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Larimer County Sheriff's Office Investigates Hit and Run Crash

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The Larimer County Sheriff’s Office is investigating a serious injury crash and needs the community’s help identifying one of the involved parties. Around 1:45 p.m. on October 2, 2024, a pickup truck and motorcycle were involved in a crash on Weld County Road 44 just east of Interstate 25 in Berthoud. The motorcyclist sustained serious injuries and was transported to an area hospital. The truck left the scene before law enforcement arrived.

Witnesses described the truck as a

white pickup (possibly a late 90s/early 2000s Ford Ranger) with a ladder rack and a round blue/green decal on the driver’s door. A description of the truck occupant/s was not available. Anyone who witnessed this crash or has information about the suspect vehicle is asked to call Deputy Eric Schultz at 970-498-5551. People who want to stay anonymous can also provide tips to Crime Stoppers of Larimer County at 970-221-6868 or www.stopcriminals.org.

Child Predator Sentenced to 5 Years in Prison

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A local man arrested during a child predator operation has been sentenced to 5 years in prison. Luis Son Gonon was arrested in late June of 2023 during an undercover operation conducted by the Larimer County Sheriff’s Office and Johnstown Police Department.

Son Gonon, 27, reached out to investigators to solicit sex, believing he was contacting a 14-year-old girl. After interacting online, he responded to a hotel in Larimer County, where he was taken into custody. He was booked into the Larimer County Jail with the following

charges:

- Soliciting a Child Prostitute (F3)
- Attempted Patronizing a Child Prostitute (F4)
- Cybercrime - Soliciting/Arranging a Minor Prostitute (F5)
- Attempted Sexual Assault on a Child (F5)

He was issued a \$1,000 cash bond by the Larimer County Court. “We will not tolerate child predators in Larimer County. This heinous crime ruins lives and targets our most vulnerable community members, said Larimer County Sheriff John Feyen.



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Fall Tasks = Spring Success

Mary Miller | The Gardens on Spring Creek



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Autumn has officially arrived! The waning daylight, cool nights and crisp blue skies create a backdrop for tending to the tasks that will complete the garden season. Autumn also presents an ideal opportunity to invest effort toward the success of next year's growing season. The following are several fall tips for the gardener and—for good measure—the avid winter squash lover!

TIP #1

As one clears the garden of spent plant debris, be certain to get rid of any diseased plant material in your home compost. This reduces the likelihood of perpetuating disease problems next year. Adequate levels of organic matter in the soil are key to healthy crops. Increase organic matter by adding and incorporating materials such as grass clippings, leaves and compost into the garden soil over time. This autumn, collect fallen leaves and spread them over the garden beds. Rototill or hand-turn the soil to incorporate leaves into the soil.

TIP #2

Cover crops are not just for farms! These plants help to boost organic matter in the soil. Those with extensive and deep root systems, such as the cereal grain triticale, help open the heavy clay soils and aid in moisture penetration. Mixes that include beans, peas or vetch add nitrogen

back into the soil. Cover crops also keep soil from eroding and topsoil in place during windy winters. This fall, consider planting triticale, annual rye or hard winter wheat in the garden.

TIP #3



Crop rotation is an important part of maintaining healthy soil and mitigating problems with pests and soil-borne diseases. It is best to avoid planting the same family of crop (legumes, solanaceous, alliums) successively in the same location. To help balance the nutrients in your soil, follow the heavy nitrogen-feeding crops (cabbage, cauliflower, corn) with legumes (beans, peas), as these will contribute nitrogen back into your soil. Follow the legumes with nitrogen-loving greens, onions, leeks or broccoli.

TIP #4



Winter squash are a hallmark of late-season harvesting. They are able to handle several light frosts; however, a heavy frost will likely damage the fruits. To harvest, cut the stems an inch above the fruit and leave them in the garden to cure for 5-10 days. Curing is the process of drying down and hardening the outer skin of the squash to prolong its storing ability. Ideal curing conditions are temperatures of 75-80°F with ample air circulation. Successfully storing squash requires a location with temperatures consistently at 50-55°F with 50-65% humidity. When temperatures remain below 50°, storage time will be shortened, and the fruits may develop lesions and degrade quickly. Be sure to consume any damaged, stemless or small fruits first, as these will not store well. Generally, acorn squash can be stored for 4-6 weeks, while the delicata, buttercup and butternut varieties store well for 2-4 months. The hubbard types may last up to six months in storage!

Enjoy these mild autumn days while completing the garden cycle by wisely caring for the soil and the harvest!






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COVER STORY

Corgis Lap It Up in Old Town Fort Collins

RICHARD GONET | NorthFortyNews.com



LaNiese and her Corgi, Jake, dressed as toreador and bull at the 2024 Tour de Corgi. NaNiese is a senior at Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins. (Photo by Richard Gonet).

Little dogs are sometimes sarcastically referred to as ‘ankle biters.’ Corgis are little dogs and they do bite ankles but only those of herd animals like sheep and cattle. In fact, they have been bred to do this by Welsh shepherds for centuries. However, around other mammals like human beings, they are docile, friendly, affectionate, companionable, and make loving pets. Otherwise, why would the late Queen Elizabeth II have had pet Corgis all her life?

As further evidence of their delightful personalities, a study presented to the British Psychological Society showed that owners of Corgis score highest on extroversion among all breeds considered, and it is common lore that dog owners tend to resemble their pets in many ways.

On Saturday, October 5, 2024, hundreds of Corgis and their extroverted owners descended on Civic Center Park in Fort Collins for the Tenth Annual Tour de Corgi, a festival with a costume contest, vendors, dog merch, and a parade through Old Town.

The Tour de Corgi was inspired by Corgi Beach Day in Huntington Beach, California, and naming it the Tour de Corgi was a tip of the hat to the New Belgium Tour de Fat, which itself was a nod to the Tour de France



A break dance team comprised of Lowie Peckham, Carolyn Betts, Sheila Moya, dogs Roxie, Jade, and Bella. They did not perform a dance because one of the ladies is actually recovering from a broken arm. Pun intended? (Photo by Richard Gonet).

bicycle race. Tracy Stewart founded the festival, and Malini Bartels is the co-producer and organizer of the Tour. According to Malini, “Fort Collins is now known for bikes, beer, bands, and butts,” a reference to the soft, furry behinds of the dogs that their owners appreciate.

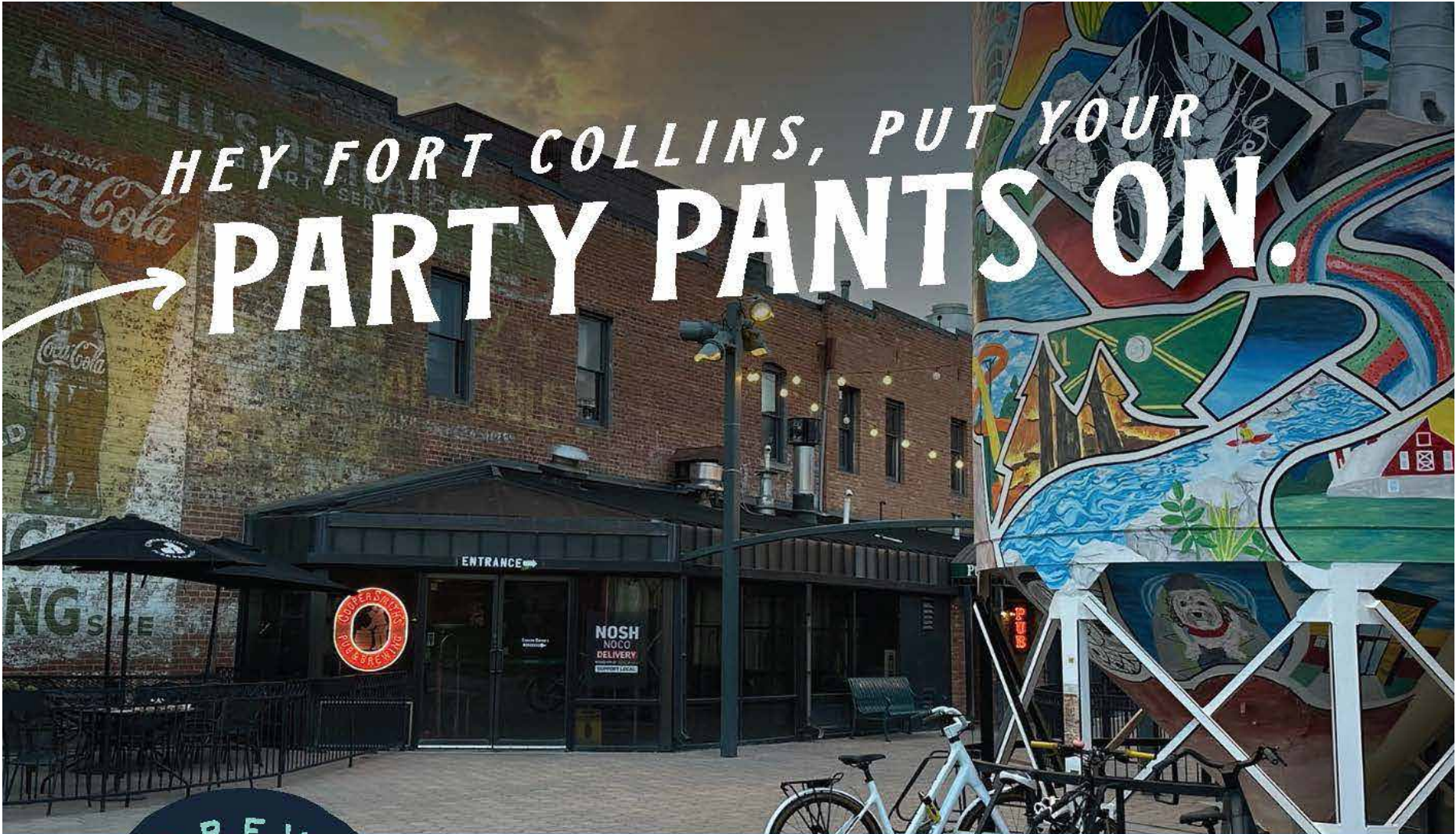
Hundreds of attendees came

from Colorado and at least twelve other states, some from as far away as California, Delaware, and Florida. In addition, a crowd of several thousand came to watch the costume contest and the parade through Old Town and to pet the extremely friendly Corgis.

(See "Corgis" on page 10)



Maggie, aka Snoop Hot Dog, owned by Douglas Jup. (Photo by Richard Gonet).



To celebrate their 40th anniversary, Visit Fort Collins welcomes you to its new location in the heart of Old Town. More space, character, and personal interaction with visitors and locals alike will make this reimagined headquarters a gathering place for all. Drop by the week of Oct. 14 for music, food, and more, with a special event on Oct. 17 from 4-5:30 p.m.



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Battle of the Pumpkin Titans

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Violet Bledsoe, 2024 (Photo by Fort Collins Nursery)

Fort Collins Nursery’s 16th Annual Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off & Fall Jamboree is shaping up to be the biggest and wildest one yet! On Saturday, Oct. 12, growers from around the region will compete for pumpkin supremacy and \$8,100 in cash prizes and awards.

With a \$4,000 first-place prize and several state records on the line, this year’s event will be a battle of behemoth proportions interlaced with some fun storylines.

BATTLE FOR COLORADO SUPREMACY

- The 2024 competition season has already seen a new Colorado state record set three times in three consecutive weeks. Will it be four in a row?
- Fort Collins grower Brad Bledsoe kicked off the 2024 competition season with a 1,955 lb. state record and a first-place entry at the Irvine Railroad Park weigh-off in California on September 21. This broke the previous Colorado state record of 1,783 set by Chad New of Parker, CO



Andy and Amy Corbin, 2023 (Photo by Fort Collins Nursery)

in 2022.

- The following week, Chad took back the record with a 1,976.5 giant at Jared's Nursery in Littleton, CO, On September 28.
- Brad reclaimed the record with an enormous 2,083 lb winner at the Nick’s Garden Center in Aurora, CO, last Saturday, October 5.
- Now, the competition moves to Fort Collins Nursery, where Brad could break his own new record with an entry with an estimated weight of 2,200 lbs.

COULD THREE STATE RECORDS BE SET THIS WEEKEND?

Colorado growers won’t be the only ones showing out this year. As an officially sanctioned Great Pumpkin Commonwealth contest location representing the Plains and Rocky Mountain region, growers from all over the region bring their entries to the Fort Collins Nursery contest. It’s possible we could see new Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah state records all getting set on Saturday.

- Andy & Amy Corbin from Cheyenne, WY, set a new Wyoming state record at Fort Collins Nursery last fall with a 2,062 lb

beauty. The Corbins are expecting to bring their biggest one to Fort Collins this year with a strong shot at yet another new record.

- Utah growers Ralph and Juana Laub set a new Utah state record two weeks ago at the Center Street Giant Pumpkin Festival in Logan, UT, with a 2,289 lb. monster. Of note, this record-breaking pumpkin was grown from a seed provided by Andy Corbin. The Vernal, UT-based growers are bringing perhaps their largest pumpkin to Fort Collins Nursery this weekend. Will they break their own new record?

Fort Collins Nursery’s Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off & Fall Jamboree is a FREE event featuring dozens of giant pumpkin and produce growers, tractor hayrides, plus a Kids’ Corner that features face painting, pumpkin bowling, and an interactive kids’ music station from Boredomfighters.

The event runs from 10am–3pm with optimal pumpkin viewing time between 11am – 2pm.

For more information visit fortcollinsnursery.com.



Brad Bledsoe, 2022 (Photo by Fort Collins Nursery)

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Get ready for a night of chills, thrills, and musical magic! The award-winning Fort Collins Symphony (FCS), under the baton of Maestro Wes Kenney, presents its popular annual Halloween-themed concert, "Spine-Tingling Tales."

Join them at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at the Lincoln Center for an evening brimming with spooky music, ghostly stories, and ghoulish surprises!

The Fort Collins Symphony invites you to a night where the classical and creepy, and the eerie and iconic come together in perfect harmony.

Your musical journey will feature hair-raising Hollywood hits from The Twilight Zone, Halloween, and Psycho. Iconic classics Johann Sebastian Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor (from Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde), Camille Saint-Saens' Danse Macabre (from Buffy the Vampire Slayer), and Modest Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain will send shivers down your spine.

Experience the thrill of Michael Jackson's Thriller and dive into the fantastical worlds of Beetlejuice and Wicked.

Special guest, Shane Sheridan from Fort Collins Ghost Tours, will spin chilling tales of local hauntings, adding a touch of the supernatural to the night. Ready to mingle and pose for pictures with you before the concert.

Music lovers of all ages are encouraged to don their best Halloween costumes and join the fun. (Note: Please leave all costume weapons at home.)

Don't miss this spooktacular evening of live music and Halloween excitement.

TICKETS/DETAILS:

- When: Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Timberline Church Auditorium, 2908 S Timberline Rd., Fort Collins, CO 80525
- Cost: General Admission: Adult: \$32, Student/Child: \$12.

Tickets and more information: Available at

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Skin: Living Armor, Evolving Identity and The Bias Inside Us to Create

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Did you know that about 16% of a human’s body weight is made up of skin? In many organisms, skin is the largest organ. Skin: Living Armor, Evolving Identity, will be on display at Fort Collins Museum of Discovery starting October 12th until January 26th, 2025.

The exhibit, presented in English and Spanish, invites you to learn about skin across the animal kingdom and its impact on shaping physical and social interactions with the world around us.

Featuring a range of engaging experiences, visitors will explore the shape-shifting, color-changing, and adaptable nature of skin and the technological innovations it inspires. Visitors to Skin will explore a variety of skin across the animal kingdom: you’ll see a life-size rhinoceros model that shows the largeness of its skin; examine keratin-based feathers, furs, and quills; and touch different specimens, like snakeskin and otter fur.

“This exhibit walks us through the fascinating biology and adaptability of skin and then shifts frame to the social and cultural implications of race and bias,” said FCMoD Co-Executive Director, Shannon Quist.

“It partners perfectly with The Bias Inside Us which is a traveling Smithsonian exhibit opening on Nov 27th at the museum and running concurrently with Skin through December 31st. So, we’ll have two powerful and highly engaging

special exhibitions running through the remainder of the year.”

On November 27th, The Bias Inside Us will take its place alongside Skin, exploring how the human mind’s chemistry can lead us to a place of inherent bias.

This community engagement project from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) will raise awareness about the social science and psychology of implicit bias, the impact of this bias, and what people can do about it. During the run of exhibitions, FCMoD will be offering a Tuesday Night Live series of events on a Pay-What-You-Can model to create access for all.

“The Tuesday Night Live series is where we really get to highlight the work of our community partners,” said Quist. “From poetry workshops to panels on neurodiversity and even an Owl walk, we’ve got some amazing engagements for people to connect with this fall and winter.”

To learn more about both these exhibits and the Tuesday Night Live series, please visit: <https://fcmo.org/skin-bias/>

The Bias Inside Us is brought to you in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services (SITES).

Skin: Living Armor, Evolving Identity was created by the California Academy of Sciences, modified for travel, and distributed by the Science Museum of Minnesota.

Both of these exhibits are free for members and included in the price of daily admission.

CANYON CONCERT BALLET’S THIRD ANNUAL BALLET AND BEER

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CCB will open its 45th Anniversary Season with the highly anticipated Beer and Ballet performance. Now in its third year, the event promises to be exceptional as it shines a spotlight on emerging choreographers and dancers.

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Friday, October 11

2024 Ag Tour | Harvesting The Future: Cultivating Knowledge & Adventure, Platte River Fort Resort & Event Center, 8 am

Board and Brush Pick Your Project Workshops, Board and Brush Fort Collins, 6:30 pm -9:30 pm

Dance Beyond the Limits,

Fort Collins Masonic Temple, 10 am -2:30 pm

Dating Horror Stories: A Singles Event, The Lyric, 7 pm -9 pm

Debut Theatre Company presents: The Fall of the House of Usher, The Lincoln Center, 7 pm

Halloween Teen Night Out,

Rodarte Community Center, 5:30 pm -8 pm

Live Band Night Featuring Dizzy and A Dame, Masonic Temple Event Center Fort Collins, 6 pm -10 pm

Loveland Opera Theatre Presents IOLANTHE, Rialto Theater, 7 pm -10 pm

Luck of the Draw Concert! Bonnie Raitt Tribute, Dickens Opera House, 7:30 pm -9 pm

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Show in Metro Denver/Westminster, The Old Spaghetti Factory, 7 pm -9:30 pm

Ocie Elliott, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm

"October Surprise" at OpenStage Theatre & Company, The OBC Wine Project, 7:30 pm -10 pm

Revive Music Fest, Revive Church, 5:30 pm -8 pm

Square Foot Sale and Fundraiser, Artworks Center for Contemporary Art, 6 pm -8 pm

The School for Lies, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm

Wild & Scenic Film Festival, Lory Student Center Theater, 7 pm -9:30 pm

Saturday, October 12

Arts in the Open Presents "Wicked Wanderings", Chautauqua Park, 3 pm -5 pm

Board and Brush Pick Your Project Workshops, Board and Brush Fort Collins, 10 am -1 pm

Booty in the Breakdown: a Rockin' Gogo-Burlesque Roulette Show, Lion's Lair, 9:30 pm

Boulder Ballet: Dancer's Choice, Dairy Arts Center: Gordon Gamm Theatre, 7 pm

CyberSecurity Awareness, Old Town Library, 10 am -11:30 am

David Tilmon Performing, The Passenger Restaurant, 5 pm -8 pm

Debut Theatre Company presents: The Fall of the House of Usher, The Lincoln Center, 7 pm

Jaenga, The Coast, 10 pm

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Public Tour of Jack's Solar Garden,

Jack's Solar Garden, 10 am -11:30 am

Stories on Stage presents "Woke Up!", Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts Center, 7 pm

The School for Lies, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7:30 pm

Tour The 1883 Water Works,

The 1883 Fort Collins Water Works, 10 am -3 pm

TRUNK or TREAT hosted by Alternatives to Violence and Loveland Police Dept., City of Loveland Police Department, 10 am -12 pm

Sunday, October 13

Aerial Yoga Teacher Training, Live Beyond Limit, 10:30 am -6:30 pm

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Come Back to Earth: Mac Miller Tribute, Aggie Theatre, 8 pm

Croce Plays Croce 50th Anniversary Tour, Union Colony Civic Center, 7:30 pm

Debut Theatre Company presents: The Fall of the House of Usher, The Lincoln Center, 1 pm

Dickens Halloween DRAG SHOW!, Dickens Opera House, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm

Field Guide, The Coast, 7 pm -10 pm

Fort Collins Farmers Market,

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Ginger and Baker, 10 am -4 pm

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Stories on Stage presents "Woke Up!", Su Teatro Cultural and Performing Arts Center, 2 pm

Teen Self Care Fair,

Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, 11 am -4 pm

The School for Lies, Bas Bleu Theatre, 2:30 pm

Monday, October 14

Cooking Matters Classes: Cooking with the Family/ Clases de "Cooking Matters":

Cocinando con la Familia,

Old Town Library, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm

North 40 Pub Runners: Monday Night Runs,

Sparge Brewing, 6 pm -8 pm

Open Mic Night!, The Lyric, 5 pm

Xtreme Music BINGO, Sparge Brewing, 6 pm -7 pm

Tuesday, October 15

Colorado Jazz Repertory Orchestra - New! Salon Series, Aurora Fox Arts Center, 11 am

Getting Ready for Tax Time Without the Stress with Jenna Gooley, LINC Library, 11:30 am -1 pm

Gulo Gulo Poetry Collective Workshops, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, 4 pm -8 pm

Gulo Gulo Poetry Open Mic + Writing Workshop, Wolverine Farm Publick House, 6 pm

Karaoke Club, The Lyric, 6 pm

Knitting and Crocheting Club,

Slurpz Restaurant, 6 pm -8 pm

Relief From Grief, Online, 5 pm -7 pm

Sparge Trivia Night, Sparge Brewing, 6 pm -8 pm

Volunteer in Rocky Mountain National Park for Limber Pine!, Rocky Mountain National Park, 8 am -4 pm

You Are Being Doxxed! How to Protect Yourself, Old Town Library, 6 pm -7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 16

30th Anniversary Open House - Health District of Northern Larimer County, Health District of Northern Larimer County, 4 pm -7 pm

Fall Choral Showcase: Featuring Chamber Choir, Choral Choir, and University Chorus, UCA, Griffin Concert Hall, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm

Family Game Night, Slurpz Restaurant, 5 pm -7 pm

Laugh Island: Where Dating is a Breeze,

The Lyric, 7 pm

Residency Concert with Kaelyn Mahoney,

Wolverine Farm Publick House, 6 pm

Trades Night, Sparge Brewing, 6 pm

Volunteer in Rocky Mountain National Park for Limber Pine!, Rocky Mountain National Park, 8 am -4 pm

Thursday, October 17

0.5K Run for RamStrength, Canvas Stadium, 5 pm -9 pm

Adult Cribbage Night, Slurpz Restaurant,

6 pm -8 pm

Broadway Rave, Aggie Theatre, 7 pm

Changing the Life of a Child, Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures, 6 pm -7:30 pm

Garrett Ammon's Devil's Crush,

Wonderbound, 7:30 pm

Hands UP Presents Code VII, 830 North, 8 pm

Jobs of Hope Gala: "Hope Unlocked",

Zoe's Cafe & Events, 6 pm -8 pm

Loveland Opera Theatre Presents IOLANTHE, Rialto Theater, 7 pm -10 pm

School's Out: Art Day Camps,

The America Building, 9 am -4 pm

Square Dance Classes, Masonic Temple Event Center Fort Collins, 6:30 pm -8:30 pm

Volunteer in Rocky Mountain National Park for Limber Pine!, Rocky Mountain National Park, 8 am -4 pm

Witches Brew, FoCo Cafe, 6 pm -8 pm

Friday, October 18

Ballet & Beer, Bas Bleu Theatre, 7 pm

Board and Brush Pick Your Project Workshops, Board and Brush Fort Collins, 6:30 pm -9:30 pm

Cold War Kids with Husbands,

Boulder Theater, 8 pm

Debut Theatre Company presents: The Fall of the House of Usher, The Lincoln Center, 7 pm

Dramatime: Improv Workshop with The Comedy Brewers, Old Town Library,

1 pm -3:30 pm

Eggy with Color Green, Aggie Theatre,

7 pm -10 pm

Essentials Self-Defense Young Teen Course (Age 12-15), Fort Collins, CO– Address Announced Upon Signup, 5 pm

Fleat & Meet: Fleetwood Mac & Meat Loaf Tribute, Dickens Opera House, 7 pm -9:30 pm

Garrett Ammon's Devil's Crush,

Wonderbound, 7:30 pm

LGBTQ+ History Month 5K Rainbow Run/Walk, Aims Community College - Greeley Campus,

7 am -12 pm

Loveland Opera Theatre Presents IOLANTHE, Rialto Theater, 7 pm -10 pm

Northern Colorado Home Show, The Ranch,

12 pm -6 pm

Opera Scenes: Presented by the Ralph Opera Program, 1400 Remington St, 7:30 pm -9:30 pm

The Bordas Brothers, The Coast, 10 pm

The Samples, The Coast, 6 pm

Youth Circus Camp - Join the Circus for a Day!, Live Beyond Limit, 12:30 pm -3:30 pm

Saturday, October 19

Aerial Yoga Teacher Training, Live Beyond Limit, 10:30 am -6:30 pm

After Dark ft. Chief Ojih, The Coast, 11 pm

Arts in the Open Presents "Wicked Wanderings", Chautauqua Park, 3 pm -5 pm

Ballet & Beer, Bas Bleu Theatre, 4 & 7 pm

Bilingual Bird Walk at River's Edge Natural Area in Loveland, River's Edge Natural Area, 9 am

Board and Brush Pick Your Project Workshops,

Board and Brush Fort Collins, 2 pm -5 pm

Colorado Jazz presents Guitar Gods: Metheny, Montgomery, and More, Arvada Center, 7:30 pm

Contra Dancing!, Fort Collins Masonic Temple, 6:15 pm -10 pm

Cryptic Writings x Kickstart My Heart (Tribute), The Coast, 7 pm

Debut Theatre Company presents: The Fall of the House of Usher, The Lincoln Center, 1 & 7 pm

Essentials Self Defense, Pretty Brainy,

8 am -6:30 pm

Essentials Self-Defense Adult Basics Course (Age 16+), Fort Collins, CO– Address Announced Upon Signup, all day

Fall Harvest Farm-to-Table Dinner,

Desiderata Ranch, 5 pm -8 pm

Garrett Ammon's Devil's Crush,

Wonderbound, 7:30 pm

High Hops 12th Birthday!, High Hops Brewery, 5 pm

Howl-o-Ween Trick-or-Treat,

Centennial Village Museum, 2 pm -6 pm

Loveland Opera Theatre Presents IOLANTHE, Rialto Theater, 2 pm -5 pm

Monster Mansion Mystery && Mini Signs, Board and Brush Fort Collins, 6:30 pm -9:30 pm

Northern Colorado Home Show,

The Ranch, 10 am -5 pm

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October is Long-Term Care Residents’ Rights Month

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In recognition of Weld County residents living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, the board of county commissioners proclaimed October as Long-Term Care Residents’ Rights Month during its Wednesday meeting.

Residents of these communities are protected by the 1987 Nursing Home Reform Law, which grants them essential rights, including the right to be fully informed about available services and associated charges, the right to complain, the right to participate in their own care, the right to receive visitors and the right to privacy and confidentiality.


Throughout Weld County, nearly 750 individuals reside in eight nursing homes, while over 900 individuals live in 23 assisted living facilities. This proclamation reaffirms Weld County’s commitment to respecting the rights of these individuals. It also emphasizes the importance of empowering

residents to understand their rights, allowing them to live with dignity and self-determination.

The Weld County Department of Human Services (DHS) oversees the Ombudsman Program through the Area Agency on Aging (AAA). This program comprises staff dedicated to preserving and educating residents about their rights in long-term care settings.

“We are proud of the work this team does. The recognition of Long-Term Care Residents’ Rights Month provides us with the opportunity to not only highlight their efforts but also to celebrate the dignity and rights of residents living in care communities,” stated Tami Grant, Deputy Director of DHS. “It’s essential to listen to those living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.”

To learn more about the services AAA provides Weld County residents, visit www.weldaaa.org.



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Lexi Lagan, dressed as an Olympic athlete, which she really is, with her dog, Gwinny. Ms. Lagan competed in the recent 2024 Olympics in the Women's Pistol Shooting event. (Photo by Richard Gonet).

The contest involved Corgis and their owners dressed in matching costumes, and this year's theme was "Corgolympics," a sports motif inspired by this year's Olympics. Lending authenticity to the concept, a bona fide Olympian, Lexi Lagan appeared in the contest with her dog Gwinny. Ms. Lagan is from Boulder City, Nevada, and she competed this year in women's pistol shooting. In the costume contest she took a slight advantage by wearing the official white Olympic jacket that she wore during the Paris competition.

Income from contest registration fees, the sale of merchandise, and sponsor donors will go to several dog-related groups, including 4 Paws Pet Pantry, which provides free pet food to dog owners who can't afford to feed their pets; Colorado Corgi & Friends and Wyoming Dachshund & Corgi Rescue, two animal rescue groups; and Bandit's K9 Care, which provides financial assistance to pet owners whose animals need veterinary care.

For more information about the Tour de Corgi, its sponsors, and beneficiaries, visit Tourdecorgi.org, Tour de Corgi on Facebook, and also Instagram@[tourdecorgi](https://www.instagram.com/tourdecorgi).



Avery Roan from Severance, and her Corgi, Winston, dressed as the Jurassic Park Cowboy. (Photo by Richard Gonet).



Queen Elizabeth II, played by Elizabeth Pruessner, accompanied by her royal Corgi, Princess Lovey. (Photo by Richard Gonet).

Family of Colorado Man Files Wrongful Death Lawsuit After His Death is Linked to Kratom

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The family of Robert Simmons, a 34-year-old husband, and father of four, has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against several companies tied to the production and sale of O.P.M.S., a popular kratom brand that has been connected to reports of addiction and multiple deaths.

Robert Simmons, a lifelong Colorado resident, was known as a hardworking family man who took pride in supporting his wife and four young children.

He had been dealing with chronic pain and turned to kratom, a product that he believed to be a natural remedy for his condition.

On September 27, 2023, Simmons passed away while at work, collapsing near his truck after consuming O.P.M.S. Silver Super Green Borneo kratom powder, a product Simmons purchased at One Love Smoke Shop in Greeley, CO.

The Weld County Coroner determined the cause of death to be acute mitragynine toxicity, in other words, kratom toxicity.

The lawsuit alleges that Simmons, like many others, was misled by the defendants into believing that kratom was a safe and natural product.

The complaint further states that Simmons, unaware of the risks, had purchased and consumed kratom to help manage his chronic pain, trusting the marketing claims that it was an all-natural and effective supplement.

The lawsuit accuses the defendants of deception by failing to disclose adequate information about the safety and risks of kratom, failing to provide adequate warning labels on products, and representing that kratom products

are used for medicinal benefits despite kratom not being approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) for any medical purpose.

"These defendants have deliberately set up a network of shell companies to import, market, and sell kratom to consumers with one goal in mind, financial gain," said Tamara Spires, an attorney with mctlaw representing the family of Robert Simmons.

"This case seeks to expose the dangerous and deceptive business practices used by kratom companies like those behind O.P.M.S. kratom products."

Kratom has been linked to deaths across the country, and this lawsuit is part of a growing national effort to address the dangers of the product.

Despite its widespread use, the FDA has not approved kratom for any medical purposes and has issued import alerts regarding its safety.

The wrongful death lawsuit (Complaint No. 2024CV30847) was filed by Robert Simmons' widow, Erika Simmons, on September 23, 2024, in Weld County District Court.

Defendants in the case include One Love, Inc. (d/b/a One Love Smoke Shop), Jonah V. Ricke, JOPEN, LLC, Martian Sales, Inc., Johnson Foods, LLC, LP IND. Inc., Olistica Life Sciences Group, FMK Group, LLC (d/b/a Jordan Process), PNW Holdings, LLC (d/b/a Jordan Process), Payton Shea Palaio, and Mark Jennings.

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52. What skeletons and skedaddlers have in common

53. Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex", e.g.

55. French vineyard

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71. a.k.a. tangelos

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25. *Teeth of #19 Across

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27. a.k.a. honey badger

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32. Partner of pains

33. *Spooky house sound

34. "Fiddler on the Roof" gossipy character

36. Coral barrier

38. Gads, anagrammed

42. Mold a mind

45. Expel a lawyer

49. Ever, to a poet

51. Bluish planet

54. *#12 Down, alt. sp.

56. Sushi option

57. Stubborn beast

58. Swear, not curse

59. Type of hexahedron

60. Having wings

61. Black-eyed legumes

62. Sound of a bell

63. Fail to mention

64. Magnolia State, abbr.

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