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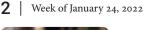
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North Forty News is like many other local small businesses. We have our ups and our downs. I am a "glass is half full" kind of guy. I like to focus on the positives even when the negatives are staring at me.

The COVID Pandemic has presented many challenges for this locally-owned publication. Our route delivery driver went to the emergency room three weeks ago with COVID symptoms. He later tested positive. We take our deliveries seriously. And this includes the safety of our readers. He immediately suspended his deliveries, and the North Forty News team and I took over the routes. I'm happy to report Jeff is feeling much better, and he will be back on our routes again soon (after a negative COVID test). So, one might ask, what's the positive in all that?

I quickly came up with three things (there are many more):

First, Jeff is ok.

Second, we maintained our delivery routes with only a brief interruption (just as we have for years).

Third, we prevented the further spread of this nasty virus.

Looking at any situation with a positive attitude helps make you stronger.

What makes North Forty News stronger?

Our staff is regularly adapting and adjusting. For example, the entire team stepped in to deliver newspapers over the past several weeks. It kept us on track. They went above and beyond their "call of duty" to keep the news flowing throughout Northern Colorado. They drove hundreds of miles on our routes and spent countless hours picking up where we had to leave off. All this while they wrote articles, answered the phone and email and performed all of the daily tasks that keep us running.

I'm proud of them and thankful to work with such a great group of people.

Where do we go from here?





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I am encouraged every day by the tenacity and creative ideas that shape this organization. It has been a challenging four years.

North Forty News is closing in on its 30th anniversary (April 2021). As we approach the anniversary, I'm proud to say that my outlook to provide all of Northern Colorado with a solutiondriven news organization is better than ever!

And, it's not just the team that has made it happen -- it's everyone in the community who believes in us, through their advertising dollars, their subscriptions, and even simply by picking up a free edition and reading it.

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Local Foundation Purchases Rifle Plates for Fort Collins **Police Officers**

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The City of Fort Collins received a generous charitable gift of \$193,000 from the T2G Family Foundation for the purchase of personal protective equipment for Fort Collins Police Services (FCPS) police officers.

"You make our community safe, you go to work every day to protect and serve. The T2G Family Foundation wanted police officers to know how much we appreciate their service and sacrifice," said Tom Gendron, T2G Family Foundation.

Body armor has been part of the standard kit for U.S. law enforcement officers for over 40 years and has saved thousands of officers' lives. However, an increasing number of firearm threats come not from handguns but from military-grade rifles and ammunition. Sadly, recent active shooter situations have often involved rifles similar to an AR-15 or AK-47.

The charitable gift will purchase innovative, stateof-the-art rifle plates for sworn officers from Angel Armor. The locally owned company produces body armor to provide first responders with secure, reliable rifle protection while maintaining a high level of mobility.

"This is an incredible gesture and gift to the men and women who serve. The Angel Armor team is honored to provide our product through the T2G Family Foundation's gift. We're grateful for everything police officers do for our community every day," said Josh Richardson, Angel Armor Co-Founder.

"A year and a half into the pandemic, donors continue to display inspiring generosity," said Nina Bodenhamer, Director of City Give. Launched in 2019, City Give is a municipal initiative to create a secure and transparent pathway for community givers to fund strategic priorities and community amenities that improve the quality of life for all residents.

City Give is non-partisan and independent of the City's General Fund, engaging donors and philanthropic organizations as partners in the mission to serve Fort Collins residents.

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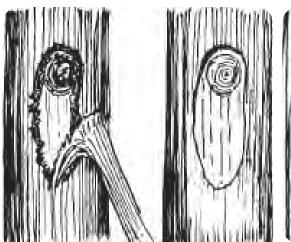
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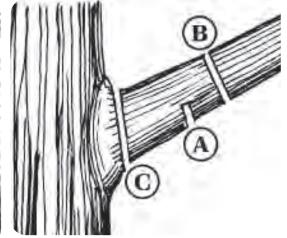


Torn Bark (Photos by Gardens on Spring Creek)

The Front Range is no stranger to high wind events. Strong, high-pressure weather systems that form along the Rockies can send gales racing down through the foothills and out along the plains. Gusts as high as 100 miles per hour were recorded last month along the I-25 corridor, resulting in tree damage for many homeowners. Assessing this damage and deciding the best course of action can be tricky – keep an eye out for downed power lines or large hanging branches overhead. Always call an arborist if you feel the job could be dangerous!

If you have decided the work can safely be completed, take time to gather what you will need to remove the damaged area. Personal protective equipment such as gloves, a hard hat, and eye protection is key to safely performing the work. Any job performed over your head or from a ladder can quickly become hazardous, so always have another person on-site to assist. A sharp set of pruners or saw will ensure that the pruning cut heals properly and that you are not further damaging the tree.

Large, broken branches that require the entire branch to be removed should be cut in sections, from the tip back, to prevent tearing of the bark



Pruning Cuts

on the trunk. This alleviates pressure at the attachment point and provides room to make a proper pruning cut (see illustration). This cut should reflect the angle of the branch bark collar or 45 degrees away from the trunk starting at the top, near the collar. Never cut the branch "flush" to the trunk. This takes away the tree's natural ability to compartmentalize the wound and can lead to further problems. Branches that have been damaged further away from the trunk can be pruned back to the next branch union, or the closest bud.

If a damaged branch has torn the bark at the point of the attachment (see illustration) it is important to remove the branch and any jagged bark. Using a sharp knife, carefully cut around the damaged area leaving a smooth cut. Take care not to expose any more of the soft, green layer (cambium) below the bark. These wounds are more detrimental to the tree so take great care when repairing the damage.

As you work to remove broken and damaged limbs, take care not to over prune the tree. Loss of more than a third of the tree's canopy can result in reduced vigor and even death.



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Saturday, March 5, 2022 9 a.m. - Noon | Virtual Event

This year's virtual workshop focuses on filling our gardens with hope and botanical inspiration, featuring presentations and Q&A from plantsman, curator and author, Kelly Norris and Denver Botanic Garden's Curator of Alpine Collections, Mike Kintgen.

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Dinner: Tuesday - Sunday 4:30 - 9:00 pm

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WELLINGTON

Resident Roundtable Helps Wellington Solve Wastewater Problem

ANNIE LINDGREN | NorthFortyNews.com



First, it was water, and now it is wastewater, as the Town of Wellington boots up to slog through another big decision that will impact anyone with sewage needs in the Wellington area.

The Town of Wellington Board of Trustees decided to do things differently. They utilized a Resident Roundtable committee to kick off the solution-focused conversations. Members included Community Activities Commission volunteers, Parks Advisory Board volunteers, Chamber of Commerce and Wellington Main Street program board members, town staff, and residents and business owners. The team gathered for four work sessions over the holiday season and presented their recommendations to the Board on January

Trustee Rebekka Kinney shares, "The round table concept was recommended as a best practice from the Colorado Municipal League during the 2021 conference. I knew we had to bring it to Wellington! Public comment and participation are so important, but the complexity of this issue requires more. True engagement, education, and participation occur through processes like this. I'm so encouraged by these concerned citizens' time investment and enthusiasm to approach this major consideration productively. Their recommendations are priceless and will be integral in every decision moving forward on this project. Providing a reliable, safe, and resilient utility is our top goal, with the least possible impact on our fees. It's a tough and very complex decision. I'm grateful for the productive input from this dedicated group of citizens, and I look forward to using this model to address other major topics in our community."

"On behalf of all involved, we believe this opportunity to learn and provide feedback was amazing and really showed the town's willingness to listen to citizens," shared roundtable member

Wellington's Wastewater Plant is 20 years old and, at the current growth rate, will reach capacity by 2024. Twenty years is an average expected lifespan for a wastewater plant, and it has served Wellington's needs well. In considering what to do, the team is looking at a projected growth of 24,000 citizens by 2040. It currently serves around 12,000 residents. State and Federal regulatory requirements have changed, and upgrades are needed to meet nutrient removal requirements. The Town can be fined \$54,833 a day in civil penalties if they do not meet compliance standards by late 2024. The team plans to utilize all the existing facilities and keep the expanded needs well within the current site for the waster water plant. But, upgrades are needed to double the current capacity and meet new, more stringent compliance standards.

Utilities are funded through Impact fees paid by developers and homebuilders, loans and grants, and rates paid by current customers. Expenses include operations, maintenance, and capital improvements. The utility's financial health requires monitoring and regular periodic rate and impact fees adjustments to keep the enterprise funds balanced. The last time the sewer base rate increased was in 2016, when it went up a dollar to \$20.63, and an increase in Sewer Impact Fee went

(See "Wellington Wastewater" on page 14)



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LOCAL SPORTS

Three NoCo Teams Heading to Las Vegas for the National Flag Football Finals

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Colorado Crushers - 8U team

This last November, the Colorado Crushers Organization sent 4 local Flag Football teams to the regional playoffs in Denver. NFL Flag has 12 "regional" tournaments over 2-3 months across the US. Winners from their respective regions qualify to play at the NFL Flag Championship at the Pro Bowl. The 8U, 12U, and 14U teams won their divisions and are now heading to Las Vegas during Pro 14U

Bowl weekend February 4-6. These players are in the top 12 flag football teams in the nation and are so excited to represent Colorado and NoCo! The 4th team, 10U placed 2nd place, losing to the "All Out" Powerhouse Flag Football program out of Bakersfield, CA. There hasn't been a Colorado team representing at the Pro Bowl in a while, and never so



Colorado Crushers - 12U team

many teams at the same time, so this is a great accomplishment! Coaches (Robert Mozer -14U/-12U, Loyal Schmidt -14U/-12U, Phil Stamps -12U, Travis Griffin -8U, and Mark Moran -8U) volunteer their time with these amazing athletes and are preparing them to represent Colorado in just a few short

Aiden Ressue Colton Pawlak Harley Schmidt Hunter Hansen Isaak Easley Jake Toshcoff Marcus Mozer Mason Griffin Vince Hochhalter



Colorado Crushers - 14U team

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FORT COLLINS

Free Training to Become a Wildland Fire Fighter

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Full Scholarships Are Available for Those Impacted by Covid-19

The Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development Center is offering scholarships for community members who want to explore the career of wildland fire fighting by taking wildland firefighter training courses at Front Range Community College (FRCC).

Anyone whose household experienced financial hardship—or disruption of education—because of the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible. Scholarships may cover all FRCC tuition and fees.

"Unfortunately, the number and intensity of wildland fires has grown in recent years, so our communities need more firefighters," said Jennifer Lee, director of FRCC's forestry and natural resources programs. "That opens many more doors for employment—and makes the once seasonal job of a wildland firefighter more

of a year-round occupation."

Interested in becoming a wildland firefighter?

Fill out Larimer County's training request form, and then register for classes through FRCC.

"This is amazingly simple for folks who qualify," said Lee. "Most people hear back about their scholarship application within two to three days. And while they're waiting to hear back, they can register for these classes to save their spot."

Students can earn a certification in wildland fire in just one semester at FRCC by taking these four courses:

Introduction to Wildland Fire Firefighting Training Wildland Fire Practitioner Lab Wildfire Chain Saws

These classes begin February 1, so now is the time to apply. (Please note: These scholarships are not retroactive.)

For more information visit blog.frontrange.edu.

"Scambuster Corner" Alert #1

BY BARBARA BENNETT | Larimer County Sheriff's Office

Be alert to scammer's tricks! The following scams are happening today in our area.

- Medicare scam via phone sending you a new card but need information from your old card. Just hang up.
- Rental scam scammer takes internet photos and places "for rent" on Zillow, Marketplace, Craig's List, etc. Asks for deposit and rent without showing you the property. Collects the money and leaves the interested renter with lost money and no rental.
- Law enforcement impersonation "You missed jury duty", warrant for your arrest. Pay by money or gift cards. Law enforcement never asks for money cards.
- 4. Excel energy calling we are shutting your power off in 30 minutes unless you buy gift or money cards and give the code over the phone.
- 5. Paying strangers with Venmo, Cash App, Zelle, etc. Only use these apps to pay close friends, family, and trusted businesses. There is no buyer protection.
- Paying with money cards, cryptocurrency – don't do it! Always a scam.
- 7. Boulder fires scammers can set up fraudulent sites to donate. Check before donating.
- Selling or buying on Facebook, marketplace, etc. Do not pay upfront. Do not pay/receive money by Venmo, Zelle, cash apps. Meet in public and in a safe location to

make the exchange. Do not accept offers higher than your asking price. Cash only.

Online romance scams - builds

rapport over period of time - then

- asks for money or loan. If you have shared intimate photos, may try to blackmail if you don't send money cards.

 10. Email solicitation to open Chime or bank account or deposit into an
- or bank account or deposit into an account they have opened for you. Do NOT respond, click on links, or confirm any information.

These are actual scams where our citizens have lost thousands of dollars.

HERE ARE SOME "NEVER DO'S"

- Call the number in the email or text (probably the scammer)
- Never click on a link from an unknown
- Never give any personal information over the phone, email, text
- Never pay for anything via money, gift cards, or wire transfers. Use cash apps (Venmo, Zelle, etc.) only with close friends and family.
- Never pay for something prior to seeing it (rentals through Craig's List)
- Never accept a buyer that offers more than you asked.

Barbara EJ Bennett, Chief Scambuster, with the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, can be reached at 970-682-0597.

For details on these and other scams – go to larimer.org.



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can be found on the website below. Earlier submittal is encouraged as the deadline will not permit correcting a form that is deemed insufficient.

An application for an absentee ballot may be filed with Cheryl Franz,
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www.glacierviewfire.gov

HEALTH







12th Night Ball at Lincoln Center, put on by Avery Center. Daniel Eastman and Maya from Maya's Ballroom dance

(Photo by William La Mont Photography)

The Avery Center held the Third Annual 12th Night Viennese Ball on January 8. This event, held during National Sex trafficking month, was for a great cause. All the money raised went to support the Avery Center in its mission to end commercial sexual exploitation.

This event, held in the Canyon West Ballroom at the Lincoln Center, included various 12th Night traditions worldwide. Some of the practices include delicacies like spiced wassail punch, while others were traditional waltzes, a coronation of the King & Queen of the Ball, and elegant and festive costumes.

The event had live music by Cache La Pompe, courtesy of the music event fund by the Bohemian Foundation. "We had a waltz lesson by Maya from Maya's Ballroom Dance, so even people who didn't know how to waltz would be able to waltz the night away with us after her lesson!" Shares Daniel Eastman, Director of Policy for the Avery Center, pictured with Maya. There was a good crowd on the dance floor, eager for lessons. Food was provided by Coffeehouse Ten24, an open bar with wine supplied by Hillside Winery and beer from Loveland Ale Works.

In 2000, the Trafficking Victims Protection act became the first comprehensive federal law to address trafficking in persons. The law

handled prevention, protection, and prosecution. However, the US did not formally acknowledge that trafficking was happening domestically until a re-authorization of the Act in 2010.

The Avery Center, formerly known as 'Free Our Girls', was founded in 2014 to address the gap in direct services for adults experiencing commercial sex trafficking in Northern Colorado and across the US. They are the only anti-trafficking direct service organization north of Denver and are a survivor-led organization.

The Department of Justice defines Human trafficking as a crime that involves compelling or coercing a person to provide labor or services or to engage in commercial sex acts. The coercion can be subtle or overt, physical or psychological. Sex trafficking is generally understood as using force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts.

Founder and director Megan Lundstrom discovered that pimp-controlled sex trafficking meets all 15 characteristics of a cultic group. After much research on the topic, the organization uses this cultic theory in its work. Most survivors of domestic sex trafficking require psychological intervention and aftercare deprogramming before reintegrating into the community. The depth of the impact of such abuse tactics as mind control and thought reform often involves a lifetime of healing.

When it comes to sex trafficking, there are no boundaries. Victims can be of any age, gender, or demographic. For example, in 2017, 17 children across Colorado and Wyoming were recovered by an FBI Innocence Lost task force. Half of the children were male victims.

The Avery Center, located in Greeley, partners with the University of Northern Colorado for academic research in the field of anti-trafficking work. They continue to expand their services. A newer service arm focuses on economic empowerment-focused programs, such as financial literacy curriculum and job training programs, peer support groups, and basic needs resource delivery. While most of the direct services take place in Greeley, several programs are now available nationwide online.

For more information, visit theaverycenter.org

Wellington-based Organization Supports Victims of Trafficking

ANNIE LINDGREN | NorthFortyNews.com

Seventeen years ago, Lisa Christopherson learned there was slavery still in the world, and it is more significant than it has been. That started her journey in investigating human trafficking and what she could do about it. In her travels through marginalized communities, she saw it first hand in India, Spain, Tajikistan, Nepal. So many would get the opportunity to get out, but the lack of opportunity keeps them from staying out. So she started working to provide economic empowerment to people

Lisa went on a journey to find organizations she could partner with to create resources no one was doing, finding economic empowerment and providing opportunities for people to learn new skills and do dignified work. She was mostly doing this overseas initially, but she realized that we had an issue in Colorado. In Denver, especially in homeless communities, she found people engaging in 'survival sex' or sex for drugs. Young teens are groomed into sending pictures of themselves through social media contacts, which are then used to threaten them. She learned that many runaways end up in sex trafficking situations and that victims are lured into it through various means.

Lisa started working with the Avery Center, doing workshops so attendees could learn new skills like soap making, jewelry making, and spa products. This opened the doors for internships with other business markets like handson crafts and building products, learning manufacturing, learning warehousing, sales and marketing, entire supply chain through these workshops. Once they graduate from the program, they are offered internships to connect to community organizations and businesses.

I am Beauty Renewed, or 'bRE,' is a local organization founded by Lisa Christopherson and Tami Nelson. It helps stop the cycle of human trafficking by providing workshops where victims learn how to build products and goods that are then sold. Attendees connect with others, learn new skills, and ultimately earn a living to support themselves and their families. The money from the products sold goes back into the program to help pay salaries and provide opportunities to attend workshops.

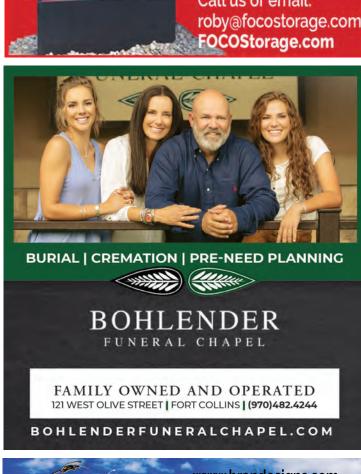
All bRE products are made by or benefit a trafficking survivor. They are to help them make a living wage in a nurturing work environment. Through iambeautyrenewed.com, one can purchase handmade earrings, leather bags, upcycled jean jackets, and freedom boxes, including spa products. Items can be bought locally in Wellington at Polished Spa (8136 S. 2nd Street). Lisa also has a Mobile Boutique, which can also be found at the farmers market or booked for events.

Support the work through I am Beauty Renewed either by purchasing products or donating. All the money goes back to supporting victims of Human and Sex trafficking.





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WINDSOR & TIMNATH

Timnath Town Council Updates

NORTH FORTY NEWS

The Timnath Town Council acted upon the following matters at the Tuesday, January 11 meeting:

Council passed a resolution approving a Development Site Plan proposal for 168 multi-family housing units for adults 55 years and older. The project is on 8.5 acres in the Rendezvous (Trailside) Subdivision.

Council approved an Ordinance setting the regular election for April 5 and establishing procedures for the conduct of the election. There are two councilmember seats up for election.

The Town Council approved an Ordinance regarding referral to the electors of a ballot question on restoring municipal authority to provide high-speed internet to town users.

Council passed an Ordinance approving referring two ballot questions to the registered electors of the town for the general municipal election scheduled for April 5

Council passed the first reading of an Ordinance approving a proposal to amend multiple sections of the Land Use Code. There is a public hearing set for

The Windsor Community Recreation Center Debuts First Friday with Free Friday Fitness

NORTH FORTY NEWS | NorthFortyNews.com

First Friday with Free Friday Fitness launched in Windsor for 2022 on January 7, at the Windsor Community Recreation Center, 250 11th St. On the first Friday of every month, the Community Recreation Center opens its doors for non-members to join a fitness class, enjoy the pools, hot tub, basketball court, weight room, and or any fitness activity offered with a regular membership.

With fitness goals at the top of most new year resolutions, Free Friday Fitness on First Friday is an opportunity to help people meet their health goals, maintain their progress, and stay on track for the next twelve months while offering free fitness options and access to a state-of-the-art facility. "First Friday" is a name typically associated with events such as art exhibits, festivals, and or social gatherings that occur on the first Friday of every month. At the Community Recreation Center, First Friday comes with a bonus; the entrance to the facility is free. Participants are asked to stop by the front desk and check-in.

"In 2021, we offered a similar promotion called Friday Fitness; we waived the \$5 daily fee every Friday and saw an amazing response from the community with nearly 550 participants," said Kendra Martin, Parks, Recreation & Culture operations and facilities manager. "Stop by, enjoy our facility on the first Friday of every month. No daily fee. No annual dues. No contractual commitment. We're here to help keep you on track."

In 2021, the Community Recreation Center celebrated its fifthyear anniversary of the facility expansion, which added pools, an axillary gym, an elevated running track, expanded locker rooms, workout areas, and an additional group exercise room. The Windsor Community Recreation Center's 80,000 square-foot facility features two gymnasiums, multiple fitness rooms offering numerous fitness classes, certified personal trainers, programs for every fitness level, age, and ability. For families with young children, the facility also offers daycare options. An annual family membership starts at \$600 for a family.

of four, monthly memberships begin at \$36 for one adult, a 20-visit punch card starts at \$72 and daily admission is between \$3 to \$5. In addition, veterans, teachers, and adults 62 years or older pay a lower price, which is advertised on the website mentioned below.

"Our prices are one of the lowest prices in Windsor and our neighboring communities with access to a clean gym and high-

level service for every fitness level," said Kendra Martin, Parks, Recreation & Culture operations and facilities manager. "We pride ourselves in offering more than just economical prices. We offer a family-friendly, community-oriented center focusing on the needs of our members."

The Community Recreation Center is open Monday through

The Community Recreation Center is open Monday through Friday from 5 am to 9 pm, Saturday from 8 am through 7 pm, and Sunday from 12 pm through 6 pm It offers a variety of resistance training workout classes, spin classes, open swim lanes, body pump classes, yoga and much more.

For more information or for a one-on-one tour or visit recreationliveshere.com/fitness.

Christmas Trees Repurposed at Windsor's Magical Forest Event

NORTH FORTY NEWS

The town hosts its Magical Forest event Saturday, February 19 from noon to 3 pm at Eastman Park South.

Magical Forest is a family-friendly event hosted by the Windsor Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department. Families are encouraged to enjoy an opportunity to transform live Christmas trees into forts, kingdoms, castles, large nests and any creation imagined. In 2021, the town saw nearly 1,000 trees. Families who attend the Magical Forest will receive free hot chocolate provided by Human Bean.

"We bring the tools, resources, and provide a safe, fun place for families to get as magical and creative as possible," said Lexie Spykstra, events coordinator for the Windsor Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. "It is a one-of-a-kind event, not just in our region, but in Colorado. Before the Christmas trees are mulched and repurposed around town, we provide space for families to get outdoors and create with nature."

The trees are collected through the town's free Christmas Tree Recycling program. The program offers Windsor residents a safe alternative to recycling their Christmas Trees, which are mulched and repurposed in outdoor spaces to help keep the community beautiful. Christmas trees can be recycled through Sunday, January 30 at the Eastman Park South location.

For the latest information about events and recreation activities in Wndsor, visit recreationliveshere.com.

Pethood

PHIL GOLDSTEIN | NorthFortyNews.com

Since my wife Amy and I have had at least one, and as many as three dogs at a time for the last 24 years, I suppose it was inevitable that eventually, I'd write about our pethood experiences. I'm motivated now to do so because, as I'm writing this, we just lost Herbie, our third of the five dogs we've had since 1998, and his loss was as intensely sorrowful as it was with the previous two. So, pardon the sad nostalgia, but writing is therapy for me, and I'm in need of that particular commodity right now.

All five of our dogs have been Portuguese Water Dogs, a purebred often confused with the crossbred 'doodles' of one variety or another. Until Amy met a relative's 'Portie' and experienced their unique personality, we'd never considered adopting a dog. And, despite my many attempts at discouraging pethood and not daunted by the rareness of the breed, Amy began what became a two-year search for a puppy.

My aversion to complicating two otherwise active lives might still have prevailed, however, if I hadn't joined Amy on one of the litter visits. The breeder knew what she was doing handing me her recommended choice, which promptly fell asleep in my arms. The breeder said that was a sign that he'd be a reserved, trouble-free pet. Wrong, very wrong.

From the first night, Sherman, as we would name him, was a handful. One of the promises I secured from Amy if I consented to pethood was that it would sleep in a crate anywhere but the bedroom. Two sleepless, whining nights later, Sherman of course began sharing our bed, never to stop.

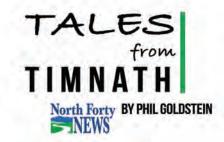
Next promise broken—not allowed on the couch and chairs. I suppose to a dog a couch looks like a bed, so you know how that turned out. And speaking of couches, picture a living room full of stuffing, torn out of a now-ruined piece of furniture by a briefly unmonitored puppy. That was followed by the dishwasher debacle, where Sherman got his collar tags caught in the tray while licking dinner plates and pulled it completely out, slinging dishes everywhere while whirling in a circle. Then came the superglue heist, miraculously resulting only in the tube firmly stuck to his paw, the theft from a neighbor's open door of a toddler's toy, and many other misdeeds.

Hoping to mitigate Sherman's opportunities for mischief at home, I began taking him to work. That is, until one day he walked unnoticed out of my office, and I found him sitting in the back of the elevator just as the doors closed. Eight frantic stairway flights down, I caught him outside the automatic exit door on a busy street.

Not all of Sherman's misconduct was damaging or dangerous, such as toilet paper unrolling through the bedroom, down the hall, down the steps, and into the living room—a record to this day. Or his habit while you showered of dragging your towel downstairs and out the dog door into the yard. He also demonstrated how smart Porties are when he slipped his collar from Amy and gave chase as I ran in a half-marathon. Apparently, he tired before I did because he climbed into the open door of a roadside police cruiser, where Amy found him when she caught up.

When Sherman was five, despite my initial reluctance to get a dog, the endearing outweighed the infuriating, and I led the charge for a second dog. We adopted Sherman's sister's puppy and named him Oliver. Although they eventually worked out their alpha dog differences, the first few weeks made me regret my decision as the bed (of course) became a battleground.

Two dogs were alright, but I protested again when Amy campaigned for a third—a puppy from Oliver's sister's litter—who would become our Herbie.



Amy's logic was that Sherman was aging and we should always have a 'backup dog' to keep the other one company. To this day, Herbie was the sweetest of the bunch, but with one annoying habit—always knowing almost to the minute when it was 5 o'clock and barking until fed his dinner.

Our first devastating loss was when Sherman passed away a year after Herbie arrived. Other than losing my parents in turn, I'd not experienced such grief. So, I didn't put up much of a fight when a great-nephew of Sherman's became available, registered with the American Kennel Club as Repeat but called Petey because he's wondrously the spitting image of Sherman. Thus, we were back to three, until we lost Oliver, but then came Reilly, our new backup dog. And yes, the bed and the couch never did get any less crowded.

I originally didn't want a dog, but now I can't imagine not having one. But I also couldn't anticipate the pain of losing them. I cried as much when we lost Herbie recently as when Sherman and Oliver left us.

The fond memories of our 'boys', follies and all, help somewhat. So does writing about them. Thanks for reading my therapy.

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

Berthoud Recreation Center at Waggener Farm Park is Up and Running Strong!

JONSON KUHN | SceneNOCO.com

Photos by Jonson Kuhn

As of November 20, the Berthoud Recreation Center at Waggener Farm Park has officially had its doors open to the public! This brand-new drop-dead gorgeous facility can be found at 1000 North Berthoud Parkway, right next to the Loveland Reservoir. An interesting detail about the grounds is that it's all made up of native grasses, trails, and open space that also features two multipurpose athletic fields/community open space, a large destination playground with a full basketball court, a rentable pavilion, and a state-of-the-art skate park! And that's just the outside, we haven't even gotten in the door yet! Inside, guests and members can enjoy a multi-purpose two-court gymnasium, fitness areas, an indoor aquatic facility, and plenty more!



Berthoud Rec Center Climbing Wall

Recreation Center Indoor Features

- Basketball, volleyball, walking track, and pickleball courts.
- Aquatics Center made up of a lazy river, two-story water slide, large hot tub/spa, three-lane lap pool, lifestyle pool, play equipment with water features, and an outdoor patio area
- 5000 square foot fitness center which includes free weights, cardio, and weight machines
- 2000 square foot outdoor fitness area to provide more space and flexibility for workouts
- Group fitness room with a Wellbeats system where users can participate in virtual classes on-demand individually or attend a fitness class instructed by our certified fitness instructors
- · A boulder climbing wall in the main breezeway
- A community event room that can be rented hourly for family gatherings, classes, and birthday parties.
 This room is connected to the aquatics center as well as the main lobby.
- Room rentals for business, seminars, birthday parties, and committee meetings of all types
- Child Watch room where participants can drop off their children, ages 6 months to 9 years old while parents utilize the facility
- Separate family changing rooms in addition to men's and women's locker rooms



Berthoud Recreation Center at Waggener Farm Park

Recreation Center Outdoor Features

- Skate Park
- Playground with a youth pump bike track and lots of play equipment
- Basketball Court with lights
- Sheltered Pavilion with built-in all-season restrooms
- Hard and soft surface trails and trail loops can used for a 5k race on the property
- Two large multi-purpose athletic fields and community open space for events
- · Food truck lane
- Two Electric charging stations

Memberships are now available but must be paid in person, as no online or over-the-phone registration is offered at this time.

For more information, visit berthoud.org.

Boettcher Foundation Donates to Save the Loveland Great Western Railway Depots

NEW SCENE | SceneNOCO.com

The Boettcher Foundation has graciously awarded a grassroots committee of the Loveland Historical Society a \$10,000 grant to aid in moving the Great Western Railway Depots currently located at 9th and Monroe in Loveland.

The depots are currently located on private property and are subject to being torn down if funding is not raised to move these structures

Charles Boettcher built his family's fortune through a variety of diverse business pursuits that reflected the boundless opportunities in the young state of Colorado in the late 1800s. Charles Boettcher was a co-founder of the Great Western Sugar Company and

instrumental in the creation of the Great Western Railway.

The Great Western passenger depot was built at the same time the Great Western Railway was established to facilitate the shipping of sugar beets from outlying farmers' beet dumps to the factory. While the railway's main purpose was to transport beets, sugar, molasses, coal, and lime rock it also began operating passenger service.

Passenger service by the Great Western Railway was provided year-round, simultaneously with the seasonal beet campaign from October to March. Passenger service began in 1917 but was discontinued in 1927.

The depot was then used for records storage and closed in the mid1980s when it was boarded up for protection.

Over the last 120 years, the sugar beet crop has brought millions of dollars to local economies along the northern Front Range. The production and processing of sugar beets was the most economically important industry throughout northeastern Colorado during the early decades of the twentieth century.

Nearly every prominent name in Loveland was associated with the Great Western Sugar Factory when the company and its railway began.

Hundreds of blue-collar working people made their living and raised their families

in and around Loveland because of their jobs at the Great Western Sugar factory.

The goal of the committee is to raise \$86,000 needed to move the depots approximately 1,000 feet onto city property. The group has raised \$20,000 of the funds needed to move the buildings.

The Boettcher Foundation has extended a challenge grant to the committee to raise an additional \$15,000 before November 1, 2022. Once this funding has been obtained, the Boettcher Foundation will provide another \$15,000 match to support this project for a total of \$25,000.

Donations can be made at lovelandhistorical.org or by mail at P.O. Box 7311 Loveland, CO, 80537.





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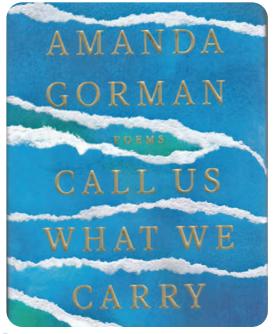


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CITY BUZZ

WHAT GOOD IS THE GIFT OF POETRY?

TIM VAN SCHMIDT | SceneNOCO.com



Call Us What We Carry by Amanda Gorman

One of my holiday gifts this year was a book of poetry. I know, many people would rather get a lump of coal than to have to read some poetry.

But I was curious about the work of "#1 New York Times Bestselling Author", Amanda Gorman. A "bestselling" poet is rare indeed. Gorman was even on her own Topps trading card in 2021. A poet on a trading card?

You'll recognize her as the young poet who delivered some stirring words at President Joe Biden's inauguration on January 20, 2021 -- performing her own poem, "The Hill We Climb".

The book I received as a gift in December was Gorman's newly published collection of poems titled "Call Us What We Carry", 228 pages of verse aimed at a wide swath of personal and social issues, all amplified by an empowered and confident voice.

I didn't want to just reread "The Hill We Climb" -- which sounded great to me when she delivered it on the Capitol steps a year ago -- but I wanted to hear what else she had to say.

"Call Us What We Carry" is a full collection of work, challenging not just the ear, but the eye as well with some creative visual typography. But what comes through isn't so much the answers to the numerous issues, but an intense willingness to confront them, face first, even with a mask on.

Gorman's work is poetry of our times. Here, the virus pandemic is as powerful as the horror of racism — and young people like Gorman are stuck in the middle of all of this while just trying to have a life.

Gorman holds up a mirror to the times. But then again, that is what poetry does in general -- to mirror deep thinking and feelings.

Poets say things that others wish they could say if they had the same command of words and the confidence to deliver them. And it is the poet's job to say them, especially at emotionally charged events such as Biden's inauguration.

By performing that day, Gorman put contemporary American poetry into the international spotlight and ably spoke to the moment as only a poet can.

Why is poetry so hard to understand? Well, you need to look at a poem as a piece of sculpture — the words are chiseled down. Poems are art works in words — they can be direct and yet open to the wildest tangent of thought and vocabulary — but somewhere in the syllables flowing from line to line is the attempt to really understand something, to make gems out of moments and thoughts. Sometimes those gems work for everyone.

Sometimes those gems work for everyone.

I have recently experienced how the power of poetry also works on a more personal basis to mark an occasion of deep reflection — and how it even enhanced it. In fact, I was the poet. Or rather, I was the reader of a poem by Robert Service.



Topps Trading Card - Amanda Gorman, Poet

The poem was a longish one titled "The Cremation of Sam McGee" -- first published in 1907 -- and it's a long way away from Gorman's intense, personal poetry of the 21st Century. Rather, it's a sing-songy and even comedic story of a musher in the Yukon who takes on the burden of cremating a colleague after he dies one night on the trail.

The occasion was a gathering to memorialize a friend — a Loveland sculptor — who specifically asked that the Service poem be read at his memorial. It was an honor to be asked to read the poem, but I didn't know what I was getting into — I had to turn myself into a man carrying a corpse around on his sled for days until just the right situation occurred to fulfill his grisly promise.

The Cremation of Sam McGee By Robert Service

There are strange things done in the midnight sun
By the men who moil for gold;
The Arctic trails have their secret tales
That would make your blood run cold;
The Northern Lights have seen queer sights,
But the queerest they ever did see
Was that night on the marge of Lake Lebarge
I cremated Sam McGee.

My friend chose his poem well. There was just enough balance between darkness and humor to at once entertain listeners, teasing them with the rhythm of the language and a riveting story,

and to make them shake their heads at oblivion.

As I read the poem, I looked around and saw numerous people mouthing the words to themselves. Later, I learned that this was a piece a lot of people had to memorize in school.

But those who didn't know the words were listening with rapt attention. They laughed together at the funny bits and followed the rhyming lines with relish. It was a moment I will remember for a long time -- everyone was in the same "space" thanks to this poetry.

It was an excellent way to honor our friend.

In her book, "Call Us What We Carry", Gorman's poetry invites us to listen together and to speak together. My friend's memorial poem did something similar -- it encouraged people to remember together.

This is what poetry is good for — to add a voice that says something beautiful and meaningful at just the right time, just the right place.

When words really matter, the gift of poetry is much better than a lump of coal.

Tim Van Schmidt is a writer and photographer based in Fort Collins. See his channel on YouTube at "Time Capsules by Tim Van Schmidt". Also, see his "Rockin' 2022 Window Show" at Cups Community Coffee, located at 1033 S Taft Hill in Fort Collins, thru January 31.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

PHOTO OF THE WEEK: A GOLDEN MOMENT -- BOYS IN BLUE



The photo of the week comes from Heather Navratil. It was taken of the Boys in Blue (Golden Retrievers) in Waverly. Those dogs are precious! Thanks for submitting the Photo of the Week.

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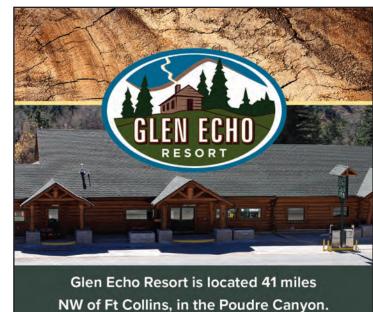
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A MARCH THROUGH FORT COLLINS **BLACK AMERICAN HISTORY**

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The beginning of the March through historic Black American neighborhood (Photo by Annie Lindgren)

'The March is far from over' was the theme for this year's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Event in Fort Collins. The weather was beautiful as we gathered at Washington Park for the beginning of the ceremony and to hear the names and accomplishments of those selected to lead the March that kicked off at 11 am.

This year, the March took a different route, including a walk through a neighborhood significant in Fort Collins's Black history, where north Meldrum Street intersects with Maple and Cherry Streets. The new March route went past the Thomas Residence, McDaniel Residence, Hicks and Lyle residences, and the Clay Residences.

Virgil Thomas was the first Black student to graduate from Fort Collins Highschool. He was a star athlete, a boxer, a football player, and starting pitcher for Fort Collin's softball club. He was awarded an athletic scholarship, and while in college, he was drafted into the Army and sent to fight in World War II. Later he raised a family in New York City.

Hattie McDaniel was a nationally famous film, and radio star the spent childhood years in Fort Collins. Her family lived at 317 Cherry Street, and her parents were gospel singers; her dad was an itinerant Baptist preacher and teamster. Hattie attended Franklin School at Howes and Mountain. She would become the first Black American to win an Academy Award for her 1939 role in Gone with the Wind. She later participated in the 1945 'Sugar Hill lawsuit that ended restrictive racial covenants in her, then, Los Angeles neighborhood.

The Clay family had a long-standing presence in the community, starting when Charley Clay arrived in Laporte in 1865. Their Fort Collins home, at 317 Maple, became the center of Black social life in Larimer County during the early 1900s. There was a Colored Mission that grew into the Zion Baptist Church, ministering to families around the region. There were important social gatherings and events, like the Paul Laurence Dunbar Literary Society, discussing social and political issues. The last of the family had all dispersed from the area by 1920.

The Lyle family moved from Kansas to Meldrum street by 1900. They worked as janitors and housekeepers until the 1940s. In 1939, Mattie Lyle made civil rights history when she sued the owner of the State Theater on North College for discrimination.

Black American's came to Fort Collins in response to labor demand. The 1880 census documents five households and fifteen Black residents in Fort Collins. By 1900, there were only sixteen residents noted, including five households and three live-in servants. They faced a long history of discrimination. More prominent families were in Fort Collins, but their homes were not along the March route.

This annual March was canceled last year as a result of the pandemic. This year, most of the 1,000 attendees wore masks; many felt wary of the 'indoors' portion of the event and felt gratitude for the opportunity to gather when gathering is made challenging. The March ended at the Lory Student Center, where the celebration went indoors.

This year's keynote speaker was Ms. Carlotta LaNier, a civil rights icon, National Woman's Hall of Fame inductee, and is in Colorado Woman's Hall of Fame. In Arkansas, at age 14, Carlotta was the youngest of nine African-American students known as the 'Little Rock Nine,' nine students who integrated Little Rock Central High School in 1957, after the U.S. Supreme Court declared segregation in public schools unconstitutional. They experienced a lot of discrimination, being the first Black students to enter a school that only ever had white students. She was the first African-American woman to walk across the Central Highschool stage to receive her diploma. She and the other Little Rock Nine received the

(See "History March" on page 12)

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

Wednesday, January 26

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

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

Mellowpunk & The Appropriate Show - "Indie Night" at 830 North: Presented by HearHere Concerts & Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm Sparge Veteran and First Responders Beer Club,

Sparge Brewing, 6 pm STRFKR W/ SPECIAL GUESTS, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm

Thursday, January 27

Alice Longyu Gao w/ Alice Gas, The Coast, 6:30 pm TAXES - Get Informed and Organized Now!, Larimer SBDC, 8:30 am -12 pm

Friday, January 28 Aquiles "Live on the Lanes" at 830 North:

Presented by Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm The Good Morning Guys Habajeeba Show Featuring a Performance by George Birge, Union Colony Civic Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 29

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

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

Sunday, January 30

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

Tuesday, February 1

Cutting Edge Leadership Public Conversation February 1, 2022, Online, 7 pm Shen Yun, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 7:30 pm -10:30 pm

Wednesday, February 2

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

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

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

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

Friday, February 4

3420 w/ Dreamspace Database, Czek, and Floating Sea "Live on the Lanes" at 830 North: Presented by Mishawaka, 830 North, 8 pm Opening of "Girl Scouts Impact the World", Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures, 5 pm -8 pm The Little Dog Laughed, Bas Bleu Theater: 401 Pine St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 7:30 pm

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

Saturday, February 5

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

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

Sunday, February 6

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

Bard's Confession, Innosphere Ventures, 7 pm -9 pm

Tuesday, February 8

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

Wednesday, February 9

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

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

Thursday, February 10

Juliette Gordon Low: Stories from the Life of the Founder of Girl Scouts, Online, 6 pm -7:30 pm QuickBooks Online; 3 Part Series, Front Range Community College - Challenger Point 225 (upstairs), 1 pm -5 pm Shai Wosner Solo Recital - Beethoven's "Diabelli

Variations", Grace Church, 7 pm -9 pm

Friday, February 11

Carlos Barata at Lucky Joe's, Lucky Joe's,

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

Harumi Rhodes and Shai Wosner Duo Recital, Grace Church, 7 pm -9 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

Monday, February 14

Loveland's Annual Valentine's Day Group Wedding & Vow Renewal Ceremony, Loveland Visitor Center, 4 pm

Wednesday, February 16

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

Thursday, February 17

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

Friday, February 18 The Little Dog Laughed, Bas Bleu Theater: 401 Pine

St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 7:30 pm Saturday, February 19

Gardener, 10:30 am -12 pm The Little Dog Laughed, Bas Bleu Theater: 401 Pine St, Fort Collins, CO 80524, 7:30 pm

It's Thyme to start gardening!, The Windsor

Sunday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 23 Creative Insight Journey: 8 week class

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

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

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History March (from page 11)



Hattie McDaniel house

nation's highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal, from President Clinton in 1999.

Carlotta met Martin Luther King Jr. in the '50s when she was 14 years old. Before he was famous, this was just a 'preacher on a mission as she described him. A human

being with faults and weaknesses, just like the rest of us. She shared her memories of him then, after he became famous, and what she knew he would say to us now.

"We all have gifts and talents; We have to ask ourselves 'how are we using them'? Dr. King wasn't superhuman. He was just a man who put his gifts to work for the good of humankind. We don't honor him because he was perfect or superhuman. We honor him because he answered the call to serve humanity. If Dr. King were here today, he would remind us that we all have gifts to share and a role to play in creating the kind of society we desire. He would remind us to examine ourselves and ask what we are doing to make a difference," shares Carlotta LaNier.

Martin Luther King Jr fought for equality and rights and played a significant role in activism efforts during the Civil Rights Movement. He accomplished so many great things before his assassination in 1968. He organized nonviolent Marches, and it was during the 1963 March on Washington where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech at Lincoln Memorial. In 1986, Ronald Reagan established the third Monday of January as Martin Luther King Day, in honor of Martin's January 15 birthday.

It is 2022, and the pandemic still plagues life to some degree or another for all of us. So these opportunities to gather as a community feel extra special. It was an

(Photos by Annie Lindgren)



The Thomas Home

interesting walk through local and national history and a refreshing reminder that it is never a bad time to put talents and gifts to good use in positively impacting the things we feel passionate about. The March is far from over.

For more information on the Black American history of Fort Collins, visit fcgov.com/historicpreservation.

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AROUND OUR AREA

Loveland Banner Health Partners with All of Us Research Program

Banner McKee Medical Center has opened its doors for enrollment into the All of Us Research Program. An initiative of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the All of Us Research Program, led by the University of Arizona and Banner Health in Arizona and Colorado, is a precision medicine effort that aims to build the largest and most diverse database of health information to improve health for future generations.

Unlike a single research study focused on a specific disease or population, All of Us serves as a national research resource to inform thousands of studies, covering a wide variety of health conditions that affect many different people.

"So much of what we've done in medicine over the years has not really taken into account individual differences," said Francis Collins, MD, PhD, former director of NIH.

To learn more, or to enroll, visit AllofUsAZ.org or call 877-268-2684.

BBB Warns of COVID Testing Scams

The US Food and Drug Administration is warning people of fraudulent coronavirus tests, vaccines, and treatments as the pandemic continues. According to the Centers for Disease Control, since the arrival of the Omicron variant, the increase of testing for COVID-19 has become a concern. Scarcity often leads to potential scams for a product that doesn't exist, the compromise of personally identifiable information, or the increase of deceptive advertising.

Robocalls are sent out to consumers directing them to a website that looks like a clinic or medical supply company offering COVID-19 tests. These tests allegedly identify if a person has been infected with coronavirus - even if they've recovered. Some even promise results in 10 minutes. However, to receive a test, a credit card or a form needs to be completed with personal information.

BBB has additional tips for avoiding scams on BBB.org/spotascam and the BBB news feed.

$No_{C_{0}}$ Noco | Poudre Valley **REA Accepting Scholarship Applications**

Local not-for-profit electric cooperative, Poudre Valley REA (PVREA) is accepting scholarship applications for high school seniors who are continuing their education.

Twenty-eight scholarships are available including 25 scholarships worth \$2,000, one scholarship worth \$1,000, and two scholarships worth \$500.

The deadline to apply for scholarships is Friday, February 18, 2022.

"Our youth are the future, and we pride ourselves in supporting local students as they take their monumental steps into the next chapter of life," said Jessica Johnson, PVREA Community, and Member Relations Administrator.

As a cooperative, PVREA routinely supports education.

All cooperatives are guided by the same core values, known as the Seven Cooperative Principles.

Details and the application can be found online at pvrea.coop/scholarships.

Educate Yourself about Spending Time on the Ice

During the winter -- it is not only ice fishing but several other winter activities that may take place on the hard water. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) reminds everyone to educate themselves on ice safety guidelines to follow and to have the proper equipment vou need for a safe and enjoyable experience on our frozen ponds, lakes, and reservoirs.

Always assume that unsafe ice conditions may exist. In Colorado, ice conditions can vary from lake to lake. Along the Front Range, it is especially important that anglers check ice conditions before heading out because of the region's notoriously variable weather conditions. Anyone going out onto the ice should drill test holes to measure thickness as they venture out.

"Good, solid clear ice is the safest," said Bryan Johnson, hatchery manager of CPW's Mt. Shavano Fish Hatchery. "If you have the milky ice, that is typically where it has been freezing and thawing, or where

there has been some snow on top of it that has frozen to the ice. Four inches of clear ice is generally a good rule of thumb to start with for venturing out on foot."

Four inches of ice is generally considered safe for people ice fishing and ice skating. However, off-highway vehicles, or OHVs, need at least six inches of ice thickness. Cars and trucks require much more ice, but you have to be sure to check in with the land management agency for that body of water on its regulations as it pertains to bringing any type of motorized vehicle out on the ice. There are different regulations for different bodies of water, so it is up to you to know before you go.

Whenever there is any question about thickness or conditions, stay off the ice.

It is always important to go with a buddy and to let family and friends know where you are going and when you plan

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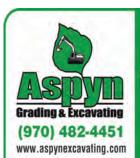
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COVER STORY

Wellington Wastewater (from page 4)

from \$7,500 to \$9,700 in 2021.

It is not an option for no action to be taken, and the Board of Trustees, town staff, residents, and consultants have explored various options to solve the impact of rate increases. The town staff has been working on this problem for a while. They will do competitive bidding on equipment, materials, and subcontractors to hone in on the best estimate. The Project Needs and Environmental Assessments were completed, and a Public Hearing was held on January 11, 2022, allowing for public comment. This was a required component of attempting to secure a State Revolving Fund Loan (SRF), the most cost-effective funding option available to the Town. Federal funding requires compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, which will also be incorporated in the final

On January 11, the Resident Roundtable committee members shared their recommendations to the Board, which included the value of including the community in the discussions, being a good steward of taxpayers dollars, being transparent about the plan, having good planning, and having equality in the need for rate increases. They suggested options for maximizing fiscal creativity, such as transferring funds and evaluating loan terms. They requested incremental rate increases, annually assessing the rates and equitability between residential and commercial customers. Finally, they suggested promoting resources that can help cut utility costs, such as the Hardship Utility Grant (HUG) program and water conservation programs. They also requested to continue to be part of the discussions.

A work session on January 18 brought the Town Trustees and Mayor, the Resident Roundtable members, and town staff together to discuss the options and next steps. The group discussed the water rates alongside the wastewater discussion, as the water topic hasn't settled just yet, and the two issues are related. What goes in

During the work session, several options were presented to the Board. The proposed sewer rate options include one scenario with a stepped increase to both the base and usage rate and one scenario with a commitment to a portion of the expected American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding (\$1,300,000). All the sewer rate scenarios assume a 30-year loan term and a \$390,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. The projected loan will be for \$48,000,000 with an anticipated 2.25% interest rate, though the actual loan amount has not yet been finalized. There will be a 5% annual increase to base

and usage rate for the subsequent five years. There will be a shortfall in the Town required fund balance reserve policy (110% of annual debt service), with an (up to) 15% deficit for up to 4 consecutive years.

They then went through four scenarios, with different amounts for each scenario's sewer base and usage rate increases. The Board most liked Scenario 2 and 4,

including the stepped increase with ARPA or without. The base rate is based on 0-3k gallons of sewer needs a month with a usage rate per thousand gallons for 4k gallons and up. Starting in 2022, this would mean a base rate of \$30-32 and a usage rate of \$9-\$10. In 2022 it would go up to \$40-45 for the base rate and \$12-\$13 for usage rate per thousand gallons over 3k. In 2024 it would be a \$42-\$47.25 base rate with a \$12.60 - \$13.65 usage rate. Discussions will continue to iron out the final numbers. The average Wellington customer produces around

this by gauging the average water usage from January through March, assuming that there is limited to no outdoor irrigation during this time. Timeline-wise, construction is expected to begin in mid-2022, with completion and start-up of the expanded

4k gallons of wastewater per month. They determine

plant happening by mid-2024. It should be complete before those daily penalties for noncompliance with regulatory requirements kick in. Folks will start seeing changes in their sewer bill in May 2022.

The Resident Roundtable was pleased with the January 18 work session outcomes. To reduce the financial impacts to residents, the Board of Trustees is considering transferring funds from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. This transfer could potentially amount to up to 10% of the total revenues within the sewer fund. This means that funding will have to be cut in other areas, and those areas are still yet to be determined as discussions continue. A sinking fund is being created for the sewer fund from impact fees to plan now for future expansions to avoid large rate increases in the future. There will be further discussion about whether or not the ARPA funding of 1.3 million will go towards the water or sewer fund to help cut costs in other ways. They are reviewing changes to administrative fees currently incorporated in each fund. The budget and expenses are looked at annually since multiple things can change every year, for example, new state and federal legislation or funding opportunities.



Wellington's wastewater plant (Photo provided by Town of Wellington)

The Hardship Utility Grant (HUG) fund, designed to help residents pay utility bills, will continue in 2022.

The trustees asked town staff to bring back more details on sewer Scenario #2 and #4 and include a comparison of the ARPA fund options of going towards water vs. sewer. They also asked for a sample bill of the winter and summer months to share the whole picture better. Town staff had 48 hours to pull this off, as the board packet needed to be ready by January 21.

Roundtable member Anita Hardy shares, "I am confident that the Trustees truly heard our concerns with budget efficiencies. I am thrilled to see the recommendations we made were not only listened to but heard, as evidenced by their application in the options presented at the work session. As all the Trustees and quite a few staff members are Town residents, these decisions aren't made lightly, as they impact not only the community at large but themselves as well."

Wyatt Schwendeman-Curtis, who served on the Roundtable, shares, "As a member of the Roundtable and a citizen of Wellington, I believe this Resident Roundtable was a tremendous success, and I look forward to the continuation of the Roundtable and presenting ideas to the Board in the future. Since it was a success, I hope that more Resident Roundtables will be utilized for other Town projects."

The next Board of Trustees Meeting is on January 25 at 6:30 pm at the Leeper Center. They offer a Zoom link for those unable to attend in person. There will be an opportunity for public comment and possible adoption.

While no one wants to have to pay more for their wastewater needs, especially not after increases related to our freshwater needs, the reality is it has to happen. Otherwise, grab your boots, folks; we might be up sewage

For more information visit the town's website at townofwellington.com.

OBITUARIES

Northern Colorado Remembers **Billie Jean Stumbo**

ALLNUTT FUNERAL SERVICE | DignityMemorial.com



On January 8, 2022, loving wife and mother Billie Jean Stumbo passed away peacefully at age 77.

Billie had a rare and deep love for her husband of 59 years, Steve Stumbo. She cared for her family and brought everyone together for amazing holiday and birthday celebrations. Billie was not a typical homemaker.

When her kids were young she balanced the usual stay-at-home mom responsibilities with helping to run the family's cattle ranch. Billie also showed her adventurous side in the hunting trips she took with her husband Steve, bowhunting whitetail, black bear, and wild turkey. Billie was known by friends and family to make the most amazing apple crisp, have the best luck at bingo, and for being the biggest Denver Broncos fan, ever.

Billie is survived by her husband Steve Stumbo, her son Steven Stumbo, daughter Julie Rohloff, her sister Hope Hill, and her four cherished granddaughters Kacey, Jamie, Abby, and Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents Wesley Crockett and Irene Mildred Cline as well as her siblings Donna, Shirley, Barbara, and Butch.



authorbarbarafleming.com)

Local Author and Historian, Barbara Frances Stimmel Fleming Dies at Age 85

NORTH FORTY NEWS | NorthFortyNews.com

Barbara passed awa on November 12, 2021. Barbara was born at Poudre Valley Hospital on January 12, 1936, to Lester and Margaret Stimmel in Fort Collins, who in 1929 came to Colorado Agricultural & Mechanical College to teach. Lester taught English for 40 years and Margaret taught bacteriology until her death in 1960.

Barbara studied English and writing at Colorado State University, eventually obtaining a master's degree in rhetoric. After raising two sons and a daughter with her first husband Harley Allbrandt, she worked as a journalist at the Fort Collins Coloradoan newspaper for several years.

As the daughter of two teachers, she then became what she had always known she would: a teacher of writing and literature.

She eventually wanted to write books of her own, beginning with Fort Collins: A Pictorial History (1985). She later wrote many other works. She also wrote a novel, Journeying (2019), loosely based on the

early history of Fort Collins. Barbara was well known for her weekly column in the Fort Collins Coloradoan newspaper, "A Walk Through History." Her book, Hidden History of Fort Collins

(2017), collected her newspaper columns.

Barbara was recently honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis's Who's Who in American

Barbara was known for being a regular visitor to the library, reading five to seven books a week, playing bridge whenever she could, volunteering with local nonprofits, and participating in a senior-center education program. Until this year, she lived in Fort Collins with her lively gray cat, Shadow.

Barbara was preceded in death by her second husband Tom Fleming, her parents, and brother Don Stimmel. She is survived by her sons, Clif Allbrandt (Lynn Crocker), and Ben Allbrandt (Jill Hoffman Allbrandt); daughter, Alison Day (Pat Clements); granddaughters Melissa Allbrandt and Sarah Allbrandt; and her sister, Peggy Stimmel Hutchinson.

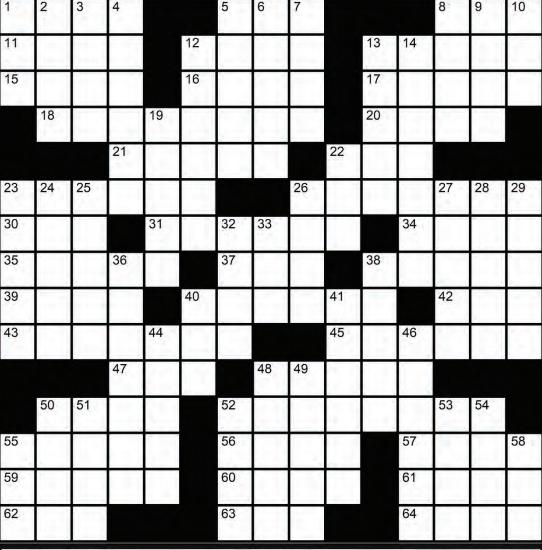
A public memorial service will be held on January 22, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the Lincoln Center, Canyon West Room, 417 W Magnolia St., Fort Collins, CO 80521

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, you consider making a memorial contribution to: Poudre Landmarks Foundation, 108 N Meldrum St., Fort Collins, CO 80521, or poudrelandmarks.org.

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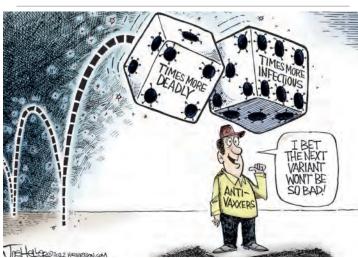
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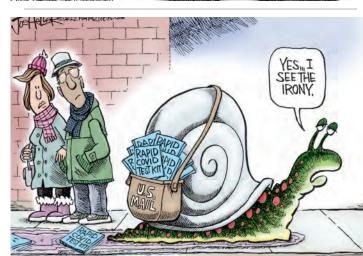
- 1. Shout from a ship?
- 5. Shout from the bleachers
- and don'ts
- 11. Infamous Henry's number
- 12. One with COVID, e.g.
- 13. Fighter jet button
- 15. Resting stops
- 16. Not guilty, e.g. 17. One of Singapore's official languages
- 18. *Home of last year's Super Bowl winners
- 20. Armor chest plate
- 21. *Given name of 2011 Super Bowl MVP
- 22. African grazer
- 23. Greek woodland deities
- 26. Ramones' hit "I Wanna Be ____
- 30. Big fuss
- 31. Like certain Chili Peppers (2 words)
- 34. Cattle call goal 35 Scatterbrained
- 37. Bonehead
- 38. In a different direction
- 39. JetÈ in ballet
- 40. More so than eggy
- 42. Conducted
- 43. Christmas firewood (2 words) 45. Annotator and commentator
- 47. Soda-pop container
- 48. Unpleasant and offensive
- 50. SWAT attack, e.g.
- 52. *Super Bowl I and II winning coach
- 55. Pertaining to a pope
- 56. Cain's unfortunate brother 57. Gives a hand
- 59. Anoint
- 60. BÈbÈ's mother
- 61. Season to be jolly
- 62. *Most Super Bowl wins by one team
- 63. Snoop
- 64. Carhop's load

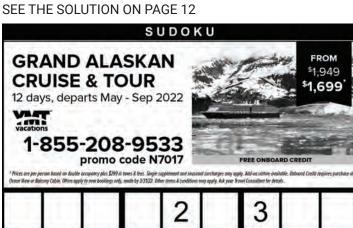
- 1. *Roman number of this year's Super Bowl
- ___ Misbehavin'''
- 3. Santa Maria's traveling partner
- 4. Despair in the face of obstacles
- 5. "The Hobbit" hobbit
- 6. "Caribbean Queen" singer
- 7. Colloquial approval
- 8. Cold cuts counter
- 9. South American tubers
- 10. Pig's digs
- 12. Not dense
- 13. Make corrections
- 14. *Florida team with no Super Bowl appearances
- 19. Return punch
- 22. Come and
- 23. Lamentably
- 24. Bye, to Edith Piaf 25. Bottom line
- 26 *2022 Super Bowl stadium
- 27. Upholstery choice
- 28. *Archie to Super Bowl MVPs Peyton and Eli
- 29. Exploits
- 32. *Super Bowl Halftime show Snoops's "last name"
- 33. Hardly a beauty
- 36. *Like some teams 38. Oenophile's concern
- 40. Many, many moons
- 41. Empower
- 44. Big Dipper's visible shape
- 46. Oppressive ruler
- 48. On the wagon
- 49. Nail salon board
- 50. Feminine of raja
- 51. Mt. Everest to Earth 52. Aladdin's light
- 53. Christian of fashion
- 54. Result of a brainstorm
- 55. Rudolf Nureyev's step 58. Stallone's nickname

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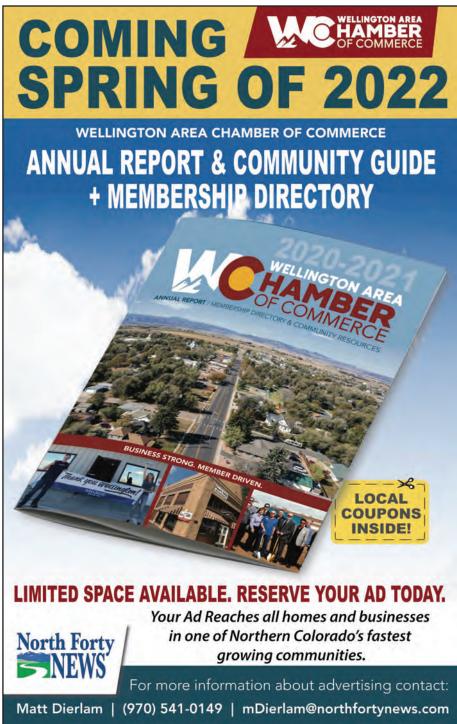
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