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# How Plowing Snow Keeps Me From Going 'Mental'

It's so great to see the snow. But, don't get me wrong; I have spring fever. I always do this time of year!

But, after months of dry weather and concerning fires throughout our region -- it's just great to have the moisture. I'm keeping myself busy plowing 2 miles of a private road amidst running the newspaper during some pretty crazy times. Recently, as I was driving my tractor back and forth down the road, I thought, What would I be doing if I wasn't up here in this beautiful place?

I am the type of person who always needs to stay busy. My friends and family can attest. I ALWAYS have a project in mind. I have so many projects in mind that I can't possibly get them all done!

I realized (while I was plowing) that I keep myself busy to distract myself from life's daily stresses. While I focus on not getting stuck while plowing, it distracts me from all the stuff that consumes my brain on a day-to-day basis. Running a business is not easy. And, owning a news organization takes constant mental attention.

My mountain property has been, and probably will always be -- my escape.

Folks, we are in a mental health crisis today. I know so many people struggling with stress, sadness, and complete dissatisfaction with how they live their lives daily. I feel it too. I think most of us do. We wouldn't be human if we didn't.

I can say, in my case, at times I enjoy utter silence on "my mountain." It's my way of meditation and focusing on what I want my life to look like next week, month, year, and beyond. I visualize it and focus on how to do it.

And, since North Forty News is a solution-driven news organization dedicated to helping Northern Colorado communities, we have published hundreds and hundreds of articles about others who are making a difference. We have been running a regular series



about mental health awareness, labeled "On Edge." A HUGE shout out to Summitstone Health Partners for helping us get that done!

I hope the positive stories help even just one person achieve their personal goals or improve their life through even a single sentence that we write. If you feel stressed, unhappy, or plain down -- don't be afraid to reach out to friends, family, or give our friends at Summitstone a call at 970-494-4200. They will help you, even if it just means getting something off your chest!

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# United Way of Larimer County to Host 16th Annual WomenGive Luncheon

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United Way of Larimer County will host the 16th Annual WomenGive Luncheon on Thursday, February 3, 2022, from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Embassy Suites Loveland. This free luncheon will celebrate the determination and accomplishments of WomenGive scholarship recipients who have conquered many challenges over the past year.

"For more than 16 years, WomenGive has led the charge in providing support and financial assistance through childcare scholarships to single mothers pursuing postsecondary education," said Deirdre Sullivan, President & CEO of United Way of Larimer County. "The average cost of childcare in Larimer County is \$1,200 per month, per child. Affordable childcare is a challenge in our community and a pillar of the United Way's work."

Attendees of the Luncheon will enjoy an inspiring program with speakers including Sullivan, WomenGive scholarship recipients, WomenGive Co-Chairs Mary Francis and Farra Lanzer, and representatives from WomenGive Mission Sponsors -- CSU Women and Philanthropy, The Group Real Estate, Nutrien, and UHealth.

"The pandemic has presented a number of new challenges for our community, especially for single mothers. Their resilience, combined with the willingness of our WomenGive members to step up and do what they can to support the pursuit of continued education, have not waived despite extraordinary obstacles," said Madisen Golden, WomenGive Director. "United Way of Larimer County's WomenGive program demonstrates that when we join together, we can do more than any of us could do alone."

Free registration and more are available at [bit.ly/WomenGiveLuncheon2022](http://bit.ly/WomenGiveLuncheon2022).

To learn more about United Way of Larimer County and how you can get involved with your community visit [uwaylc.org](http://uwaylc.org).

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# Selecting Regionally-Appropriate Vegetables

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Making one's way through a seed catalog can be exciting, yet daunting. Sifting through what is worth your time and what is little more than good marketing is an essential part of a successful season. This proves especially true for those of us who are transplants: I remember my mom bemoaning the harshness of our region while she gardened more regularly. Growing up in southeastern Minnesota's farm country, glacially-deposited loam soils and regular rains meant "you stick it in the ground, walk away and it grows". Unfortunately, that's not the case on the Front Range.

We receive about 14 inches of precipitation annually in the Fort Collins area. Much of this is as snow in spring with a bit more as monsoon-type rains in mid-late summer. As a result, underwatering is one of the most common hindrances to successful veggie gardening here. If in doubt, water deeply and frequently.

Our growing season for warm-season crops averages about 140 days. On either side of it, in spring and fall, the weather is unpredictable. For warm-season crops, like tomatoes, peppers, squash, and beans, aim for cultivars with shorter days to maturity ratings and mentions of vigor/adaptability. Determinate tomatoes and bush beans

(indicated in catalog description) will ripen their crop in a large flush, while indeterminate tomatoes and vine beans will ripen their crops gradually over a longer period of the season.

While summer days may get hot, we often cool significantly at night due to our high elevation climate. Pepper and tomato varieties with smaller fruits or shorter days to maturity are more reliable in our climate than long-season or large-fruited counterparts. Be sure to transplant warm-season crops beginning in mid-May – our season is too short to direct sow them.

In some crops, like tomatoes, disease resistance can be a major asset. A four-year crop rotation scheme can mitigate some issues here, as can choosing varieties bred for disease resistance. Such varieties will be indicated with acronyms in their catalog descriptions.

Cool-season crops, like leafy greens, root vegetables, and peas, grow easily here, both in spring and fall. The key for most cool-season crops is to grow them from late April to early June and have them out of the garden before summer heat hits. A fall crop is achievable, too, if planted in late summer and grown through October.

When selecting cool-season crops, pick varieties with heat and bolt (early flowering, which ruins flavor) resistance in case of early warm spells. The use of floating row cover can both allow for earlier planting in spring and later harvest of these crops in fall.

Too often it's easy to grow something "just 'cause", only to find yourself, ding-dong-ditching friends, with baseball-bat-sized zucchini by August, or worse, without anything to show for it. A favorite piece of advice that informs my vegetable gardening was one I received from my coworker, Mary Miller: "grow what you will eat." Not only will you enjoy the harvest, but you can avoid the shame of burdening those you love with an overabundance of a vegetable that tastes like a wrung-out sponge. Happy gardening!

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# WELLINGTON

## Wellington Middle School Introduces the Builders Club

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There are more than 1,500 Builders Clubs in middle schools worldwide, with no two alike. Each club is uniquely designed for its members, by its members. Students work together to improve their schools and communities on their chosen projects. Wellington Middle School Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth graders will have an opportunity to join beginning this February.

Students can learn more about this opportunity and how to join during the lunch period presentations to be scheduled. They can talk to Mr. Benedict if they have questions. They need fifteen members to start a club. Members will learn how to run the club, elect officers, pick projects, and learn how to fund projects under the guidance of advisors. Club members will decide the meeting schedule, which will happen after school. Projects will benefit the Wellington community.

This opportunity comes in partnership with the school and the Wellington Waverly Kiwanis Club. The Kiwanis club is covering the \$650 in membership dues for the Builders Club members

with the support of funds raised through the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce annual dinner. This membership fee covers the bell, banner, and certificates. Staff advisers supporting the youth members include Kelby Benedict, school Principal, Primary Kiwanis Adviser Steve Sarno, and Secondary Adviser Richard Bacon.

Builders Club is built on the principle that 'Amazing things happen when the students take the lead.' It helps shape a generation of leaders, builds stronger communities through service, and inspires students to believe in their ability to change the world. In addition, it helps build self-confidence, facilitates active leadership, and generates a more caring and inclusive school climate.

Students will receive information at school, and parents will need to sign releases to attend. There will be no cost to parents due to the Kiwanis' contribution.

For more information, visit the Kiwanis Builders Club website at [buildersclub.org](http://buildersclub.org).

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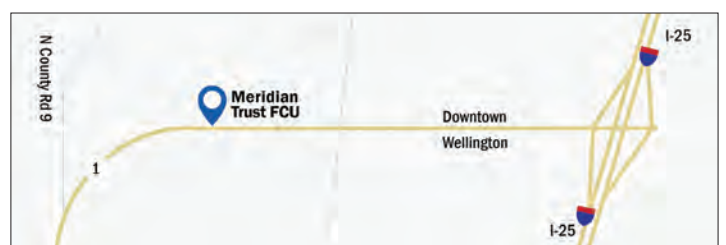
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## News on the Street: Updates from the Wellington Main Street Program

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(Greetings from Wellington Mural, photo credit Brian Graves, Graven Images)

The Wellington Main Street Program has kicked off a new year and brings some exciting updates.

### Become a Flower Sponsor

Have you noticed the flower planters along Cleveland Ave and 6th Street? Those are brought to you by the Main Street Program, thanks to the help of volunteers and sponsors. Sponsorships are now open for the 2022 Downtown Wellington Annual Color Program, supporting the purchase and maintenance of the downtown flower planters. Register to be a sponsor using this link: [form.jotform.com/220186810307146](http://form.jotform.com/220186810307146). There are 24 sponsorships available and will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Please contact the Main Street Program at 970-568-4985 or [kallie@wellingtonmainstreet.org](mailto:kallie@wellingtonmainstreet.org) for more information.

### Sign up for the Main Street Market

The ten-week Main Street Market is held in Centennial Park on Thursdays, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM, July through September this year. Vendor sign-up is going on now at [wellingtonmainstreet.org/vendors](http://wellingtonmainstreet.org/vendors).

### Changes in the Board

The Main Street Program announced the election of officers for 2022. Anita Hardy is President, Annie Lindgren is Vice President, Megan Larson is Secretary, and Nic Redavid is Treasurer. Mary Gray, Roy Cook, and Erin Jerome joined the board alongside Sarah Braun, Emma Hanson, Tracey Jensen, and Erin Ramler. These board members are downtown business owners, residents, or investors on a mission to champion community collaboration and enhancement and promotion of downtown Wellington.

Interested in being a part of what is happening with the Main Street program? There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer, serve on committees, or sponsor events or projects! Visit the website for more information on how to sign up.

### Successful First Event of the Year

The Cleveland Crawl, held on January 22, brought hundreds of people to downtown Wellington. Twelve businesses participated, and all reported

a booming turnout for the day. Each organization had activities to participate in, with opportunities to meet Elsa, win prizes, or break records with Wellington's longest ski shot. Folks of all ages found fun activities and stayed warm with an inaugural Cleveland Crawl beanie.

"The Cleveland Crawl was a major success. The amazing energy it brought to our downtown is an incredible feeling. We wanted the community to get the opportunity to see all of what our beautiful Downton has to offer, and I'd say it worked out quite well. Thank you to everyone who participated, and I am already looking forward to next year!" Shares Erin Jerome, chair of the event and owner of Trim Salon.

### Upcoming Events

Keep an eye out for information on upcoming events scheduled for the next three months. The Hoppy Go Lucky 5K fundraising event, put on by Soul Squared Brewing, is Saturday, March 12. The 0.5K Fun Run Fundraiser, put on by Old Colorado Brewing, is Saturday, April 2. Earth Day Downtown Clean-up is scheduled for Friday, April 22. The program is also rolling out a Fourth Friday Front Porch event starting March 25.

### 2021 Annual Report

The Main Street Program presented its annual report to the Town Trustees on January 25, and it is now available on the Main Street Program website and social media. It was a wildly successful year for the program, with \$22,500 in funding made available through Colorado Main Street opportunities, \$718,999 worth of grants acquired supporting the Town of Wellington businesses, seven new businesses joining the downtown district, and 2,000 volunteer hours invested. In addition, six successful fundraising events brought in \$31,272 invested back into downtown and made these events possible. The program also won the Colorado Main Street program of the Year award, and Executive Director Kallie Cooper won the Colorado Main Street Manager of the Year.

To see more details of the annual report, learn more about the program, sign up to be a volunteer, or sign up to volunteer, visit [wellingtonmainstreet.org](http://wellingtonmainstreet.org).

## Save Time and Money with eNotices!

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Larimer County Treasurer & Public Trustee Irene Josey is encouraging residents to sign-up for eNotices to receive their future tax statements electronically.

Tax statements and postcards were mailed mid-January 2022, for 2021 taxes payable in 2022. Nearly 90,000 traditional full-page statements are typically mailed that include payment coupons and an envelope. Approximately 70,000 postcard statements are also mailed to those residents whose mortgage companies pay their property taxes.

As part of Larimer County's commitment to eco-friendly initiatives and simplifying tax payment processes for residents, they offer an online statement program allowing residents to receive their future tax statements electronically

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If you have not received your tax statement by January 31, 2022, or if you have any other questions or concerns, please call the office at 970-498-7020, email at [lctreasurer@larimer.org](mailto:lctreasurer@larimer.org), or use the chat feature found at [larimer.org/treasurer](http://larimer.org/treasurer).

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## Midtown Business Improvement District Advances South College Avenue Improvements

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Efforts to advance a complete makeover of South College Avenue in Fort Collins, within the Midtown Business Improvement District (BID) are underway, thanks to a \$200,000 commitment of BID funds to advance preliminary construction documents for a significant portion of the corridor. The study is specifically focused on S. College Avenue from Drake to Boardwalk, the portion of Midtown covered by the BID – a special taxing district established in 2017 to support Midtown commercial property owners and businesses in collectively planning, funding, and implementing projects and programs.

The commitment of funds launches the outreach and design process to make many of the ideas included in the 2014 Midtown in Motion Plan and the 2013 Midtown Plan a reality. Both plans aimed to make South College Avenue safer for all forms of travel, improve bicycle and pedestrian amenities as well as connections to MAX, and create a high-quality and attractive street that is truly a destination. The Midtown Plan includes high-level concepts for South College Avenue and establishes a vision for a mixed-use multimodal corridor. Midtown in Motion built on those concepts and visions to produce a preferred design concept for South College Avenue.

The process to develop the preliminary

construction documents launched in late December, and includes further exploration and determinations on the following items, all of which were identified in previous plan documents.

Exploring opportunities to convert frontage roads along South College to one-way, where practical

Widened sidewalks/paths on both sides of the street for pedestrians and bicycles

Upgraded and landscaped medians

Exploration of future multi-modal transportation opportunities on S. College Avenue

Intersection improvements at Thunderbird, Harvard, Swallow, Foothills Parkway, Monroe, Bockman and Boardwalk

Improvements to the trail underpass connecting either side of Sout College Avenue

Crosswalk improvements throughout the corridor to improve pedestrian safety

Coordination with the City regarding upgrades to utilities

Placemaking improvements – including branded Midtown signage and wayfinding, creation of urban parks and plazas, adding public art and plantings, enhanced lighting, streetscaping, and street furniture

To stay up to date on all Midtown happenings, visit [MidtownFC.org](http://MidtownFC.org) and sign up for the monthly newsletter.

## Neighbor to Neighbor Re-Launches HomeShare Program in Larimer County

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Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N), a local nonprofit providing a spectrum of housing stability services in Larimer County, is once again recruiting participants for its HomeShare Program, after being placed on hold during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In early 2018, Neighbor to Neighbor and Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities co-developed a program designed to address the scarcity of affordable housing in Larimer County, while also providing older adult homeowners with a safe and beneficial way to remain in their homes. “It’s time we embrace new ways of looking at housing because the traditional model is no longer working for our community, and especially for our older residents,” says N2N Executive Director Kelly Evans. “Programs like HomeShare create a valuable and innovative housing opportunity that has the power to both support older homeowners while increasing our inventory of affordable housing.”

Thanks to funding provided by the NextFifty Initiative, HomeShare is a free, safe, and convenient service that connects older homeowners who have space and could use a little help – whether that be with rent income or household assistance – with individuals looking for affordable housing who are open to and interested in a less traditional lease. The program was temporarily halted in May 2020 due to Covid-19, however, N2N and NextFifty Initiative remained committed to relaunching the program, and HomeShare is once again accepting applications for both home providers and home seekers.

“In order to be successful, we need

homeowners who are willing to participate,” explains program manager Gia Heflin. “Agreements can take many forms and may include reduced rent in exchange for services like cooking, cleaning, shopping, or maintenance. Any curious homeowner over 55 years in age can speak with one of our HomeShare counselors to learn more about how it works and explore benefits they’d like to achieve from the program.”

Sheila, a participating homeowner, shared, “N2N’s home-sharing program is a wonderful concept to help both home providers and home seekers. It is the only program I have heard of that thoroughly matches the wants and needs of both parties. My first home seeker was the perfect renter and we will be friends for life.”

N2N HomeShare counselors screen all applicants with a background check and personal interview. Upon acceptance into the program, matches are offered based on each applicant’s expressed needs and interests. After the meeting, and if both parties agree to the match, a N2N counselor assists in the creation of their living agreement. Resources that aim to support the match, such as budgeting, preventing identity fraud, and city mediation services, are also discussed. Homeowners must be 55 years or older and reside within Larimer County to apply, however, home seekers can be adults of any age.

Both home providers and seekers are encouraged to learn more about the program and application process by visiting [www.n2n.org/homeshare](http://www.n2n.org/homeshare), calling (970)372-2005, or emailing [n2nhomeshare@n2n.org](mailto:n2nhomeshare@n2n.org).

## Local Organizations Can Use New Grants to Tackle Community Issues

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Fort Collins tops national rankings for best places to live. Locals even nicknamed it “the Choice City.” But many local organizations know that it is not a choice city for everyone.

- The most recent U.S. census data showed 16% of Fort Collins residents living below the poverty line, above the state level of 9%. The census data comes from the 2019 American Community Survey, five-year estimates.
- Nearly 60% of students experiencing homelessness in Poudre School District do not graduate in four years, according to the district's graduation statistics (page 6).
- Sixty percent of renters in Fort Collins are cost-burdened, meaning that the household spends more than 30% of their income on housing, according to the City of Fort Collins Housing Strategic Plan (page 30).

Local nonprofits, schools, and government units are using new grants to act on these issues and more. Bohemian Fund grants from Bohemian Foundation support organizations in their work to make Fort Collins a more equitable place. Each organization can apply to receive a grant of up to \$30,000.

Last month 36 organizations received

grants totaling \$587,000. Some highlights include:

- Beats By Girlz gives women, girls and gender-expansive individuals access to technical tools to make music. The organization will use a grant to challenge longstanding sexism, racism, and classism in the music industry.
- Homeward Alliance will use a grant to support their Family Housing Program. Homeward Alliance uses data to understand community needs. Recent numbers from Poudre School District showed 1,387 students did not have safe and stable housing during the 2019-2020 school year.
- La Cocina is an organization that relies on the expertise of Latinx individuals and families it works with to design solutions. La Cocina will use a Bohemian Fund grant for La Cocina’s Las Favas! program. It works with Latinx women who care for children in their homes and Latinx families with young children.

The application opens on January 27 and closes on February 24. Register at [BohemianFoundation.org/bohemian-fund/workshops-applicant-support](http://BohemianFoundation.org/bohemian-fund/workshops-applicant-support). A group of community reviewers and Bohemian Foundation staff selects applicants for awards.

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# HEALTH



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## Alternatives to Violence Asks Community to Promote Healthy Relationships and Education During Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

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Teen dating violence is a real issue and comes with serious short and long-term effects. It's important to help young people learn how to build and recognize healthy relationships to support their development and keep them safe. Studies show one in three young people will be in an abusive or unhealthy relationship, and most will not report it because they do not want to expose themselves or do not know the laws surrounding domestic violence.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month is the perfect time to educate teens about dating abuse. Alternatives to Violence (ATV) is a great resource to champion efforts in schools, workplaces, teen clubs and venues, and even at home – anywhere where there is an opportunity to reach teens.

"Dating violence is preventable, especially if education about healthy relationships starts early," said ATV Executive Director, Kari Clark. "A teenager experiencing a new relationship might not realize that some of the uncomfortable feelings that are happening are not healthy. We want to help make young people aware of the warning signs."

Teen dating violence is when one or both partners, in an attempt to control the other, use abusive acts to make that person do what he or she wants. This may involve but is not limited to, physical violence. Teen dating violence can also be verbal, emotional, sexual, or a combination of these.

Signs of abuse in a teen relationship may include:  
 • Name-calling; extreme jealousy; threatening to hurt the partner, family, or him/herself  
 • Physical violence such as slapping, hair pulling,

- and/or strangling
- Unwanted touching; forced sex or sexual acts
- Verbal discouragement; doesn't compromise
- Sets boundaries; doesn't allow a partner to see friends
- Teens that experience dating violence are more likely to:
- Experience depression and anxiety
- Engage in unhealthy behaviors such as using tobacco, drugs, and/or alcohol
- Exhibit antisocial behaviors
- Think about suicide
- Have increased risk of victimization during college

Those who wish to help educate teens in their community can follow ATV's Facebook page or contact Marigaye Barnes at marigaye.barnes@alternativestoviolence.org for engagement ideas, collateral and partnerships.

Anyone who believes their child is experiencing teen dating violence can call ATV for help at 970-669-5150. ATV provides essential support services to anyone impacted by violence. This can include advocacy, counseling, information, and referrals to local resources, emergency shelters, and in some cases longer-term housing.

While the majority of clients are victims of domestic violence, ATV also provides services to victims of sexual assault and human trafficking. Learn more about ATV at [alternativestoviolence.org](http://alternativestoviolence.org).

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

## Vaccine Availability in Larimer County Increases to Fight Omicron Variant

NORTH FORTY NEWS | NorthFortyNews.com



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The Larimer County Department of Health & Environment (LCDHE) is nearly doubling its capacity to vaccinate the community to meet demand and fight the fast-spreading Omicron variant.

While vaccines will not prevent every COVID-19 case, they remain the most important tool we have to prevent severe disease, hospitalization, and death. LCDHE has recently seen an increased demand for COVID vaccine appointments, especially from those seeking boosters. In addition, the CDC has broadened their recommendation for booster doses to now include 12-15-year-olds. For updated information about vaccine and booster eligibility, visit

[larimer.org/covidvaccine](http://larimer.org/covidvaccine).

"I'm excited that we're able to ramp up our services for the community and help meet demand, especially as we face a surge due to the Omicron variant," says Tom Gonzales, Larimer County Public Health Director. "For those who have been waiting to get their booster or who have had trouble finding an appointment, now is the perfect time."

Each week, approximately 800 additional vaccine appointments will be available between two new vaccination clinics that LCDHE is hosting.

- Wednesdays, 8 am-5 pm at the Larimer County campus, 200 Peridot Ave. in Loveland
- Fridays, 1-6:30 pm at the

Northside Aztlan Center, 112 E Willow St. in Fort Collins

Residents can sign up for appointments online at [larimer.org/covidvaccine](http://larimer.org/covidvaccine) or by calling 970-498-5500. Walk-ins are also accepted at these locations on these days on a limited basis. COVID-19 vaccines are also available through many local providers including pharmacies and healthcare clinics. Nomi Health, a contracted vaccine provider with the Colorado Department of Health and Environment, is providing drive-thru vaccines Monday-Friday from 8 am-6 pm at Timberline Church, 2908 S Timberline Rd. in Fort Collins. Appointments for this location are required and can be made online at [comassvax.org](http://comassvax.org).

*The Larimer County Department of Health & Environment has web pages dedicated to helping residents find information about COVID-19, including vaccination, testing, and accessing COVID-19 treatments at [larimer.org/covid19](http://larimer.org/covid19). Individuals may also call LCDHE at 970-498-5500 for assistance.*

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# WINDSOR & TIMNATH

## Selling Fast - Valentine Wine & Chocolate Walk in Windsor

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### Less Than a Month Away, and Half of the Available Tickets Have been Sold

The Windsor Area Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Windsor Downtown Development Authority to host the Valentine Wine & Chocolate Walk that will bring as many as 700 potential customers to its historic downtown.

28 Participating businesses will host, and the Chamber will supply the business with delicious chocolate truffles, fine wines from all over the world.

The businesses are responsible for preparing delicious appetizers that complement their wine selection. Each participant will receive a custom printed wine glass, a map of participating businesses, and 10 tasting tickets.

**Saturday, February 12**

5 pm to 8 pm

500 Main Street, Windsor CO

Admission \$40

After Party Tickets - Sold Separately  
Tickets are available at  
[windsorchamber.net](http://windsorchamber.net).

## Freddy's New Concept Restaurant Grand Opening in Windsor

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(Rendering courtesy of Freddy's)

On Tuesday, January 25th, 2022 at 10:30 am in Windsor, FREDDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD AND STEAKBURGERS celebrated the opening of its newest restaurant location. This beautifully new designed building is constructed at 435 E. Main Street at Eastpointe Plaza Shopping Center located at Main (Hwy 392) and Highway 257; just blocks from downtown Windsor.

Freddy's builder-of-choice, MCCAULEY Constructors, Inc. completed the new concept drive-thru prototype for the fast-casual restaurant franchise in January. This FREDDY'S fast-casual concept is one in a series of other new expansion projects FREDDY'S owner' Mark Siffring is currently exploring along the Front Range. "We are honored and excited to be part of the Windsor community. From hosting classic car gatherings, community give-back events, and forming lasting relationships with local organizations, FREDDY'S will work to honor our commitments to Windsor" said Siffring. The public was

welcomed to help celebrate the Grand Opening from 10:30 am through close.

Free Meal cards were handed out to Veterans, as veterans have always been an important part of the FREDDY'S family history, and FREDDY'S continues that legacy by honoring their service to our country with special offers, programs, and partnerships. Co-founded in 2002 by Scott Redler and Bill, Randy and Freddy Simon, Freddy's opened its first location in Wichita, Kansas, offering a unique combination of cooked-to-order Steakburgers seasoned with Freddy's Famous Steakburger & Fry Seasoning®, Vienna® Beef hot dogs, shoestring fries paired with Freddy's Famous Fry Sauce® and frozen custard that is freshly churned throughout the day.

"We are humbled and proud to have been selected as part of the FREDDY'S FROZEN CUSTARD AND STEAKBURGERS team to build their new facilities. It is always a pleasure to partner with clients who are so community-focused. FREDDY'S has been delivering quality food and services here in Colorado for many years. MCCAULEY is fortunate to have earned the opportunity to help FREDDY'S expand, and continue to serve more of the community." Said Leon McCauley, President, and Founder of MCCAULEY Constructors.

*Founded in 2005, MCCAULEY Constructors is one of Colorado's leading proven and professional design/build, commercial contractors, and developers. From pre-engineered metal buildings to office, retail, mixed-use, manufacturing facilities, university and K-12, parks, churches, storage, and medical/dental facilities. Learn more about McCauley Constructors at [mccauleyconstructors.com](http://mccauleyconstructors.com), on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, or call 970-686-6300.*

# RED FEATHER LAKES & MOUNTAINS

## Northern Front Range National Forests Continue Pilot Reservation Programs

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Now is the time to start planning your 2022 summer adventures on the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, the third-most visited national forest unit in the nation. From camping and hunting to boating on lakes and trekking through the wilderness, most outdoor adventures on this Forest require advance planning and preparation.

Building on the successes of 2021, managers are planning to continue several coordinated strategies to help visitors have safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences this summer. From requiring online reservations for the most popular developed recreation areas to providing online wilderness permits and recreation passes, National Forest managers are planning for another very busy recreation season.

Campground reservations go live online six months

in advance at [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov). Visitors looking to book for the peak summer season need to start planning now. All campgrounds on the Forests and Grasslands along the Front Range are extremely popular due to their proximity to the major highways and metropolitan areas. The concessionaires that manage most of the Forest's campgrounds and day use areas are increasing their fees slightly this year to compensate for the nationwide inflation in costs of goods, supplies, and labor. Updated pricing is available where reservations are made on [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov).

Visitors seeking a slightly more remote experience might want to visit the stunning and rugged Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. Permits are required for all overnight camping in Indian Peaks Wilderness Area from June 1 to Sept. 15 and are always required for groups of

8-12 people. Wilderness permits become available on February 1 at [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) where visitors can view permit availability and plan their itineraries. Permits are no longer issued by mail, phone, or in person. The Forest will continue requiring reservations for Mount Evans and Brainard Lake in 2022.

National Forest maps and annual and lifetime recreation passes that cover fees for National Parks and National Forests can be purchased online through USGS.gov. Passholders are still required to make reservations and pay administrative fees through [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov).

*Get the most accurate recreation information for the Forests and Grassland by checking official Know Before You Go resources on the local National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov](http://www.fs.usda.gov). Visitors should be sure to research how to find campsites and whether campfires are allowed.*

## Winter Heating Safety Tips

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In winter, people use various ways to keep their homes warm. According to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA), heating equipment is the leading cause of fires in U.S. homes and nearly half of all home heating fires occur in December, January, and February. Here are some safety tips:

- Have your furnace professionally cleaned and inspected before each heating season.
- Purchase only newer model electric space heaters that have all the current safety features such as a tip-over safety switch, overheat protection, and an adjustable thermostat to help save energy. Always place the heater on a level surface away from foot traffic.

- Do not use an extension cord or power strip. Plug the heater into a wall outlet only.
- The National Fire Protection Association recommends chimneys be swept at least once a year, at the beginning of winter, to remove soot and debris by a chimney specialist.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire. They can produce toxic chemicals that can enter your living space.
- Metal mesh screens should remain closed whenever your fireplace is in use to help keep embers in the fireplace.
- Only use dry wood in your fireplace. Wet wood can increase creosote buildup. Go to [uca.colorado.gov](http://uca.colorado.gov) for more tips and information.

## Letter to the Editor and His Readers

ANGELINA HUNTER

In November 2017 when I first read North Forty News I was struck with its even-handed goodness. This high-quality reporting called "solution-driven journalism," covered local conditions and events rarely covered elsewhere -- I was smitten.

I soon met Publisher/Owner Blaine Howerton. As a semi-retired professional I had time. So I began volunteering to promote the newspaper and went on to become a paid freelance writer.

For four years I watched this newspaper improve, providing ever more local

coverage for its readers throughout Northern Colorado. I have no doubt that this coming year will be an exciting time of growth and expansion for North Forty News.

As I move on to my next great adventure -- writing a book for young adults -- I am cheering on Blaine and his staff. Please support them with your readership, advertising, subscriptions, donations, and please tell your neighbors about this valuable community resource -- it's a treasure!



# the new scene weekly

## Daniel Donato & Band with Kitchen Dwellers at the Aggie!

MATTHEW DIERLAM | SceneNOCO.com

Those searching for a guitar shredder with country twang and Grateful Dead roots need to look no further. Twenty-five-year-old Daniel Donato delivered a crowd stomping performance on January 22 opening for the Kitchen Dwellers at the Aggie Theatre.

The Nashville-based singer/songwriter and six-string guitar whiz has been honing his skills since about the age of 16, first by playing on street corners, now performing to thousands of fans across the country.

Daniel is an old soul in a young man's body. He's an incredible guitar player whose country guitar pickin' roots run deep. A thirty-day winter tour began in Crested Butte last week and he passed through Fort Collins last weekend. Fans are doing multiple

nights on a tour, responding with immense excitement. They just sold out The Beacon on March 25, as part of a new Allman Brothers project of which Daniel is a principal.

The Headliner was the Montana-based bluegrass outfit Kitchen Dwellers. This band has been captivating fans across the country, as well, with their high-energy live performances and unique approach to traditional bluegrass music.

While the Appalachians may be recognized as the birthplace of bluegrass, the Rockies boast their own vibrant roots scene, and Colorado embraced the Kitchen Dwellers from the very beginning.

To stay up to date with all the latest news from the Aggie, please visit [zzent.com/aggie-theatre](http://zzent.com/aggie-theatre).



Daniel Donato & band pose with an enthusiastic crowd at the Aggie Theater on January 22, 2022. (Photo Credit, Joel Jansen)



Kitchen Dwellers (Photo by Matthew Dierlam)

## Photographer Steve Schapiro Has Died at Age 87

NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com



Steve Schapiro (Photo provided by Yahoo! Sports)

Santa Fe, NM--Steve Schapiro died peacefully on January 15 surrounded by his wife, Maura Smith, and son, Theophilus Donoghue in Chicago, Illinois after battling pancreatic cancer. He was 87.

One of Schapiro's photographs of Martin Luther King Junior was recently featured

on the front page of North Forty News.

Steve Schapiro discovered photography at the age of nine at summer camp. Excited by the camera's potential, Schapiro spent the next decades prowling the streets of his native New York City trying to emulate the work of French photographer Henri Cartier Bresson, whom he greatly admired.

His first formal education in photography came when he studied under the photojournalist W. Eugene Smith. Smith's influence on Schapiro was far-reaching. He taught him the technical skills he needed to succeed as a photographer but also informed his personal outlook and worldview. Schapiro's lifelong interest in social documentary and his consistently empathetic portrayal of his subjects is an outgrowth of his days spent with Smith

and the development of a concerned humanistic approach to photography.

Beginning in 1961, Schapiro worked as a freelance photojournalist. His photographs appeared internationally in the pages and on the covers of magazines, including Life, Look, Time, Newsweek, Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair, Sports Illustrated, People, and Paris Match.

During the decade of the 1960s in America, called the "golden age in photojournalism," Schapiro produced photo-essays on subjects as varied as narcotics addiction, Easter in Harlem, the Apollo Theater, Haight-Ashbury, political protest, the presidential campaign of Robert Kennedy, poodles and presidents.

A particularly poignant story about the lives of migrant workers in Arkansas, produced in 1961 for Jubilee and picked up

by the New York Times Magazine.

An activist as well as a documentarian, Schapiro covered many stories related to the Civil Rights movement, including the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the push for voter registration, and the Selma to Montgomery march. Called by Life to Memphis after Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, Schapiro produced some of the most iconic images of that tragic event.

Schapiro's work is represented in many private and public collections, including the Smithsonian Museum, the High Museum of Art, the New York Metropolitan Museum, and the Getty Museum.

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# CITY BUZZ

## 2022 ALMANAC: NEW PREDICTIONS, OLD TRADITION

TIM VAN SCHMIDT | [SceneNOCO.com](http://SceneNOCO.com)



1842 Cartoon- Swallow at Christmas

This year, I didn't just pass it by on the magazine rack at the grocery store. I'm talking about the "Farmer's Almanac", the traditional annual publication of weather predictions -- and more.

Seeking any kind of guidance for what's ahead in 2022, I went ahead and bought a copy of "The Old Farmer's Almanac 2022". This publication has been going since 1792.

The publishing of almanacs in America dates back to 1639 -- that first one was only the second publication printed in the New World -- but the practice of publishing an annual accounting of days goes way back to ancient Babylonian times.

The almanac I purchased in the 21st Century is so much more than just predictions. It is full of useful information -- gardening tips, recipes, and upcoming trends in technology -- and entertaining stories, from historical oddities and folklore to animal tracking and even sports.

A lot of the predictions in "The Old Farmer's Almanac 2022" are based on astronomy and astrology.

It made me think of a small fistful of old almanacs passed down through several generations in my family, so I took the old ones out of the family trunk to compare.

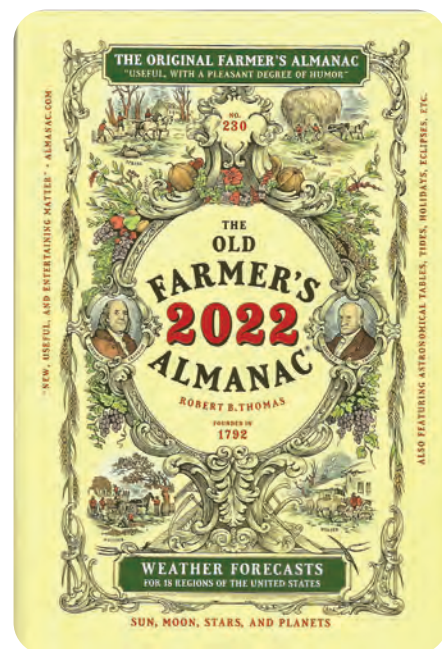
The old tattered almanacs in my archive date all the way back to 1842 -- that's 180 years ago. And what's inside those old things is eye-opening indeed.

The one from 1842 that has my great-great-great grandfather's name curly-cued across the top of it was a Temperance Almanac -- dedicated to stomping out the evils of alcohol and organizing community groups to do so. That alone says something about my ancestors.

In 1842, there were no superheroes, but there was Davy Crockett -- and he had his own annual almanac only six years after he died at The Alamo. But let's not be too quick to cheer. This isn't your Walt Disney version of Davy Crockett. This one is a snorting frontiersman talking the rough vernacular of the backwoods, dedicated to killing animals and fighting Native Americans.

Another 1842 publication -- the "Old American Comic Almanac" -- is perhaps a precursor to today's comic books, filled with stories, jokes, and engravings. The engravings in particular are pretty wild and no one is spared the sting of mockery here -- everyone gets made fun of.

Many of the other old almanacs in the pile are



The Old Farmer's Almanac 2022

dedicated to the wondrous cures that were available at the time. According to these publications, filled with testimonials and stories of medical miracles, just about everything that ailed the average 19th Century person could be overcome with only a few choice products. I'm wondering where these products are now?

One almanac, from 1844 -- the "Tragic Almanac" -- is jammed from front to back with heinous stories of murder and mayhem. Shootings, stabbings, riots, mutiny, ax killings, and more are featured in bloody detail. Shocking!

Apparently, there were almanacs for all tastes. I wouldn't think my Temperance-loving ancestors were reading the "Tragic Almanac" -- but somebody in my family tree was.

Let's jump back to 2022. Here are some random predictions from "The Old Farmer's 2022 Almanac".

### February weather, calculated for the "High Plains" region:

- 7 degrees above average temp.
- .2 inches below average precipitation.
- Sunny and mild through February 14.
- Rain and snow showers February 15-24.
- Sunny, turning warm February 25-28.
- Denver: last spring frost May 4, first fall frost October 5.
- Total eclipse of the moon: May 15-16 and November 8.

### Best days in February to:

- Quit smoking- February 18, 23.
- Brew- February 21-22.
- Demolish- February 21-22.
- Begin diet to lose weight- February 18, 23.
- Get married- February 19-20.
- Ask for a loan- February 21-22.
- Prune to discourage growth- February 23-24.
- \*The full moon in February is called "Full Snow Moon", but also "Full Hungry Moon".

Can anyone really predict the future? Whether looking at the stars or looking at history, or using science or even a crystal ball, it seems that we can see ahead to a certain degree.

The publishing of almanacs to annually do so, anyway, is an established institution -- American almanacs have been here for more than 350 years. Maybe they know something.

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

## FORT COLLINS SYMPHONY TO PERFORM "SOLEMN, JOYFUL & ECSTATIC"

NEW SCENE | [SceneNOCO.com](http://SceneNOCO.com)

The award-winning Fort Collins Symphony (FCS), under the baton of Maestro Wes Kenney, will present its mid-winter Signature Concert 3: Solemn, Joyful & Ecstatic at 7:30 pm on Saturday, February 5 at the Fort Collins Lincoln Center. The concert features guest cellist Anthony D. Elliott performing composer Oskar Morawetz's powerful Memorial to Martin Luther King. The quiet solemnity of Samuel

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# CITY BUZZ

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK: GREETING SNOWFALL WITH GLEE



The photo of the week comes from Liz Tufte it was taken in Fort Collins during the recent snow.

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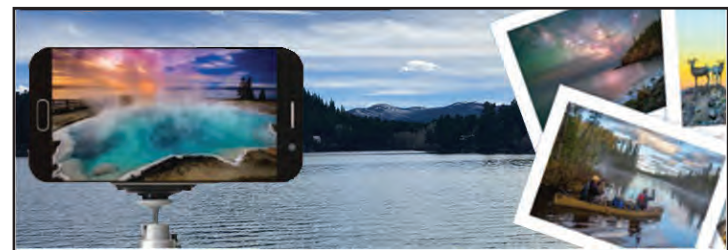


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Louisville Symphony Orchestra. Throughout both semesters, master classes with guest artists include professional musicians from WinterFest (canceled for Feb. 2022) and the Front Range Chamber Players.

Workshops with visiting artists in the Garden Concert Series will be available April through October of this 2021 season through the Garden Concert Series.

Register for the Adult Academy Orchestra - Enjoy a non-audition string chamber orchestra of enthusiastic amateur adults led by the knowledgeable Glesse Collet! Adult players, whether you're well-practiced or just getting back into playing shape are welcome. Perhaps you are a "former" string player whose instrument has followed you around since high school or college. Put music-making back into your life in an informal way, without stress or pressure.

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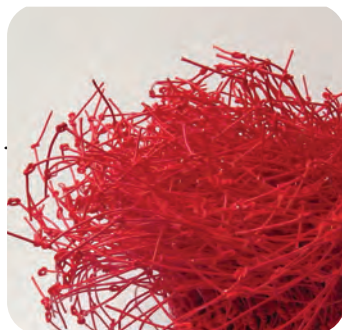
For more than one thousand years, Japan has produced some of the world's finest paper. Japanese papermakers still use the skills passed down through generations to create handmade paper, known as "washi". It is used in painting, calligraphy, origami, and other traditional art forms.

Japanese contemporary artists are now using washi as the basis for their artwork. They take this supple yet sturdy natural fiber and layer, weave, dye, twist, fold, and cut it to create highly textured hanging works.

"Washi Transformed" spotlights the works of nine

contemporary Japanese artists: Hina Aoyama, Eriko Horiki, Kyoko Ibe, Yoshio Ikezaki, Kakuko Ishii, Yuko Kimura, Yuko Nishimura, Takaaki Tanaka, and Ayomi Yoshida. All these artists use washi to create works that are unusual in size, unexpected in texture and do not fit typical expectations of paper art.

The exhibition runs from January 29 through May 15, 2022. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, seniors, and veterans. Longmont Museum members and children age 3 and under are free. Gallery admission for visitors with an EBT or SNAP card is only \$0.25,



Kakuko Ishii Musubu R 2012 Washi paper Mizuhiki and pigment (Image courtesy of the artist ©Kakuko Ishii scaled)

and the second Saturday of each month is free.

Japanese art and culture set the stage for the Longmont Museum's programming this season. Explore upcoming films, concerts, classes, and talks inspired by "Washi Transformed" at [longmontmuseum.org](http://longmontmuseum.org).



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**Metta Musical Journey with Michael Kimball,**  
Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, 2/8, 7 pm - 9 pm

**Denver EDM Friends: Open Deck Night,** Your Mom's House, 6 pm -12 am  
**Sunday Morning Toast and Jams,** Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm  
**The Little Dog Laughed,** Bas Bleu Theater, 2:30 pm

**Monday, February 7**  
**Bard's Confession,** Innosphere Ventures, 7 pm -9 pm

**Tuesday, February 8**  
**Metta Musical Journey with Michael Kimball,** Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, 7 pm -9 pm

**Wednesday, February 9**  
**Blast N Bowl Feat. Copper Teeth, Doom Scroll, and Sludgebroker,** 830 North, 7 pm  
**Colin Davin House Concert,** Home of Jim Kelly and Betsy Markey, 7 pm -8 pm  
**UNC Symphony Orchestra Concert,** University of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Performance Hall, 7:30 pm  
**Workingman's Wednesdays w/ Tumbledown Shack,** 2454 West, 6:30 pm

**Thursday, February 10**  
**Juliette Gordon Low: Stories from the Life of the Founder of Girl Scouts,** Online, 6 pm -7:30 pm  
**Mr. Capone-E,** Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11 pm  
**Museum at Twilight,** Greeley History Museum, 4 pm -8 pm

**Shai Wosner Solo Recital - Beethoven's "Diabelli Variations",** Grace Church, 7 pm -9 pm  
**Tribute to Classic Rock ft. Playn'Dirty,** Your Mom's House, 8 pm -12:30 am  
**[Webinar] QuickBooks Online; 3 Part Series,** Online, 1 pm -5 pm

**Friday, February 11**  
**Carlos Barata at Lucky Joe's,** Lucky Joe's, 9 pm -12 am  
**Cities in the Sky w/ In Plain Air,** 100 Nickel, 8 pm  
**Game of Love: Valentine's Speed Dating at Stella's,** Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 8 pm -9 pm  
**Pixie & the Partygrass Boys "Live on the Lanes" at 830 North: Presented by Mishawaka,** 830 North, 8 pm  
**Rialto Presents Season: CA Guitar Trio & Montreal Guitar Trio,** Rialto Theater, 7:30 pm  
**Sip & Shop,** The Windsor Gardener, 5 pm  
**Takács String Quartet,** Grace Church, 7 pm -9 pm  
**The Little Dog Laughed,** Bas Bleu Theate, 7:30 pm

**Saturday, February 12**  
**15th an' Platte Band with The Smokestack Relics @ The Black Buzzard,** The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**Harumi Rhodes and Shai Wosner Duo Recital,** Grace Church, 7 pm -9 pm  
**Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal,** 830 North, 8 pm  
**The Knotty G's,** 2454 West, 8 pm  
**The Little Dog Laughed,** Bas Bleu Theater, 7:30 pm

**Sunday, February 13**  
**Story Maker with Daniel Jaspersen,** Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm  
**Sunday Morning Toast and Jams,** Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm  
**The Little Dog Laughed,** Bas Bleu Theater, 2:30 pm  
**UNC Guest Artist Recital: Dr. Theresa Bogard, piano,** University of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Performance Hall, 3 pm

**Monday, February 14**  
**Loveland's Annual Valentine's Day Group Wedding & Vow Renewal Ceremony,** Loveland Visitor Center, 4 pm  
**UNC Jazz Valentines Day Concert,** University of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Performance Hall, 7:30 pm

**Tuesday, February 15**  
**Dave Watts Benefit Jam (Open Jam) 02/15,** Your Mom's House, 9 pm -2 am  
**UNCommon Ensemble Concert,** University of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Performance Hall, 7:30 pm  
**[Webinar] Buying or Selling a Business: The 9 Stages for All Transactions,** Online, 10 am -11:30 am

**Wednesday, February 16**  
**Blast N Bowl Feat. Wolfblitzer, Seam Ripper, and Nightwaker,** 2454 West, 7 pm  
**\*\*FREE\*\* Electronic Wenzdaze at 830 North ft. Project Aspect, Jimeni, LonSoul,** 830 North, 8 pm

**Wednesday, February 2**  
**\*\*FREE\*\* Workingman's Wednesdays w/ Tumbledown Shack,** 830 North, 6:30 pm  
**Improve Your Local SEO - a 6-Step Blueprint to Boost Your Local Search Rankings,** Larimer SBDC, 8:30 am -10:30 am  
**Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal w/ The Danny Derail Band,** 2454 West, 8 pm  
**Songwriters' Workshop - Fort Collins,** The Purple Cup Café, 5:45 pm  
**The Complete Suites for Unaccompanied Cello by JS Bach,** University of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Rehearsal Hall, 7:30 pm

**Thursday, February 3**  
**LIVE MUSIC: Mr. David Booker,** Lirano Wine Bar, 6:30 pm -9:30 pm  
**[Webinar] QuickBooks Online; 3 Part Series,** Online, 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  
**Ain't from Here and Sugar Britches,** 2454 West, 8 pm  
**Girl Scouts Impact the World,** Global Village Museum of Arts and Culture, 12 am -11:59 pm  
**LIVE MUSIC: Steve Manshel,** Lirano Wine Bar, 6 pm -9 pm

**Off World Vehicle w/ Tantok,** 100 Nickel, 8 pm  
**Opening of "Girl Scouts Impact the World",** Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures, 5 pm -8 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**  
**Blues Night at Bar Fly - Rex Peoples 7x winner of Best Blues Vocalist,** Bar Fly at the Alamo Drafthouse on W. Colfax, 6 pm -9 pm  
**Fort Collins Symphony February 5 Concert: Igor Stravinsky & Samuel Barber,** Lincoln Center, 7:30 pm  
**Guerrilla Radio (Rage Against the Machine) and TEN (Pearl Jam),** 2454 West, 8 pm  
**Michelle Sarah w/ Kowan & Company,** 100 Nickel, 8 pm  
**The Little Dog Laughed,** Bas Bleu Theater: 401 Pine St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 7:30 pm

**Sunday, February 6**  
**All Them Witches w/ Blackwater Holylight - Presented by 98.7 KGNU,** Aggie Theatre, 8 pm  
**Chamber Music Mixer with Silent Auction,** Blendings Winery, 3 pm -6:30 pm  
**Comedy Brewers Improv,** Bas Bleu Theatre, 7 pm



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"This A-List designation is an honor and means we are taking bold and accelerated action to address these impacts for Fort Collins and doing our part for global climate change," said Fort Collins Mayor Jeni Arndt.

The full 2021 A-List of cities can be found at [cdp.net/en/cities/cities-scores](http://cdp.net/en/cities/cities-scores).

## Study Highlights Key Health Opportunities and Causes of Death for Coloradans

Scientists at Colorado State University used one of the most comprehensive global health datasets in the world to analyze the causes of deaths and disabilities in Colorado over a 29-year period, from 1990 to 2019. The analysis included risk factors for poor health and deaths, making the study unique, according to Dr. David Rojas-Rueda, senior author of the study and an assistant professor of epidemiology in CSU's Department of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences.

Cardiovascular disease and neoplasms, or cancers, accounted for half of the deaths in Colorado

during this time frame. In relative numbers, Colorado has seen an improvement in health indicators observed in the study over the last 29 years, with mortality and disability rates accounting for an aging population.

Researchers estimated that the number of deaths in the state nearly doubled, from 21,171 to 40,724 deaths in 1990 and 2019, respectively.

- Premature deaths due to HIV/AIDS decreased by 82%, and transportation injuries dropped by 40%
- Top risk factors for premature deaths were the use of tobacco,

drug use, high body-mass index, alcohol use, and high blood sugar

- Substance use increased by 140%, while diabetes and kidney disease climbed by 30%
- The top causes for disability and deaths combined were low back pain, opioid use disorders, ischemic heart disease, musculoskeletal disorders, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.


The research was published on December 28 in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.

The full report can be read at [mdpi.com/1660-4601/19/1/288](http://mdpi.com/1660-4601/19/1/288).

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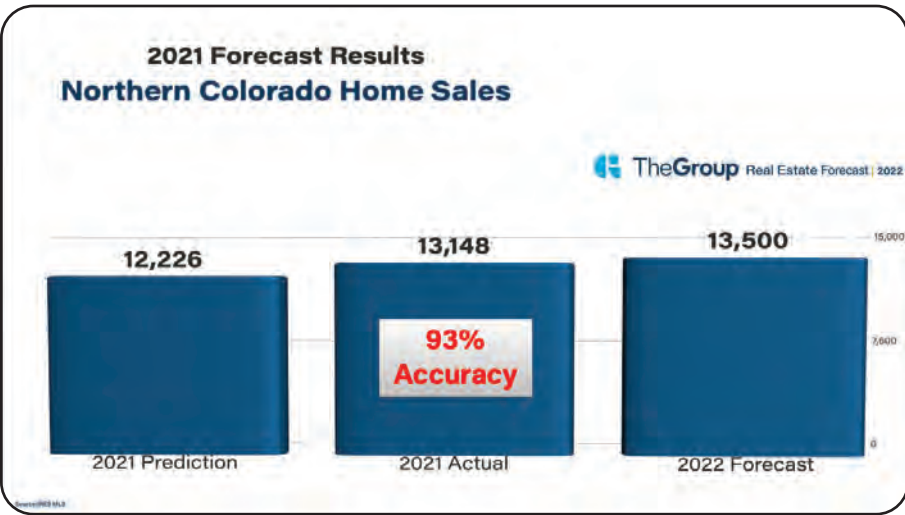
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# COVER STORY

## The Group: Numbers of Northern Colorado Homes Sold Will Continue to Increase

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**Forecast By Area Median Price 2022 Residential Forecast**

Area	Median Price
Fort Collins	\$550,000
Loveland	\$480,000
Windsor/Severance	\$525,000
Greeley/Evans	\$400,000
Timnath	\$640,000
Wellington	\$455,000
Berthoud	\$580,000
Johnstown	\$485,000
Longmont	\$600,000
Boulder	\$940,000
Ault/Eaton/Kersey/La Salle	\$405,000

Hey, did you know the word “forecast” can refer to something other than weather?! Apparently, it’s related to real estate, as well, and I know this because on January 26 Northern Colorado’s leading realty firm, The Group held their annual real estate forecast presentation. This year’s presentation featured key speakers Colorado State Demographer Elizabeth Garner, as well as Group President Brandon Wells. The presentation was held virtually and streamed from their website, so if you’re at all interested in checking that out for yourself, it’s posted at [thegroupinc.com/forecast-2022](https://thegroupinc.com/forecast-2022).

Before the presentation took place, however, the esteemed members of Northern Colorado’s journalistic brass, (of which I am, of course, associated with) were given a chance to throw some questions at the Prez Brandon himself. One of the first things Brandon was able to address for us was the ever-so-popular question of how new developments in Fort Collins, like Montava are likely to change the market in the coming years?

“Dependent upon the project, Montava for example, has water challenges; they’re going to get phase one off the ground but solidifying a water source for the full development, that’s to be determined whether that happens. All of these projects, in my opinion, are much needed[...]. A lot of people don’t want growth, but in all honesty, what happens when you limit growth is you start to see prices and cost of living really grow rapidly.

We just looked down south in Boulder where the median detached price this year was \$1.2 million, those things have a trickle-down effect, from everything to how you pay wages to where you find lower to minimal wage-earning workers, so the growth is necessary,” according to Brandon.

Another popular concern is this idea that Brandon termed as the ‘No Inventory Myth.’ The myth partially comes from this idea that older homeowners hold onto their homes longer (because they often can’t find anything else) within certain areas or specific neighborhoods that may become more sought after or popular over time for whatever reason, therefore leaving the landscape looking pretty vacant. However, Brandon assured us that the lack of homes for sale is but merely an illusion...sort of.

“I think the missing component is that we’re used to seeing a marketplace where the consumer can go online, they can look and self-select through maybe 20 or 30 properties, they whittle that down and then go out and look at those properties and decide what matches their needs and desires, they then go back and work with their real estate professional and submit an offer. The marketplace looks very different today because of the velocity in the marketplace, so there’s not a storefront[...]. The sales are happening but it’s at a certain speed and

that’s evident by the month’s supply; there’s really only a 15-day supply if everything was held constant in Loveland and really Fort Collins, as well. So, I think that’s made a lot of people nervous, like ‘hey, there’s nothing to buy’ but that’s just not the truth based on the data we see at the national level of 6.1 billion homes sold, which is the highest it’s been since 2006 and then at the local level,” said Brandon.

So...it’s tricky but the point is homeowners should have their worries laid to rest because even though it appears as though nothing is available within all of the neighborhoods you’d love to live within, apparently there still are, much in the same way that water still appears to you in the distance of the desert. It all raised a question I had been wondering about since I read an article in the Wall Street Journal about private management firms such as Vanguard or Blackrock buying up substantial portions of older single-family homes throughout the nation, establishing themselves quite prominently amongst the landlord industry.

“There’s never a better time to plant a tree than today and I think moving forward that continues to be the truth of Northern Colorado.”

- Brandon Wells, The Group, Inc.

So, I wondered while sales might be on the rise with that 6.1 billion figure Brandon shared with us, how much of that number consisted of actual families versus these firms paying 20% to 50% over the asking price and in hard cash. Brandon said though some of that has landed on Colorado’s radar, it’s mostly focused elsewhere.

“The way I classify those (firms) is institutional investors, that is something we have seen a little bit of[...]what happened with Zillow, (for instance) selling off a big portfolio of those acquired properties that they had to institutional investors.

Where that is primarily focused on within the US is areas like Phoenix, Atlanta, a lot of what I would call homogenous housing[...]. We are seeing some of those just because of the desirability of Colorado, but I wouldn’t say it’s similar to what we see in other parts of the country. To me, those institutional investors represent a bigger challenge, and that challenge is for the next generation of homebuyers because they’re now not only competing with just the regular population, but they’re also competing with deep-pocket investors that are chasing returns in other asset classes.”

Brandon also added that more than institutional investors, what they are seeing more of is something called BFR’s, which is just short for Build For Rent. Specifically, there’s a Built for Rent proposed project north of Front Range Village and south of English Ranch. It’s being proposed by Landmark Homes to be located at Corbett and Edmonds, with roughly 400-500 for rent apartments and 250-300 for-sale townhomes and condos.

Brandon said they are seeing developers throughout Northern Colorado keep certain segments of their development as not having any sales costs, they don’t have any marketing costs, they just basically keep them for their own rental inventory. With the continued desirability to simply live within the state, as well as with the recent and tragic Marshall fires, BFR’s are more than likely to become a popular trend.

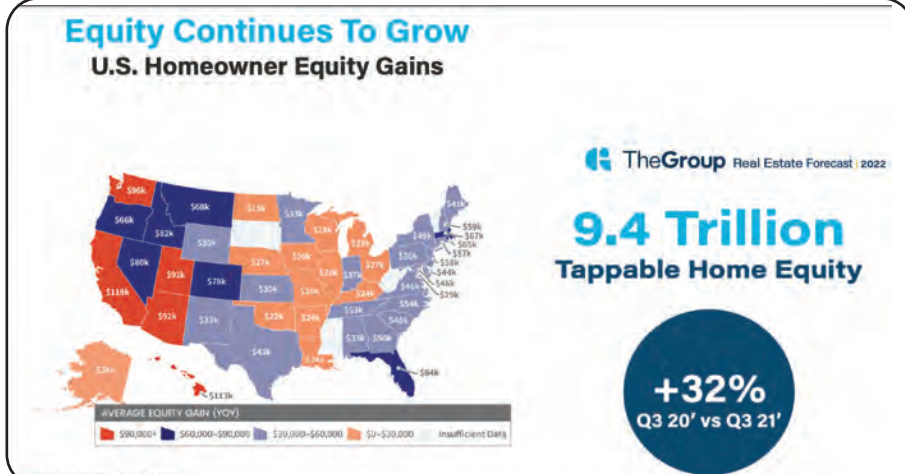
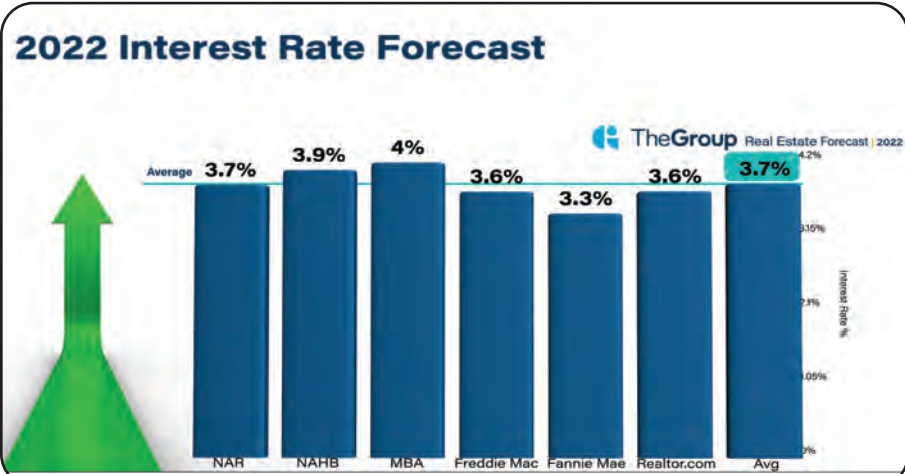
I could be out of line in suggesting this but with the state of the world, or even just this country, so many of us are just struggling to just keep our heads above water. The idea of purchasing a home right now seems lightyears away, and even for those who are in the midst of house hunting, there’s no denying that inflation is on the rise and can’t help but affect us all, renters and buyers, alike.

So, what with BFR’s becoming more of an option, coupled with the overall constipation of the inventory along with inflation, I couldn’t help but ask whether Brandon felt as though Northern Colorado was still a wise investment. Despite it all, Brandon feels very much as though Northern Colorado is still a safe bet and will be for quite some time to come.

“From an investment standpoint, I think if you’re a homeowner here, you’re grateful that you’re a homeowner here because I think there are a lot of homeowners within the state who look at the market today and don’t know if they could afford to live here if they hadn’t gotten in when they did. I think that continues; we always look back and hindsight is 20/20, but you know, there’s never a better time to plant a tree than today and I think moving forward that continues to be the truth of Northern Colorado.

This is a beautiful place to live, it offers a lot of quality of life, we do have really great socioeconomics in terms of our safe communities, we have well-paying jobs with an educated workforce and it’s a great place to raise families; I think that’s what a lot of people are seeking, so I do think it’s a great place to live and it’s a great investment,” Brandon concluded.

For more information regarding the presentation or if you’d like to catch it in its entirety, that can be done so from their website at [thegroupinc.com](https://thegroupinc.com).





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- ACROSS**

  1. Fantasy sports data
  6. Accounting acronym
  9. Stark daughter on "Game of Thrones"
  13. Branch of economics
  14. All talk, no action type of service
  15. Relating to symmetry, in geometry
  16. Base-8 numeral system
  17. "\_\_\_\_\_ the land of the free..."
  18. Lots and lots
  19. \*Actor Ryan of "Blue Valentine"
  21. \*Desdemona's suspicious husband
  23. Big fuss
  24. Nose-in-the-air type
  25. Uber alternative
  28. One on a pedestal
  30. Moderately wide
  35. Eye layer
  37. Twelfth month of Jewish year
  39. Cheese-covered chip
  40. Popped relief?
  41. \*"Love, \_\_\_\_\_" movie
  43. Splints site
  44. Muhammad's teachings
  46. Orchestra instrument
  47. Past of heave
  48. Avoids work, in British slang
  50. Give off
  52. Dose of sunshine
  53. Back seat
  55. Hair-raising product
  57. \*\_\_\_\_\_ valentine, an opposite of love note
  61. English author perhaps best known for "The Canterbury Tales"
  65. Like Mary-Kate and Ashley
  66. Pooh's "wise" friend
  68. Bring to an end
  69. Potassium nitrate
  70. Farm sound
  71. Arm bones
  72. Back talk
  73. Uniting conjunction
  74. Imposter

**DOWN**

  1. Smoke plus fog
  2. Comes in hard or soft shell
  3. Parts of a play
  4. \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_la
  5. Plural of solidus
  6. Heidi's shoe
  7. \*Sweetie follower
  8. Cook's cover
  9. Wheel holder
  10. Cambodian money
  11. Two-masted vessel
  12. "The Sun \_\_\_\_\_ Rises"
  15. Trash can for fireplace (2 words)
  20. Source of lymphocytes, pl.
  22. Pull along
  24. Dormant state
  25. \*Famous archer
  26. Dispatch boat
  27. "\_\_\_\_\_ and whistles"
  29. Hodgepodge
  31. Mr. and Mrs. Incredible's son
  32. Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
  33. Seven days postmortem
  34. \*Hive-related endearment
  36. Unfortunately, exclamation
  38. Rumpelstiltskin machine
  42. Stallion's cry
  45. Business combination
  49. Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway
  51. Darjeeling server
  54. Smell, usually pleasant
  56. Calms
  57. Ford Transit and such
  58. Pelvic parts
  59. Lice eggs
  60. Augments
  61. Oaf
  62. Scoop holder
  63. Biblical twin
  64. Donna or Lou
  67. Got a blue ribbon





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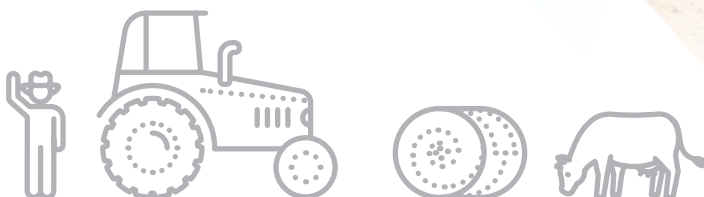


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