for eight years is \$6.7 million. Support from the Board of County Commissioners made the program possible.

Jail deputies are expected to activate their body-worn cameras at the beginning of any encounter with an inmate or arrestee where there is a reasonable likelihood of enforcement and/or criminal investigation, there is an immediate threat to the security or safety of the jail, or

during any encounter that becomes adversarial after initial contact. Jail deputies also have the discretion to activate their body-worn cameras any time they believe it would be appropriate or valuable to document an incident for legitimate law enforcement purposes. Jail deputies will have their body-worn cameras in sleep mode while on duty and not actively recording.

Recordings will not be made during courtroom proceedings, video advisements, or strip searches unless the deputy is responding to an emergency, criminal activity, adversarial inmates/arrestees, or immediate threats to the security or safety of the jail.

Training on policy and use of body-worn cameras began earlier this month and several jail deputies started on April 4. The goal is full implementation by the end of July 2022.

CSU and Community Plant 12 Trees in Celebration of Arbor Day

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Facilities Management employees and volunteers plant a tree during the 2017 Arbor Day event at CSU. (Photo courtesy Colorado State University)

Colorado State University students, employees, and members of the Fort Collins community came together for the annual Tree Campus Arbor Day Event on Friday, April 22.

This event was in conjunction with CSU's Earth Month, and involved planting 12 trees of multiple species on the University's South Campus.

"It's a fun time to celebrate the benefits of trees and the best way to do that is to actually plant the trees ourselves," said Greg Zausen, a forester with the Colorado State Forest Service.

Last year's event was largely virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but this year it was now back in person. Speakers discussed the benefits of tree

diversity and offered a brief tutorial on how to properly plant trees before the public got the opportunity to get their hands dirty and try it themselves.

Four types of trees were planted during the event: Morton State Street maple, autumn brilliance serviceberry, Clemson heritage oak, and China snow Peking lilac.

"It's a neat thing that CSU is pursuing this and is interested in promoting a good tree canopy on their campuses," Zausen said. "We know if you just plant a single species of trees, then an insect can come through and destroy all of your hard work. That's why we're promoting diversity."

These new trees joined the 10,000 others that make up the CSU Campus Arboretum, a special place for the cultivation and display of a wide variety of trees and shrubs.

CSU's urban forest has earned a Tree Campus Higher Education recognition from the Arbor Foundation for the 11th straight year.

The University is one of 150 colleges and universities across the country recognized by the program and requires CSU to meet the five Tree Campus Higher Education standards.

To celebrate the impressive flora at CSU, the Campus Arboretum Committee recently launched a Campus Tree Tour of 15 notable trees.

To learn more about the CSU Campus Arboretum, visit fm.colostate.edu/arboretum.

Animal Friends Alliance Raises Over \$175,000 at Annual Gala for Animals

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Animal Friends Alliance Gala on Saturday, March 26th at the Hilton Hotel in Fort Collins. (Photo courtesy Animal Friends Alliance)

Animal Friends Alliance's annual charity benefit, Gala for Animals, netted over \$175,000 on March 26 to help support the nonprofit's cat and dog shelters and community pet resource programs. Nearly 420 guests and over 50 volunteers were in attendance at the "Mardi Paw" themed Gala for

Animals, at the Hilton Fort Collins Hotel.

The Gala for Animals raises funds for Animal Friends Alliance's shelters, including medical treatment for the cats and dogs in its care, and community pet resource programs to keep pets in their homes.

With a record number of guests and mobile bidding allowing supporters to participate from anywhere, the silent auction raised over \$42,500 for the nonprofit, a new record.

Two businesses and two individuals were honored with the 2022 Above & Beyond Awards for their exceptional commitment and dedication to the organization. The business winners were Horizon Mechanical Solutions and Autumn Parry Photography. The individual winners were Jackie Rohrbacker of Fort Collins and Kelly Little of Windsor.

"We are so proud of this fantastic event that will enable us to help even more animals and people in our community," said Executive Director Sarah Swanty.

HEALTH



Community Justice Alternatives Celebrates New Name and Facility Expansion

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The Board of Larimer County Commissioners and other community officials recently filled a room to celebrate the renaming of Larimer County Criminal Justice Services to Community Justice Alternatives and to preview the expansion of Larimer County Alternative Sentencing building, that will create an all-women, 170-bed facility for both Community Corrections and Alternative Sentencing programs. The name change clarifies the numerous community services provided to the clients of Larimer County Community Corrections and Alternative Sentencing.

“A lot of healing goes on in these buildings,” said Larimer County Commissioner Kristin Stephens. “We’re working to get people back into our communities to give them hope, to help them with addictions and behavioral health issues, and to really get them on their way.”

The new facility expansion will provide services for an all-female facility, adding just over 50,000

square feet bringing the total to over 100,000 square feet to increase the capacity of alternative sentencing programs that provide rehabilitation and treatment.

When the new facility is complete it will save over 729,000 jail bed days each year. “I think this is really exciting that we can provide options for folks, and everyone is a part of this effort,” said Larimer County Commissioner John Kefalas.

Larimer County Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally thanked those present in the room for their work in increasing the capacity to provide these valuable services, including retiring Larimer County Manager Linda Hoffmann. “Immediately Linda understood how large of a role the county plays in public safety. She always prioritized investment in Alternative Sentencing and Community Corrections as an alternative to incarceration and also because it is the right thing to do for our community.” larimer.org/cja

Elderhaus Names Gala Honorary Chair

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Yvonne Myers (Photo provided by Elderhaus)

A longtime Northern Colorado health and community leader has been named the first Honorary Chair for the Elderhaus annual fundraising event. Yvonne Myers will serve in the volunteer leadership role for the Rhinestone Cowboy Gala set Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, in Loveland.

Myers, vice president of strategic initiatives at the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce since January of this year, formerly worked with older adults in various settings including skilled nursing facilities, assisted living residences, in-home care, pharmacy services, and day programs. She was the executive director of Elderhaus Adult Day Programs from March 1989 to July 1990, later serving as an Elderhaus board member and volunteer treasurer/bookkeeper. Her volunteer Chamber duties began as a board member in 2007, and she has served on numerous committees there. Myers is a past Chamber board chair.

“I am so very honored to be asked to participate as the first-ever Honorary Chair for the annual Elderhaus gala,” Myers said. “I have always been very proud of my time at Elderhaus. I wholeheartedly know adult day programs play a significant role in helping clients to remain as independent as possible with purpose and meaning in their lives.”

Over the last four decades, Myers has been involved in numerous boards and committees.

She is currently a board member of the UHealth Northern Colorado Foundation Board, a member of the CSU College of Health and Human Sciences Executive Leadership Council, and a commissioner with the Business Experiential-Learning (BEL) Commission for Colorado. She has been honored by BizWest Women of Distinction, including recognition as Outstanding Volunteer and Most-Influential Business Leader.

The Rhinestone Cowboy Gala, to be held at Ellis Ranch Event Center in Loveland, is the sixth annual fundraising event for Elderhaus. The last gala was held in 2019. Two subsequent dates in 2020 and 2021 were canceled due to COVID-19.

“Elderhaus services often help enable persons with special needs to continue living at home for years longer while benefiting from positive social engagement in an active community-based program,” said Tim McLemore, executive director. “Elderhaus is the only nonprofit adult day program in Larimer and Weld Counties that specializes in this type of care. As a charitable organization, our mission of service is not possible without the generosity of donors.”

Myers concurred, stating that Elderhaus is dedicated to “providing caregivers the support, education, and relief time to continue their significant and often under-appreciated role. Supporting this gala ensures more funds are available to help more community members to participate in the most wonderful adult day program in our region.”

The nonprofit, which is celebrating more than 40 years of community assistance in Northern Colorado, provides services for adults living with physical and cognitive disabilities, including dementia (such as Alzheimer’s disease), traumatic brain injury, post-stroke needs, MS, Parkinson’s disease, Down syndrome, autism, and other conditions. Programs are available for veterans, caregivers, and family members, including support groups open to the community at no charge.

InBloom Autism Services Now Providing Free Diagnostic Evaluations for Autism in Colorado

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InBloom Autism Services announced recently that they are now offering complimentary diagnostic evaluations to identify Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in children between the ages of 18-months and 5-years-old. Diagnostic evaluations at InBloom are being

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Top 10 Ways to Protect Nesting Birds This Spring

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With the return of warm weather, it's time to welcome nesting birds back to our open spaces, trails, and backyards. These harbingers of spring need our help to raise their young safely. Here are our top 10 ways to help protect nesting birds:

- 1. Dispose of used fishing line properly** in collection tubes or trash cans. When birds use fishing line to build their nests, young birds can get injured or die when they get tangled up.
- 2. Pick up baling twine from hay bales.** Osprey (large fish-eating raptors) bring twine and other debris to their nests all season, which is dangerous to young birds and can cause injury or death. Dispose of baling twine in a covered trash can or recycle at approved locations.
- 3. Leave nesting birds alone and give them plenty of space (300 feet or more).** For a close-up view, watch our live nest cams at lovgov.org/nestcams to see osprey, barn owl, and kestrel nests.
- 4. Don't "decorate" natural areas or trails with artificial ornaments.** These human-made materials can be hazardous to birds and other wildlife. Keep natural areas natural!
- 5. Provide food and water** such as birdseed, suet, nectar, and fresh water, which birds need for energy and raising young. DIY a simple bird feeder by covering a pinecone with peanut butter and dipping in birdseed, then hang it in your yard and watch the birds flock to it.
- 6. Leave some twigs, leaves, and other natural materials** that have fallen in your yard for birds to use for nest-building. Avoid yarn, string, human hair, and dryer lint – all can pose dangers.
- 7. Add native plants to your landscape** to provide a variety of wild food for birds including fruit, seeds, nectar, and insects.
- 8. Avoid using pesticides in your yard** and leave the bugs for birds to eat – they help provide natural pest control.
- 9. Keep cats indoors** or attach bells or brightly colored collar covers to warn birds of a cat's approach.
- 10. Hang strings or attach decals to large windows** to make glass more visible to birds and **turn off or minimize outdoor lighting.** All can help prevent bird collisions.

WINDSOR

Windsor Police Department Hosts Prescription Drug Take Back Day

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Prescription Drugs
(Photo courtesy Windsor Police Department)

Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue and proper disposal of unused drugs can save lives and protect the environment. With that in mind, the Windsor Police Department, 200 N. 11th St., will help residents safely dispose of unused and expired prescription medications during National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 30, from 8 am to 1 pm. The service is in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration and is free to the public with no questions asked. National Prescription Drug Take-Back

Day was initiated through the Drug Disposal Act, which aims to encourage the public and private entities to collect unused medications in a secure and convenient manner. With a focus on medications, the Windsor Police cannot accept needles and sharps, mercury (thermometers), oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters, or illicit drugs.

The Take Back Day initiative has amassed a total of 7,634 tons of prescription drugs since its inception. Just last fall, Americans turned in over 744,082 pounds of prescription drugs at nearly 4,982 sites across the United States with the help of over 4,276 state and local law enforcement partners.

In case you cannot attend, the FDA provides information on how to properly dispose of prescription drugs. More information is available here: fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/where-and-how-dispose-unused-medicines.

For more information on prescription drug abuse, visit dea.gov and GetSmartAboutDrugs.com.

For more information about the Windsor Police, visit windsorpd.com.

For more information about Take-Back Day, visit takebackday.dea.gov.

Alternatives to Violence Hosts 5th Annual Purple Ribbon Breakfast

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In-person and Livestream event Tuesday, April 26

Alternatives to Violence (ATV) invites the community to its Annual Purple Ribbon Breakfast on Tuesday, April 26. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to providing shelter, advocacy, education, and resources for people impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. The event serves to raise awareness about these issues, as well as raise funds for ATV's SafeHouse, programs and operations. This year, the event will also celebrate the nonprofit's 40th anniversary.

"Fundraising was certainly a challenge these past couple of years under the pandemic," said Executive Director of Alternatives to Violence, Kari Clark. "We look forward to coming back together in person this year to celebrate what we've accomplished and look forward to better days for ATV, our clients, and community."

The Purple Ribbon Breakfast will feature special guest speakers from the area. Included on the agenda are 2022 Mrs. Colorado Petite, Allie Reilly, and Loveland Mayor, Jacki Marsh. Each woman will share their personal experiences with domestic violence.

The Purple Ribbon Breakfast is being presented as a hybrid event this year. In-person check-in begins at 7:30 am. The presentation is from 8:00-9:00 am. In-person attendance will take place at the Embassy Suites in Loveland. The event is free to attend but pre-registration is required. Guests who wish to attend in person may register at eventbrite.com/e/the-purple-ribbon-breakfast-tickets-288032822927. Those who wish to

watch the Livestream may register at app.mobilecause.com/e/YhrxIQ?vid=qe11b.

Individuals and companies are encouraged to serve as Table Hosts or sponsors. Table Hosts assist by inviting guests to the event. The Purple Ribbon Breakfast sponsorship is \$1,000. Sponsorship includes recognition on all in-person and online promotions, plus the opportunity to be part of an essential group helping victims of violence right here in our community.

This year's sponsors of the Purple Ribbon Breakfast include Bank of Colorado and Realities for Children.

Those wishing to be a Table Host or sponsor should contact Communication & Development Manager, Rose Marie Massaro at (970) 669-5150 extension 124 or rosemarie.massaro@alternativestoviolence.org.

For those who cannot attend the event, but wish to donate to Alternatives to Violence, can visit the website or text ATV to 41444.

Alternatives to Violence provides shelter, advocacy, education, and resources for people impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Since 1982, Alternatives to Violence has offered victims the opportunity to heal both emotionally and physically in a supportive environment. Each year, ATV provides emergency shelter, safety planning, advocacy, information, and referrals to local resources, crisis intervention, and in some cases longer-term housing to over 800 people in Loveland and Southern Larimer County.

Alternatives to Violence was established in 1983 and is registered with the Colorado Secretary of State as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

Loveland's July Fourth Festival Returns to North Lake Park

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The City of Loveland Parks & Recreation Department has announced the return of the City's July Fourth Festival at North Lake Park this summer. Programmed activities will occur throughout the afternoon, starting at 3 pm and ending with a fireworks show over Lake Loveland around 9 pm.

"We are very excited to bring back one of Loveland's most beloved holiday traditions with a festive day of celebration capped with an extraordinary firework show. After two challenging years, we know our community is looking forward to joining together for a celebration of independence and community," said Kerry Helke, Parks & Recreation's senior recreation coordinator and department representative.

Activities at North Lake Park will kick off at 3 pm on Monday, July 4. The Kids Zone Play Area and vendor booths will be in the west parking lot near the playground and will include the Parks & Recreation Mobile Recreation Trailer, giant building blocks from Everblock, a face painter, balloon artists, a climbing wall, the Buckhorn Train operated by the Lions Club, food trucks and dozens of vendors.

Live music at the Hammond Amphitheater will occur between 3 - 9 pm including performances by Wood Belly, Creole Stomp, and Loveland Concert Band

as the final performance. There will be a beer garden on the upper field looking down onto the Amphitheater stage from 3-8 pm. A 32-team Cornhole Tournament will begin at 4 pm, adjacent to the beer garden with a cash prize for the first and second-place teams.

The Children's Bike Parade will return with an altered route this year, staying on the south side of 29th Street. The parade will loop around the playground and go north of the duck pond and end with riders going in front of the stage to get cheered on by the crowds. Prizes for the parade will include most festive bike, best costume, and crowd favorite. A map will be available closer to the event.

The fireworks show will begin at approximately 9:17 pm. Angel Light Pyrotechnics will be responsible for the launch; the display is expected to be similar to past shows at North Lake Park. The fireworks will launch from the Swim Beach at North Lake Park over Lake Loveland and will be viewable from North Lake Park and Dwayne Webster Park.

Businesses and community groups interested in sponsorship opportunities and vendor booths are welcome to apply.

For more info, visit: cityofloveland.org/parksrecreation.

NOCO Blessings: The Day of the Dalai Lama

TIM VAN SCHMIDT | SceneNOCO.com

(Photos by Tim Van Schmidt)

On September 17, 2006, His Holiness the Dalai Lama personally blessed the Great Stupa of Dharmakaya at the Shambhala Mountain Center, now the Drala Mountain Center, in Red Feather Lakes. He not only blessed the Buddhist shrine -- the largest in the United States -- but also accepted the first Living Peace Award.

Both gestures by the Dalai Lama, a Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1989, were rare honors for the meditation and retreat center located in the mountains of northern Colorado and an auspicious moment in NOCO history.

Added to this was the presence of other dignitaries for peace, including Queen Noor of Jordan and Rabbi Irwin Kula of the National Jewish Center for Leadership and Learning, who joined the Dalai Lama on a stage set against the colorful grandeur of the Stupa and the Colorado landscape.

The Dalai Lama was also in Colorado to participate in a youth peace conference being held in Denver called PeaceJam, which featured the Dalai Lama along with nine other Nobel laureates, including Desmond Tutu.

On that cold and blustery morning in the Colorado mountains, the Dalai Lama and guests flew by helicopter to the Shambhala Mountain Center, then proceeded by motorcade to the Stupa. After participating in the event, the Dalai Lama flew back to Denver to speak to a sold-out audience at the Pepsi Center in the afternoon.

Clad in down coats and wrapped in blankets, an estimated 2500 people gathered in the early morning that day not only to see the Dalai Lama, but also to receive his blessing.

At the end of the Dalai Lama's stay, he touched the end of a length of cloth that fanned out far into the audience, who in turn had tied their own "khatas" to it, creating a fabric link among those assembled and the Dalai Lama.

But more than ceremony, the gathering at the Stupa featured comments from the dignitaries about the subject of peace and

compassion. Noor called for "respect for freedom, justice, and compassion". Kula called the gathering "a profoundly hopeful moment" as well as chanted the messages of love retrieved from cell phone messages from 9/11 victims.

The Dalai Lama, speaking in purposeful English and in Tibetan through an interpreter, told the assembly that "peace of mind comes from compassion" and that "everyone has the seed of compassion in them".

He spoke about the "gaps between appearance and reality" and that "our own action is most important". He encouraged the audience to make every day meaningful and positive. As for the monument -- the Stupa that towered above the stage -- the Dalai Lama said, "The real stupa is in our own heart; the external stupa is just a reminder of our inner stupa".



Blessings for attendees

But more than formal teaching, the Dalai Lama also revealed some personal human qualities, like having the humility to admit a "big mistake" when he called Kula a "Muslim rabbi". He laughed when the interpreter informed him of what he had done and the crowd laughed with him.

The Dalai Lama hunkered down into a huge, stately armchair, raising a part of his robe over his head against the brisk weather, and he joked about rising early for the event and the force of the morning wind.

After his remarks, the Dalai Lama was then presented with the Living Peace Award, established by Shambhala International to acknowledge "those who not only wish for peace but who are an embodiment of peace in themselves,



Dalai Lama arrives at Great Stupa of Dharmakaya

living it daily". His Holiness, Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, was cited as "an indelible reminder to the entire world of what it truly means to live peace" through his "tireless efforts to bring humanity into harmony with itself and with our precious planet Earth".

The Dalai Lama accepted the award by bowing deeply. He then left the stage and entered the Stupa for a period of time before returning to touch the extended khata with a ritual scepter.

After the Dalai Lama and company had left, their helicopter curving back down and over the crowd that waved cheerfully, events were capped off with a presentation by Chief Looking Horse, of the Lakota Sioux, who told the crowd we need to "unite spiritually, globally", and with some traditional Tibetan dance.

Being in the presence of the Dalai Lama was memorable indeed.

I'll say that while photographing the event, more than once I felt like the Dalai Lama was looking directly at me. Even while he was talking, at times, I felt like he was speaking right to me. His gaze and his words made me feel very self-

conscious -- and maybe that was the point.

Did I need the message of peace with compassion that was being discussed on stage? Yes. Does the world need it today? Absolutely.

For one bracing morning, the Great Stupa of Dharmakaya had truly been a symbol of peace, thanks to an unprecedented gathering of dignitaries. On its steps, the message of peace through compassion could hardly have been spoken with any more authority.

After the event, many of the words I had heard echoed in my mind as I made it to the parking lot, but I had to laugh when I saw a bumper sticker on a neighboring car that seemed to sum up everything in two words: "Question reality".

That is, question reality about war and peace, question reality about the appearances of things, but most of all, question reality about yourself -- it is the most important work you can do.

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



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ALT-AMERICANA BAND FOXFEATHER EXPLORES BETRAYAL AND LOSS IN "GHOST OF YOU"

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well-known world that exists after loss," a world many are familiar with today.

With the help of Blake Smith (electric guitar), Mark Dabrowski (bass), Jay Elliott (drums and percussion), Oliver Jacobson (violin), Kate Farmer (backup vocals), and Eric Moon (organ), "Ghost of You" explores the core emotional barriers of heartache and doesn't hold back. Sonically producing "the inner turmoil of losing touch" while lyrically describing it, Foxfeather is completely unique in its style. Together, the band brilliantly balances the task of delivering delicate emotions while creating an all-encompassing sound. Hoping to serve as a "powerful cry of acknowledgment," "Ghost of You" is a cathartic track with impassioned underpinnings and palpable poignance.

As of March 25, listeners can stream Foxfeather's "Ghost Of You" on all major streaming platforms.

Foxfeather is a sultry, Alt-Americana band founded in 2013 in Boulder, CO. Beginning with a lyrical base, and bolstered by strong blues-rock instrumentals, Foxfeather's unique sound captivates its audience. Songwriters Carly Ricks Smith and Laura Paige Stratton met in high school, connecting over their shared love of music.

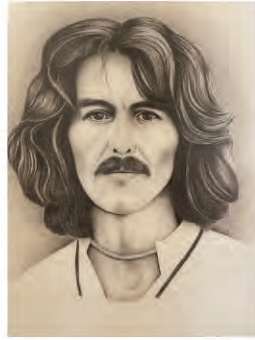
Foxfeather is extremely proud of being an advocate of women in art and in business and strives to motivate and empower other women and allies through song.

The band is a local staple in the Colorado Front Range and also tours nationally.

Foxfeather is set to release their newest album in 2022 through PS Audio and Octave Records. The full-length album, entitled "The Nature of Things." The album was recorded at PS Audio Studios in Boulder, CO, Animal Lane Studios in Lyons, CO, and The Barn in Longmont, CO. Producer extraordinaire is Eben Grace and Engineering magicians are Jay Elliott and Gus Skinas.

With expressive instrumental tone, powerful vocal melody and harmony, and passionate performance, this band is ready to win your hearts.

Alt-Americana group Foxfeather brings subtle darkness to their sweeping folky sound in their newest release "Ghost of You" which was released on March 25. Detailing the sting of loss, betrayal, and what it's like trying to regain your identity through that, lead vocalist Carly Smith draws listeners in with her desperate drawl and raw honesty. Joined by co-writer and guitarist Laura Stratton, the two craft a track with profoundly evocative lyrics, singing "years keep passing by, you still skin me with your smile." The song builds emotionally as Smith's tone slips deeper into anguish over "the full and utter isolation that follows betrayal and abandonment." "We have all lost ourselves, someone, something at some point," the band explains, and it was Smith who "had been facing such a loss, of friendship, of identity, of trust and of faith" when the song was made. In this way, the song "delves deep into the



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Downtown Fort Collins Art Week, April 23 - 30, is a collaboration between the Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Fort Collins Creative District. It showcases the Choice City's lively arts and culture scene. From experiencing vibrant, year-round public art, to enjoying collectible and shareable art, uncovering hidden art, and experiencing artistic expression in its various forms, Downtown is bursting with creativity.

"This week will be a wonderful chance for people to discover all the creativity and arts located right in their backyard. From music to sculpture, art galleries to theater, public art to pianos, Downtown Fort Collins is brimming with art," said Peggy Lyle, Downtown Fort Collins Creative District.

Art Week kicks off the morning of Saturday, April 23, as we say 'goodbye' to six artist-loaned sculptures and 'hello' to six new installations.

Sculpture in the Square is a locally juried show that brings a variety of contemporary sculptures into Fort Collins' Old Town Square on an annual basis.

Viewers can see the new artwork throughout the week, vote for their favorites, and then in October, the DDA will award a stipend of \$1,000 to the People's Choice winner.

Later that day, the annual Fort Collins Music eXperiment, fondly known as "FoCoMX" will kick off at over 30 Downtown venues.

The two-day music festival showcases 300+ Colorado bands and is produced by the Fort Collins Musicians Association. Details can be found at focomx.org.

Throughout Art Week, the community can explore the arts, music, and culture Downtown by participating in this engaging promotion. The promotion includes opportunities for people to find hidden tiny artwork from local artists, collect limited-edition commemorative postcards, take self-guided art tours, create their own art at a class or workshop, and attend live performances.

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You may remember a photo of Lake Erie in Red Feather Lakes on October 15, 2021. Joalie Alldredge was selected for that one. This time, she submitted an awesome Spring photo of a furry friend getting a sniff of a fresh spring flower. Congratulations on being selected again Joalie!

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offers a fresh Artistic Vision for Canyon Concert Ballet and dance in northern Colorado. Snow White will set a new level of excellence for the company, and Canyon Concert Ballet is excited to deliver this original full-length ballet featuring a new arrangement of Jean Sibelius' brilliant music.

"Snow White has always been a favorite story of mine. I remember watching the movie as a child, I could see the movement in the story. I am thrilled to bring this full-length ballet to Fort Collins audiences," said Michael Pappalardo, Artistic Director, Canyon Concert Ballet.

"A colorful production with a unique musical score, I am excited to be able to share its beauty with the Fort Collins community," said Michael Pappalardo, Artistic Director, Canyon Concert Ballet Don't miss The Fairest Ballet of All, Snow White, coming to the main stage of the Lincoln Center in Ft Collins, May 7-8.

Tickets are on sale now.

Lincoln Center Fort Collins:

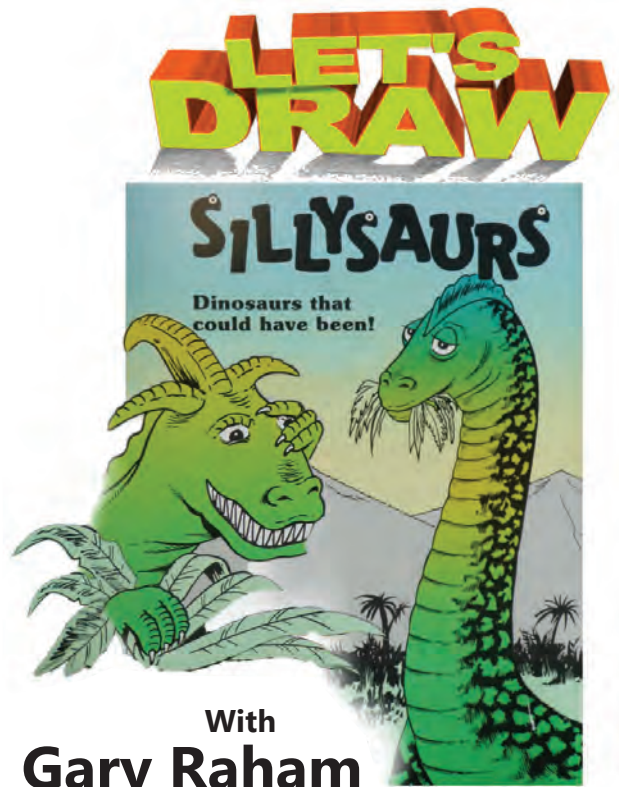
Saturday, May 7 at 2 pm
Saturday, May 7 at 7 pm
Saturday, May 7 at 7 pm (Livestream)
Sunday, May 8 at 2 pm

Purchase tickets at lctix.com/canyon-concert-ballet-snow-white-2022.

Who's the "fairest of them all?" Find out this spring when Canyon Concert Ballet brings to life the legendary fairy tale of Snow White. This debut production for new Artistic Director, Michael Pappalardo, will be complete with new sets, costumes, and his exquisite original choreography. Jealous of Snow White's beauty, the wicked queen orders the murder of her innocent stepdaughter, but later discovers that Snow White is still alive and hiding in a cottage with seven friendly little miners. Disguising herself as a hag, the queen brings a poisoned apple to Snow White, who falls into a death-like sleep that can be broken only by a kiss from the charming prince.

With expertise in pioneering classical and contemporary dance, Mr. Pappalardo

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Wednesday, April 27
Action Words: The Status and Future of Arts Education, Online, 4 pm
Blast N Bowl w/ Inspidus, Addict Sunshine & Helga Pataki, 100 Nickel, 8 pm
FREE: Co-Stanza - "Indie Night" at 830 North: Presented by KCSU FM, HearHere Concerts & Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm
Grateful Shred - Go East III Tour 2022 - Presented by Grateful Shred Industries, Relix & PHILM, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm
UNC Symphony Orchestra, UNC Campus Commons Performance Hall, 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 28
90s/00s Dance Party with TwoScoops & Jimeni, 2454 West, 8 pm
Cactus Cat w/ Muck Luck, 830 North, 8 pm
Dining Out for Life, Online, 5 pm
God Save the Queens, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am
High Lonesome with Ain't From Here @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Melanin MagiQ, Online, 5:30 pm -6:30 pm
The Rocky Horror Show by Richard O'Brien, UCA University Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm

Friday, April 29
40oz to Freedom w/ Sublime, 2454 West, 8 pm
Alice in Wonderland, The Lincoln Center, 7 pm -9 pm
Amorphic w/ Sqwerv, Dreamspace Database, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm
Comedy Underground with Host Luke Gaston, The Louisville Underground, 7 pm -10 pm
DEBR4H at Stella's Pinball & Arcade Lounge, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 9 pm -11:30 pm
Dirty Date Night: Adult Wheel-Throwing Class 4/29, Flingin Pots, 7 pm -9 pm
Gary Allan, Budweiser Events Center, 7:30 pm

Quinn Ayers with Cnote + Carti Ferrari + Alannah Cruz & more @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8:30 pm -11:30 pm
Red-Handed Otter, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm
Ronan Andrews "EP Release Show" with Ellsworth + Verena @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Rosalee Walsh: Something Old, New, Borrowed and Blue, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9:30 pm
Schema Things w/ Moonradish, 100 Nickel, 8 pm
Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm
The Rocky Horror Show by Richard O'Brien, UCA University Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm
Trevor Hall + Citizen Cope with Rising Appalachia, Red Rocks Amphitheater, 6 pm
Voctave, Union Colony Civic Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 30
22 & good 4 u: Taylor Swift & Olivia Rodrigo Night, The Coast, 6:30 pm -10 pm
Alice in Wonderland, The Lincoln Center, 7 pm -9 pm
All Ages/Abilities Wheel-Throwing Class 4/30, Flingin Pots, 10 am -12 pm
Bathing Lagoon + Jackson Harkness + Sincerely Ours @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Boulder Guitar Coach - Spring Concert 2022, Roots Music Project, 7 pm -9 pm
Cracka Paul with Special Guests at Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Deathride / Carnal Contempt / Velka Kurva / Till The End Metal Night, At Cheers, 7 pm -12 am
Honor Flight Poker Run, American Legion George Beach Post 4, 8 am
Independent Bookstore Day, Words of Windsor, 10 am

WEEKLY SNEAK PEEK



Alice in Wonderland, Debut Theatre Company, The Lincoln Center, **April 29 - May 13**
 What could be more perfect than a picnic with your sister? A book of poetry, a game of cards, and a talking rabbit. Talking rabbit? Curiouser and curiouser!

Live Music with Nick Critchlow at The Forge, The Forge Publick House, 8 pm -10 pm
Mystery Skulls w/ Special Guests, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm
Nothing But Nineties, The Louisville Underground, 8 pm -11 pm
Oskar Blues 5k | 2022 CO Brewery Running Series, Oskar Blues, 10 am -1 pm
Phasingfade: Spring with Michal Menert, The Lyric, 9 pm
Red-Handed Otter, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm
Run Toward Refuge CSU 5K, Colorado State University, 9 am -12 pm
Sparta Combat League - Army vs Marines 13, Budweiser Events Center, 6 pm
Splendid Blend w/ Orca, 100 Nickel, 8 pm
Steely Dead, 2454 West, 8 pm
Stella's Stand Up Underground Comedy Showcase, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 9 pm -11:30 pm
TEMPERS, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm
The HillBenders Present Who Grass, 830 North, 8 pm
The Rocky Horror Show by Richard O'Brien, UCA University Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm

Thursday, May 5
"Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program, 1942-1964", Greeley History Museum
Dizzy Wright w/ Thin Air Crew, Kent Washington III - Presented by Party Guru Productions, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm -12 am
Ego n Friends with Siah Rain'n + Yelloh Gonz + No Good Reason, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Manabi Latin Band (Tiny Ensemble) - Cinco De Mayo Celebration, 830 North, 8 pm

Friday, May 6
AG @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Alice in Wonderland, The Lincoln Center, 7 pm -9 pm
Black Fret Presents: Graham Good & The Painters, Banshee Tree, and Midnight, Roots Music Project, 7 pm -11:30 pm
BeakHeart / Matriarch / No Gossip In Braille, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm
"Chimere Incerte," by Johnny Plastini, Tointon Gallery, 5 pm -7 pm
Game Show Night with Rion Evans, The Louisville Underground, 8 pm -10 pm
Insomniac Drives w/ General Nuisance & Summer Bedhead, 100 Nickel, 8 pm
Lisa Loeb at The Gressiwick, The Gressiwick, 7 pm
Little Trips at The Coast Fort Collins, The Coast, 7 pm -10 pm
Pots & Pies: 1st Friday Date Night Experience, The Bread Chic, 7 pm -8 pm
Pots & Pies: 1st Friday Date Night Experience, The Bread Chic, 6 & 8 pm
Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm
Songbirds Girl Scout Choir, Global Village Museum of Arts and Culture, 5 pm -8 pm

Quad Rock 50/25mi, Lory State Park, 5:30 am -7:30 pm
Snow White: The Fairest Ballet of all, The Lincoln Center
Spliff Tank & The Nova Kicks "Live on the Lanes" at 830 North: Presented by KCSU and Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm
Spring on the Farm, Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum, 5 pm
Stella's Stand Up Underground Comedy Showcase, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 9 pm -12 am
Super Cool Kids Music Fest, The Lyric, 11 am -4 pm
Sweet Plot w/ The Pamlico Sound, Your Mom's House, 8:30 pm -2:30 am
The Elegant Plums w/ Pj Moon and The Swappers, 100 Nickel, 8 pm
The Jack Hadley Band at The Gressiwick, The Gressiwick, 7 pm
Trio Encuentros, Home of Carol Ann and Gary Hixon Harmony, 1 pm -4 pm

Sunday, May 8
An Evening with Nellie McKay, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9:30 pm
Cera Gibson w/ Guests TBA, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm
Snow White: The Fairest Ballet of all, The Lincoln Center, 5 pm
Story Maker with Daniel Jaspersen, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, May 10
Tour Realities For Children Homebase - May, Realities For Children, 5:30 pm -6 pm

Wednesday, May 11
Blast N Bowl w/ Cosmic Problems, Flahoola, and Nub "Live on the Lanes" @ 830 North: Presented by Mishawaka & Blast N Scrap, 830 North, 7 pm
Mr. Crowley: The Ozzy Osbourne Experience, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -12:30 am
School of Rock Broomfield End of Season Show, 100 Nickel, 5:30 pm
Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm
Sondre Lerche w/ mmeadows - Presented by 105.5 The Colorado Sound • Sponsored by WeldWerks Brewing, Aggie Theatre, 8:15 pm
The Builders and the Butchers w/ Guests TBA, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm

Thursday, May 12
Aaron Kamm and the One Drops + Cas Haley, Knuckleball, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm
Lane-O with Wayne Watts + Jellie + Justin Matthew + Cleo @The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 9:30 pm



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NORTHERN COLORADO

I-25 North Express Lanes Project Ahead of Schedule

JONSON KUHN | NorthFortyNews.com

It's no secret that communities along the north I-25 corridor are expanding rapidly, which contributes to major economic growth within northern Colorado. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has committed to supporting this growth through the I-25 North Express Lanes Project. The project is said to extend from Highway 56 in Mead to Mulberry Street in Fort Collins.

This project has been stated by CDOT to bring about economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits for northern Coloradans by:

Making safety improvements to reduce the number of crashes and fatalities.

Decreasing travel time and increasing trip reliability.

Reducing emissions and improving freight efficiency.

Employing congestion management and safety technology to improve the travel experience.

Rebuilding aging and obsolete infrastructure.

Improving bicycle, pedestrian, and transit connectivity.

Starting on April 25 through June 3, from 7 am, will begin the removal and replacement of the roadway approach slab at the north end of the SE Frontage Road bridge over the Big Thompson River, which is a full closure of SE Frontage Road between Lucy Lane and Larimer County Road 20, between Colorado Highway 402 and US Highway 34.

All accesses to local residences will be maintained and CDOT says I-25 will not be impacted during the full closure of the SE Frontage Road.

As everyone knows, interstate 25 (I-25) is a significant contributor to the quality of life and economic vitality of northern Colorado, especially during its time of rapid growth, from US 36 in the Denver metro area to CO 1 in Wellington.

According to the State Demography Office, Larimer County's population, which currently sits at 316,000, is expected to increase 52 percent by 2040. Weld County's population of 268,400 is on a similar



Prospect Bridge over I-25 last summer (Photo by Blaine Howerton)

trajectory with an expected increase of 111 percent by 2040.

CDOT is predicting that these increases in population will add to the number of vehicles traveling along the I-25 corridor by 60 percent in 2040. CDOT says in order to maintain the same, or better, quality of life and economic vitality for the future, improvements are greatly needed along I-25. The overall purpose of the North I-25 project is to provide modern and effective multi-modal transportation solutions for residents, employees, freight, and visitors between Denver and Wyoming.

"We know it's been a lot of work, but we are very excited to be able to bring this huge project on time and on budget with major construction done in 2023 which is 14 years ahead of the original plan," said Jared Fiel Communication Manager, Region 4.

For more information, please visit codot.gov/projects/north-i-25/north-i-25.

Horseman's Association Celebrates 50 Years

HUGH TEMPLETON | Larimer County Horseman's Association

Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA) celebrates its 50-year anniversary in 2022. The organization continues its mission: To promote the welfare, use, and enjoyment of horses through advocacy, community, and education. I recently heard two people talking about LCHA: "You know, that trail riding group." But there is so much more.

Added to the trail rides are the program meetings featuring speakers who inform horse owners on best

practices for horse well-being, great places to ride horses, and current issues.


Not only do we have events that build community, but also, we serve the community.

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COVER STORY

CSU and Partners Provide 39 Laramie Foothills Bison to 3 Native Nations

JEFF DODGE | Colorado State University

In their largest transfer of bison to date, on March 23 Colorado State University, the City of Fort Collins, and Larimer County shipped 39 bison from the Laramie Foothills Bison Conservation Herd to three Native American tribes in Oklahoma and Kansas.

The herd was established in 2015 using CSU's expertise in assisted reproductive technologies –including in vitro fertilization, artificial insemination, and embryo transfer – to produce bison that have the same heirloom genetics as those that have lived in and around Yellowstone National Park.

In addition to those reproduction techniques, a team led by Assistant Professor Jennifer Barfield of CSU's Department of Biomedical Sciences incorporated methods for treating sperm and embryos to get rid of the bacteria that cause brucellosis, an infectious disease that triggers miscarriages and premature births in bison, elk, and cattle.

That first herd of 10 genetically valuable and disease-free bison grew to about 120 last year, living on approximately 2,500 fenced acres of shortgrass prairie at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area and Red Mountain Open Space in Northern Colorado.

'RECONNECT WITH THEIR CULTURE'

Barfield, the scientific lead for the herd, said the landmark shipment of bison to Native peoples is immensely rewarding.

"It feels good when your herd can contribute to larger bison conservation and restoration of bison herds to the landscape," she said. "It's great to see them go back to the Native American communities that value them and are really using the rebuilding of the bison herds to heal and reconnect with their culture."

Matt McCollum, the herd coordinator, agreed.

"For me, it's been a long time coming, because this is what we've been working on for over a decade," he said. "It's the culmination of a whole lot of work. We hope it's just the beginning of a lot of potential to do some real good in the bison world."

Last fall Barfield and McCollum offered



Bison in the chute (Photo by Jeff Dodge)

the bison to the InterTribal Buffalo Council, which determined which tribal Nations would receive them. Eighteen bison were sent to the Osage Nation in Fairfax, Oklahoma; 11 to the Cherokee Nation in Colcord, Oklahoma; and 10 bison to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Mayetta, Kansas. Most of the bison are only a year or two old, and none are older than 6. Barfield said sending bison in larger groups helps them acclimate to their new homes, especially the young ones.

FAMILY GROUPS

"We really like sending larger groups together because it allows the bison to keep their family groups together," Barfield explained. "By sending 18 and 11 and 10 together, they go with familiar animals, which really helps them integrate into new herds."

Troy Heinert, who is Sicangu Lakota and serves as executive director of the InterTribal Buffalo Council, said Native blessings were performed when the bison left CSU and when they arrived at their destinations. The ITBC sets restrictions on how the bison can be used, he said, explaining that they cannot be slaughtered for commercial purposes for a certain

period of time, for example.

"We're trying to build herds," Heinert said. "The connection of Indigenous people to buffalo goes back well before this country was formed. It provides that spiritual and cultural connection not just to the buffalo but to our ancestors who survived because of the buffalo."

Regarding the importance of the CSU herd having Yellowstone genetics, Heinert said that "it's as close as you can get to the genetics that our ancestors relied on. You can see and feel it in the buffalo, that their connection to Native people is still there. We appreciate CSU and the partnership we've created because this means a lot to the Tribes and people who received these relatives."

IMPORTANCE TO NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Ty Smith, director of CSU's Native American Cultural Center, agreed that the collaboration has special meaning to Native people.

"It's been exciting to witness how this herd has grown and flourished," he said. "It is especially exciting knowing these bison will be welcomed by the Tribal Nations receiving them. It's difficult to fully express their importance to Native

American communities, culture and sovereignty, and the ecology of tribal lands. Thank you to Jennifer Barfield, Matt McCollum, staff, and the InterTribal Buffalo Council for collaborating."

Tiffani Kelly, assistant director of the NACC, echoed those sentiments.

"Our office has been so excited and honored to be part of the Laramie Foothills Bison Conservation Project for all these years, and being part of this collaboration with Tribal Nations has been especially meaningful," she said. "I am especially proud of how this project puts into practice meaningful collaborations and partnerships that support Tribal sovereignty, food sovereignty movements in Indigenous communities, and Tribal economic development."

PREPARATIONS FOR THE TRIP

The 39 bison chosen for distribution were moved to CSU's Foothills Campus from Soapstone Prairie and Red Mountain Open Space over winter break so they could be tagged, tested for disease, and provided with any necessary vaccinations. There are still about 30 bison living at the Foothills Campus, where CSU's Animal Reproduction and Biotechnology Laboratory is located.

There have been other shipments of bison over the years, including four in June 2021 to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in Adams County and 10 in December 2020 to the Southern Plains Land Trust to establish a new conservation herd at the Heartland Ranch Nature Preserve in southeast Colorado. Six bison from the herd have been sent to American Prairie in Montana, and two were sent to the Pueblo of Pojoaque tribe in northern New Mexico, which manages bison in the Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge.

The Laramie Foothills Bison Conservation Herd is supported by private fundraising, which has become even more important with recent increases in the cost of feed.

"We give these animals away for free," Barfield said. "We do not sell them, and donations enable us to do that."

To donate, visit the herd's giving page at advancing.colostate.edu/bison.

Northern Colorado Remembers Ronald Hicks of Wellington

NORTH FORTY NEWS | NorthFortyNews.com



Ronald Eugene Hicks (1947 - 2022)

Ronald Eugene Hicks, age 74, of Wellington, Colorado, died on March 25, 2022.

Ron was born in 1947 to parents Rhuel and Mary Hicks in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, where he grew up. His three children were born in Oklahoma and shortly after the birth of his youngest, the family relocated to Wellington, then Fort Collins, Colorado.

A jack-of-all trades, Ron worked as a welder, a logger, and a maintenance supervisor. He spent many years logging for Morgan Timber Products and most recently worked for Larimer & Weld Irrigation. He was also an outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-

wheeling, and playing in the mountains.

He passed his love for cars on to his children. They went off-roading together and often spent time at the drag strip. More than anything, Ron loved spending time with his grandchildren.

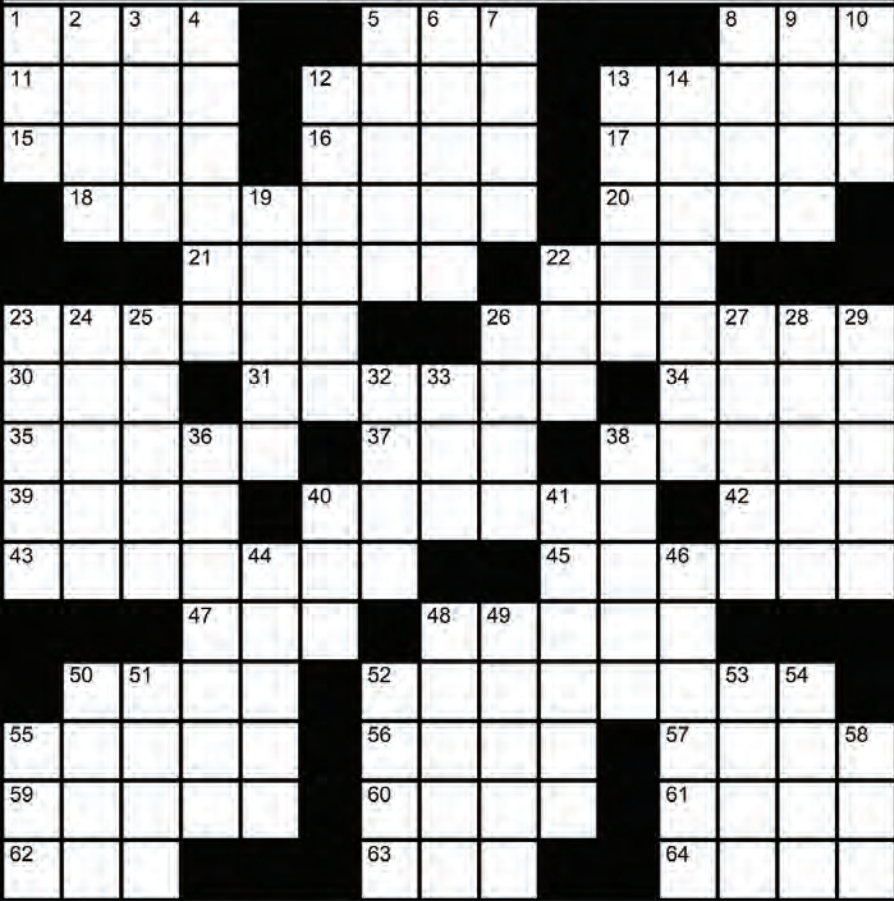
Ron is survived by his children, Jamie (Bryon) Mackey; Jody (Joe) Reed; and Ronnie (Alison) Hicks; grandchildren, Austin, Laney, Cole, Hailey, Ashtyn, Bre, and Braden Rhuel; brother Lonnie (Sharon) Hicks; and his dog Harley.

A Celebration of Life will take place at 2 pm, Friday, April 15, at Windsong Estate in Severance.

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MOTHER'S DAY

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18. Manner of controlling yourself
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23. Like a longer route?
26. German white wine
30. *Mom's little one
31. Bear the expenses of
34. Knock about
35. Dodge
37. "_____ the fields we go"
38. Binary digits code
39. Bear den
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42. Modern address
43. Analyst in a chemical lab
45. Smooth, as in surface of the lake
47. Gangster's pistol
48. Eyelid infections
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52. *"Arrangement in Grey and Black, No. 1" portrays this artist's mother
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60. Heston's foes in 1968 sci-fi movie
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DOWN

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4. Kaa of "The Jungle Book"
5. French composer Erik Alfred Leslie
6. He made his fortune in fur trading
7. *Jord is mom to this hammer-wielding mythic thunder god
8. Chesterfield or ulster
9. Feline-inspired shoe brand
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12. Not quite a nun
13. Spy's cover
14. *Popular Mother's Day gift
19. Cast somebody there
22. Almond-induced state?
23. Type of monument
24. Pepsi and Coke
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26. Actor Wahlberg
27. Loci, sing.
28. #39 Across, pl.
29. *Lorelai Gilmore's mother
32. *How many children does Queen Elizabeth have?
33. Hi-_____
36. *Daenerys Targaryen's "babies"
38. End of a shoelace
40. *"How I _____ Your Mother"
41. Knights' breastplates
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46. In the Land of Nod
48. Guillermo del Toro's "The _____ of Water"
49. *Amy Chua's "Battle Hymn of the _____ Mother"
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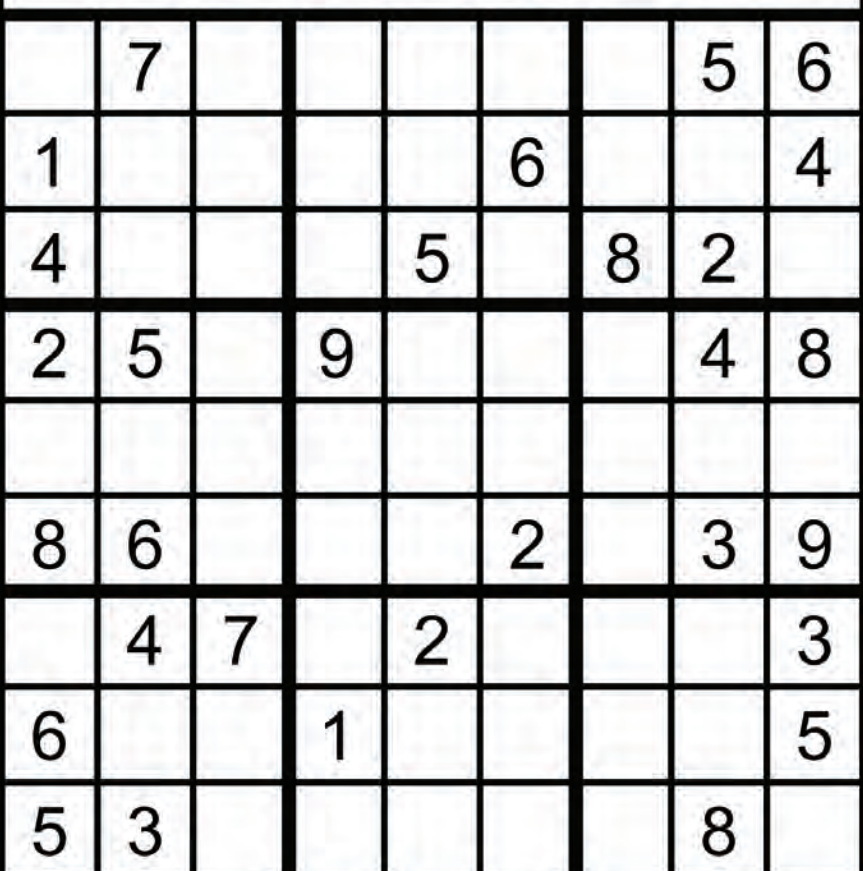
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