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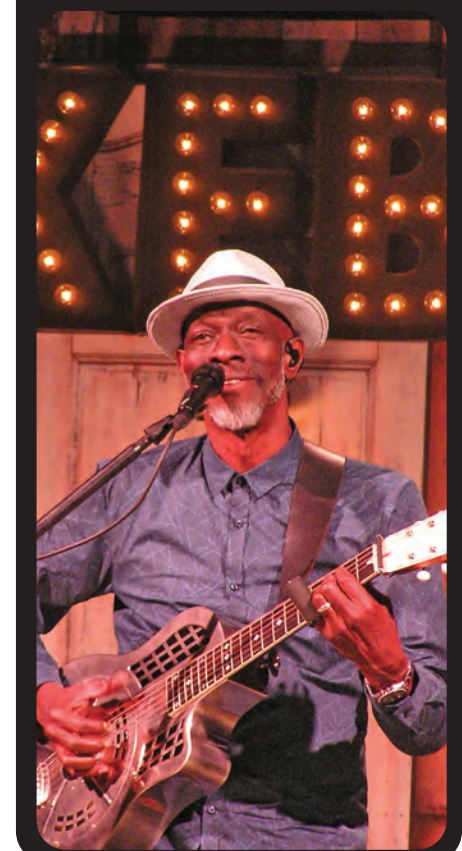


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In this column, I previously wrote about the "woes" we have been having with delivery vehicles. Since I have owned this newspaper, the delivery drivers have been using their cars to deliver your news.

I decided in January that we could no longer do that. It just isn't something that our delivery drivers should have to do.

So, in February, I purchased a truck from a North Forty News supporter. The truck ran fine for a few months, then the transmission died. The repair bill was going to be more than \$6,000! Um -- not doing that.

Then, in April, I decided to go to a reputable car dealership in Fort Collins, Ken Garff Ford, and take a look at cars. I found an efficient one, not with too many miles, and with enough space to carry the newspapers. I got an extended warranty, so if we had mechanical problems again -- we would be covered.

Well, last week, while delivering the Red Feather Lakes route, the car broke down. I drove up to help Jeff (who had his son with him), borrowed a flatbed trailer from my neighbor in Livermore, bought us a little food from Red Feather Super, and towed it back to Fort Collins. That was five hours of our lives that we will never get back.

I did find a little joy, in towing a Ford with a Chevy.

Ah well, stuff happens. And boy, does it.

The report from Ken Garff is that the car needs a transmission module. It's a \$300 part, covered by the warranty. The catch is that transmission modules are on backorder, with a 6-month delivery time!

So, back to the reason I went to Ken Garff in the first place. They are a reputable dealership with honest, hard-working people. I know we will come up with a solution together and get us back on the road.

They assure me they will!

I have my fingers crossed because, honestly, this newspaper publisher is still broke, and he's paying for a delivery vehicle that is currently inoperable.



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2023 will be its 100th Celebration -- so come see in advance this beautiful mountain community on July 2nd!

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- 9 am - 4 pm, Craft and Artisan Fair includes Mountain Gals Baked goods
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- Dusk, Fireworks over Lake Hiawatha

Come for a day and evening in Red Feather Lakes to enjoy the fresh mountain air, fun activities, good food, and the pleasure of being in one of the hidden

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# Planting for 2080

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Taking advantage of seasonally moist soil in a prairie draw of the OK Panhandle, *Artemisia ludoviciana* (prairie sage) provides a silver skirt for *Rhus aromatica* (three-leaf sumac) in front of *Juniperus virginiana* (Eastern red cedar). Exceptionally dry conditions over summer and early fall truncated the otherwise brilliant fall display of the *Rhus*, but don't seem to have bothered the *Cylindropuntia imbricata* (cholla), at left (Photo courtesy of Bryan Fischer)

Increasingly, gardeners in Northern Colorado are faced with a dilemma: unpredictable weather significantly limits our plant palette, particularly due to drought and cold events. While climate change will increase the average temperature in our region, it won't alleviate these abrupt swings in temperature. Under a current high-emission scenario, the Front Range is predicted to end up with a climate analogous to that of the Oklahoma Panhandle by 2080.

So, if we are likely to end up in a grow zone warmer and with average temperatures seven degrees above our current norm, how do we plan(t) for such a future? After all, the woody plant choices we make this year could remain for 80 years to come, but only if well-suited to their environments!

Perhaps the simplest way to get a baseline for such a future would be to examine what currently grows well in the Oklahoma panhandle. On a trip to the area last year, I observed some plants I expected to see, like *Celtis* spp. (hackberries) and *Gleditsia triacanthos* (honey locust). To my surprise, *Ulmus americana* (American elm) individuals were adaptable and tough, too, succeeding in many towns in the area. *Prosopis glandulosa* (honey mesquite), a new plant to me, was present in both tree and shrub forms. A tough and attractive plant in the bean family bearing fine-textured foliage, the Panhandle represents the northern extent of its range. While currently not hardy enough to survive long-term in Fort Collins, it may be on the menu in the coming years. Selecting individuals from the northern edge of the honey mesquite range (with maximum cold tolerance for the species) could help to bring the species to our market sooner. Such work will be essential in our future of unknowns and possibilities!

A variety of oak (*Quercus*) species were unfazed by the harshness of the Panhandle; notably, a variety of shrubby oaks, including *Q. gambellii* (Gambel's), *Q. grisea* (gray), *Q. havardii* (Havard's), *Q. x undulata* (wavyleaf). A number

of tree-form oaks thrived, as well, including *Q. macrocarpa* (bur), *Q. stellata* (post oak) and *Q. marilandica* (blackjack oak). The latter two are rarely seen growing on the Front Range – so far!

Many woody plants we routinely choose for landscapes here on the Front Range – especially native plants – like *Rhus aromatica* (three-leaf sumac), *Artemisia* spp. (various sagebrushes) and *Juniperus* spp. (including *J. virginiana*, Eastern red cedar), excel in both locales, indicating they will likely remain reliable choices for our landscapes. With any luck, a few exceptionally garden-worthy plants native to our south, like *Chilopsis linearis* (desert willow), will become more appropriate for our area, too. Already marginally hardy in Northern Colorado, they have naturalized on roadsides adjacent to the Oklahoma Panhandle, demonstrating impressive cold tolerance to accompany the dashing good looks they serve all season long.

So, while coming years will force a change in our plant palette, it's reasonable to hope that the change won't be all bad. After all, change in this world seems to be the only constant!

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**WELLINGTON CSC BEGINS FUND RAISING**  
Grace Village, a faith-based 501-©-3 non-profit organization established by Wellington's Zion Lutheran Church has a dream – to create a Resource Center where people with many kinds of need can find assistance and a hand up to help them through challenging times.

Pastor Mark Gabbart spoke at the Church recently telling members of the Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce about plans to make their dream a reality. Its mission is to connect its neighbors with uplifting, encouraging, and life-enhancing resources.

As they enter the fund-raising phase of the project, they need to raise a \$1.4 million dollars to erect a building to house the Resource Center. It will be built on land the church already owns and which has been used as a Community Garden for many years.

Their research shows that the need is great with nearly 11% of Larimer County Residents now living

at or below the Federal Poverty Guidelines, 38,000 residents are food-insecure and 32% of school-aged children receive free or reduced-priced meals. Over 700 residents of Wellington had income below the poverty level in 2019. Many live without health insurance. These are desperate needs that need to be addressed. They are youth, children, seniors, the disabled, veterans, formerly middle class, and on the brink of homelessness.

The exciting parts of this Center are the fact that it will house the Wellington Food Bank, allowing it to be open for "shopping" many more days than are currently available. The Center has commitments from Larimer County Human Services and Summitstone Health Partners to have offices in the building. They are working to add a clothing bank, Children's Speech and Reading Center, Counseling and Mental Health Services, Income Tax, and Financial Assistance Offices. They will provide space for community groups and youth activities, educational support services, and a place where groups of people can come just to talk.

Their fund-raising strategy is to secure 100% of the funding necessary to construct the 4,800-square-foot building which is already designed. They also aim to raise \$250,000 to fund start-up expenses and initial operating costs. They will not use any borrowed money and intend to operate all programs with ongoing fund-raising efforts.

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### Wellington Chamber Golf Tournament

On June 25th the Wellington Area Chamber will hold its first annual golf tournament with up to 76 players and a shotgun start at 7:30 am. You won't want to miss this fun event! Sponsorships for the tournament are available by contacting the Chamber Office. Volunteers are also needed for lots of fun positions. Be right in the middle of all the action at this Golf Tournament. 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.”

### Wellington’s Independence Day Festivities

The 4th of July is a special celebration in Wellington! Start the day off with a pancake breakfast right on Main Street (Cleveland Ave). This is sponsored by the Filling Station and is always fun and delicious! The Main Event is the Parade which steps off at 10 AM featuring a new route to avoid being delayed by a train. The afternoon is filled with fun things to do for every age, including an antique car show, vendor fair, Food Trucks, Music, Kids' games, and activities. The evening wraps up with a spectacular fireworks display. Bleachers beside Rice Elementary School on 3rd Street will provide great views as well as the music that accompanies the show. More information is available at the Town of Wellington Website at <https://www.wellingtoncolorado.gov/528/Fourth-of-July>

### The Biergarten at Budweiser will host Friday Firepit once a month all summer long!

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### Movies in the Park

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Traffic control measures, including lane shifts and parking restrictions, will be in place. Reduced speed limits will be enforced in work areas. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained, but some short-term closures may be needed for the safety of the public and our crews.

Construction is expected to continue through fall 2022. Schedules are subject to change due to weather and other factors.

Visit [xcelenergynaturalgasprojects.com](https://xcelenergynaturalgasprojects.com) Grant Avenue for more information, call the construction hotline at 720-931-9379, or email [info@xcelenergygrantavenuegasproject.com](mailto:info@xcelenergygrantavenuegasproject.com) with questions or for additional information.

## Bike Fort Collins' Bike Prom: Event to Celebrate Bicycling Culmination to June Bike Month

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(Photo Courtesy Bike Fort Collins)

Bike Prom, a bike-themed event celebrating and bookending Colorado's June Bike Month with live music, DJs, and bike movies will be held Saturday, June 25 at the Lyric Cinema beginning at 8 pm. The event will also feature a silent auction and guests will have a final chance to register in a raffle to win a new e-bike, where the winner will be drawn from the stage that night. Bike Prom tickets are \$25 and proceeds from the event will help support Bike Fort Collins' mission to increase participation and advance bicycle culture and policy changes, creating safer streets and communities, while also creating an inclusive and empowering culture for all bicyclists, regardless of ability or identity.

The community is invited to don their corsages and cummerbunds, get out their puffy sleeves and top hats and prepare for a fun night of bike themed hijinks and hooligans, music, dancing, film, and more. Gora Gora Orkestar is set to headline the event with DJ Specific Heat and Friends opening and closing the entertainment for the evening. The DJs will prime the audience with a mix of music genres as attendees arrive prior to the Gora Gora Orkestar taking the stage and will help close the evening of dancing fun after the band's set. Gora Gora Orkestar's eclecticism of contemporary genres and 10-piece, big brass sound will appeal to a wide array of musical interests, no matter how discerning the ear. A

selection of silent shorts from the internationally renowned Bicycle Film Festival will be playing in the Lyric lobby, while a screening of the 80's classic, BMX Bandits, will be rolling on a theater inside. Attendees will be also be able to bid on a smattering of silent auction items, purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a new e-bike, pose for commemorative photo in the Bike Prom photo booth, or partake in a Bike Prom Chai-tini drink special.

"While Bike Prom isn't a new event for us, While we haven't hosted it since before the pandemic, in its return debut, we want to bring it back bigger and better than ever, and hope to establish it as a celebratory staple of Bike Month for years to come," said Anna Kelso, Bike Fort Collins' Community Relations Coordinator and Bike Prom Event Planner. "We're very excited to bring Bike Prom to the community and invite bike lovers and enthusiasts of all levels to join us for what is sure to be a loud and proud night of bikes and bikes, and also more bikes."

Bike Prom is generously sponsored by Brave New Wheel bike shop, Trek Fort Collins, Edge Optics eye wear, Tandem Real Estate, the North Fort News and the Bohemian Foundation. And, it's also being "powered by" the FoCo Bike Mob from a volunteer perspective, an informal group of bike enthusiasts who believe bikes are a means to a richer and more meaningful community experience. The community is also invited to join Bike Mob members and a broader contingent who will be meeting prior to the event at Stodgy Brewing between 5:30 and 7:30 to rally before riding as a group to the Lyric Cinema in time for the 8 pm event start.

In the meantime, raffle entries to win the new e-bike in the Spring Into Summer Raffle are available from now until 10 pm on the 25, just prior to the prize drawing. Raffle entries start at \$10.

Visit [bikefortcollins.org/bike-prom](https://bikefortcollins.org/bike-prom) for more information.

For any businesses interested in supporting or sponsoring Bike Prom, there is still time to do so. Email Bike Fort Collins at [info@bikefortcollins.org](mailto:info@bikefortcollins.org).

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# County Residents Encouraged to Participate in Health Survey

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The region's longest-running community health survey is now underway, and local residents are encouraged to let their voices be heard.

Approximately 13,000 randomly selected households in Larimer County have begun receiving letters inviting them to participate in the 2022 Community Health Survey conducted by the Health District of Northern Larimer County. Participants can complete the survey online through a secure website or by filling out a printed survey booklet.

Survey questions cover topics such as physical and mental health status and needs, health behaviors, neighborhoods and environments, caregiving burden, and views on local policies. Other questions measure some of the impacts of the pandemic, social support structures, housing, emergency preparedness, and more.

Responses to the survey will help the Health District better understand the health, and healthcare needs, of area residents. Information gathered will guide the planning and design of programs and services at the Health District. Results also will be made available to other local agencies and organizations working on health-related issues. All responses are completely confidential. The Health District keeps no personal information on individual participants.

Some key findings from the last Community Health Survey in 2019:

- Nearly a quarter of survey respondents (24%) thought they needed to cut down on their drinking or drug use.
- The percentage of respondents who reported drinking and driving doubled, from 4% in 2016 to 9% in 2019.
- Rates of cigarette smoking hit an all-time low of 5%, down from 19% in the first survey in 1995.
- Those who reported having depression, anxiety,

or other mental health issues increased from 21% in 2016 to

- 30% in 2019.
- Local obesity rates remained stable at 16% and continued to be lower than the state (23%) or national (42%) rates.
- Finding childcare was difficult, with 57% of respondents reporting having "a lot" or "some" finding difficulty with the type of care they needed.

The survey is part of the Health District's periodic Community Health Assessment, which also will include a series of public forums later this year where residents can express their opinions on health-related topics.

The Health District has conducted a Community Health Assessment every three years since 1995, making it the longest-running project of its kind in northern Colorado and unique among communities of a similar size.

Approximately 2,500 county residents took the last survey in 2019. Partial support for this year's survey comes from the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, North Colorado Health Alliance, and the City of Loveland.

People seeking more information about the Community Health Assessment can call the Health District at (970) 224-5209 or visit [www.healthdistrict.org/community-health-assessment](http://www.healthdistrict.org/community-health-assessment). Those invited to take the health survey should visit [larimercountysurvey.org](http://larimercountysurvey.org).

The Health District is a public agency that provides residents of northern Larimer County with dental, mental health, preventive health, and advance-care planning services, in addition to connecting people to more affordable health insurance and prescription options.

# The 39th Annual Junior League of Fort Collins Garden Tour Returns to Old Town

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The 39th Annual Junior League of Fort Collins Garden Tour presented by Fort Collins Nursery will be held on Saturday, June 25 from 8:30 am to 1 pm in the neighborhood near City Park featuring nine gardens on West Mountain Avenue, West Oak Street, North Washington Ave and Jackson Avenue. This event offers an opportunity to be inspired by beautiful garden landscapes and growing in Colorado best practices while connecting with industry professionals and other passionate gardeners.

"The Garden Tour has been an annual tradition for inspiring and aspiring gardeners, and we are thrilled to be celebrating our 39th Tour. Your support means so much to us as Garden Tour is the signature fundraiser for Junior League of Fort Collins attracting hundreds of attendees each year that allows us to fund our programs supporting women and children in our community throughout the entire year," said Madisen Golden, 2022 Garden Tour Committee Chair.

Homeowners have volunteered their gardens to provide an opportunity for the local community to learn about plants, landscape design, and provide stunning inspiration to others for their own gardening adventures. Fort Collins Nursery has partnered with the Junior League to present this event since its inception and provides staff at each home to answer questions and provide insights on how to translate featured gardens to the homes of attendees. Master Gardeners with Colorado State University Extension will also be available to provide information.

Tickets are \$30 each and are available at Fort Collins Nursery, the Larimer County Farmers Market on June 11 and June 18 as well as online at [JLGardenTour.org](http://JLGardenTour.org). This event will feature a kid's zone with a scavenger hunt, seed planting activity, yard games, and food trucks: The Snowy Churro, Slurpz Tea Company, and the Genesis Coffee Cart.

*Proceeds from this event support local community programs through the Junior League of Fort Collins.*

# Applications Opened June 6 for Childcare and Social Services Funding Opportunities

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The City of Fort Collins has opened two funding opportunities to address childcare and social services. The funding opportunities are part of federal funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and are meant to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Fort Collins community and as recognized in the Fort Collins Recovery Plan.

The Childcare System Support grant is specifically for activities that build critical capacity within the

local childcare system. The grant will exclusively fund projects that advance childcare workforce development, mental health resources, accessibility resources for vulnerable populations, or subsidized spots for school-age care.

Full applications must be submitted by June 27 and funding decisions will be announced in July.

*For comprehensive details on the application process please visit [fcgov.com/socialsustainability/recovery](http://fcgov.com/socialsustainability/recovery).*

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# LOVELAND & BERTHOUD

## Celebrate Families with Metro Summer Kids Movies

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Metropolitan Theatres has announced the return of Metro Summer Kids Movies through August 11 at MetroLux 14 Theatres at Centerra and MetroLux Dine-In Theatres at The Foundry, located at 6085 Sky Pond Drive, Loveland, and 285 E. 3rd Street, Downtown Loveland respectively.

Movie-goers can celebrate summer and enjoy the big-screen experience with family and friends for just \$2 per ticket. Tickets are on sale now at MetroTheatres.com, on the Metropolitan Theatres mobile app, and at theatre box offices.

MetroLux Dine-In Theatres is offering a special \$10 kid's package available at the box office and includes a ticket to the summer series film and lunch at Scripted Bar & Kitchen, the theatre's on-site restaurant.

"This family-friendly program brings films for all ages back to the theatre and offers our youngest guests and their families a fun way to spend their summer by watching their favorite films on the big screen," said David Corwin, President of Metropolitan Theatres Corporation.

The Metro Summer Kids Movies series will offer a new film every week at each of the Loveland theatres and will run every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10 am at MetroLux 14 Theatres at Centerra, and every Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm at MetroLux Dine-In Theatres in Downtown.

Those looking for a field trip or group outing can book a Metro Summer Kids Movies Private Rental for up to 20 guests for \$125, and also includes kid's combo packs.

The rentals for the Metro Summer Kid's Movies are available on the scheduled film dates.

To inquire about a private rental for the summer program, visit MetroTheatres.com/metro-summer-kids-movies.

Movigoers will enjoy their favorites like Secret Life of Pets, The Croods, Hotel Transylvania, The Boss Baby and more on the big screen as part of this series.

For more information on Metro Summer Kids Movies, including the full schedule and to purchase tickets, visit MetroTheatres.com/metro-summer-kids-movies-2022.

## McWhinney and AHV Communities Announce Built-For-Rent® Homes in Broomfield and Loveland

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Recently, McWhinney and AHV Communities (AHV) announced they will be co-developing Built-for-Rent® homes at McWhinney's 1,100-acre Baseline community in Broomfield, and at Kinston, within its 3,000-acre Centerra master-planned community in Loveland. McWhinney and AHV Communities solidified their Built-for-Rent® partnership this month and expect to break ground on 240 homes within Centerra's Kinston community this year and have plans to deliver 242 homes at Baseline.

"In Colorado's extremely competitive home-buying market, built-for-rent homes are a great option for those who aren't ready to buy or need something larger than an apartment home," said Ray Pittman, President & CEO at McWhinney. "We're excited to partner and develop these new home offerings with AHV Communities. They have a strong track record of creating quality rental homes across numerous states, and together we will provide new options for future residents

interested in our highly sought-after Baseline and Centerra master-planned communities."

Baseline plans to offer the Finley rental townhome in Parkside West located east of Sheridan Boulevard. The Finley floor plan averages just under 1,400 square feet and is anticipated to open in early 2023. A second build-to-rent home option, the Grayson floor plan, averaging 1,800 square feet is anticipated to be available in late 2023.

Baseline serves as Colorado's first Pollinator District™ and is prominently located at the junction of I-25, Northwest Parkway (E-470), and Highway 7/Baseline Road in Broomfield. Baseline is quickly evolving as a new economic mixed-use community that completes the Denver/Boulder triangle. McWhinney's development plans call for approximately 9,200 home options and up to 8 million square feet of commercial at full build-out.

Additional amenities spread across the communities are planned to include outdoor spaces and game courts, barbeque and picnic areas, spa jacuzzies, bike rooms, and conference rooms.

## Trust for Public Land Awarded \$1.5M GOCO Grant to Permanently Protect Working Land in Larimer County

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Recently the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board awarded a \$1,500,000 grant to Trust for Public Land (TPL) to acquire a 226-acre farm and its water rights adjacent to the Little Thompson River near Berthoud. The property will be protected via a conservation easement immediately prior to TPL's acquisition and continue operations as a working farm with an added focus on educational opportunities in partnership with agricultural and youth organizations. The grant is part of GOCO's Land Acquisition program, which supports urban and rural landscape, waterway, and habitat protection priorities across Colorado.

The easement will be held by the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT), and the property will be owned and managed by the Colorado Future Farmers of America Foundation (Colorado FFA

Foundation).

"As Colorado continues to grow at an unprecedented rate with increased pressure on our limited land and water resources, it is critical that all Coloradans understand the importance of working agriculture to our state. This project will play a critical role in illustrating how rural and urban communities benefit from land and water conservation, ensuring that our state continues to be a great place to live and visit," said Wade Shelton, senior project manager at TPL.

The Colorado FFA Foundation will operate the site as an immersive agricultural experience for youth and the public along Colorado's Front Range in collaboration with traditional agricultural youth organizations like 4-H and Colorado Future Farmers of America while broadening their reach and collaboration with organizations like the Boys and Girls Club, Scouts, Thompson

and St. Vrain School Districts, CAM's Ag Academy at Colorado State University (CSU) College of Agricultural Sciences, CSU Spur Campus, Groundwork Colorado, and Environmental Learning for Kids, to name a few. These opportunities will illustrate the value of land and water conservation to the public.

"Our Foundation is extremely excited to be a part of this project and expand our mission to offer educational opportunities for people to learn hands-on about agriculture," said Don Thorn, executive director of the Colorado FFA Foundation.

GOCO funds will be matched by \$2.625 million from the Natural Resource Conservation Service, \$280,000 from Larimer County Open Space, and \$50,000 from Gates Family Foundation, and will also be supported by an ongoing private fundraising effort led by the Colorado FFA Foundation in collaboration with TPL and CCALT.

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## Red Feather (from page 2)

gems not far from Fort Collins. If you are coming up to camp, please remember to pack out and take what you brought up. We want this area to remain a beautiful place. "Nothing lives long, Only the earth and mountains." - Dee Brown.

If you are interested in learning more about this community's history, the Red Feather Historical Society put together a Walking Tour Map with twenty-two local historic sites. The map can be found in local stores or at the Red Feather library.

Red Feather Lakes Village is in an unincorporated area of Larimer County with no local governing body, served by two special service districts: the RFL Fire Protection District and the RFL Community Library. There is a rural post office

and limited commercial and retail services. The businesses appreciate recreational people to support their endeavors as well as the full-time residents.

The Red Feather Community Association is a not-for-profit organization that plans, funds (through donations), and executes fun community activities. One of the upcoming events includes the Independence Day Activities on 2nd July.

The above information was shared by Caryn Hughes, Red Feather Lakes Property Owners Association Office Manager. Caryn also serves on the Board of Directors for the Red Feather Historical Society and on the Board of Directors for the RFL Fire Protection District, as Treasurer.



# the new scene weekly

## Recommended: Classic Movies, Live Music

TIM VAN SCHMIDT | SceneNOCO.com

Photos by Tim Van Schmidt



Earth, Wind and Fire play Ball Arena in Denver on June 29

I've taken a radical turn in my screen-watching habits. I have, temporarily, completely stopped streaming current TV and movies.

Instead, I have been delving back into the past to find some excellent viewing. I don't mean the recent past, like last year -- I mean going way back.

Here are some of the classic movies I have recently checked out:

**King of Hearts (1967)** - This is a mindful comedy about a WWI Scottish soldier tasked with defusing a bomb in a French town being evacuated by German forces. He gets spotted by retreating Germans and when he takes refuge inside the town's insane asylum, a relationship begins with the inmates that can only be described as odd.

The inmates spill out of the asylum when the town is abandoned by both the Germans and the other residents, and they create their own world, or "theatre" as one character puts it. The soldier unwittingly becomes their king.

Despite the kind of slapstick nature of the action, there is a sophisticated line of thought here -- like questioning whether the "crazy" people are as crazy as the "normal" people who are fighting a bloody war close by.

The most poignant scene in the movie comes when the soldier tries to lead everybody out of town to "safety". As he rides a horse through the city gates and out into the world, the others all fall behind. The "crazy people"

plead with the soldier to come back and one of them calls after him: "There are wild beasts out there". The boom of cannon in the background underscores that truth.

Movie Classics- Fantastic Planet

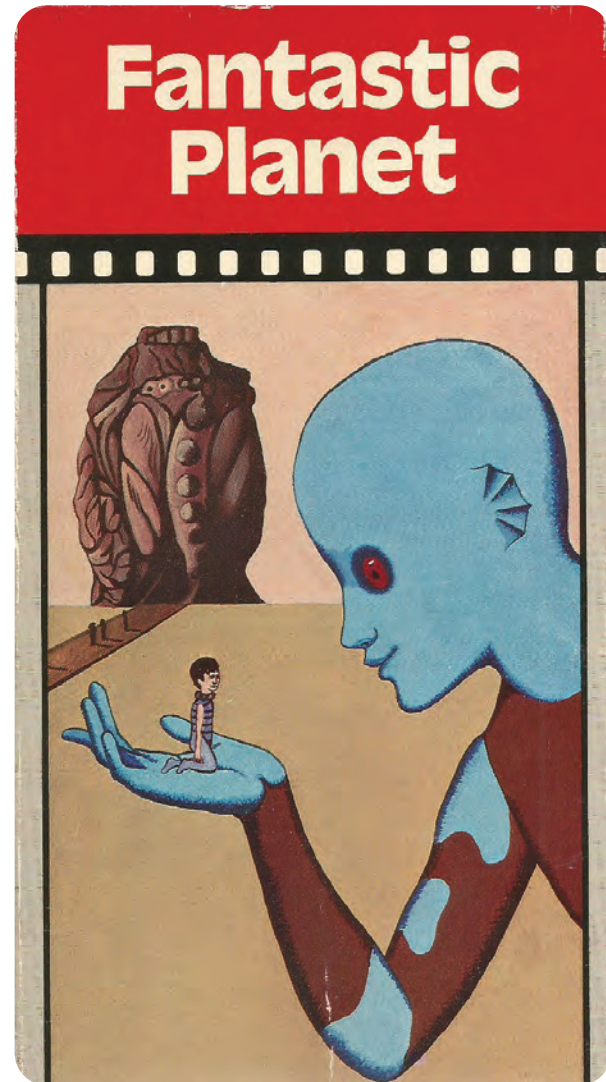
**Fantastic Planet (1973)** - This animated science fiction classic may seem clunky at first, the art especially simplistic considering the astounding things that are being done today with digital graphics. But don't let that put you off -- there are some weighty concepts going on here.

On another world, human beings do not dominate. Instead, they are small creatures that are often domesticated as pets for the giant race of blue people who do dominate -- or are exterminated as pests.

The tables are switched on us here and there are lessons to be learned about being treated with little or no deference, even at the hands of more or less enlightened beings.

That's the storyline, but this relatively short feature -- 68 minutes -- is jammed with some alluring stuff -- like a peculiar meditation practice by the blue people that sends their minds to another planet. Weird beasts, strange plants, and exotic landscapes all provide a mind-twisting background.

At The Lyric: Some classic movies coming up at The Lyric in Fort Collins include "Parasite" on June 28, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" on June 29, "Alien" on



Movie Classics- Fantastic Planet

July 1, and "Aliens" on July 3.

Live Music: See Keb' Mo' at Chautauqua Auditorium in Boulder on June 27. Trombone Shorty, Tank and the Bangas, and Dumstaphunk all play Red Rocks on June 28. See Santana with Earth, Wind & Fire at Ball Arena in Denver on June 29.

NOCO shows: Ryan Chrys and the Rough Cuts will continue the Lagoon Summer Concert Series at CSU on June 29. Ryan Shupe and the Rubberband plays the Rialto Theater in Loveland on June 30. Leftover Salmon is at the Mishawaka Amphitheatre for two nights, July 1-2. And Glove Trucker will be at Swing Station on July 3.

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

## CULINARY EXCELLENCE!

ANGELINA HUNTER | SceneNOCO.com

"Back in the day" I worked for over a decade in the restaurant business in Manhattan -- I loved it! But it made me aware of how challenging it can be and just how much goes into the "back of the house" before being able to produce a fine menu and a lovely dining experience for guests -- costing out menus, finding vendors with high quality products at the right prices, researching a wine list, hiring staff, printing out menus -- the list goes on.

With arguably over 30,000 restaurants in New York City when I determined that I would like to relocate, culinary excellence was high on my list. Having settled in Old Town, Fort Collins, I welcome and support every new restaurant that opens with my patronage and for the most part, they have not disappointed. So...when Philippe French Bistro & Bakery opened

this past February 9 I went to check out their menu and their pastries no less than 12 times in the first few weeks they were opened to see if this was "French cuisine" as I had known back east -- and

I was delighted with their entrees, their service, and their pastries. Philippe's is the "real deal" with delicious and authentic recipes and pastries with just the right amount of sugar so as not to compete with their high quality ingredients.

After closing from June 12 to June 22 for a much-needed kitchen upgrade,

Philippe's will be reopening for business on Wednesday, June 22 -- let's welcome them back with our patronage -- in my experience, they deserve it!

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# CITY BUZZ

## OUT & ABOUT! POP-UP SUMMER CONCERTS

### THE FORT COLLINS SYMPHONY TO PERFORM FREE COMMUNITY CONCERTS

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This summer, the Fort Collins Symphony (FCS) will be Out & About performing three pop-up community concerts in the greater Northern Colorado region.

The Symphony's professional musicians will play in accessible outdoor venues in both Loveland and Fort Collins.

Free and open to the public, these concerts will feature jazz, pop, rock, and a sprinkle of classical favorites.

The Nat Wickham Jazz Quartet takes the stage for the first Out & About Concert at 3 pm, Saturday, June 18 at Chapungu Sculpture Park at Centerra in Loveland (Sky Pond Dr, Loveland).

The concert will feature jazz classics and standards from the Great American Song Book, including music composed by or recorded by renowned Black jazz artists such as Thelonious

Monk, John Coltrane, Dexter Gordon, Lee Morgan, Freddy Hubbard, and others.

Selections include I Mean You by Thelonious Monk, It's You Or No One recorded by Dexter Gordon, Beatrice by Sam Rivers, and In Your Own Sweet Way by Dave Brubeck.

Loveland's Chapungu Sculpture Park is a 26-acre natural and landscaped garden setting displaying 82 stone sculptures by Zimbabwean artisans.

The FCS is honored to pair its first pop-up concert among these iconic sculptures. For more information fcsymphony.org.

Support for the FCS About & About Pop-Up Community Concerts is provided by the City of Fort Collins Fort Fund, Colorado Creative Industries, and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Trombonist Nat Wickham

## TROUTTANK: NONPROFIT PITCH-A-THON

NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com

This event is inspired by "Shark Tank," but way more kind! Trout Tank is a pitch-a-thon event where local nonprofits pitch in-person to corporate and individual sponsors (Trouts!) at The Lyric.

Sponsors then choose from the pitches presented to donate to directly. This is a great opportunity to see corporate sponsors connect and support local nonprofit organizations that are working hard to improve our community. Come watch pitches to learn about what it takes to get people onboard for your organization and connect with other nonprofits in the area. Tickets are free!

The event is on June 27 at 5:30 pm.

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we have experienced the kind of impact the entrepreneurial spirit can add to a community.

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## BLUES ICON CHARLIE MUSSELWHITE TO PERFORM IN WINTER PARK

NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com

Mississippi-born, Memphis-raised, Grammy Award-winning music legend Charlie Musselwhite will celebrate the June 3 release of his new Alligator Records album, Mississippi Son, with a live performance at the Blues from The Top Music Festival in Winter Park on Sunday, June 26.

Musselwhite is renowned worldwide as a master harmonica player, a seasoned, truth-telling vocalist, and an original songwriter rooted deep within the blues tradition.

As many of his fans know, he's also a country blues guitarist of great depth, warmth, and subtlety.

On each of Mississippi Son's 14 songs, including eight powerfully stark originals, Musselwhite's straight-from-the-soul vocals, and deep blues harmonica playing are the perfect foil to his deceptively simple, hypnotic guitar work.

Mississippi Son's first single, the autobiographical original Blues Gave Me A Ride, was released on Friday, May 6.

Through his evocative vocals, masterful harmonica playing, and note-perfect Southern country blues guitar, Charlie Musselwhite, on Mississippi Son, leans forward and delivers the blues' honest truth.

# CITY BUZZ

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK: "SERENITY"

Sarah Bennett sent us this photo of Watson Lake in Bellvue. Watson Lake is a State Wildlife Area, only one mile from the intersection of 287 and Rist Canyon Road. What a view!

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

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## RONDA STONE EXHIBIT FEATURED AT LOVELAND MUSEUM

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



Leaf  
(Ronda Stone)

Ronda Stone's *Become a Leaf on a River* opened on Friday, June 10 at the Loveland Museum. Thursday, July 21 will be a black-tie event for a book

signing from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Downstairs in the Foote Gallery will be Ronda's Retrospective. The upstairs exhibit is different than anything she's ever done. The Retrospective goes from her very first painting to her very last photograph.

Colorado-based artist Ronda Stone attended Colorado State University and obtained a Graphic Design degree in 1989. Her work has been in over thirty exhibitions throughout the United States.

Known for her innovative approach to portraiture, the artwork in this exhibition is a bold foray into abstracted photographic images combined with text, which complicates and enhances the visual experience.

For more information visit [thelovelandmuseum.org](http://thelovelandmuseum.org).

*This exhibit could possibly be Ronda's last exhibit and she would love to share this work.*

## ALYSIA KRAFT'S DAZZLING DEBUT ALBUM SHARES THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE IN INDIE-POP FORM

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Alysia Kraft's debut album *First Light* is a carefully crafted montage of life's most brilliant and mundane moments. Out on June 24, Kraft brings quiet introspection, vivid imagery, and evocative lyricism to paint the picture of her life so far.

Capturing these moments with dreamy indie-pop instrumentation, the record shares everything from finding love, to almost losing life, and the wondrous occasions in between. The album came about during quarantine in 2020. Kraft recalls creating art at the break of dawn, or better put, the *First Light* of the morning.

"By the time dawn was pouring colors onto her palette, I was mixing them in - mine - trying to stay in touch with the joy of being alive by writing, recalling, making demos," she says. This free-flowing creativity seems to inform the feel of the record as she creates the essence of billowing in the wind, romanticizing reflective moments and flickering through life's highlights with candid ease.

"I wrote from the big moments of my life," she explains. "The first time I kissed a girl and felt like my body could not contain the magic and life and electricity within me. The first time I celebrated a full year sober and realized I was free to be a new person if I really wanted to be. The wild, uninhibited joy of my first tours,

intoxicated by travel and connection and possibility and dizzied by the distance from my family." Finding inspiration in the nature around her, Kraft adds that, "in the midst of conjuring these events from the past, 2020 shed few quiet moments of new understanding - personified and almost always delivered by the Wyoming landscape that raised me."

Drawing from her life might make the record seem narrow but in fact, it's Kraft's brilliant storytelling that invites listeners to find similarities in their own lives and reflect on them just as deeply. Tracks like "Small Town Lights" share a coming-of-age story with a 17-year-old Kraft experiencing the thrill of teenagedom. Then there's "Hamilton Pool," a deeply romantic and authentic recounting of the first time Kraft met her true love.

"Little River," tells the story of the day in which the singer-songwriter almost drowned and how she's moved forward from the fear.

As she sings, the image of Kraft writing music in the light of the morning isn't hard to picture. Vacant lots, empty storefronts, psychic windowpanes, the sound of silence ignites. It's a lonesome good night," she sings, adding "A bird doesn't sing because it's got the answer. A bird sings because it's got a song."



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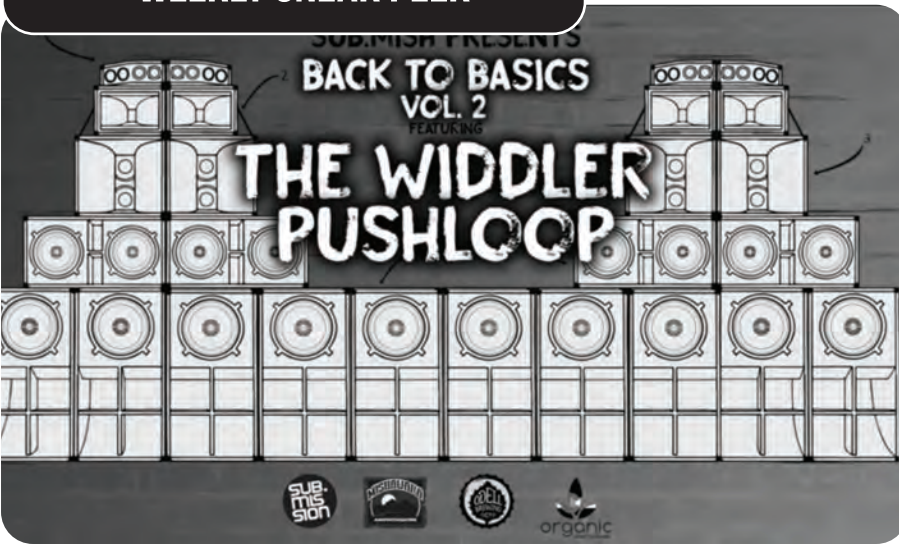
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The Widdler x Pushloop "Back To Basics Tour Vol. 2" w/ J. Sparrow (UK) & Kursk: Presented by Sub.Mish, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 8 pm, Saturday June 25

### Wednesday, June 22

**Blast N Bowl w/ Caustic Soda, Sunnner, Slap Happy, Connor Party:** Presented by Blast N Scrap, 100 Nickel, 7 pm  
**Concert 3,** Grace Church, 7 pm  
**Giovannie & The Hired Guns @ Moxi Theater,** Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**Hobbit Hole Mugs - Clay Hand-building Workshop,** Flingin Pots, 10:30 am -12:30 pm  
**Lagoon Summer Concert Series,** Colorado State University Lagoon, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm  
**Lesser Care / don't get lemon / Natural Violence,** Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm  
**Meals on 4th,** 4th Street, Downtown Loveland, 6 pm -9 pm  
**Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes,** The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm  
**Songwriting Circle,** Roots Music Project, 7:15 pm -9:30 pm  
**Super Cool Kids Club (Weekly),** The Lyric, 5 pm -7 pm

**RFC Networking Luncheon at Serious Texas Bar-B-Q,** Serious Texas BBQ Loveland, 11:30 am -1 pm  
**Sam Riggs w/ Huser Brothers,** Aggie Theatre, 8 pm  
**Strangers on the Earth,** The Dome at Sunrise Ranch, 6:30 pm -9 pm  
**Viewfinders \*Farewell Show\* w/ The Dollhouse Thieves / Arily Michele,** Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm  
**Wheelthrowing Sampler - Handmade Dinnerware Set - 4 Week Class,** Flingin Pots, 6:30 pm -9 pm

### Friday, June 24

**A Walk in the Woods,** Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm  
**Cheap Date Nights,** Rialto Theater Center, 5 pm  
**Dear Marsha, + Jen Korte & The Loss + Angie Stevens + Melissa Crispo,** The Black Buzzard, 7 pm -11:30 pm  
**Dirty Date Night: Adult Wheel-Throwing Class 6/24,** Flingin Pots, 7 pm -9 pm  
**Remembering Gared O'Donnell (From Planes Mistaken for Stars),** Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm  
**Slopes, Shapes, and Landscapes,** The Lincoln Center, 12 pm -6 pm  
**The Whips with Satellite Pilot + Comedy By: Liam Weyer @ Loaded,** Loaded, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**The Widdler x Pushloop "Back To Basics Tour Vol. 2" w/ MYTHM & Dalek One:** Presented by Sub. Mish, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 8 pm  
**"Yes and..."**, Grace Church, 7 pm

### Thursday, June 23

**Free Outdoor Concerts at the Museum: Mile High Powwow Dance Experience,** Longmont Museum & Cultural Center, 6:30 pm -8 pm  
**Melanin MagiQ,** Online, 5:30 pm -6:30 pm  
**Oak, Ash & Thorn with From Within The Trench @ Moxi Theater,** Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm

### Saturday, June 25

**"A Carnival of Canines & Kids!,"** Blue Moose Art Gallery, 11 am -2 pm  
**A Walk in the Woods,** Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm  
**Bike Prom,** The Lyric Cinema Cafe, 8 pm  
**Boulder Comedy Festival,** The Louisville Underground, 8 pm -10 pm  
**Colorado Book Awards Winner's Celebration Event,** The Studio Loft at Ellie Caulkins Opera House, 4:30 pm  
**Concert 4,** Grace Church, 6:30 pm  
**Cyrano de Bergerac Presented by OpenStage Theatre,** The Park at Columbine Health Systems, 7 pm  
**Gestalt/ ii/lo / Dog Tags / CONNORPARTY,** Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm  
**Greeley Stampede at Centennial Village Museum,** Centennial Village Museum, 12 pm -6 pm  
**Hatrick (Tribute to the 90s),** 2454 West, 8 pm  
**Household Collective ft LER, Anthony Cole, massTree, missTree, Nic Kato, Panama, Samson,** Aggie Theatre, 8 pm  
**Lost City Live - John Statz w/ Micki Balder,** Lost City River North Patio, 6:30 pm -10 pm  
**Taco Triathlon (5th Annual),** The Shops at Foothills, 10 am -4 pm  
**The Songwriter's Living Room: Writers in the Round,** Roots Music Project, 8 pm -10 pm  
**The Steel Woods with The Barlow @ The Outlaw Saloon,** Outlaw Saloon, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**The Widdler x Pushloop "Back To Basics Tour Vol. 2" w/ J. Sparrow (UK) & Kursk:** Presented by Sub.Mish, Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 8 pm  
**Tivoli Brewing 5k | 2022 CO Brewery Running Series,** Tivoli Brewing Co. Tap House, 10 am -1 pm

### Sunday, June 26

**All Ages/Abilities Wheel-Throwing Class 6/26,** Flingin Pots, 11 am -1 pm  
**A Walk in the Woods,** Bas Bleu Theatre, 2:30 pm  
**Bottlerocket Hurricane @ The Black Buzzard,** The Black Buzzard, 9 pm -11:30 pm  
**Greeley Stampede at Centennial Village Museum,** Centennial Village Museum, 12 pm -6 pm  
**Los Shadows/Los Narwhals/Cherry St.,** Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am  
**Shpongole (Simon Posford Live Set),** Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 8 pm  
**Stem Ciders at Acreage 5k | 2022 CO Brewery Running Series,** Acreage by Stem Ciders, 10 am -1 pm  
**Sunday Morning Toast and Jams,** Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm  
**Texas Hill @ Moxi Theater,** Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm

### Monday, June 27

**North 40 Pub Runners Monday Night Run,** Sparge Brewing, 6 pm -8 pm  
**Pikes Peak Safe at Schools Coalition,** Online, 4 pm -5:30 pm  
**"There's Something There",** Innosphere Ventures, 5:30 pm -6:30 pm  
**Trapt @ Moxi Theater,** Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm

### Tuesday, June 28

**Concert 5,** Grace Church, 6:30 pm  
**Free Summer Movies,** Rialto Theatre, 11 am -4 pm  
**Summer Kids' Film Series: The Secret Life of Pets 2 (2019, PG),** Longmont Museum & Cultural Center, 10 am  
**The Unlikely Candidates @ Lincoln Theater Cheyenne,** The Lincoln, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**Trivia Night at Sparge Brewing,** Sparge Brewing, 6 pm -7:30 pm

### Wednesday, June 29

**Bewitcher and Cloak,** Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm  
**FREE: Indie Night ft. Bleak Mystique and Pleasure Prince,** 830 North, 8 pm  
**Lagoon Summer Concert Series,** Colorado State University Lagoon, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm  
**Super Cool Kids Club (Weekly),** The Lyric, 5 pm -7 pm  
**The Brain In Search Of Itself,** TILT, 5:30 pm -6:30 pm  
**Veteran and First Responders Beer Club Meeting,** Sparge Brewing, 6 pm -8 pm

### Thursday, June 30

**Concert 6,** Grace Church, 6:30 pm  
**Free Outdoor Concerts at the Museum: Songwriter Showcase with Bonnie & Taylor Sims,** Longmont Museum & Cultural Center, 6:30 pm -8 pm  
**Holdfast. @ Moxi Theater,** Moxi Theater, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
**Johno Leeroy and Garrett T. Capps,** Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am  
**Teaching Tree Open House: "Little Plates for Little People" Annual Fundraiser,** Teaching Tree Early Childhood Learning Center, 6 pm -8 pm  
**Trailhead Sessions,** Rialto Theater Center, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm

### Friday, July 1

**Cheap Date Nights,** Rialto Theater Center, 5 pm  
**Cyrano de Bergerac Presented by OpenStage Theatre,** The Park at Columbine Health Systems, 7 pm  
**Feisty Spirits- QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Training,** Feisty Spirits Distillery, 4 pm -7 pm  
**First Fridays at the America Building,** The America Building, 6 pm -9 pm  
**Leftover Salmon w/ Tenth Mountain Division,** Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 8 pm  
**Lorna's Swingset at Global Village Museum,** Global Village Museum of Arts and Culture, 5:30 pm -7 pm  
**Noche Salvaje with DJ Salvaje and DJ Casique (Cumbia/Funk/Tropicalia DJ's),** Hi-Dive, 9 pm -12 am  
**Tommy Freed & the Sound @ The Black Buzzard,** The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm

### Saturday, July 2

**Aco Nasa with Pepper + Seanny S Tone + Wooked + No Identity @ More,** The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm  
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# NORTHERN COLORADO

## NoCo Junior Rowing Team Prepares for Fun in the Sun with Chicago Sprints Regatta

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NoCo Junior Crew  
(Photo courtesy of Mark Berkner)

Row, row, row your boats because the NoCo Junior (High School) Rowing team is back in action for yet another exciting summer season! Umbrellaed under the Fort Collins Rowing Association, the NoCo Junior "Crew" is a youth organization that welcomes athletes from the ages of 13 to 18 who are ready to experience a full season of competition in the sport of Rowing.

Currently, Head Coach Mark Berkner is in the process of preparing his team to compete in the Chicago Sprints competition this July 8 and 9 featured in Chicago's Lincoln Park. It should be noted that Mark knows

a thing or two about competition himself, having rowed with the 1986 University of Wisconsin National Champion Varsity Eight as well as being a part of two USA World Championship Teams and a member of the 1992 USA Summer Olympic Team.

"Last year was the first year we (NoCo Juniors) went; it's a pretty well-attended regatta (Chicago Sprints), we'll go race teams from all around the country, which we don't normally get to do. The junior team will make up boats of 8-oared shells down to single shell and we'll see how we do. It's a lot of fun; we just launched into our summer season, so we've got a handful of weeks here to prepare for the Chicago Sprints," Mark said.

Rowing in the Inlet Bay Marina of Larimer County's beautiful Horsetooth Reservoir, the NoCo Crew consists of four seasons: winter season conditioning and three competitive seasons with a goal of qualifying for Youth Nationals. Spring season (Sprints), summer season (Sprints), and

Fall Season (Head Racing). NoCo competes in a number of local Colorado races, as well as regional and nationally renowned regattas, and registration, as well as participation, are for each distinct Spring, Summer, or Fall season program. In addition, NoCo Rowers are allowed to participate in all or any one specific season.

"It's a blast! It's a lot harder than people think but it's a lot of fun to try and get competent at this skill; you get to glide like you're a surfer and you get to bust your hump like you're a cross-country ski racer. It's very challenging, kind of technical, but it's pretty fun from the get-go. It's the ultimate team sport," Mark said. "Give it a try and I hope it grabs you because it truly is a sport for a lifetime and it's definitely a great way to get you really fit."

If you have any questions or would like more information about how to get involved or just how to support the team as they gear up for the Chicago Sprints Regatta, please visit [fcrowing.org/juniors](http://fcrowing.org/juniors) for all the details. Happy rowing!



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I have been moved to tears. Just recently, I traveled to northern Wisconsin to participate in a remembrance gathering for my late 94-year-old uncle.

I did fine throughout most of the service, held in the chapel of a blissful cemetery in the "Great Northwoods". But then, all of the attendees were invited to file outside to witness Military Honors performed by a local Honor Guard. My uncle had served in the Navy and that was a point of pride in his life.

The ceremony included volleys respectfully shot into the air by an eight-member squad. Then the water started coming to my eyes while "Taps" was being beautifully played on a lone bugle.

But what really made me choke up was when two Honor Guard members, smartly dressed in crisp white

(See "Hope and Tears" on page 15)



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# COVER STORY

## Northern Colorado's Workforce Shortage

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Are you looking for a job? If you are then you're certainly in luck because Larimer County has no shortage of them to offer; a shortage of jobs isn't the problem at all, it's having a shortage of people to fill them that's the problem. According to the United States Federal Reserve, Larimer County unemployment rate is at 2.60%, compared to 3.10% last month and 5.30% last year. This is said to be overall lower than the long-term average of 4.33%.

Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Ann Hutchison recently wrote a blog outlining the latest detailed look at unemployment all throughout Northern Colorado; the data was compiled in collaboration with Alexander Research & Consulting and the Economic Tracker found at NoCoRecovers.com. It clearly shows the current state of unemployment is considered to be "full employment" and Northern Colorado is considered to be making continual progress towards recovery, so the question then becomes why are so many employers having such a hard time finding workers to fill these vast positions?

- Northern Colorado continues to make progress towards recovery even as, nationally, worries of another recession loom on the horizon.
- The unemployment rate is well within what is considered full employment. The unemployment rate has dipped below 3% in Larimer County and is at 3.4% in Weld County.
- The civilian labor force in the region is larger than it was, on average, in 2019.
- Although the number of unique job postings fell in April, it is more than double its 2019 average. Regionwide, there are three job postings for every unemployed worker, a sign of a very tight labor market.
- In Larimer County, the number of jobs is 2.4 percent above the 2019 average while in Weld County, it is 4.7% below. Mining, Logging, and Construction is the sector that has gained the most jobs in Larimer County but has lost the most jobs in Weld County. Leisure & Hospitality, Professional & Business Services, and Retail Trade are the big winners in terms of job growth. State Government (in particular Educational Services) and Information are the big losers.
- Average Hourly Earnings continue to climb in Larimer County but have remained flat in Weld County since the initial decline in 2020.
- Retail Sales continue to rise in both counties, which is a reflection of both sales volume and rising prices.

Adam Crowe, an Economic Development Manager with Larimer County Economic & Workforce Development, says that while the pandemic and the "Great Resignation" have made clear contributions to a shortage of available employees, it doesn't answer for the majority of the problem and, in fact, it's actually a problem the entire country has seen coming decades before the pandemic even happened.

"It's a very complex situation[...]it's really a generational and demographic issue at its heart. When we look at the different generations, our baby boomers, even the youngest of them, are

retiring and many of them are choosing not to come back to the workforce."

As Adam explained, often in the past when people would retire, they would still return to the workforce at least on a part-time basis to some extent, taking the edge off of most labor needs, but after COVID one of the changes the nation is now seeing is that many people who are retiring are simply doing just that and not returning to work in any capacity; it's an issue that Adam says is COVID related but more so a long-term demographic challenge that trickles down with each generation.

"If we look at our next generation, (Generation X), they are one of the smaller generations that we have, which means they're one of the smaller generations in the workforce[...]And then if we look at our millennials, which would be our next generation, there aren't as many millennials as there are baby boomers, but they're still learning and they're still building skills and there's simply not enough of them to fill the gap that is being left by our largest generation[...]When we talk about the term that was being used a decade ago, the 'Silver Tsunami' when we started to see people retire, we're feeling the effects of that and this is the outcome of the fact that we have a demographic shift where we have more people leaving the workforce than people coming into it and it really has to do with age more than anything," Adam explained.

Because of this generational gap, it's likely that Colorado along with many other states throughout the country will continue to see a labor shortage, which is why it's now more important than ever for businesses to be adaptable and find ways to still exist within this newer economic climate, which Adam says is achieved by companies being willing to ask hard questions of themselves. For instance, how do companies make themselves more competitive in the job market and overall more attractive to employees, how can companies think about restructuring if they're not able to find the workers needed, and lastly, if possible and the specific industry allows for it, how can moves be made towards automation as an option.

Luckily resources such as the Larimer County Workforce & Development exist because they're in a unique position to not only help companies answer those very types of questions, but also help assist those employees who for whatever reason might be struggling to find their right fit.

"For people who are looking for work or just looking for a transition, that's something we specialize in[...]if someone is looking for work, if they're thinking about transitioning, or if they have decided they want to get back into the world of work, we're definitely here to help and we have some great services and great staff to assist," said Adam.

Whether you're an employee or employer, if you have questions and would like more information or assistance in moving forward, you're encouraged to visit the Larimer County Workforce & Development at [larimer.org/ewd](http://larimer.org/ewd).

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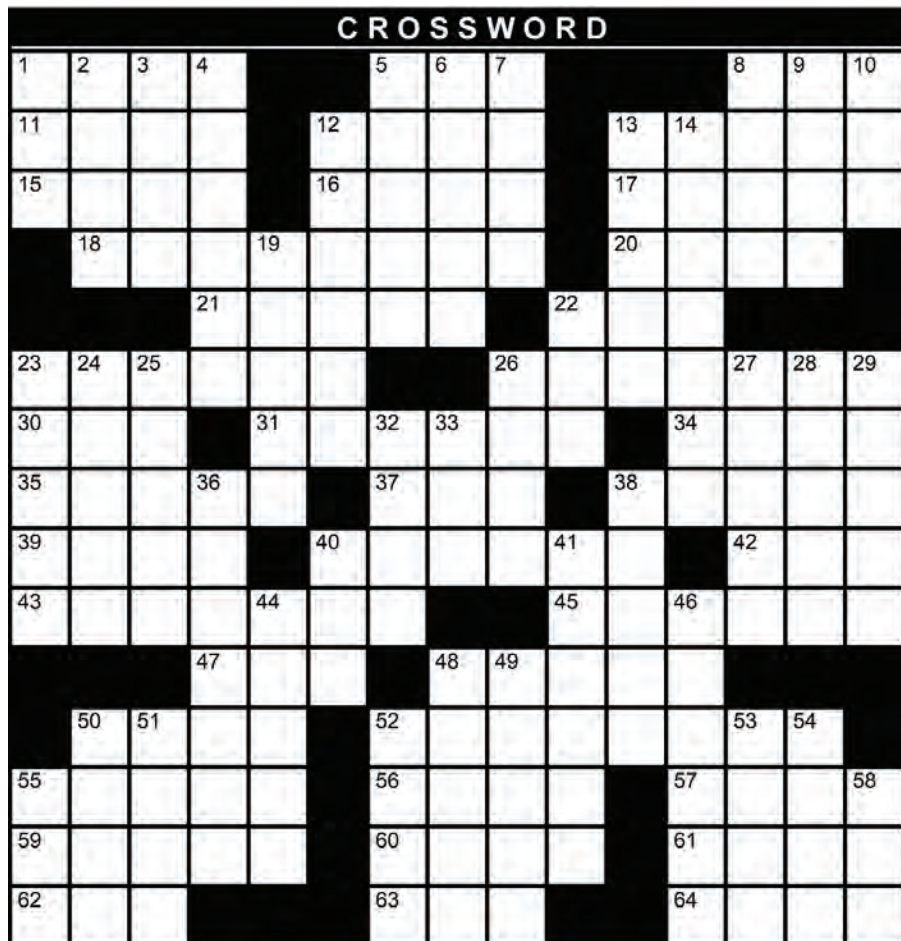
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## FOURTH OF JULY

### CROSSWORD



#### ACROSS

1. Cutting the mustard
5. French vineyard
8. Expression of satisfaction
11. Chicago's Navy \_\_\_\_\_
12. Not that
13. Lock horns
15. Sound of pride
16. Tom Hanks' character had this in "Philadelphia"
17. Dre's headphones
18. \*Handheld firework
20. Eurozone money
21. Chinese weight units
22. Campaigned
23. \*Popular July Fourth salad
26. Ltd
30. A in I.P.A.
31. Type of embellished surface
34. Dunking treat
35. Potato state
37. Type of poem
38. Rabbit trap
39. "I, Claudius" role
40. As much as necessary
42. Opposite of trans- in chemistry
43. Bring into servitude
45. \*Bottle \_\_\_\_\_
47. Ill temper
48. Olive branch
50. Campaign worker
52. \*Declaration signer
55. Extinct Italic language
56. Forsaken or desolate
57. Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
59. Between Egypt and Algeria
60. Heed
61. At the summit
62. Beaver's construction
63. "I Thee \_\_\_\_\_"
64. \*Liberty Bell did it to mark Declaration reading

#### DOWN

1. Calendar abbr.
2. Life stories, for short
3. Faith jump?
4. Misprints
5. \*Cooler purpose
6. \*Fair attractions
7. CCCP, in English
8. Lab culture
9. Type of pilot
10. "For \_\_\_\_\_ a jolly ..."
12. Hit 80's song "\_\_\_\_\_ Me"
13. Crosswise, on deck
14. \*Popular type of July Fourth gathering
19. Two to one, e.g.
22. Antonym of keep
23. \*"Common Sense" author
24. \*Like the days of 1776
25. Crocodile ones are insincere
26. Place, in French
27. Race course
28. Causing fear
29. "That thou \_\_\_\_\_, do quickly"
32. Like a certain ranger
33. Fuss
36. \*4th of July, e.g.
38. Sudden upset
40. The night before
41. Dad's mom
44. Gladiators' battlefield
46. Cold storage
48. Space exploration mission
49. Dog-\_\_\_\_\_ pages
50. "Heat of the Moment" band
51. Intercontinental ballistic missile
52. Opposite of ebb
53. I, to a Greek
54. High part of day
55. Like Methuselah
58. Fuel economy acronym

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## Hope and Tears (from page 13)

uniforms, unfurled a large American flag, displayed it, then refolded it with a solemn, silent purposefulness and care. The flag was then presented to my aunt as a token of thanks for my uncle's service.

The way these Honor Guard members performed their duty was so perfectly focused and seriously accomplished -- without a hint of hesitation. It reached deep into my heart. I cannot express just how touching and even inspirational this experience was.

I am so thankful for that.

My trip back to Colorado was uneventful, passing through the busy Minneapolis airport and wading through the crowds at the ultra-busy Denver airport, finally returning to Fort Collins with a warm satisfaction that my uncle had been honored beautifully.

That was on June 9.

The next morning I opened my usual round of news sites to catch up on what had been happening in the world -- the calmness of staying on a gorgeous lakefront in Wisconsin and warmly interacting with relatives still circulating in my mind. And then what I saw took over like a tornado of darkness.

On June 10, the news was flooded with articles and videos covering the first public hearing from the United States House Select Committee on the January 6 Attack. I was quickly sobered by the text I was reading. Then my tears came back when I viewed videos of the event.

I saw Americans viciously and angrily

pummeling other Americans -- pushing, punching, hitting, stabbing, screaming, and wreaking destruction on our capitol. It made me weep.

This was the exact opposite of what I experienced at my uncle's remembrance service a few days earlier. And it made me ask myself -- what would my uncle think about this? What would my late father -- also a Navy veteran -- think of this? What about my Vietnam War veteran friend, a Marine Lieutenant, who passed away last December due to CO-VID think?

Many years ago, I heard the late Desmond Tutu speak at Moby Arena at CSU. And he said the only road to peace had to be in accepting "all", making "all" welcome to the table. How do we create a society that accepts "all" including those people who fought on the Capitol steps?

January 6. School shootings. Racial hatred. So much more. What are we doing to ourselves? How do we survive this extreme turbulence?

I ask questions but have no answers.

I might not have hope for the future if I hadn't witnessed my uncle's Military Honors. There I saw a solemnity and grace that paid true honor to a man who was proud of serving his country.

American honor still has a place in the world.

The American dishonor I saw in those January 6 videos reminds me that we still have a long way to go.

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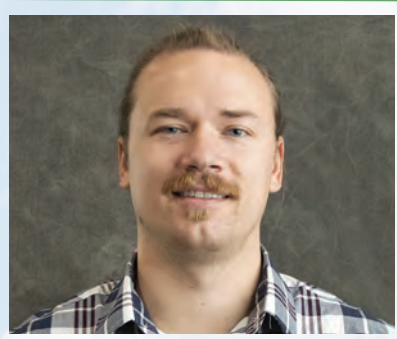
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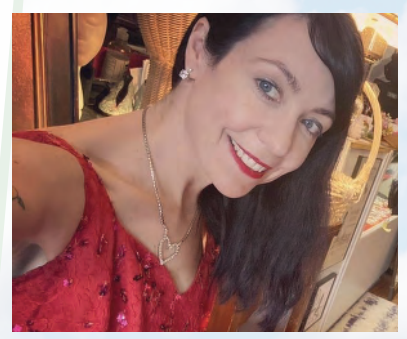
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