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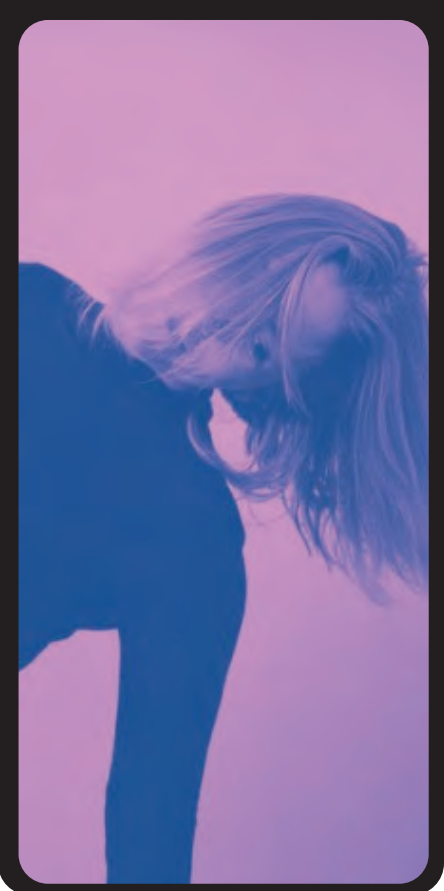
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Spring Forward!

Every year I look forward to Daylight Saving Time (DST). I know most people don't like losing an hour of sleep, but for me, having more daylight during my waking hours means it's about to warm up!

It begs the question, however, why? I remember hearing about recent legislation in Colorado to end DST. Surprisingly, less than half of the US uses DST (only 19 states)!

According to TimeAndDate.com, DST started first in Canada in 1908. Germany popularized it in 1916, then within a few weeks, the United Kingdom and many other countries followed. DST is used in countries worldwide; the time adjustment affects over a billion people.

It's tough to find a clear answer about why DST is so popular. Many people say it helps conserve energy because households need fewer hours of energy lights on at night. Others say it helps farmers, giving them an extra hour of daylight to work the fields.

I guess it all comes down to this -- since 1918, Colorado has practiced DST, and it's just a part of our lives.

Spring Forward!

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Hello Spring! It is March, at Last!

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The Sunset over Mojave desert camp spot in California, February 2022, with the author's Scamp and loyal travel companion Maverick. (Photo by Annie Lindgren)

March has always been my favorite month. The reasons behind that have changed over the years, but the significance remains the same. It is the time of year when life feels exciting again.

It starts with daylight savings, which is March 13 this year. While the evenings have been staying lighter later slowly since the winter solstice, during daylight savings we get a whole extra hour of sunlight in the evenings. Excited to resume evening walks.

There were many years of my life where Spring Break and Saint Patrick's Day were a big deal. A whole week's break from school was a good time for adventuring. And, any excuse to spend all day drinking and listening to Irish music while wearing green was a good time waiting to happen.

Spring, at last, March 20, is a day to celebrate. Made it through another winter, and while Colorado's winter doesn't really end until closer to June, there is at least hope for warmer weather and the landscape turning colorful again.

There are other fun things about March, like my birthday. And, it's Women's History Month. These are annual opportunities to reflect on where life is at, how far things have come, and cheers to another year of growth and opportunity.

Admittedly, this year I folded. February 11 I took off with my dog, truck, and camper to finish out winter in desert country, exploring parts of Nevada, California, and Arizona that I had yet to visit. Was over the cold dark months of Colorado and in dire need of a change of scenery. I enjoyed a month's worth of nights with nature, explored desert trails, and worked remotely. I returned from the trip on March 13, just in time for warmer weather and daylight savings springing ahead. Next year I may just spend all winter in the desert.

Back in Northern Colorado, this adventure junky is looking forward to the year ahead as the warmer months creep back in. Lots of mountains to climb, starry nights to sleep out under, and adventures planned. Cheers to Spring!



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The Alchemy Behind Black Gold: The Process of Composting

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Compost (Photo by Gardens on Spring Creek)

I routinely find myself peeved by the rampant misinformation surrounding composting. While most everyone is clear on the basics of the process, understanding seems to stop there. This article pair will focus on home composting (add-as-you-go composting), rather than batch composting, which differs somewhat in process and product.

The product of the gradual breakdown of food scraps (thanks to a complex community of invertebrates, fungi, bacteria, and more), compost has long been hailed as the “black gold” of the garden. Compost does indeed provide significant benefits to garden soils – it can provide a broad spectrum of essential plant nutrients, improve soil structure and composition, increase drought resistance in soils and provide a food source for beneficial soil life.

Realistically, however, composting will not eliminate the need for fertility inputs. Nitrogen, the element most commonly lacking in food crop systems, is largely lost to air and water during the composting process. For this reason, many gardens using compost must still supplement with a nitrogen supplement, like blood or alfalfa meals. A soil test, available through your local land-grant university (usually under \$40) will provide detailed results and recommendations to optimize your soil’s nutritional and textural profiles and can also help minimize water-polluting nutrient runoff from excess fertility applications.



Due to water loss and the breakdown of complex, fibrous plant tissues, compost ends up being about a third less volume than its ingredient mix, effectively concentrating any compounds that remain at composting completion. For this reason, one must be cautious to only compost with low-salt inputs. Salts, found in high concentrations in some manures, can be difficult to remove from our clay-type soils and will stunt the productivity of many crops in the long term. The case against manure in compost grows stronger when one considers that some herbicides used on hay crops (aminopyralid, for example) can survive digestion in the guts of livestock as well as the composting process. These herbicides remain active for a few years after such compost is added to a garden. So, long story short: stick to mostly plant-based inputs from known sources to minimize the chances of your garden’s “black gold” becoming its own Black Death.

If I haven’t yet scared you away from compost and you are determined to divert the nearly 30 percent of the food that the average American throws away to something more helpful than methane production, now is a great time to consider where you might want to site your compost pile. A three-foot-by-three-foot site provides the ideal critical mass for compost piles if at least one side will allow for easy access. Such a pile should not be located near surface water or downspouts, as nutrients in compost – both unfinished and finished – can run off and pollute waterways. Also, avoid particularly hot locations. Your compost, after all, will be alive! So, use the next few days to consider locations for your pile. Next week, we will take a dive into the process of making and using compost.

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Town of Wellington To Open New Municipal Services Building

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Patti Garcia, Kelly Houghteling, Jon Gaiter, Troy Hammon, Tim Whitehouse, Rebekka Kinney, Ashley Macdonald, and Hallie Sheldon attend the Ribbon Cutting for the new Municipal Services building, held on March 4 (Photo provided by Town of Wellington)

The Town of Wellington will open a Municipal Services Building located at 8225 Third Street on Monday, March 14, 2022. This will create a one-stop-shop for residents and businesses to access Town services. Previously, services were housed in five separate buildings. The completion of this expansion project will increase resident and business access to local government services and improve organizational efficiency. The following services will be accessible at the new building: utility billing, special event permits, building permits, recreation registration, Planning and Building Department, Municipal Court Clerk, Town Administration, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement, business licensing, and more.

This project will mark the first administrative building completed by the Town since the Leeper Center was constructed in the 1970s. While a lot has changed since the Leeper Center project, the goal remains the same, to provide excellent service to the Wellington community. This project marks an important step in the legacy of Wellington. We now have the necessary tools to rise to the challenge of meeting the needs of our community that values small town charm with over 11,000 people calling Wellington home.

The need to improve residential access to town services has been clearly identified as a

priority; however, the goal of a full Town Hall and the associated cost could not be realized with other critical infrastructure needs. The expansion of the Harrison Ave building was a creative solution to meet the needs of our community that grew rapidly between 2010-2020. The Town is now able to delay the need for a future town hall which is in alignment with the Board of Trustees' direction to focus available funding and staff capacity on water and sewer infrastructure needs. It is important to note funding the expansion of the building on Harrison Ave. does not impact the plan to expand the water and wastewater treatment plants, nor will Enterprise Funds pay for the Municipal Services Building. The plan for the other Town-owned buildings has not been finalized at this time. Updates will be provided at public meetings to the Board of Trustees once available.

The town staff will start operations at the Municipal Services Building beginning March 14, 2022.

Thank you to the community, Board of Trustees, Wellington Main Streets Program, Wellington Area Chamber, and Town staff for celebrating the completion of this project at the ribbon-cutting event on March 4, 2022.

Rebekka Kinney Receives Qualfon's CEO Highest Honor

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Wellington's Rebekka Kinney Received Qualfon's CEO Highest Honor, the "Shining Star Award."

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Mike Marrow Qualfon CEO stated "This individual truly exhibits living our mission. We

look for people living the mission and exhibit the values and who do it all the time."

Colorado resident and Qualfon veteran of 6 years Rebekka Kinney was awarded this prestigious award in January 2022.

Rebekka manages business intelligence operations across the entire organization.

Her recognition encompassed her ability to effectively manage a global team with personal care and compassion while responding to significant challenges including COVID response, typhoon Odette recovery, and health emergencies and loss events within her staff.

Being able to make such an impact from the other side of the globe is amazing.

Qualfon currently operates business in 7 countries with nearly 15,000 employees, when you are recognized in this way, by the company CEO and in front of hundreds of people it's a big deal.

Nominations and vetting are completed by Qualfon's CEO. Qualfon congratulates Rebekka and feels truly blessed by the difference she makes.



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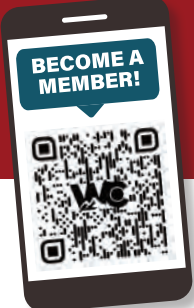
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Blue Federal Credit Union Employees Step Up to Do Good

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Blue Federal Credit Union employees have stepped up in the face of the Marshall Fire disaster and raised over \$1,500, on their own accord, for relief efforts. At Blue World Headquarters in Cheyenne Wyoming, the Head Quarter Association (HQA) is an employee group that is all about doing fun things for our employees here at the HQ building. This year, HQA brought back Candy Grams, a fun way to say “thanks for being my co-worker/employee” by giving a little note and their favorite candies.

“Here at Blue, we love to find ways to give back to our communities. The HQA took this opportunity of selling Candy Grams to do just that,” says HQA member and Accounts Payable Coordinator, Michelle Barton. “So many of our Blue communities were affected by this fire that we wanted to contribute to the Blue Fire Relief fund. Blue Federal Credit Union Foundation has offered to match any donation given. We raised \$909 dollars from our sales, which turns into \$1,818 that will be given to the Marshall Fire Relief Fund.”

Outside of HQA’s involvement,

another Blue employee took it upon herself to assist in relief efforts. Halle Schaneman, Blue’s Culture and Organizational Development Trainer felt personally called to the cause. “I grew up in CO and was heartbroken to see the devastation caused by the fire. I had set an intention for 2022 of living generously. In that spirit, I felt called to make a commitment to donate half of my health & wellness coaching income for January toward the Marshall Fire Relief Effort. Knowing that the Blue Foundation would match my donation and create DOUBLE the impact made this a no-brainer.

I ended up taking on more clients than any month previously and was blessed to be able to contribute \$745 toward this meaningful cause - which equals \$1,490 overall with Blue’s help. Thank you Blue FCU for all that you do to support our communities! And thanks to all my clients who not only took care of themselves in January but have helped countless others in doing so!”

Learn more about all of Blue’s responses and how you can still give: bluefcu.com/marshallfire.

Wellington Fire Protection District Receives Grant Funding

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(Photo Courtesy of Wellington Fire Protection District)

The Wellington Fire Protection District received a grant award of \$20,400 from the Larimer County Immediate Needs Grant. These funds will be used to offset payroll expenses associated with essential worker employees that are instructed to not report to work due to COVID and COVID-like illness or have tested positive for COVID. The funds positively impact the ability to provide essential services to the community.

The funds are needed to continue to protect frontline personnel and cover backfill for those who have tested positive, and to prevent the spread of COVID and COVID-like illness within the organization and the community. First responders are exposed daily to COVID-related illness which inevitably creates significant staffing

challenges for providing emergency response when exposure results in infection. With limited staffing, providing backfill for first responders has created significant financial hardship to our overtime and worker's compensation expenditures.

“Special Districts were overlooked for direct ARA funding. We owe a big thank you to the Larimer County Commissioners and Josh Fudge for providing an opportunity for Special Districts to apply as a grant sub-recipient from the County’s ARA. This funding will help keep our budget for critical response from being impacted by unanticipated expenses from COVID,” shares Ashley Macdonald, Deputy District Manager for the Wellington Fire Department.



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Rotary Club of Fort Collins Seeking 2021 Grant Applications

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The Rotary Club of Fort Collins (RCFC) plans to award financial grants to deserving 501(c)(3) non-profit service organizations located in the Fort Collins area. Grants will be awarded in specific categories quarterly. For the second quarter of 2022, the category will be Youth Programs.

The application due date is May 20, and grant awards will be made starting June.

Complete details of the grant program, eligibility criteria, application requirements, grant categories, submission instructions, and submission dates for each category may be found at otarycluboffortcollins.org/Page/community-grants. The Community Grants Committee will favor innovative projects that address local needs and contain an active volunteer service opportunity for RCFC members. Please provide detailed information about any volunteer activities related to your grant application project so that we may consider the recruitment of Rotary Club of Fort Collins members as volunteers.

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Completed applications for Youth Program Grants must be submitted in electronic pdf format by email to: grants@rotarycluboffortcollins.org by 5 pm, on Friday, May 20. Grant recipients in the Health and Wellness Programs category will be notified in early June and checks will be distributed during a meeting of the Rotary Club of Fort Collins during June.

Fort Collins Chamber Announces Talent 2022 Summit

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The Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce recently announced the 2022 Virtual Talent Summit on April 6 from 8:30 to 10:00 am.

This year's theme: Re-Thinking the Way We Work, will offer the business community the

opportunity to learn about current trends and actionable activities to attain, retain, and develop their workforce. The last two years have changed the world of work, and businesses need support for how to adapt for success in this new environment.

The Chamber also announced in addition to the 2022 Virtual Talent Summit, the launch of Talent Series, to compliment the Summit.

This ongoing series will provide more in-depth presentations, hands-on learning, and opportunities to expand knowledge around workforce issues. The Chamber continues to make sponsorship fulfillment a top priority in 2022.

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Kendall Minor Hired as Next Fort Collins Utilities Executive Director

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Kendall Minor

Fort Collins Utilities recently announced Kendall Minor as its next executive director. The Utilities executive director provides strategic leadership over the City of Fort Collins' utility portfolio, including essential electric, water, wastewater, and stormwater services. The position is part of the City's executive leadership team and reports to the city manager.

Minor most recently served as the vice president of construction for Cherry Street Renewables in Atlanta, GA. Prior to that, he spent over a decade as the utility portfolio leader for Southern Company, where he began his career in 2007. Minor has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. During his career, he worked on every facet of utilities required to lead power generation, transmission,

and distribution, water/stormwater, fiber, as well as renewables. Minor is joining Fort Collins at a time when the country is shifting its focus and public investments into a zero net carbon goal by 2030.

"I was impressed and instantly attracted to the City of Fort Collins' commitment to reaching a zero net carbon goal in eight years. The correlation between the science, engineering, and organizational culture initiatives I led at Southern Company, Georgia Power, and Cherry Street Energy correlate with the City's goals. The City of Fort Collins offers the opportunity to serve its citizens with best-in-class utilities."

Minor is excited to be back in the West, as he played basketball in college for Washington State and traveled extensively through the region.

Theresa Connor served as the interim executive director since May 2020. Connor will continue in a leadership role for the water, stormwater, and wastewater utilities.

To learn more about Utilities leadership, visit fcgov.com/utilities/who-we-are.

HEALTH

State Government Leaders Form a New State Behavioral Health Administration

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Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera and the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) recently held a press conference alongside other partners to announce the introduction of HB22-1278. The bill assigns specific duties to the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), ensuring Coloradans can access behavioral health care regardless of where they live in the state or their ability to pay. The BHA will establish a people-first system that is accountable, equitable, and transparent.

The bill creates the Behavioral Health Administration as a state entity led by a commissioner who is a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Governor Jared Polis appointed Dr. Morgan Medlock as Commissioner in January. Per the bill, the Behavioral Health Administration will have an Advisory Council of diverse members, primarily Coloradans with lived experience, to advise on the behavioral health system.

"For Colorado to thrive, it must have a robust, well-functioning, and person-centric behavioral health system," said Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera. "Since 2019, our administration has worked to transform behavioral health in Colorado - the implementation of the Behavioral Health Administration as well as bills like HB22-1278 are important steps forward in ensuring that every Coloradan has access to the care and services they need, when and where they need them."

By July 1, 2024, the bill requires the BHA to establish:

- Universal standards for accessibility and quality of care
- A behavioral health performance monitoring system

- A comprehensive behavioral health safety net system
- Regionally based behavioral health administrative service organizations to ensure every region in Colorado has accessible and high-quality services; and
- A statewide behavioral health grievance system.

"The Behavioral Health Administration will be instrumental as we seek to build a behavioral health system that is equitable, transparent, and most of all, people-first," said Dr. Morgan Medlock, Behavioral Health Commissioner. "We are building on the foundations we laid during the Behavioral Health Task Force of 2019 and fulfilling our promises to the people of Colorado."

Sponsors of the bill, Representatives Mary Young and Rod Pelton, Senators Cleave Simpson and Pete Lee, and members of the Behavioral Health Task Force Executive Committee, Executive Director Michelle Barnes of the Colorado Department of Human Services, Executive Director Kim Bimestefer of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Commissioner Michael Conway of the Division of Insurance and Deputy Manager Barbara Drake of Douglas County, were also in attendance.

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) is tasked with establishing a new Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) by July 2022 and housing it through November 2024 at which time CDHS will recommend to the General Assembly if it should remain within CDHS or move to another state agency.

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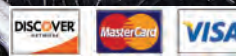
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Criminal Justice Services Changes Name to Larimer County Community Justice Alternatives

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The Board of Larimer County Commissioners at their regular Administrative Matters meeting voted 3-0 this week to approve a resolution that renames Larimer County Criminal Justice Services as Larimer County Community Justice Alternatives [CJA].

The new name, effective March 1, clarifies the continuum of community services provided by Larimer County Community Corrections and Larimer County Alternative Sentencing, which support alternatives to incarceration programs operated by Larimer County.

Under the old name, many in the community contact Criminal Justice Services attempting to reach the jail, the district attorney, probation, parole, or law enforcement

on matters that don't fall under the Community Justice Alternatives umbrella. It's hoped the new name will highlight the work of CJA and the services they provide their clients to help them transition in becoming productive members of our community. CJA is recognized in Colorado for its approach to changing the lives of clients with many milestones. Over 47 years ago, Community Corrections began; one year later pre-trial services started, 44 years ago the work ender program was created, and six years later the work release program was established.

Over the last 30 years, the men's and women's treatment programs, electronic home monitoring, daily

reporting center, wellness program, and transportation unit have been added to the continuum of programs available at CJA.

Construction of a new, 170 bed, all-female facility is also underway, designed to focus on women in the criminal justice system to give them the skills they need using trauma-informed care and a gender-responsive approach so they can transition back into our community and be safe, valued members of our community.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new 170-bed all-female facility and celebration of the new Community Justice Alternatives name will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm, April 6 at 2307 Midpoint Drive, Fort Collins.

Area Resident Receives Nationally Recognized Humanitarian Award

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Bill Wilson, a Larimer County Department of Natural Resources staff member and community volunteer, is the recipient of the 2022 C.A.S.T. for Kids B.A.S.S. Humanitarian Award.

The C.A.S.T. for Kids B.A.S.S. Humanitarian Award recognizes one B.A.S.S. member from nominations across the United States who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving fragile groups, such as children with special needs, veterans, abuse survivors,

or any people who need extra help and support.

Since 1997, Wilson has led the C.A.S.T. for Kids fishing event at Horsetooth Reservoir, providing children with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreation experience through the sport of fishing. The event is co-hosted by Larimer County, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and Colorado Bass Nation. He has served as the C.A.S.T. for Kids event coordinator voluntarily for over two

decades, devoting over 3,000 hours of his personal time. His exemplary community service has made a positive impact on thousands of local families in Larimer County.

"Someone once said, 'Fishing with a child takes the patience of a saint, but the rewards are heavenly!' All my events mean so much to me, and I receive so many contagious smiles each year...that's what keeps me coming back and wanting these events to continue forever," Bill

said.

In addition to the C.A.S.T. for Kids fishing event, Bill shows a deep commitment to serving others by organizing the Veteran's Day Breakfast (27 years), the Full Moon Open Bass Tournament (23 years), and through conservation efforts as Conservation Director of the Centennial Bass Club of Northern Colorado (26 years). Bill received the 2021 Ranger Brendan Unitt Community Service Award.



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LOVELAND

Successful Grand Opening at Chuze Fitness Loveland

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Loveland Chuze Fitness (Photo by Chuze Fitness)

Formerly Hobby Lobby, Chuze Fitness' brand-new 40,000 square foot facility offers dynamic, state-of-the-art equipment and amenities to the Loveland community and beyond.

The new location features luxury offerings including, a cardio cinema room, infrared sauna, HydroMassage, pool/hot tub, Chuze Blends smoothie bar, a turf training area and so much more. Following the momentum of Chuze

Fitness Loveland's recent opening, the newest Chuze location invited the public (members & non-members) to the Grand Opening Party which featured 'Food, Fitness & Live Music' and took place on Wednesday, March 2.

The event was free and was jam-packed with raffles, free food, a live DJ, and more. In addition, the first 100 attendees received a free limited-edition Colorado Chuze beanie.



Loveland Chuze Fitness wall art (Photo by Chuze Fitness)

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Applications Now Available For the 2022 Loveland Patio Program

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Applications are now available for the 2022 Loveland Patio Program. For the third straight year, the program allows eligible businesses to temporarily expand service to sidewalks and parking spaces to offer outdoor dining and shopping. Applications are due at 5 pm, April 15.

The program runs from May 27 through October 2. Businesses are encouraged to develop plans that use the public sidewalk space adjacent to their front door, public or private parking spaces adjacent to their business entrance, or frontage of neighboring businesses with their permission.

Temporary and revocable expanded patio permits are based on restrictions listed in the Patio Program Overview found on the City Clerk's webpage.

"What began in 2020 as a COVID-19 measure to support local Loveland businesses during the pandemic has grown into a seasonal opportunity that residents,

visitors, and businesses enjoy," said Scott Schorling, economic development manager for the City of Loveland. "With resident, business and City and Downtown Development Authority input in mind following our 2021 survey process, we have come up with new criteria for the program to help businesses prepare a welcoming and attractive experience for the public while maintaining a safer and more pleasant shopping and dining experience for customers."

Questions may be directed to the Office of the City Clerk at clerk@cityofloveland.org or by phone 970-962-2324.

A list of participating businesses will be available to the public on the page once the program begins in May.

Interested businesses can find more information, associated fees, and related forms on the City's Patio Program section of the City Clerk's website at lovgov.org.

McKee Wellness Foundation Names New Executive Director

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Kara Pappas

Dr. Kara Pappas has been named as McKee Wellness Foundation's new executive director, filling the role previously held by Allis Gilbert. Kara has served as the Foundation's development and engagement director since October 2021 and brings a seasoned background as a nonprofit leader, instructor, and consultant to this role.

Serving missions from animal welfare to health and human services, varying from local to national in scope, Kara's work has focused primarily on the areas of fund and donor development, marketing, and public relations. Prior to joining the Foundation, Kara served as Larimer Humane Society's director of development and community relations and as the organization's interim CEO.

Kara holds a bachelor's degree in Journalism from Colorado State University, a Master's of Nonprofit Management

from Regis University, and a Doctor of Management in Nonprofit Leadership from Colorado Technical University. She is also an instructor of graduate studies on nonprofit management at Colorado State University. Kara has been recognized among Northern Colorado's 40 Under Forty and appeared in BizWest's Notable Women in Nonprofits.

"Kara's extensive background as a nonprofit leader, in combination with her experience here at McKee Wellness Foundation gives us confidence that she is the right person to usher in a new era for the Foundation," said Dr. Jason Hatch, Board president for the Foundation.

"I am honored to work in partnership with you - our supporters - to build on the Foundation's hallmark initiatives while also expanding community wellness in new ways," said Kara. "Linking arms with such a talented and passionate team of staff and working on behalf of my home community make this opportunity especially meaningful," she said.

"I am proud of the comprehensive process that our Search Committee and Executive Committee conducted in the selection of our new executive director," stated Dr. Hatch. "The Foundation's Board of Directors and staff also thank Laura Whitney for her work as acting executive director during this transition," he continued.

Vouchers for Veterans Offered at ARC Thrift Stores

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(Photo by Karolina Grabowska from Pexels)

Qualified Listeners, a Colorado-based Veteran & Family Resource Hub, has partnered with ARC Thrift Stores to provide vouchers for Veterans to any ARC Thrift Store in Colorado.

The vouchers allow Veterans to

purchase clothing for job interviews, work, weddings, etc. This program is especially appropriate for recently discharged veterans transitioning back into civilian life on a tight budget. If clothing isn't needed the voucher can be used for other items in the store.

The process is simple, just email your DD-214 to Resource@qualifiedlisteners.org and include your name, phone number, and mailing address. They'll mail you a voucher.

This program is another service to all Veterans from Qualified Listeners.

For more information call 720-600-0860 or visit QualifiedListeners.org.

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Carolyn Hunter

Hardest Part
CAROLYN HUNTER



Carolyn Hunter Walks Listeners Through the Full Scope of Romance In "Hardest Part"

NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com

Colorado folk-pop singer-songwriter Carolyn Hunter has announced her newest upcoming single "Hardest Part." It's a lush synth-pop track with whispers of folk that reminisces on the period of time in between the first kiss and the ending of a relationship. "Hardest Part" is the artist's crisp follow-up to her December 2021 synth-pop album, *Lovelight*, and is her first release of 2022.

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"Hardest Part" is the artist's crisp follow-up to her December 2021 album, *Lovelight*, which came together with the same dynamic team of collaborators. Julian Peterson (Producer, Wolf Den Records) and Micah Tawlks (drummer, mixer, additional production, Peptalk Studio) shine on this funky, synth-pop arrangement and Brian Kesley (Bass, Maggie Rogers) completes the 4-piece with a steady, hypnotic bass line.

At its core, this track examines the less romanticized part of the journey people go through in a relationship; the part that isn't defined by butterflies or a happy

ever after, but everything in between. The sometimes, mundane familiarity experienced in long-term relationships can ultimately be the thing that causes folks to go their separate ways.

With Hunter later choosing to stay in her marriage, choosing the "Hardest Part" of romance, she says, "I'm so grateful and happy that I did. I have a new perspective on the time that my husband and I share together. I respect our history. I feel lucky to have a partner who was brave enough to let me figure out some of my deepest questions on my own. I'm also lucky to have someone who I love doing all the nothingness with."

"Hardest Part" hooks listeners at the head of the track with blossoming synths and fluttering delay-kissed electric guitar. The pristine, intimate soundscapes that gleam with a captivating sparkle

on "Hardest Part" come to life with the rich layers of emotion Hunter managed to capture through her songwriting and performance.

The artist delivers a unique synth-pop sound with pockets of inspiration from icons like Maggie Rogers and HAIM.

"I couldn't be happier with how these songs turned out, but the expression took its toll on me. I've been working with an amazing coach, Amy Harris. I'm learning how to separate fantasy from reality. I'm starting to finally land where I am in this world and be able to take in what is REAL. That doesn't mean I don't imagine and fantasize, as I do in these songs, but I am better able to not get lost in it. I like being in my life, really being in it. Spending time in nature helps."

Listeners can stream "Hardest Part"

on all major streaming platforms starting March 11.

Carolyn has shared stages around the world with the likes of Lang Lang, Karla Bonoff, The Lil Smokies, The Good Lovelies, and many more. After graduating from UCLA's School of Theater Film and Televisions, Carolyn taught herself guitar and began to pursue life as a folk singer.

On a small surf island in the southeast, Carolyn founded folk-rock band "The Fam Band," known for their Joni Mitchell-meets-Allman Brothers grooves. After moving back West to Colorado, she co-founded indie-folk band 'The Heartstring Hunters' known for its crowd-pleasing-three-part harmonies and female review, and was nominated by Denver Westword for "Best Folk Band."

Finding solace in Colorado, Carolyn joined the Daniel Rodriguez Band (Elephant Revival) as a vocalist, performing across the country, over public radio, and on his latest record "Sojourn of a Burning Sun." In the Front Range and beyond, Carolyn is often sought after as a collaborator, known for her fairy-like melodies, Joni Mitchell subtleties, and Tracy Chapman-esque tones.



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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN NORTHERN COLORADO FOR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY?

NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com

Here is what is happening around Northern Colorado for 2022's Saint Patrick's Day.

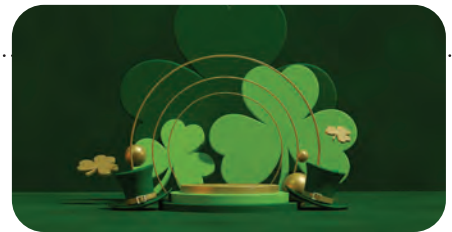
March 17 from 6:30 PM to 8 PM is St. Patrick's Day Green Beer Bingo at G5 Brewpub, 1018 Mahogany Way Severance, CO.

March 17 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM there is Live Music with Nick Critchlow at Green Earth Brewing CO, 725 10th St, Greeley, CO. There will be festivities starting at noon this day including food and beer specials.

March 17 from 6:45 PM to 8:00 PM is A Magical Saint Patrick's Day at The Vineyard at Blue Mountain Vineyards, 4480 Hoot Owl Dr. in Berthoud, CO.

March 17 at 8 PM the Swashbuckling Doctors with Fists of the Proletariat St. Paddy's Day Celebration is happening at 830 N. College Ave in Fort Collins.

March 18 from 7 PM to 10:45 PM is St. Patrick's Day #2 with The Stubby Shilelaghs at the Moxi



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Theater in Greeley, CO.

March 18 from 5 PM to 7 PM is the Lucky Sip and Shop Event at the Windsor Gardener, 6461 Hwy 392 in Windsor. There will be shopping and beverages in this 21yrs and older event.

March 19 from 4 PM to Midnight is the 5th Annual Lucky's St. Patrick's Day Crawl in Fort Collins, at 23 Old Town Square.

For all these events, please check with the venue before going to confirm the times and see a full list of activities planned.

And, don't forget to wear green!

MARCH IS OYSTER MONTH AT JAX FISH HOUSE

NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com

Jax Fish House will be celebrating in a big way this year with contests, giveaways, and specials through March.

In case you're not familiar, Oyster Month is a long-running tradition at Jax.

The first official Oyster Month celebration kicked off in 1998 at the Boulder location, to encourage Coloradoans to pay homage to the infamous mollusks and celebrate the fact that they can eat the freshest oysters around even in a landlocked state. Since then, Oyster Month has rolled out at all the Jax locations in Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, and Kansas City.

In addition to offering oyster food and drink specials all month long, the 2022 Oyster Month festivities at all Jax locations will include:

Sparkling Oyster Shindigs

Bubbles and oysters, oh my! Every Sunday in March from 2:30 to 3:30 pm Jax will host a special one-hour shindig where guests will enjoy free-flowing bubbles and three oyster stations for everyone's palate--raw, fried, and cooked.

Partygoers can sip and slurp as much as their hearts desire as they listen to beats from a live DJ. Tickets are \$55 per person and can be purchased through the links below.

Dozen Dozens

Want a free dozen oysters a month for a year? For every dozen oysters eaten guests will be entered to win a Dozen Dozens--a free dozen oysters each month for a year, April 2022 to March 2023. One winner will be selected at each Jax location.

Shucker's Dozen

Ever heard of a "shucker's dozen"? For every dozen oysters ordered in March, guests will enjoy 13 oysters.

Slurp Champion Punch Card

Show off your oyster-eating skills! Any guests who eat 5 half dozen orders will get a 6th on the house.

National Oyster On the Half Shell Day - March 31st

End this month-long celebration with \$2 Emersum Oysters ALL DAY AND NIGHT!

HALL OF FAMER'S ZZ TOP RETURN TO LOVELAND

NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer's, ZZ Top's RAW WHISKY TOUR recently announced a tour stop at the Budweiser Events Center at The Ranch on June 21.

The tour's title is a hat tip to both the forthcoming album as well as the recent release of ZZ Top Tres Hombres whisky from Balcones Distilling of Waco TX, a flavorful 100 proof mash bill of roasted blue corn, malted barley, and rye.

ZZ Top is recording a new album titled RAW that was recorded in connection with the band's wildly popular and critically lauded 2019 Netflix documentary That Little Ol' Band from Texas. The Grammy-nominated feature from Banger Films and director Sam Dunn includes an interlude that finds the group's classic lineup -- Billy Gibbons, Frank Beard, and the late Dusty Hill -- gathering for a very intimate session at Gruene Hall, "the oldest continually run dance hall in Texas". That performance provided the basis for the RAW album release.

The album's title is derived from the unfettered and straightforward manner in which the tracks were recorded. As seen in the film, the band

members played, for the most part, together with the sight of each other in the course of one day. The methodology employed was something of an homage to the way ZZ Top recorded at the start of its epic five-plus decades run at the pinnacle of rock's pantheon.

The album's twelve tracks recall the very beginning of the band's recording career ("Brown Sugar" and "Certified Blues" from ZZ Top's First Album) and include many of their major hits ("Legs," "Tush," "LaGrange," "Gimme All Your Lovin'") with a definite blues skew ("Blue Jean Blues," "Just Got Paid," "I'm Bad, I'm Nationwide") as well as some up-tempo house rockers ("Tube Snake Boogie," "Thunderbird").

RAW will be released July 22 by Shelter Records/BMG on 180-gram vinyl, CD, and through digital platforms and is dedicated "In righteous memory of Dusty Hill."

Tickets for ZZ TOP went on sale Friday, March 11. Tickets are available online at BudweiserEventsCenter.com, or in-person at the Orthopaedic & Spine Center of the Rockies Box Office, at the Budweiser Events Center.



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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: "WHALE ROCK"



The photo of the week this week is from Herb Saperstone. The photo is of Bellvue Dome (also known as Whale Rock) taken on March 2, 2022, from County Road 25E.

Sanderosa Art Gallery in LaPorte is our sponsor. Each Week North Forty News features a photo submitted by one lucky reader. The chosen submitter will receive a \$25 gift certificate to be used for merchandise at the gallery.

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ARTIST OF THE WEEK

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MARCH'S SPECIAL EVENT: WOMEN EXPRESSIONS

NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com

On Saturday, March 19, from 11-4 pm Sanderosa Art Gallery will celebrate National Women's Month

Art Demos by Joani Fischer, Candace Hutchison, and Karen John will be complimented by Martin Bird -- who will be playing the accordion.

Sanderosa Art Gallery in LaPorte is a special place.

You'll find beautiful creations of artists who are your Northern Colorado neighbors.

Sanderosa is all about our local artists and Owner Nancy Sander provides display space for their work at a very reasonable monthly fee with no commission on the sale of their artwork and new artists are welcome. Nancy also offers Giclée (zhee-clay) high-quality digital prints, exact reproductions of original art on

archival paper/canvas, art restoration, frame repairs, sizing, and many additional services.

Throughout all of Northern Colorado, you've never seen anything like this — the work of over 100 local artists — museum-quality pieces at surprisingly affordable prices, displayed in plenty of space.

Come join us on Saturday, March 19, to celebrate National Women's Month, when many displaying artists will be on hand to discuss their process and their inspiration.

You'll find cards, jewelry, paintings, photography, sculpture, wall hangings, rustic-looking artistic pieces, unique musical instruments made into exquisite artwork, and much more.

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Zeta | Chew | Plasma Canvas, The Lyric, 9:30 pm
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The Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band with Zach Person, Pappy LongLegs, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm
Tris Munsick and the Innocents @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm

Loudon Wainwright III, The Armory, 6 pm -9 pm
Mini Gnomes Make and Paint Workshop - Create 2!, Maxline Brewing, 3 pm -5 pm
Sunday Morning Toast and Jams, Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm

Saturday, March 26
Adult Spring Formal (Top Hits of the Millennium), Your Mom's House, 8 pm -2 am
All Ages/Abilities Wheel-Throwing Class 3/26, Flingin Pots, 10 am -12 pm
Aretha: A Tribute Live with The Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra, Union Colony Civic Center, 7:30 pm
Destroyer Of Light @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Extra Gold, 2454 West, 8 pm
Fort Collins Rockhounds Club 59th Annual 2022 Gem and Mineral Show, The Ranch, 9 am -6 pm
Gettn' Knotty Macrame Class, The Windsor Gardener, 10:30 am -12 pm
Quits/ Endless Nameless/ Pythian Whispers/ Sell Farm, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am
Rialto Presents Season: ON A WINTER'S NIGHT, Rialto Theater, 7:30 pm
Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm

Monday, March 28
Pikes Peak Safe at Schools Coalition, Online, 4 pm -5:30 pm
UNC Jazz Lab Band 1, University of Northern Colorado Campus Commons Performance Hall, 7:30 pm
Virtuoso Series Concert: CSU Faculty Chamber Music #1, UCA University Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm

Wednesday, March 30
Evolfo w/ Gabriel Albelo / Guest TBA, Hi-Dive, 8:30 pm -11:30 pm
FREE: Electronic Wenzdaze ft. DropTalk, Dusty Wubbz & Scary Thoughts, 2454 West, 8 pm
PRISM BITCH + SPLIFF TANK, Surfside 7, 8 pm -12 am
Songwriting Circle, Roots Music Project, 7 pm -9:30 pm
Sparge Veteran and First Responders Beer Club, Sparge Brewing, 6 pm

Thursday, March 31
Disney on Ice - Mickey and Friends, Budweiser Events Center
Joe Vann w/ Guests TBA, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Melanin MagiQ, Online, 5:30 pm -6:30 pm
Pink Hawks w/ Cikatriz: Presented by KGNU, 100 Nickel, 8 pm

Sunday, March 27
Fort Collins Rockhounds Club 59th Annual 2022 Gem and Mineral Show, The Ranch, 10 am -5 pm

Wednesday, March 16
Blast N Bowl w/ The Midnight Horrors, Disposed, and Day Traitor:
Presented by Blast N Scrap, KCSU, and Mishawaka, 2454 West, 7:15 pm

Thursday, March 17
Dirty Date Night: Adult Wheel-Throwing Class 3/17, Flingin Pots, 7 pm -9 pm
Lil' Ween at The Black Buzzard, Oskar Blues Grill & Brew, 8 pm -11:55 pm
Melanin MagiQ, Online, 5:30 pm -6:30 pm
Mike and the Moonpies w/ The Barlow, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm
St. Patty's Pickle Party at Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 9 pm -11:30 pm
Swashbuckling Doctors w/ Fists of the Proletariat, 830 North , 8 pm
Violet Pilot, The Lyric, 8 pm

Friday, March 18
Lucky Sip & Shop, The Windsor Gardener, 5 pm -7 pm
NightWraith/ Space in Time/ Ghosts of Glaciers/ Ashes for the Mute, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am
Rialto Presents Season: GOITSE, Rialto Theater, 7:30 pm
Sisters Of Rock, Ladies Of The 80's @ Cheers 11th Anniversary, At Cheers, 7 pm -12 am
The Fuzzheads with Quinn Dymalski @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
The Stubby Shillelaghs with The Constant Tourists @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Wylde Stallynz with School of Rock Broomfield House Band, 100 Nickel, 8 pm
Zeta | Chew | Plasma Canvas, The Lyric, 9:30 pm

Saturday, March 19
Author Talk: James Campbell discusses his book Braving It about surviving the Alaskan Wilderness with his teenage daughter.
 Severance High School, 7 pm
BASSment Experiments ft. Ujuu w/ RYNS + More, Your Mom's House, 8 pm -2 am
Jack Symes w/ Joe Kaplow / Eva B. Ross, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm
Mike and the Moonpies @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
RezoNation Sound Circle Series 001, Roots Music Project, 7 pm -11 pm
Stella's Stand Up Underground Comedy Showcase, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 9 pm -11:30 pm

Sunday, March 20
Kid's Day-Thrown Pottery Experience, Envy Brewing, 1:30 pm -3:30 pm
Sunday Morning Toast and Jams, Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm

Monday, March 21
All Ages/Abilities Wheel-Throwing Class 3/21, Flingin Pots, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm
The Tallest Man on Earth, Washington's, 7 pm -9:45 pm
Virtuoso Series Concert: Drew Leslie, Trombone, UCA University Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm

Tuesday, March 22
Courage, Confidence, and Character: Girl Scouts Changing the World, Online, 6 pm -7:30 pm
Luna Luna, Dent May, Pearl & The Oysters at The Coast Fort Collins, The Coast, 7 pm -10 pm

Wednesday, March 23
****FREE** Paul Jacobs and Nolan Potter's Nightmare Band - "Indie Night!" at 830 North: Presented by HearHere Concerts & Mishawaka**, 830 North , 8 pm

Thursday, March 24
2022 NCAA D1 Men's Ice Hockey Regionals, Budweiser Events Center
Arkansauce w/ Stillhouse Junkies, 830 North , 8 pm
Engaging and Building Relationships with Sikh Americans, Online, 6 pm -8 pm
Ray Reed @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
RFC Networking Luncheon at Charco Broiler, Charco Broiler, 11:30 am -1 pm
The Friend Zone, Your Mom's House, 8 pm -3 am
UNC Guest Artist Recital: Stephen Clarke, Flute & Ash Beauchamp, Piano, University of Northern Colorado, Milne Auditorium, 7:30 pm

Friday, March 25
eTown Presents: Emily Scott Robinson, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9:30 pm
Fort Collins Rockhounds Club 59th Annual 2022 Gem and Mineral Show, The Ranch, 4 pm -8 pm
Funkstatik, Your Mom's House, 8 pm -2 am
Get Lost In Space, Timberline Church, 7 pm -9 pm
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Residents have a unique opportunity to increase their knowledge of severe weather common in Weld County and northern Colorado during spring and summer by attending Weld County's free in-person weather spotter training class on Tuesday, March 22, from 6:30 to 9 pm.

The class will be in the Weld County Administration Building, located at 1150 O Street in Greeley.

Registration is required and can be completed online or by contacting Gracie with the Weld County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) at (970) 304-6540.

To anyone familiar with Weld County, it's no secret the challenges severe weather can pose to residents in the coming months as hail,

thunder and lightning storms, tornadoes, and flooding are common in the spring and summer. Throughout the two-and-a-half-hour class led by a meteorologist from the National Weather Service (NWS), participants will learn about the different elements that create storms as well as tips on how to identify the changing conditions around them that cause a storm and increase its severity.

Sections of the class will focus on the role different cloud types — shelf, cumulonimbus, etc. — have on a storm as well as how to identify the characteristics of a landspout tornado, supercell tornado and other types of storms.

For more information on severe weather preparedness, visit wedoem.com.

Program Accepting Applications for Emergency Food & Shelter Program Funding

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United Way of Larimer County will distribute \$646,391 in federal funds.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded Larimer County \$646,391 in federal funds through the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) for Phases 39 and Phase American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA-R).

Any nonprofit, faith-based, or local governmental agency providing food and shelter services may apply at <https://bit.ly/EFSP2022> through March 23.

Current or former EFSP participation is not required for participation.

EFSP funds supplement food and shelter services and may not be used as seed money for new programs.

Agencies may receive funds to provide food, shelter, and supportive services, including, but not limited to:

- Food services, such as congregate meals or groceries
- Lodging in a mass shelter, a hotel/motel, or another off-site shelter facility up to 30 days assistance per individual or household
- Up to 90 days rent or mortgage assistance to prevent eviction or foreclosure
- Utility assistance up to 90 days of service for gas, electric, and water service; and
- Supplies, including but not limited to cleaning supplies and small equipment essential to feed or shelter people, not exceeding \$300 per item.

"EFSP is a national

program administered by United Ways across the country on behalf of the Federal Government. The funds leverage United Way of Larimer County's local fundraising efforts with essential emergency assistance supports for our most vulnerable populations," said Lauren Leary, Director of Community Impact. "United Way of Larimer County is grateful for our partnership with FEMA to deliver high need dollars to nonprofits supporting

individuals and families across Larimer County who are experiencing economic emergencies. A Local Board comprised of representatives from the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federation of North America; The Salvation Army; and other community leaders are responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds to a National EFSP Board."



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From left to right: co-organizer Mike O'Connell with two Ukrainian attendees (Photo by Mike O'Connell)

Fort Collins Shows Solidarity with Ukraine Through Local Rally

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On Thursday, March 3 there was a rally held in Old Town Square in Fort Collins to show support for Ukraine, as the Russian military continued with the invasion of their country. The event was organized by NOCO locals Mary Carraher, Susan Skog, and Mike O'Connell.

"We organized this to raise awareness, and support for, Ukraine and Ukrainians. Their democratic country is being cruelly invaded by Russia," said O'Connell. "We had a strong turnout of people wanting to show solidarity with Ukraine and learn about resources to help those impacted by this invasion. The organizers, and the attendees, felt a sense of outrage and injustice and wanted to take action. We knew about the Denver Ukraine Rally, and wanted to hold a similar Rally locally."

There were a number of speakers who took to the stage to share their personal connections with Ukraine, most notably

Natasha Lazutin and Ivanna Khmelovaska, who came to America from Ukraine when she was only 7-years old.

Originally from Bohorodchany, Ivanna has spent most of her adult life in Illinois but moved to Colorado two years ago, she currently lives in Longmont with her fiancé and works as the Senior Project Manager for Environmental Health and Safety (Global EHS) for Seagate Technology in Longmont. She saw a posting for the Ukraine event on Facebook and quickly notified Mary that she'd like to attend and from there Mary asked her if she'd like to speak.

"(The event) it actually brought me to tears a few times because it was overwhelming to see the camaraderie and the solidarity from the neighborhoods, from people that I didn't even know existed, to see how much everyone cared about Ukraine and what's going on and

their want for freedom."

Ivanna's cousin and family still live in Bohorodchany, near the large city of Ivano-Frankivsk on the western side of Ukraine. Her cousin explained how they still go to work during the day in the city, but then they have to go into villages in Rosilina at night to sleep as that's where the children are kept because it's the only safest place left to be.

Her family is currently okay, but every day they're fearing for their lives and sleep inside cellars. She says she's considering going to Poland to assist her cousin in getting her and her two children (ages 2 and 5) into the United States but in doing so, Ivanna explained how her cousin will have to leave her husband behind so that he can stay and continue to fight.

"The people of the world are really showing up and they should continue with the demonstrations, donations,

and fundraisers and really just keeping Ukraine in their hearts because whether they know it or not, people in Ukraine appreciate that and they appreciate seeing the support," Ivanna said. "War has a very psychological effect and right now everyone is kind of energized, everyone has a strength they want to show but I feel like the longer we're at war, (and what I think Putin is hoping for) things will kind of simmer down a little bit, maybe people in Ukraine will become more depressed or stressed overtime and start giving up. I don't think it will happen, but there's always that fear. That's why, again, it's so important to constantly remind the people that we're here for them; we might not be there fighting with them but we're doing something here in the states that will hopefully benefit them and their survival," she added.

Wake Up Call: Winter Has Come

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(Photos by Tim Van Schmidt)



Kyiv Ukraine

Winter has come to planet Earth. As I write, snow is falling outside and the temperature is plummeting. But I'm not talking about that.

I'm talking about the freezing, unforgiving specter of war.

It should be clear -- as clear as ice -- that Russia's invasion of Ukraine has succeeded in sorely pelting the rest of the world with its unrelenting hardness and its bone-chilling gale of carnage.

This is not the only war in our times. It is not the only conflict that has made violence and horror the rule of the day. However, this incursion has made much of the world wake up and even lurch into unprecedented action.

It would be easier to stay under the covers while the snow flies. But that is

not what is happening as the Western countries gear up. Is it enough?

I visited Ukraine many years ago. I stood on a bridge overlooking the Dnieper River with Kyiv spread out on both sides, gleaming in the sun.

I stood in a wheat field in Ukraine's heartland and watched the breeze make the land look like a gently-shifting sea of gold. I still have a flower I picked that day in the wheat field taped into my scrapbook. It is so much more faded now than ever before.

I climbed the Potemkin Steps in Odesa, on the Black Sea, and walked the city streets, young couples passing by, arm-in-arm, apparently deep in love. I stopped off at a shop for an ice cream cone and felt the warmth of a summer day on my



Potemkin Steps in Odesa Ukraine

face, perfumed by the sea air.

These are now the long-gone dreams of a tourist as artillery fire ruins buildings and lives in Ukraine, refugees fleeing their homes with just what they can carry in a desperate bid to survive.

Forget the make-believe baloney of violent entertainment like Game of Thrones. This isn't a show. This also isn't an argument about wearing a mask against a disease, or what books should be in school libraries.

This war is like a pandemic, shaking complacency to the core. But this "pandemic" is about the life and death of our entire planet as the Russian leader says he is poised with his finger on the nuclear button.

I can say it, even shout it -- "No War!"



Faded flower from somewhere in Ukraine

-- but this must be a cry every person on Earth must take up in order to make it true.

Meanwhile, the coldness of winter creeps around the globe with a mean, ferocious, and calculated harshness.

I'm afraid that it doesn't just start and stop with Ukraine.

So far, it enters our homes through our TV, computer, pad, and phone screens. But keep your eye on the back door while you're watching the news -- and help your neighbor do the same, even if they live thousands of miles away.

This icy specter is circling the planet like a blizzard, looking for every crack it can push through.

Tim Van Schmidt is a writer and photographer based in Fort Collins.

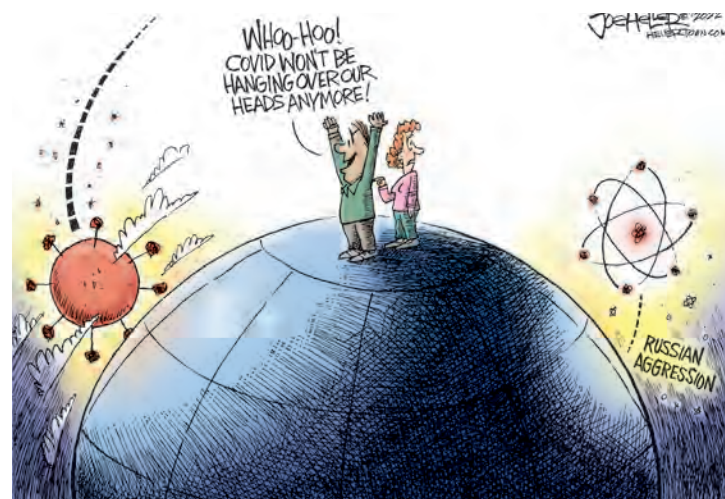
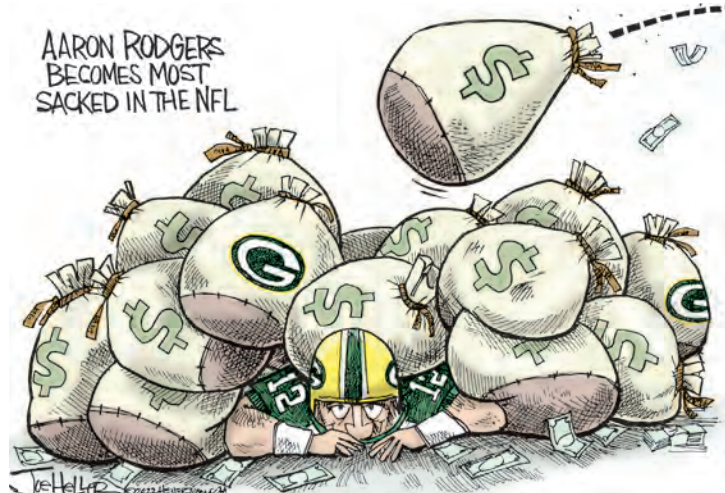
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 - Like Huck Finn's dad, e.g.
 - *Some people call me the Rocket Man
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 - CuraAao neighbor
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 - Popular gemstone
 - Shed tears
 - *I am an American who became Princess of Monaco
 - Harangue
 - Network with an eye
 - *My TV role became synonymous with a hair style
 - Perform at the bee
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