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I am grateful for your dedication and service.

With love, respect, and dedication to our fallen heroes on this Memorial Day,

Blaine Howerton and The North Forty News Team



Field of Flags (Photo courtesy Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary)

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A Guide to Spring Veggie Planting

LAUREL THOMPSON | Fort Collins Nursery

Mother's Day has come and gone and that typically means we've got the all-clear to plant tender vegetables like tomatoes, cucumbers, and more. Now to decide whether to sow seeds, transplant veggie starts into the garden or both. With Northern Colorado's short growing season, combining both options is usually best.

SOWING "SPEEDY" VEGETABLE SEEDS

Vegetables that grow quickly, like carrots and radishes, can be sowed from seed directly in the ground right now (or as soon as the soil is workable in spring), with harvest dates ranging 20-50 days after sowing. Cold-tolerant greens including lettuce and spinach can even be planted before the last frost.

These "speedy" vegetables can be planted successively in order to stagger your crop. For example, planting a few rows of lettuce every two weeks will result in a steady production of greens throughout the season. Sowing a new row each time you harvest a row can help keep you on track. Be sure to thin your rows to give the remaining seedlings more room to grow.

TRANSPLANTING VEGGIE STARTS

Many vegetables have a longer harvest period (60+ days), so it is best to transplant them into your garden as established starts. Harden off your veggie starts before planting them by gradually exposing them to the outdoors. Handle transplants gently to avoid damaging the tender roots.

SPACING PLANTS

Measure your plantable space and take into account the spacing for each vegetable before you plant. Some vegetables will require more space than others - carrots and beets only need a few inches, whereas zucchini will bush out a couple of feet, and cucumbers, peas, and beans will need over a yard of vertical space to climb. Tomatoes usually require two to three feet of vertical and horizontal space, and most varieties will need the additional support of a tomato cage.



Red Pepper (Photo from Pixabay.com)

Where you plant vegetables in the garden also matters. Certain plants make good neighbors because they provide shade and/or support, improve nutrients in the soil, attract pollinators, repel pests or help to prevent disease. Plants that climb should be given plenty of space so they don't choke out other crops. Many varieties of tomatoes and peppers also do well in large pots.

WATERING, FERTILIZING & POLLINATING

Most vegetables need full sun and should be planted where they will receive 6+ hours of direct light. In full sun, vegetables dry out quickly and will need deep watering once or twice per day. Consistency is key to avoiding split tomatoes and dropped fruit. Prevent issues like powdery mildew by avoiding overhead watering - drip systems allow the foliage to stay dry which inhibits many fungal problems.

Fertilizing your vegetable plants helps them grow and produce high crop yields by adding nutrients and soil microbes to your garden. Many fertilizers can be applied when planting vegetable starts in the garden and periodically throughout the growing season. Your local garden center can help you decide which fertilizers will work best, whether you are looking for strong leafy greens or healthy fruit production.

No matter how much water and fertilizer you give your plants, without pollinators your garden will underperform. Plant annuals and perennials to attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds to your yard, creating an ecosystem that is productive for your vegetable garden and fascinating to watch!

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MEMORIAL DAY

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2nd Annual American Flag Display to Honor Heroes Near Veterans Plaza Over Memorial Day Weekend

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For the second year in a row, Fort Collins Rotary Club will present its annual Field of Honor® American Flag Display over Memorial Day weekend May 27 through 30 in Fort Collins. The Field of Honor® displays 500 American flags, each with a medallion honoring special heroes. This year the Rotary Club has made special effort to redefine the idea of heroes from not only being veterans (living or deceased), active military, but also first responders, medical workers, and anyone's personal heroes. The field of red, white and blue is a powerful experience and provides the perfect opportunity for everyone to remember and honor their many heroes.

"We had some members of our club who were aware of other similar Memorial Day, Veteran Day, 4th of July type of celebrations and they thought (The Field of Honor®) would be a great way to recognize heroes in our community and do something positive and a great way to bring the community together," said Rotary Club volunteer Kathy Miner. "We just felt like it went so well last year, and 500 heroes isn't a lot of heroes for a community or county of 250,000, so we think other people will want to honor other kinds of heroes. We're trying to expand the definition of hero; initially we wanted to focus on veterans and active service members, but we also felt like police, fire fighters, teachers, medical personnel, and frontline workers, there are a lot of heroes in our community."

Medallions are available for \$50 each at rotaryfcbreakfast.org. Each medallion will proudly display the hero's name and dedication

each person chooses to recognize. Individuals, organizations, and businesses can also become Event Sponsors for \$250 at rotaryfcbreakfast.org.

"Our main beneficiary of this event, the sale of medallions, is a local non-profit organization called Health4Heroes (Health4Heroes.org). They provide mental health services and physical health services for veterans and first responders," added Kathy. "We chose them from among a number of organizations to support last year and we decided to go ahead and support them again this year based on the great work that they do and services they provide."

The Field of Honor® can be found north of Veteran's Plaza at Spring Canyon Park in west Fort Collins. The Rotary Club hopes to unite the community and proceeds will also benefit the Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary Foundation, to be used for local and international projects.

The event is open to the public completely free of charge and all are invited to visit this memorable display through Monday of Memorial Day weekend.

Rotary International is a global network of 1.2 million individuals who see a world where people UNITE and take ACTION to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Rotary Club of Fort Collins Breakfast was founded in 1989 and meets on Thursdays at 7 am. Through fundraising, member donations and volunteer hours, Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary has assisted numerous local organizations such as Food Bank for Larimer County, Meals on Wheels and Project Self-Sufficiency. For more information, go to fcbreakfastrotary.org.



Field of Flags at sunset (Photo courtesy Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary)



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Eyes of Freedom Honors Service & Sacrifice

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Eyes of Freedom Exhibit (Photo courtesy Lyons Regional Library)

In addition to the huge paintings, Miller has added a life-sized bronze entitled, "Silent Battle" which highlights the mental health crisis which some veterans experience. Interactive displays also provide opportunities for Veterans and civilians alike to engage personally.

Special programming begins with a motorcycle escort of the semi-trailer carrying the artwork into Lyons on Sunday, June 5, at 3:15 pm and continues every night at 7 pm.

The opening ceremony on Monday night, June 6, features Gold Star mother, Sarah Duvall, whose son is depicted in one of the paintings. Tuesday's and Thursday's programs focus on mental health awareness and offer opportunities for discussion. Wednesday's and Friday's events highlight the creative process as a tool for healing and will include local artists who are working with Veterans. Additional programs for children, and seniors and a special private event for Veterans are also scheduled.

This is a free event. Open viewing hours are 10 am to 8:30 pm from Monday, June 6, to Saturday, 11, 2022, in the Lyons Community Library at 451 4th Ave., Lyons, Colorado.

See the Lyons Regional Library website lyons.colibraries.org or eyesoffreedom.org for more information.

Eyes of Freedom Exhibit (Photo courtesy Lyons Regional Library)

The town of Lyons' reputation as a creative community shines again in June as it wields art to honor Veterans. From June 6 to 11, the Lyons Regional Library is hosting the Eyes of Freedom, a nationally traveling military tribute that honors service and sacrifice.

Life-sized portraits of the fallen men of Lima Company greet visitors as they enter the Eyes of Freedom traveling exhibition. Looking into the eyes of the men who gave their lives in service offers an intimate experience of what the gift of service means on a personal level. The artist, Anita Miller, now a Lyons resident, worked together with the families of the fallen to paint realistic and accurate full-length portraits of their sons who died together in Iraq in 2005. To further deepen the personal connection, the families gave Miller their son's combat boots to stand in front of their son's portraits.

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Spin E-Scooters + E-Bikes Launch on Lyft App in Fort Collins

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Spin bike CSU (Photo courtesy City of Fort Collins)

Fort Collins residents can now streamline e-scooter and e-bike, rides with Spin via the Lyft app.

Why This Matters:

- With gas prices at all-time highs, it's now easier than ever for residents and visitors to use a sustainable and cost-effective mode of transportation for short journeys.

- Making alternative transportation options easily accessible helps more people take advantage of Fort Collins' extensive bike infrastructure and help cut down on car traffic.

- Fort Collins is amongst the first cities in the world where this integration is live.

"We couldn't be more excited about this exclusive partnership to bring access to Spin vehicles to Lyft riders in Fort Collins. This is the latest in a series of integrations focused on making it just as easy to get around cities via multimodal transportation as it is with a personal car," said Ben Bear, CEO of Spin. "This partnership has been a long time in the making and it has been clear in every interaction with the Lyft team that we share both a common vision for the sustainable future of urban transportation and a commitment to working with cities and public transit authorities the right way."

Polestar Village Seeks to Grow New Local Community in Northern Colorado

JONSON KUHN | NorthFortyNews.com



From left to right: Polestar Village founder Michael Gornik along with Vina Ketty (Photo by Jonson Kuhn)

There's something pretty exciting growing at the moment in Fort Collins and the innovative non-profit Polestar Village is right smack dab in the middle of all of it. Right off of South Overland Trail by what was once known as Happy Heart Farm, Polestar is in the process of creating what they call an 'international neighborhood' of like-minded souls who share values of spirit, community, and life-long learning. Following in line with the idea of the new urbanism movement, Polestar plans to build upon their 20-acre plot of 146 units, which will roughly consist of 19 single-family homes, condos, townhomes, apartments, and a wide diversity of building products for a diverse community.

"The idea with this development is to make it a campus where people are mostly on foot and all the main parts of people's lives can be in one place. We're trying to bring into one place farming, work, play, and worship, in our context it's meditation and yoga, socializing, exercising; all of those things, if you put them all in one place, the quality of your life just goes way up," says Polestar Village founder Michael Gornik.

Michael founded the Polestar Village non-profit with his wife Ann who have both been students of Paramhansa Yogananda for over 40 years. This is by no means their first experience with such a community; Polestar Gardens was incorporated as an educational non-profit in the year 2000 and first got its start on the Big Island of Hawai'i. After having been established there for 16 years, their 20-acre farm was sadly devastated by eruptions from the Kilauea Volcano, which sent them in search of a new home that lasted nearly three years until he finally landed in Fort Collins.

Vina Ketty was also a part of the Polestar community on Big Island in Hawai'i seven years ago and as of July of last year, she's joined Michael and Ann in the development process of their newest Northern Colorado endeavor.

"We find that especially coming out of COVID, people are so hungry for connection and so they

love this idea of living differently. It's been fun, with all of the interest in this community, even though we haven't broken ground yet, we're organically building these friendships[...]We've been having a lot of community garden days and we also had our first potluck recently and it was amazing; I've been here since July just slowly making friends and to just stand back and see kids playing with each other, parents taking care of each other's children, elders talking with young ones, it just feels like the project is on its own momentum at this point."

Along with the purchase of the organic, biodynamic farm, they've also purchased a 14 1/2 acre-feet per year of irrigation water for the purpose of private and common gardening areas throughout the community, because for Polestar the garden is known as a place for growing not only food but also friendship, health, and wisdom.

One of the ways in which financing for this development is happening is through crowdfunding, or what is referred to as peer-to-peer lending, which entails the people who plan on living within the development also pulling together their resources to help the development happen. They're still in the beginning stages having only opened doors to investors for roughly four or five months, but within that short amount of time, they've managed to already attract 15 investors and well over half their needed funds.

"We've got over a hundred people so far on our local mailing list and that's come about within not too many months; we're confident this idea is going to go. We do have to figure out the finances, it is a lot of money, but when you get a lot of people together and everyone contributes what they can, it comes together, it's quite amazing."

More specifically, their plans include a sacred space for daily yoga and meditation, a community center complete with a dining hall for daily group meals, organic produce will be grown on-site, a preschool that also incorporates senior living and elder care, and ongoing inspirational, educational, and recreational activities that they feel ultimately nurtures the growth and well-being of students of all ages. Polestar Village prides itself on the idea of offering both a return to simplicity and remembrance of the highest purpose.

For more information or if you'd like to get involved, you're encouraged to visit their website at polestarvillage.com.

HEALTH



5 tips to Help Manage Your Return-to-Office Stress

DR. MATTHEW HUSA | UnitedHealthcare of Colorado



Photo by Andrea Piacquadio (pexels.com)

As pandemic restrictions ease, your time working from home may be coming to an end — and that may have you feeling stressed.

Remember, it's normal to have some worry about a change in your routine — and you may not be the only one at your company who's feeling it. In a survey by the American Psychological Association, roughly half of adults reported being uneasy about returning to in-person interactions.

A major life change — like where you work — may be one of your stress triggers. The important thing is to recognize the anxiety and come up with healthy ways to help manage it.

Here are five tips that may help with reducing stress in your transition back to the workplace:

1. **Manage your time** – When the pandemic began, your day-to-day schedule may have shifted. Before things shift back, think about making a list of all you'll need to do to be ready for each day. A detailed schedule may help you feel less overwhelmed.
2. **Focus on lifestyle choices** – Is how you lived during the pandemic playing a role in the stress you're feeling? Things like prioritizing sleep, eating healthy meals, drinking plenty of water, and limiting alcohol may all help with managing your anxiety around a return to the workplace.
3. **Get moving** – Exercise and the feel-good endorphins it creates can be an important part of stress reduction and overall health.

Consider adding regular workouts to your schedule. Also, look for easy ways to add movement to your day, such as standing for phone calls or using the stairs instead of the elevators.

4. **Try meditation** – Focused meditation and deep breathing may help ease your bouts with stress and can have lasting health benefits. Think about taking time in the morning or scheduling breaks during the day to practice meditation and other mindfulness techniques.
5. **Consider an app** – You may have access to digital health tools that can be useful for managing worry or stress. For example, eligible UnitedHealthcare members can download the Sanvello app for on-demand help with mental health issues. The app includes daily mood tracking, a variety of coping tools, weekly check-ins to track personalized progress, and peer community support.

One more thing: If you're stressed about going back to the office due to the risk of contracting COVID-19, keep in mind, that there are things you can do to help protect yourself and others. Consider talking with your manager about your concerns and some possible solutions, including staggering your work hours to avoid high-traffic entry and exit points or increasing space between your workspace and others.

Banner's Greeley, Loveland Hospitals Are Top Performers in Heart Attack Care

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Banner Health's McKee Medical Center in Loveland and North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley have received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR Chest Pain - MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2022. They are two of only 240 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor.

The award recognizes McKee's and NCMC's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care for heart attack patients. It shows that they have reached an aggressive goal of treating these patients to standard levels of care that were outlined by the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association clinical guidelines and recommendations.

To receive the Chest Pain - MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award, the hospitals have shown sustained achievement in the Chest Pain - MI Registry for two consecutive years (2020 and 2021), and performed at the highest level for specific performance measures. When hospitals fully participate in the registry, they create robust quality improvement processes with data to drive improvements in sticking to guideline recommendations and overall quality of care provided to heart attack patients.

"It is an honor to receive this award for McKee and NCMC and to be recognized for the high quality of care we are providing to each of our patients

who suffer a heart attack," said Jason Hatch, MD, an interventional cardiologist at Banner Health.

The Centers for Disease Control estimates that over 800,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. A heart attack occurs when a blood clot in a coronary artery partially or completely blocks blood flow to the heart muscle. Treatment guidelines include administering aspirin upon arrival and discharge, timely restoration of blood flow to the blocked artery, smoking cessation counseling, and cardiac rehabilitation, among others.

Chest Pain - MI Registry empowers health care provider teams to consistently treat heart attack patients according to the most current, science-based guidelines and sets a national standard for understanding and improving the quality, safety, and outcomes of care provided for patients with coronary artery disease, specifically high-risk heart attack patients.



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Larimer County Natural Resources Opens New Campground at Carter Lake

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Officials gather to cut the ribbon and officially open Sky View Campground at Carter Lake. Photo courtesy Larimer County (Rod Cerkoney)

Larimer County Department of Natural Resources (LCDNR) has announced the official opening of Sky View Campground, a new six-acre recreation development at Carter Lake reservoir, located along County Road 31 in Berthoud.

Larimer County, Great Outdoors Colorado, Colorado Airstream Club, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, alongside other project partners, marked the occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, May 12.

Designed as the first campground in Larimer County catering to large groups, Sky View has a total of 15 campsites divided among three pods, accommodating up to 120 people. The design caters to groups looking to camp together for reunions, special occasions, and other events. The new campground cost \$1.9 million.

“Sky View Campground is a great example of the role partnership plays in achieving positive outcomes for the community. We want to extend our sincere gratitude to Great Outdoors Colorado, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and the Friends of

Larimer County for their generous support of this new campground,” said Daylan Figgs, Director, Natural Resources.

Group reservations at Sky View opened in January 2022, and the campground is officially to reserved campers for the first-time. Summer reservations are filling quickly.

As a fully paved campground, Sky View can accommodate both RV and tent campers. In addition, the paved site makes the campground accessible to individuals with mobility challenges. Other features of the campground include a group pavilion, electric hook-ups, water hydrants, restrooms, and communal fire rings.

Sky View Campground was unanimously approved in 2017 by the Board of County Commissioners in the Reservoir Parks Master Plan. Extensive community input was considered in the development of Sky View's features and design.

For more information regarding Larimer County Natural Resources, please visit larimer.org/naturalresources.

Berthoud Day Returns after Two Year Hiatus

MAY SORICELLI | Berthoud Area Chamber of Commerce

The Berthoud Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) is delighted to make several announcements regarding this year's Berthoud Day event.

We are so proud of our community and business community for weathering the storms of the last two years, and it's time to come together, celebrate, and support each other and the amazing town we are privileged to work and live in!

We are happy to announce that we will be able to have a full-scale Berthoud Day event this year after two years of not being able to have the event!

Berthoud Day will be held on its traditional date, the first Saturday of June, which is June 4.

The parade will take place at 11 am on Mountain Avenue. We have decided to relocate the main event, which will take place from Noon to 9 pm at the historic Waggener Farm Park in Berthoud, 1000 North Berthoud Parkway.

The new location will facilitate having ample space and resources for businesses to be highlighted, more activities, and make room for the wonderful existing residents, those who have joined our community, as well as our neighboring communities!

The event will have live music, including well-known artists such as The Don Elwood Big Band & Chris Daniels, in addition to a Berthoud Talent Show, dance performances, and DJ Lil Coop!

There will be many food trucks, local beer, wine, and cider vendors, dozens of artisan and business vendors, and a kid zone.

We will also have an old-fashioned pie-

eating contest and an old-time baseball game!

One of the enhancements to our Berthoud Day event is that we are working with a skilled parade coordinator to make this year's parade more organized, professional, and even more memorable. We look forward to showcasing our amazing local businesses and organizations during the parade and making our historic downtown shine!

During this time of transition, we are eager to collaborate and work together as we honor our history, celebrate our resiliency, and support our local businesses and organizations. It's going to be an amazing event!

Learn more about the BACC, the services it provides its members, and its progressive approach to the promotion of a thriving and connected business community! Visit BerthoudColorado.com

More information about Berthoud Day can be found at BerthoudDay.com and at the Facebook Event page.

While collaborating with the Waggener family and the Berthoud Historical Society we were able to uncover the amazing history of the Waggener Farm, including an event that started back in 1925 called the “Pioneers of the Little Thompson Picnic,” that was held in several locations throughout town which included Waggener Farm Park.

This event was held bringing Berthoud families together to celebrate Berthoud and the beginning of summer! We are excited to do the very same thing on that property nearly 100 years later!

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Meet OoB: DIY Creative Spirit

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I'd like to introduce my band -- its name is OoB. That's short for "Opposite of Blink" which is what we're trying to achieve in our music.

But I'm not telling you about OoB because we've got something to sell you. We don't have music products or t-shirts, downloads, NFTs, or framed autographed posters. You can't buy tickets to see us play and it's doubtful we'll ever perform in a place you'd be going to anyway.

That's right, we're pretty private. But we play on a regular basis because there's something about it that is way more basic than making a business out of our art. We do it because we want to -- and have to.

My bandmates are guys I have been playing with since 1996 -- Mark J. Rosoff and David Zekman. We were even jamming long before that, but in 1996, we decided to become a performing group called TVS and two fingers.

The "TVS" is me, of course, and "two fingers" refers to the fact that Rosoff and Zekman were members of an experimental music group called fingers. By the time we joined together, there were just the two of them.

I was a fan of fingers' wild, stream-of-consciousness "sound art", using alternative instruments from pots and pans to amplified toys. And in their strange sound, I heard an opening for some words -- not song lyrics, but poetry.

I remember our first session together -- literally playing in Rosoff's single car garage. I brought some poems and they played some sounds and we found a way for the two to work together.

The impetus to form a group was a new Fort Collins community festival that was coming up at the time -- First Night, a New Year's Eve arts festival that used multiple downtown venues and hired local artists.

That first First Night was the beginning of a career that took TVS and two fingers all over Colorado, Wyoming, and even on

some tours on the East Coast. We were "alternative" performers and we played in a lot of "alternative" situations -- like performing from the steps of the Great Stupa of Dharmakaya as it was being built.



TVS and two fingers 1998
(Photo by Jim Weis)

A lot of our work, though, was done in schools. We not only performed but also did workshops, encouraging kids to write their own words. If they didn't have any words, then we encouraged them to play sound art -- and perform together for each other.

One good story to tell about that comes from one of our East Coast tours. We were working in an inner-city school in Bridgeport, Connecticut -- a school that housed both a high school population and an elementary school group. We did a workshop with a large group of high schoolers, encouraging them to write some spontaneous poetry, pick instruments and work together to create their own pieces.

The high schoolers seemed to find this all pretty funny, until the auditorium filled with little kids -- and then they were on the spot to perform their new pieces in "public". They cut the jokes and got to work and the entire concert was a roaring success.

This wasn't just an isolated experience, but something we experienced over and over again in so many different schools. We enjoyed playing our own stuff, of course, but seeing kids open up was special indeed.

All throughout our 17 years together as TVS and two fingers, we had also been working on an "alter ego" group we called the Sound Art Orchestra. We included other musicians, dispensed with the poetry, and just played "music".

We took this out into public a number of times, allowing audience members to join us in long, otherworldly jams. Perhaps our most prestigious performance as SAO was a collaboration with Dance Express -- composing and performing a live soundtrack for original dance pieces, culminating in two grand performances at the Lory Student Center Theater at CSU.



Sound Art Orchestra 2012

But finally, especially once TVS and two fingers stopped performing, we just settled in to play. We kept calling ourselves the Sound Art Orchestra until one night, after listening to the recording of one especially harrowing piece of work, I said, quite flippantly, "That's the opposite of blinking!" That comment produced a howl and became our new band name, "Opposite of Blink".

What we're after is a sense of ecstasy -- to be transported to another place and



OoB 2022

time by our sounds and the experience of playing. This happened quite a few times when we were performing on stage, but not nearly as much as it does now in our home studio. We play and play until we finally achieve lift-off and that in itself is something.

Over the years together, the one important thing we have maintained is a do-it-yourself creative spirit. We used that spirit to create our own artistic niche that took us on the road for years and it still keeps us in the studio.

The reason I bring all this up is to encourage other would-be artists out there to get off the couch and make some noise. You don't have to be a professional to make it worthwhile -- you just have to have the desire to express yourself creatively.

OoB released its first piece of music -- "Meet OoB: Soundtracks for the 22nd Century" -- on YouTube last September. Currently, OoB has just released a brand new piece on YouTube titled "OoB: Playing With Fire (Still)" and the group also provided the soundtrack for my March 2022 YouTube release, "Incredible Cranes Nomads on the Move".

Listen to OoB if you get a chance. We may get around to releasing the rest of our recordings someday -- but maybe not. We may be too busy playing.

Visit "Time Capsules by Tim Van Schmidt" on YouTube.

BANSHEE TREE TAKES CENTERSTAGE AT THE AGGIE THEATRE

MATT DIERLAM | SceneNOCO.com

Banshee Tree performed last Saturday night 5/14 at the famous Aggie Theatre with opening acts Silver & Gold and Sarah Slaton.

Banshee Tree has a sound as eclectic as its own members, spanning the dimensions of music in a brave new way. The band's style is unique in how it crosses the boundaries of rock, punk, swing, and Django jazz--named after Belgium-born French guitarist Jean "Django" Reinhardt, who remains one of the most relevant European jazz guitarists of all time.

Lead guitarist and frontman Thom LaFond delivered some lightning-fast lead licks and captivating vocals supported by some sweet melodic electric violin riffs by Nick Carter. LaFond released a solo album titled "the Moon Leans In" earlier this year.

But Banshee Tree's sound, as described by its members, can't be pigeon-holed within



Banshee Tree (Photo by Matt Dierlam)

the confines of the genres mentioned above.

"Django jazz--influenced for sure, but you can crank it up to a higher tempo and turn it into dance music, kind of like Golgol Bordello," said Michelle Pietrafitta (drums/vocals).

Of course, a band doesn't discover its own sound overnight. Through switching lineups, experimentation, and openness to change, Banshee Tree has finally come to a sound that had the Fort Collins audience dancing for their entire set.

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CITY BUZZ

APPLY NOW FOR THE 2022 FORT COLLINS ARTIST STUDIO TOUR AND SALE

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Presented by the City of Fort Collins' Cultural Services Department, the Fort Collins Artist Studio Tour and Sale is a free self-guided tour of local artist studios revealing the mysteries of the creative process to families and individuals in and around Fort Collins. Through art demonstrations and educational displays right in the artists' studios, visitors will meet the artists personally, buy original artworks, and learn about how and where artists create pottery, jewelry, photography, painting, sculpture, fiber arts, and more! The included artists reflect the amazing creative talent available right in our own community.

DETAILS FOR 2022:

Digital Brochure (attendees can access a digital brochure with an interactive map) and printed maps will be available.

Due to the renovation of the Carnegie Center for Creativity, The Lincoln Center Art Gallery will host a Preview Exhibition on October 21-23.

The Studio Tour will take place the week after the Loveland Studio Tour (October 8-9 and 15-16) allowing for cross-promotion.

Jason and Lucy Greer Foundation for the Arts is again sponsoring reduced registration fees.

The 2022 rates are:

- \$125 for Individual Studios
- \$225 for Small Group Studios
- \$375 for Large Group or Co-op Studios
- ARTIST AWARDS: \$1,000 IN ARTIST PRIZES!
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Presented by the City of Fort Collins Cultural Services Department, the Fort Collins Artist Studio Tour and Sale is an educational community art experience that enhances the understanding and appreciation of the visual arts by giving people a firsthand experience with the artists in their studios, the creative process, and the artwork. This event is also a fundraiser for the Visual Arts Program. Successful Studio Tour artists will:

- Invite people into their working art studio (this could be anything from your kitchen table to your custom-designed get-away—if it's the place where you typically make your artwork).
- Provide a demonstration area or display so that visitors can either see a work in progress, or otherwise understand the processes, materials, and techniques involved in creating your work.
- Be prepared to talk with visitors about their art and make sales to visitors.

Due to the Carnegie Center for Creativity currently being closed, The Lincoln Center Art Gallery will host a Preview Exhibition featuring one artwork from participating studios on October 21-23. Artists should be ready to make arrangements for the delivery and pick-up of artwork for the exhibition.

Artists must be available in their studios during all open hours on all days of the tour. Artists should be prepared to welcome several visitors at one time and offer an environment that poses no safety risks to the public. It is recommended to have an assistant available to provide breaks throughout the weekend.

Eligibility

The Studio Tour is open to Fort Collins area artists who are making original artworks at a professional level in diverse media. Qualified artists will create artwork that:

- a) shows a technical proficiency in handling the medium, with aesthetic ability in composition and design
- b) reflects a unique style, personal vision, and consistency for the body of work presented, and
- c) is of original design and manufacture —no kits or other mass-produced products are allowed.

The Visual Arts Staff will consider the above criteria in determining eligibility for the studio tour. Only artists whose work meets the above qualifications, as determined by Staff, may participate. There is no limit to the number of artists accepted. Decisions of the Visual Arts Staff are final.

Studios with a Fort Collins, Bellvue, or Laporte address and zip code, or within the following boundary roads will have the highest traffic: County Road 5 on the East, County Road 30 on the South, Highway 1 on the North, and Lory State Park/Horsetooth Mountain Park/Roosevelt National Forest on the West. Artists with studios outside of this boundary area may apply, but locations outside this area may have diminished traffic during the weekend event.

If interested in participating, everyone is encouraged to Apply Now at fcgov.com/creativecenter/studiotour.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, July 18

JERRY LEE LEWIS TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE COUNTY MUSIC HALL OF FAME

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Jerry Lee Lewis (Photo Credit by Sean Gowdy)

Lewis joins Sun Records compatriots Cash, "Cowboy" Jack Clement, Phillips, and Elvis Presley in the Country Music Hall of Fame. He is also the fourth member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's founding 1986 class of inductees to also gain membership in the Country Music Hall of Fame, along with Presley (1998), the Everly Brothers (2001), and Ray Charles (2021).

"To be recognized by Country Music with their highest honor is a humbling experience," says Lewis. "The little boy from Ferriday, La. listening to Jimmie Rodgers and Hank Williams never thought he'd be in a Hall amongst them. I am appreciative of all those who have recognized that Jerry Lee Lewis music is Country Music and to our almighty God for his never-ending redeeming grace."

While Lewis now joins a select group, he also remains uniquely individual in that company. "My style of Country Music is just me," Lewis told the Associated Press in 2017. "I wouldn't know how to do anyone else's."

The Country Music Association gathered at the Hall of Fame Rotunda at the Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum recently to reveal the 2022 inductees into the Country Music Hall of Fame – Jerry Lee Lewis, Keith Whitley, and Joe Galante.

Lewis will be inducted in the "Veterans Era Artist" category and Whitley will be inducted in the "Modern Era Artist" category while Galante will be inducted in the "Non-Performer" category.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: "FUN RUN!"



A few weeks back, Riffenburgh Elementary School in Fort Collins raised money for its PTO with their annual Riffenburgh Roadrunner Fun Run. The kids ran (or walked) laps on school grounds. Sponsors and parents donated money in support of their children.

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

Your photo might capture a moment in time of scenery, animals in the wild, a wildfire, your friends or family, or a recent local event. Send us your best shot!

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ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Paul L. Anderson
Photographer:
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Cary Morin & Ghost Dog with Special Guests, The Lyric (Fort Collins), 7 pm, Friday, May 27
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Wednesday, May 18
Author & Punisher/ MVTANT/ Guest TBD, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am
Blast N Bowl w/ WEEED, Starwraith, & Dead Man's Alibi, 2454 West, 7 pm
Goatwhore @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm
Songwriting Circle, Roots Music Project, 7:15 pm -9:30 pm

Thursday, May 19
An Evening with Bruce Cockburn, Boulder Theater, 8 pm
Card Catalog with Time & Tonic + Wiff @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Dana Cooper CD Release Show, Avogadro's Number, 7 pm
GlueMan - Album Release Show w/ Supreme Joy / Flora De La Luna / Pawns, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm
House With A Yard w/ Pickin Pear, 830 North, 8 pm
Kind Hearted Strangers + Violet Pilot with Elise Wunder @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm

Friday, May 20
Boogie Machine Costume Party @ Cheers, At Cheers, 7 pm -12 am
Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County's Spring Soiree: A Night to Support our Future Leaders, Budweiser Events Center, 6 pm -10 pm
Chain Station w/ Jake Leg, 830 North, 8 pm
Co-Stanza w/ Write Minded, Two Headed Sweater, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm
Dirty Date Night: Adult Wheel-Throwing Class 5/20, Flingin Pots, 7 pm -9 pm
Ghost Revue + Rocky Burning Band + Luke Britton @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Lost City Live - David Burchfield w/ Plain Faraday, Lost City River North Patio, 6:30 pm -10 pm
Patty Clayton CD Celebration Concert with Special Guests, The Gressiwick, 7 pm
Rumors (A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac) @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm
Son Lux with Nappy Nina, The Fox Theatre, 9 pm
Stella's Stand Up Underground Comedy Showcase, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 9 pm -12 am
The Christians Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Christ United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
Thelma and the Sleaze/ The Savage Blush/ Fast Eddy/ Velvet Horns, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am
Wake Up and Live (A Bob Marley Tribute), 100 Nickel, 8 pm

Saturday, May 21
All Ages/Abilities Wheel-Throwing Class 5/7, Flingin Pots, 10 am -12 pm
Aspire3D Kite Festival, Loveland, 10 am -3 pm
Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra - Simply Swingin': Great American Crooners with Steve Lippia, Arvada Center, 7:30 pm
Dreamspace Database w/ Crooked Heir, 100 Nickel, 8 pm
Hooligan's Holiday - A Tribute to Motley Crue, 2454 West, 8 pm
Malevolent Creation + Narcotic Wasteland with Drahoria @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Raku Workshop - Fire & Smoke, 200 W. Oak St., 6 pm -8 pm

Sunday, May 22
Etana @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Kid's Day! Ice Cream Bowls, Crooked Stave FoCo, 2 pm -3 pm
MEGA Ran w/ Richie Branson & Rustage + More TBA, Your Mom's House, 9 pm -2 am
Ruthless Ginsburg, Swing Station, 4 pm -6 pm
Studio Concert 2022: For the Love of it!, Fort Collins Senior Center, 3 pm -4 pm
Sunday Morning Toast and Jams, Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm
Swindlin Hearts / Lawsuit Models / Black Dots / The Animal Steel, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Texas Hippie Coalition @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Todd Snider & The Cody Sisters, Boulder Theater, 8 pm
Trail Session: iZCALLI & Fancy Bits, Museum of Discovery, 1 pm -5 pm

Monday, May 23
Pikes Peak Safe at Schools Coalition, Online, 4 pm -5:30 pm
Pineapple Thief Feat. Gavin Harrison with The Cyberiam, Boulder Theater, 7:30 pm
Weedeater / High Tone Son Of A Bitch / Jeff Pinkus, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11:30 pm

Tuesday, May 24
Bob's Birthday Bash-Pay or Play, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9:30 pm
WAKE/Glacial Tomb/Noctambulist/ Casket Huffer, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm

Wednesday, May 25
Mini Gnomes Make and Paint Workshop - Create 2!, Maxline Brewing, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm
Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm

Thursday, May 26
Animal Collective w/ Spirit of the Beehive, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 8 pm
Chali 2na of Jurassic 5 "Live on the Lanes" at 2454 West, 2454 West, 8 pm
eTown Presents: Darlingside, eTown Hall, 7 pm -9:30 pm
Fayuca "High Off Your Love Tour" with special guest Street Urchin, 830 North, 8 pm
Ike Spivak with Space Force + The Cuddies @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Limp Bizkit Still Sucks Tour, Budweiser Events Center, 7 pm
Melanin MagiQ, Online, 5:30 pm -6:30 pm

Friday, May 27
Built to Spill w/ Sunbathe, Distant Family - Presented by The CO Sound & WeldWerks, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm -12 am

Rob's 50th Birthday Bash Rolling Stones / Def Leppard / The Clash / British, At Cheers, 7 pm -12 am
Son Lux - Tomorrows Tour w/ Nappy Nina, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Stem Ciders at Acreage 5k | 2022 CO Brewery Running Series, Acreage by Stem Ciders, 10 am -1 pm
The Christians Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Christ United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
The Copper Children + David Lawrence & the Spoonful @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
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Cary Morin & Ghost Dog with Special Guests, The Lyric, 7 pm
Comedy Underground with Host Luke Gaston, The Louisville Underground, 8 pm -10 pm
Fiddlehead/ Flower Language/ Destiny Bond/ Public Opinion, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am
May Play Music Festival 2022, Moxi Theater, 6 pm -11:30 pm
Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm
The Christians Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Christ United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
The Polish Ambassador, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 8 pm

Saturday, May 28
2022 Odell Small Batch Festival, Odell Brewing Company, 1 pm -6 pm
Art Podell at The Gressiwick, The Gressiwick, 7 pm
Built to Spill with Sunbathe & Distant Family, Boulder Theater, 8 pm
Centennial Celebration at Centennial Village Museum, Centennial Village Museum, 10 am -4 pm
Denver Arts Festival, Conservatory Green - Central Park, 8 am -3 pm
Jantsen with wolf-e-wolf, iAM Jacko, & Krushendo, The Fox Theatre, 9 pm
Jon Wolfe @ The Outlaw Saloon, Outlaw Saloon, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Lauren Morrow @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Mr.Steak / Bon Jovi 80's Night @ Cheers, At Cheers, 7 pm -12 am
Neck Of The Woods / The Beast Of Nod, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm
Outdoor Concert FUNraiser, 1401 W Vine, Unity of Fort Collins, 4 pm -7 pm
Soul School, The Louisville Underground, 8 pm -11 pm
Stella's Stand Up Underground Comedy Showcase, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 9 pm -12 am
The Christians Presented by OpenStage Theatre, Christ United Methodist Church, 7:30 pm
Volunteer for Memorial Day Celebration, Linn Grove Cemetery, 8 am -4 pm

Sunday, May 29
Denver Arts Festival, Conservatory Green - Central Park, 8 am -3 pm
Esme Patterson // Oh Rose, The Lyric, 5 pm
Hippy Bluegrass Church: May 29th, 2022, eTown Hall, 10:30 am -12 pm
Salute to Veterans of WWII, Spring Canyon Park, 12 pm -3 pm
Spring - A Benefit Concert, Julians Historic Landmark Building, 4 pm
Sunday Morning Toast and Jams, Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm

Monday, May 30
2022 Memorial Day Celebration, Linn Grove Cemetery, 9 am -10 am
Bestial Mouths/CXCXCX/Deadluw/ Cau5er, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm

Wednesday, June 1
Creed Fisher @ Moxi Theater, Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Historic Downtown Walking Tour, Longmont Museum & Cultural Center, 10 am
Kris Lager Band @The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm
Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes, The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm
Super Cool Kids Club (Weekly), The Lyric, 5 pm -7 pm

COVER STORY

Paddler's Pub and Mountain Whitewater Open Doors for Another Exciting Rafting Season

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The splash (Photo courtesy of Mountain Whitewater & the Paddler's Pub)



Paddler's Pub at sunset (Photo courtesy of Mountain Whitewater & the Paddler's Pub)

Sun's out, fun's out! As the weather warms up, we know summer is only right around the corner, and right along with it comes all of our favorite outdoor Colorado activities; whether you're spending the day whitewater rafting, mountain biking along the trails, or simply checking out the sights around Fort Collins, The Paddler's Pub has proven year after year to be the best place in town to relax and unwind after a full day of excitement in the sun.

The Paddler's Pub is a local favorite for a number of reasons, but one of them primarily being the fact that they pride themselves on only serving beer and wine made here in our great state of Colorado. Folks can choose from a wide selection of well-known local breweries such as New Belgium Brewing, Odell Brewing Company, Horse & Dragon Brewing Company, Left Hand Brewing Company, Anheuser Busch. They also offer a great selection of local wine from The OBC Wine Project. In addition to offering local beer and wine, Paddler's Pub now also offers a daily food truck parked on location -- provided by The Laughing Dog. The pub officially opens its doors every season at the beginning of May and continues through the end of rafting season and their hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 2 pm to 8 pm and Friday and Saturday from 2 pm to 11 pm.

More than being known as a great local place with great local beer, Paddler's Pub is better known for its sister company Mountain Whitewater, which is literally your one-stop-shop for any and all rafting rentals, guides, and gear. Owned and operated by Brad Modesitt and family, they've been in the game for quite some time and there aren't too many awards their topnotch business hasn't won. From best in Business-Family/

Small Business of the Year 2007 to the winner of the Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce Environmental Business Award in 2011 to "People Love Us on Yelp" award winner for 2017 and many more, the Modesitt family knows how to show your family a fun and safe time along the Cache La Poudre River.

Mountain Whitewater is proud to say they only use state-of-the-art rafting equipment and furthermore only employ the most experienced group of guides along the river. In addition, Mountain Whitewater is also proud to have a special use permit from the Roosevelt National Forest, which keeps river use low so that the Poudre can deliver exceptional wilderness rafting experiences all season long. Even when river levels are high, you can trust you're in the very best hands because not only are all of the guides at Mountain Whitewater passionate and knowledgeable, they're First Aid and CPR certified, as well as being required to have current Swiftwater Rescue training, which is an intense three-day course that teaches whitewater rescue techniques.

Mountain Whitewater guarantees they'll take care of every aspect of your trip: from booking to check-in to the bus ride, and of course, on the river, as well. And as an exciting bonus, after the trip is complete, they offer photos and videos of your rafting excursions so that you can capture and share the memories for years to come. Customer service and professionalism are of the utmost importance to Mountain Whitewater and you'll quickly see why once booking one of the many Estes Park and Fort Collins rafting adventures they offer. So, what are you waiting for? Contact the good folks at Mountain Whitewater today and be sure to check out Paddler's Pub while you're at it!



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Happenings in Wellington in Upcoming Weeks

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Here are upcoming events for Wellington. Be sure to mark your calendar and participate in these activities. You'll have a great time!

The Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce announces their **Spring Membership Orientation** to be held from 8:30 – 9:30 on May 24th at First National Bank at 4100 Harrison Ave. This is a perfect opportunity for new members (or existing members who want to network and welcome newcomers) to learn about their membership benefits and meet the Chamber Board of Directors. Cinnamon Decadence will provide warm cinnamon rolls to go with the coffee being served.

The Town of Wellington Community Activities Commission (CAC) invites you to participate in the annual **Town-Wide Yard Sale** on June 4, 2022. If you are interested in having a yard sale at your property and would like to be included on the Town map for the event, please submit your information by May 31 using the link below: <https://forms.gle/KVR9cj2TH47B5h8X8>

Event maps will be available online on at wellingtoncolorado.gov, shared on social media, and printed copies will be available for pick up in person at the Wellington Public Library June 1 – 4 during regular hours.

Town Clean Up Dumpsters will be available to residents free of charge on Saturday, June 11, 2022, from 10 am – 2 pm. The dumpsters will be located on the east side of 6th Street across from the current Wellington Middle School. These dumpsters are not for disposal of paint, batteries, tires, appliances, furniture, or hazardous waste items such as pesticides or other chemicals, additionally, no construction site waste. Items cannot exceed one cubic yard. Dumpster Diverz is sponsoring this event.

Tickets went on sale May 11 for the annual **Wellington Brew Fest** on June 4, 2022. BEER FOR

A CAUSE. Profits from Wellington Brewfest will benefit the Wellington Main Street Program. By partnering with organizations and leaders at the local, state, and national level, the Wellington Main Street Program protects the historic character of downtown and promotes shared prosperity. Buy tickets here <https://wellingtonbrewfest.com/>

Registration is now open for parade entries and vendors for **Wellington's Annual 4th of July celebration**. 2022 Fourth of July Vendor Pre-Registration Form is available now. Vendors interested in pre-registering for the 2022 4th of July Festival should complete this form: <https://wellingtonmainstreet.org/event/town-of-wellingtons-4th-of-july-celebration>

Wellington Chamber of Commerce Networking Meeting is at 7:30 AM at Sparge Brewing, June 7. Hope Hartman, Executive Director of Larimer County SBDC will speak about resources for small businesses through Larimer County Small Business Development Council (SMDC). Hope has a wealth of experience starting and running businesses, both small and large, and will share her experiences with the Chamber group.

On June 25th the **Wellington Area Chamber will hold its first annual golf tournament**. There will be a shotgun start at 7:30 am. Don't miss this fun event! Sponsorships for the tournament are available by contacting the Chamber Office. Volunteers are also needed for lots of fun positions. Proceeds will be shared with the American Legion. Spokesperson Roy Cook states "Our 5-year goal is to be able to purchase or lease a building in Wellington to use as a Legion Hall. This will be used for Post 176 meetings, as well as become a resource for all things veteran-related in Wellington. We are also looking into buying some land to build a baseball field to bring an American Legion Baseball program to Northern Colorado."



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An Auctioneer's Guide to Real Estate Pricing

Kareen Kinzli Larsen | Realtor RE/MAX Alliance



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Full disclosure, I am a real estate professional and not an auctioneer. However, the first three days after a new listing hits the market feels like an auction, and as the listing agent, I am the auctioneer.

Pricing has never been more critical

as in this high-stakes market. The days of pricing a little higher so that you can negotiate down are long over. In fact, pricing a listing too high has counteracting results.

A listing that is on the market for more than 7 days is considered shop-worn and with every additional day on the market, the end price to the seller drops.

Here is the key for perfect pricing and the best chance at starting a multiple offer showdown:

- The strategy begins with sold comparables. Although cash offers are prevalent, if a buyer needs a loan for the purchase, the property will have to appraise. We begin by determining the highest price that the property can appraise for. In a rapidly appreciating market, sold comparables are old news, but appraisers must use them as the basis for their evaluation. This base value is important to keep in mind as many buyers are offering to pay the "appraisal gap" in additional cash at closing as part of negotiations. This is when a buyer pays the difference between the list price and a buyer's over-asking final offer if the property doesn't appraise for the contract price, thus protecting the seller against a low appraisal. Once the maximum appraised value

is determined, the next step is to scout out the competition.

- Knowing what your competition is under contract for is key. Before determining a final list price, we contact every listing agent that has a similar property under contract to see if they received multiple offers, and if so, how many? If several properties are under contract well over asking with a high number of offers, this means there is strong buyer interest for this type of property, and we can push the price envelope. If not, it is advisable to stay closer to the appraised value.
- Pricing a property directly in line with the competition is critical in this rapidly appreciating environment. Even though similar properties are under contract for tens of thousands more than the asking price, the buying public doesn't know that. All they see on Zillow or Realtor.com is the list price. Even though a property is expected to sell over asking, it can't look overpriced online compared to the base list price of every other listing. It is as if you are setting an opening bid price for an auction.
- The ultimate goal is to set up an environment for multiple offers. A competitive price online combined with outstanding marketing will pique buyers' interest. The more buyers, the better the auction. Every buyer who has gone to war to win against competing offers will tell you they paid significantly more than they would have otherwise because they were competing.
- The story doesn't end with the highest price. Buyers are sweetening the deal by offering sellers everything from no inspection demands to paying for seller closing costs, to allowing the seller to stay in the property for 30-60 days for free. There is no doubt that competition creates results in this seller-takes-all market.



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