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Is There Love in the Air?

I can remember in recent years sitting on a patio in Fort Collins on Valentine's Day and enjoying 70-degree weather. That's hard to believe with the past week's sub-zero temperatures. As a Colorado native, I know that the weather will change seemingly instantly, and it could be a reality!

The groundhog DID see his shadow this year, so does that mean six more weeks of winter?

Well, based on weather data, "there is no predictive skill for the groundhog during the most recent years of the analysis," according to a report last year by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

And Phil the Groundhog, according to USA Today, has only gotten it right 40% of the time (on average) over the past ten years. I hold my hopes high for spring weather soon!

Last week I wrote about plowing snow and how it keeps me from going "mental." Last week I "reflected" plenty while I drove back and forth on my 2 miles of road, over and over and over. A few of my neighbors came out to thank me for plowing the road, and one made me a cup of tea! Thanks, David!

And that's the kind of "love" I mean. Valentines Day, for me, isn't just about taking your significant other out on a date -- it's about sharing quality time with your friends, family, or neighbors. They are people too. Some of them "loathe" valentines day because it might symbolize something they don't believe they have (like a significant other). Or, they may not like commercializing something they think you should be doing all the time. So, spend some

Perhaps a little warmth in the air, mixed with some love from Valentine's Day, will be the recipe for a fantastic February in 2022! Again, I hold my

Be sure to read about some of the unique events during Valentine's Day -- and try to participate! At North Forty News, we try to be a little different. If



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Valentine's Day isn't your thing, take a friend out and enjoy each other's company. You don't have to be a "love bird" to enjoy the little heart candies and perhaps write some valentines day notes with your children or grandchildren.

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Here are eight ideas for how every Coloradan can nourish our farmers, ranchers, and food businesses while buying and eating local food: 1. Buy local. Click and share this website to see in-store

- product offerings and shipping options from local producers, ranchers, and manufacturers from around the state: ColoradoProud.com.
- 2. Pick Colorado-grown produce. Look for the Colorado Proud label, which symbolizes a particular piece of fruit or vegetable that was grown in our state. And check out what local produce is in season. 3. Buy Colorado-made products. When shopping, look
- for Colorado-made products, such as jams, sauces, condiments, snacks, sweets, and other locally-made food products, which will also have the Colorado Proud label.
- 4. Support Colorado's livestock producers. Look for Colorado beef, lamb, pork, bison, and poultry or order directly from local producers.
- 5. Buy direct from a Colorado wholesaler. Many local companies are now selling food and products directly to end consumers. ColoradoProud.com offers a list of companies participating under the "Wholesaler"
- 6. Dine at local restaurants. More than ever, Colorado chefs and restaurants are incorporating locally sourced ingredients into their menus.
- 7. Enjoy Colorado beverages. Whether you prefer adult libations, fresh kombucha, or locally roasted coffee, look for Colorado-crafted alcoholic and nonalcoholic
- 8. (Virtually) thank a farmer. Colorado Proud is sharing many stories from Colorado farmers, ranchers, and businesses on their Facebook page. Tag your favorite Colorado Proud companies.

Agriculture is an important economic driver in the state, consistently ranking as one of Colorado's leading industries and is in the top-10 nationally for the production of a variety of agricultural products. With more than 38,900 farms encompassing nearly 32 million acres, agriculture is a vital part of Colorado, supporting more than 195,000 jobs, contributing more than \$47 billion to the state's economy annually.

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Mammoth Seeds: Plants and Megafauna

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Avocado Seed (File Photo)

Have you ever considered what kind of animal would have to eat avocados to disperse their seeds in nature? No? Now you may!

As they are too large to be eaten by many herbivores alive today, especially those in the avocado's native range in Mesoamerica, this really can leave a person wondering: "How did this tree evolve?" It does a plant little good to have no way to disperse its seeds across the landscape. A fruit, after all, takes an enormous amount of energy to make and provides little benefit to the mother plant. So, why would a tree go to such trouble?

This hasn't always been the case: during its ecological prime, the avocado would have been consumed, digested, and then – ahem – distributed in its own pile of fertilizer by Ice Age megafauna (exceptionally large animals). Since the extinction of many of these creatures (like wooly mammoths, giant ground sloths, and a menagerie of others) took place a bit over 10,000 years ago, the avocado probably has been distributed primarily by humans who began to cultivate it for its tasty, caloriedense fruits.

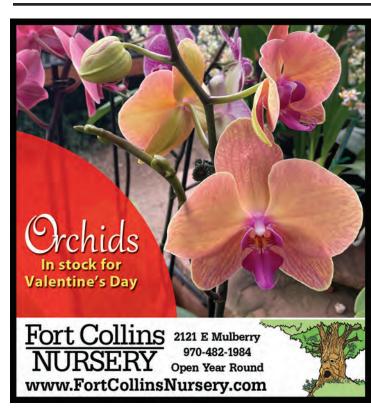
Interestingly, the avocado is not alone in this phenomenon. Since the mass-extinction of Pleistocene megafauna, a whole host of plants have been left without their seed-dispersing partners.

A few of these, like honeylocust (Gleditsia triacanthos) are quite common today, also due to their cultivation in our landscapes. In fact, the specific epithet of the scientific name for honeylocust (triacanthos) translates to "three-spined," referencing the clusters of massive, macabre thorns that once covered the trunks and larger stems of honeylocust trees; spines these trees needed to ensure that only their seeds were consumed - and distributed by megafauna on the American savannah of the day. In the American parking lot of today, it's easy to notice the distinct lack of spines these trees exhibit, as breeding and selection efforts to reduce this trait have made the honeylocust into a superb urban tree, even if at the dismay of the neighborhood shrike.

Also a beloved street tree of our time, the Kentucky coffee tree was first an ecological puzzle. As science came to be aware of the species, experts asked "why does this adaptable tree grow in so few places? And most commonly near waterways, in wet soils to which it is not particularly well-adapted"? When appropriate seed distributors left the scene, the large seed pods of these trees could only be distributed well by moving water, and so populations of Kentucky coffee tree retreated to the verge of waterways.

A variety of other plants are relics of longgone, mutualistic partnerships: Osage orange (Maclura pomifera), ginkgo (Ginkgo biloba), buffalo gourd (Cucurbita foetidissima), Joshua tree (Yucca brevifolia), and chocolate (Theobroma spp.) being only a few that we Coloradoans might recognize. While we often consider plants as we see them today, these botanical oddities can be quirky reminders of the tortuous life stories plants hold, if we are willing to take the time to learn about them.

So, next time you enjoy some avocado in guacamole or on avocado toast, remember that while it's tasty, it wasn't meant for you.



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Happening in Wellington: Updates from the Town of Wellington

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Greetings from Wellington Mural (Photo by Brian Graves, Graven Images)

What is happening in the Town of Wellington?

Community Activities Commission (CAC) announced events for the year. They are looking for volunteers, so reach out if interested:

- · April 16 is the Town Easter egg hunt
- · June 4 is the Town Wide Yard sale
- · June 11 is the Town Clean Up
- July 4 is the Fourth of July Celebration
- September 17 is the Town Clean Up
- October 31 is the Halloween event
- November 5 is the Veterans Day Event
- December 2 is the Tree Lighting Ceremony December 3 is the Parade of Lights
- February board meetings and upcoming

Board of Trustee Meetings is February 8 and February 22 at 6:30 PM at the Leeper Center. There is a Work Session on February 15. The February 8 Trustee meeting will include possible utility rate change adoptions. One can attend in person or via Zoom. There is more information on this topic at wellingtoncolorado.gov/501/Utility-Rate-Update.

- The Planning Commission meets on February 7 at 6 PM.
- The Parks Advisory Board meets on February
- The Board of Adjustments meets on February 24 at 7 PM.
- The Community Activities Commission meets next on March 1 at 5 PM.

The Town of Wellington Municipal Election is right around the corner - April 5, 2022. Now is the time to register, update, or confirm your voter registration. To update your voter registration, visit sos.state.co.us.

There are three candidates running for mayor and eight candidates running for the three open trustee positions. Stay tuned for more information on the following candidates:

- · Wyatt Schwendeman-Curtis
- Calar Chaussee
- Ashley Macdonald

Trustee

- Brian Mason
- · David Wiegand
- Lisa Chollet
- Lowrey Moyer Melanie Murphy
- Shirrell Tietz
- Tim Whitehouse
- · Wyatt Knutson

Name and Track the Snowplow

The Town is looking for help in Naming the Snowplows! Students from Rice and Eyestone Elementary have submitted names, and you get to help choose the winner. Vote for your favorite name online.

Not only do you have the opportunity to help name the plow, but you can now access realtime plow tracking. There is a link on the town website and social media page that shows where the plow is during snow events. The map displays highlighted routes of the plow and a line color change that indicates how much time has passed since the last plow.

Water Conservation Grant Awarded to Town of Wellington

The Town of Wellington was awarded the WaterNow Alliance Project Accelerator grant. This grant provides the Town with 250 hours (valued at \$25,000) of professional support from WaterNow's expert staff in water conservation and communication strategies. This project aims to develop a personalized water conservation campaign that is specific to Wellington's needs and can be used for awareness and outreach for years to come.

Wellington Public Library announcements

Storytime is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, and February 22 at 10:15 am and 11:15 am. They will be closed for President's Day.

The library shared to keep an eye out for upcoming events. These include a Chess and Board Game club, After-school maker space, and art classes. Follow the library's social media pages to stay up-to-date.

Wellington Recreation announced Spring program registration is now open

Sign up today for:

- Youth Soccer
- Youth Flag Football
- Start Smart Soccer
- Start Smart Flag Football
- Adult Softball
- Adult Kickball Intermediate Baseball
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Registration Link: wellingtoncolorado.gov Visit the Town of Wellington website for more information at wellingtoncolorado.gov.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on May 3, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At that time, 3 directors will be elected to serve 3-year terms and 2 directors will be elected to serve 1-year terms. Eligible electors of the Red Feather Self-Nomination and Acceptance form from the District Designated Election Official (DEO):

Dan Defibaugh, DEO

12411 Lowell Ct., Broomfield CO 80020

Telephone: 720-270-2592; Email: osenbaugh@hotmail.com

The Office of the DEO is open on the following days: Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m.

If the DEO determines that a Self-Nomination and Acceptance form is not sufficient, the eligible elector who submitted the form may amend the form once, at anytime, prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022, the deadline for submission of a signed and witnessed Self-Nomination and Acceptance form.

Affidavit of Intent To Be A Write-In-Candidate forms must be submitted to the office of the designated election official by the close of business on Monday, February 28, 2022 (the sixty-fourth day before the election).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, an application for absentee ballot shall be filed with the designated election official no later than the close of business on Tuesday immediately preceding the election, April 26, 2022.

RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

/S/Dan Defibaugh

Designated Election Official

Fort Collins Deploys Land Bank Parcel for Affordable Home Ownership Development

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Last month, the City of Fort Collins sold a parcel of land, part of its "affordable housing land bank" to be developed for affordable, for-sale housing. The land was sold to a development partnership led by Indiana-based TWG and includes Elevation Community Land Trust (ECLT) from Denver and Housing Catalyst from Fort Collins.

The 5-acre parcel located at 3620 Kechter Road was purchased for the City's land bank in 2002. TWG will construct 54 townhomes on the land and sell them to ECLT who will retain ownership of the land but sell the homes to qualified lowwage-earning households. This will be the City's first permanently affordable, for-sale affordable housing development.

"The location of this property between two

schools and two parks makes it ideal for this townhome community. Generations of families will benefit from the housing built there," said Sue Beck-Ferkiss, who manages the Land Bank Program for the City.

The City of Fort Collins Land Bank Program buys and holds land for the future development of affordable housing. The program is Fort Collins' only long-term affordable housing incentive. Between escalating land prices and the realities of a fixed Growth Management Area (GMA), this program ensures land will be available in the future to increase the stock of affordable housing

A groundbreaking celebration for the Kechter project will be held in February 2022.

Poudre River Public Library District Seeks New Board of Trustee Members

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Poudre River Public Library District is seeking motivated and engaged board members who want to make a meaningful impact by serving on its Board of Trustees. The seven-member volunteer Library Board is responsible for governing the district, including guiding its mission, providing policy oversight, and overseeing the budget.

Applications opened on February 1, 2022. The deadline to submit an application online or inperson is noon on Friday, February 25, 2022.

Library Trustees are advocates for the public library and its fundamental tenets including intellectual freedom, the right to read, privacy and

confidentiality, and free and equal access. Trustees are committed to providing exceptional library service for a growing and changing community.

Community members who are interested in applying for one of the two openings can complete an online application; download and print a paper copy; or pick up a printed application at the library. Applications may be subject to the Colorado Open Records Act and should not be considered confidential.

To apply online or download an application, visit poudrelibraries.org.

Engage Curiosity at CSU's Free Engineering Exploration Day

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High school and transfer students who want to learn more about engineering can meet with college student design teams, participate in laboratory demonstrations, and learn about life at Colorado State University during Engineering Exploration Day on February 19.

Events are free and in-person on campus in Fort Collins. Registration and masks are required for all events as part of the University's commitment to public health guidelines.

Engineering Exploration Day offers prospective students a unique opportunity to connect with current students and faculty in the Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering.

Participants will discover how students selected

their majors, go on laboratory tours and sample college lectures. In addition to general sessions, students can explore research opportunities and talk with students and faculty in Chemical and Biological Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Electrical and Computer Engineering.

The Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering trains students to engage the global, societal, and environmental challenges of the day through hands-on education and research, innovation, and outreach in service to the state, region, and globe.

Register at: engr.colostate.edu

The Neenan Company Named Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity's Hometown Hero

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Fort Collins-based developer and designbuild firm The Neenan Company has earned the annual Hometown Hero award by Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity. Neenan has partnered with Habitat since 2015. The company continues to support Habitat's mission.

Recognized as a leading Habitat partner for demonstrating compassion, leadership, and willingness to engage with the many facets of the nonprofit's mission, Neenan was selected among many dedicated partners based on its history of service.

The Neenan Company has a long history of contributing its design and construction expertise to support Habitat projects. In 2015, Neenan was selected to lead site development for the Harmony Cottages neighborhood.

Neenan has invested generously in Habitat's work, providing matching incentives to ensure fundraising goals are met.

Through financial support, volunteering, or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families build better lives.

To learn more, visit habitat.org.

'I Matter' Free Mental **Health Program Gains Momentum**

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Kids Ages 4 - 21 Have Engaged in More Than 1,000 Sessions Since Program Launch in Late

The Polis administration's free mental health program for any youth, I Matter, has provided more than 1,300 therapy sessions with hundreds more appointments scheduled.

Governor Polis has prioritized behavioral and mental health for all from the first days of his administration, bringing together stakeholders and leaders at the state level to determine how to best streamline Colorado's behavioral health system in a way that cuts through bureaucracy, increases efficiency, and puts people first.

"Improving mental health and putting people first have been a top priority for our administration, so we are proud that over 1,000 sessions have been conducted since the program launched this Fall. Colorado's first in the nation, bipartisan I Matter program, is giving our young people the tools they deserve to help manage their mental health and enjoy the Colorado we all love," said Governor Jared Polis.

Governor Polis discussed the I Matter program in his 2022 State of the State address, sharing real-life stories of Colorado families who have benefited from this program.

Governor Polis signed a bipartisan bill into law in July, establishing this temporary behavioral health services program to provide access to free mental health and substance use disorder services

The law the Governor signed was in direct response to the mental health stressors that children and adolescents are experiencing due to the pandemic, such as heightened anxiety and fear and constant transitions between online and in-person classes.

"The early success of the I Matter program demonstrates that we can make a real impact in our youth mental health crisis when we increase access to support," said Dafna Michaelson Jenet, D-Commerce City. "I applaud the hundreds of youths across the state who have courageously taken advantage of these free therapy sessions to prioritize their mental health, especially as the pandemic pressures continue to make the balancing act between school and life more difficult."

"COVID-19 has fundamentally changed how our youth interact and connect with others," said Michelle Barnes, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Human Services. "I Matter has given us the ability to reach struggling young people on a scale and with a speed that hasn't

As of January 24, 652 youth had participated in at least one session, 411 in two and 233 in three sessions or more. Youth residing in 37 of Colorado's 64 counties have participated in the program. The program provides Colorado youth with at least three free behavioral health sessions and as many as six. It also reimburses participating providers, who are licensed clinicians from agencies and independent contractors.

"In our rural area, it is often difficult to get an appointment with a mental health provider quickly," Ashley Clayton, a counselor at Holyoke JR/SR High School in Phillips County, said. "Many of our students have to drive to Sterling, Ogallala, North Platte, and even Denver to access these services. This program has made a huge difference for them as well as their families. While they have the option to attend in-person sessions, they also have the ability to access these providers using a virtual setting, and this has made an impact on families in that they don't have to drive anywhere to access these services." Clayton says the program is breaking down barriers to treatment and helping students grow and overcome their struggles.

I Matter is funded by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health. Youth and their families can visit IMatterColorado. org or YoImportoColorado.org to schedule free 45-minute therapy sessions, access information about the program, complete brief mental health screenings, select a therapist, and/or reach out to care navigators for further assistance. Counseling is also available in Spanish.

Sessions are available seven days a week, from 7 am to 8 pm. The program is open to all youth ages 18 years or younger or ages 21 years or younger if receiving special education services. Most of the services are provided via telehealth.

After approximately six sessions, I Matter staff seeks to connect youth to providers for ongoing care, including providers who accept the youth's insurance if they have it. The program may be able to pay for more than six sessions with a mental health professional, depending on demand and availability.

Anyone wishing to share I Matter in their own communities may do so by accessing the social media posts and ordering campaign materials through the program's digital toolkit.

If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs help dealing with one, call 1-844-493-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255 to speak to a trained professional.

Learn more at coloradocrisisservices.org.

Larimer County to End **Mask Requirements February 12**

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officials have announced that the Ninth Amended Public Health Order requiring masks in public indoor spaces will expire Saturday, February 12, 2022. This timeline will allow for the Omicron wave to further retreat and gives families, local businesses, and schools time to prepare for the transition.

Overall declining cases and hospitalizations, a high level of community immunity, the recent availability of additional layers of protection (such as free rapid at-home tests and highquality masks), and increasing treatment options are the reasons health officials will no longer be requiring masks indoors in Larimer County. "What we've learned from Alpha, Delta, and

is very different," says Tom Gonzales, Larimer County Public Health Director. "While the use of face masks in crowded indoor settings has been an important mitigation measure over the past two years, I believe it is the right time to end the requirements based on the positive trends we're seeing with the Omicron

Once the order expires, Gonzales will continue to strongly recommend that wellfitting, high-quality masks be worn in crowded indoor spaces to help curb outbreaks. Masks will continue to be important in limiting transmission of the virus and protecting those who are immunocompromised.

The most recent modeling

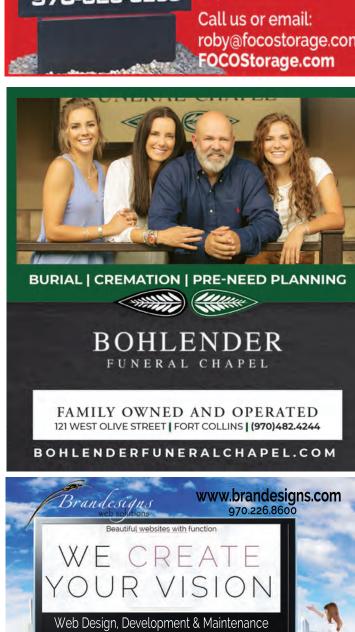
Larimer County health Omicron is that each variant report from the Colorado School of Public Health estimates that 42% of all Coloradoans have been infected with Omicron and that 78% of residents have Omicronspecific immunity due to either vaccination or recent infection.

> "Masks have served as a bridge to higher rates of vaccination, especially in the face of the challenging Delta and Omicron variants. In addition to vaccine-related immunity, the unprecedented numbers of recent cases have substantially enhanced population immunity," says Gonzales. "While the risk remains, we now have many tools to protect against severe disease and death.

More information is available at larimer.org/covid19.

If you or a loved one are in crisis, **SummitStone Health Partners** is here to support you anytime, day or night. HEALTH PARTNERS (970) 494-4200 option 4 or 1-844-493-TALK (8255) **OR TEXT TALK TO 38255** SUMMITSTONEHEALTH.ORG Mobile Crisis Services available 24/7





GREELEY

Banner Health Welcomes New

Fellowship



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Pulmonologist

Banner Health announces the addition of pulmonology and critical care medicine specialist Jason McCarl, MD, to the team of experts at Banner Health Clinic specializing in pulmonology and sleep

In his role, Dr. McCarl will continue to treat patients in the intensive care unit and perform general inpatient and outpatient pulmonary consultations. He will additionally focus on the treatment of interstitial lung disease and the evaluation of unexplained exercise intolerance.

Dr. McCarl graduated from the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He completed a residency in internal medicine there. He also completed a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine. Prior to joining Banner, Dr. McCarl was an assistant professor of pulmonary and critical care medicine at

National Jewish Health and an instructor in hospital medicine at the University of Colorado. He worked at National Jewish Health, the University of Colorado Hospital, and Saint Joseph's Hospital.

In his spare time, Dr. McCarl enjoys sailing, hiking, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and outdoor activities. He is a native of Denver. The clinic is located at 1801 16th St. in Greeley. To schedule an appointment, call 970-810-2026.

Banner Medical Group, Banner Health's employed provider group, is a team of more than 1,300 physicians and advanced practitioners across 65 specialties and more than 3,500 total employees located in Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, and Wyoming. Banner Medical Group primary care providers include pediatricians, internists, family medicine physicians, and obstetricians/gynecologists. Their specialists care for patients in both clinic and hospital settings.

For more information visit Banner Health's website at: bannerhealth.com.

LOVELAND

Brian Waldes Hired as Loveland's Chief **Financial Officer**

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The City of Loveland has hired municipal government finance professional Brian Waldes as its new chief financial officer (CFO). He was selected from three highly qualified finalists following a national search and started his new role on January

"Along with his financial experience, Waldes brings an energy and level of engagement to the role that will initiate positive improvements for the department, for the City at large, and our entire community," said Loveland City Manager Steve Adams. "He has demonstrated strong attributes that align with our financial focus and priorities."

For 15 years, Waldes served as director of finance and information technology for the Town of Breckenridge, where he oversaw the town's \$70 million budget. He led the 17-person department that managed all financial functions such as budgeting, payroll, accounts receivable/ payable, sales tax collection, investments, audits, reporting, and more.

"Working in government finance has truly given me a sense of purpose. I look forward to bringing my experience and passion to the City as the organization effectively manages public dollars to make our community better," said Waldes. "I was drawn to this role for several reasons including the City's strategic focus fiscal stability and strength, as well as its focus on financial transparency and accessibility for staff and citizens."

As CFO, Waldes will oversee the finance department, including the short and long-term budget, financial and policy planning; coordination with the City Manager's Office and city council; and the 42-person finance team that manages all utility billing, audits, budgeting, accounting, payroll, purchasing, reporting and more.

Waldes will transition into the CFO role that interim CFO Joyce Robinson has covered since August 2021.

"As we welcome Brian, I want to extend my deep appreciation to Joyce for stepping into this role during a critical time for our organization. She is a vital part of our finance leadership team," said Adams.

RURAL LARIMER COUNTY

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Conducts Backcountry Search and Rescue Study

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife recently did a study to identify challenges within the volunteer-based Backcountry Search and Rescue (BSAR) program in Colorado.

The study evaluated a number of issues faced by the state's BSAR system.

The effort also included a detailed statewide survey of BSAR volunteers' mental and physical health needs, documenting an increased risk of burnout and serious physical and mental health

On average, Colorado BSAR organizations respond to more than 3,600 search and rescue incidents. Roughly 2,800 unpaid BSAR responders, who serve on almost 50 nonprofit BSAR teams, give over 500,000 person-hours annually without compensation for training and responding to BSAR incidents. The study also determined that BSAR volunteers spend an average of \$1,587 annually outof-pocket.

The study will fundamentally change how backcountry search and rescue operations are supported by the state and Colorado parks in future years.

For more information visit cpw.state.co.us.

10th Annual Urban and Small Farms Conference

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The 10th Annual Urban and Small Farms Conference will be held virtually from February 22–25. There is no fee, but you need to register to attend. There are no breakout sessions. The program will be spreading over 4 days. Each day there will be a morning session starting around 9 am (some earlier) to noon and an afternoon session from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Tuesday, February 22nd Morning - Micro farming Afternoon - Making decisions on adopting new production systems and USDA programs that might help pay for

Wednesday, February 23rd

Morning - Berries and Grapes Afternoon - Cut Flowers

Thursday, February 24th

Morning - Vegetables

Afternoon - Direct Marketing/Finance

Friday, February 25th

Morning - Sheep and Chickens

More details are available at diverseaq.org

WINDSOR

Windsor's W Station Welcomes 'run.Windsor'

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run.Windsor has moved its operations to the W Station at 1870 Marina Drive in

The W Station is also home to the W Club health and performance center, Windsor's newest club.

"Our team couldn't be more excited about establishing the run.Windsor Race Series at such an incredible wellness facility within the Water Valley community," said Mandy Mullen, owner of run.Windsor and FusionFIT. "I started run.Windsor in 2018 as a women's running group, and with the support of our community, we're so proud of how it's evolved into a regional race series.

"With this collaboration, we look forward to further impacting the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of Windsor and all of Northern Colorado."

Some of the instructors of FusionFIT, will join the W Club team with plans to offer many FusionFIT-like classes.

"The W Station is the perfect fit for us with its wellness mission and support of our armed services, as my husband, who also serves as our timer, is an activeduty member of the Colorado Air National

For more information visit wclubwindsor. com, runwindsorco.com, or call 970-833-1750.

STATEWIDE

Stipend Available for Eligible Military Funeral Honors Ceremonies

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Colorado Senate Bill 21-015 authorizes the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to pay a stipend of up to \$75, subject to available appropriations, to a veteran's service organization (VSO) for each time the organization performs a basic military funeral honors ceremony or other funeral-related services for an honorably discharged veteran.

The program officially launched January 15, 2022, and is now accepting stipend requests from Congressionallychartered veterans service organizations

and their auxiliaries. To complete the request, a VSO must determine that the deceased veteran was discharged honorably or under honorable

conditions by way of the veteran's DD-214 or equivalent discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces.

VSO military honors stipend requests must be submitted within 15 days of the performed honors.

Rendering military funeral honors is a way to show our gratitude to those who have faithfully defended our nation in times of war and peace.

VSO military funeral honors stipend request forms may be accessed at vets.colorado.gov, or requested via email at honorquardstipend@dmva.state. co.us, or telephone call to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado at (970) 263-8986.

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Booster Shot: Taylor Swift, Sting Save the Day

TIM VAN SCHMIDT | SceneNOCO.com

The original idea for this article was: I was going to buy Taylor Swift's new album and the newest one from The Artist Formerly Known as Kanye West, or "Ye" as he calls himself now, and then review them side by side. I was going to call it: "Cage Match: Swift v. Ye".

But I just couldn't bring myself to buy Ye's record.

I bought Swift's new record, the 2-CD set titled "Red", though. This album is "Taylor's Version" in her ongoing mission to re-record her older music to spite her former record company.



Taylor Swift- Red

I have never heard the previous versions of these songs. In fact, I haven't heard much of Swift's music at all -- my musical tastes generally lie elsewhere. But that was part of the point -- to challenge myself to listen to something different for a change. And if these recordings were her choice, then it must be a good place

I just couldn't do it in Ye's case, but that's another story.

I'm glad I gave Swift a chance, however. You see, both this pandemic thing and the middle of winter have been getting fully on my nerves. A little anger, a little depression -- in December I lost a very close friend to COVID -- and perhaps a little boredom -- it's all there recently for me.

I realized that I needed a booster shot of music.

First, instead of ordering Ye's album, I ended up buying a copy of Sting's latest album, "The Bridge". I mean, how can you go wrong with a Sting album? But for some reason, it just didn't go where I wanted it to when I first put it on. Sting's music is just so refined at this point -- you know every song is a Sting song and the studio work is meticulous, even antiseptic. I had to admit that the phrase I thought of at the time was "easy listening".

But the first tune on Swift's "Red" did the trick. "State of Grace" is an up-tempo pop-rock masterpiece of production -custom-made for arena-level excitement. I turned it up. I played it again. I turned it up some more. I got lost in the sonic blast.

This tune hit me at just the right time. Isn't that the special power of music -- to enter the cracks of our experiences and provide a touchstone to emotions and feelings? Swift saved my day with that tune alone.

As "Red" progressed, I found myself taken away by another tune, "Starlight". It's about dancing and having the perfect night and I found myself thinking "I want to be made of starlight". I know, that's fantasy land but I think that is exactly the point.

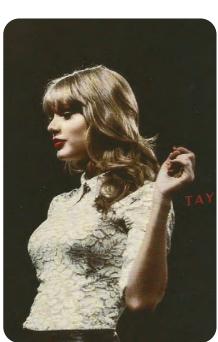
By the time I got to the end of the epic 10-minute version of "All Too Well", slower and much more earnest, I was kind of ready for Sting. Thanks to Swift, I was a little more satisfied and relaxed enough to listen.

On Sting's album, the songs reflect, perhaps, a more mature sense of lyric writing -- there's more general poetry to the words. OK, there are some big production numbers here displaying plenty of production savvy -- and a few weak rhymes. But the songs that made me sit down and listen were the more intimate tracks.

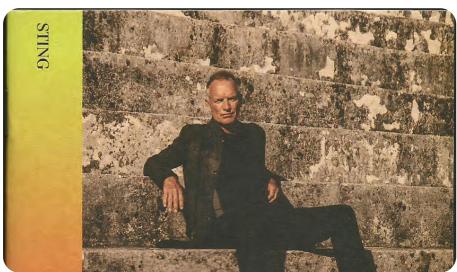
It started with "Loving You", a smooth, deep, and smoldering song of confession and jealousy. This isn't "starlight". This is so much more complicated.



Sting (Photo by Tim Van Schmidt)



Taylor Swift- Red



Sting- The Bridge

On the next track, "Harmony Road", I had to chuckle when Sting says "they laughed when they named it Harmony Road" -- and I immediately thought of our own traffic-thick Harmony Road.

But then the storytelling began. "The Hills on the Border" tells of a strange and mysterious late-night encounter with "a darkening of shadows/in the shape of a man". "Captain Bateman" tells the tale of an imprisoned Navy officer who promises to marry the jailer's daughter if she will free him, but once free, he breaks his vow and suffers "a maiden's curse". "The Bells of St. Thomas" surveys the wreckage of a one-night affair on the morning after.

But most intense is when Sting strips the arrangements down to a simple guitar and voice. Both the title song, "The Bridge", and the traditional tune,

"Waters of Tyne", are riveting tracks, one imagining a bridge "deep inside the mind" and the other a cold river separating two passionate lovers.

These jewels are like seeing a one-man play. It's not "easy listening". It's more like "intensive listening". Sting takes on a voice, tells a story, and underscores it with finely wrought words. That's good art.

So, between Swift and Sting I got a lot of what I like about music -- some big sounds to blow away the gathering gloom and some tunes to draw inspiration from. I'm boosted. But I wonder how long it will be until I need another shot?

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





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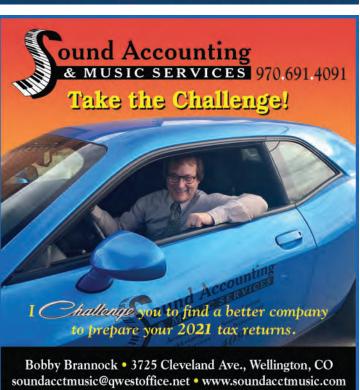


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Our weekly calendar is a very comprehensive place for our community to stay up to date on what's happening.

The calendar has thousands of local events every year!

You can find the link on our website or go to calendar.northfortynews.com.

Unlike other calendars, it's free to post an event! Simply go to the calendar page, 'click to explore' and then go to the '+Add event' button on the upper right-hand side. It takes you to SceneThink, where you can log in and enter your events. If an event gets canceled, you can go back in and update it.

The events posted are approved by us and then shared online through our event calendar and in print in the New SCENE section.

Approved events include live music, theater, art, education, history, and local community events.

We look forward to seeing and sharing events throughout our region.

We have built Northern Colorado's most comprehensive events calendar, in both print and online!

THE ULTIMATE JOURNEY DOWN MEMORY LANE AT THE BUDWEISER EVENTS CENTER

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Grab your mouse ears and get ready for a worldwide party, as Disney On Ice presents Mickey And Friends in Loveland, March 31 – April 3 at the Budweiser Events Center. Produced by Feld Entertainment Inc., this production will inspire families to make memories they will treasure forever. Pre-sale ticket sales started on January 20 at 10 am (MST).

Mickey Mouse is joined by Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, and Goofy on a journey to discover his favorite memory of all time. Using Mickey's "Mouse Pad," the show encourages fans to be part of the action and help the gang venture through Disney stories, sharing memorable moments from treasured tales. Along the way, families sail away with Moana as she displays the courage to save

her island on a high-seas adventure with the demigod, Maui.

Families will continue the journey to the wintry world of Arendelle as royal sisters Anna and Elsa discover true love is the most powerful magic of all and experience the mysterious magic of Fantasia as a Sorcerer's Apprentice makes brooms come to life. "Live Your Story" alongside Disney Princesses as they use perseverance, determination, and hard work to inspire Mickey and children around the world to share their favorite Disney memories.

Tickets for Disney On Ice start at \$20.

All seats are reserved, and tickets are available at the Orthopedic & Spine Center of the Rockies Box Office at the Budweiser Events Center of BudweiserEventsCenter.com.

WINTER BIKE TO WORK (OR WHEREVER) DAY IS FEBRUARY 11

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Bike to Work Day (BTWD) is a City of Fort Collins hosted event celebrated in June and February.

Here's what you can expect when participating in a Fort Collins Bike to Work (or Wherever) Day event.

- Free breakfast: If you show up to any Bike to Work (or Wherever) Day breakfast station, you can expect to find free breakfast (while supplies last) from 7:00 AM to 9:30 AM. Each station does breakfast differently, and while there is no standard approach, you can expect a variety of foods and beverages.
- Comradery: Fort Collins' trails and bikeways are frequently full of bikes on Bike to Work (or Wherever) Days. You can expect lots of smiles, waves, high fives, and connections to other folks who value bicycling as a way of life in Fort Collins.
- To follow the rules: While Bike to Work (or Wherever) Days are all about fun, please do mind all traffic rules and laws. Plus, go the extra mile to be courteous to fellow participants.
- People who have never ridden and people who ride all the time: Bike to Work (or Wherever) Days are for everyone! There will never be a prerequisite to have experience riding a bike regularly to participate. In fact, they hope Bike to Work (or Wherever) Days is a way to get new regular riders. If you know the ropes, be patient with new cyclists. If you're new, ask questions or contact us if you need clarification. We're always here to help.
- or contact us if you need clarification. We're always here to help.
 Plan for the weather: In the winter, there may be icy or snowy conditions, and temperatures may

be low. Visit fcgov.com/bicycling/bikewinter for

tips on preparing for the winter event.

- You may find a new way to get around: After participating in a Bike to Work (or Wherever)
 Day event, you may decide that riding a bike is easier, more efficient, and just plain more fun than driving.
- You don't need to be going to work: Expect to participate even if work isn't your destination!
 You can be riding anywhere, even for fun, to participate and score free breakfast during Bike to Work (or Wherever) Days.
- To be counted: In exchange for free breakfast, they ask you to take a brief survey. Each station will have information about the survey, and they will post it on the Bike to Work Day page. You'll also be counted at each station you stop at, which helps estimate participation and plan better next time.
- **Get tuned:** Some stations include local bike mechanics who can check out your bike.

Bike Fort Collins is proud to participate at a station during each Bike to Work Day. To learn more, visit BikeFortCollins.org, or follow them on social media, to get up-to-date information on what is happening for the event.

Don't miss the Bike From Work Bash from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Drawings for participants from Brave New Wheel, Trek Bicycles, Niner, Odell Brewing Co., and OtterBox. Must be present to win. Join them for live music, hosted by Bike Fort Collins at OBC Wine Project, 824 East Lincoln Ave.

 $For \ more \ information, visit \ fcgov.com.$

CITY BUZZ

PHOTO OF THE WEEK: TAKE OFF!



The photo of the week comes from Brent Eelman. He moved to Wellington with his family over the summer. He's an amateur wildlife photographer. On January 30, while out for a ride, Brent spotted this Bald Eagle in a tree near the roadside about two miles south of Wellington.

Welcome to Colorado Brent! And, thank you for

submitting the Photo of the Week.

ALL NEW! Sanderosa Art Gallery in Laporte is our new 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.

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No purchase is necessary, and multiple submissions are permitted. One photo per email, please.

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JAMESTOWN REVIVAL PLAYED AGGIE WITH SPECIAL GUESTS!

JONSON KUHN | SceneNOCO.com



Jamestown Revival (Photo by Matthew Dierlam)

If you were anywhere other than the Aggie Theatre on January 29, then you made a terrible mistake that is sure to follow you until the end of your days. Why do I say this? Oh, it's only because Jamestown Revival rolled on through with special opening acts Mipso and Robert Ellis, and it was the show of the century!!!

When Rolling Stone magazine isn't busy publishing misleading articles about Ivermectin, it also occasionally talks about music, for instance, a Rolling Stone article featuring Jamestown Revival. The boys have also made appearances at a lot of music festivals like South by Southwest (SXSW) music festival in Austin, Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival, Austin City Limits Music Festival, and even an appearance on Conan O'Brien.

Robert Ellis was the first to take the stage, stationed at his piano much like a command center on a spaceship, which was all too fitting for his outer space attire. Ellis is well known for his humor and flamboyant demeanor, and oh yeah, he's not bad at playing the piano, as well; playing some of his classic love songs such as, "Your Fricking Crazy" and "Passive Aggressive." Ellis later returned to the stage to perform with the Jamestown Revival.

Mipso came shortly after Ellis wrapped up and Mipso has been busy to say the least, as they've been touring with Jamestown Revival for a hot minute. Mipso has been described as having a strong Americana vibe with roots buried deep in southern heritage; their songs are folk-driven with country accents. Fort Collins Mipso fans certainly made themselves known Saturday night and for those who were new to the experience, they've got a new favorite local band.

Jamestown Revival is in the process of finishing a tour that officially wraps up in March. They played songs from the newest release "Young Man" in its entirety. The new album is the first project where the duo "unplugged" and left electric guitars behind, in an effort to emphasize their skillful songwriting, intricate fingerpicking, and sweet vocals. "Young Man" has been described as a carefully crafted, beautifully produced, and delicious example of tight musicianship.

Jamestown members Jonathan Clay and Zach Chance have a pretty deep and solid friendship, as they've grown up together in Magnolia, Texas. Similar to that of the Black Keys, they have a bond for musicians that are largely inspired by the types of music and songwriters they appreciate within the genres of Americana, folk, blues, and bluegrass. These styles represent the music they listen to and strive to create.

Jamestown Revival gave a pretty impressive snapshot of just exactly what they do on Saturday night at the Aggie Theatre and I strongly encourage you all the try and catch them if and when they pass back through.

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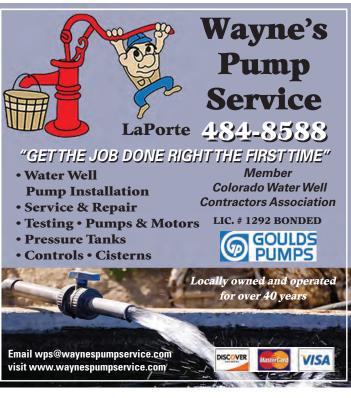
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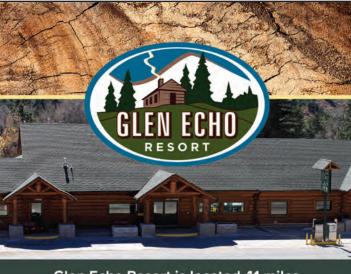
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Wednesday, February 9

Blast N Bowl Feat. Copper Teeth, Doom Scroll, and Sludgebroker, 830 North 7 pm

Colin Davin House Concert, Home of Jim Kelly and Betsy Markey 7 pm -8 pm

Songwriters' Workshop - Fort Collins, The Purple Cup Café, 5:45 pm -9 pm

UNC Symphony Orchestra Concert Unversity of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Performance Hall, 7:30 pm

Workingman's Wednesdays w/ Tumbledown Shack, 2454 West,

Thursday, February 10

Juliette Gordon Low: Stories from the Life of the Founder of Girl Scouts, Online, 6 pm -7:30 pm

Mr. Capone-E, Moxi Theater,

8 pm -11 pm

Museum at Twilight: Future Farmers of America (FFA): celebrating our agricultural roots, Greeley History Museum, 4 pm -8 pm

Shai Wosner Solo Recital - Beethoven's "Diabelli Variations", Grace Church, 7 pm -9 pm

Tribute to Classic Rock ft. Playn'Dirty, Your Mom's House, 8 pm -12:30 am [Webinar] QuickBooks Online; 3 Part Series, Online, 1 pm -5 pm

Friday, February 11 Carlos Barata at Lucky Joe's, Lucky Joe's, 9 pm -12 am

Cities in the Sky w/ In Plain Air, 100 Nickel, 8 pm

Delta Sonics: Blues Underground, The Louisville Underground, 8 pm -10 pm

Game of Love: Valentine's Speed Dating at Stella's, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 8 pm -9 pm

Pixie & the Partygrass Boys "Live on the Lanes" at 830 North: Presented by Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm

Rialto Presents Season: CA Guitar Trio & Montreal Guitar Trio, Rialto Theater, 7:30 pm Sip & Shop, The Windsor Gardener, 5 pm

Takács String Quartet, Grace Church, 7 pm -9 pm The Little Dog Laughed, Bas Bleu

Theater: 401 Pine St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 12

15th an' Platte Band with The Smokestack Relics @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm

Colorado Swing February 12 Valentines dance, Fort Collins Senior

Center, 6:30 pm -10:30 pm Harumi Rhodes and Shai Wosner Duo Recital, Grace Church, 7 pm -9 pm

Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal,

830 North , 8 pm

Stella's Stand Up Underground Comedy Showcase, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 9 pm -12 am

The Knotty G's, 2454 West, 8 pm The Little Dog Laughed, Bas Bleu Theater: 401 Pine St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 13

Story Maker with Daniel Jaspersen, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm

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

The Little Dog Laughed, Bas Bleu Theater: 401 Pine St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 2:30 pm

UNC Guest Artist Recital: Dr. Theresa Bogard, piano, University of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Performance Hall, 3 pm

Monday, February 14

Loveland's Annual Valentine's **Day Group Wedding & Vow Renewal** Ceremony, Loveland Visitor Center,

UNC Jazz Valentines Day Concert, University of Northern Colorado,

Campus Commons Performance Hall,

Tuesday, February 15

Dave Watts Benefit Jam (Open Jam) 02/15, Your Mom's House, 9 pm -2 am

UNCommon Ensemble Concert, University of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Performance Hall,

7:30 pm [Webinar] Buying or Selling a Business: The 9 Stages for All Transactions, Online, 10 am -11:30 am

Wednesday, February 16 Blast N Bowl Feat. Wolfblitzer, Seam Ripper, and Nightwaker, 2454 West, 7 pm

FREE Electronic Wenzdaze at 830 North ft. Project Aspect, Jimeni, LonSoul, 830 North, 8 pm

Thursday, February 17

JLR Band / The Lonesome Heroes / Shawn Hess / David Miner, Hi-Dive, 8 pm -11 pm

King Crawdad and Los Toms, 830 North , 8 pm

The Cactus Blossoms with The Still Tide Presented by 105.5 The Colorado

Sound, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm **UNC Wind Ensemble Concert,**

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WEEKLY SNEAK PEEK



2/19, 830 North, 8 pm

Friday, February 18

Bottlerocket Hurricane, 2454 West, 8 pm

Card Catalog, Shady Oaks, and Radioactive Babushka, 100 Nickel, 8 pm

Curious Things / Broken Record / Hooper, Hi-Dive, 9 pm -11:30 pm **End Game / Carnal Contempt Metal**

Night, At Cheers, 7 pm -12 am The Little Dog Laughed, Bas Bleu Theater: 401 Pine St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 19 COSMIC ALIGNMENT w/ Andy

Immerman, Your Mom's House, 8 pm -11 pm

Digg, 100 Nickel, 8 pm

It's Thyme to start gardening!, The Windsor Gardener, 10:30 am -12 pm

OZV's 21st Birthday Bash @ Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 7 pm -11:30 pm

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

Venture Still w/ Wendy Woo Band and Wild Indigo, 830 North, 8 pm

Sunday, February 20 CBDB w/ The Sunken Signals, 830 North , 8 pm

Sunday Morning Toast and Jams,

Soul Squared Tap house, 11 am -2 pm The Little Dog Laughed, Bas Bleu Theater: 401 Pine St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 2:30 pm

Monday, February 21

UNC Concert Choir, Chamber Choir & Women's Glee Concert, University of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Performance Hall, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 22

UNC Bands: Chamber Winds Concert,

University of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Performance Hall, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 23

FREE Electronic Wenzdaze at 2454 West (Greeley) ft. DocFunk w/ Samson, Violet Synset, 2454 West, 8 pm

Sparge Veteran and First Responders Beer Club, Sparge Brewing, 6 pm

Thursday, February 24 Sports - Get A Good Look World Tour,

Aggie Theatre, 8 pm

Friday, February 25

Indigo Jones with Dzirae Gold + Brooklynn + Janae @ The Black Buzzard, The Black Buzzard, 8 pm -11:30 pm

Level Up Rap Battle: Freestyle Rap Battle at Stella's, Stella's Pinball Arcade & Lounge, 8 pm -12 am

The Songwriter's Living Room: Writers in the Round, Roots Music Project, 8 pm -10:30 pm Tribute to the Beatles ft. British Beat,

Your Mom's House, 8 pm -12 am

Saturday, February 26

Evanoff w/ Amorphic, 830 North, 8 pm Green Fairy Garden Class, The Windsor Gardener, 10:30 am -12 pm

High Country Hustle w/ Ghost Town Drifters, 100 Nickel, 8 pm

Mardi Gras Celebration, The Louisville Underground, 8 pm -11 pm

Sunday, February 27

Asha Blaine Band / Stone Beat Invasion / Mr. Steak Fundraiser, At Cheers, 2 pm -6 pm

Stamped Mandala Coaster & Trivets at Maxline Brewing, Maxline Brewing,

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

Monday, February 28 UNC Guest Artist Recital: Jonathan

Borja, Flute, University of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Performance Hall, 5 pm

UNC Jazz Funk Lab, Guitar Ensemble & Spectrum Studio Orchestra, University of Northern Colorado, Campus Commons Performance Hall,

Tuesday, March 1

FEEL THE MAGIC Super Show, Your Mom's House, 8 pm -10 pm The Fat Tuesday Funk Jam (Open Jam)

03/01, Your Mom's House, 9 pm -2 am

Wednesday, March 2

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

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AROUND OUR AREA

Interested in Larimer County History?

ANNIE LINDGREN | NorthFortyNews.com

Historic Larimer County has a lot of great history talks happening this month. Here are a few that pertain to local history.

February 9

Professor Jason LaBelle is speaking about the Lindenmeier site and the recent reinvestigation he and several CSU students recently conducted. The Lindenmeier site is one of America's most important archeological sites, and it is right in our own backyard. The site tells us a lot about the history of Indigenous peoples. It is scheduled for 7 PM via Zoom.

February 10

The Loveland Historical Society is hosting a program called 'The Fifty Years Rule: Does the national Historic Preservation Act Deserve Preservation?' Let by CSU Professor Dr. Thomas Adams; attendees will learn about the National Historic Preservation Act and how it often lacks the mechanisms to foster inclusive history. The program suggests ways to improve inclusivity and preserve resources often outside the scope of NHPA. It is scheduled for 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

February 17

In Loveland, catch 'History Comes Alive: Roundtable on Montgomery's 1956 Racial Tensions'. Join to explore the racial tensions that Montgomery is facing in 1956. History comes alive as you sit down to talk about three potential solutions that Montgomery might use to resolve the situation. Come prepared for a lively discussion. It is suggested for teens and adults. This event is co-sponsored by the Loveland Public Library and the Loveland

Museum. To receive background materials for this program, please RSVP at 970-962-2410. This meeting is 6-8 PM at the Loveland Museum: Foote Auditorium 503 North Lincoln Avenue.

Via Zoom, 'Researching Your Norwegian and Swedish Roots' is the February program for the Larimer County Genealogical Society. Visitors (not LCGS members) need to register through the website to receive the Zoom info and handout. President Glenn York provides a brief overview of the Larimer County Genealogical Society. Regarding the topic for this month, Andy Likins says, "Three decades ago, I went to Scandinavia to research my roots. Today, I can do much of the same research in my pajamas at home. We'll look at basics of Norwegian

and Swedish research, including naming patterns, passenger lists, censuses, and church records." The program begins at 6:30 PM.

February 26

The Fort Collins Municipal Railway is looking for volunteers for this upcoming 2022 season. Opportunities include motormen and women to drive the streetcar, conductors to give history and safety presentations, depot agents to staff its depot and souvenir shop, and people to assist with streetcar maintenance. Volunteer orientation is on the morning of February 26. To volunteer for the railway society (that operates the trolley that runs down Mountain Avenue), you can leave a message for the society — including your email address — by calling 970-224-5372.

You can also email fcmrs1919@gmail.com. Visit Historic Larimer County's website to find out more, register for events, and get a zoom link at HistoricLarimerCounty.org.

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Heart Beats Gala to Benefit At Risk and **Under Resourced Youth**

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Equestrian sports are innately therapeutic. Horses teach confidence, responsibility, balance, and teamwork. Over 700 local youth were served in 2021, with over \$6,000 in scholarships granted to at-risk and underprivileged youth in 2021 by Complete Equestrian Vaulters, a 501c3 non-profit.

Come celebrate this February 12 at 5 pm at the 10th annual Heart Beats Gala! This year the program will offer the opportunity to either view the LIVE STREAMED and LOVE THEMED vaulting event from the comfort of your own home

VIP ticket holders will be honored as one of a select few to enjoy a catered meal, complimentary wine and beer, interactive games and a parting thank you gift; all while watching awe-inspiring vaulting performances. On the evening's menu, Love Shack BBQ from Wellington will be serving brisket, pulled pork, mac n cheese,

BBQ beans, and coleslaw. Vegetarian and Gluten-Free options are available.

Enjoy wine and beer while watching live vaulting performances from talented vaulters. Step into stardom and take pictures with horses, play games in the punch wall, and take a chance to win at prized silent auction items. Leave with your appreciation gift supplied by Bliss Custom Cookies and Poudre Pet and Feed.

Buy in-person or virtual tickets at complete-equestrian.ticketleap.com.

Please reach out for booking full tables. They offer a 10% discount for entire table

Virtual ticket holders will have the opportunity to watch the Heart Beats Gala LIVE from the comfort of their own

Online Auction

The massive online auction opened on January 29 and will close on February 26th. New items will be added regularly while the donations are pouring in.

Start bidding now at 32auctions.com. **Donations and Sponsorships**

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Colorado Swing Performing for Goodtimes Dance Club **Valentines Dance**

JONSON KUHN | NorthFortyNews.com

Get your dancing shoes on and get ready because the Goodtimes Dance Club's Valentine's Dance is on its way and it goes without saying...it's always a "good time." If you have plans for Saturday, February 12, cancel them and cancel them right away because nothing can stand in the way of what promises to be Northern Colorado's social event of the year!!! Doors open at 6:30 pm, so don't get there at 6:20 pm expecting something to happen, okay? They'll have a dance lesson starting at 6:45 pm if you just have absolutely no idea what you're doing on the dance floor, BUT whatever skill level you're at, have yourself loose and ready to boogie by 7:30 pm and don't expect to stop that boogie until about 10:30 pm.

You're probably asking yourself, "Hey, where the heck does this thing take place anyway?" Well, just calm down, I was getting to that. If the Fort Collins Senior Center is a-rockin', then don't come a-knockin' and you can find them at 1200

Raintree Drive.

The Senior Center is the premier dance venue in Fort Collins with a wooden dance floor, great sound and comfortable surroundings. For this event, the Colorado Swing dance orchestra will be performing ballroom dance music including Foxtrot, Latin, Tango, and Waltz as well as the expected exciting Swing era favorites.

Admission is much easier this season with individual dance tickets, \$5 membership fee, \$5 for students, and other discounts. Please purchase tickets in advance online now at goodtimesdanceclub.com.

All get-togethers are dependent on the Covid19 laws and regulations at the time of the event. Currently, masks are required at indoor events in Larimer county.

Go to the Facebook page to meet fans and musicians and to get any last-minute updates: facebook.com/ColoradoSwing or coloradoswing.com.

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Loveland **Sweetheart Festival**

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Little Miss Valentine & Little Mr. Cupid Contest (Photo from visitlovelandco.org)

Spend Valentine's Day at the free Loveland Sweetheart Festival Feb. 11-12,

Bring the family or your sweetheart for free fun including a special effects light show, live entertainment, the Palace of Sweets, kids zone oversized building bricks, games and activities, Tunnel of Love, interactive art projects, Loveland Pub and Beer Hall, food trucks, Sweetheart Classic 4-miler race, and the Little Miss Valentine and Little Mr. Cupid contest.

The festival is an extension of Loveland's 76+ year history in the nation's Sweetheart City.

The festival features something for everyone - families, couples, beer and chocolate lovers, running lovers, art lovers

The Sweetheart Festival will be in Downtown Loveland, 5-9 PM Friday February 11 and 1-9 PM Saturday February

Things To Do at the Festival:

- · Loveland Parks & Recreation brick creation station
- · Princess and character meet and greets/photos
- Little Miss Valentine and Mr. Cupid Contest (Saturday am at Rialto Theater)
- Colorado Eagles shoot booth hockey games
- Ice penguin ring toss
- Palace of Sweets
- Live music and entertainment
- Loveland Pub Beer Garden featuring local craft beer from Grimm Brothers, Loveland Aleworks, and Crow Hop
- Inflatable heart light mapping projection
- Light Show & Pyrotechnics
- Graffiti ice wall
- Neon Photo Op Stations
- · Vendors & Food Trucks
- Tunnel of love
- Festival performers throughout the plaza including stilt walker, LED hula hoopers, and fire show
- Loveland Museum Valentine history pop-up exhibit
- Heart ice sculptures
- Visitors Center Shop: Love Lock purchases + engraving station
- Loveland Sweetheart Classic 4 Miler race (Saturday 2:30 PM)



Love and All That Jazz

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The Foothills Pops Band, directed by Casey Cropp, is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization composed of local adult musicians who perform musical arrangements enjoyed by everyone.

The annual fundraiser is back this year.

The dance will be at the HIlton in Fort Collins at 425 West Prospect Road on February 12 at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are \$30 at the door and \$25 in advance. Coffee and desert is included.

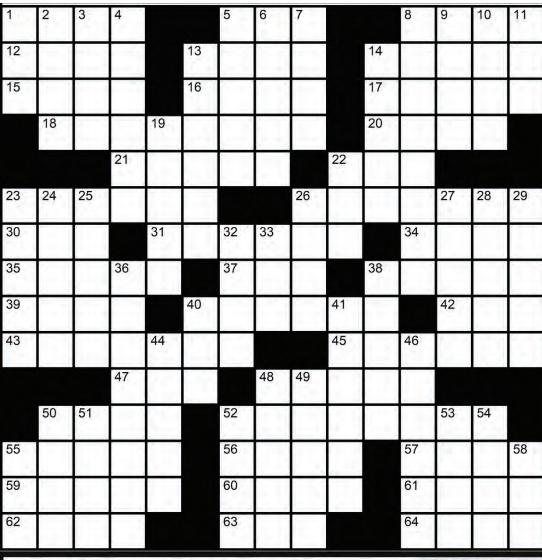
Dinner reservations can be made at the Hilton Spring Creek Grill, 970-482-2626.

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- 24. Temples' innermost sanctuaries
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- 26. Perceive by touch
- 27. *The NBA's Kansas City-____ Kings (1972-75)
- 28. More unfriendly
- 29. *Late "Live" King of CNN
- 32. Russia's mountain range
- 33. Seek a seat
- 36. *The last "king" of Russia
- 38. Proprietor
- 40. *The Queen, regal chess character in "Through the Looking Glass"
- 41. Public disapproval
- 44. Cozy and comfortable
- 46. Two of these do not make a right
- 48. Near the wind
- 49. Potato soup partner, pl.
- 50. "She _____ a Yellow Ribbon"
- 51. Add to payroll
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- 58. "Shiny Happy People" band

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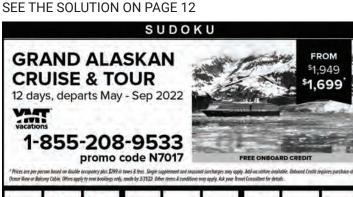






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