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Success Has a Price

I am pleased to announce that the North Forty News website has reached a pivotal 2 million visits! Visitors coming to the site, year over year, is on the rise. More people are picking up our newspaper year after year after year.

As our newspaper continues to grow beyond industry standards for these times, we get better and more prominent. The goal with North Forty News is not to be some vast corporate media conglomerate. My team and I are proud of our community-centered publication. It will continue that way. We will continue offering sponsorships, securing new advertising, and increasing our subscribers while reaching out to our communities to lend them a supportive hand.

More and more people are finding North Forty News online and in print, and more and more people will continue to read it regularly. I am proud to have kept North Forty News free at the newsstands and free on the web.

But all of this comes out of tremendous cost. With rising prices, the cost of paper shipping, for instance, is going up exponentially.

And labor, in general, is going up, our staff expenses are higher.

In every publisher's letter, I share the ways people can engage with us and support us as we keep moving forward in this massive and fun adventure. Unlike other local distantly owned publications, we are entirely local, from the printing to the labor to the customer service. Probably 99% of our revenue stays local. That's important to me.

So, when an advertiser supports North Forty News, or someone in the community subscribes to receive the newspaper, that money goes to the expenses to run this ship. Then the profit gets reinvested back into our community.

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Blaine Howerton

CPW Reminds You to Give Moose Space

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reminds you to give moose their space. Moose are very protective of their territory and young. They will defend themselves, their territory, and their young when they feel threatened.

On Friday, March 11, Area 9 wildlife managers responded to reports of two moose on the Boardwalk in downtown Grand Lake. Wildlife officers responded to find a female (cow) moose and her yearling calf in front of the entrance to a restaurant on the Grand Avenue Boardwalk.

As they were monitoring the moose, CPW wildlife officers noticed some very concerning and dangerous behavior from people in the downtown area.

“On Friday, we witnessed people getting dangerously close to the moose and evidence of illegal feeding. Caution and common sense go a long way in preventing injury or death to humans and wildlife,” said District Wildlife Manager Serena Rocksund.

While downtown, CPW wildlife officers were notified of another abandoned yearling calf bedding down in front of businesses and on porches. Several reports stated the yearling was being fed and petted by humans.

Wildlife officers were able to find the yearling near a residence. Based on its comfort level around humans, they decided to relocate the yearling to a remote location outside of town.

Not only is it illegal to feed wildlife, but it is also very harmful to their health.

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Starting Vegetables From Seed Indoors

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With spring right around the corner, many of us have been busting out our seed packets and getting to work. March is a great time to plant vegetable seeds indoors so they're ready to transfer into the garden after our last frost, giving us a head-start on our short growing season (and ultimately a more bountiful harvest).

Starting vegetables from seed indoors is quite simple. Gather up a few seed starting trays and fill them with a nutrient-dense seed starting soil, such as Black Gold Seedling Mix, then sow your seeds in pairs according to the seed depth listed on the packet. Once all your seeds are planted, top off the pockets with a little more soil and gently water them in.

Label your seeds with the type of vegetable and the day they were planted on marker sticks, also noting their germination period so you know how long they'll take to sprout (usually a week to 14 days). Additionally, most vegetables take 50-80 days from planting to date of harvest, which is why starting them indoors in early spring is usually more efficient than planting them in the garden months later.

Seeds also need about 12 hours of bright light per

day in order to germinate, so be sure to place your trays in a south-facing window or supplement lower-light areas with full-spectrum grow lights. Both fluorescent and LED grow lights are available at your local nursery, and many of them come with entire systems that have shelves to house your seed trays indoors.

In bright light, the small cells will dry out quickly and will need water every day or even twice per day. The goal is to keep them evenly moist, but not soaked, so their roots stretch down to the base of the cell in search of more water. To avoid pushing your seeds below their ideal depth or blasting away the soil on top, use the mist setting on your hose or water them with a spray bottle during their first few weeks of growth.

Another way to speed up germination is to add humidity and heat to your seedling trays. Slip seedling heat mats under your trays and plug them in to warm your soil at about 10 degrees above room temperature, then cover them with a clear plastic lid to trap in humidity as the warmth causes moisture to evaporate out of the soil.

Once your seeds develop a few true leaves (they'll look different from the germination leaves), remove the lid from your trays to prevent bacteria growth and give them room to breathe. As they push out more and more true leaves, give your seedlings a boost of low-dose fish emulsion or another organic fertilizer, then transplant them into slightly larger pots to make room for more roots.

After the last frost passes in mid-May, it's finally safe to transfer your vegetable starts into your garden or raised beds. Make sure your soil is amended with the right ingredients — a raised bed mix, soil conditioner, well-aged compost, etc. — and add a veggie fertilizer, like FoxFarm Happy Frog Tomato & Vegetable Fertilizer, to the holes before you plant. Then gently tuck your vegetable starts into their new home, water them in and watch them take off.

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Wellington Parks and Recreation is offering 5v5 Adult Bubble Soccer! Bubble Ball Soccer allows you to play a different style of soccer while being safe and protected, surrounded by a giant inflatable bubble! The bubble balls have handles and adjustable shoulder straps, and they come in multiple sizes. Traditional bubble soccer is played the same way as regular soccer (with some rule changes) except collisions are encouraged! Each team will play 2 games, and each team must have at least 4 players to play and no more than 10 players on a "roster". Games will be played on April

16th. Games consist of 4 quarters at 8 minutes per quarter with a 2-minute break between quarters. The cost is \$60 per team. Only the team captain needs to register. The team will sign a roster and waiver at their first game. Bubble soccer is a great way to relieve stress. We promise you'll smile and laugh the entire time while playing and watching! For more information, please contact the Wellington Parks and Recreation office at (970) 568-7410.

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Folks are gearing up for the 3rd Annual Wellington Fun Run 0.5K, scheduled for April 2, 2022. What is a 0.5K? It is three blocks!

These adult, kid, and pet-friendly races of extreme endurance (hah!) will start and end at Old Colorado Brewing Company and The BBQ Love Shack in downtown Wellington. All ages are welcome to participate, and all proceeds will go to the Wellington Main Streets Program, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

This year's event, hosted by Old Colorado Brewing Company and The BBQ Love Shack, is happening at 3700 Cleveland Ave. in Downtown Wellington from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This year, there are new race categories with individual race times scheduled for each: Kids Run, Pet Run, Seniors Run, Team Run, Adult Relay, and Free-For-All Finale. Attendees can walk, crawl,

wheel, scoot, skip, mosey, or run their way to the finish line. Costumes are encouraged!

Purchase tickets through Eventbrite. Kids 12 and under are free. Ticket purchases include a 0.5K Cork Coaster Medal, a 0.5K Sticker sponsored by Dynamic Image LLC, a 0.5K Fanny Pack (free to adults and purchasable for kids), a drink ticket for a beer or seltzer, and food from the carb-loading station. Allison with AP Fitness will lead a Warm-up.

"This is our first year being a part of this great event, and we are excited to support the Wellington Main Street Program," shares Ann Lucier, owner of The BBQ Love Shack.

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Fort Collins is Testing Wayside Train Horns on April 8

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The City of Fort Collins' Engineering and Traffic departments will test 'wayside horns' in downtown Fort Collins on Friday, April 8, at the intersection of Mason Street and Mountain Avenue.

Testing is planned that day between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and those in the area may hear the horn being sounded, even when a train is not present.

Tuesday's test is part of the City's efforts to investigate the use of wayside horns along the Mason Street corridor to reduce noise and improve quality of life for residents and businesses.

Wayside horns are permanently installed devices at railroad crossings that sound when a train is approaching. They have a lower noise impact than

train-mounted horns and can be directed in the direction of oncoming traffic rather than in front of the train itself.

The City has not made a decision on whether or not to install wayside horns. The upcoming test is an early step in a multi-year process that will require approval by the Federal Railroad Administration. City staff will take decibel readings from the wayside horns and compare those to readings of existing train horns at the same location.

For more information about trains in Fort Collins, visit www.fcgov.com/trains.

Road Closure for Mulberry Street Infrastructure Improvements

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Beginning Monday, March 21, the contractor for Utilities, Connell Resources, will begin infrastructure improvements in Mulberry Street. This \$2.5M capital project will replace failing sewer lines in the Mulberry Street right of way and S. Bryan Avenue, and in neighborhoods west of Sheldon Lake.

A full road closure will be in effect at Mulberry Street from Shields Street to Taft Hill Road, but access to businesses and local traffic, as well as pedestrian access, will be maintained. Construction is anticipated to be completed by August.

The project will begin with the installation of the new 8-inch PVC sewer line in Mulberry Street, using an open-cut method of excavation and trench boxes for safety due to the depth of the work. No service disruptions to homeowners and businesses are expected.

To minimize future traffic disruptions, the City Streets Department will take advantage of the road closures and repave Mulberry Street from City

Park Avenue west to Taft Hill Road. Sidewalk and gutter repair and maintenance will occur along the route prior to the milling and overlay. Utilities and Streets project teams will work together to coordinate all phases of the work and minimize traffic impacts as much as possible.

The existing pipe is over 100 years old and has required extensive maintenance over the years. It has affected residents along Mulberry and the PFA fire station. The existing clay tile sanitary sewer mains are undersized, have an inadequate slope, numerous areas of settlement (bellies), offset joints, broken pipes, and heavy root intrusions. In addition, a portion of the existing system lies in the back yards of several houses along West Mulberry Street and is very difficult to access and provide frequently needed maintenance. The result is a poorly functioning sewer system, with inadequate flows, sewage backups, and high maintenance requirements.

For more information visit the City of Fort Collins' website at: fcgov.com/mulberry-sewer.

Red Cross to Honor Fort Collins Resident and Hockey Association

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The Manager of the Fort Collins Pond Hockey Association was awarded the Blood Saves Lives Hero of the Year Award.

David Beichly, the Fort Collins Pond Hockey Association Manager, was inspired to host a mobile blood drive when Dennis Borland, a member, was critically injured.

For his heroic and lifesaving actions, David Beichly has received the 2022 Blood Saves Lives Hero of the Year Award at the American Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming Rocky Mountain Heroes Soirée.

In addition to holding the blood drive inspired by Dennis Borland, the Fort Collins Pond Hockey Association is focused on charitable giving while building the hockey community within Northern

Colorado.

While the American Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming does not collect blood, they provide blood to 11 hospitals in Colorado, including Denver Health, Swedish and the University of Colorado Hospital. Nationally, the Red Cross collects, processes, and distributes about 40 percent of our nation's blood supply. The need for blood is constant. Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood.

The Rocky Mountain Heroes Soirée celebrates the Red Cross spirit as exemplified in lifesaving heroes in Colorado and Wyoming.

Learn about the Rocky Mountain Heroes Soirée at redcross.org. Learn more about the Fort Collins Pond Hockey Association; visit nocopondhockey.org.

Talk with Elected Officials: PSD School Board's Community Engagement Schedule

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The Poudre School District Board of Education is hosting community engagement sessions.

The in-person events are scheduled for:

- 5:30-6:30 pm, Tuesday, April 5, in the media center at Bauder Elementary, 2345 W. Prospect Road in Fort Collins
- 6-7 pm, Tuesday, April 19, in the media center at Linton Elementary, 4100 Caribou Drive in Fort Collins

These are the first in-person community conversations the board has hosted since before the start of the pandemic.

Discussion is not limited to any particular topic. Attendees do not need to RSVP.

Requests for reasonable accommodations, made under the ADA, will be considered. Those with questions may email board directors at boe@psdschools.org.

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March Scambuster Corner

BARBARA EJ BENNETT | Larimer County Sheriff's Office

Here are some new/ongoing alerts to be on the lookout for.

COUNTY SHERIFFS OF COLORADO (CSOC) - calls you for a donation to the Sheriff's organization. Stop! The CSOC will never call for donations.

XCEL ENERGY - calls you for overdue payment or power will be turned off in 30 minutes. Want you to pay by cash app (Zelle, Venmo) or money/gift card. Scam!

PUBLISHER'S CLEARING HOUSE - You won \$5.5m and a Mercedes! It's on the way to you -just pay luxury tax (or income tax) of \$1,800! (Don't look for the car pulling up any time soon.)

EXTORTION - private pictures you shared on TikTok or Snapchat with someone online. Now they want you to pay so they don't share with the world. Never put pictures on any social media you don't want the world to see.

FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE - you ordered something to be shipped, paid by cash app, and never received the item. The seller profile is now deleted. Without purchase protection or using a credit card or PayPal - your money is gone.

MCAFEE, GEEK SQUAD, AMAZON PRIME, ETC. - billed you for renewal - click or call if you didn't order. STOP. Don't click or call. They are just phishing to see if you bite.

ROMANCE/DATING SITE SCAMS - Watch out for red flags - never provide personal info, private email, or money to someone online. In 2021, according to the Federal Trade Commission, \$541m was sent to romance scammers across social media. Please see our website for details, full newsletters, and more scams.

Please be safe. Here is one of my favorite Irish sayings - hope all scammers are limping!

Introducing: The Larimer Conservation District!

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Last month, the Big Thompson and Fort Collins Conservation Districts (BTCDD and FCCDD) merged their boundaries to form a single conservation district in Larimer County. After more than a year of inquiry and examination with the Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB), the consolidation of BTCDD and FCCDD went to vote in a special election on February 1, 2022. The majority voted in favor of merging BTCDD and FCCDD to form the Larimer

Conservation District (LCD).

The staff of BTCDD and FCCDD have worked closely together to plan and implement much-needed forest restoration treatments in Larimer County since 2015. Now that they are officially under one roof, LCD is excited to bring an even high level of service and care to residents of Larimer County.

For more information, please visit larimercd.org and follow @LarimerCD on Facebook and Instagram.

A Tale of a Whale...Rock

JONSON KUHN | NorthFortyNews.com

Have you ever heard of the Whale Rock in Bellvue? Well, if you haven't, let me just (respectfully) make it perfectly clear that it can NOT be found on Whale Rock Rd. Sure, I can understand the confusion and it's an easy enough mistake to make, however, Whale Rock Rd. itself is a private road that the good folks living up there would like to keep private. And why not? We all like our privacy, especially these days when it almost seems as though nothing at all is ever private.

The good news is that if you make it to Whale Rock Rd. in search of the mysterious, if not legendary Whale Rock, then you've essentially made it because you can literally see the rock on the side of the road from the intersection of Whale Rock Rd. and Rist Canyon Rd. The actual rock itself is nestled just off the side of Rist Canyon, right before you get to Whale Rock Rd., which again, you shouldn't travel on at all unless invited. But perhaps I'm not providing enough details about this Whale Rock, to begin with, because there's quite a story behind it that involves one quite extraordinary individual, whose name we all should be familiar with, even more so than the actual rock itself.

Polly Brinkhoff was many things, but just to name a few, she was an artist, a mountain woman, and a proud resident of Bellvue living within Skin Gulch, which is located right between Rist and Poudre Canyons. Polly and her infamous husband Rattlesnake Jack were two real-life people, who if you didn't know any better, you might think walked straight off the pages of a tall tale along with Paul Bunyan or Pecos Bill.

Polly is the one credited with having started the tradition of painting Whale Rock to, well, look like a whale. She lived in Skin Gulch without electricity or indoor plumbing from 1953 until her death in April 1999, and within that time she maintained the rock, always repainting it as needed, but as I said, she passed away in 1999...and yet the rock remains repainted to this very day.

So, this naturally begs the question, who's still painting it? That question, unfortunately, seems



Whale Rock (Photo by Jonson Kuhn)

to be right up there with questions such as what really happened to Jimmy Hoffa or who shot J.R. on Dallas. As I stated earlier, that's a pretty private community up along Whale Rock Rd. and though there are many stories to be shared, not everyone is so willing to share them in print. But if I may be so bold or permitted to ponder, perhaps the answer to the question of who is still maintaining the rock is the same person that's been doing it all along...Polly!

Just hear me out (and have an open mind); Polly met her unfortunate and untimely demise when her truck went off the edge of the Poudre Canyon, a road she had traveled along for nearly 50 years. It's speculated by friends and family that she was transporting a chicken on that particular day, but yet nothing was ever found other than a shivering dog left hiding in the backseat.

After her passing, as part of Polly's obligation to the Forest Service, her children burned her home down in Skin Gulch and barricaded the access road with rocks and earth, just as Polly would have preferred. But in doing so, maybe this somewhat ceremonial act might have preserved a bit of Polly within that region for all of time, therefore leaving her spirit behind to continue her artistic duties to the very Whale Rock she herself created! I know... it's a stretch, suggesting her spirit is still somehow coming around from time to time and applying a fresh layer of paint to the rock as is needed... but it certainly beats simply saying I have no idea who's still doing it.

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Grants for Community Mitigation Projects: Apply Now

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A new grant program that will provide funds to small grassroots community groups for hazard mitigation projects and improve community and neighborhood resilience is now accepting applications.

The Community Mitigation Grant Program, created through the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management [OEM], is a pilot program for 2022 with \$50,000 allocated to fund community and neighborhood mitigation work in Larimer County.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, estimates that for every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation, \$6 in savings are gained. Often, community

mitigation programs can have high costs and sometimes obstruct their completion.

Hazard mitigation minimizes disaster impacts and other disruptions while encouraging preparedness. Reduced loss of life, property, and economic impacts are also realized. Applications are now open through April 3 for the grant funding for community projects that support mitigation, resilience efforts, and engagement. Grant awards will be announced in mid-April.

Further information, how to apply, and grant criteria are available by visiting the Larimer OEM Community Mitigation Grant Program website at larimer.org.

Credit Union of Colorado Foundation Announces the Availability of \$50,000 in College Scholarships

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The application for Credit Union of Colorado Foundation college scholarships has opened for students from around the state. The foundation will provide a \$5,000 scholarship to 10 students – for a total of \$50,000 in tuition assistance for the 2022/2023 school year.

“The Credit Union of Colorado Foundation is proud to celebrate our ninth year of providing financial support to college students from communities throughout Colorado,” says Kamela Pancroft, board chair of the Credit Union of Colorado Foundation. “We want every Coloradan to be able to achieve their dreams – and continuing education is a key factor to becoming a lifelong learner. The quality of students who apply for our scholarships is outstanding. Each applicant showcases their personal commitment to volunteerism and the goals they’ve set to impact society and their community. By investing in these students, we are helping perpetuate a bright future!”

Credit Union of Colorado Foundation will accept college scholarship applications from March 15 through April 15. Scholarship eligibility is extended to

students who are Colorado residents enrolled in, or scheduled to enter, an accredited college or university as an undergraduate taking at least 12 credit hours per semester. Applicants must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale in high school or during the previous 12 months as a college undergraduate. Students should also demonstrate an active commitment to volunteer activities and community service at their school or in their local community.

Scholarship renewals are not automatic; the student must reapply each year.

Students Can Apply for Tuition Assistance from March 15 to April 15.

For more information and access to this year’s application, visit cuofcofoundation.org/general-scholarships.

Founded in 2012, Credit Union of Colorado Foundation promotes community development by providing financial and volunteer support in the areas of education and human services. The foundation reflects and honors Credit Union of Colorado’s legacy of philanthropic commitment to its members and the communities where they reside.

Larimer County Nets \$1.1M+ in Great Outdoors Colorado Grants

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The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board recently awarded two grants totaling \$1,177,404 in Larimer County.

The first grant (\$988,000) is part of GOCO’s Community Impact program, which develops and revitalizes parks, trails, schoolyards, fairgrounds, environmental education facilities, and other outdoor projects that enhance a community’s quality of life and access to the outdoors.

“We aim to promote equity and inclusion in Loveland by breaking down barriers to the physical, mental, emotional, and social benefits of playing outdoors and by elevating the voices of people with disabilities,” said Dr. Kelly Zuniga, Parks and Recreation Planner at the City of Loveland.

Extensive community engagement through GOCO’s 2016 Inspire Initiative (now Generation Wild) drove the project

vision. Ongoing public outreach continues to elevate the voices of Northern Colorado’s most vulnerable residents.

The second grant (\$189,404) is part of GOCO’s Planning and Capacity program, which invests in projects that address opportunities, explore issues, engage communities, and examine trends in the outdoors.

“There is a tremendous amount of conservation success that has occurred in the Estes Valley, but Indigenous communities, other people of color, and youth have often been left out. GOCO’s grant enables the Estes Valley Land Trust to continue preserving land, connect with these underserved communities, and better serve all,” said Jeffrey Boring, Executive Director at Estes Valley Land Trust.

For more information about GOCO visit the website at: GOCO.org.

Boards and Commissions: A Great Way to Serve Our Community

KRISTIN STEPHENS | Larimer County Commissioner



Kristin Stephens

It’s almost spring, and that also means Larimer County is holding its annual recruitment for our Boards and Commissions.

Serving on a board or commission is a great way for community members to volunteer, learn about Larimer County, and meet civic-minded residents. Boards and commissions serve an invaluable role in many ways.

This year we have 81 openings on 19 different boards and commissions ranging from the Board of Appeals to the Workforce Development Board. While each board has its purpose and work plan, all board members serve at the discretion of the Larimer County Board of Commissioners.

Some boards are advisory, like the Environmental and Science Advisory Board, which advises the Board of County Commissioners and various county departments on environmental issues that affect Larimer County. Other boards have statutory roles, such as the Board of Adjustment; any county that has zoning regulations is required to provide for a Board of Adjustment, specifically to hear and decide appeals.

We’re thrilled this month to kick off the first meeting of our newly formed Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion board. This board will advise the Board of County Commissioners to ensure that equity, diversity, and inclusion are central to the ways the Larimer County structures services. It was so inspiring to meet these new members from across the county who are eager to begin their work.

I feel this same sense of energy when I attend board meetings as a commissioner

liaison. Whether it’s the Fair Board, the Extension Advisory Committee, or the Community Corrections Advisory Board, I am amazed and grateful for the residents who volunteer their time to make our community a better place to live.

When I am out in the community, I am often asked about what prompted me to run for office. I tell people that my time serving on city and county boards led me to seek public office. I knew little about county government before I began serving on the Larimer County Interagency Oversight Group or the Citizen Review Panel, but my service on these boards gave me a window into the important and lifesaving work that our Human Services and Child Protection Department do every day. Serving on these boards also helped me meet civic-minded and lifelong friends.

If you’re interested in serving on a Larimer County Board or Commission, please visit larimer.org/boards. You’ll find information on which boards are accepting applications plus a short description of what each one does and how to apply for those that interest you. While you can apply for more than one board, our county policy states that residents can only serve on one board at a time.

As we evaluate applications, the Board of County Commissioners hopes to find a diverse group of residents from different backgrounds and geographic locations to serve on our Boards and Commissions. We invite you to apply by the April 21 deadline; new members will begin their term on July 1, 2022. No matter what your interest, there is a board for everyone!

Kristin Stephens is a Larimer County commissioner representing all of Larimer County.

Poudre Valley REA Hosts Virtual Annual Meeting

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The PVREA Solar Farm (Courtesy of fortcollinscommunitysolar.com)

- View online at 9 am on Saturday, April 2 at pvrea.coop/annualmeeting
- Attendees eligible for door prizes and one of two grand prizes
- Drawing for \$1,000 Luck-of-the-Draw continuing education scholarship
- Prize form, schedule, information, and live video all available online

Poudre Valley REA (PVREA) will host its 83rd Annual Meeting online on Saturday, April 2, at 9 am. All PVREA members and community partners are invited to attend virtually to stay informed and engaged in their cooperative. View the Annual Meeting online at 9 am on Saturday, April 2, at pvrea.coop/annualmeeting.

The theme of the PVREA Annual Meeting celebrates the people behind the power. Co-op employees share their first-hand experience in living out their purpose by describing the part they play in providing reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean energy solutions for homes and businesses across Northern Colorado.

This year, PVREA has more grand

prizes available to win for the members who attend the online meeting. A home electrification kit includes an electric mower, snow blower, hedge trimmer, and leaf blower. A second grand prize includes an electric bicycle. Multiple door prizes are also available, including an electric chainsaw, bill credits, and more.

To enter to win prizes, members need to fill out the form available online immediately prior to the meeting. Members will not receive an election ballot this year. Three open seats and three candidates resulted in an uncontested election. Virtual Annual Meeting – 9 am Saturday, April 2.

All information, entry forms and the 2022 Annual Meeting video will be available online at pvrea.coop/annualmeeting.

- 8:30 am – Online prize entry forms are available to members.
- 9 am – The Virtual Annual Meeting starts.
- 10:30 am – Online prize form closes for entries.

All prize and scholarship winners will be contacted during the week after the meeting.

PVREA is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperative serving efficient energy solutions to 50,000 homes and businesses across Boulder, Larimer, and Weld counties in Northern Colorado. More information is available at pvrea.coop.

the new scene weekly

Punk Band Zeta and Friends Destroyed Faces at The Lyric

JONSON KUHN | SceneNOCO.com

If you weren't at the Lyric on Friday, March 18, I feel bad for you, son; I got 99 problems but boredom ain't one because the Lyric literally has something going on every day of the week. This particular day of the week was especially enticing if you missed it because the headliner was Venezuela's very own experimental punk band Zeta, (now based in the US.) If you haven't heard of these guys yet, do yourself a favor and drop everything you're doing right now so you can get well acquainted; they're currently out on the road for their headlining US tour, "El Tour Del Tiempo", from February through April, so if you didn't catch them

punk energy. Even with lyrics in Spanish, without speaking a word of Spanish yourself, you're somehow still right there with them in their explosive emotions and powerful performance; everything is somehow communicated clearly just through the music alone. Their current lineup consists of front man Juan Ricardo Yilo (aka Juan Chi), Dani Debuto, Chino Sandoval, Tony Pereira, Claudio Ortiz, Liza Ortiz, Alex Musanostra & Yare The Devil. I strongly encourage you to follow them on Facebook and/or Instagram and check out the rest of their tour dates.

But I'm getting a bit ahead of myself because Zeta was far



Punk Band Zeta and Friends Destroyed Faces at The Lyric

go, with visceral screams and primal emotion, all backed by heartfelt and progressive lyrics that stay with you long after the amps are silenced. Adrienne has tremendous stage presence, with

them out on Bandcamp, as well. I don't want to say I've saved the best for last, but for me personally...I sort of did. Touring right alongside Zeta (at least for a portion of the trip) is Atlanta-

electronics, Snare-uh Wilson on drums, and a revolving cast of Atlanta's finest bassists. They're currently wrapping up the end of their US tour before heading to Europe at the end of March,



Fort Collins Favorites Plasma Canvas at the Lyric (Photo by Jonson Kuhn)

in Fort Collins, you can still always quit your job and take an extended road trip! I know gas is outrageous right now but trust me...you won't regret it.

Their new album "Todo Bailarlo" is set to release on April 22 and was recorded in collaboration with The Abajo Cadenas Orchestra. Zeta is a perfect blend of world music, psychedelic sounds, and raw

from alone that night; local Fort Collins favorites Plasma Canvas opened the show and damn near stole it, as well. Described best as a two-piece Sparkly-Andro-Thunder-Punk band, these chicks can rock! Guitarist/vocalist Adrienne Rae-Ash, accompanied by drummer Jude McCarron, are pretty much straight pros at grabbing your attention and never letting

a healthy dash of humor here and there between songs, but together they both create an aesthetic unlike anything I've seen since maybe the early days of the White Stripes, the only difference being Plasma Canvas' music has undeniable teeth and inspiring originality...and their music is quite frankly just all-around better. You can follow them on Facebook and check

based instrumental band CHEW and within only a couple of songs into their middling set, this band quickly climbed the ladder of my newest favorite bands. This 3-piece ensemble is a little bit psychedelic electronica and a little bit post-rock with a monstrously heavy rhythm section and sample-based analog leads. The lineup consists of Brett Reagan on guitar/

so I highly advise you to get to know them well before they're the biggest band in the world! Be sure to follow them on Facebook and/or Instagram.

And as always, be sure to stay up to date with the Lyric's calendar, so you don't go and make another mistake by missing yet another amazing show!!!

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Sandhill Cranes Kearney Nebraska 2022

Just recently, I became a "craniac".

Actually, a "certified craniac", according to a t-shirt I bought at the Rowe Sanctuary after experiencing an awesome natural phenomenon in Kearney, Nebraska. That is, the annual migration of the sandhill cranes through that area -- not in scattered numbers, but in the hundreds of thousands.

Owned by the National Audubon Society since 1974, the Rowe Sanctuary boasts 2.5 miles of river channel and wet meadows along the Platter River in Kearney. It is also the home of The Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe, a facility that anchors the sanctuary, provides educational opportunities and maintains a gift shop.

Rowe Sanctuary, 1,447 acres in all, provides public hiking trails and the Center also manages a series of viewing blinds for visitors to experience the sandhill crane migration up close.

I got to see plenty of action at one such blind in

"craniacs" -- those people who love the cranes and birds in general.

Two volunteer craniacs were the leaders of our group in the blind and were more than willing to answer questions. Inside the Center afterward there were more craniac volunteers who seemed eager to share their stories and knowledge of the birds.

But it doesn't just stop there. Craniacs were parked along the gravel roads we traveled leaving Rowe, watching as platoons of the cranes pecked and picked their way across area farm fields.

We saw other craniacs -- people we recognized from our tour -- out at area restaurants. On our way back to Fort Collins, we met some more craniacs at a rest area in Sterling and they were happy to relate their experiences as well.

And don't look now, but I think I am a craniac too.

What's the big deal? Well, maybe you have



Sandhill Cranes Kearney Nebraska 2022



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an early -- very early -- morning tour.

Our group walked the quarter-mile from the Center to the blind in the dark, using the soft glow of red flashlights to help guide our feet.

In the darkness, as we waited quietly in the blind -- or in the warming room -- you couldn't see the cranes, but you could hear them. I sat on a bench, closed my eyes, and just listened to the cacophony of a kind of rough trumpeting sound. If you listened hard, you could hear there were different voices at play -- by the thousands.

But as the morning began to lighten, the cranes not only became visible but also started heading out, often in large groups, to area fields for a day of foraging for food. This was the most stirring thing about the experience -- when many of them lifted off together.

Now, this doesn't happen all at once -- it's a process and takes a couple of hours -- and it doesn't just happen at the Rowe Sanctuary. The cranes roost along the river at night, eat in the fields during the day, and fill the skies in the mornings and evenings throughout the entire region.

But the Rowe Sanctuary, it turns out, is not just a protected harbor for the cranes, but also for the

to experience it for yourself to really know, but getting so close to so many wild things can be exhilarating.

These cranes aren't small -- they can weigh 6-14 pounds and can have a wingspan of more than 6 feet. And it's good they don't seem to mind being peered at by craniacs from around the country -- when hundreds of them are lifting off the ground and quickly shifting into full flight, they can have a formidable presence. Honestly, I wouldn't want to be in the middle of them when they are geared up.

But check them out from a blind along the river? Sure. Go back next year? I'm in. I'd like to do the tour designed specifically for photographers.

This wasn't a big trip -- a little over 5 hours from Fort Collins -- but it went somewhere I had never been before. The cranes have been there before, though, and they will be there again next year. So will the craniacs.

Tim Van Schmidt is a writer and photographer based in Fort Collins. See his sandhill crane slideshow, "Incredible Cranes: Nomads on the Move 2022," featuring an original soundtrack by NOCO recording group OoB, on his channel on YouTube at "Time Capsules by Tim Van Schmidt".

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The Jeff Jenkins Organ Quartet features classic tunes from the great American songbook, modern jazz standards, and original compositions. Always lively, fun, and sometimes funky, this group is

always a favorite among concertgoers from all generations! The show is on April 16 with doors opening at 1 pm and the concert starts at 1:30 pm, though at this time the location is still to be determined.

Jeff Jenkins was born in Nebraska City, Nebraska. He was inspired by his father to start playing music as he was a middle school music teacher. He started playing piano at the age of 6. He attended North Texas State for college and studied classical. After college, Jeff was ready for bigger performances, so he set his sights on New York and started playing piano in Broadway shows. Jeff is currently a pianist and instructor of Jazz Studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He has released 4 CD's in the past 15 years and plays mostly jazz music.

Jill Fredericksen (Drums, Percussion) is a

member of a band that was established in 2013 in Denver called La Pompe Jazz. She has performed regularly with many ensembles in the Denver area and around Colorado.



THE JEFF JENKINS Organ Quartet



with a schedule full of upcoming performances. He has led three CDs called People, Places, and Things.

Alex Heffron (Jazz Guitarist) started playing guitar at age 9. Alex currently resides as a freelance musician in Denver, Colorado. He graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder with a Jazz Guitar degree. He also has his own band which combines traditional jazz music with more current jazz trends. He thinks keeping classic jazz alive while finding his own music style is important.

Gabe Mervine (Trumpet/Flugelhorn) began playing professionally at the young age of 13. He attended the University of Colorado, Boulder studying Jazz Studies for one year, then decided he would rather live, playing the trumpet than learning. He now lives in Denver, Colorado



ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Joan Utley
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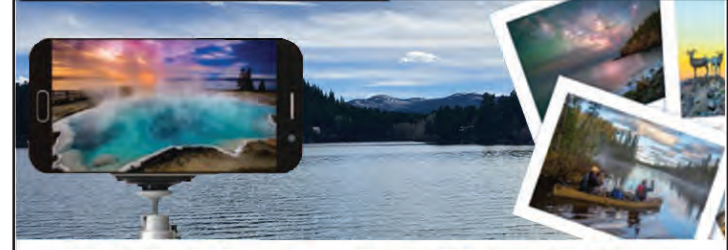


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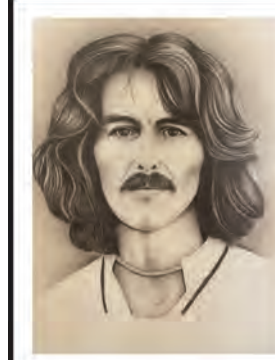
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FREE: Electronic Wenzdaze ft. DropTalk, Dusty Wubbz & Scary Thoughts, 2454 West, 8 pm
PRISM BITCH + SPLIFF TANK, Surfside 7, 8 pm -12 am
Songwriting Circle, Roots Music Project, 7 pm -9:30 pm
Sparge Veteran and First Responders Beer Club, Sparge Brewing, 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/ Cikatrizz: Presented by KGNU, 100 Nickel, 8 pm
Pinterest Best Practices For Business Owners, Larimer SBDC, 1 pm -2:30 pm
Sqwerf & Soul Brass Band, 830 North, 8 pm
The WellSpring Gathering Featuring Frick Frack BlackJack, Your Mom's House, 7:30 pm -2 am

Friday, April 1
"Aerials," by artists Barbara Baer and M.A. Guthrie: Opening Reception, Tointon Gallery, 5 pm -7 pm
Air Supply, Union Colony Civic Center, 7:30 pm
Cashmere Sweater with All Strings Considered @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Cow Town Comedy Festival, Moxi Theater, 6 pm -10 pm
Dirty Date Night: Adult Wheel-Throwing Class 4/1, Flingin Pots, 7 pm -9 pm
First Friday!, The Lyric, 6 pm
High Step Society, 830 North, 8 pm

JackLNDN w/ Pure Colors at The Coast, The Coast, 7 pm -10 pm
Montezuma Fuller Live!, Soul Squared Tap house, 5 pm
Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm
The Crooked Rugs with Los Toms, Moonlight Bloom, MODRN - Presented by 105.5 The Colorado Sound, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm
The Travelin' Rose Band, 100 Nickel, 8 pm

Saturday, April 2
Ashton Lee with O'Connor Brothers Band @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Cass Clayton Band, 830 North, 8 pm
High Step Society w/ Free Creatures, Your Mom's House, 8 pm -2 am
HWY34RV Expo, HWY34 RV, 10 am -2 pm
Johnny O. Band, The Louisville Underground, 8 pm -11 pm
Justus and The Limits w/ Giant Walking Robots, 100 Nickel, 8 pm
Poudre Valley REA Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 2 at 9 AM, Online, 9 am -10 am
Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm
Slum Village at The Coast, The Coast, 7 pm -10 pm
The Sammy Project: Photo Exhibition, Studio 800, 12 pm -6 pm
Tointon Gallery Kinetic Sculpture Workshop, Greeley Recreation Center, 12 pm -2 pm
Wellington Fun Run 0.5K, Old Colorado Brewing Company, 8 am -4 pm



WEEKLY SNEAK PEEK

eTown Presents: John McEuen, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9:30 pm, April 3

So far John has played over 9,500 shows around the world. He brings his guitar, banjo, fiddle, and mandolin along with favorite Nitty Gritty Dirt Band songs and their stories to the stage. He received Best in the West Award from the Folk Alliance Organization.

Wicked West Comic Expo, The Ranch, 9 am
Years Down and Revenge of the Scene w/ Stray the Course, 2454 West, 8 pm

Sunday, April 3
All Ages/Abilities Wheel-Throwing Class 4/3, Flingin Pots, 11 am -1 pm
Comedy Brewers Improv, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7 pm
eTown Presents: John McEuen, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9:30 pm
Jeffrey Martin w/ Kassi Valazza, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm
NoCo Grocery Grab, Lucky's Market, 6 am

Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 2 pm
Sunday Morning Toast and Jams, Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm
The Wailers - 2022 One World Tour w/ Lola Rising - Presented by KGNU & Party Guru Productions, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm

Wicked West Comic Expo, The Ranch, 9 am

Monday, April 4
Tour Realities For Children Homebase - April, Realities For Children, 8 am -8:20 am

Tuesday, April 5
BASSFACE, Your Mom's House, 8 pm -2 am

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

Thursday, April 7
90s/00s Dance Party with TwoScoops & Jimeni, 830 North, 8 pm

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

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

Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm
Sunless / Noctambulist / Casket Huffer / Vexing, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm

WoolEye's 3rd Annual Woolawaka w/ Tyler T and The Common Clay @ Spokesbuzz Lounge (INDOORS), Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 7 pm

Saturday, April 9
All Ages/Abilities Wheel-Throwing Class 4/9, Flingin Pots, 10 am -12 pm
DeadPhish Orchestra, 100 Nickel, 8 pm
"Don't Draag My Fcuking Diamonds" Brunch Show, Your Mom's House, 11:30 am -2:30 pm
FREE Live Music - Reggae Jazz - Oh Like WOW @ High Hops Brewery - Celebration of Spring Event, High Hops Brewery, 3 pm -5 pm
Heartbeat Sessions ft. Ocean Roulette + More, Your Mom's House, 8 pm -2 am
Red Sage with BetaRay @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Rick Lewis Project / Asha Blaine / Rock Cheers, At Cheers, 7 pm -12 am
Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm
Shovelin Stone with Sugar Britches, Lewis Turner, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm
Sicard Hollow, 830 North, 8 pm
Spring Kick Off Party, High Hops Brewery, 10 am -7 pm
The Two Tracks, 2454 West, 8 pm
Timber Dan Toy Show, First National Bank Exhibition Hall, 9 am

Sunday, April 10
Horsetooth Half Marathon, New Belgium Brewing, 8:30 am -2 pm
Mishawaka Spring Maker's Market, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 12 pm -6 pm
Perspectives, Block One Events, 4 pm -6 pm
Rainbow Full of Sound @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 2 pm
Story Maker with Daniel Jaspersen, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm
Sunday Morning Toast and Jams, Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm

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

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Local Group Seeks Name Changes for 'Pingree' Locations

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A group of concerned Northern Colorado citizens, the No Pingree Task Force, is working to change the name of some geographic features in Larimer County.

Task Force spokesperson John Gascoyne said "We find the name Pingree to be an affront not only to Native Americans but to those of us who believe it is inappropriate to recognize a man responsible for genocidal atrocities during the Indian wars of the 19th Century."

Pingree Road, Pingree Hill, and Pingree Park are place names north and west of Fort Collins.

Gascoyne noted that Interior Secretary Deb Haaland has formally established a process to remove from Federal lands in the West racist and sexist place names that are disrespectful of Native Americans.

We support the Haaland initiative," Gascoyne said. "We hope that an increased awareness of these issues will make our task easier." He noted that the process of name changes involves both state and federal agencies. "Local support is required," Gascoyne noted. "We are working with local elected officials to secure their endorsement of the proposed changes and we will seek input from private citizens as well."

Gascoyne provided information about George Pingree and Silas Soule. Soule is the name the Task Force is recommending to replace that of Pingree:

On the morning of November 29, 1864, Col. John M. Chivington led theist Colorado Volunteer Cavalry Regiment to an American Indian encampment on Sand Creek in eastern Colorado. In the following hours, Chivington's command brutally killed an estimated

230 Arapaho and Cheyenne men, women, and children who were encamped under an American flag and a white flag of truce.

After the massacre, soldiers mutilated the corpses and carried body parts back to Denver to parade them around the city. A volunteer scout named George Pingree was among the most vicious and least remorseful of those who assaulted the peaceful village. By his own account, he took 13 scalps and traded them to a Denver barber for two years of haircuts.

Captain Silas Soule was present at the 1864 massacre. He refused to allow the men under his direct command to participate. Soule later wrote letters to military officials exposing Chivington and his troops. This led to investigations by two congressional committees and an Army commission. Soule testified against Chivington at those hearings. Soule was shot down on a Denver street on April 23, 1865, possibly because of his stand against those who perpetrated the massacre. No one was ever held accountable for his death. Colorado elected officials, including Governor John Evans, supported Chivington's action as did the general populace who wanted Indians removed from the State by any means.

Every year near the anniversary of the massacre, representatives of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nations along with other participants run in relays from Sand Creek to Denver. At the intersection of 15th and Arapaho Streets in downtown Denver runners pause to honor the memory of Captain Soule who was killed at that location.

Gascoyne said the Native American respect for Silas Soule is one reason the Task Force supports Soule as the replacement name.

Kristin Stephens, Larimer County Commission Chair, and Jeni Arndt, Mayor of Fort Collins, both said they favor the change.

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Debi Deremer, Bailey Rapp, Gretchen Reuning, Auston Palenik, Dylan Alsbach, Jake Marlow hard at work at Drala Mountain Center (Photo provided by Jake Marlow)

How we take care of our forests relates to how our forests take care of life in and around them. Healthy forests impact our food sources, water, air, and ability to withstand devastating fires.

The forestry restoration work done at Drala Mountain Center in Red Feather Lakes, CO, formerly known as Shambhala Mountain Center, is a shining example of how a properly managed forest can prevent wildfires from further spreading.

Mac McGoldrick, the Senior Director of Built and Natural Environment for Drala, was hired in 2017 to focus on better land management efforts for Drala's 600 acres (among other job duties). He immediately engaged with various regional conservation management and education agencies. DMC has since received awards and visits from prestigious officials recognizing their successful work.

Mac first started working with Gretchen Reuning and the conservation team now called Larimer Conservation District (formerly the Fort Collins and Big Thompson Conservation Districts) in 2017. They assessed the needs of the land and began phase one of a landscape-scale forest restoration project for 220 of DMC's acres in September of 2018. They received funding from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) cost-share program called the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Landowners and managers can apply for this funding to help implement conservation activities on their land. LCD used this funding as a match to receive funding from the Colorado State Forest Service's Forest Restoration and Wildfire Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation grant program. Another round of funding supported the project's next phase, which wrapped up in February 2022.

Mac shares, "We learned from this process that conservation work is less about fire mitigation and more about creating a healthy forest and recognizing our place in the larger ecosystem. We create the circumstances for tree health, diversity, wildlife habitat, contributing to the overall health of the forest, and being good stewards of the land." When the Cameron Peak Fire hit in 2020 and made its way over the ridge onto DMC property, 60mph+ winds and hot and dry weather contributed to severe fire conditions. However, when the fire reached the restored stands, firefighters were able to contain it and mitigate the fire's spread.

Forest management can be a controversial topic. Science and research show that we have had such massive fires recently due to over 100 years of

fire suppression, over-grazing, climate change, and a notable lack of effective forest management. Forests in the lower montane zone along Colorado's Front Range historically saw fires every 5-25 years as part of the natural cycle of the forest. But, as Europeans moved in, there has been more focus on protecting spaces for humans than there has been for letting the forests manage themselves naturally through disturbances such as fire, diseases, pests, and more. This has led to overgrown forests with large

Alsbach, LCD's Conservation Forester, says, "We go to properties and look at what evidence is there, and what it would look like if fire had been able to come through. We assess understory plant life, overall forest health, and animal life. All those main points are more important than fire mitigation because a healthy forest is naturally more fire-resistant. We can show landowners the various features of their land and educate them on how a fire would interact with that."

Mac shares, "We could not have done the

LCD has projects across Larimer County, from Allenspark to the Wyoming line. Anyone can reach out to Larimer Conservation District if they want technical or financial assistance. Project management is LCD's expertise; they handle the planning and administration of the projects, contracts, and management of loggers and answer all the landowner's and invested parties' questions and concerns.

What can we do to help?

Gretchen shares a need for more



Aerial view of Drala's Great Stupa in Red Feather Lakes, CO, taken in June 2021 after 2020's Cameron Peak fire (Photo by Jake Marlow)

amounts of fuel (anything that can burn) that are prime for spreading catastrophic wildfires. A healthy and ecologically functioning forest has a mosaic look with large open spaces rather than the dense canopies we see throughout unmanaged forests.

Forest management isn't just about fire mitigation. It is about having healthy spaces for the plants and animals that call the forest home and biodiversity that protects the forest when species-specific diseases sweep through. It is about our water systems and assuring they remain healthy by not getting flooded with runoff and sediment from fire-damaged land. Finally, it impacts cities because humans depend on food, water sources, and air quality impacted by these massive fires.

The team at LCD can look at the land and see what the forest used to look like before European settlers' influence. Dylan

work at Drala Mountain Center without the help of LCD; they are my heroes. They were instrumental in explaining the project to our staff and communities." Gretchen adds, "As we work with these property owners, we build strong relationships, which contributes to the success of our program. Without folks like Mac, we wouldn't have as much success reaching other landowners in the area."

When conservation work is being planned, additional landowners in the area are encouraged to participate. It is easier and more impactful to manage adjoining properties as one project. For example, the phase II project on DMC included working with the neighboring Ben Delatour Scout Ranch on 80 acres of their land. "We try to loop landowners in together to have a bigger footprint and a Landscape Scale impact," shares Gretchen.

logging contractors as one of their biggest challenges. "We don't have many local loggers able to tackle work at this scale, and the ones we have we keep very busy. This is a huge need in the state, and there is money and prioritization in Larimer County available as we are actively trying to build our contractor base. There is a ton of opportunity for work in the field."

Gretchen also shares the importance of removing fuels. All those limbs and other woody materials on the ground are fuels and ideally need to be removed from the area before they become fuel for future fires. This is done by chipping and hauling them off-site or through burning slash piles.

With fire seasons starting to be year-round, it is essential to be thinking about what we can do to help take better care of our forests.

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Town of Wellington Notice of Election

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To vote in said election, you must be registered to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of Wellington, and have resided in this state of Colorado for twenty-two days immediately preceding the election. All registered voters will receive a mail ballot shortly after March 14, 2022.

The ballot shall contain the following candidate for Mayor:

Mayor: (Vote for no more than One)

- Wyatt Schwendeman-Curtis
- Calar Chaussee
- Ashley Macdonald

The ballot shall contain the following candidates for Trustee:

Trustee: (Vote for no more than THREE)

- Timothy L. Whitehouse
- Wyatt M. Knutson
- David L. Wiegand
- Melanie Murphy
- Lisa Chollet
- Brian M. Mason
- Lowrey Moyer
- Shirrell Tietz

Completed ballots must be returned in the envelopes provided and must be RECEIVED in the Town Clerk's office by 7:00 p.m. on April 5, 2022. Ballots returned by US Mail must have adequate postage affixed. Ballots may also be dropped off at the drive-up County Ballot Drop Box, 3800 Wilson Avenue, Wellington, Colorado anytime through April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Ballots may also be dropped off at the walk-up ballot box at 8225 3rd Street, Wellington, Colorado. Voters must sign and date the return envelope.

Questions about this election should be directed to the Town Clerk at (970) 568-3381 or euckerkk@wellingtoncolorado.gov.

The Town Clerk of the Town of Wellington, Colorado, has caused this Notice to be given as required by law, this 28th day of March, 2022.

/s/ Krystal Eucker, Town Clerk

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