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BLAINE HOWERTON
Publisher, North Forty News

Dear North Forty News readers and supporters,

With the upcoming elections, it's more important than ever to show up — Register — and then — VOTE!

So, recently, local bandleader Dougie Anderson of The Bardots began polling his fellow musicians as to who would join him in performing at a free concert to encourage young adults to register to vote.

Anderson, North Forty News and The New SCENE Magazine teamed up to search for a venue and discovered The Downtown Artery was thinking along similar lines planning a free event for Election Day. Collaboratively, we created "Rock the Vote! / #I Voted!" along with other Election Day events going on nationwide.

With a stellar musical cast, this FREE concert of Northern Colorado musicians

promises to be a great endnote to a most important day — Election Day, Tuesday, November 6.

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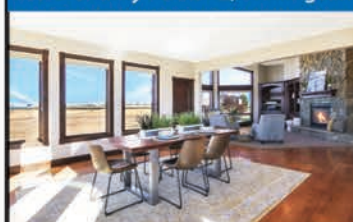
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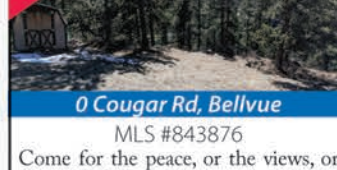
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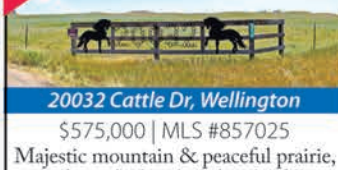
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Advantage Bank to Host Free Economic Outlook on November 15, 2018

Tim McCoy
Advantage Bank

Loveland, CO (October 18, 2018) – Advantage Bank will host its 2nd Annual Economic Outlook event on Thursday, November 15 at Embassy Suites in Loveland. The seminar will feature a presentation from Dr. Richard Wobbekind, Senior Economist and Associate Dean for Business and Government Relations at University of Colorado Boulder. Dr. Wobbekind will provide an update on the national, state and Northern Colorado economies including a look ahead to what can be expected in 2019.

“We are so pleased to host our Economic Outlook again this year as a free event for the Northern Colorado community,” said Advantage Bank President Jeff Kincaid. “Our guests can expect another insightful presentation from Dr. Wobbekind that will help them better understand what’s driving our current economic cycle and identify the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.”

The event will take place

from 7:30AM to 9:00AM on Thursday, November 15 at the Embassy Suites in Loveland. The event is open to both customers and non-customers of the bank, but seating is limited and registration is required. To learn more and register, visit www.advantagebanks.com/events.

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Loveland Ready Mix request postponed

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On Monday night, September 24, a vacancy on the Board of County Commissioners resulting from the recent death of Commissioner Lew Gaiter resulted in postponement of the final decision regarding a special review requested by Loveland Ready Mix to operate the Knox gravel pit and an accompanying batch plant in LaPorte.

The commissioners will reconvene on November 19, when a final vote is expected. On Thursday, September 27, a vote by the Republican Party Vacancy Committee will appoint someone to Gaiter’s position for the few weeks until the end of his term, creating a full complement of commissioners to hear comments from the applicant, a rebuttal by the opposition, and more public comments before a final vote is taken.

The hearing room in Larimer County Courthouse was close to filled on September 24. A total of 36 people signed up to speak and many went over the two-minute limit. The vast majority of the speakers were LaPorte residents expressing their strong opposition to approval of LRM’s special review request. They cited air quality, ground water, safety, health and noise issues in addition to



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Land use pending public notice sign stands at a proposed gravel pit site in LaPorte.

general incompatibility with the character of the community as reasons for opposing the special review request.

A few supporters tried to explain that LRM was a good neighbor and that the above issues were exaggerated. The intensity of feelings among LaPorte residents was often evident on their faces as they took their seats after speaking. Commissioner Steve Johnson welcomed each speaker warmly and was lenient regarding time

limits for what they had to say.

The meeting, which opened at 6:30 p.m., did not conclude until 10:20, and it is likely that the November 19 meeting will last as long. More than 3,000 people have signed petitions objecting to the Knox mine and batch plant and their determination remains strong despite the Larimer County Planning Commission’s unanimous recommendation to the county commissioners to approve the special review request.



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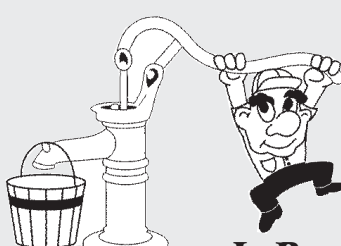


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Chance for a new life

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“There are still speed bumps,” Taylor Reed says. “It’s an ongoing journey.”

Reed, 26, is part of the New Life Program at Harvest Farm, operated by Denver Rescue Mission. Located north of Wellington just west of I-25, the program accepts up to 72 men in a nine to 12-month program designed to assist them in breaking addiction cycles and moving toward self-sufficiency. Reed has been a resident at the farm for seven months.

Harvest Farm was established in 1988 when Denver Rescue Mission took over the former Mercy Farm. They derive some income from raising and selling grass-fed beef to the public. They also raise vegetables for their own use.

In March, 2018, when Reed found his way to Harvest Farm, he was down to a few tough choices. With sincerity and candor, he shared his story. He grew up in rural Colorado in a family where drugs and alcohol were always part of the scene. “It started when I was six or seven,” Reed said of his addiction. “My family are high-functioning despite their drug and alcohol use and manage to be successful in spite of their habits.” He knows now that he is different.



PHOTO BY LIBBY JAMES

Taylor Reed, left and Harvest Farm Chaplain Peter Keohane.

He was working in an oil field near Cheyenne, Wyoming, when two events pushed him over the edge. A close friend died of an overdose, and his girlfriend dumped him. At the time he was struggling with sobriety, having spent two 30-day stints in treatment in the past.

At what he now sees as a tipping point in his life, Reed returned home to work with his brother repairing fences on a ranch. He had no problem finding drugs in the Lamar-Pueblo area near where he lived. “Highway 50 is commonly known as the ‘heroin highway,’” he explained. Before long, his paycheck was not enough to cover his drug habit. He began robbing drug dealers and running from the police. He was

using as frequently as 12 times a day. He attempted suicide, consuming a dose four times the strength of his usual hit. “I woke up angry that I wasn’t dead,” he said. “I was crazy.”

The following incident forced him into a decision. Either he was going to get clean, go to prison or die. He describes sharing a drug dose with a “using acquaintance” which he does not classify as a friend. Reed has a high tolerance for drugs but his acquaintance passed out and was not breathing when Reed tossed him into the back of his pickup and sped toward the nearest hospital 20 miles away. “The guy came back to life and popped up in the truck bed,” Reed said.

A subsequent police chase ended up with Reed in county jail

for a couple of weeks and a six-year sentence for avoiding police, a class five felony. Last March an understanding judge gave him a choice: treatment or prison.

At Harvest Farm he met chaplain Peter Keohane. For months now, Reed has been working hard to, in his words, “become the person I want to be.” His relationship with Keohane, who has been in recovery for 22 years and at Harvest Farm for five, has been critical in his steps toward recovery. Keohane earned his divinity degree from Denver Theological Seminary after his recovery. Both men acknowledge the importance of their faith in their lives.

There are many paths to recovery, according to Keohane. The 12-step program is available along with counseling, group therapy, psycho-education therapy, work and animal-assisted therapy. “Everyone is different and must be approached as an individual. We also recognize that no one is perfect,” Keohane said. While the Harvest Farm program is faith-based, religion is never forced on anyone. Keohane loves his work and says, “It’s a joy to work here.”

During phase one at the farm, residents are not allowed to leave the premises. Men work in the kitchen, on the farm or repairing and maintaining vehicles.

During this time they are offered counseling and must prove their ability to settle in and benefit from the program.

In phase two, they may leave the premises accompanied by someone at a higher level in the program. During this time, Reed continued his work at the farm. Now in phase three, he is able to commute to Fort Lupton where he works in a welding operation.

He will complete the New Life Program next April. He plans to find work in an oil field or as a heavy equipment operator. He will join an aftercare program at the farm and will have access to counseling and to Keohane. “Community is an important aspect while in recovery,” Keohane said. When asked about success rates, he explained that success is hard to quantify. “Some guys leave here and never do alcohol or drugs again. Others learn to manage limited use, and some find it impossible to break the cycle. We do accept men for a second try,” he said.

“Huge,” Reed says when asked about the role Christianity has played in his recovery. One day down the road, he wants to become a public speaker addressing addiction issues to an audience of young people.

Harvest Farm is free to participants and operates entirely on donations.

Loveland artist gives new life to old buildings

Lily Morford

North Forty News

Located in Downtown Loveland at 426 N. Lincoln Ave is a recently painted mural called “Ladyface” or “The Lady of Gressiwick” on the side of what’s now named “The Gressiwick” building.

Ladyface is a bright, colorful depiction of “an every woman” with a flowing blue braid, a foliage of metallic flowers and butterflies in her hair, and a set of interactive butterfly wings. It was created with a special mineral paint that forms a chemical bond to brick, giving the painting longevity and allowing it to have colorfastness, lightfastness, as well as survive the elements. It is approximately 6,000 square feet and is 26 feet high and 70 feet wide and is uniquely named -- just like the artist who painted her.

The new Loveland mural is the brainchild of Wildrose Hamilton -- a humble, multidisciplinary artist with a background in apparel, textile design, and painting and a passion for storytelling through visual arts.

“My dad decided that he wanted to name me ‘Wild’, but my older sister got to collaborate, and she wanted to name me ‘Rosy’, so they ended up with the name ‘Wildrose’. It gives a preconceived notion of who I am -- in fact my [now] boyfriend thought that I was an 80-year-old woman,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton is a Boulder, Colorado native with British roots whose mother and father moved from England to the states for her father’s continued work in astrophysics. Born to a woman who loved fashion, puppetry, creativity, and art, Hamilton attributes most of her love and artistic ability not only to her mother, but also to her father whose love for science and “black

holes” inspired her creative mind from an early age.

Even though she always knew she wanted to be an artist, Hamilton didn’t always know she wanted to be a painter until college when she decided to be work on a double major and study both apparel design and painting at Colorado State University.

She presently displays her artwork at art shows in Northern Colorado and works at EsScentuals in Fort Collins as the go-to girl for the store, where she writes newsletters, helps



PHOTO FROM WILDROSE HAMILTON

Wildrose Hamilton holds an umbrella while working on the Loveland Mural.

with sales, and does whatever is needed to keep the store running smoothly. But it was at one of her art shows in Fort Collins where she met Christina Gressiana -- the woman who asked Hamilton to create a painting on the side of her building.

“Christina approached me to paint the mural in June 2017, right after I had an art exhibition at Magnetic Gallery in Fort Collins. It was out of the blue. She is a photographer, and we met through a mutual artist-designer friend around 2010 or 2011. I had hired her to photograph



PHOTO FROM WILDROSE HAMILTON

The completed Loveland Mural.

a dress I created for Art Wear Fashion Week that year -- and they are wonderful photos, and after that we would follow each other on social media, but when she reached out in 2017 it was a complete surprise. She said, “The piece I wanted to buy from your art show was sold, but how would you like to mural my building?”

The Gressiwick (a building that was once home to Studio Vino) is now the home and business establishment of photographer Christina Gressiana and musician, Vi Wickham -- and of course, the building is cleverly named after them.

“Vi and Christina are artists themselves, musician and photographer respectively, are very involved in the Loveland community in both local government and community service and are big idea thinkers.

They wanted to create a big, positive impact in the community, and saw the Gressiwick as a way to channel that impact. It is Christina’s photography studio, as well as a venue and art space. Even though the interior is still being renovated, the Gressiwick has already hosted traveling musicians and is currently an exhibition space for the Loveland Art Studio Tour,” Hamilton continued.

Commissioned by Gressiana, Wickham, and The Visual Arts Commission, the mural took almost a year from conception to completion and about 30 days to paint with the help of two of Hamilton’s colleagues, Tom and Rachel Herrera. Even though Hamilton still adds touches to the it from time to time, the mural was officially finished on July 20th, 2018.

On November 9th, the city of Loveland will present a dedication plaque for the mural. An exhibition of Hamilton’s artwork will be inside the Gressiwick building for anyone who is interested in purchasing her work.

“Art is part of storytelling, and stories are what make accessible and allow us to understand and internalize it. Visual art is one of the many languages we have to communicate those stories. Art is an echo of humanity.”

WILDROSE HAMILTON

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Ferrets continue to fight for their future

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Wednesday, October 3, nine more black-footed ferrets scurried down prairie dog holes at Soapstone Prairie Natural Area north of Wellington. This writer joined dozens of people representing Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the City of Fort Collins, the Black-footed Ferret Conservation Center, and assorted naturalist volunteers to wish these animals well. Specifically, I followed a team led by Tina Jackson, Species Conservation Coordinator with Colorado Parks and Wildlife. She carried cages holding two females named Jingle and Elfie ready (or not) to begin a life on the open prairie.

Labels affixed to the animals' cages bore numbers identifying them: A studbook number and a tag number. The studbook number, as one might surmise, reveals their carefully monitored breeding history. In 1979, scientists thought this species of ferret, whose diet is 90% prairie dog, had gone the way of the dodo and the passenger pigeon. A Wyoming ranch dog named Shep proved them wrong in 1981 when he deposited a furry trophy on his owner's doorstep. Scientists recovered a remnant population of 130 ferrets, but that population suffered an attack of sylvatic plague that ultimately reduced the species to 18 individuals. Fifteen of these



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A black-footed ferret on lookout.

animals mated, but only seven actually constituted the founder population for the resurrected species. Careful breeding records became crucial. The tag number identifies animals recaptured in the wild. Each released animal is chipped so they can be identified. But ferrets hunt in the dark and are hard to find. Night surveys sometimes reveal their eyes glowing uniquely green, prowling about for an unsuspecting prairie dog

napping in her burrow. Jingle scooted into one prairie dog hole and stayed there, perhaps happy to get out of a chill wind. Several prairie dog mounds away, Elfie wasn't quite sure of the plan. She entered the hole; ducked in and out a few times, sometimes stretching her full weasel length to look around. At one point she scurried around the feet of several of us, looking up as if to say, "You're really going to leave me here?" Finally, she

entered the prairie dog burrow and stayed. Her heritage, which stretched back to a time when mammoths hulked over prairies chilled by glacial winds, must have whispered the truth: This was home.

On a hike across Soapstone recently, one person asked me, "Since there is so little prairie left, does it make sense to spend the time and effort to rescue the black-footed ferret?" Did he have a point? It's true that open prairie once covered 25% of the continental U.S. and now covers just 1%. But that one percent provides plenty of space for ferrets, and, moreover, ferrets are a bit like canaries in a coal mine. When ferrets thrive, you can be sure that the vast network of animals, plants, and microbes that constitute a healthy prairie are also alive and well. For an interesting interview with Pete Gober, the head of the Black-footed Ferret Conservation Center, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=427e8VOLcMg>.

I asked Tina Jackson this question as well. "For me," she said, "ferrets are important to conserve because they are a native species that is meant to live in our prairie habitats, and by conserving ferrets we are also conserving those important areas as well as the other prairie species. Black-footed ferrets are also the only species in that genus that is native to North America. Finally, and this one is big for me, the reasons that

ferrets declined (plague, loss of habitat) are human-caused and I think it is important that we as a species not cause the loss of other species."

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- The Black-Footed Ferret: Flagship Species for the Prairie Ecosystem
northfortynews.com/the-black-footed-ferret-flagship-species-for-the-prairie-ecosystem/
- Black-footed Ferret Recovery Program:
blackfootedferret.org
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Looking at the uniformity of human genetics and extrapolating back in time based on mutation rates in our genome, scientists tell us that our human species also survived an extinction crisis about 70,000 years ago. Our founding population then could have fit easily in one football stadium today. Perhaps we are primed to sympathize with another predator, shaped by ice and time, and teetering on the edge of survival.



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Ohh that smell...

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We’ve been listening to a lot of music we haven’t heard in years, thanks to Pandora. Some we love. Some we don’t, yet we sing along because the lyrics are still embedded in our brains 40 years later—like Lynyrd Skynyrd’s “Oh, That Smell.”

Music memories last forever, according to scientists and bolstered by poignant stories of people with Alzheimer’s still able to play the piano sonatas they learned before their brain so sadly deteriorated.

Memories of smells are stored differently than music in the brain. It’s the scent, plus all of the surrounding memories of place, time, and emotion, that are stored together. Which is why it’s surprisingly tough to identify a smell alone, without any of those other cues. (<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/07/180723155726.htm>)

A few weeks ago, I learned just how hard of a feat it is to peg a smell alone.

I was sound asleep, window open on my side of the bed in the last of those warm days, when a smell hit my nose.

“Electrical fire!”

That was the first connection my sleepy brain came up with. Overpowering acrid smell, so strong it was making my eyes water? Must be an electrical fire!

I leaped (okay, shuffled) out of bed, to the spinning fan in the



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN FINK
 The beautiful spotted skunk, just as “fragrant” as its striped cousin.

room. Sniff, sniff—nothing.

Just as I was about to wake up my sleeping husband, my tardy brain put 2 + 2 together, drawing on a memory of a few years ago.

Not an electrical fire.

A skunk.

We all know that perfume. But, boy, is it a different story up close, compared to driving past a dead skunk in the middle of the road. (Go ahead, sing the first line, I’ll wait.)

I’d first gotten that super-strong blast several years ago, when the spotted skunk that lived beneath our mountain cabin let loose outside the window one night.

We’d made “Spotty” a pet of sorts, putting out cat food down in his domain, and smiling whenever we smelled the faint signature aroma of his comings and goings.

Only once did we catch a glimpse of him, although we were sure hoping to one day see him doing his amazing handstand to warn off a predator before spraying. (Yes, a handstand! Here’s a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTQc-Web5h8>)

Spotted skunks are much less common than striped skunks, the usual species we see—and smell—in Northern Colorado. But their musk smells the same.

We never smelled Spotty again after that close-up spray. Cat food went uneaten.

“The owl must’ve gotten him,” we agreed, sadly. A pair of great horned owls—the only regular predator of skunks—were nightly visitors to our yard.

At previous homes, I’d made “pets” out of skunks that visited the bird feeders at night, or dug

for grubs and yellowjacket nests in the yard. Never once did one let loose near the house, until Spotty’s final night.

And now, once I realized that the acrid smell wasn’t an electrical fire, I pointed the fan out the window, turned it on “high,” pulled the covers over my head, and went back to sleep.

By morning, only the faintest

run-in with a striped skunk.

On our wedding night, when we took our dog outside the motel before bed.

An hour of scrubbing a reeking dog in the bathtub, then transferring her to the car to spend the night, and opening wide the room’s windows (brrr!) sure changed the honeymoon mood to helpless laughing.



PHOTO BY SALLY ROTH
 “Whitey,” a striped skunk friend, who scavenged for spilled birdseed at night.

of aromas still lingered. And husband Matt, grrr, had slept through it all unawares.

Unfortunately, skunks may carry rabies, parvovirus, and leptospirosis—nasty diseases, all. So give them plenty of respectful space, and watch your dogs at night.

Oh yeah, that reminds me—we did have another closeup

Which was reinforced the next day when we walked into a coffee shop and other customers raised their noses, sniffing.

Ohhh, that smell! No, it sure isn’t as appealing as the aroma of a roasting turkey or the cinnamon scent of a bubbling apple pie. Still, sentimental memories of all sorts linger long after the smell is gone.

Got an itch?

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Ever notice your pets scratching, chewing their paws, licking excessively, or rubbing their ears? There are a lot of causes of itching in pets such as fleas, mites, or infection that can be easily identified and treated. But, when those causes have been ruled out, we often see allergies as a cause of chronic itching in our pets.

In people, we think of allergies when the seasons change (like now) and we find ourselves watery-eyed and sneezing. However, our pets tend to manifest allergies in their skin and ears. Signs of allergies include itching, recurrent skin and ear infections, red or pigmented skin, and sometimes apparent scratches with hair loss. The most common allergies in pets are flea, food, and environmental allergies.

Flea allergy is the most common and these pets are specifically allergic to the saliva of the flea. Just one bite can cause a severe reaction, so a flea bite allergy can be the culprit even when you cannot find a flea on your pet. Once in your house, the fleas can be present throughout the winter as well. This is why flea control is recommended year-round, especially for our itchy patients.



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Pets with food allergies typically have hypersensitivities to proteins in their diet which can develop at any point in their life. Unfortunately, there is no specific test for food allergies outside of a “diet trial” in which a prescription diet is fed over the course of a few months and then challenged by feeding the old diet to see if the clinical signs return. The great benefit of food allergies is that they can be treated by strictly feeding a prescription diet.

Atopy, or environmental allergies, is an allergic reaction to a harmless substance such as pollen or dust mites. It can be diagnosed by intradermal skin testing or sometimes through blood tests. There

are a variety of treatments including medications to control the clinical signs and immunotherapy to reduce their reactions over time.

Allergies are not curable and tend to worsen over time. Getting control of the allergies is essential because chronic inflammation of the skin and ears makes our pets uncomfortable and leads to recurrent infections. If we determine the underlying cause and appropriately treat it, pets with allergies can lead happy and healthy lives. If you have questions about potential allergies in your pet, we are happy to see them at Wellington Veterinary Hospital.



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Gearhead Diary

Resistance is futile

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“I fear change.” Or, “It still works.” Or, “I can fix it if it breaks.”

Those are my typical replies when folks ask why I’m still using Windows XP, or why I keep the old points-and-condenser ignition system in my old cars rather than “upgrading” to electronic ignition. I used a rotary phone until I moved to where there were no phone lines.

I’ve spent my life seeking out older technologies that I understand. Stuff that can be fixed with a wrench and a screwdriver. Or a hammer. I’ve managed to repair many old rotary dial phones that didn’t work.

I was also pretty quick to friendly up to touch-tone phones. In fact, I thought they were pretty neat, as opposed to their rotary counterparts. Especially if the number I was calling had lots of eights, nines, or zeros. Touch-tone was easy. And I repaired a couple, when the problem (usually a bad connection) was obvious.

Flip-type cell phones weren’t too awful hard to operate. Not that I ever had one. I didn’t. But I could figure out how to use a borrowed one in a pinch. Fix one? Never even considered it.

Asking to borrow a phone now, and being offered a “smart phone,” I ask the owner to make the call for me. So they do, then hand the device to me. I hold it like it’s a Fabergé egg, hoping not to break it. Scary stuff.

Somehow or other, all my grease-and-grit friends seem to have latched onto this newer technology that I have eschewed. “Text me,” they’d say. “Huh?” would be my reply.

Working in the garage and realizing a part or tool was needed, I would see friends tap on their “phone” a couple of times to watch a quick tutorial video showing how to complete their project. Or they would order up a missing part or needed tool, and the next day, the UPS guy would deliver the required item.

It’s the way the world is now,

and I finally gave in. Planning a road trip, our first step was to renew our AAA membership. And, without a phone, AAA doesn’t do much good if you get into a pickle.

We needed a phone. And while we were at it, it seemed like a good idea to get one that can do more than just make

messages. Even by talking at this new device and letting it do the typing for us.

Yep. Resistance is futile, I guess. We still don’t know how to use this thing to its potential. We never will, I suppose.

Our phone service plan has no contract, so I won’t worry about breaking it when we get



PHOTO BY MATT BARTMANN
Modern day motel communications: A proper phone, an old computer, and a smart phone that’s probably smarter than I am.

phone calls. Maps? Sure. And knowing from experience just how unreliable motel wifi can be, we wanted to be able to “hot-spot” the phone so we can have internet anywhere we have a cellphone connection.

Unlimited data? You bet. Then we can stream music into the car stereo. Handy, since all the CDs we own are annoyingly scratched, and they all skip.

So we bought a smart phone. And a plan that provides all these luxuries. It’s been great! Good music on the road, maps at our fingertips. And we can make phone calls. Neat stuff!

After five days on the road, we were told via “text” that our voicemail wasn’t set up. So we learned how to set up the voicemail.

Three days later, we figured out how to actually check our voicemail.

Another two days, and we figured out how to send text

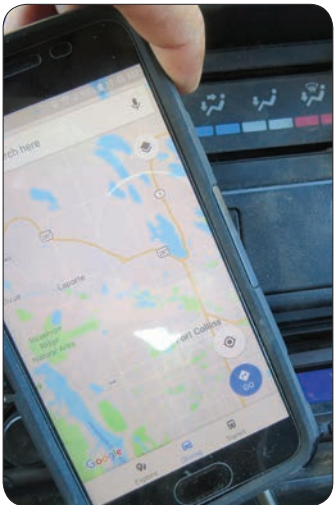


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Everything you need when on the road. A heater, a radio, and a “smart” phone.

home. Until then, I’ll hold it like an egg.

And if it breaks, well, I’ll have that hammer at the ready, should I feel it’s the best tool to “fix” the thing.

Opportunities abound in slowing market



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With the changing of the leaves come changes in the real estate market. Compared to the fever pitch of real estate sales in the late spring and early summer, fall and winter naturally bring a slowdown in the market. This year, there are extenuating circumstances that are contributing to a greater than normal lull.

Election cycles bring uncertainty, and this year’s mid-term elections are no exception. Purchasing real estate is a significant financial investment, and many purchasers wait until the outcome of elections have been finalized. In particular, Proposition 112, which would increase setback requirements for new oil wells has those relying on the oil and gas industry putting any purchases on hold.

Long-term mortgage interest rates have been slowly creeping higher, affecting monthly payments for home purchasers. Putting things in a historical perspective, rates are still extremely low, however, upward trends in rates naturally cause

a slowing in sales until rates normalize.

These trends provide opportunities for buyers that were lost in the extreme seller’s market. The Northern Colorado real estate industry has been seeing fewer multiple offer situations, higher days on the market, and, can you believe it, price reductions. Two years ago, sellers wouldn’t even look at a contingency of a home selling, but now, contingent offers are common. Negotiations that benefit the buyer are back on the table after a home has spent weeks on the market without offers. Seller paid closing costs are even making a comeback. First-time home buyers with no or low money down loan programs such as VA, FHA or USDA, who lost to competing cash or significant money down offers, now have a chance to enter the market.

Although we are seeing a leveling in the real estate playing field, long term projections are still predicting a strong residential real estate market for Northern Colorado in coming years. Now may be the perfect time to take advantage and make that move.

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Gearing up for giving

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The Food Bank for Larimer County is more prepared than ever to get food to people who need it. The kitchen at their new location in Loveland is 212% larger with a deep freezer and two cold storage areas. Each year, nearly 170,000 meals come out of the kitchen now. The need for more meals is increasing.

“In a nutshell the move was really to expand the space, increase efficiency and make it a more enjoyable experience for our volunteers,” said Paul Donnelly, Communications Manager with the Food Bank For Larimer County. Volunteers donated nearly 39,000 hours last year (38,546 to be exact).

A larger space is just one part of the solution to get more people fed in Northern Colorado. This year, the Food Bank received a 53 foot, 18 wheeler refrigerated semi-truck from a generous donor. The organization will use the truck for the first time to help gather more than 3,000 turkeys.

“Every Thanksgiving is a challenge. We have over 100 programs that we work with. The local food stores don’t start putting turkeys out in large quantities until mid-November and we have to turn them around within 7-10 days,” said Donnelly. One of their solutions is to centralize the receiving of the donations at a one-day event on November 15th.

The 1st annual Stuff the

Truck Event will be located in the old K-mart shopping center at College and Drake from 3-6pm. The food bank hopes to collect thousands of turkeys within hours, cutting back on the logistics and expense of gathering food at many different locations. For the first time they will have the capacity of a tractor-trailer to collect the turkeys and keep them cool in a refrigerated truck.

Another very successful program is called the Turkey Roundup (in partnership with the Poudre School District). The competition among schools helps the food bank gather well over one thousand turkeys for people in need. In recent years, PSD schools have donated an average of 1,750 frozen turkeys annually (1,674 in 2017, 1,961 in 2017, 1,623 in 2015).

The 32nd annual Cans Around the Oval wrapped up in mid-October. The food bank (in partnership with CSU’s SLiCE, Student Leadership Involvement and Community Engagement) collected 35,456 pounds of non-perishable items to feed the hungry this year. Financial donations were higher than ever with a record breaking \$61,459.00 raised.

“We want to thank all who contributed food and monetary donations, participated in CANstruction, and volunteered at Collection Day,” said Sarah Stephens, senior program coordinator for the Student Leadership, Involvement, and Community Engagement (SLiCE)



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A line forms outside of the Larimer County Food Bank.

office, which leads the annual Cans efforts. “We also thank the Food Bank for Larimer County for their continued partnership and support with this program. We are so appreciative of the collective efforts and the significant donations raised to better support food insecure folks and alleviate some of the burdens experienced by these individuals in our greater community. We are so appreciative of everyone at CSU and in the community who gave generously this year.”

For those in need, resources are available through an extensive list of community partners throughout Northern Colorado.

Four mobile food pantries drive to locations, creating outreaches in rural areas. More permanent community pantries are available in strategic places throughout Larimer County. For a full list of community and mobile food pantries - https://foodbanklarimer.org/where_do_i_go/

The message of giving is plentiful during Thanksgiving, but the Food Bank for Larimer County needs help throughout the year . “Our biggest challenge is reminding people that giving all year round is important,” said Donnelly. Programs in other seasons help with that (such as

collections from area scouting troops, mail carriers, churches and other strategic partnerships).

Financial giving is the most effective way for the organization to get food to those in need. The Food Bank for Larimer County website claims they provide \$5 in food for every \$1 given. Donations can be given online at - <https://foodbanklarimer.org/>

HOW TO HELP THE FOOD BANK

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A local legend gets a new name: Welcome Mountain Avenue Market

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In the late ‘60s and early ‘70s, after years of packaged foods, canned soups and TV dinners, the concept of “natural food” began to take hold. The vegetarian diet gained popularity as influential books such as “Diet for a Small Planet,” “Laurel’s Kitchen” and the “Tassajara Bread Book” became the bibles of the kitchen. Nutty brown rice led the procession of grains, beans and fresh (not canned!) vegetables were on their way to the dinner tables of the enlightened. Handy but tasteless Wonder Bread disappeared from school lunch boxes to be replaced by dense slices of homemade whole grain bread spread with fresh ground peanut butter and one of many varieties of unfiltered honey or sugar-free jams.

Waves of buying clubs emerged in cities and college towns, enabling members to save money by buying in bulk from nearby suppliers. In 1972, a group of concerned citizens jumped on the cooperative bandwagon, and the Fort Collins Food Co-op was born under the leadership of two couples — George and Nancy Wallace and Dick and Susan Sawrey. The concept caught on quickly among the neighbors as many of the food products available at the co-op were not found in local grocery stores. By fall 1972, the



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MOUNTAIN AVENUE MARKET ARCHIVES
The Fort Collins Food Co-op is now the Mountain Avenue Market and at 46 years old, is going stronger than ever! This photo is from the early seventies.

buying club had grown to the point that its members agreed to incorporate and look for a space to rent. In 1974, the Articles of Incorporation was accepted by the state of Colorado and the new co-op found its first home at 700 W. Mountain Ave. In 1978, the co-op moved to its present location. The co-op struggled mightily until 1982, when the business began to eke out a profit. Now, it has a new name to mark on its 46-year timeline.

The Fort Collins Food Co-op is now the Mountain Avenue Market. After several remodels

and reorganization over the years, the store is now even more up to date, spacious, and well-lit. The store employs 10-12, and one employee who repackages materials for discounts on merchandize.

Anyone may shop at the store, but becoming a member not only supports the business, it offers a number of benefits. The investment costs \$160 and can be made in payments from 16 payments at \$10 per month to eight quarterly payments of \$20, four quarterly payments of \$40, or a single payment of \$160.

A member/ownership is valid for the entire family, including spouses, partners and children all living in the same household. Benefits include 20 percent discounts on special orders, election voting rights, discounts with other co-ops across the country and profit sharing.

Part of the attraction of the store is the availability of bulk items. Shoppers can bring their own containers and buy exactly the quantities they need of a number of food items and other products, such as soaps, toiletries and essential oils. Honey, soy

sauce, molasses, several types of flours, beans, rice, nuts, and cereals are some of the bulk products available to shoppers. Bringing one’s own containers cuts down considerably on the waste incurred by disposables and is environmentally sound, one of the core concepts of the cooperative philosophy. Attractive glass containers are available for purchase at the market in a variety of sizes and shapes.

Products not seen in the early days are a small selection of local and organic meat products. Wisdom Farms of Haxtun, Colo., features organic poultry. Chicken is always available and turkeys can be ordered for the holidays (always worth the trouble, by the way). Locally farmed and processed steaks and other cuts of beef, plus chorizo and Italian sausage are also available. There is a selection of organic dog and cat food, both canned and dry. The deli offers sandwiches made fresh every day, along with salads, crackers, and fresh fruits and vegetables from local growers. The daily menu can be found at <https://www.fcfood.coop/market/deli/>.

Be sure to stop at the Mountain Avenue Market on your next stroll through Old Town. All the yummy, fresh, organic goodness may inspire you to skip the restaurant and opt for a picnic in the park instead.

Gaia Grows

Sustainable livestock solutions for Northern Colorado

Kathleen Miller
Gaia's Farm & Gardens

Llamas are the perfect sustainable livestock choice for any farm or ranch because they are quiet, gentle and affectionate and they don't take a lot of work. The Aymaran Indians who live near Lake Titicaca in Peru and Bolivia call the llama a "speechless brother" because only a brother would carry the burdens they do without complaint. Llamas are a hardy, durable, low maintenance animal.

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When you look at a llama you can see its soul as it gazes back sympathetically with those huge eyes, ears perked up, like it understands you and really cares about your problems. These irresistible qualities may explain their popularity as pets and as livestock guards on farms and ranches. A few decades ago, they were almost unheard of in this country.

Today there are about

200,000 in the United States, according to the International Llama Registry, which keeps

a more suitable guard for your livestock. They are very protective of their owners and

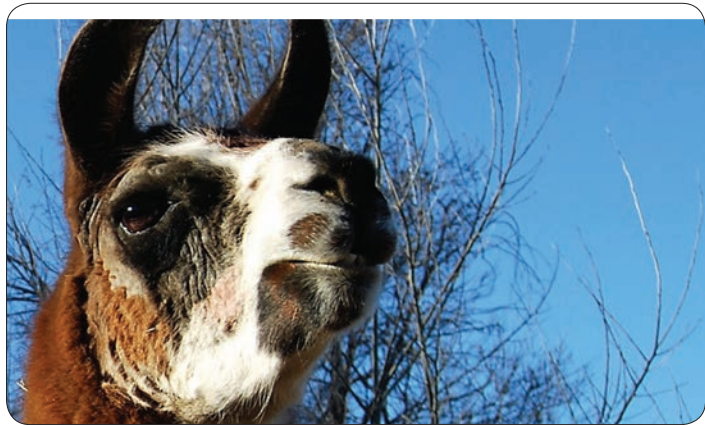


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genealogical records. A Llama is your friend and will steal your heart. They also make very attractive walking lawn ornaments and lawn mowers, recycling your grass clippings into nutrient-rich ready to use fertilizer for your garden. Llamas are picky eaters and prefer hay, grass, minerals, and grain and they cost about the same to feed as a big dog. Llamas are strictly outdoor animals, and males must be kept separate from females, otherwise, they will mate nonstop.

You can also have male llamas castrated to make

of the flock of animals that they are assigned to guard such as sheep or goats. Even though llamas are standoffish at first, they are intelligent and curious and need to get to know you. And those stories about spitting, most llama owners will tell you, are exaggerated: llamas will spit at other llamas to establish social hierarchies, but unless they feel threatened, they rarely spit at people.

They're just so calming and enjoyable to be around; you can tell them all your secrets and your problems. They know all your likes and dislikes when I'm mad or I'm happy, they simply go with the flow and just listen and don't tell anyone. That capacity, some believe, stems from an innate intuition. Llamas have an amazing sixth sense. They are very good with people with special needs, so it should come as no surprise that some llamas dispense that comfort professionally.

Ambassador llamas visit schools, churches, and libraries; therapy llamas spend time with the sick, elderly and disabled.

At some llama shows, there is a category called public relations, in which a llama's ability to offer solace is evaluated through tasks like lowering its head to greet someone in a wheelchair.

My Levi used to do this when I was taking care of my mother at the farm when she had two brain tumors. He would walk in her place and kiss her on the top of her head when she was in her wheelchair. He just knew this is someone who needs me. All llamas hum; in particular, mothers hum to their babies, which hum back. It's a curious behavior, but one that most people find soothing.

Until recently, llamas were hard to come by here. For most of the 20th century, it was illegal to import them because of foot-and-mouth disease; the largest herds were at William Randolph Hearst's estate in San Simeon, Calif., and the Catskill Game Farm in New York. Most people associate llamas with Peru, where they haul packs up the Andes and guard flocks of sheep.

In the United States, some llamas do similar kinds of work. As pets llamas are often treated like members of the family: petted, shampooed and groomed, shuttled to llama shows and trotted out to schools, hospitals, and nursing homes, where they spread their special brand of Zen. Owners must check them carefully to see if they are hurt or sick because llamas are so stoic they seldom complain. If they don't have health problems, they can live for decades. Today, llamas are enjoyed by many people in this country and used as show animals, fiber producers, pack animals, hiking companions, therapy animals and pets.

GAIA'S FARM AND GARDENS AWARDED TOP ENVIRONMENTAL AND ANIMAL WELFARE CERTIFICATION

This certification and food label lets consumers know these animals are raised outdoors on pasture or range in accordance with the highest animal welfare standards in the U.S. and Canada, using sustainable agriculture methods on an independent farm. Consumer Reports has rated Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW as a "highly meaningful" label for farm animal welfare, outdoor access and sustainability--and the only animal welfare certification they "have any confidence in."

Like other Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW farmers across the country, Kathleen Miller recognizes the growing consumer interest in how animals are raised on farms. Managing animals outdoors on pasture or range has known benefits for animals, consumers and the environment.

Gaia's Farm and Gardens is situated at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, along the historic Overland Trail where pioneers once ventured on their way to California. Miller raises Black Cochon laying hens and Indian Runner duck breeds, as they're a good fit for the pasture-based management of the farm. The birds have free access to pasture and range and regularly receive garden clippings to supplement their diet. Gaia's Farm and Gardens chose to become Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW for their animals to showcase their exemplary animal husbandry practices to their customers.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

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Kentwood Real Estate announces new expansion to Fort Collins

North Forty News

Kentwood Real Estate, an affiliate of Berkshire Hathaway, announced October 17 the formal opening of a new office in Fort Collins, named Kentwood Northern Properties.

“The new Kentwood Northern Properties office is a welcome addition to our Kentwood family,” said Gretchen Rosenberg, CEO and president of Kentwood.

The Northern Properties office will mark Kentwood’s fourth residential Colorado office, joining Kentwood Real Estate DTC, Kentwood Real Estate Cherry Creek, and Kentwood City Properties in downtown Denver. Kentwood Real Estate also offers a commercial office, Kentwood Commercial and a leasing and property management office, Denver Rental.

The REALTORS® joining to form the Kentwood Northern Properties team are top-producing brokers Shirley Watson who will be the office’s employing broker, Catherine Rogers, residential broker-associate, Andrea Stull, residential broker-associate, Kris Laine, commercial and residential broker-associate, William Gedge, office administrator, Tim Gannon, licensed professional assistant and Carol Kauffman, licensed professional agent.

North Forty News asked the Rosenberg the following questions:

Why has Kentwood chosen Fort Collins for the expansion at this point (over any other city/town in the state)?

We have toyed with the idea to eventually expand our footprint into the Northern region of Colorado, but didn’t have any specific plans until the agents in our new office contacted us. Fort Collins is a destination for its many wonderful attributes,

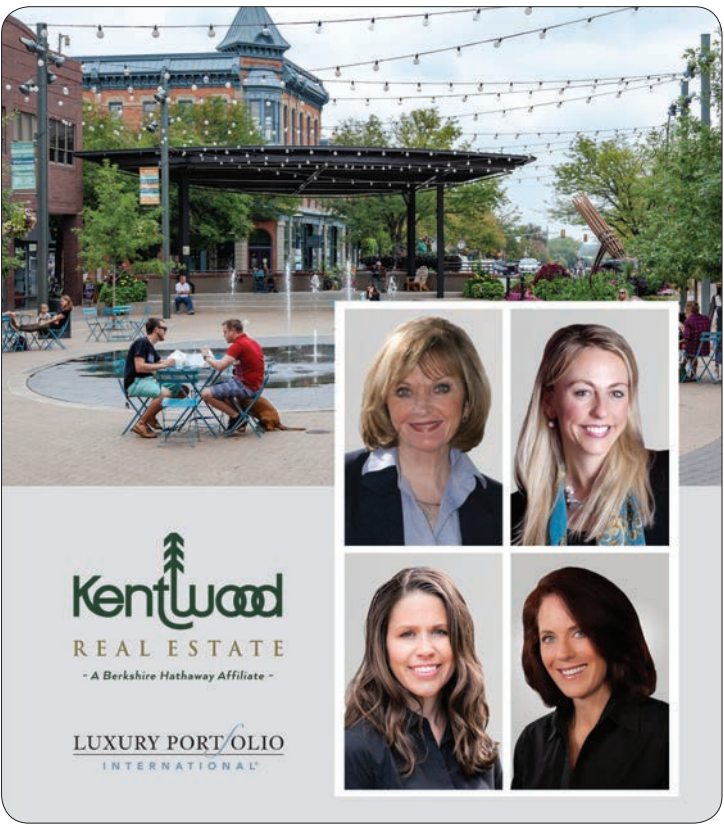
from its beauty to recreational activities. When we were presented with an opportunity to open an office with the top luxury REALTORS® in the Fort Collins market, the decision became a simple one. The synergies between our new team in Fort Collins and our brokers in the metro-Denver market align, and we are looking forward to extending our international luxury brand to homebuyers and sellers throughout Fort Collins. We’ll also have a commercial real estate specialist to assist investors.

It’s your 4th location, next to Denver (2 locations) and in the DTC - does that speak to the Real Estate conditions in Northern Colorado?

We are better able to service clients in this region of the state with a physical presence and there is certainly a great deal of activity to warrant this move. Real estate conditions in Northern Colorado are strong and dynamic. With our new Fort Collins office, we can help clients with their real estate needs throughout their life transitions - whether relocating for a job or looking to make a lifestyle change. Northern Colorado is a gem and we’re excited to add to our Kentwood family in a beautiful region of our state.

Can you give us a quick update on the Real Estate market conditions as a whole in Northern Colorado versus the rest of the state?

The Northern Colorado market has experienced exceptional growth over the last few years and is projected to continue to be strong, as evidenced by continued housing price growth (10%+), low unemployment and the continued demand for affordable housing. Housing prices less than \$500,000 are experiencing exceptional demand with days on the market typically under 5 days.



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While homes in the \$500,000 to \$2 million range typically take longer, these markets also continue to be strong. Employers are targeting Northern Colorado as a great place to do business. The workforce is highly educated with overall demographics showing an average younger age than the Denver market and a high housing demand for young families with children. Schools are exceptional and Fort Collins boasts as one of the highest number of restaurants per capita in the country. Recreational opportunities abound with proximity to the mountains, Colorado State athletic programs and one of the most bicycle friendly cities in the United States. All of this continues to underscore the need for a preeminent real estate company that is highly tuned into the needs of buyers and sellers, as well as local employers

seeking to recruit new talent into the community. To add to that, there are no indicators that these trends will end soon. This is shown by the tremendous growth of the population and housing opportunities in the surrounding areas of Windsor, Loveland, Longmont, Timnath, Greeley, Wellington, Red Feather Lakes and Livermore.

North Forty News targets readers in all of Northern Colorado, including rural areas (Red Feather Lakes, Livermore, Windsor, Wellington, etc). Please give us an idea how Kentwood can help our readers in those areas with their office in Fort Collins.

The population is expanding to the north, east and south of Fort Collins, only limited by the Rocky Mountains to the west. The Kentwood Northern Colorado Properties office is positioned to service each of these areas and

plans on dramatically expanding with real estate professionals who will focus on these communities, and the housing needs of an expanding population. While the physical office may be in Fort Collins, it is centrally located to serve the entire Northern Colorado region.

We believe Kentwood Northern Properties will be the premier real estate group focusing on the entire region with agents who are highly qualified, have many years of experience in the Northern Colorado market and can offer the highest level of customer quality and satisfaction. We continue to believe in a strong real estate market, but Kentwood Northern Properties will also be uniquely positioned should the market contract and housing growth slow, as often happens on a cyclical basis. When this occurs, buyers and sellers will search for experience, quality and satisfaction.

Explain the Kentwood experience over other companies? Are there distinct differences?

Kentwood is built on the foundation of broker excellence. Only the most professional, ethical and knowledgeable top-producing REALTORS® are selected to be affiliated with our esteemed brand. All Kentwood real estate brokers are REALTORS®, and have a proven track record of over \$12 million in annual sales volume on average. Furthermore, Kentwood Real Estate is a Colorado-grown company that has deep roots in the local community, yet is internationally recognized by affiliation with Berkshire Hathaway, reaching consumers across the globe. Kentwood is a member of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World, Luxury Portfolio International and Who’s Who in Luxury Real Estate, providing access to luxury agents across the globe.

For women who seek adventure

North Forty News

Fort Collins is considered by many the perfect town to embrace the love of outdoors, community, and fitness. So as a local who loves to hike and camp, McKenzie Murray saw the need for women’s clothing geared to outdoor adventure that was stylish and durable and yet produced by ethically-conscious manufacturers.

Running Blue Harvest Apparel, at 115 East Mountain Avenue she noticed her business thrived best when she fully engaged her sales associates teaching them how to run a shop, order merchandise, research new lines, and run social media.

“I’m really passionate about providing our employees with a sense of ownership which turns out to be exceedingly helpful to CSU students pursuing a career in fashion,” said Murray. So she makes it a point to hire and train them, including on occasion, taking them on buying trips where their cutting edge advice often proves invaluable.

Stillwater Outdoor Culture at 126 South College was conceived as a store that satisfies the lifestyle needs of women who are interested in leading a life of adventure. With interchangeable layers that adapt to any season or activity, (especially here in Colorado where if you don’t like the weather all you have to do is



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wait fifteen minutes) this apparel is both stylish and practical.

Murray is committed to providing her clientele with friendly one-on-one personalized service, both authentic and product knowledgeable.

“Come in and see our new digs at 126 South College and we hope you will make Stillwater Outdoor Culture your destination to outfit your life of adventure,” said Murray.

Fitness1 in Wellington nearly doubles in size

Wellington Chamber of Commerce

The Wellington Area Chamber Of Commerce provided a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the expansion of Fitness1 on Saturday, October 6th.

Fitness1 has completed a 3,000 ft. facility expansion. An increase of almost 80% more workout space!

Since the fall of 2017 Fitness1 set a goal and completed the following items:

- Expanded cardio area
- More and all new equipment in 2018
- 3x larger child care
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- Second massage studio
- Physical Therapist
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Friends of Red Feather Lakes Library help it grow

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Red Feather Lakes Community Library

By the time you read this National Friends of the Library Week – an annual event in late October – will have passed. However, the good these groups accomplish – and we’re speaking specifically now of our local Friends group – Friends of Red Feather Lakes Community Library – extends through the full year and influences, heightens and extends the full range of services that Your Library offers.

This month, we’re going to talk that talk and detail a bit how, who, and why that’s done.

Friends of Red Feather Lakes Community Library is a nonprofit 501(c3) organization founded and organized through the sole purpose of supporting and enhancing Your Library’s goals and mission. That means, publicity, volunteer support and fundraising. All these are important, much-needed tasks. You see the benefits every day at Your Library.

Membership now stands at about 100 individuals under the leadership of President Maureen Paque and the Friends Board of Directors consisting of Betty Cunningham, Shirley DeLano, Megan Henderson, Susan Sheehan, Tammi Miller, Nancy Casadevall and Terri Davis. These are citizen volunteers who have recognized both the need and importance of community library support and have chosen to do something about it.

The board of directors meets five times annually, monthly May through September. In August the group co-hosts – with the Red Feather Mountain Library District Board of Trustees – a library volunteer appreciation dinner that gives

credit where credit is due to those many volunteers that make library services happen.

In late June there’s an annual membership meeting and dinner. This past June that was held at Fox Acres and participants were treated to good food, good music and through large plate-glass windows were treated to the view of a rainbow over eastern hills and a bear sauntering up the road across the lake.

An important part of Friends activities is fundraising. That is accomplished through annual membership dues, the three big used book sales on the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Fire Days (Labor Day) weekend, year-round used book sales in the library entrance hallway, varying auctions and raffles – including a spectacular quilt donated by Mountain Meadows Quilters. Direct donations are gladly accepted.

The Wild West Relay is another important annual fundraiser each August, chaired the last couple of years by Friends coordinator Diana Reeves and consists of volunteering at one of several ‘exchanges,’ timing runners and providing snacks and water.

However, the bottom line are how these generated funds are used: for books, DVDs and other library materials, programs and programming for both adults and children; library improvement and enhancement: carpeting, painting, interior lighting, repairs, courier interlibrary loan service and many other projects that benefit Your Library and Your Community. In a phrase, directly benefiting You.

Friends membership is open any time of the year to all for nominal annual dues. Participate as much or as little as you’d like. It all helps. Contact the library at 970-881-2664 (or come in) for a membership form.



Roamin’ the Range

Make a night of it! Follow up a special dinner with an evening of theatre in a single location. Below find several opportunities to choose from along the Front Range. Some of these venues require some travel, but none are more than an hour or so away. The listings include the entire 2018-19 season, making it possible to plan ahead. A great way to celebrate an important occasion.

Jesters Dinner Theatre, 224 Main St. in Longmont (303-682-9980), features Irving Berlin’s **Annie Get Your Gun**, through Nov. 5 and again January 4-27, 2019. Shows are Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons. Between Nov. 30 and Dec. 30, the theatre will recreate a musical version of **A Christmas Carol**, a classic that they have been performing for 20 years. Jesters welcomes the new year with **Shrek**, the musical, a student production that hits the stage Jan. 3-27, Thursday evenings, Saturday matinees and Sunday evenings. **Jekyll and Hyde**, the musical, is scheduled for Feb. 1-April 14 followed by **The Wizard of Oz**, April 17-July 7. **Nunsense** comes to life July 12-Sept. 29, 2019.

Longmont Theatre Company, 513 Main St., in historic Longmont Performing Arts Center (303-772-5200) www.longmonttheatre.org, will perform **A Christmas Carol** Nov. 23 through Dec. 8. They open the new year with **Young Frankenstein**, a musical adaption of the film classic, Feb. 1-16, followed by **Anatomy of Gray** March 15-23, the UK version of **Chess**, a complex rock opera, May 3-18.

Midtown Arts Center, 3750 S. Mason St. in Fort Collins (970-225-2555), has two distinct venues. In the ballroom, you can enjoy appetizers, cocktails and desserts. The dinner theatre features full meals. In the ballroom, **The Roy Orbison Experience** plays through Nov. 18. In the dinner theatre, the **West Side Story**, a modern version of Romeo and Juliet, completes its run on Nov. 11. **The Heart of the Holiday**, a new holiday show, plays in the dinner theatre Nov. 23-Dec. 24. It offers stories, music, dance and memories that make the holiday season special. The 1930’s

musical parody **Dames at Sea** opens Jan. 3 and runs through March 10 in the dinner theatre. In the ballroom, **My Way** opens Jan. 10-March 17. This is a musical tribute to the man whose music defined an American generation. In the dinner theatre, **My Fair Lady**, the classic favorite, opens March 21 and runs through May 26. This show won six Tony awards including best musical production when it first opened in 1956. It is still running on Broadway. **Matilda the Musical**, from the story by Roald Dahl, takes the stage in the dinner theatre June 7-Aug. 11, the Colorado premiere of the story of a girl who takes a stand and changes her destiny.

Boulder Dinner Theatre, now **BDTStage**, www.BDTstage.com, (303-449-6000), 5501 Arapahoe in Boulder, features food from around the world and Broadway-type shows. **I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change** ends its run Nov. 3. Nov. 10 through Jan. 5, **A Christmas Story**, a musical based on the 1983 film about Ralphie Walker who wants only one thing for Christmas, is filled with funny and heartfelt songs. A hilarious hit musical, **Disenchanted**, plays Jan. 11 through March 31. **Motones vs Jerseys** arrives April 3-26 for a limited engagement featuring the ultimate 1960’s musical battle. **Beauty and the Beast**, a romantic take on the beloved fairy tale, spans the summer season, May 4-Sept. 21. In the Cabaret series, nationally recognized Face Vocal Band presents two concerts Nov. 26-7. Feb. 25-6, **A Legend Lives On** pays tribute to the Glenn Miller Band with three concerts. The Kids Kabaret performs **Scrooge** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 and **Rapunzel** Feb. 20-May 24.

Candlelight Dinner Playhouse, 4747 Marketplace Drive, Johnstown (970-744-3747), offers five shows in its eleventh season. **Mary Poppins** finishes a run on Nov. 11, to be followed by **Scrooge**, Nov. 23-Dec. 31, to celebrate the holiday season. **Nunsense** takes the stage Jan. 10 and runs through March 3. **Oliver!** is on deck next, playing March 14 through May 26. The final show of the season, **Tarzan**, plays June 6-Aug. 25.

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Editorial: Why I’m Running for District 1 County Commissioner

John Kefalas
*Larimer County District 1
Commissioner Candidate*

My Greek immigrant father taught me to work hard, be honest, serve others, and I keep those values close to heart serving the people of Larimer County in the State Legislature and community. Now, I wish to bring those values home and continue serving the people of Larimer County as a Commissioner. I’m running for the District 1 seat because I’m passionate about helping people and working together with folks from all walks of life to solve problems based on common ground with the goal of improving our communities for everyone.

I’ve spent my adult life in public service, and for the past 42 years Larimer County has been home where we’ve raised our family and paid forward our many blessings. I’ve extensive community, professional and volunteer experience working within and across public and private sectors – agencies, businesses, nonprofit organizations and faith



JOHN KEFALAS

groups. I am a CSU graduate and Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, and I’ve been employed as a teacher, adjunct faculty member, counselor, health outreach worker, adviser, policy advocate, community organizer and program coordinator. For the last 12 years, I’ve been privileged to represent Larimer County in the Legislature where I’ve developed skills and relationships that translate directly to county and regional approaches for collaborative problem solving.

The critical issues facing rural and urban county residents - from workforce development to smart growth, affordable housing to healthcare, broadband to transportation, clean energy to water are the same ones

I’ve worked on at the Capitol. I’ve a solid track record track record of bipartisan work to pass meaningful laws that make a positive difference in people’s lives. I know how to bring people together to address vexing community problems such as the lack of affordable housing and childcare, although such processes are not easy. I’ve the leadership, listening and deliberation skills to engage all stakeholders within a framework that is inclusive, welcoming and safe to advance quality of life and quality jobs – shared prosperity and well-being.

I’ve engaged with residents throughout the county from Red Feather Lakes to Berthoud, from Estes Park to Wellington and places in between to discuss the issues that matter such as preserving our agricultural/ ranching heritage and open spaces and ensuring access to mental health and substance abuse services. I’ve participated in many county meetings and hearings and done much homework to get up to speed on the details of county government, and I see and recognize the strong commitment to excellence. As a commissioner,

I will open county government further, so everyone has a seat at the table where key decisions are made. I will work with our teams to assess and better understand what we do well today and how we can do better tomorrow by offering “outside the box” ideas and innovative solutions.

Larimer County government plays a critical role in enhancing our quality of life, whether you live in urban or rural areas, by providing necessary public services, resources and infrastructure. The critical role county government plays in the well-being of residents is often overlooked, and our job is to provide these services efficiently and humanely as good stewards of the public’s resources. When we work together to transform challenges into opportunities, we can achieve effective and compassionate solutions based on the common good - united as an inclusive community. Please vote!

Sincerely,
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Nov. 22 at 7:30 a.m. at Dazbog Coffee Store
(401 Mason Ct #105, Fort Collins, CO)

Nov. 22 at Noon at Red Feather Lakes Library
(71 Fire House Ln, Red Feather Lakes, CO)

2 STEVE JOHNSON

Nov. 7 at 8:30 a.m. at LaPorte Pizza
(3208 Co Rd 54G, LaPorte, CO)

3 TOM DONNELLY

Nov. 14 at 9 a.m. at Estes Valley Community
Center (660 Community Drive, Estes Park, CO)

Nov. 21 at 8 a.m. at Group Publishing Inc.
(1515 Cascade Ave, Loveland, CO)

Nov. 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Grace Place
(375 Meadowlark Dr, Berthoud, CO)

- Visit www.larimer.org/bocc/commissioners-meetings/citizen-meetings for more information.
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The Global Village Academy, what makes it global?

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The preponderance of the English language in American society means that much of the population will never speak any other language. This puts the English-only speaker at a disadvantage when traveling in other countries or in any situation involving multiple cultures.

Colorado State University is an example of a multi-cultural university that prides itself on its diversity and visitors are likely to hear any number of languages being spoken anywhere on campus.

At the Global Village Academy, located at Taft and Horsetooth Road, this issue is being addressed from kindergarten through the eighth grade.

Principal Julie Rossi and Board of Directors President Holly Thompson expounded on why Fort Collins needs a multi-lingual school.

Fort Collins itself is multi-cultural, mostly because of the university but also because a large part of the local population speaks Spanish as its principal language.

The school serves a global clientele. Many of the parents are employed at CSU and some come from overseas. Each language program is referred to as a “village,” and each program is showcased throughout the year with performances, plays, music and food.

One of six of such charter schools in Colorado, the Global Village Academy offers a standard curriculum with an emphasis on language immersion.

Local students can learn Spanish, French and Mandarin, while students from other countries can learn English. While the students will focus on one or another of these four languages, the school leaders said they also will benefit from the proximity to the others, becoming familiar with and possibly learning some of them also.

As with other charter schools, The Global Village Academy provides transportation, and employees must travel to transport the students.

Rossi praises her staff for their dedication, as both local and foreign teachers work hard to make the programs creative as well as educational. She assures that Colorado standards are met and that the tests are the same as in public schools.

This school is free and is state funded, but not at the same rate as traditional state schools. It must hold fundraisers throughout the year to make up the difference. It is not a part of the Poudre School District.

Additional programs include the Encore program for after school. These are paid instructors and the programs include Science Matters, soccer,



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Tai Qwan do, violin, guitar and yoga. The school also accommodates working parents with a before- and after-school Base Camp program, beginning at 6 a.m. and ending 6 p.m.

Anyone considering an alternative school may enquire at any time. The Global Village Academy will take new students throughout the year, depending on class size.

Get more information about Global Village Academy at <https://www.gvaschools.org>



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Draft Decision Released on the Husted-Maitland Land Exchange

Reghan Cloudman



FORT COLLINS, Colo. – The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland has released the Husted-Maitland Land Exchange draft decision. This land exchange is located on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District northwest of Drake, Colorado. The land exchange includes conveying six parcels of National Forest System lands, approximately 356 acres in size, for four parcels of non-Federal land and a trail easement, totally approximately 367 acres. Benefits of this project include



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Benefits of this project include securing legal public access and expanding recreational opportunities.

securing legal public access and expanding recreational opportunities on 1.2 miles of trail crossing currently non-Federal land and secures permanent public access by

an acquired easement for the Crosier Mountain Trail. It also secures motorized recreation opportunities in the Crystal Mountain area for

the public and Forest Service management, including access for the implementation of a fuels reduction project. Other benefits include eliminating a 40-acre inholding and a 17-acre inholding surrounded by private land with no legal public or Forest Service access. It also creates a net increase of Colorado Roadless areas by approximately 128 acres and a one-acre increase in wetlands. A detailed description of the project and decision, along with a map is available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48335>. Those with standing to object to this project can do so within 45 days of the publication of the legal notice in the Fort Collins Coloradoan. It was published Oct. 19, 2018, and details are available in the draft decision.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

- The Forest Service proposes an exchange of approx. 356 acres of Forest Service System land for approx. 367 acres of non-Federal land including a public trail easement.
- Proposed exchange parcels are west of Drake, Colorado and east of Estes Park, CO; one parcel is located off Buckhorn road (County road 44H) along Crystal Mtn road.
- The project is located in the Canyon Lakes Water District.

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Obituaries

Cameron Franklin Divis

Cameron Franklin Divis of Wellington, Colorado / 1922-2018

Our father, great-grandfather, friend to all, passed away in peace, just shy of his 97th birthday in his home at the Spirit Ranch, surrounded by his family. Cameron grew up in Burlington, CO. With his parents Leo and Louise Divis and sister Viola. He was one of the last pioneers to live from the age of horse and buggy to the modern age of driverless vehicles. He attended Navy boot camp in Farragut Idaho in 1943. “Company 15-43, 17th Battalion 5th Regiment” and was shipped to the South Pacific to be a machinist mate on the ABSD 2 floating Dry Dock stationed there in WWII.

Cameron returned home to Colorado a changed person, yes, it’s true he left as a boy at seventeen but came back as a man. He had experienced many trials and tribulations of the war which made him very aware of the value of life. He continued to appreciate others, always helping a stranger or friend, for the rest of his life. Cam or Pop’s was a “Humble Man” you never heard him utter a mean word about another person and always looked to offer support whenever he could.

He lived a full life and he loved his family, he never failed to offer his helping hands to all he knew. He is survived by Son David Divis of Boyero, CO and two daughters Jaci Dvorak of Nathrop, CO and Teresa Alcorn of Wellington, CO along with five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

His life will be celebrated in



CAMERON DIVIS

the spring (May) 2019 at the Spirit Ranch, where he has lived with his daughter and son in law, the last 20 years in Wellington CO. The family asks that in lieu of flowers please send memorial donations in Cameron’s name to St Labre Indian School, P.O.Box 216 Ashland MT 59003-9989. “Pop has supported the children at the school for many many years.”

Miss you Pop! Cards and letters can be mailed to the Family of Cameron Divis at 13353 NCR 9 Wellington, CO 80549 Email: CameronDivis@gmail.com

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ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLE FOR THE NORTHERN FRONT RANGE

Remembering Reverend Dr. Robert Geller

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Ten years ago, a little book called *Red Ribbons* chronicled stories from the life of the Reverend Dr. Robert Geller, long-time campus minister at Colorado State University. I had the privilege of working with him to see the book come to life. His death at age 97 on September 22, 2018 brought back a flood of memories.

Bob Geller and I spent a good bit of time putting his stories together. We fell into a routine: He'd start talking and I'd start scribbling, usually for a couple of hours. Then I'd type up his words and deliver them to him the next time we met. The process went on until we had a completed manuscript. Working with him was one of the best writing experiences I ever had. He didn't change much. He knew what he wanted to say and he said it. Best of all, I got to know this extraordinary man.

The book's title grew out of his tendency to come in second.

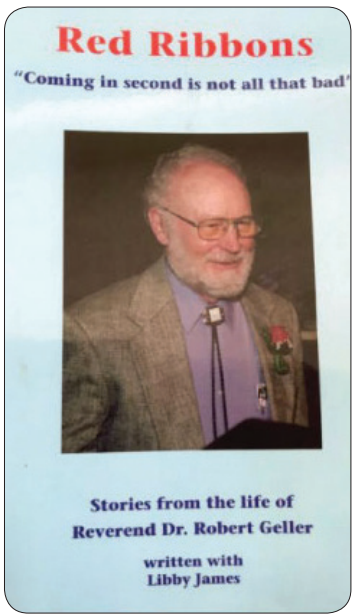


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Red Ribbons, about the life of Reverend Dr. Robert Geller, written by Libby James.

Its subtitle explains, "Coming in second is not all that bad." He was salutatorian in his high school class, beaten out for the top spot by his girlfriend at the time. At Hastings College in Nebraska, he graduated second in his class, and at McCormick

Theological Seminary in Chicago, he had the second-best academic record.

"We reserve our hero worship for those who win, not for those who 'almost' win," Geller wrote. "By the time my formal schooling was over, the handwriting was on the wall. And the message had some undeniable advantages."

Red Ribbons describes his ecumenical bent by relating the story of his Jewish great-grandfather, Conrad, who wanted to become a police officer in Boston. "You'd better become a Roman Catholic if you want to be a cop in this town," a wise old Bostonian said to Conrad. He did, but his brother remained Jewish. Geller, who grew up on a Nebraska farm, has Jewish cousins and second cousins who are retired Catholic priests.

Geller's amazing memory makes for great stories. He remembers enjoying the company of 20 lovely young ladies as part of the cheering squad at Hastings College. As a senior he crowned his track career with a 4.21 mile, a college

record at the time. He was a life-long lover of sports.

His dad, who had a gift for profanity, turned the air blue the day 16-year-old Geller announced that he planned to be a minister. "My God, you'll starve," his dad insisted. He went to college, studied economics and speech, having been advised to study something he was interested in, saving religious study until he entered seminary. He credited his knowledge of economics and early habit of saving money with his ability to create a comfortable retirement income. His dad need not have worried.

Geller recalls ministerial stints in rural Paw Paw, Illinois, West Virginia, the reason why he quit smoking, his decision to enter missionary work, his time at Oklahoma A and M, and at the University of Arizona, in Sierra Leone, and in 1962, his arrival as campus minister at Colorado State University. With his wife June and their four children, he moved into the campus ministry house at 629 Howes St., now called the Geller Center for Spiritual

Development. He served as campus minister for 28 years.

In 1967 he began what is surely the longest running book group in Fort Collins. They met regularly at 7 a.m. every Friday morning in the basement of 629 Howes St. intending to read in all the academic disciplines. The Friday Morning Book Group is going strong to this day. In 2007 Geller celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the group by sharing the titles of more than 500 books the club had read. Geller attended book group until the day before his death.

Over the years, he wrote poetry for special occasions and to record insights that were important to him. A chapter in *Red Ribbons* shares several of them, concluding with A Sending Forth, one he often used to close events where he spoke.

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Maximizing the possibilities: living with disability

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The moment I stepped onto their front porch, Linda and Donn Hopkins knew I had arrived to talk with them about their newly remodeled home. The doorbell rang, unaided by human hands. If it had been necessary, a voice could have beckoned me in without ever showing up at the front door. A light is also activated when needed.

The clever doorbell is just one of the adjustments the Hopkins have made to accommodate Donn's disability caused by multiple sclerosis. He can no longer get around without using a wheelchair and it takes him a while to get to the front of the house. Often it is not before a would-be visitor gives up thinking no one is home. But that doesn't happen any more.

The Hopkins spent many years in a comfortable 3,600 square foot house north of town where there was room for three sons in a neighborhood they loved. But they knew that one day they would need to make a change. Donn was diagnosed 20 years ago and the handwriting was on the wall. Today they are so thankful that they did not ignore it.

Over time, they had invested in properties they rented to tenants, always on the lookout for one that would suit their

future needs. Five years ago they bought a one-story 1,800 square foot patio home in a neighborhood they liked. They knew the house was well built and it was convenient to town. One day, they figured, they'd move in. For the time being, they rented it. A year ago, they gave their tenants eight months' notice.

The time had come. They say that the prospect of moving after so many years in one place was daunting, but for Linda, the caregiver, the work of helping Donn and caring for a big house and yard had become too much.

"We were fortunate to have the luxury of remodeling a vacant house," Linda said. A realtor for many years, she knows housing. She had time to think about what needed to be done. "I spent hours dreaming about rearranging furniture," she said.

They did practical things like replacing the air conditioning and furnace unit. They were fortunate to hire someone who made sure they got all the available rebates for upgrading which amounted to \$1,500. Finding the right contractor with time available was a challenge. Linda asked questions and tapped into a network she'd developed.

Flooring was replaced with an attractive composite that looks like wood, never needs refinishing and allows



PHOTO BY LIBBY JAMES
Linda and Donn Hopkins in their bedroom with transfer pole and board.

a wheelchair to move with ease. Better lighting was installed. In the kitchen, a refrigerator with French doors made access easy for Donn. A single-handle faucet is helpful. Lower counters, a microwave placed below the counter, and lower windows are changes to consider. The Hopkins enjoyed showing off their liquor cabinet—in a low down pullout drawer.

"Know your likes and dislikes," Linda advises. "Limit your choices to avoid frustration."

After consulting with

physical and occupational therapists, the Hopkins came up with bedroom and bathroom changes that have made a huge difference. A toilet seat on wheels that fits over a traditional seat allows Donn to wheel himself into an accessible shower. The toilet paper holder incorporates a grab bar. Grab bars in the shower have a roughened surface so that they are not slippery.

In the bedroom, a transfer pole allows Donn to move in and out of bed and to adjust himself once there. In a wide open and accessible closet

area, they have ample space for clothing.

Donn remains active as a board member for the Museum of Discovery and the Northern Colorado Community Foundation. His office space is compact, convenient, and easy for him to use. Linda is a passionate and accomplished seamstress. One room is set aside for her sewing machine and work area.

A ramp from the house into the garage is bordered by a set of shelves that Donn can easily reach. Another set of shelves provides needed storage, divides the living from the dining area and gets rid of a formerly dangerous drop-off.

A walking path that Donn can reach from the garage has been a blessing. They can venture outdoors for walks and visits with neighbors. They've had time to get to know people and have shared potluck dinners with them.

The Hopkins are pleased with their new home. "I can honestly say there is nothing that I miss," Linda said. "My advice is to make a move sooner rather than later. If you don't decide, someone else will do it for you."

"Even now, Linda rescues me at least once a day," Don says with a smile. But with careful planning and smart adjustments, they worked together to make life easier for both of them.

CSI Board of Directors Approves New Charter School in Fort Collins

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Colorado Charter School
Institute

DENVER, CO (October 16, 2018) – At its October 16th regular board meeting, the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI) Board of Directors approved the new school application for AXIS International Academy to open in Fort Collins in the 2019-2020 school year.

This approval comes after the recommendation of the CSI Review Team, which includes CSI staff and an expert, external reviewer. "Our application review process considers the strength of the proposal as well as the strength of the applicant team to implement that proposal with fidelity. This application demonstrated a sound plan and strong community support, and the applicant team included an engaged and expert team of proposed school leadership and board members," shared Janet Dinnen, CSI's Chief of Staff and lead of the CSI new school application process.

CSI currently authorizes three schools in Ft. Collins: Academy of Arts and Knowledge, Global Village Academy – Fort Collins, and Colorado Early Colleges – Ft Collins. To provide additional context to the CSI Board, CSI staff completed a market analysis of the Fort Collins area. CSI's Performance and

Accountability Analyst, Aislinn Walsh, discussed the purpose of this analysis: "CSI looked at population characteristics, student enrollment trends, population estimates, and school performance for Poudre School District and nearby areas to determine the potential for additional high-quality charter schools." The market analysis indicated opportunity for additional high performing options in the region, and intents to enroll and letters from the community submitted with the application suggest a desire for this particular educational model.

AXIS International Academy is approved for a 3-year contract term with the opportunity to receive an additional two year automatic extension should certain performance milestones be met related to academic, financial, and organizational performance. School co-founder Kari Anne Calarco noted, "AXIS International Academy was founded by parent and local experts. We are beyond thrilled and honored to bring this high-quality language immersion opportunity to the children of our community. It's so exciting to see our enrollment grow each week, and we are very grateful for the widespread community support." AXIS is collecting intent to enroll forms for the 2019-2020 school year through their website: <https://axiscolorado.org>.

December in Wellington

Friday, November 30
Tree Lighting at Leeper Center

Saturday, December 1

Eyestone's Holiday Craft Fair
Eyestone Elementary, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
4000 Wilson Avenue, Wellington
Two rooms of crafters & vendors
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PAFC Addressing the needs of seniors

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Clinical psychologist Bonnie Shetler got hooked on working with issues confronted by people “of a certain age” when she completed an internship at the mental health center in Fort Collins in the course of earning her Ph.D. in clinical psychology. “They were concerned with the older population and they needed me,” she said. She learned a great deal by surveying the older members of the community and assessing their needs. In 1980 she opened a private practice specializing in issues pertinent to those in mid-life and beyond from loss, to caregiving, relationships, life transitions and spiritual growth. Her practice continues to this day.

In connection with her work, she joined the board of the



BONNIE SHETLER

Foundation on Aging for Larimer County and became vice chair. It was in that role that she got to know former chair, Foundation Ruth Long. They had long recognized the need to address the concerns of the growing older population in Larimer County. The time for talking was over. In 2013, along with the Larimer County Office on Aging, they decided to do something about it. So it was that the Partnership

for Age-Friendly Communities in Larimer County (PAFC) became a reality. The non-profit organization has been thriving ever since, powered by volunteers until the recent addition of Jim Becker as a paid executive director.

PAFC applied for and received a one-year technical assistance grant from the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) to mount a grassroots effort to improve livability for seniors. Their charge was first to identify the needs, then to survey the existing resources. Four specific areas of concern emerged: housing, mobility and access (including transportation), health and wellness, and the culture of aging. Each of these has become a volunteer-powered priority group committed to determining needs and making a difference. A day-

long N4A sponsored workshop in 2014 drew 40 people who identified goals and discussed how to achieve them. The role of the organization is to become the catalyst for change by identifying problems and seeking solutions by recruiting existing resources. “We do the groundwork and agencies take on the task,” Shetler explained. A good example is the recent establishment of a home share program by the non-profit, Neighbor to Neighbor. PAFC approached them with the idea of bringing together house providers with home seekers for their mutual benefit and the agency ran with it. Self-directed volunteer teams made up of PAFC members have become the heart of the organization, taking on short-term projects and seeing them to fruition.

Membership as part of the AARP age-friendly network made possible a walkability study in Loveland which caught the attention of the mayor. The Culture in Aging priority group has established an informative candidate forum, a newsletter, and two blogs, “Still Wisecracking” and “Graceful Aging.” See News and Views at the pafclarimer.org website. The Foundation on Aging has evolved and is now doing business as PAFC. The organization has become well-known in the service community. Membership is open to all. Looking down the road, Shetler envisions enough funding for a well-paid executive director, a staff person and an office site for PAFC. Anyone interested in becoming involved can visit the website and contact executive director Jim Becker.

November Events Calendar

Submit events to events@northfortynews.com

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

NOV. 2, Stories and Textiles from the Ayore People (South American tribal people), Global Village Museum, 200 W. Mountain Ave., Fort Collins. Half-price admission 6-9 p.m. during Friday Art Walk.

NOV. 3, Paris to Prague, Fort Collins Symphony concert, Lincoln Center, 417 Magnolia, Fort Collins. 7:30 p.m. Concert talks at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. LCtix.com or (970) 221-6730 for tickets. Info: www.fcsymphony.com (970) 482-4823.

NOV. 6, Rock the Vote/#IVoted, free concert to celebrate your vote, Downtown Artery, 254 Linden St., Fort Collins. Doors open at 6 p.m. Sponsored by North Forty News.

NOV. 7, Atos Trio, Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia, Fort Collins, (970) 221-6730 or LCtix.com

NOV. 8-10, Finding Neverland, Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia, Fort Collins, (970) 221-6730 or LCtix.com

NOV. 10, Eruption! Exploring Kilauea and the Volcanic Origins of Hawai'i by Steven Anderson, professor, University of Hawai'i. 1-3 p.m. Global Village Museum. \$5, includes museum entry. Info: globalvillagemuseum.org or (970)-221-4600.

NOV. 10, Holiday Artisan Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ¼ mile west of Vern's at the new Rist Canyon Inn wedding venue, Rist Canyon Road. Photography, jewelry, pottery, alcohol inks, greeting cards, magnets. Drawing for artisan items.

NOV. 10-11, Mystics, concert featuring music by mystic composers and poets. Two performances by Laudamus Concert Choir, Saturday 7 p.m., Plymouth Congregational Church, 916 W. Prospect St., Fort Collins, Sunday concert at 3 p.m. Info. and tickets at Laudamus.org.

NOV. 12-14, Roy Orbison

Experience, Midtown Arts Center, 3750 S. Mason, Fort Collins. \$19, opening weekend special, save \$10. Use online promo code Roy19 (boxoffice@midtownartscenter.com).

NOV. 17, Winter Wonderlights, Loveland Orchestra at Centerra. Seasonal favorites by the brass quintet. 5:30 p.m., Chapungu Sculpture Park behind Macy's. Holiday light show at 6 p.m.

NOV. 18, TLO Talk, Loveland Orchestra at Loveland Library. Learn about the music to be performed at Handel's Messiah performance Nov. 30. 300 E. Adams St. Free. Concert info/tickets: www.lovelandorchestra.org.

NOV. 24, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's Wild and Swingin' Holiday Party, Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia, Fort Collins. (970) 221-6730 or LCtix.com

NOV. 6, Waverly Community Board, regular monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Turning Point, Waverly School, 10431 N. County Rd. 15. Agendas and information available at www.waverlycommunity.org

NOV. 29-Dec. 23, The Flea and the Professor, musical version of the Hans Christian Andersen story, a comedy for the whole family. Bas Bleu Theatre, 401 Pine St., Fort Collins. basbleu.org or (970) 498-8949.

NOV. 30, Handel's Messiah: Free community sing-along. Lecture at 7 p.m, concert, 7:30 p.m. Good Shepherd Church, 3429 N. Monroe Ave., Loveland. Free. Tickets required: www.lovelandorchestra.org.

NOV. 30-Dec. 1, tenth anniversary, Just in Time art show, 4-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 1154 W. Mountain Ave., Fort Collins. Pottery, woodwork, jewelry, mittens, granola, books, African beaded art and holiday cheer.

NOV. 23, Living Aloha: Hawai'i's Enduring Legacy, artifacts and treasure from our 50th state. Free admission. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Global Village Museum, 200 W. Mountain

Ave., Fort Collins.

LOOKING AHEAD
Dec. 8, Victorian English Tea, savories, scones, sweets, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Timnath Presbyterian Church, 4020 Main St., Timnath. Fundraiser for project to restore portraits of Colorado State Governors. \$25, \$15 for under 12. Send checks to Colorado State Questers c/o Joyce Hall, 5624 Hwy. 1, Fort Collins, 80524. Include names of guests. Seating limited 8-10 per table. Info: (970) 484-8113 or (970) 492-56-96.

DEC. 15, deadline for signing up to be part of Poudre River Library District's Living Library Project. Meet with a small group of people to share stories, interests, skills, on Feb. 2, 2019. For more information and to sign up, contact the district's volunteer manager, Audey Glasebrook, (970) 221-6183.

FOR HISTORY LOVERS
NOV. 1, Cuentos de los Antepasadoes (The Gifts of Our Ancestors), by Angel Vigil, Loveland Museum. Traditional stories from the Hispanic Southwest and Mexico. Reception 5 p.m. prior to the program.

NOV. 3, Colorado and World War I, by Dr. Patty Limerick, Loveland Museum. Reception following program at 12 p.m.

NOV. 5, Furthest Battlefields, by Pat Johnson. Harmony Presbyterian Church, 400 E. Boardwalk, Fort Collins.

NOV. 8, World War I and Fort Collins: Exploring the John Hurdle Scrapbook, 6:30-8 p.m. OtterBox Digital Dome, Discovery Museum, Fort Collins. Free. Registration required. Info: fcmo.org/blog/
NOV. 8, Cemeteries and Monuments of WWI in Europe, Greeley History Museum, 714 8th St. History brown bag at noon.

NOV. 14, Northern Colorado Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society meets

at 7 p.m. Medical Center of the Rockies. Free. Open to the public.

NOV. 15, The Odyssey of a Civil War Sabre, and the story of Fort Collins resident Frederick R. Baker who arrived in 1873. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Good Samaritan Society, 508 W. Trilby Rd., Fort Collins.

NOV. 17, Discovery Distilled: Hard Cider with a Slice of r, casual after-hours event at Fort Collins Museum of Discovery. \$20 admission includes a drink ticket, food and beverage samples and unforgettable experiences. \$20. \$15 for members. 21 and older. 6-9 p.m. Sponsored by Odell Brewing.

NOV. 17, Historic Loveland: Inside & Out. Walking tour of historic downtown buildings. Free for Historic Larimer County members, \$5 for non-members. Meet at 201 E. 4th St., 10 a.m. Please RSVP.

NOV. 17, Intermediate Genealogy Part II with Carol Stetser. Attend Part I first. Register in advance. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Harmony Library Community Room.

NOV. 19, Denver Water 100 Years: Present and Future—Water Connects Us All. Lecture at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m., History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway, Denver. \$9 for members, \$11 non-members, \$7 students.

NOV. 26, DNA Study Group, Larimer County Genealogical Society, 6-8:30 p.m. More details coming.

NOV. 29, Colorado Gunfights, 6 p.m., Loveland Museum. By Ken Jensen from his book Frontier Colorado Gunfights. 6 p.m. Free.

SELECTED EVENTS AT POUDRE RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
NOV. 1, Compete and Succeed: Maximizing your job search self-marketing, 1 p.m., Old Town Library.
NOV. 2, Scrabble at your Library, 9 a.m. Council Tree Library

NOV. 2, Virtual Legal Clinic, free, 2 p.m. Old Town Library, study room A. First come, first served.

NOV. 2, Dia de Los Muertos Celebration, Northside Atzlan Community Center, 5 p.m. Bilingual story time, music, dance, skull decoration, traditional Mexican food. Dress up as La Catina or el Catrin for the parade.

NOV. 4, Nanowrimo (National Novel Writing Month) Launch Party, 12 p.m., Old Town Library.

NOV. 6, Have a Healthy Holiday, life enrichment series for those with dementia. Socialize, reminisce, in a fun, engaging format. 1 p.m., Old Town Library.

NOV. 7, 14, 28, read work from "Still Coming Home" and hear talk by contributors about the experience of war and returning to civilian life, hosted by Colorado Humanities. Copies of book provided, 6 p.m., Old Town Library.

NOV. 7, Rekindle the Classics, 6:30 p.m. Wolverine Farm Publick House, "The Bean Trees" by Barbara Kingsolver.

NOV. 9-11, Poudre River Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, all day, Harmony Library.

NOV. 9, Harmony in the Round Concert, Jeff Wahl, 7 p.m. Harmony Library.

NOV. 13, Kevin Cook—Searching for Life in Colorado, 1 p.m. Old Town Library.

NOV. 14, When Breath Becomes Air by Kalanithi, Book Club for Mortals, 3 p.m., Old Town Library.

NOV. 14, Dollars + Sense+??? A look at the psychology behind our money behaviors and a glimpse into the weird world of our relationship to money, spending and the social/emotional side of our finances. Money Matter series, 6 p.m., Harmony Library.

NOV. 30, Harmony in the Round-Free Chamber Concert, FRCC Chamber Choir, 7 p.m., Harmony Library.

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