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Have we heard enough about Covid? The Omicron variance is rearing its ugly head and causing all these other problems, staff shortages, closures, masks, and so much more. This question isn't meant to devalue the importance of getting information (especially about a pandemic). Reporting the news is absolutely our duty as a News Organization. Our communities expect it. But at North Forty News, we do limit WHAT and HOW MUCH information (in general) we share.

North Forty News is a solution-driven publication. That means in almost every case when we publish a story or article, we will find a solution-driven reason to publish it. For example, if we publish the story about Covid, it's because the public needs to be aware to plan accordingly. We don't have a solution to COVID, but in this ever-changing pandemic, we can provide answers to the latest questions about what is really going on.

At the same time, it is our responsibility not to create panic. It's a balance that we work with every single day. I believe most times we make the right

choice, but sometimes we don't. After all, we are human.

I write a lot about my personal experiences living off-grid in this weekly column. Some people enjoy following along, while others have commented that it reads more like a personal diary. I write about these experiences to engage with our readers, share the human under this Publisher's hat, and shed light on a lifestyle not everyone is familiar with. I hope that readers can learn from or find humor in my experiences, as I sure do! Navigating life off-grid is similar to managing this news publication; I never know what lessons tomorrow will bring, but I know it is worth it to keep moving forward to see dreams become a reality.

I am regularly surprised and excited to see feedback from our readers, positive and negative. The reality is that producing this publication weekly with a very small team is one of the hardest things I've ever done. But I do it because I love Northern Colorado, and I love journalism. Our community needs better journalism. And in 2022, North Forty News will continue to grow and increase engagement with our readers.

As hard as it is for some of our readers to justify paying for a newspaper (that you could pick up for free), I ask for your financial support at some level. Every dollar supports our efforts and helps us better engage with you on topics that matter most.

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Blaine Howerton

North Forty News Launches Expansion

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For almost thirty years North Forty News has been providing news to Northern Colorado.

North Forty News has announced the launch of its Community Engagement Division and the hiring of 2 Full-Time staff members, a significant restructure of the Northern Colorado Regional News Service.

The new Community Engagement Division will foster new and improved relationships in Northern Colorado Communities, including direct integration between the North Forty News communication platforms.

"There is nothing more important than our relationship with communities in Northern Colorado. Second, is our content, that's why I decided that 2022 would be the year that we would hire a full-time Journalist as well," said Blaine Howerton, Publisher, and Owner of North Forty News.

Annie Lindgren has been hired as Vice President of Community Engagement and Jonson Kuhn has been hired as Regional Journalist. Matt Dierlam will continue as Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Blaine is the acting Managing Editor and Publisher.

"Over the past few years, I have seen North Forty News grow and morph into something very unique to this area, it's an honor to be a part of all this," said Matt. "If it wasn't for all of our great supporters, readers and advertisers we wouldn't be here today."

"I have enjoyed being a reporter for North Forty

News and am thrilled for the opportunity to lead the Community Engagement efforts. We are truly connecting communities," shares Annie. "We strive to be a local news source people can trust and rely on."

Joining the team as a full-time Journalist, Jonson Kuhn, will conduct more interviews and go out into the community to write more original content, with a fresh perspective.

"I couldn't be more excited and honored to be working with Blaine, Annie, and Matt; I've never worked alongside three more professional and encouraging individuals. I very much look forward to hitting the ground running in 2022 by exploring every nook and cranny of Northern Colorado in an effort to share more people's stories," said Jonson.

More information can be found about the North Forty News team at: northfortynews.com/about/staff

North Forty News

OUR MISSION

As Northern Colorado's only independently-owned, regional weekly, we connect communities and the people who live in them by providing news of hyper-local events and of businesses, nonprofits, government leaders, and individuals who are working hard to make a difference while successfully meeting the challenges of our time.

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Sowing Annual Seeds on Snow

BRYAN FISCHER | Gardens on Spring Creek

Many of us have tried and failed to grow annual flowers from seed. In my experience, the directions on seed packets advertised for such purposes just stink. "Sow indoors four to six weeks before last frost" is a paltry description for the enormous amount of fussing – watering, fertilizing, potting up, pinching, and hardening off – needed to produce a plant that has any chance of surviving transplant in our erratic Northern Colorado weather. Even when I've tried to "sow outdoors after the last frost", I have found myself disappointed, with dozens of tiny seedlings cooked in a late spring heatwave during which I inevitably miss a watering day.



(Photo by Gardens on Spring Creek)

Rather than coughing up the dough for annual starts like a reasonable person might, I found a solution while scouring old seed catalogs years ago: sow your garden-to-be on top of decent winter snow. Not only do many seeds get trapped in the snow's surface texture, but they also benefit from slow-release moisture with each spring snowstorm. They also get a bit of natural stratification (cold/wet treatment), which can aid germination rates in some plants. Perhaps best of all, these seeds sprout at a temperature that is appropriate for their biology, growing slowly and steadily over the course of spring. Seedlings resulting from snow-sowing typically bloom earlier in my garden than transplants and don't require nearly as much fussing (hardening off, fertilizing, etc.).

Perhaps the biggest drawback of snow sowing is that seeds are likely to blow across the snow surface before the snow melts. I often don't mind

the naturalistic diaspora of bloom that results from another artist in the garden, but it's not for everyone.

A variation of this tactic, utilized by one of my horticultural mentors, is to sow seeds on the soil surface in their intended location immediately before a winter storm arrives. This way, seeds are less likely to blow around if the weather gets blustery, and they receive the same benefits of snow sowing. I have found myself using this tactic more and more as the years go by, especially if I'm sowing seed that is a bit more valuable than something I find for three bucks at the garden center.

Regardless of which approach you try, you'll find that these tactics work well, even if scurrying around the yard throwing out seed as snowflakes fly really fleshes out the "crazy gardener" look. I

avoid sowing very tender annuals this way (zinnias, impatiens, geraniums), but try the technique liberally with any annual that I know has a bit of hardiness, including annual poppies, snapdragons, marigolds, Nigella (also called love-in-a-mist), and cosmos. If in doubt, give it a go with your favorite annual. I suspect you'll be surprised by how many different types of flowers grow well from snow sowing.

Don't hesitate to water your seedbeds beginning in early spring should we fail to get snow reliably. Just be sure to do so when temperatures are 50 degrees or higher. And, perhaps most crucially, be sure to take a moment to enjoy your work, even if it wasn't much! There is something to be said for gardening smarter, not harder.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Purchases Adams County Shooting Park

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has closed on a real estate transaction for the purchase of the Colorado Clays Shooting Park in Adams County.

CPW will take over ownership of the shooting park and will manage it as a state recreation area. The agency entered into a concessionaire agreement with its previous Vice President of Marketing, Cory Kraft, who will continue to run the facility under CPW ownership.

"This ties directly into our mission to provide safe, responsible, and accessible recreational sport shooting opportunities and education," said CPW Northeast Region Manager Mark Leslie. "We look forward to a seamless transition out there, as the public will continue to enjoy the offerings they previously had available to them at Colorado Clays."

Located just 30 minutes northeast of Denver and near Barr Lake State Park, Colorado Clays Shooting Park offers the region's most complete shooting range experience.

Situated along a cottonwood creek bottom, overlooking Colorado's snow-covered peaks to the west, Colorado Clays is open to the public and specializes in accommodating both competitive and recreational shooters of all ages and abilities. It hosts the region's widest variety of clay target shooting, including sporting clays, skeet, and trap, as well as both rifle and pistol shooting.

This past year, Colorado Clays hosted over 30,000 visitors and threw over four million clay targets.

"We are excited to partner with the

state to continue to offer a safe, convenient and affordable recreational shooting range for local Coloradans," Kraft said. "We look forward to collaborating with Colorado Parks and Wildlife on expanding educational and program opportunities while continuing to ensure that the facility is available for our state's outdoor enthusiasts for the next 26 years and beyond. We are thankful for all of our past and future patrons and we look forward to seeing you at Colorado Clays."

Colorado Clays is open to the public and memberships are not required. All staff is CPR/First Aid certified and are NRA Trained Range Safety Officers.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife's northeast region is a member of the Northern Front Range Recreational Sport Shooting Partnership (NFRSSP) with the U.S. Forest Service, Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland and Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, and Larimer counties. Its purpose is to develop a landscape-level, multi-jurisdictional strategy to provide safe, responsible, and accessible recreational sport shooting opportunities.

The purchase of Colorado Clays Shooting Park was made entirely with grant funds awarded to CPW by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through its Office of Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs (90 percent) along with Great Outdoors Colorado and the Colorado Lottery (10 percent).

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Wellington's Thistle Transforms into a Shopping Party Venue

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(Photo courtesy of Thistle)

Thistle, a unique gift shop in Wellington, Colorado, has transformed from a regular shop to an innovative new format. From nice shopping to making shopping a party.

Thistle, located at 3713 Cleveland Avenue, in the heart of downtown Wellington, always has featured fun, quirky items, many of which are handmade and one-of-a-kind. But, after four years of business in the cute, early 1900's brick building, Kelly DeVries, the owner of Thistle wanted to provide her loyal customers with a brand-new shopping experience.

Thistle no longer has regular store hours, which may seem risky and strange, but here's where the fun comes in. Thistle is now providing themed pop-up shopping party events instead. The parties have already begun with themes of plants and the holiday season. Each pop-up features new and different items that fit the theme. It has become a fun meet-up place for friends to chat, laugh and shop while picking up items that aren't usually available.

To find out about upcoming events, visit

ThistleWellington.com or follow Thistle on Facebook and Instagram @thistlewellington. Thistle still offers online shopping through the website, with either shipping or pick-up from the lockers on the west side of the Thistle building.



Inside of Thistle (Photo provided by Kelly DeVries)

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A series of election-related events will be held throughout the community, including a Meet and Greet at Sparge Brewery (3999 GW Bush Avenue, Unit 101, in Wellington) from 6 pm to 8 pm on February 3. Meet the current Board of Directors, and learn more about Special Districts and running for the May election.

Petitions for Self-Nomination will circulate from January 1 to February 25. The Candidate accepts the nomination by

signing the completed Self-Nomination form. A 'Meet the Candidate' section will be added to the WFPD website, including a biography and photo of candidates.

Candidates must be eighteen years of age and registered voters within the boundaries of the District. They need to be a current resident of the District or the owner of taxable real or personal property situated within the boundaries of the District. They can be a spouse or civil union partner of someone with property in the District or an obligated person to pay taxes under a contract to purchase taxable property within the District.

Regular Board of Director meetings is held on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 4 pm. In addition, volunteer Pension Board meetings are held the last month of each quarter before the Regular Board meeting. Special meetings may be called as needed but are rare. Regular meetings and Special meetings are the only times they make

official decisions. There are two pre-scheduled Work Sessions each year for workforce planning and budget discussions. Work sessions are held for the purpose of informal discussion and study outside the official meetings.

Retreats for long-range planning may be held at least once a year in the form of a Work Session. The Board of Directors members are encouraged to attend conferences and represent the District. The Special District Association (SDA) provides an annual conference for special district officials. The time spent visiting with constituents will vary, but you must be willing to dedicate whatever time it may take. These are three-year terms set to expire in 2025. Directors may receive compensation not more than \$2,400 per year, payable not to exceed \$100 per meeting attended.

The polling place is at Station 16, 8130 3rd Street, on May 3, 2022, open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

You can find more information on the upcoming election at www.wfpd.org.

Resolve to Become a Red Cross Volunteer in 2022

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The American Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming looking for people who want to make a meaningful choice in 2022 by becoming a Red Cross volunteer.

Locally, 1,670 people volunteer with the Red Cross. These local volunteers are part of the almost 300,000 people across the country whose support enables the Red Cross to respond to an average of more than 60,000 disasters every year. They help train more than 4.6 million people in Red Cross lifesaving skills; help provide nearly 550,000 services to military members, veterans, and their families; and to reconnect almost 9,000 families separated by war or disaster around the world. In addition, as many as 2.5 million volunteer donors give blood and platelets every year.

“Our Red Cross volunteers support their

community and neighbors in need each and every day,” said Gino Greco, Regional Executive, and CEO, American Red Cross of Colorado and Wyoming.

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Montava Files Development Application with the City of Fort Collins

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Montava has provided Fort Collins with its first official development application, which is referred to as "Phase G" and contains housing and an irrigation pond. Phase G includes approximately 200 housing units, including townhomes, duplexes, and single-family homes. The irrigation pond is planned as part of the non-potable irrigation delivery system for development. The pond will be located adjacent to the planned City of Fort Collins community park, a future elementary school site, and other planned Montava development areas. It is sized and envisioned to serve all three of these entities if the City and PSD choose to

participate.

Application documents will be available soon at the Development Proposals Under Review website at fc.gov.

These projects will be subject to the Basic Development Review (BDR) process. The decision-maker for the BDR process is leadership of the City's Community Development and Neighborhood Services department.

Public comments can be submitted to devreviewcomments@fcgov.com and will be fully considered in the final decision.

More information about the development review process is available at fcgov.com/developmentreview/process.

Yvonne Myers Joins Fort Collins Chamber Team

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The Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the hiring of Yvonne Myers as its Vice President of Strategic Initiatives.

"Yvonne's dedication and commitment to Fort Collins and this region is clearly visible in her work throughout this community, including her time, experience and volunteerism with the Chamber. It made her an absolute perfect fit for this position," said Ann Hutchison, President & CEO of the Fort Collins Chamber. "Her invaluable work

(at Columbine Health Systems) positioned Columbine as a key community leader and we know she will bring the same to supporting businesses, employers and our community as a whole."

Myers, who has worked at Columbine Health Systems since 1990, including 23 years as the Health Systems Director, will work closely with Hutchison and the Chamber team to drive community-wide/regional strategic initiatives developed through Northern Colorado Prospers 2.0

Larimer County Reports High Risk Score for COVID Transmission

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(January 6, 2022)

Larimer County Department of Health and Environment (LCDHE) Officials say COVID-19 Omicron variant cases are ranging in age from 18 to 57 years old and COVID cases in general are up 44.7% from last week.

823 cases have been reported in the past seven days, and currently, 70 people are reported in the hospital with COVID.

In late December, the number of reported cases significantly increased, and in early January so far, they have spiked.

Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) monitors for the presence of variants in Colorado. Colorado's current variant data can be found at covid19.colorado.gov/data.

LCDHE reported in December that the omicron variant was detected in wastewater throughout the county. This, along with positive cases, indicates that the omicron variant is spreading in Larimer County.

"Variants are common with any virus, so it is not unexpected to see the emergence of this new strain. While scientists are still learning about omicron, what we do know is that continued measures like vaccination and boosters, mask-wearing in public, and avoiding large indoor gatherings will continue to be key strategies for preventing the spread of

the virus," said Dr. Paul Mayer, LCDHE Medical Director.

Scientists are still learning about the omicron variant however it is clear that it has a significantly greater ability to transmit from person to person than previous variants.

Vaccinated and boosted individuals who do get the virus are best equipped to avoid the worst outcomes, including severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

Health officials remind residents to get tested right away if they have symptoms. They also recommend rapid testing, even without symptoms, just before gathering with others. Anyone who tests positive should isolate themselves away from others right away. Rapid tests can be purchased locally in drugstores and Colorado provides no-cost rapid tests that can be shipped straight to someone's home. For more information about the at-home testing program please visit covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-testing-at-home.

Free drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites in Larimer County:

Foundations Church, 1380 North Denver Avenue, Loveland, open 8 am-6 pm M-F
 Timberline Church, 2908 South Timberline Road, Fort Collins, open 8 am-6 pm M-F

Estes Park Event Complex, 1125 Rooftop Way, Estes Park, open 8 am-5 pm M-F

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211 Colorado Now Offers Behavioral Health Navigation for Unemployed Coloradans

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Coloradans experiencing job loss can receive support navigating available behavioral health benefits and resources through 211 Colorado thanks to a

partnership between the Colorado Department of Human Services' (CDHS) Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), 211 Colorado, and Mile High United Way.

Coloradans who have lost employment can dial 211 to learn about mental health and substance use benefits through their insurance or assistance programs, sign up for Medicaid, and explore mental health and/or substance use treatment in their community, as well as connect to other social services, such as food, housing, and financial assistance. Joblessness can have a significant impact on the mental well-being of individuals. Research cited in a Well Being Trust report shows that economic downturn correlates with "deaths of despair" — deaths from suicide or substance misuse.

"Navigating the behavioral health system is a significant barrier to accessing care, and that can be especially difficult for Coloradans who have the added stress of looking for work," said Robert Werthwein, director of OBH. "We are thrilled to partner with Mile High United Way to offer this critical service to Coloradans who have been hit hard by the pandemic."

Senate Bill 21-239, signed by Gov. Jared Polis in June, charged OBH to contract with 211 Colorado to hire and train staff to offer behavioral health navigation services. Available in all 64 counties, 211 Colorado is a confidential

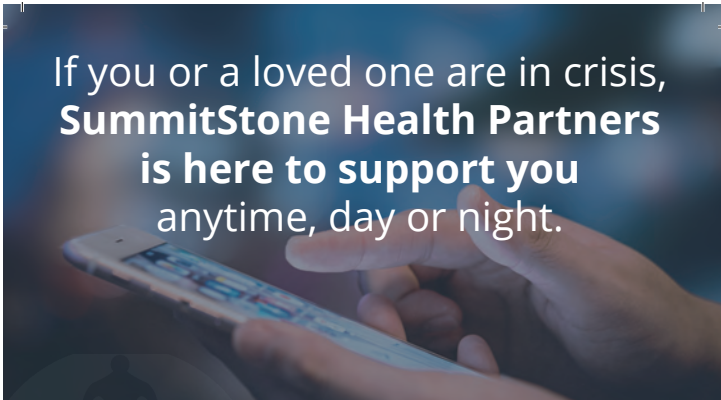
and multilingual service that assists people with navigating more than 7,500 health and human service resources statewide. The behavioral health benefits navigation for unemployed Coloradans is funded through June 2022.

"Our community needs us now more than ever," said Christine Benero, president and CEO of Mile High United Way. "We are proud to partner with CDHS to bring this much-needed resource to our state. 211 Colorado continues to connect individuals and families to thousands of basic needs resources. Behavioral health support is a critical need, and we are eager to bring this to 211 Colorado. We hope individuals and families continue to utilize 211 for help or reach out to 211 for the first time."

The \$1 million appropriation through the bill funds the services and an advertising campaign that will market the service to unemployed Coloradans, including Coloradans of color and LGBTQ+ Coloradans — groups that have historically faced barriers in accessing behavioral health care.

The service launches as Colorado contends with elevated unemployment brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Colorado's unemployment rate has outpaced the national average throughout 2021, and Coloradans are quitting their jobs at higher rates than in the past two decades, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In 2020, 211 Colorado received more than 182,000 contacts, including calls, chats, texts, and emails, and nearly 457,000 online database searches.



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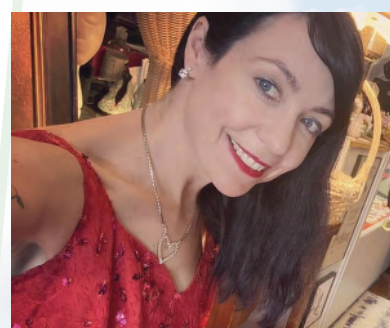
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WINDSOR

Town of Windsor Offers Christmas Tree Recycling Program

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Let the joy of the holidays live on even after taking down the Christmas tree. The Town of Windsor Christmas Tree Recycling program returns this year to provide residents with a free and more sustainable alternative to sending trees to the landfill.

Live trees can be recycled from December 28 through January 30 at Eastman Park South near the Treasure Island Demonstration Garden off of Laku Lake Road. Trees must be free of decorations including wire, hooks, tinsel, tags, plastic, and lights. Artificial trees are not accepted. This program is available to Windsor residents at no additional cost.

“We’re excited to continue offering tree recycling,” said Town Forester Ken Kawamura. “It allows trees to be mulched

and used in outdoor spaces around town. We ask residents to only bring living trees and follow our guidelines so we can continue to offer this service for years to come.”

Prior to getting mulched, trees will be used one last time as part of Windsor’s nature play tradition, Magical Forest, scheduled for February 19 from 10 am to 3 pm at Eastman Park South. Families can come for some hot chocolate and build forts, giant bird nests, and more. No registration is necessary.

Learn more by viewing the winter activity guide at recreationliveshere.com/activityguide.

For more information about the Town of Windsor Forestry Division, visit recreationliveshere.com/forestry.

LOVELAND

Banker Family Partners with Larimer County to Conserve 272-Acre Ranch

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In partnership with local landowners John and Kim Lankford Banker, Larimer County Natural Resources has conserved the 272-acre Rockin’ K Diamond Ranch via conservation easement in southern Larimer County. The conservation easement is located in Larimer County’s Blue Mountain Conservation Priority Area and is made possible due to a full donation from the Banker family.

The property provides a significant buffer to already conserved lands as it is adjacent to both the Blue Mountain Bison Ranch Conservation Easement, held by Larimer County, and United States Forest Service (USFS) lands. The Ranch boasts excellent wildlife habitat and is dominated by healthy ponderosa pine forests, mountain mahogany shrublands, rock outcroppings, and riparian areas along the

North Fork of the Little Thompson River.

Over time, the Banker family has purchased numerous parcels that comprise the ranch with the vision to create a larger wildlife habitat complex. “This has been our dream to return the Ranch back to its historical environment. Following in the legacy of both our families, we are thankful for this opportunity to contribute to the future of Larimer County, Colorado,” said John Banker.

The Bankers have actively managed the property for improved forest health and habitat outcomes following an approved forest stewardship plan in consultation with Colorado State Forest Service.

Visit larimer.org for more information about land conservation in Larimer County.

SEVERANCE

Town of Severance Announces Halt on New Growth as a Result of Water Moratorium

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR | Severance

The Town of Severance has a very robust water portfolio and an abundance of actual water to provide to current and future residents.

However, the Town only has one provider to treat our water. Until additional providers are secured, or North Weld County Water District lifts their moratorium, the Town of Severance will not issue new building permits.

This means that current construction in subdivisions will come to a halt and remain unfinished.

This also means there will be no new growth, which does include the possibilities of new commercial services. This additionally means the Town

Council has postponed several Town projects as this moratorium affects the Town’s annual budget by nearly \$2 million.

The Town of Severance Town Council and Management will remain diligent in addressing this issue and making sure it is resolved not only now, but for the future of our Town.

We will keep you informed as more information is available.

For more information on the moratorium placed by North Weld County Water District, please contact them at Phone: 970.356.3020 or E-mail: water@nwcwd.org

TIMNATH

New Year’s Resolutions

PHIL GOLDSTEIN | NorthFortyNews.com

TALES
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When I told my wife Amy that I was drafting a New Year’s resolutions column for North Forty News, she sarcastically noted that New Year’s resolutions were essentially promises to address one’s shortcomings. And, since she skeptically presumed that I have no intention of seeing any of these ‘promises’ fulfilled, maybe I should just write a column about my many faults and save the insincerity.

While Amy’s point was well taken, it’s not that I haven’t made and kept New Year’s resolutions before; it’s just that I’ll have even less tolerance for other people’s foibles, follies and faults than in previous years. And while that perpetual commitment has served me well as subject matter for several of my NFN columns, a well-intentioned self-improvement plan once a year can’t hurt anything, hence the following:

I resolve to be more careful about patronization, a common dictionary definition of which is: ‘treat in a way that is apparently kind or helpful but that betrays a feeling of superiority; to adopt an air of condescension toward’. With that in mind, I’ll no longer suggest to anyone the considerable value I’ve found in regular exercise, eating healthy and especially, not using a commissioned investment broker.

I resolve to be more accepting of parents at the neighborhood pool who can’t take their eyes off their phones to watch their children. Not having children of my own, I obviously can’t comprehend the relative importance of staying current on one’s Facebook page versus the safety of one’s offspring.

And speaking of cell phones, I must become more tolerant of distracted drivers, including the one in my neighborhood who almost hit me the other day. I should have more appreciation for how important it is to check your emails and texts before you get to wherever you’re going.

I also must be more tolerant of excuse-making and a lack of personal

accountability—blame it on something or somebody else, don’t admit you’re wrong. Nobody wants to own any missteps anymore. It’s all about ‘me’. If nobody’s wrong, who’s right? I know, it’s tough being responsible.

I resolve to make better use of ‘reverse psychology decision making’. That’s a tactic I use at election time when I’m uncertain how to vote. I know people whose opinion I can ask, then I vote the opposite way, confident that I got it right. I’m now using this approach at home too on other decision making.

I resolve to have more empathy for those people who complain but never do anything to bring about change. I know firsthand that it takes courage to rock the boat, and one can always hope that someone else will pull the oars for you.

I resolve that I must quit reminding drivers of electric vehicles that their supposed non-polluters are really powered by dirty old coal.

I resolve not to dignify an irrational argument with a retort. My smug look just means I don’t have a problem letting you think you’re right.

And to appease Amy: I won’t play my drums when you’re sleeping if you won’t play the Kardashians when I’m sleeping.

Finally, I resolve not to keep up with the Joneses; rather, to be the Joneses.

Meanwhile, I acknowledge that my annual resolution for ever-lessening tolerance of others’ foibles, follies and faults may seem heartless to some. However, I keep hearing from readers that they relate to my intolerance, so that’s a resolution I’ll keep making.

But don’t hold me to all the rest of this.

Phil Goldstein writes Tales from Timnath periodically for North Forty News. Phil is an 11-year Timnath resident who proudly serves the Town of Timnath as chair of the Timnath Planning Commission. Phil is finally using his journalism degree after getting sidetracked 48 years ago. The views expressed herein are Phil’s only. Contact him with comments on the column or suggestions for future columns at NFNtimnath@gmail.com.

GREELEY

Banner Experts Partner on Treatment for Digestive Diseases

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File photo

A team of digestive disease specialists at Banner Health has collaborated on a program to diagnose and treat disorders of the throat, esophagus, stomach, and intestinal tract through medical and surgical interventions.

The Acid Reflux and Digestive Disease Center of Banner Health can help patients with symptoms such as difficulty swallowing, acid reflux, GERD, and other digestive diseases of the esophagus, stomach, pancreas, liver, small and large intestine, and anorectum. “The unique aspect of this program is that gastroenterologists and surgeons collaborate to recommend the most effective, individualized care plan for each patient,” said Bradford Keeler, MD, Banner

Health general surgeon and division medical director for surgical specialties.

“Some patients manage symptoms well with medication,” said Veronika Panah, MD, Banner Health gastroenterologist. “Some patients will find the relief through medical intervention or a surgical intervention. Our multidisciplinary team can help recommend the best course of action for each individual.”

The team offers a variety of tests to aid in diagnosing and treating conditions related to the digestive tract and includes a multidisciplinary approach involving specialists in esophageal and general surgery, registered nurses, clinical nutritionists, gastroenterologists, and interventional endoscopists.

Patients can schedule an appointment by calling (970) 820-GERD. Physicians can see patients in Banner Health Clinics in Fort Collins, Greeley, or Loveland.

In most cases, no primary care referral is needed. You can learn more about the program at BannerHealth.com/AcidRefluxNoco.

the new scene weekly

Old Town: Ghost of Nightclubs Past

TIM VAN SCHMIDT | SceneNOCO.com

(Photos by Tim Van Schmidt)

It's a dark, cold night in Old Town Fort Collins and everything is shut down.

But when I stand very still, I can distinctly hear the clink of glasses, laughter and the boom of a hot band. Everything's closed, but there is definitely the noise of partying coming from somewhere.

That's when a hoodied figure steps up and says, "Follow me".

Silently, with hands jammed deep into his pockets, the figure leads me to Lucky Joe's Sidewalk Saloon (25 Old Town Square).



Now- Lucky Joe's, Then- Ale House

Here he says, "I am the Ghost of Nightclubs Past", and without another word he raises his arm and points to Lucky Joe's.

Instantly, I remember that Lucky Joe's, in itself a longtime NOCO institution, once was a club called the Old Town Ale House. I had a conversation with Todd Park Mohr of Big Head Todd and the Monsters in the back hallway there one night.

What is now Lucky Joe's was also called Rooster Cogburn's at one point.

But before all of that, it was called the Red Garter. This was before there was an Old Town Square and Linden was a through street. Often, motorcycles would be lined up along the curb out in front of the Red Garter, a kind of wild and crazy place at times.

The echoes of past good times ring in my ears as my hoodied friend beckons me over to Coopersmith's Pub and Brewing (5 Old Town Square).

In that building once stood a

neighborhood bar called Friends. Here I remember great nights with local bands. One such night featured a local group called the Jukebox Naturals, who would eventually move from Fort Collins to New Orleans and form The Iguanas.

Friends survived the havoc of Old Town



Now- Coopersmith's, Then- Friends

Square construction, only to go down shortly after it was done, to the sorrow of local club goers.

Right next door, the Ghost of Nightclubs Past then points to the building that now houses Little Bird Bakeshop and Old Town Metals Artisan Crafted Jewelry (11 Old Town Square).

At one time, that building housed the main nightclub in town -- Sam's Old Town Ballroom. I remember rocking on top of my chair to a raucous set by Commander Cody and staying on the dance floor for Koko Taylor's tough, upbeat blues.

But the number one memory I have of Sam's was an evening with Gil Scott-Heron. It was the quintessential nightclub experience -- a haze of smoke, a packed in audience, and a super cool performer.

Standing outside now I can still hear Scott-Heron's sonorous voice, powerful words ("The Revolution Will Not Be Televised") and the groove of his funky band.

The Ghost of Nightclubs Past now doesn't need to lead me around Old Town. I stop in front of The Blind Pig Pub and Grub (214 Linden St) and remember way back when it was called The Nutmeg, then Kimsey's, but most famously as Linden's.



Now- Little Bird Bakeshop, Then- Sam's

When Linden's was a single unit -- kind of a long black box -- I saw Joe King Carrasco duck walk across the bar and bluesman Lonnie Brooks grab three shot glasses with his teeth and down them, all the while delivering a stinging guitar solo.

When Linden's expanded into two units, the acts got bigger and better. I remember evenings with Jesse Colin Young and Leon Russell. The best was a night with Edgar Winter with super drummer Carmine Appice, delivering an intense and electrifying performance.

While passing by the Northern Hotel (172 N College Ave) I suddenly remember the Bar Bazaar, a gritty, no frills club that supported local bands and touring acts alike.

The Bar Bazaar was the first place where I saw the subdudes play -- for me and maybe a dozen people at the bar. The music was flavorful and the band was powerful and I was hooked from the very start.



Now- Northern Hotel, Then- Bar Bazaar

One great night in Fort Collins nightclub history, some years later, saw the subdudes at Bar Bazaar, Liz Barnez at Linden's and The Iguanas at the Ale House.

And let's not forget that the Old Colorado Brewing Company, an early NOCO craft beer operation, started in the Northern Hotel.

Finally, The Ghost of Nightclubs Past and I stand in front of what is now The Comedy Fort (167 N College Ave).

It was once a restaurant called the Cow Paddy. It then became the Mountain Tap,



Now- Blind Pig, Then- Linden's

an early pioneer in serving craft beer in Fort Collins. The Mountain Tap also put in a stage for live music.

But then it became the Starlight, perhaps one of the coolest venues of all times in Fort Collins. It wasn't the most spacious nightclub but it always had a great schedule.

I saw Ozomatli start their raucous set on the sidewalk out in front of the Starlight, super bassist Tony Levin bring in a world class band, and just countless raging bands during festivals.

The good times continued when the club changed hands and became Hodi's Half Note and I saw some great stuff there too. That would include seeing Grateful Dead drummer Bill Kreutzmann playing with Papa Mali, an incendiary set by punk icons the UK Subs and so much more.

"All the good times in the past, where have they gone?" I ask out loud.

I turn to my ghostly friend, but find that he has vanished in thin air. And here I

am again, alone on the late night street.

"Time marches on", I tell myself as I head for home

These old memories of mine seem to be almost soaked into these buildings. All the while, new businesses are making new memories, adding to the Old Town lore

But right now, deep in the night, everything is quiet. Or is it?

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

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OH, WHAT A NIGHT WITH CHRIS KNIGHT AT THE AGGIE!

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William Knudsen performs at the Aggie Theater. (Photo by Matt Dierlam)

Do you know the Aggie Theatre? Of course, you do! Everybody knows the Aggie; it's NoCo's favorite century-old music hall; a historical gem, the real McCoy, with performances by big bands, local bands, and all bands in between, plus a full bar! Well, let me correct myself, it actually features TWO retrofitted bars inside this 100-year-old building that, believe or not, once upon a time functioned as a movie theater! Remember movie theaters?! They were a thing before Netflix, google it later!

You might be asking why I'm raising such a big fuss about the Aggie Theatre and I suppose roughly a hundred words into this article, I've held you in suspense long enough: on January 4, the Aggie put on a show featuring American singer-

songwriter and Kentucky native Chris Knight. Knight delivered a solid acoustic performance, he's a voice from western Slaughters, Kentucky who carries that voice clearly into his lyrics, which are a genuine reflection of his own life and times. Leaning sometimes on fairly dark, rural, blue-collar flavor, his honest delivery and lack of pretense were refreshing and well-received from his disciples.

The opening act was none other than Fort Collins musician William Knudsen, who you might recognize better as the frontman of Colorado's fav local band The Ugly Architect. Knudsen's intimate solo performance delivered some tasty guitar licks accompanied with well-written, soulful lyrics delivered with Knudsen's signature vocals, no doubt. But I think no one can deny, (the band included) that no matter how great Knudsen can stand on his own, catching The Ugly Architect in full form is quite a sight and sound! The full lineup consists of Thomas Wentz on the lead violin, Robert Shipton playing bass, and Matt Brown on drums.

Though the future is uncertain and we can't be for sure if shows or events will be rescheduled or not due to COVID and its good friend Omicron, we can be sure that the Aggie Theater has a website and there isn't a COVID strain on this whole wide planet that can ever make that website stop working, so check it and check it often to stay up to date on all the latest news on one of NoCo's greatest spots: The Aggie.

ROCKIN' 2022 WINDOW SHOW

NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com

"Time Capsules by Tim Van Schmidt" at Cups Community Coffee January 1-31, 2022

To rock in the New Year, Cups Community Coffee is pleased to present "Time Capsules by Tim Van Schmidt", an exhibit of rock and roll photos and memorabilia celebrating some of the most exciting artists of our times.

This isn't just an ordinary show in that the gallery will be Cups' windows. Schmidt's work will be on view inside Cups and outside as well -- in the window -- offering a 24/7 chance to see bands as diverse as The Rolling Stones and The Flaming Lips through different stages of their careers.

It's just another effort by Cups to serve up something special to the community, especially when we could all use it.

That's the same reason Cups created their innovative #cUPLIFT program, which gives coffee and goodies to fellow community members needing a lift. Between March 2020 and December 2020, Cups served over 1,000 recipients in Fort Collins. Cups was able to continue the program in 2021 thanks to the Ronin Factory Small Business Fund.

Further, Cups has also become a de facto craft and art gallery, colorfully reflecting the work of local artists.

Now add rock and roll showcase to the list with Schmidt's "Rockin' 2022 Window Show" exhibit. Schmidt is known as a Colorado photographer and writer with extensive rock and roll archives and his "Time Capsules" take full advantage of his resources.

Who will be rocking Cups' windows? Bruce Springsteen, Paul McCartney, Madonna, The Who, Kings of Leon, Dave Matthews, Joan Osborne, The Grateful Dead, Tom Petty, Blondie, Melissa Etheridge, and many more.

Cups Community Coffee is locally and family-owned and is located in Fort Collins at 1033 South Taft Hill (near Taft and Elizabeth).

Cups Community Coffee
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For more info, contact Amy at Cups:
970-482-2377
Tim Van Schmidt's site:
www.ItsAboutRockAndRoll.com

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NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com

After a successful return to live entertainment in the fall, Greeley's Union Colony Civic Center (UCCC) announces its upcoming Spring 2022 semester lineup, with all tickets now available for purchase.

"It was incredible to see our community and dedicated patrons return to the theater this fall," said Jason Evenson, City of Greeley manager of cultural affairs. "Our team is energized and excited for our upcoming spring lineup, including the unique opportunity to host the premiere

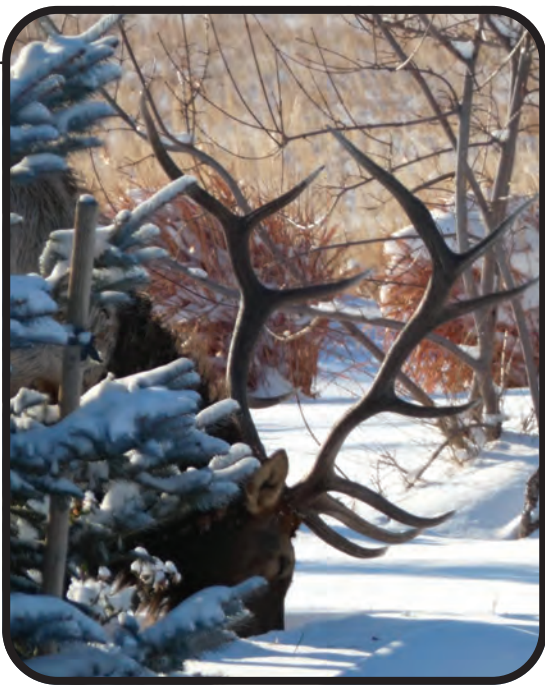
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CITY BUZZ

PHOTO OF THE WEEK: WEST LOVELAND ELK



The photo of the week comes from Donna Brady. It was taken from her front porch in West Loveland after the recent early January snow.

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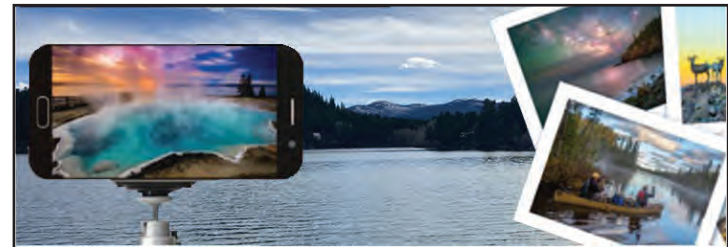


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LOVELAND LAUNCHES 76TH VALENTINE SEASON WITH LOVE IN THE AIR AND MAIL

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Send Your Valentines From Loveland or Head to the City for the Sweetheart Festival, to Get Married, Lock Your Love, Enjoy Wine, Beer and More

In Loveland, the nation's Sweetheart City, valentine season starts now. The Loveland Chamber of Commerce, Visit Loveland, and partners have unveiled details and plans for the 76th year of the valentine program including the Valentine Re-Mailing Program, Sweetheart Festival, group wedding, valentine beer, wine and coffee, love locks, and the Sweetheart City Race. All activities and events happen in the first two weeks of February.

"This is a very special year for Loveland and this amazing program. Going into the second year of this pandemic, there is no greater time to help spread love, joy, and unity when people need it most," said Mindy McCloughan, president of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce.

"Our designs and verses this year reflect Loveland's desire to share this honored tradition with the world and show that love is the greatest gift we can give or receive. Let's work together to spread even more joy, happiness, and love this valentine season."

A full schedule is posted at visitlovelandco.org/valentines-day-in-loveland.

Loveland's Valentine Re-Mailing Program

The 2022 official Loveland valentine card, collector's stamp (also known as a cachet) and postmark have been announced. The collector's stamp and postmark will be stamped on every piece of mail that comes through the program. Loveland receives around 100,000 valentines from all 50 states and 110 countries across the world through its Valentine Re-mailing Program, the largest program of its kind. Sponsors & Volunteers handstamp the collector's stamp and postmark onto each individual valentine that comes through

the city.

2022 collector's envelope artwork, remailing program deadlines announced

The 2022 collector's envelope artwork was designed by Corry McDowell. It includes the following verse written by Jeani Bork: "All around our Sweetheart City, Hearts are on display. Symbols of our vision for world-wide Love. Where every day is Valentine's Day." McDowell also crafted the 76th-anniversary postmark.

To get this special collector's envelope artwork and the special 2022 postmark, send your pre-addressed, pre-stamped valentines in an enclosed, larger 1st Class envelope. Then send this envelope to Postmaster - Attention Valentines, 446 E. 29th St., Loveland, CO 80538-9998. Once received, valentines will be

removed from the larger envelope and stamped before being re-mailed to its intended recipient.

All international-destined mail must be received in Loveland by February 2, all U.S.-destined mail to states outside of Colorado must be received by February 7, and all Colorado-destined mail must be received by February 9 to ensure delivery by Valentine's Day. Northern Colorado residents can drop off their valentines now through February 9 at the following Loveland locations during normal business hours:

Loveland Chamber of Commerce, 5400 Stone Creek Circle

Mueller Pye & Associates CPA, LLC - 762 W. Eisenhower Blvd.

Independent Financial - 935 N. Cleveland Ave.

Aims Community College - 104 East 4th St.

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Participants are encouraged to send their valentines to Loveland as soon as possible.



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Rialto Presents Season: THE HILLBENDERS, Rialto Theater, 7:30 pm, January 15

Wednesday, January 12

Blast N Bowl Feat. Gone Full Heathen, Violent High, Opposition Agent, and watching people drown - Live from 830 North: Presented by Mishawaka and Blast N Scrap, 830 North, 7 pm
Creative Insight Journey: 8 week class (Wednesdays) This course is filled with practical tools and powerful techniques that will ignite self-discovery, awaken personal insight, and empower you to step fully into the life you desire!, Blue Moose Art Gallery, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

Essential Steps to Starting Your Business, Larimer SBDC, 1 pm -3 pm

***FREE* Workingman's Wednesdays w/ Tumbledown Shack "Live on the Lanes" at 2454 West:** Presented by Mishawaka, 2454 West, 8 pm

Mugs & Mornings with the SBDC, CF&G Public Market & Coffeehouse, 8 am -9:30 am

Thursday, January 13

Develop a Business Plan with Purpose and Durability - 2-part session, Harmony Library, 9 am -12 pm

Saturday, January 15

Artikal Sound System Performing Live at Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 7:30 pm

Lawrence w/ Swatkins - Sponsored by WeldWerks Brewing, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm

Rialto Presents Season: THE HILLBENDERS, Rialto Theater, 7:30 pm

Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm

Tipsy Terrariums, The Windsor Gardener, 10:30 am -12 pm

Sunday, January 16

Stories on Stage and Buntport Theater Company - "High School Confidential", Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts Center, 2 pm

Sunday Morning Toast and Jams, Soul Squared Tap house, 5 pm

Wednesday, January 19

Creative Insight Journey: 8 week class (Wednesdays) This course is filled with practical tools and powerful techniques that will ignite self-discovery, awaken personal insight, and empower you to step fully into the life you desire!, Blue Moose Art Gallery, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

****FREE** Electronic Wenzdaze at 830 North ft. BRIXX, Trip Drop, Hotel Alone:** Presented by Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm

[Webinar] Sell Online with E-Commerce Tools, Online, 12 pm -1 pm

Thursday, January 20

Bad Bad Hats w/ The Ophelias "Live on the Lanes" at 830 North: Presented by Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm

Develop a Business Plan with Purpose and Durability - 2-part session, Harmony Library, 9 am -12 pm

Years Down and Revenge of the Scene w/ Stray the Course "Live on the Lanes" at 2454 West: Presented by Mishawaka, 2454 West, 8 pm

Friday, January 21

6-Pack Laughs Comedy Night, High Hops Brewery, 7 pm -9 pm

House with a Yard w/ Billy the Poet "Live on the Lanes" at 2454 West (Greeley): Presented by Mishawaka, 2454 West, 8 pm

Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm

Spliff Tank & The Nova Kicks "Live on the Lanes" at 830 North: Presented by KCSU and Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm

Stories on Stage and Buntport Theater Company - "High School Confidential", Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts Center, 2 pm

Saturday, January 22

Noche Latina w/ Manabi Latin Band (Tiny Ensemble) "Live on the Lanes" at 2454 West (Greeley): Presented by Mishawaka, 2454 West, 8 pm

Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm

Sipping with Succulents, The Windsor Gardener, 10:30 am -12 pm

Sunday, January 23

Sunday Morning Toast and Jams, Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm

Monday, January 24

AFFECTIVE TONE BY ADÁN DE LA GARZA, Hatton Gallery, 12 am -11:59 pm

Wednesday, January 26

Creative Insight Journey: 8 week class (Wednesdays) This course is filled with practical tools and powerful techniques that will ignite self-discovery, awaken personal insight, and empower you to step fully into the life you desire!, Blue Moose Art Gallery, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

Kingdom Collapse w/ Silent Theory "Live on the Lanes" at 2454 West (Greeley): Presented by Mishawaka, 2454 West, 8 pm

Mellowpunk & The Appropriate Show - "Indie Night" at 830 North: Presented by HearHere Concerts & Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm

Sparge Veteran and First Responders Beer Club, Sparge Brewing, 6 pm
STRFKR W/ SPECIAL GUESTS, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm

Thursday, January 27

TAXES - Get Informed and Organized Now!, Larimer SBDC, 8:30 am -12 pm

Friday, January 28

Aquiles "Live on the Lanes" at 830 North: Presented by Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm

Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm

The Good Morning Guys Habajeeba Show Featuring a Performance by George Birge, Union Colony Civic Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 29

How to Nurture the Prairie in Town and Country, Laramie County Community College, 8 am -4:30 pm

Kings of Prussia "Live on the Lanes" at 830 North: Presented by Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm

Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm

Sunday, January 30

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

Tuesday, February 1

Shen Yun, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 7:30 pm -10:30 pm

Wednesday, February 2

Creative Insight Journey: 8 week class (Wednesdays) This course is filled with practical tools and powerful techniques that will ignite self-discovery, awaken personal insight, and empower you to step fully into the life you desire!, Blue Moose Art Gallery, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

Improve Your Local SEO - a 6-Step Blueprint to Boost Your Local Search Rankings, Larimer SBDC, 8:30 am -10:30 am

Songwriters' Workshop - Fort Collins, The Purple Cup Café, 5:45 pm

Thursday, February 3

QuickBooks Online: 3 Part Series, Front Range Community College - Challenger Point 225 (upstairs), 1 pm -5 pm

Friday, February 4

3420 w/ Dreamspace Database, Czek, and Floating Sea "Live on the Lanes" at 830 North: Presented by Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm

Girl Scouts Impact the World, Global Village Museum of Arts and Culture, 12 am -11:59 pm

Opening of "Girl Scouts Impact the World", Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures, 5 pm -8 pm

Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm

The Little Dog Laughed, Bas Bleu Theater: 401 Pine St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 7:30 pm

We Are Messengers, Union Colony Civic Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 5

Fort Collins Symphony February 5 Concert: Igor Stravinsky & Samuel Barber, Lincoln Center, 7:30 pm

Sense and Sensibility Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia Theatre, 7:30 pm

The Little Dog Laughed, Bas Bleu Theater: 401 Pine St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 7:30 pm

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HAPPY
Holidays

TO ALL OUR DEAR & VALUED FRIENDS

Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season,
 and a healthy, joyous & prosperous 2022!



AROUND OUR AREA

2022 Budget Approved *Weld County*

The Weld County Board of Commissioners recently approved the 2022 budget for the gross amount of \$374,739,671. The board also extended the 20+ year practice of charging below the TABOR limit (which is 22.038 mills) for property taxes by agreeing to keep the mill levy at 15.038 mills. The board says the county is in excellent financial condition with no debt, no sales tax, one of the lowest mill levies among all Colorado counties, a significant cash reserve, and a fully-funded pension plan.

Full Nighttime Closures on I-25 *NOCO*

The Colorado Department of Transportation continues I-25 widening and US Highway 34 bridge reconstruction. The second section of the new US 34 bridge over I-25 is currently being constructed. Girders will be set for the new bridge portion during nighttime hours on Jan. 12 and 13. Full closures of I-25 under US 34 and US 34 over I-25 will take place each night from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Jan. 12, 13, 17 and 18. I-25 traffic will be detoured up and over I-25 using Exit 257/US 34. *More information: codot.gov*

Conservation, a Colonel, and a Corps

BEAR AND STEVE DEN

Oxford English Dictionary conservation:
preservation or restoration of the natural environment

Bear and I have been asked what we believe conservation should look like.

We have heard or read famous quotes about conservation from folk far more educated and statured in the field than us including Teddy, Aldo, Henry, and John. Theodore Roosevelt, our 26th president, once said about conservation we should "Leave it as it is. The ages have been at work on it and man can only mar it." Aldo Leopold, father of wildlife ecology, once said about conservation "To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent tinkering." Those two quotes, and everything in between, pretty much covers the gamut of the myriad of viewpoints on what conservation should look like.

Henry David Thoreau, American environmental scientist, was much like an oak tree and Bear and me...we three stood our ground on conservation. And, John was a naturalist and military officer. He had a very special relationship with this species of squirrel we photographed up Poudre Canyon.

When it comes to conservation, we've chosen to take an uncommon path through the great outdoors. We've always enjoyed helping to mold young people to become 'Stewards of Nature'... to simply give back to nature.

Fortunately, we've played a small role by giving kids hands-on stewardship opportunities to participate in worthwhile outdoor projects: Cherokee Park Bluebird Trail where the nest boxes they built and hung up kicked out hundreds of mountain bluebird fledgelings and many other secondary cavity nesters, planting a Living Snow Fence north of Fort Collins at the Rawhide Power Plant, recycling, and helping to bring the ECO-Week experience back to Poudre School District after it was dropped from the curriculum.

Those kids were the only 6th graders in our school district to participate in ECO-WEEK at



Poudre Canyon Abert's squirrel (Photo by Bear and Steve Den)

9,000 feet for 3 days and 2 nights at Colorado State University's mountain campus up at Pingree Park that year.

Actually, Bear and I never really considered ourselves conservationists per se. To us, it was just a way of life. If you can better our natural environment in any way, then simply seize the day.

And, of course, we haven't forgotten about John. Every time one of these black squirrels show up in our yard, we welcome them by saying "Hi, Johnny!" In addition to being a naturalist and military officer, Colonel John James Abert was head of the Corps of Topographical Engineers for over three decades mapping the American West. Lots of folks call these black squirrels up here in our ponderosa pine forest tassel-eared squirrels. Officially, they're called an Abert's squirrel named after Johnny.

Oh, an oak tree? Henry David Thoreau once said "Every oak tree started out as a couple of nuts who stood their ground."

From a couple of nuts in Poudre Canyon, we'll continue to preserve or restore our natural environment.

New Colorado Minimum Wage *State*

The new Colorado minimum wage rose on January 1, 2022, to \$12.56 or \$9.54 for those receiving enough tips for total pay to meet or exceed the full minimum wage. "A new year, a new minimum wage! As we head into 2022, Colorado workers who work for the minimum wage are getting a raise to \$12.56/hour as the state builds an economy that works for everyone," said Governor Polis. "My administration is committed to investing in workers and providing opportunities for everyone to succeed and grow their skills."

Holiday Blood Shortage *NOCO*

Holiday activities, travel, and seasonal illnesses often prevent people from sticking to their regular blood donation schedules in December and January, according to Anna Johnson, the manager of the blood centers. The seasonal lull impacts local blood supplies while the needs of patients remain steady. Start the new year with real meaning by donating blood to hospital patients in need. *Interested donors can schedule an appointment online at bit.ly/uchealthblood or via phone call at 970.489.8965.*

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US 287 Closed As Snow Comes to Northern Colorado

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Snowy weather set in, just as schools let out on January 5. (Photo by Blaine Howerton)

January 5, 2022 (5 pm):

The evening commute on Wednesday began with snow and plows. At about 3:30 pm in Fort Collins, just as schools were ready to let out, the snow started to accumulate on roads. It was the beginning of a messy Northern Colorado commute.

US287 (North of Fort Collins) was snow-packed and icy. CDOT closed the highway from Ted's Place to the Wyoming State Line. Residents in the area were let through. "Go slow; it's extremely slick. Go straight home." said a CDOT worker.

The National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning valid from 4:51 until January 6, 2022, at 3 am.

...WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 3 AM MST THURSDAY...

* WHAT...Snow expected to develop this afternoon. Total snow accumulations between 2 and 5 inches. Winds gusting as high as 35 mph.

* WHERE...Fort Collins.

* WHEN...Until 3 AM MST Thursday.

* IMPACTS...Visibilities may drop below 1/4 mile due to falling and blowing snow. Travel may become very difficult to impossible due to heavy snowfall on roadways. Plan on slippery road conditions.

The hazardous conditions could impact the Wednesday evening commute. PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

If you must travel, keep an extra flashlight, food, and water in your vehicle in case of an emergency. The latest road conditions for Colorado can be obtained by calling 5 1 1 or by going to www.cotrip.org

Conditions are expected to clear up on Thursday, but the cold will remain. A high of 23 degrees and a low of 18 is expected. By the weekend, the weather is expected to warm up to the mid-40s.

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Snow Extinguishes 'terrible' Fires in Boulder County

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The recent storm hindered many, but it helped others. 1084 of homes were destroyed and thousands of people were displaced as a wildfire caused more than \$500 million in damage to properties in Boulder County.

Numerous resources are available to those impacted. Several different sites are accepting donations for those impacted by the fires. The most effective way to support people impacted by the Boulder County fire is to donate money.

Resources For Those Impacted:

- Boulder County Community Wildfire Fund
- American Red Cross, Colorado Region Chapters:
 - <https://www.redcross.org/local/colorado.html>
- Lost or found pets:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bouldercountyfirelostfoundpets>
- Horse Relocation:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1850883771730463/?ref=share>
- Emergency Status Updates:
 - Boulder Office of Emergency Management -
 - <https://www.boulderoem.com/emergency-status/>
 - Boulder County Emergency Call Center - 303-413-7730
- Broomfield County - <https://broomfield.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2275>
- Colorado Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management -
 - <https://dhsem.colorado.gov/emergencyalert>
- Centura Health; Patient and Associate Line - 303-661-1848

Evacuation Centers:

- YMCA of Northern Colorado: 2800 Dagny Way, Lafayette, CO 80026.
 - Rocky Mountain Christian Church: 9447 Niwot Rd, Niwot, CO 80503
 - N. Boulder Rec Center: 3170 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80304
 - Longmont Senior Center: 910 Longs Peak Ave, Longmont (not for overnight shelter)
 - FOR ANIMALS- Jefferson County Fairgrounds: 15200 W 6th Ave Frontage Rd, Golden
 - Mount Calvary Lutheran: 3485 Stanford Ct, Boulder, Colorado 80305 [For those who have tested positive for COVID-19]
 - If you are COVID-positive and must evacuate, please evacuate to the COVID Recover Center at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 3485 Stanford Ct, Boulder, CO
- #### Donations To Those Impacted:
- Boulder Office of Emergency Management- If you have shelter to offer displaced residents, please sign up to be a vetted host at Airbnb.com and you will be alerted through the Airbnb Open Homes Program if needed and encouraging household items be donated to local thrift stores,
 - <https://bouldercounty.wufoo.com/forms/donations/>
 - Community Foundation, Boulder County- accepting monetary donations
 - <https://www.commfund.org/grants/get-grant/Boulder-County-Wildfire-Fund>
 - YMCA of Northern Colorado, accepting donations (blankets, pillows, dog & cat food) at their location: 2800 Dagny Way, Lafayette, CO 80026.

OBITUARY

Northern Colorado Remembers Judith Ann Miller

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Judith Ann Miller, November 27, 1939 - November 21, 2021

Judith Ann Miller left her body on November 21, 2021, in Sedona, Arizona, where she had gone to pursue an alternative therapy for the aggressive cancer that took her life.

Judith was born in Bertha, Minnesota on November 27, 1939. Her parents, William Howard Oyster and Perle LaMay, covered her in a buffalo fur blanket and brought her home from the hospital in a horse-drawn carriage. The oldest of five girls (twins Jean and Jane, plus Juanita—aka Pete—and Jarrell), Judith spent much of her childhood following her dad around the farm while he took care of their animals. She fondly recalled sitting backwards on Nell the draft horse, leaning into her elbows on Nell's behind so she could converse with her dad while he sat on a stool and milked cows in the barn. She learned to do farm chores at an early age and

worked hard all her life. Her family lived a rustic life and only got indoor plumbing when she was in high school.

After graduating from Osakis High School, she was the first in her family to attend college, spending one year at University of Minnesota. Her next year, she transferred to University of Colorado, Boulder. She had visited Colorado as a child on a trip with her uncle Donald Oyster and her aunt Lee and she knew as soon as she saw Colorado that she wanted to live there. After a year living in north Boulder, Judith accepted an administrative job in the Physiology Department at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. One of the conditions of her employment was that she would attend classes toward a degree. Her friend and colleague at CSU, Virginia Regal, later Virginia Johnson, introduced Judith to Charles P. Miller, who was then the foreman at CSU's animal research farm. Judith and Charles married in 1963 and she moved with Chuck and his two young sons, Jeffrey and Daniel, to Buckeye, Colorado. Chuck and Judy's daughter Molly was born in 1965.

Judith worked with Chuck on their diary, milking cows and putting up hay, and continued to pursue her degree in Home Economics. She graduated from CSU with distinction in 1971. She went on to receive her MS in Child Development and Family Studies from CSU in 1977, completing her master's research project on the effects of the 1976 Big Thompson flood on families. She then served as director of elderly services at the Area Agency on Aging for Larimer and Weld Counties. She went on to receive her Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Relations from University of Nebraska in 1981 and she worked as the national director of the Women's Educational Services Association from 1981-83.

Chuck and Judy divorced in 1983 and Judith moved to the Redfeather Lakes area, where she hosted retreats

for women. She partnered with Ross Hilzer and they ran trail rides and ran the horse stables at Glacier View and Beaver Meadows and worked as volunteer EMTs for the Redfeather Lakes Fire Department. In 1991, Ross and Judith moved together with Ross's father Harold, to Parker, Colorado, and later to Simla, Colorado where Judith and Ross operated Courage to Change, a residential drug and alcohol treatment facility. She also worked as a court-appointed advocate for children in dependency, neglect, and domestic relations cases.

A certified addiction counselor and practitioner of Low Energy Neurofeedback (LENS), Judith founded Soaring Hope Recovery in 2003 in the Colorado Springs area. Soaring Hope provided Neurotherapy along with alternative therapies for traumatic brain injuries (TBIs), PTSD, anxiety, depression and substance abuse disorder, providing a cutting-edge paradigm shift from medication-assisted therapies (MAT) to Coordinated Alternative Therapies (CAT).

Judith wrote and published academic articles, scientific case studies, and books and presented widely at conferences throughout the world on addiction and recovery, family violence, therapeutic methodology, nutraceuticals, and other topics. Judith helped hundreds of people overcome addiction and trauma and many of her clients testify that they are alive and thriving today only because of her tireless help and fierce belief in their ability to grow and overcome adversity. Her body may be gone but her spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of so many people she helped to heal. Judith's family encourages her friends and clients to find their own unique way of honoring Judith, and if they feel like sharing it or are in need of community, they may post on the Soaring Hope Recovery Facebook page.

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THE GRAMMY AWARDS

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- ACROSS
1. Chunk of land
 6. Sail alternative
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 13. Oak, in Spanish
 14. Nucleic acid acronym
 15. "_____ under fire"
 16. Permeate
 17. Internet meme move
 18. *Number of 2022 Grammy nominations for Doja Cat or H.E.R.
 19. *Justin Bieber's stuff from Georgia
 21. *Gaga's partner
 23. Mauna _____, Hawaii
 24. Cartoon Coyote's first name
 25. Lawyers' grp.
 28. Marine eagle
 30. Like Roger Rabbit
 35. Boisterous play
 37. Ore deposit
 39. Davy Crockett's last stand
 40. U.S. city and lake
 41. Tossed starter
 43. F.B.I. operative
 44. Group of nine singers, e.g.
 46. Gardner's gear
 47. In the middle of
 48. Arctic-wear
 50. Porcini mushrooms
 52. In the manner of, in French
 53. *Bruno Mars and Anderson .Paak, a.k.a. _____ Sonic
 55. Decimal system base
 57. *2022 Grammy nominations leader
 61. *"Bad Habits" performer
 65. Lacking sense
 66. Unit of electrical resistance
 68. Low landform
 69. Grassy mound
 70. Recent or new, prefix
 71. Los _____, CA
 72. Peasy precursor
 73. .0000001 joule
 74. Earp of the Wild West
- DOWN
1. LSD consequence?
 2. City on the Tiber
 3. *Swedish band with one 2022 Grammy nomination
 4. Exclamation from a coop
 5. Tittering laugh sound
 6. Bookie's quote
 7. Registered nurses' org.
 8. Torah expert
 9. Female name or a name for Ireland
 10. Worker's reward
 11. Not counterfeit
 12. Cobblestone
 15. Genus, pl.
 20. British peers
 22. Will Ferrell holiday movie
 24. Matrimony
 25. *2022 Grammy event venue, Crypto.com _____
 26. B on Mendeleev's table
 27. Type of acid
 29. *Grammy host's last name
 31. Aquarium dweller
 32. #3 Down's 1975 hit "_____ Mia"
 33. Means of communication
 34. *Kanye's album
 36. Source of pressure?
 38. Facilitate
 42. Profoundness
 45. Tip of lion's tail
 49. First aid one
 51. Up and down playground attraction
 54. Sergio of westerns
 56. Very recently
 57. Triathlon ride
 58. Tolstoy's Karenina
 59. New Mexico art colony
 60. Inwardly
 61. Dirty air
 62. Common "pro" follower
 63. Loads
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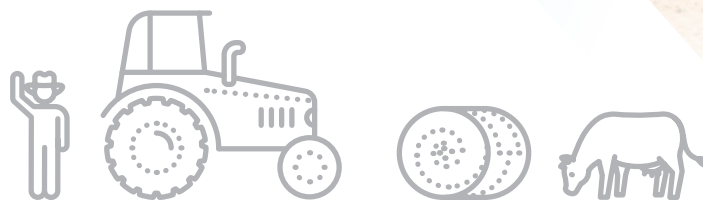


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