

VISIT LOVELAND

FEBRUARY 2019 CMC REPORT



SUCCESS SUMMARY

In February 2019, Visit Loveland was featured in 213 pieces of media coverage. This report outlines priorities and results for the month of February.

TOP PR/SOCIAL MEDIA PRIORITIES

February focused primarily on Valentine season promotion and preparation, as well as starting initial preparation for our big summer push in early March.

PRIORITY #1: VALENTINE'S DAY PROMOTION MEDIA RELATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA

- We worked with media to follow-up on and finalized opportunities profiling Loveland for valentine season, including a large focus on the love lock sculpture and Sweetheart Festival.
- Managed the Visit Colorado Instagram takeover to showcase Loveland for Valentine's Day and Sweetheart Festival.
- Coordinated Instagram stories around Valentine season in Loveland and Sweetheart Festival.
- Managed live social media during the Sweetheart Festival and coordinated last minute promotion and media attendance. Distributed B-roll and photos to media Friday night for coverage Saturday.
- Created February 5 to Love Social Media Video.



'Sweetheart City' continues Valentine's Day tradition

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LOVELAND — Thousands of Valentines are being sent out from the Loveland Visitor Center this week as part of the 'Sweetheart City's' Valentine's re-mailing program.

Tens of thousands of people from across the globe send their Valentines in

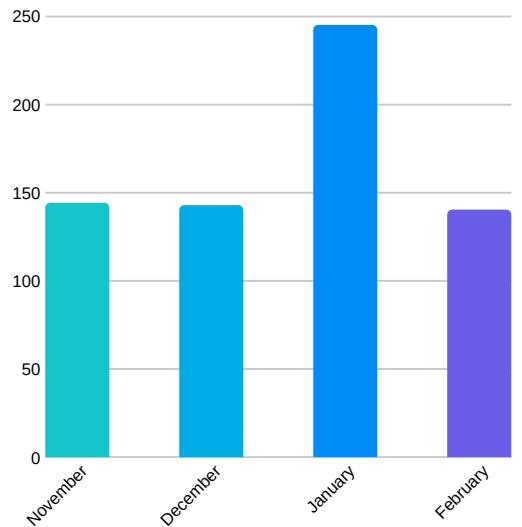


PRIORITY #2: SUMMER PR PLANNING

- Worked with partners to determine what was coming up for summer to include in our PR and social media push.

RESULTS

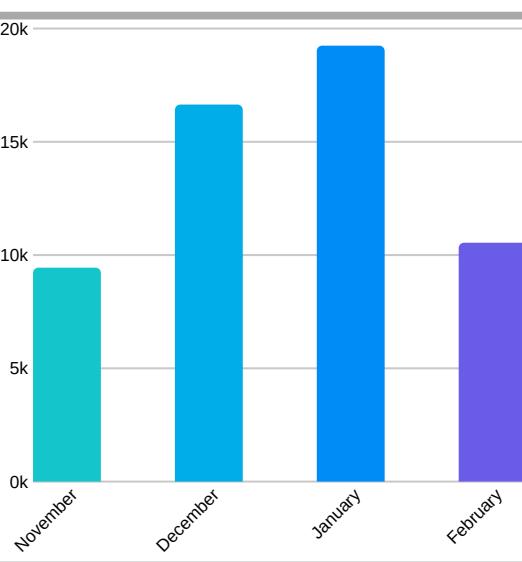
SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT



134 new followers | 7,956 total fans

139.9k impressions | 3,679 engagements

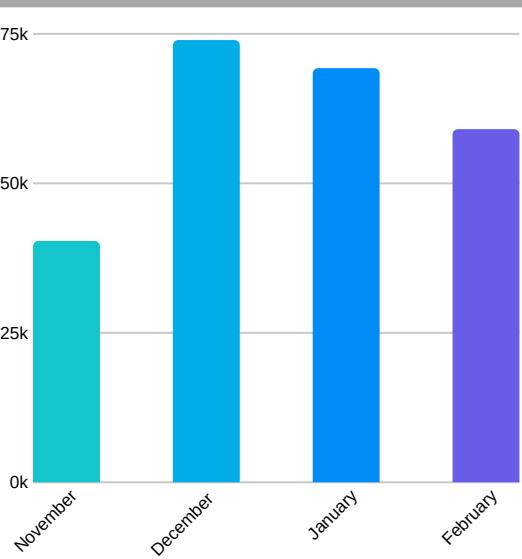
- Focus: Valentine season, Love Lock Sculpture, Valentina around town, Sweetheart Festival, winter views.
- Top posts: Love wins today and everyday, Sweetheart Festival is bringing love to downtown Loveland, Nature reminds us we are in the nation's Sweetheart City, Lovelock sculpture moved to Budweiser Events Center, Loveland's Dairy Queen is No.1 store in the nation.
- New followers increased, and impressions and engagements decreased in February.



9 new followers | 1,812 followers

10,519 impressions | 10 engagements

- Focus: Valentine season, Love Lock Sculpture, Valentina around town, Sweetheart Festival, winter views.
- Most engaging tweets: Winter views from Lake Loveland, Three golf courses to choose from, Weekends are for wandering, Benson Sculpture Garden- a place to make new friends and create new memories.
- New followers increased, and impressions, and engagements decreased in February.



289 new followers | 7,877 followers

58,976 impressions | 3,074 engagements

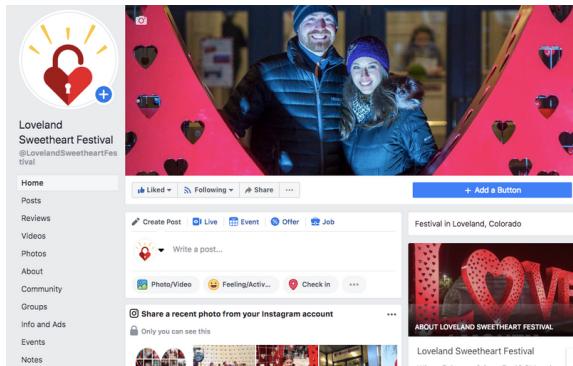
- Focus: Valentine season, Love Lock Sculpture, Valentina around town, Sweetheart Festival, winter views.
- Most engaging photos: Love is in the air, We love it when nature reminds us we are the nation's Sweetheart City, The love lock sculpture is in the final leg of its valentine tour around the city.
- Most engaging hashtags: #visitloveland, #lovelandsweetheartfestival, #lovelandlovelocks, #lockyourlove, #valentinesday, #nationalmargaritaday, #craftbeer, #traveltuesday, #loveland, #artisancoffee

RESULTS

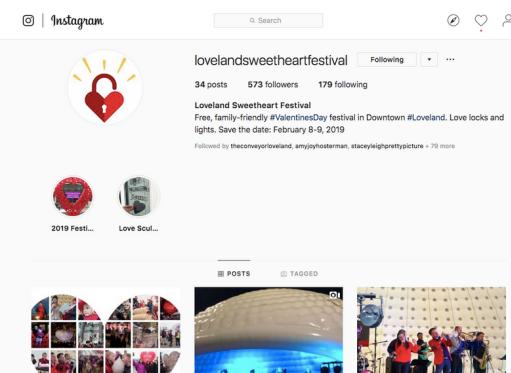
SWEETHEART FESTIVAL SOCIAL MEDIA SUCCESS

1,219 total fans |

2,048.6 impressions | 7,140 engagements



- Focus: Promoting event attendance, things to do, the new love lock sculpture, Loveland as a valentine destination
- Most engaging posts: We are excited to host Loveland's new love lock sculpture, Little Miss Valentine and Little Mr. Cupid Contest, Sweetheart Scenes at the Sweetheart Festival, Family fun in the land of love, Fun on Snowzilla Jr. slide.
- Demographics: Loveland, Fort Collins, Greeley, Denver, Johnstown.



571 followers | 1,180 engagements

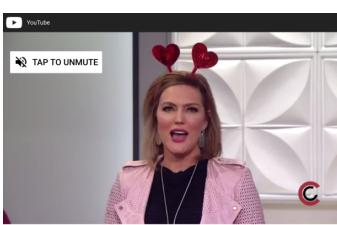
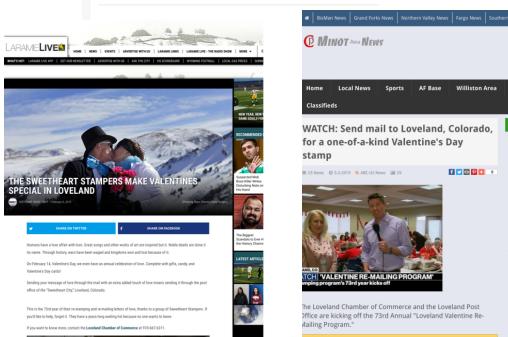
- Focus: Promoting event attendance, things to do, the new love lock sculpture, Loveland as a valentine destination
- Top posts: 25-foot-tall heart will be lit up, Loveland Sweetheart Festival will take over downtown Loveland one month from now, Loveland's new love lock sculpture will be moved to downtown Loveland for the Valentine festival.
- Most engaged hashtags:
#lovelandsweetheartfestival, #lovelandlovelocks, #downtownloveland, #visitloveland, #slide, #familyfun, #thingstodo, #loveland, #lovelandcolorado, #event

RESULTS

MEDIA RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS



ARISE Music Festival Announces 2019 Lineup: Tipper, Railroad Earth, Leftover Salmon, SunSquabi, More



PR NUMBERS

\$430,265

PR VALUE

104.900.497

IMPRESSIONS

8.71K

MEDIA SOCIAL SHARES

*PR value #'s calculated based on the media hits that we were able to find an ad value for. Some hits do not have comparable advertising value.

Visit Loveland Colorado CMC Report
February 2019



Twitter Profiles for **Visit Loveland, Colo**

Feb 1, 2019 - Feb 28, 2019

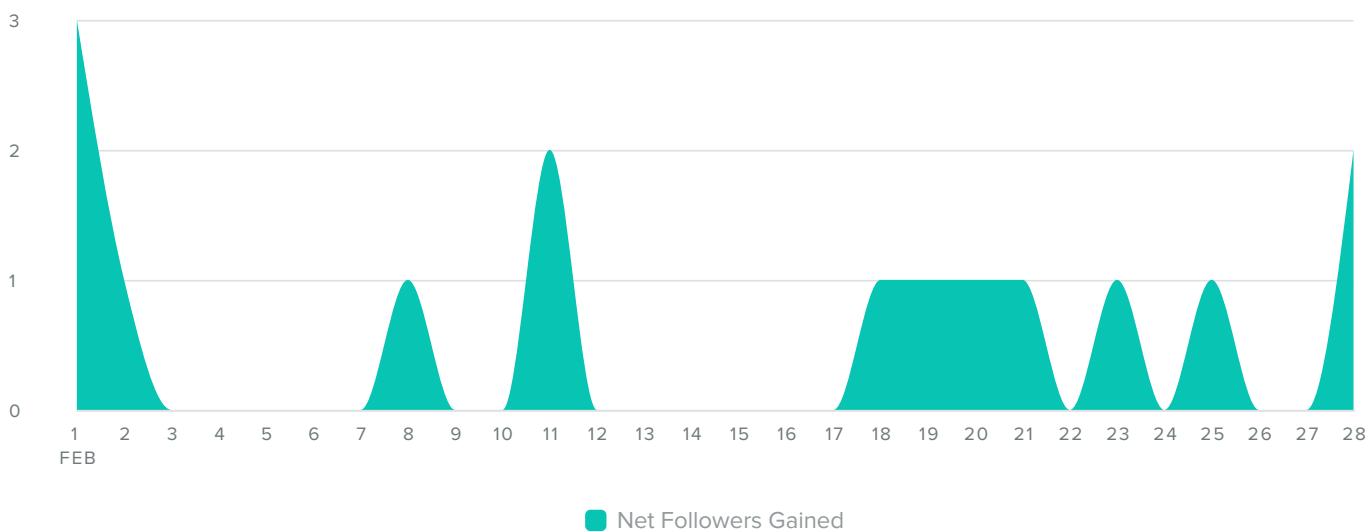
Track profile performance to determine the impact of Twitter content

Twitter Activity Overview

Organic Impressions  11.1k	Total Engagements  10	Link Clicks  1
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Twitter Audience Growth

AUDIENCE GROWTH, BY DAY



Follower Metrics

	Totals
Total Followers	1,812
Net Followers gained	9
People that you followed	0

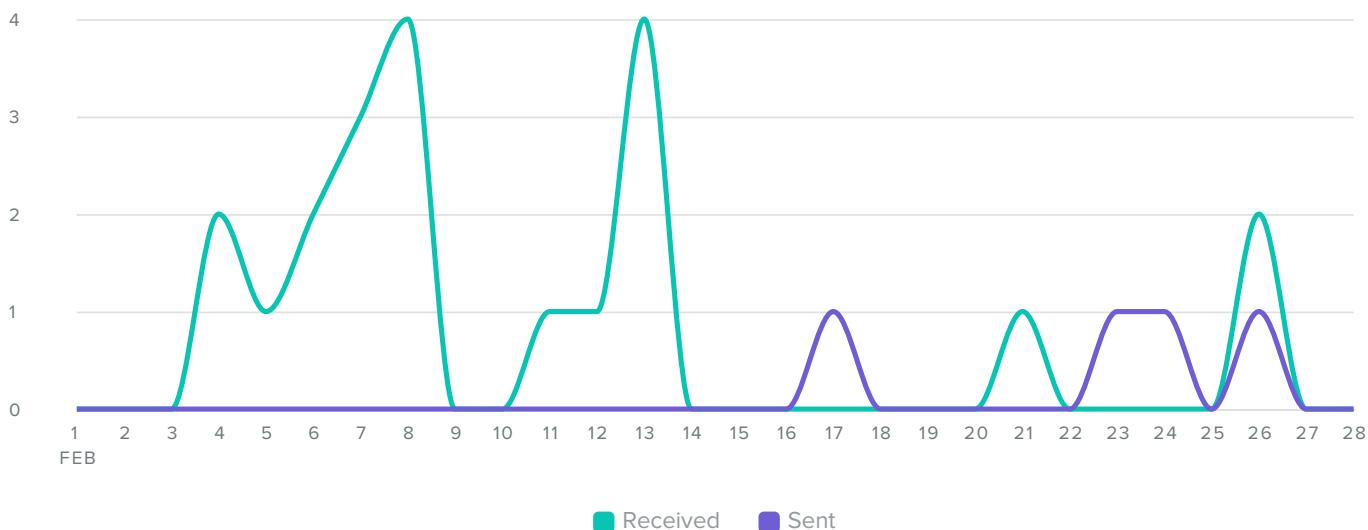
Total followers increased by

-0.5%

since previous date range

Twitter Posts & Conversations

MESSAGES PER DAY



Sent/Received Metrics

Totals

Tweets sent	4
Direct Messages sent	0
Total Sent	4

The number of messages you sent decreased by

-77.8%

since previous date range

Mentions received	21
Direct Messages received	0
Total Received	21

The number of messages you received decreased by

-4.5%

since previous date range

Twitter Top Posts, by Responses

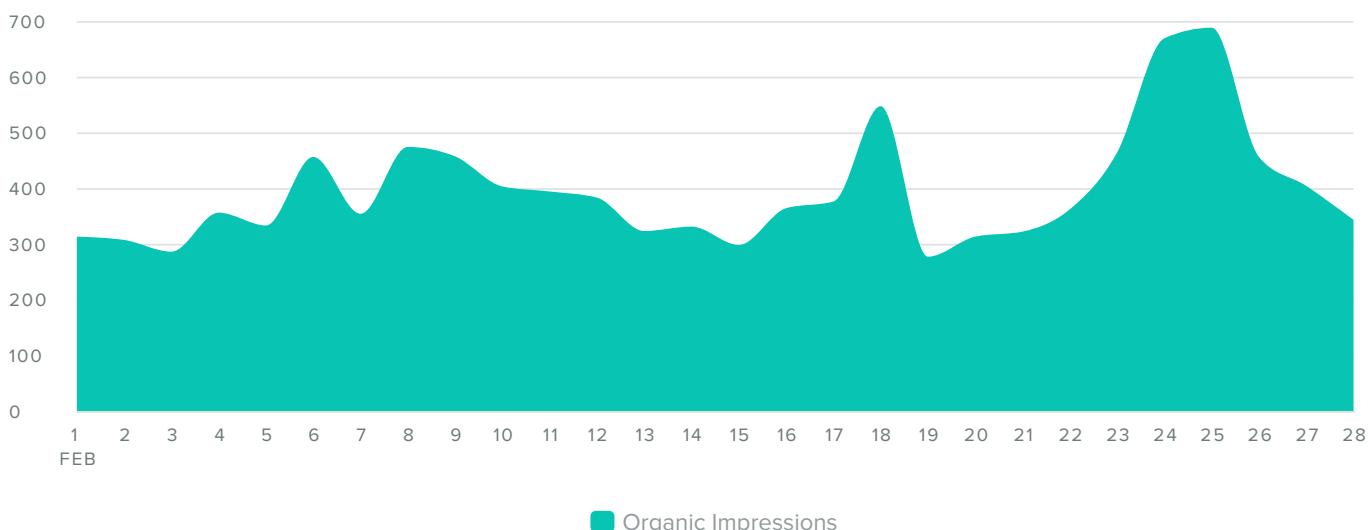
Tweet	Potential Reach	Responses ▾	Clicks	Retweets
VisitLovelandCO  The #winter views from #Lake Loveland Swim Beach provide unexpected beauty. #traveltuesday #visitloveland #coloradolive https://t.co/WBvRvOvFRt (Tweet) by Nicole Y. February 26, 2019 9:40 am	1,814	0	0	0

Twitter Top Posts, by Responses

Tweet	Potential Reach	Responses ▾	Clicks	Retweets
VisitLovelandCO  With three golf courses to choose from, hitting the greens on a beautiful winter day has never been easier. #visitloveland https://t.co/jjo4cMBitH #golf https://t.co/nTYcrSb0lI (Tweet) by Nicole Y. February 24, 2019 1:40 pm	1,814	0	2	0
VisitLovelandCO  Weekends are for wandering. Looking to get out and explore? We've got you covered. https://t.co/vBCFij7YxV #visitloveland #hiking #colorado https://t.co/OJqMs7dOTn (Tweet) by Nicole Y. February 23, 2019 2:21 pm	1,814	0	3	0
VisitLovelandCO  Benson Sculpture Garden - a place to make new friends and create new memories. It's also a great place to introduce your children to #art and #culture . https://t.co/TGZHm96Lex #visitloveland https://t.co/Vz62j9EI8U (Tweet) by Nicole Y. February 17, 2019 1:54 pm	1,814	0	1	0

Twitter Impressions

ORGANIC IMPRESSIONS, BY DAY



Impressions Metrics	Totals
Average Organic Impressions per Day	394.8
Total Organic Impressions	11,053

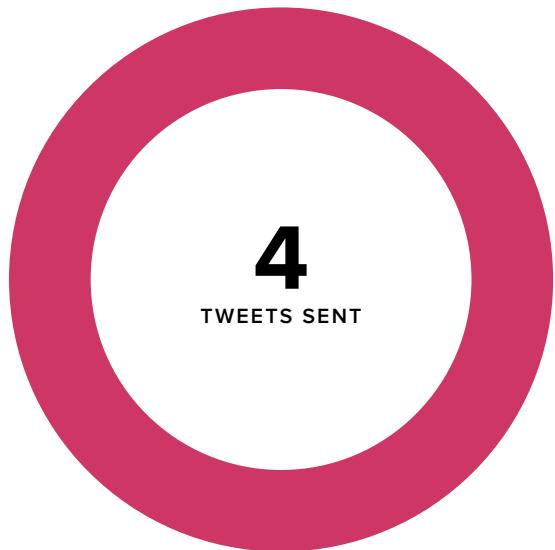
Organic Impressions decreased by

-34.3%

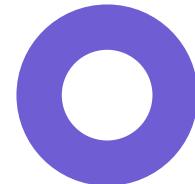
since previous date range

Twitter Publishing Behavior

SENT MESSAGE CONTENT



0
PLAIN TEXT
0
PAGE LINKS
4
PHOTO LINKS

CONVERSATION BEHAVIOR
(LAST 100 TWEETS)

0%
CONVERSATION
100%
UPDATES

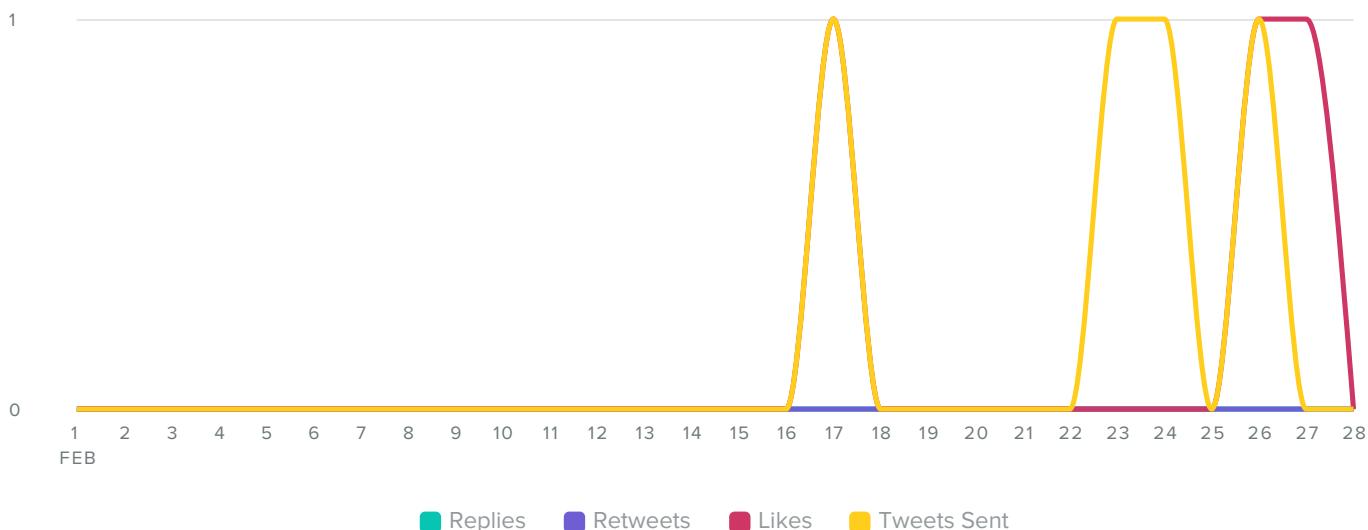
CONTACT BEHAVIOR (ALL TWEETS)



91%
NEW
CONTACTS
9%
EXISTING
CONTACTS

Twitter Engagement

ENGAGEMENT COUNT



Engagement Metrics

Totals

Total Engagements	10
Replies	0
Retweets	0
Retweets with Comments	0
Likes	3

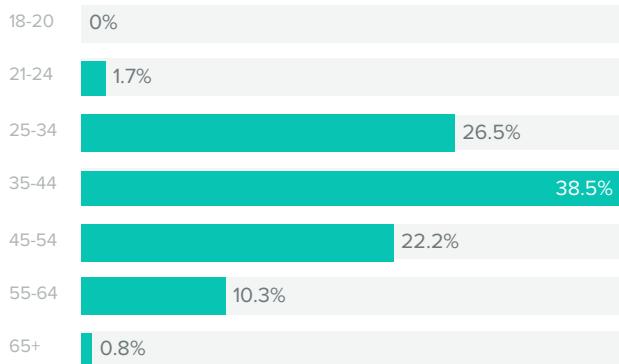
The number of engagements decreased by
-89.8%
since previous date range

Engagements per Follower	0.0055
Organic Impressions per Follower	6.1
Engagements per Tweet	2.5
Organic Impressions per Tweet	2,763.25
Engagements per Organic Impression	0.0009

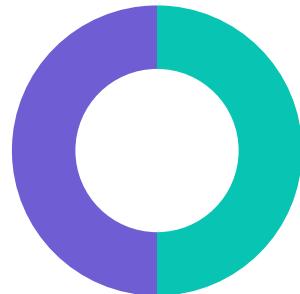
The number of organic impressions per Tweet increased by
-195.7%
since previous date range

Twitter Audience Demographics

FOLLOWERS BY AGE



FOLLOWERS BY GENDER



50%

FEMALE FOLLOWERS

50%

MALE FOLLOWERS

Men and people between the ages of **35-44** appear to be the leading force among your followers.

Twitter Stats by Profile

Twitter Profile	Total Followers	Follower Increase	Tweets Sent	Organic Impressions	Organic Impressions per Follower	Engagements	Engagements per Follower	Retweets	Clicks
 Visit Loveland, Colo	1,812	0.5%	4	11,053	6.1	10	0.0055	0	1



Facebook Pages for **Visit Loveland Colorado**

Feb 1, 2019 - Feb 28, 2019

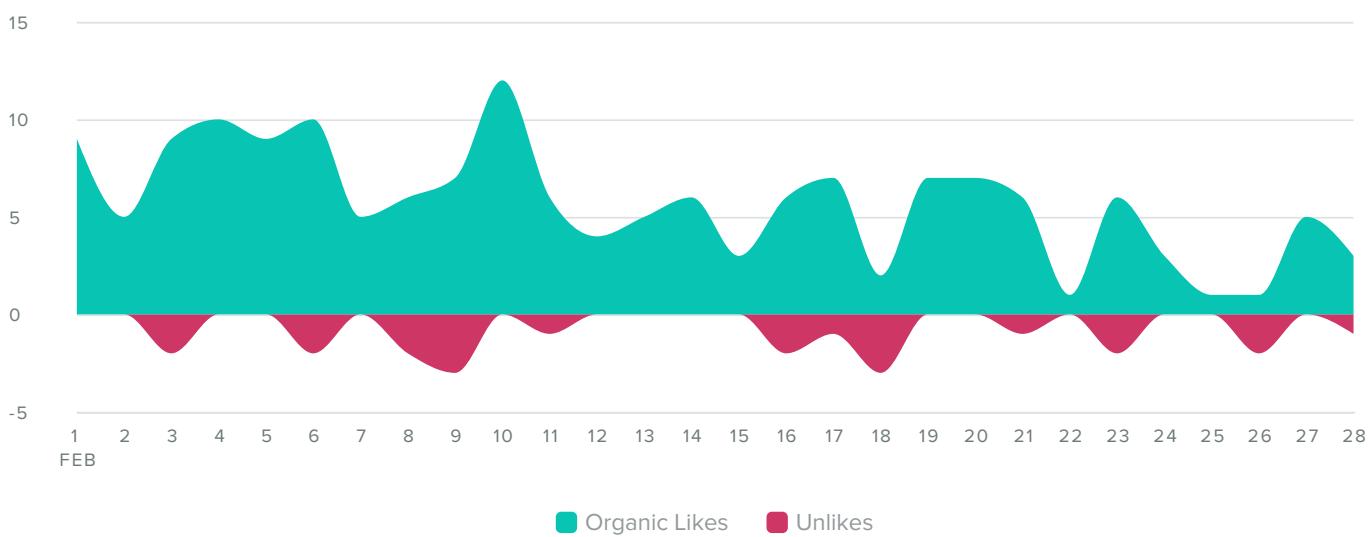
Analyze Facebook page data at a granular level for deeper insights

Facebook Activity Overview

Impressions  139.9k	Engagements  3,679	Clicks  293
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Facebook Audience Growth

LIKES BREAKDOWN, BY DAY



Audience Growth Metrics

Totals

Total Fans	7,955
Organic Likes	161
Unlikes	22
Net Likes	139

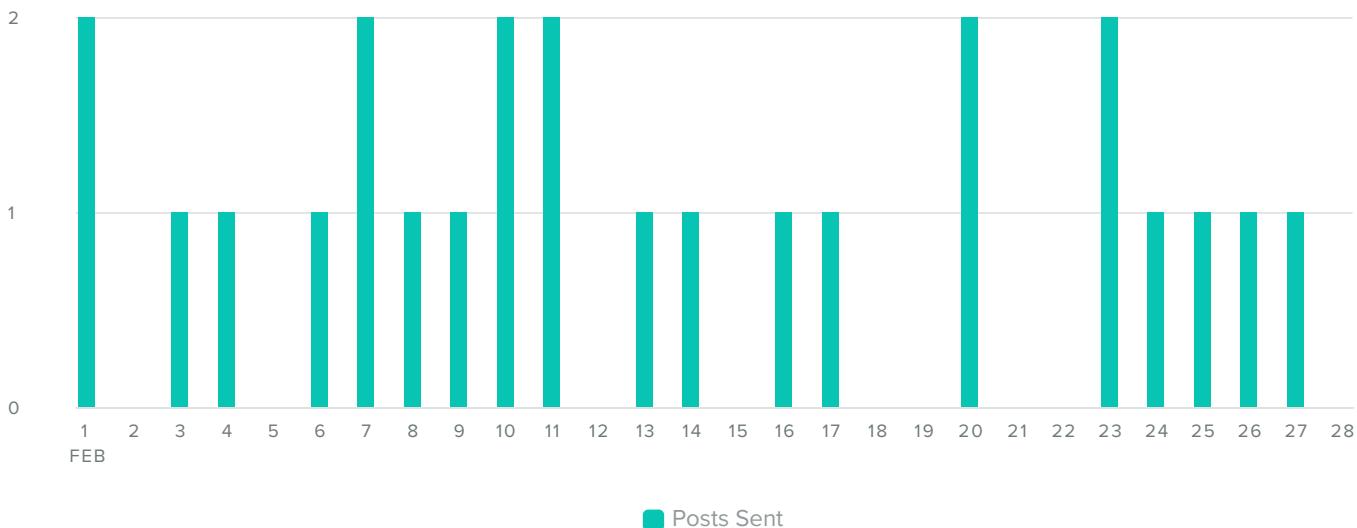
Total fans increased by

-1.7%

since previous date range

Facebook Publishing Behavior

POSTS, BY DAY



Posts Sent

Publishing Metrics

Totals

Photos	12
Videos	1
Posts	12
Notes	0
Total Posts	25

The number of posts you sent increased by

-4.2%

since previous date range

Facebook Top Posts, by Reactions

Post	Reactions ▾	Comments	Engagement	Reach
Visit Loveland Colorado Love wins today and every day. Happy Valentine's Day from the Sweetheart City. ❤ #visitloveland Sculpture: Departure by George Lundeen	913	89	10%	12,218

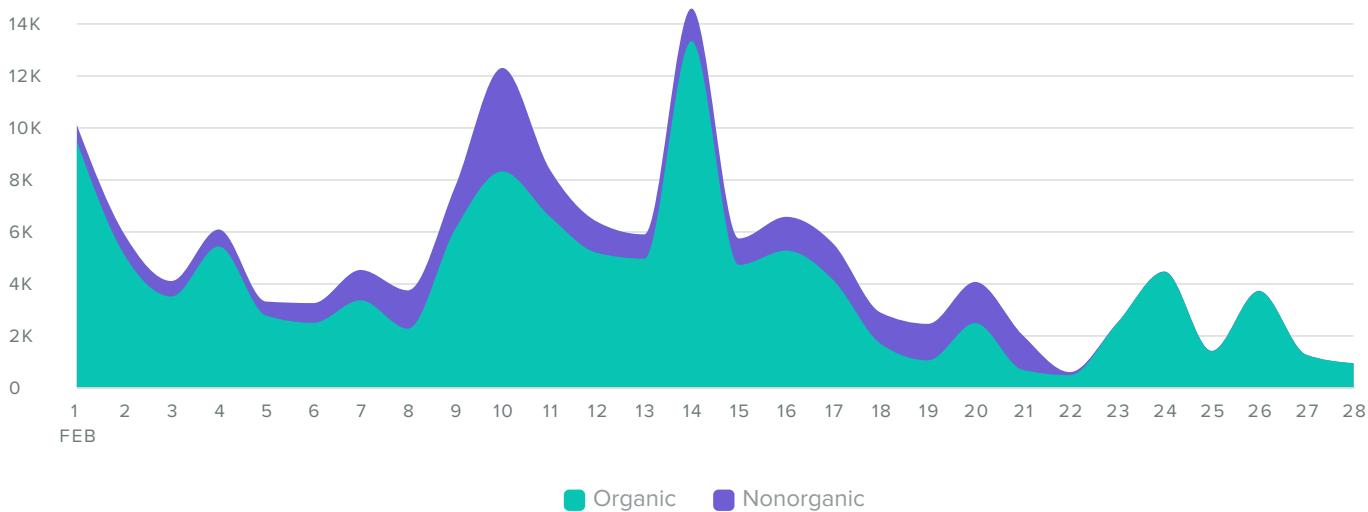
(Post) February 14, 2019 9:51 am

Facebook Top Posts, by Reactions

Post	Reactions ▾	Comments	Engagement	Reach
Visit Loveland Colorado The Loveland Sweetheart Festival is bringing LOVE to Downtown Loveland this weekend. It's the perfect weekend to join us. ❤️ #visitloveland				
 (Post) February 9, 2019 3:07 pm	322	10	9.7%	5,754
Visit Loveland Colorado We love it when nature reminds us we are in the nation's Sweetheart City. ❤️ photo by Instagrammer taeralynn #visitloveland				
 (Post) February 4, 2019 7:44 am	185	2	8.6%	2,693
Visit Loveland Colorado The love lock sculpture has moved to the Budweiser Events Center through February 15. If you are coming for a Colorado Eagles game or the Gary Allan concert on Valentine's Day, we will have love locks for sale. Feel free to bring your own and lock your love in the Sweetheart City. On February 15, the sculpture will move back to the Visitors Center, which will be its permanent home to visit it year-round. #VisitLoveland #Lovelandlovelocks				
 (Post) February 11, 2019 4:49 pm	166	39	8.6%	5,219
Visit Loveland Colorado Loveland's Dairy Queen is the No. 1 store in the nation. The best part? When you stop there, you get to experience the sculptures that are placed across the property. #visitloveland				
Loveland Reporter-Herald (Post) February 16, 2019 6:59 pm	120	20	16%	2,749

Facebook Impressions

PAGE IMPRESSIONS, BY DAY



Impressions Metrics

Totals

Organic Impressions	113,014
Nonorganic Impressions	26,857
Total Impressions	139,871
Average Daily Users Reached	3,319.6

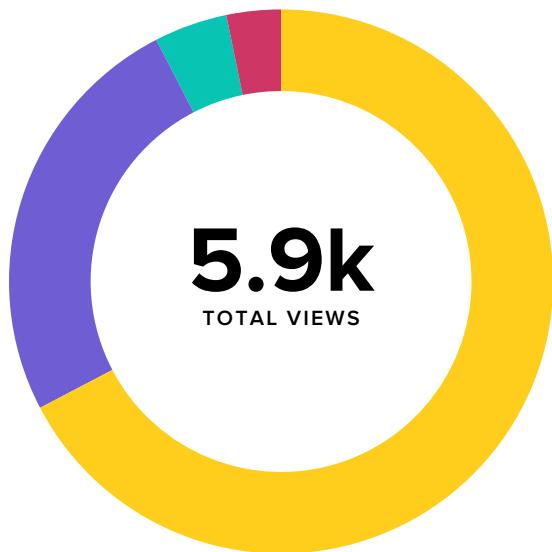
Total Impressions decreased by

-33.6%

since previous date range

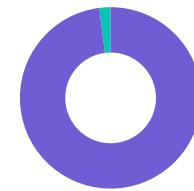
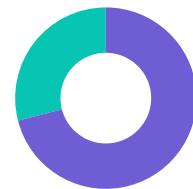
Facebook Video Performance

VIEW METRICS



VIEWING BREAKDOWN

259
ORGANIC FULL
1.5k
ORGANIC PARTIAL
192
PAID FULL
4k
PAID PARTIAL

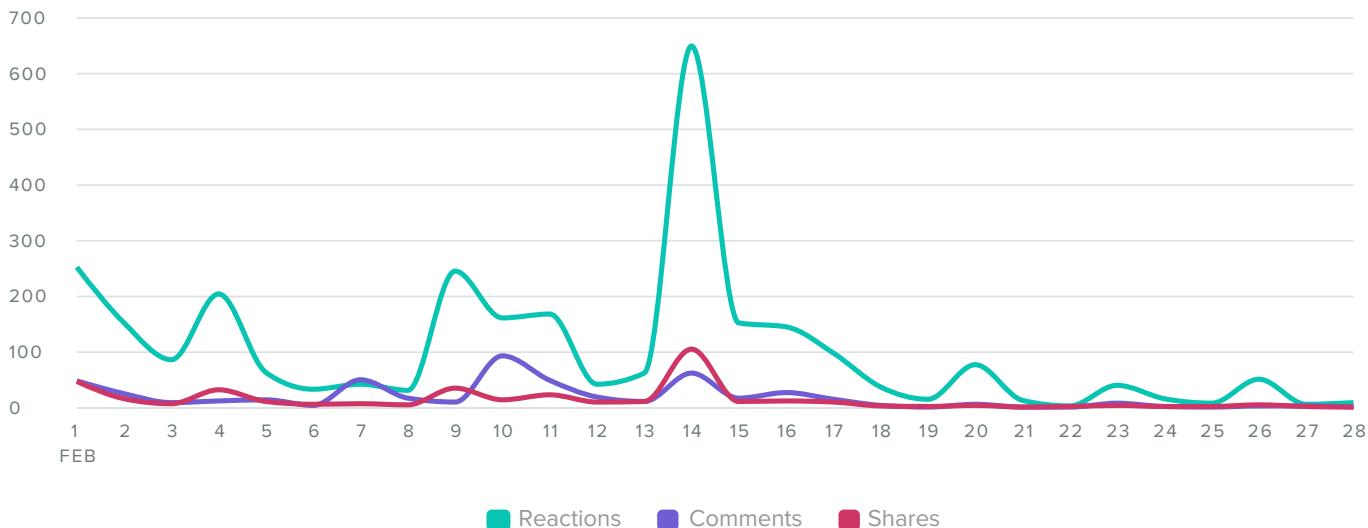


29%
ORGANIC
VIEWS
71%
PAID
VIEWS

2%
CLICK
PLAYS
98%
AUTO
PLAYS

Facebook Engagement

AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT, BY DAY



Action Metrics

Totals

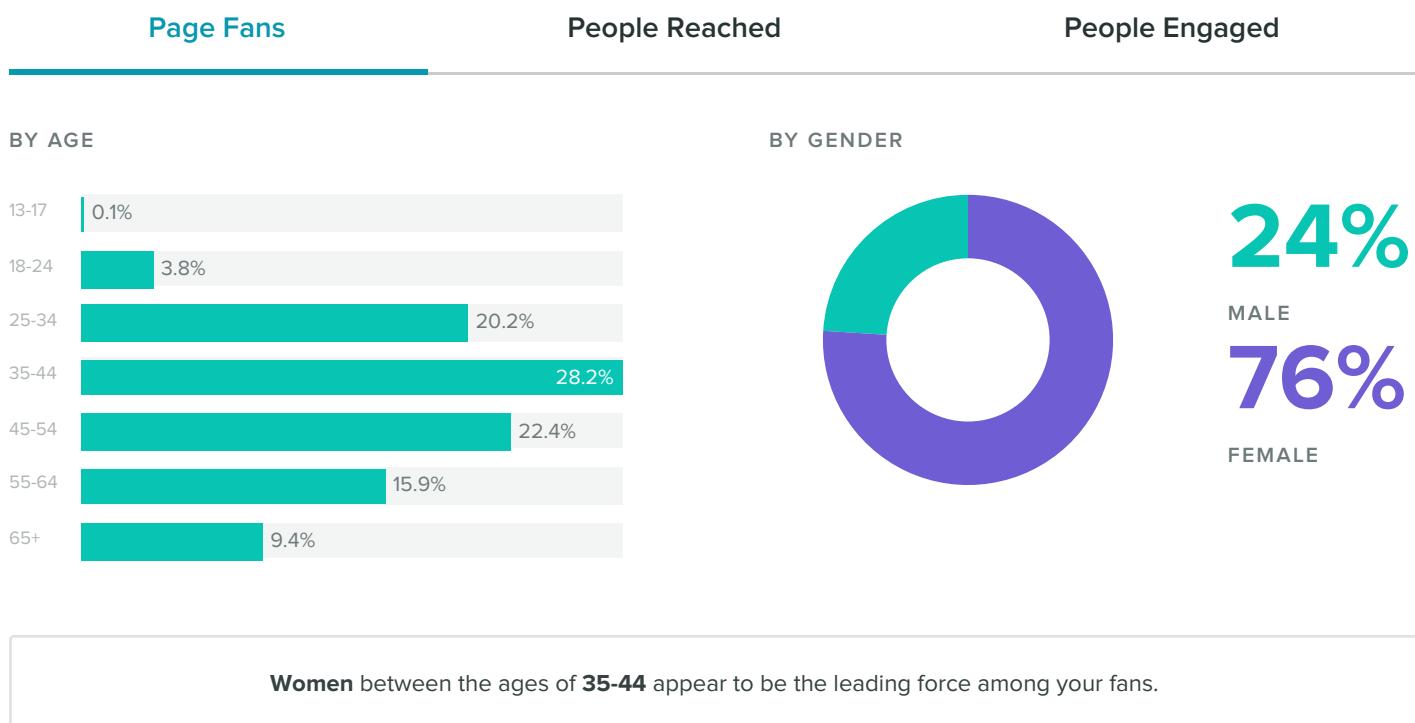
Reactions	2,832
Comments	485
Shares	362
Total Engagements	3,679

Total Engagements decreased by

-8%

since previous date range

Facebook Audience Demographics



Top Countries

 United States	7,701
 Mexico	35
 Canada	16
 India	15
 United Kingdom	14

Top Cities

Loveland, CO	2,811
Fort Collins, CO	866
Denver, CO	295
Greeley, CO	286
Windsor, CO	119

Facebook Stats by Page

Facebook Page	Total Fans	Fan Increase	Posts Sent	Impressions	Impressions per Post	Engagements	Engagements per Post	Link Clicks
 Visit Loveland Colorado	7,955	1.7%	25	139,871	5,594.8	3,679	147.2	293



Instagram Profiles for **Visit Loveland CO**

Feb 1, 2019 - Feb 28, 2019

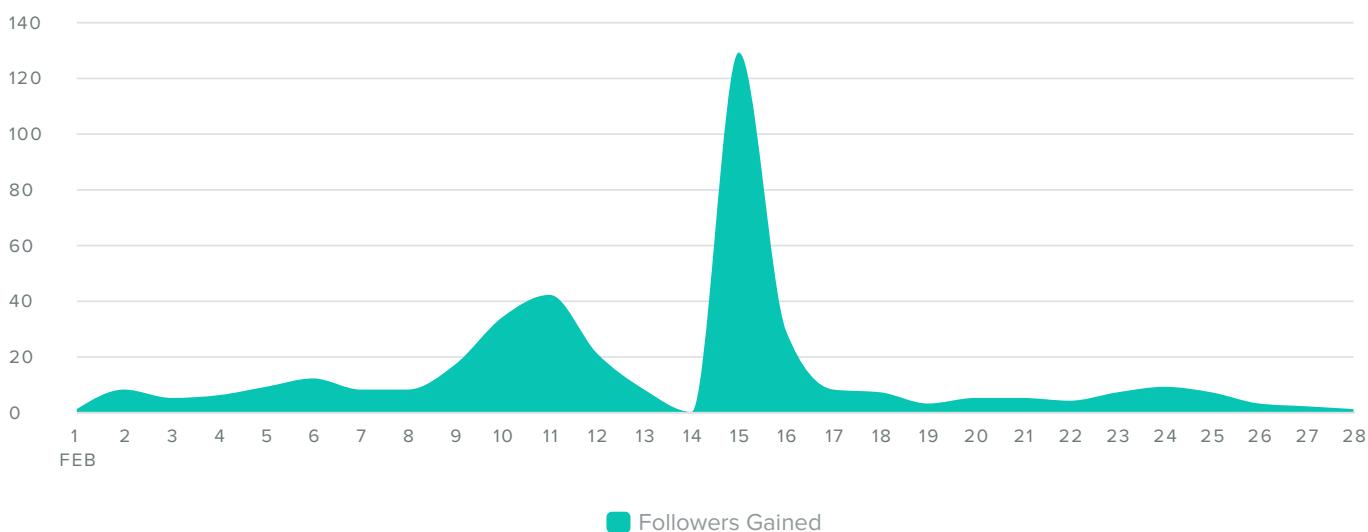
Determine the impact of Instagram content by analyzing your activity

Instagram Activity Overview

Total Followers  7,877	Likes Received  2,987	Comments Received  87
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Instagram Audience Growth

AUDIENCE GROWTH, BY DAY



Follower Metrics

	Totals
Total Followers	7,877
Followers Gained	289
People that you Followed	3

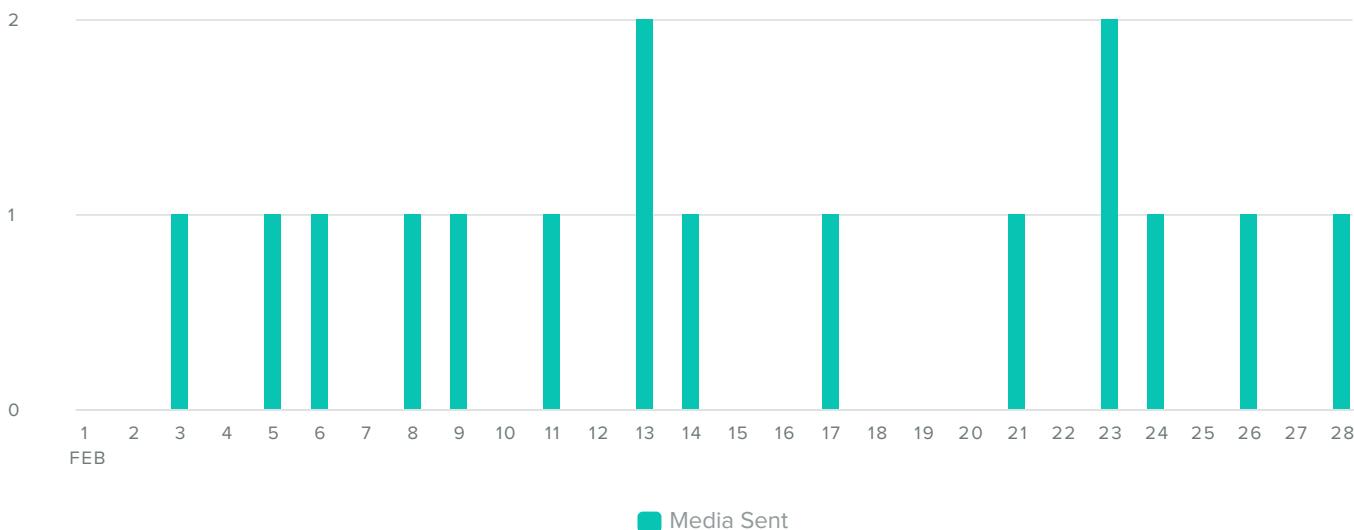
Total followers increased by

-3.8%

since previous date range

Instagram Publishing Behavior

MEDIA PER DAY



Publishing Metrics

Totals

Photos	15
Videos	0
Other	1
Total Media	16

The number of media you sent decreased by

-15.8%

since previous date range

Instagram Top Posts



@visitlovelandco

476 Engagements

@visitlovelandco

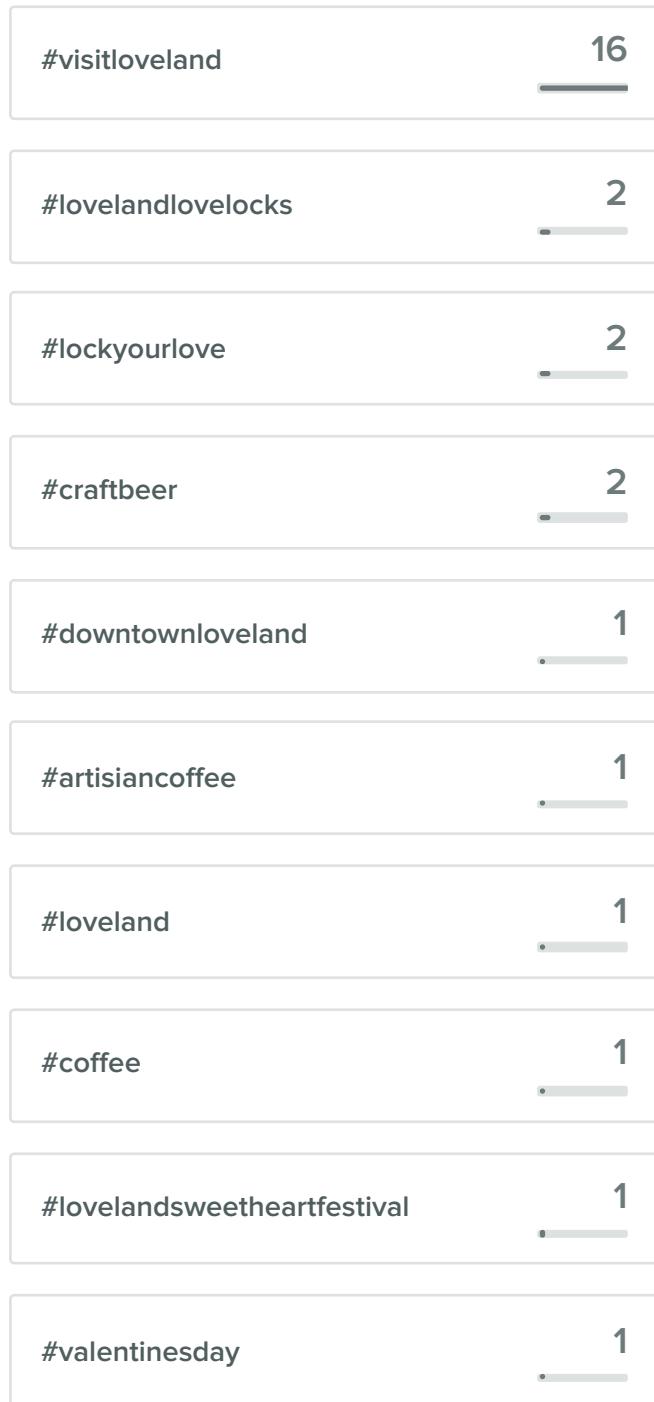
255 Engagements

@visitlovelandco

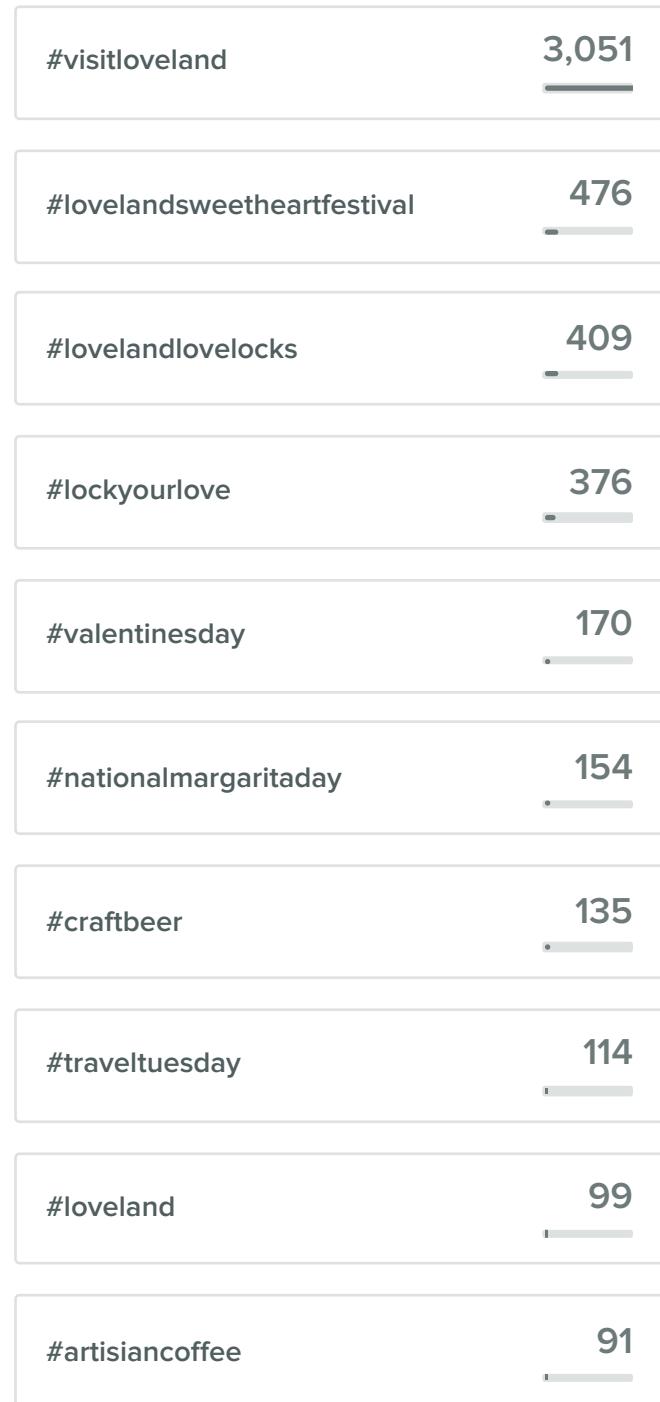
230 Engagements

Instagram Outbound Hashtag Performance

MOST USED HASHTAGS

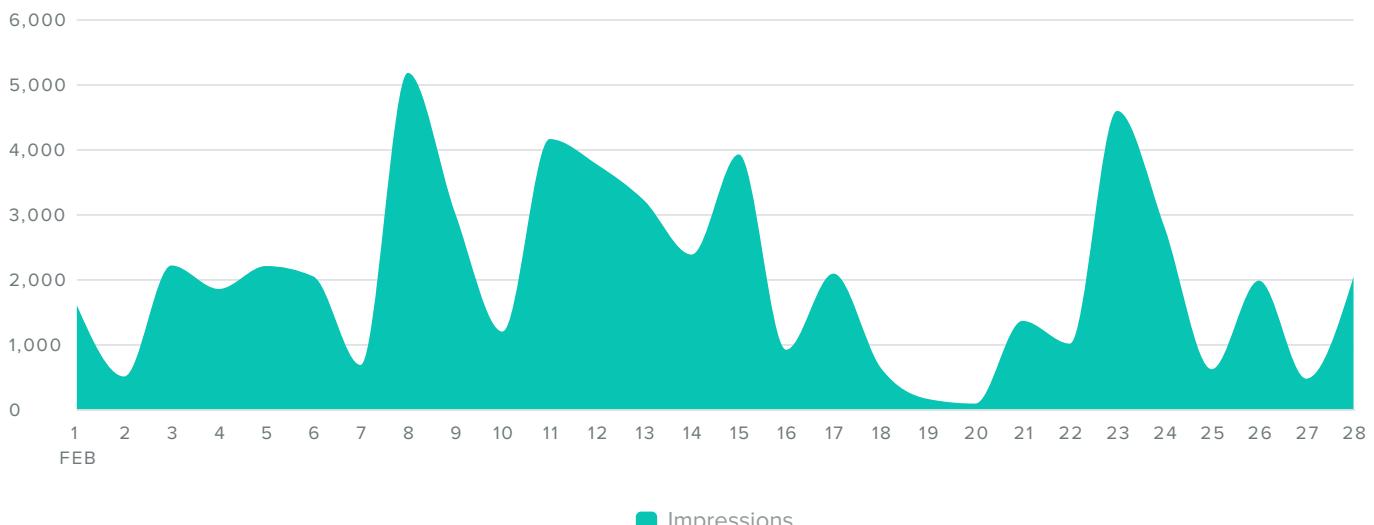


MOST ENGAGED HASHTAGS



Instagram Impressions

IMPRESSIONS, BY DAY



Impressions

Impressions Metrics

	Totals
Total Impressions	56,593
Average Impressions per Day	2,021.18
Average Daily Reach per Profile	1,060.5

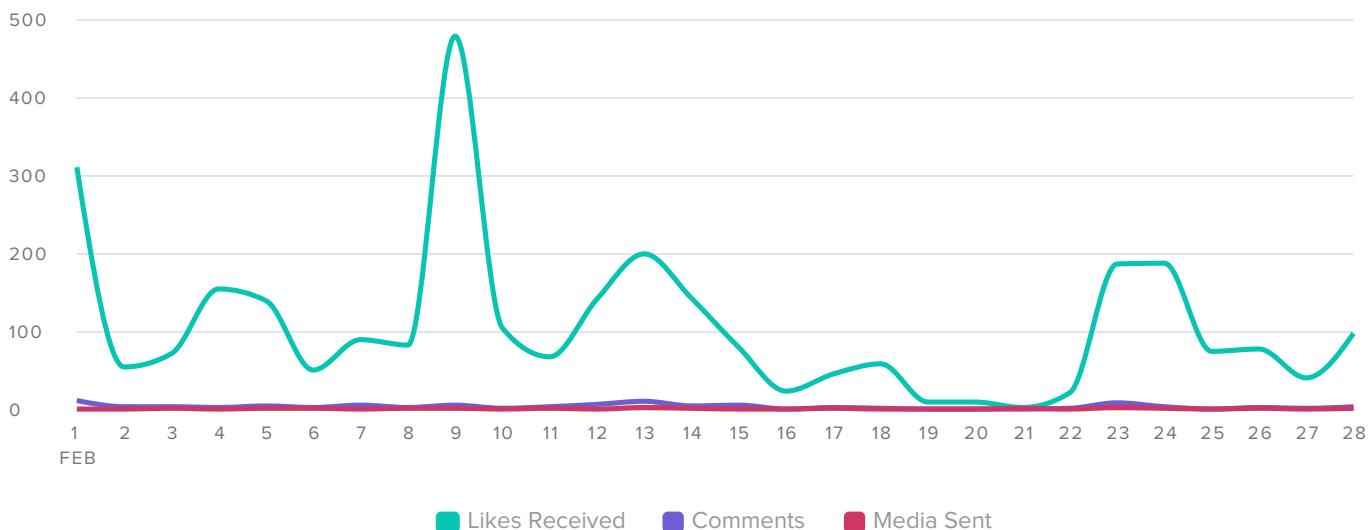
Total Impressions decreased by

-8.5%

since previous date range

Instagram Engagement

AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT, BY DAY



Engagement Metrics

Totals

Likes Received	2,987
Comments Received	87
Total Engagements	3,074

The number of engagements decreased by

-1.4%

since previous date range

Engagements per Follower	0.39
Engagements per Media	192.13

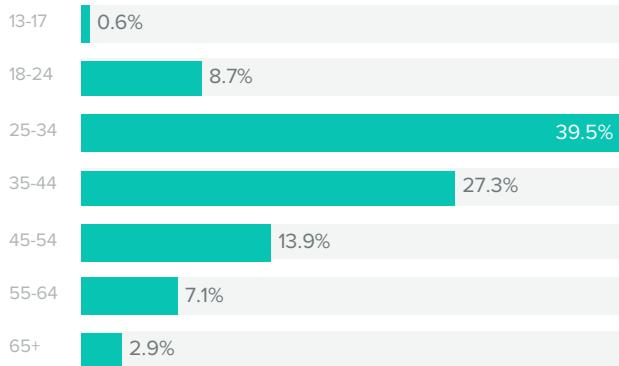
The number of engagements per media increased by

-17.1%

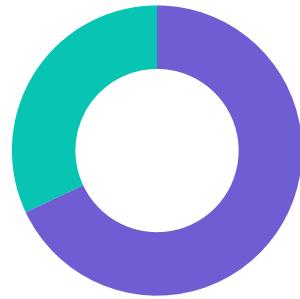
since previous date range

Instagram Audience Demographics

BY AGE



BY GENDER



32%

MALE

68%

FEMALE

Women between the ages of **25-34** appear to be the leading force among your fans.

Top Countries

	United States	7,115
	Brazil	44
	United Kingdom	35
	Mexico	28
	India	27

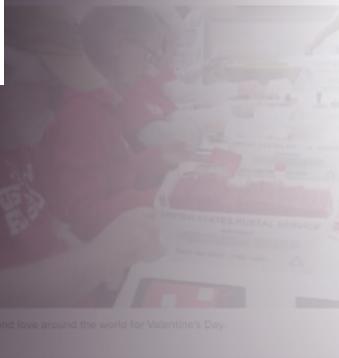
Top Cities

Loveland, Colorado	1,366
Fort Collins, Colorado	978
Denver, Colorado	718
Colorado Springs, Colorado	218
Greeley, Colorado	185

Instagram Stats by Profile

Instagram Profile	Total Followers	Follower Increase	Followers Gained	Media Sent	Comments Sent	Impressions	Total Engagements	Engagements per Media	Engagements per Follower
Visit Loveland CO (Business)	7,877	3.8%	289	16	14	56,593	3,074	192.1	0.39

Longtime Loveland volunteers help share the love for

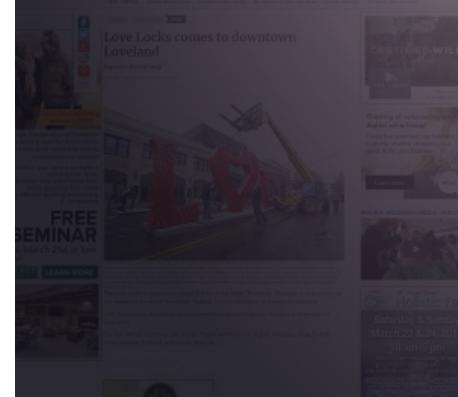


Three longtime Loveland volunteers send love around the world for Valentine's Day.

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OTHER EVENTS



GROUP TOUR

Power of love
HEARTS SKIP A BEAT AT LOVELODGE

STRIKE UP
LOVE, LOCKS & LIGHTS

More than 70 volunteers the Loveland Chamber of Commerce and the Loveland Post Office partnered to start the Valentine Be Making program. Through the program, Loveland volunteers packed 1,000 valentines and letters for the Chamber's love letter campaign. The letters will be sent to 100 schools of Loveland-based students.

LOVE, Tad and Madel Thompson, Tad, mom

Program, which is the brainchild of promoter Diane Jones. Along with her wife Madel, Tad was an gets to start the tradition of the Loveland Valentine Be Making program. An honorary member of the Loveland Lions Club, Thompson Park.

The Loveland Post Office has been open for business and with a few renovations and updates, the post office is easier to use. The renovations were a joint effort between children, seniors, disabled, parents, grandparents and the like over six months.

One of the highlights of the renewal will be the appearance of the lighter, less-busy design in the interior of the post office. All-day service will be available at the post office, which weighs 24,000 pounds, will be introduced during the interview. The redesign will be produced by Imagine Loveland, a local design, development and planning firm. Doug Rutherford, and Diane and Madel Thompson.



COL February 2019 Media Hits- CMC Report

Longtime volunteers help share the love for Valentine's Day

Three longtime Loveland volunteers send love around the world for Valentine's Day.

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NO CO
STYLE

NO COLODO'S PREMIUM
WEDDING VENUES

NO COLODO'S PREMIUM
WEDDING VENUES

STRIKE UP
THE WEDDING
BAND

NO COLODO'S PREMIUM
WEDDING VENUES

REPORTER-HERALD
NEWS

REPORTER-HERALD
LOVELAND Today: What are you doing this weekend?



STRIKE UP
THE WEDDING
BAND

NO COLODO'S PREMIUM
WEDDING VENUES

NO COLODO'S PREMIUM
WEDDING VENUES

MYRTLE BEACH
SEASIDE CHARM DEFINES
SOUTH CAROLINA'S
GRAND STRAND

213

PIECES OF COVERAGE:

325M

ONLINE READERSHIP:

538K

ESTIMATED COVERAGE VIEWS:

8.71K

SOCIAL SHARES:

66

YOUTUBE VIEWS:

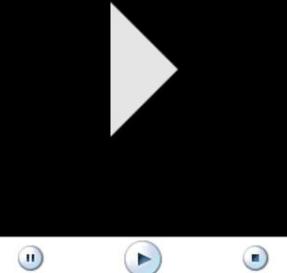
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AVERAGE DOMAIN AUTHORITY:



Error loading media: File could not be played

KCNC-DEN



Fyn
PR

Error loading media: File could not be played

KMGH-DEN



Fyn
PR

Error loading media: File could not be played

KDVR-DEN



Fyn
PR

Error loading media: File could not be played

KMGH-DEN



Fyn
PR

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KMGH-DEN



Fyn
PR

Error loading media: File could not be played

Fox Sports 2



Fyn
PR

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Fox Sports 2



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PR

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Fox Sports 2



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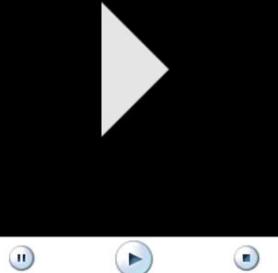
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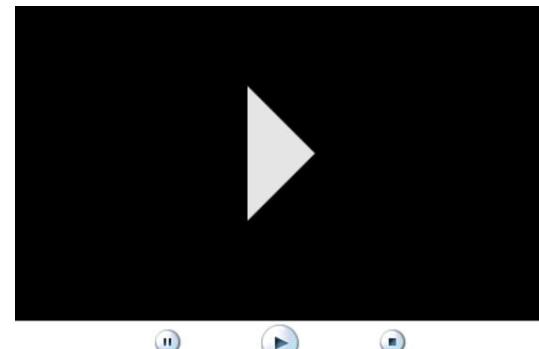
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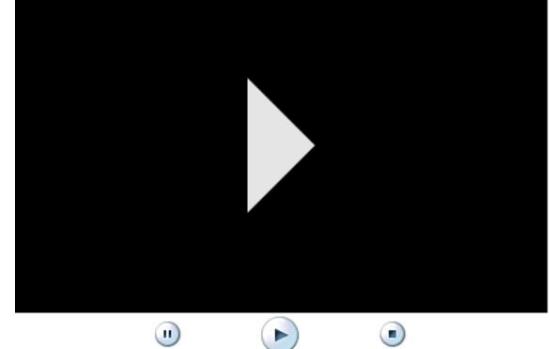
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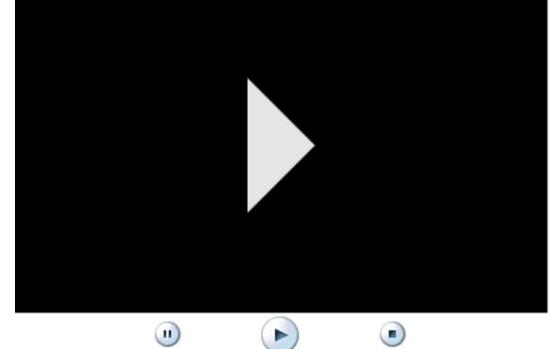
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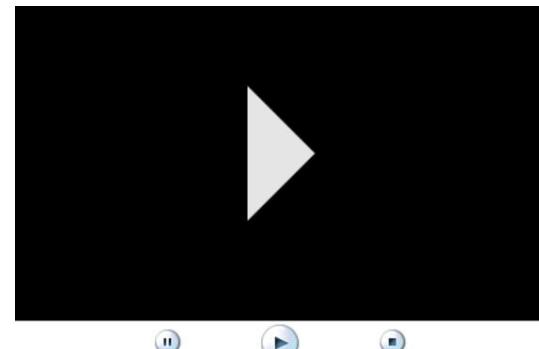
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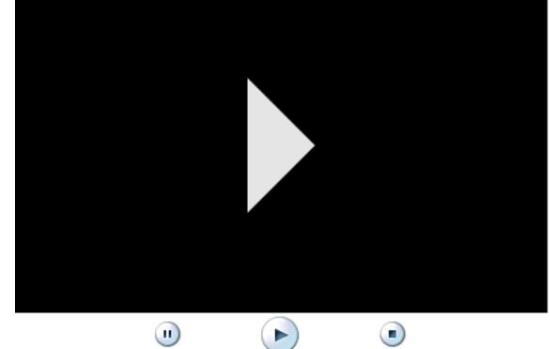
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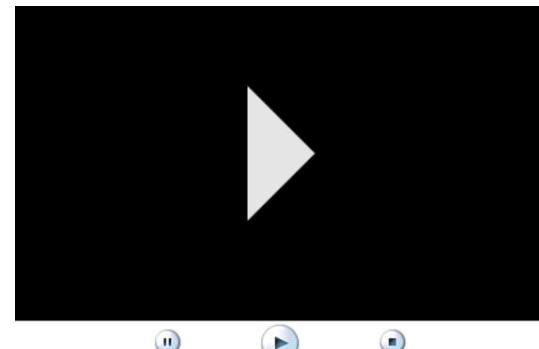


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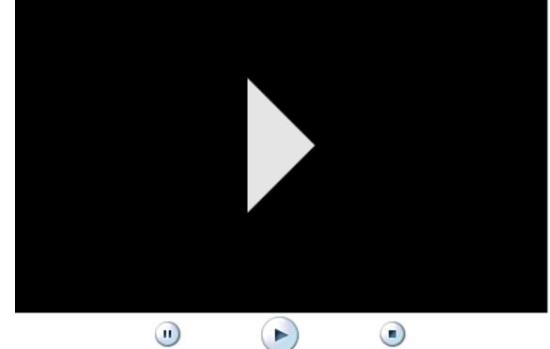


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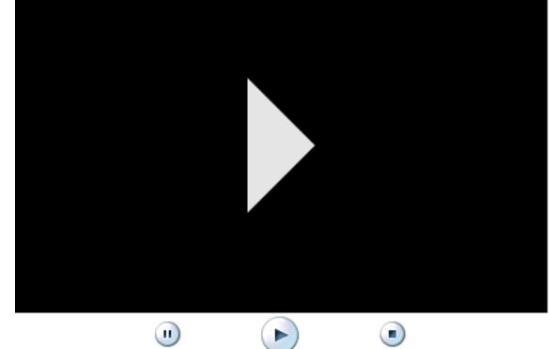
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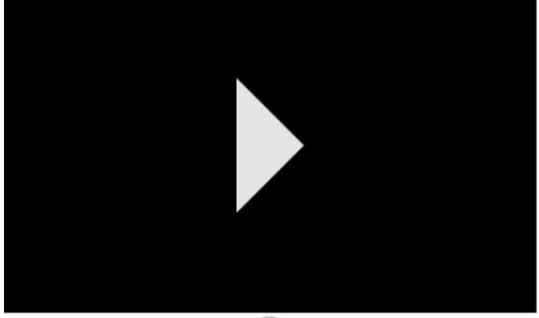
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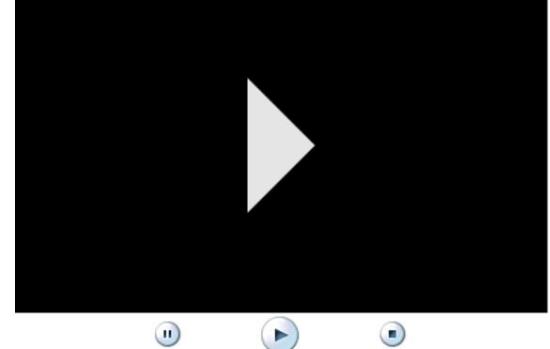


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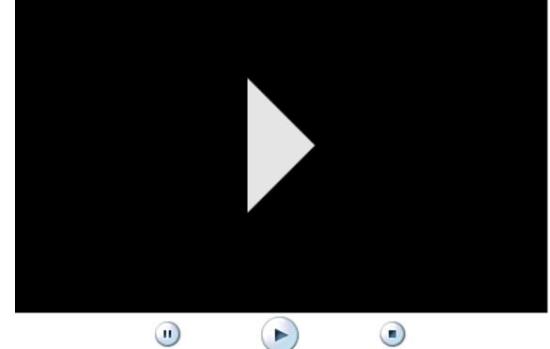


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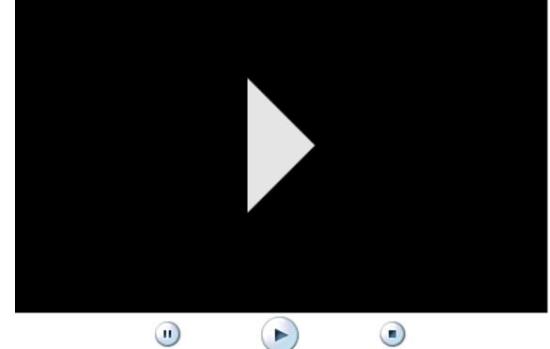


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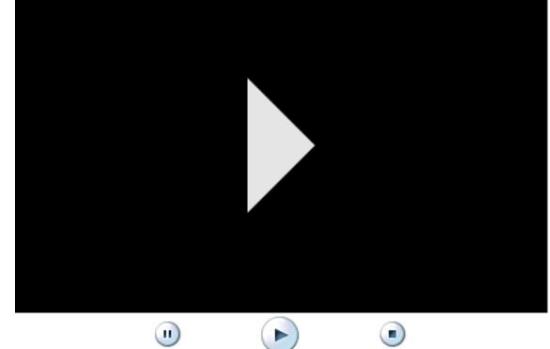
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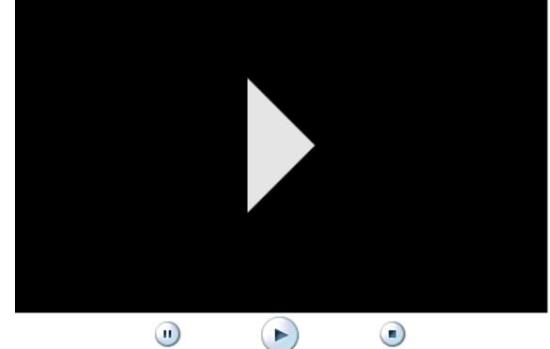
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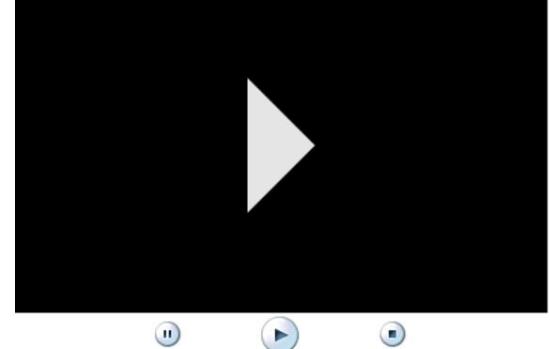
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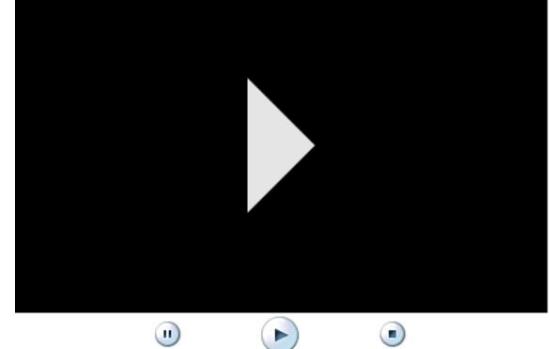
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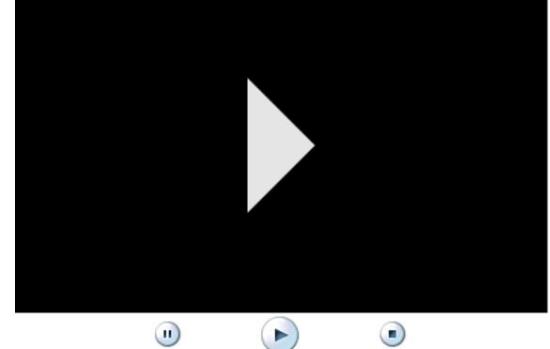
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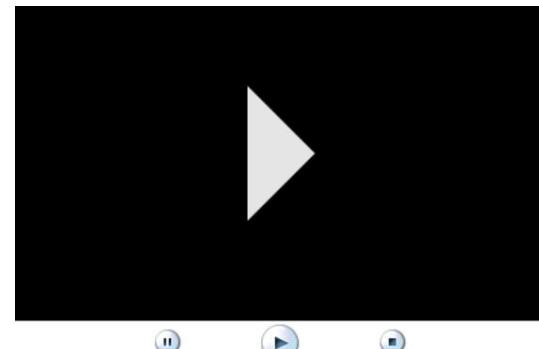
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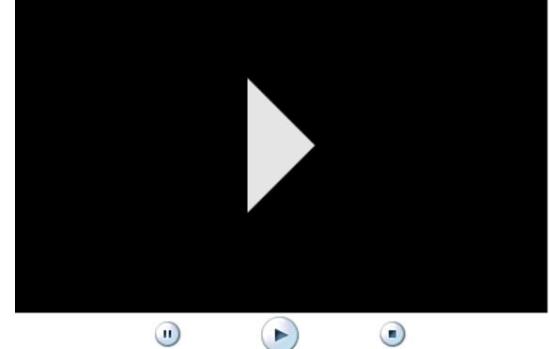
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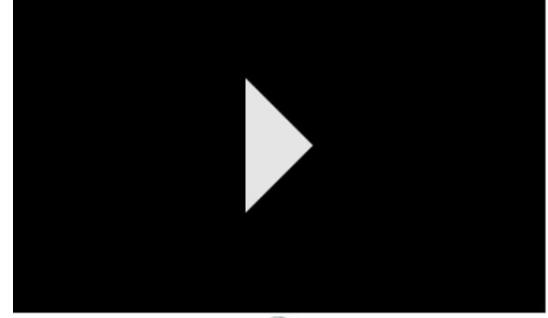
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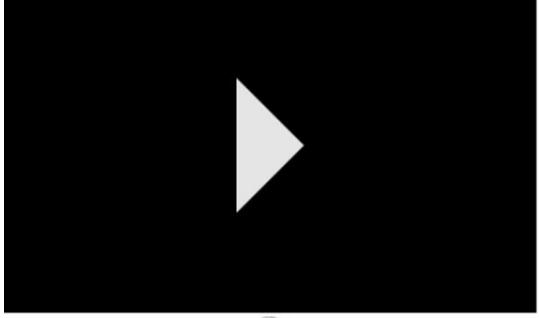
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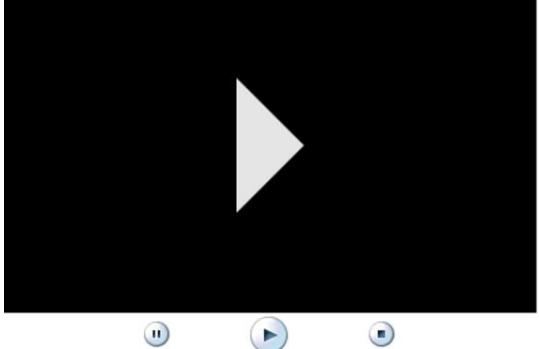
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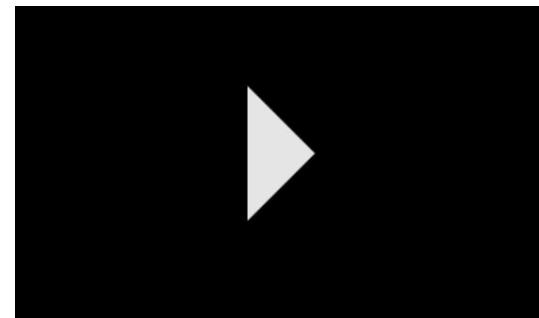


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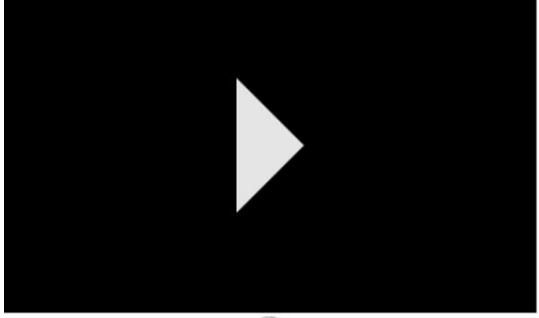


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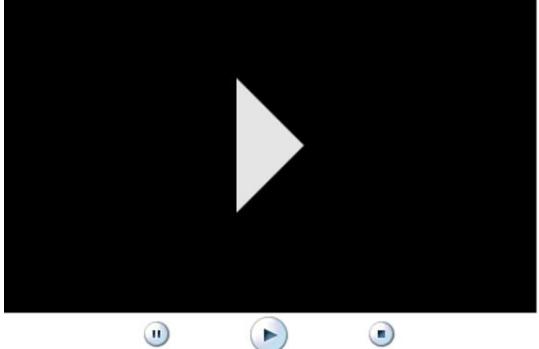


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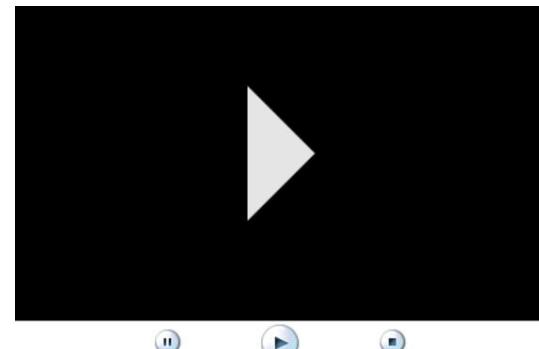


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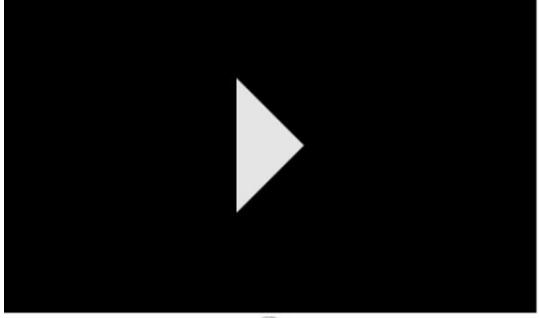




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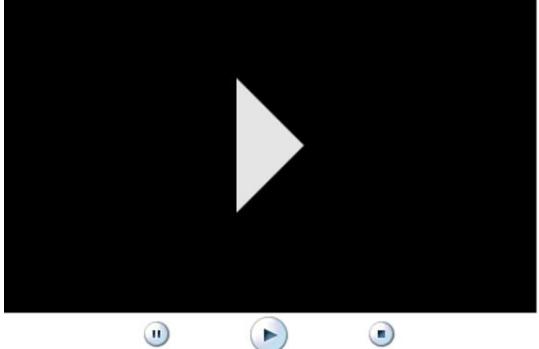


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This nearly 18,000-square-foot luxury home in Cherry Hills Village is listed for \$9.95M



Pot-bellied pig rescued from Aurora window well



An 8-year-old boy who uses a wheelchair wanted a place to play with friends. Aurora made it...



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9Things to do in Colorado this weekend: February 8-10

From winter celebrations in Steamboat Springs, Grand Lake, Frisco, Cripple Creek and Loveland to golf, home, garden and chocolate expos, there's plenty to do in Colorado this weekend.

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Celebrate the season this weekend by experiencing the unique culture, food and geography that makes our state so special.

Grab the hot cocoa and check out one of these fun events across Colorado:



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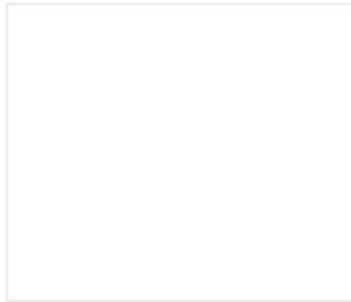
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Loveland Sweetheart Festival

LOVELAND — The "Sweetheart City" gets sweeter for Valentine's Day with the inaugural Loveland Sweetheart Festival. The two-day festival begins Friday in downtown Loveland with free fun for the entire family. The festival will have the largest love lock sculpture in the U.S. at over 30 feet. There will also be a palace of sweets, art show, 4-mile race, laser light shows, face painting, photo booth, food, drinks, live music and more. For a full schedule of Sweetheart Festival events, visit Loveland.org.

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Cripple Creek Ice Festival

CRIPPLE CREEK — The 12th Annual Cripple Creek Ice Festival kicks off Saturday for two weekends of wintery fun. "Super Heroes" is the theme of this year's festival which offers live, professional ice sculpting along the streets of Cripple Creek, plus sculptures just for kids with slides and an ice maze. There will also be live music, specialty cocktails, a beer garden and more. The Cripple Creek Ice Festival runs through Sunday, Feb. 17.





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Winter Carnival

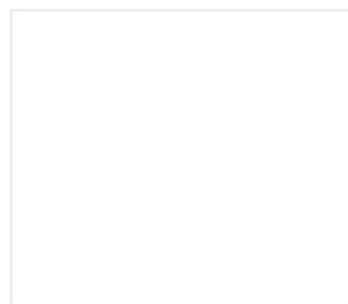
GRAND LAKE — "Under the Big Top" is the theme of Grand Lake's Winter Carnival on Saturday. The winter celebration offers curling, snow golf, steeplechase, snowman contest, sled pull, sled races, human bowling, snow sculptures and more. The carnival's "March of the Penguins" Parade steps off at high noon and the day concludes with fireworks over Grand Lake at 8 p.m. Visit GrandLakeChamber.com for the complete Winter Carnival schedule.



Shannon Lukens

Steamboat Winter Carnival

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — Head to Steamboat Springs this weekend to experience the oldest, continuous Winter Carnival west of the Mississippi. Although the festival has been underway since Wednesday, the highlights of the festival are on Saturday and Sunday. The street events feature kids being pulled on skis behind horses and adults being pulled on shovels through downtown Steamboat. On Saturday, Howelsen Hill will be lit up with illuminated skiers descending the mountain and a spectacular fireworks show to end the night. For a full schedule of snow sculpture judging, s'more parties, winter sports events, street slalom, ski joring, ring and spear, donkey jump, shovel races and more, visit SteamboatChamber.com.



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Frisco Gold Rush

FRISCO — The 49th Annual Frisco Gold Rush is the longest running Nordic event in Colorado. The event consists of classic and skate races open to skiers of all ages and abilities. There will be a 20K Skate, 7.5K Skate and 1K Kids' Fun Ski at the event on Saturday. Gold Rush registration can be completed at FriscoGoldRush.com. The **Summit Nordic Ski Club** will also host a "Eat, Ski and Be Merry" progressive ski dinner with food, drink, 3 bonfires and 300 luminaries on a 2k loop at the Frisco Nordic Center on Saturday at 6 p.m. The Town of Frisco will conclude the celebration with a fireworks display near the Frisco Bay Marina at 7 p.m. Saturday using fireworks from the cancelled 2018 July 4th fireworks display.



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Lake City Ice Climbing Festival

LAKE CITY — The small town of Lake City will host its annual Ice Climbing Festival on Saturday. There will be several top-rope and lead speed events in men's and women's categories with an awards ceremony following. On-site registration opens at 9 a.m. at the Lake City Ice Park.



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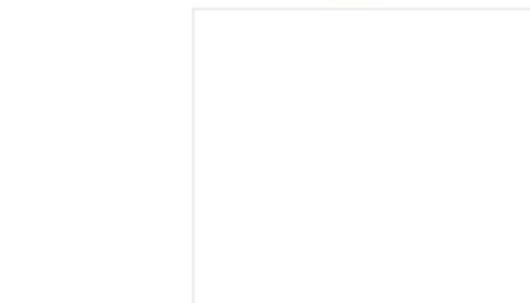
DENVER — The "most action-packed live event on four wheels" makes its annual stop in Denver this weekend. The massive monster truck extravaganza Monster Jam will rock Pepsi Center for four performances this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Trucks scheduled to appear in Denver include El Toro Loco, Max-D, Megalodon, Monster Mutt, Scooby-Doo, Soldier Fortune Black Ops, Zombie and the legendary Grave Digger. Get your Monster Jam tickets and pit passes at AltitudeTickets.com.



Colorado Home and Garden Show

Colorado Garden & Home Show

DENVER — The Rocky Mountain Region's oldest and largest home and garden show is back this weekend at the Colorado Convention Center. More than 650 companies and 1,400 booths will be exhibiting the latest trends in landscaping, gardening and home improvement at the nine-day festival. The show features 11 professionally-landscaped gardens and the region's best home improvement experts to help you get your projects moving forward. The Colorado Garden & Home Show opens at 10 a.m. Saturday and runs through Sunday, Feb. 17 with tickets available at AXS.com.



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[Colorado Springs Home & Landscape Expo](#)

COLORADO SPRINGS — Homeowners will come face-to-face with knowledgeable and experienced remodeling, landscaping and building experts at this weekend's Home & Landscape Expo in southwest Colorado Springs. The three-day festival will offer the latest in outdoor and indoor design trends with demonstrations, tutorials and advice from top professionals. The Colorado Springs Home & Landscape Expo takes place Friday to Sunday at the Norris-Penrose Event Center. A ticket discount is available at [HomeShowCenter.com](#).



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[Explore the Outdoors Expo](#)

GRAND JUNCTION — The two-day Explore the Outdoors Expo takes place Saturday and Sunday at Grand Junction's Two Rivers Convention Center. The expo will showcase everything from RVs to boats, outdoor accessories, clothing and more with vendors, demonstrations, seminars and expert advice. Expo tickets are available at [970Tix.com](#).



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[Denver Golf Expo](#)

DENVER — Golf season has officially arrived with the 2019 Denver Golf Expo. The expo runs Friday to Sunday at the Denver Mart. As one of the top golf expos in the country, the show will have dozens of free seminars on topics such as putting to swing biomechanics. There will also be free golf lessons, golf

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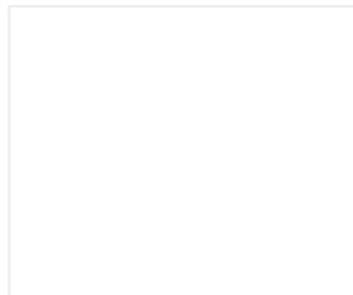
[Colorado Springs RV & Outdoor Show](#)

COLORADO SPRINGS — The Colorado Springs RV & Outdoor Show runs Friday to Sunday at the Colorado Springs Event Center. Summer is just around the corner and if you're looking to snag a good deal on an RV, you'll have a variety of motorhomes, travel trailers, fifth wheels and more at discounted prices. Show tickets can be purchased [online](#).



Colorado Parks and Wildlife

[Bighorn Sheep Day at Garden of the Gods](#)



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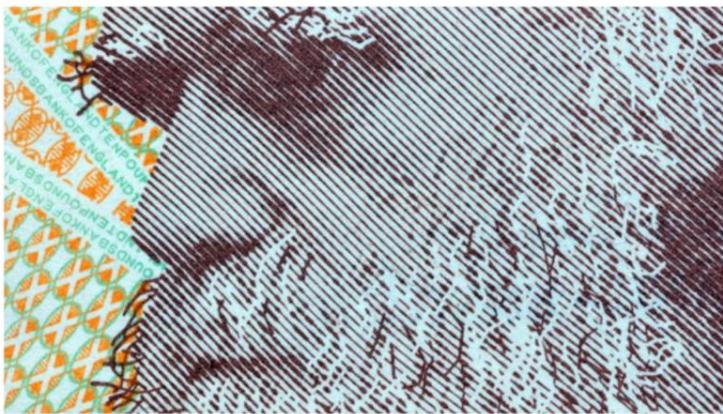
COLORADO SPRINGS — The 14th annual Bighorn Sheep Day celebrates Colorado's state mammal and hopefully you'll be able to catch a glimpse of one in the stunning setting of Garden of the Gods. The day will include wildlife viewing stations with shuttle bus access, nature walks, nature presentations, youth crafts, live animals, games and more. The family-fun begins at 10 a.m. and goes until 3 p.m. on Saturday.



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[Estes Park Wine and Chocolate Festival](#)

ESTES PARK — The 2nd Annual Estes Park Wine and Chocolate Festival takes place this Saturday at the Estes Park Event Center. The region's finest chocolatiers will be offering chocolate samples plus taste pours from a variety of wineries. Each ticket includes samples, souvenir wine glass and tote bag. Estes Park Wine and Chocolate Festival tickets are available at [VisitEstesPark.com](#).



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[CU Museum of Natural History's Free Family Day](#)

BOULDER — Explore everything to do with trees at the next [University of Colorado Museum of Natural History](#)'s Family Day on Saturday. The Museum is going out on a limb and tree-ting the community to a fun-filled day that is all about trees. From real trees to trees of life to metaphorical trees — you can explore them all. Enjoy hands-on science and art activities as well as cake in honor of Charles Darwin's 210th birthday. The all-ages family event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. *This event was first published by MileHighOnTheCheap.com. For more local deals and discounts go to [MileHighOnTheCheap.com](#).*



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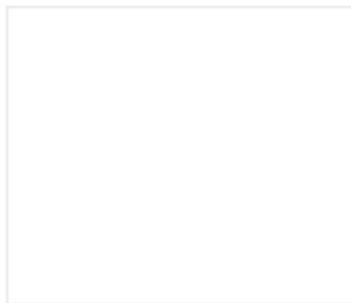
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Denver Center for the Performing Arts

[The Whistleblower](#)

DENVER — *The Whistleblower*, the newest production at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, opens Friday at the Space Theatre. The world premiere play is written by Itamar Moses, author of 2018's ten-time Tony Award-nominated musical *The Band's Visit*. *The Whistleblower*, the recipient of an Edgerton Foundation New Play Award, runs through March 10. For showtimes and tickets, head to DenverCenter.org.



Fort Collins Lincoln Center for the Performing and Visual Arts.

[Animaniacs in Concert](#)

FORT COLLINS — *Animaniacs*, one of the most beloved and enduring cartoons ever made, will be presented as a live show this weekend in Fort Collins. The concert will feature comedy, projected animation and songs performed by original cast members Rob Paulsen (Yakko), Jess Harnell (Wakko) and Maurice LaMarche (Brain from *Pinky and the Brain*). The music of *Animaniacs in Concert* will be performed by the Colorado State University Orchestra. The show is set for Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts with tickets sold at LCTix.com.

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Longtime volunteers help share the love for Valentine's Day



Three longtime Loveland volunteers send love around the world for Valentine's Day.

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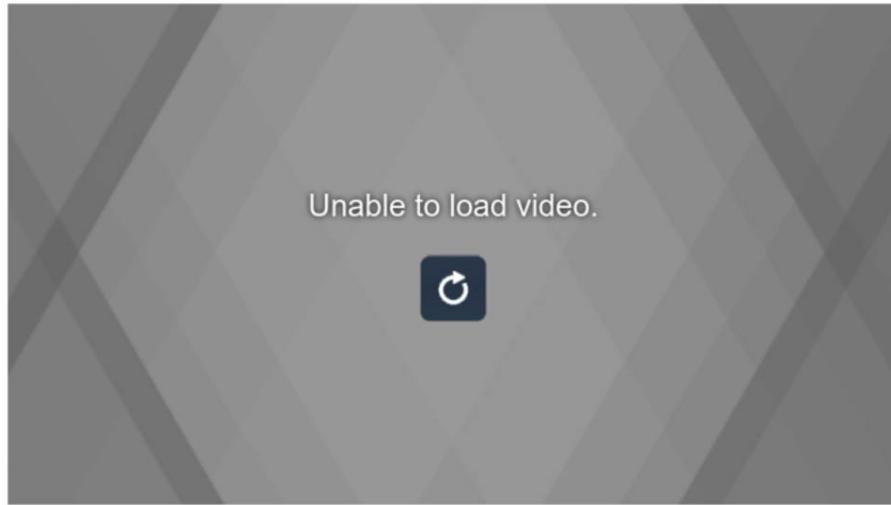
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Shinedown will launch a U.S. tour behind their new album *ATTENTION ATTENTION* Wednesday in Estero, Florida. And even if you've previously seen Shinedown in concert, frontman **Brent Smith** promises that these shows will be better than ever.

"We're gonna give back to the audience, man," Smith tells ABC Radio. "We're gonna give them the most amazing show they've ever seen."

In addition to being amazed, you should prepare to shed a few tears if you're catching any shows on the tour. Smith says that when the band performs the *ATTENTION ATTENTION* single "GET UP," which he wrote about bassist **Eric Bass**' battle with depression, there's "not a dry eye in the room."

"It's not because they're sad," Smith explains. "You can see the release. Like, this elephant that has been sitting on their chest that is getting off of their chest, you know? All that...they've built up inside of them, and it turns into a pressure cooker, you can see the release when we play the song."

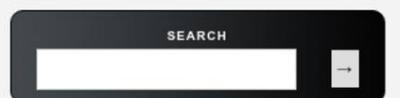
Smith adds that the live reaction to "GET UP" is "overwhelming."

"It's also wonderful to see those tears, that it's joy," he says. "It's a celebration more than anything...They understand, for the first time, 'Wow, I'm really not alone. I'm not the only one that feels this way!'"

Shinedown's tour features support from **Papa Roach** and **Asking Alexandria**. The run will wrap up March 20 in Loveland, Colorado.

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LOVELAND, Colo. (CBS4)— Volunteers are stamping Valentine's Day cards in Loveland for the city's annual stamping program. This is the 73rd year for the event.

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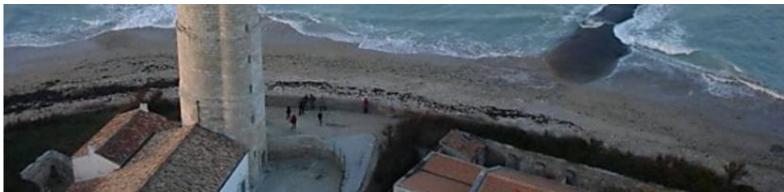


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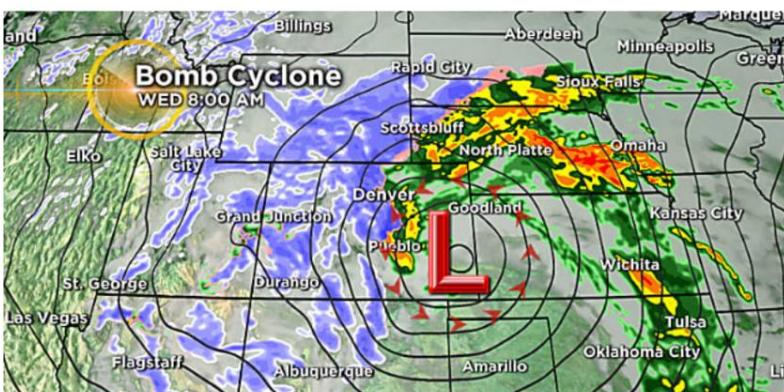
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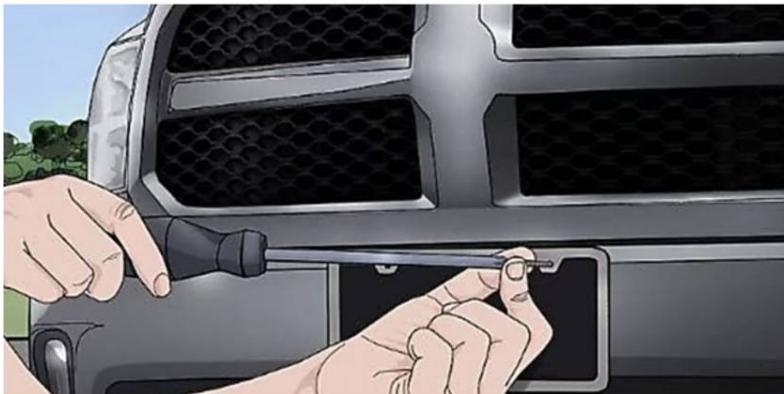
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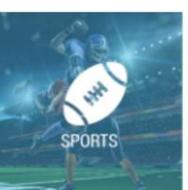
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Colorado nonprofit beats Guinness World Record for longest line of toothbrushes



Change Gangs: Virtual Giving Circles organized the event. A total of 41,769 toothbrushes were lined up to break the Guinness World Record. Kelly Ragan/kragan@coloradoan.com, Kelly Ragan/kragan@coloradoan.com

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About 60 volunteers gathered at The Ranch Event Complex in Loveland on Tuesday to break a Guinness World Record: 41,769 toothbrushes were put into a continuous line.

Organizer Sharon Lipinski said the total length came out to 3.571 miles, or nearly 18,855 feet.

Change Gangs: Virtual Giving Circles, a Loveland-based group, organized the event for a good cause. About 55,000 toothbrushes and 15,000 tubes of toothpaste will be donated to organizations that help kids in need across Colorado. Some of those

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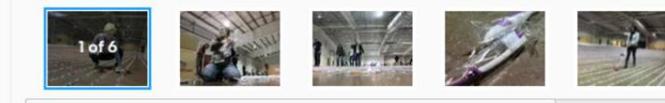
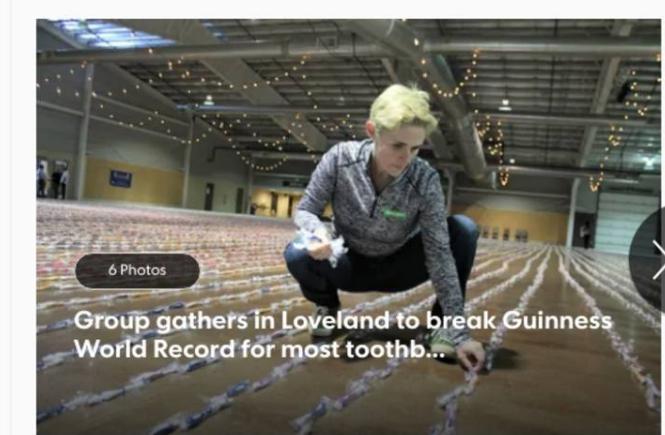
Change Gangs' toothbrush line smashed the previous record for the longest line of toothbrushes — a 3,506-foot, 4-inch line of [6,000 toothbrushes achieved by Clubs Queensland](#) in Australia on July 18, 2018, according to Guinness.



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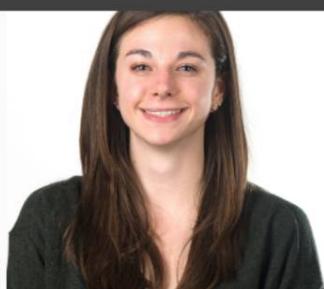
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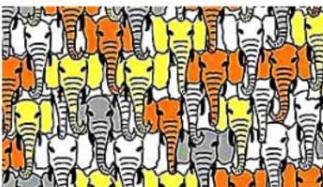
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Loveland's major development projects bring more than 2,200 new jobs

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Construction continues on The Foundry, a two-block development in downtown Loveland, on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019, in Loveland, Colo. (Photo: Timothy Hurst/The Coloradoan)

LOVELAND — One of the most transformative projects in downtown Loveland's history will be fully open in mid-June.

But The Foundry — a mixed-use project bringing more downtown living, dining and entertainment — won't be the city's only transformation this year. Whether it's bringing in broadband to speed up business, new hotels to draw more conferences, airport development to lure commercial air service or more rooftops to lead retail, the city is in the throes of activity "that will take us 12 to 24 months out," said Kelly Jones,

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the throes of activity "that will take us 12 to 24 months out," said Kelly Jones, Loveland's economic development director.

The economic development activity has led to more than 2,200 new jobs from mid-2016 to mid-2018, she said.

Job creation rose 2 percent from 2016 to 2017 and 3 percent from 2017 to 2018, an increase of 2,237 jobs in two years, Jones reported. The data is from the second quarter of each year.

In addition to the Foundry, Loveland residents this year will see significant changes on the city's eastern flank and more redevelopment downtown.

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While some projects are still in the planning stages, others, like The Brands West, have yet to break ground.

Here's a look at major developments coming online or in the works.

The Foundry transforms downtown Loveland

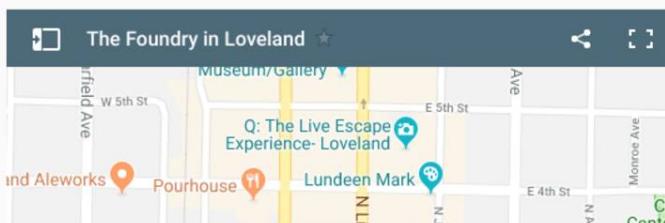


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The three-block, \$77.5 million project known as The Foundry will generate sales and property tax revenue for the city but also act as a catalyst for further downtown redevelopment.

The Foundry spans three city blocks between Lincoln and Cleveland avenues on the west and east, and is bordered on the north by Backstage Alley between Third and Fourth streets, with First Street providing its southern boundary.



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Developed through a partnership between Fort Collins-based builder Brinkman and the city of Loveland, The Foundry is partially open following completion of the Patina Flats residences and the 460-space parking garage.

Patina Flats consists of two buildings. The smaller one, with 56 units, opened in September and is 98 percent full, said project manager Jay Hardy. The larger building, with 99 units, opened in October and is about 82 percent leased, he said.

Downtown living comes at a price, with Patina Flats' rents ranging between \$1,025 for a studio apartment to \$2,200 for three bedrooms. Loveland's median rent last year was \$1,344 — between \$1,053 for a studio to \$1,590 for a three-bedroom unit, according to the Colorado Multifamily Vacancy and Rent Report conducted for the state by the University of Denver.

The Foundry will also include a five-screen, 550-seat theater with in-theater dining, a 35,000-square foot plaza that's 1½ times larger than Old Town Square in Fort Collins, and a four-story, 102-room hotel.

The theater, now a structure of metal studs and beams, is expected to open June 15, along with Marriott's TownPlace Suites. The plaza is expected to be complete within about a month, Hardy said.

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While the residential side is on track for full occupancy, commercial leases "have been slower than hoped," he said.

"We've been challenged in making sure we execute the original vision with places like restaurants, wine and cheese, and coffee shops," he said. Brinkman has turned away some potential office users so the area stays vibrant well into the evening. "We don't want the lights to go off at 5 p.m.," Hardy said.

Activity in the past 60 days has picked up as the plaza starts to take shape "and people can see what it will look like."

Brinkman has one signed lease for a retailer it can't publicly identify and letters of intent for three different restaurants and dessert and coffee places, Hardy said.

Completion of The Foundry will come nearly three years after the Loveland City Council in 2016 approved an agreement with Brinkman to develop 2½ downtown blocks to include a mix of residential and retail space, a movie theater, a parking garage, a hotel, apartments and offices.

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Hotels, homes, food and a gondola planned around I-25

Windsor developer Martin Lind hasn't broken ground yet on The Brands West, part of a \$500 million mixed-use development that spans the east and west sides of Interstate 25.

While work is underway on the east side at Brands at The Ranch, it has been delayed slightly while Lind waits for the county to finalize about \$250 million in improvements at The Ranch, the Larimer County-owned fairgrounds and events center.

Voters in 2017 approved extending the sales tax supporting The Ranch so it could expand and update its buildings and events space, including building a swimming pool and ice center.

Improvements to The Ranch would certainly boost Lind's project and tourism to Loveland, said Jones, who has had four major hotel concepts come through the city in the last few months.

"The word is out that we have a lot of conference space, but it's not connected to a hotel except the Embassy Suites," she said. "We are turning away conferences. We know if we had more hotel rooms come into that area," the city could increase the number of conferences it hosts. We know there is a lot of interest on Martin's property, around the Ranch and Embassy Suites for hotels."

With a \$258 million finance package from the city of Loveland, plans for The Brands include 600,000 square feet of retail space, 1,200 units of multifamily housing, 1,000 hotel rooms, high-end office space and restaurants. A planned gondola would transport people from Northern Colorado Regional Airport to the Budweiser Events Center, up and over I-25.

Leases announced so far include an IMAX theater, Zi Imperial Kitchen, Tucanos Brazilian Grill, Winter Wonderland and Nordy's BBQ.

"I am interested to see how that triggers more development," Jones said.

Lind was not immediately available for comment on the project.

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Changes could bring an airport you might use

Although supported by the cities of Loveland and Fort Collins, the Northern Colorado Regional Airport is located in Loveland and as such, any development around it helps Loveland's bottom line.

The airport's new remote tower is a first-of-its-kind air traffic control tower with all the standard monitoring equipment. Instead of air traffic controllers sitting in a tower high above the airport, these controllers keep their eyes on the bank of monitors as multiple cameras around the airport capture a panoramic view of air and ground traffic.

The tower is in its testing phase and could be ready to go live as early as the third quarter this year. "It's a pretty large factor" in Loveland, Jones said. Having a remote tower "triggers for us the talks with commercial airlines and getting that back," she said. It also helped Aims Community College make the decision to move its flight simulator and aviation school to airport property, a move that will increase airport traffic.

There are also discussions about a possible new terminal, and Lind has land outside of

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There are also discussions about a possible new terminal, and Lind has land outside of The Brands around the airport that can be developed. It's a high priority area for Jones. "It's prime, beautiful, developable land," she said.

What's new at Centerra

McWhinney Inc. continues to grow its real estate holdings with the addition of the Courtyard hotel across from the Chapungu Sculpture Park and a new dual-branded hotel with partner Stonebridge in about a year, Jones said.

Vertiv, which creates infrastructure for data centers, plans to open a software and data analytics center of excellence at Centerra, employing 100 data scientists, software developers and other workers.

McWhinney reports 150 businesses in Centerra employing 8,000 workers, Jones said.

It also has plans to build more housing on its property east of I-25 and the Promenade Shops at Centerra. "Housing to me is the main thing," Jones said.

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Heartland Cafe: A mini Foundry?

Plans for the \$10.5 million Heartland Corner mixed-use project are back in the hands of developer Curt Burgener of 4th Street Properties, who bought 301, 309 and 313 E. Fourth St. in hopes of building a mixed-use project.

The project, on the site of the former Heartland Cafe, could be a "mini Foundry" with "great restaurants and retail" on the base, parking below and housing above retail, Jones said.

The project is back in Burgener's hands and conversations are ongoing about what tax increment financing dollars might be available "to back into the project to make it bigger and even better."

The city is waiting for Burgener to come back with another concept before any incentives are negotiated.

Walmart chooses Loveland

Arkansas-based Walmart has chosen Loveland's Walmart on U.S. Highway 34 as the first to adopt its town-center concept with outdoor seating areas, green space, playgrounds and eateries.

The idea to turn part of the parking lot into a outdoor gathering space was first unveiled at last year's International Council of Shopping Centers Southeast conference. The company has said it will break ground on the town center this year.

"It shows the strength of our economy that Walmart picked us," Jones said. The city has had "a couple concept rounds with us already."



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Fort Collins, Loveland breweries hosting Girl Scout cookie pairings

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A Girl Scout cookie beer pairing at Big Beaver Brewing in Loveland. (Photo: Courtesy of Big Beaver Brewing)

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With Girl Scout cookies back in stock, Northern Colorado breweries are finding the right beers to pair with them.

Rally King Brewing in Fort Collins and Big Beaver Brewing in Loveland are each hosting special Girl Scout Cookies pairings this weekend.

Both events benefit local Girl Scout troops.

"Philanthropy is always important to us, and we thought this would be a pairing that's unique and different," said Big Beaver Brewing manager KatiLyn Hollinger, a former Girl Scout. "And who doesn't love Girl Scout Cookies?"

Big Beaver, 2707 W. Eisenhower Blvd. in Loveland, is hosting a Girl Scout cookie beer pairing for the fourth straight year. Last year about 300 people partook, and the brewery prepared for this year's event by purchasing more than 150 boxes.

The Big Beaver pairing will include six beers, each paired with two different cookies, for \$10 per person. Customers can enjoy the promotion between noon and 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Girl Scout Cookies will also be for sale at the brewery between noon and 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

As part of the event, Big Beaver is releasing an oatmeal peanut butter porter beer inspired by Do-si-dos, a peanut butter flavored Girl Scout cookie. Each pint of that beer comes served with a Do-si-dos cookie.

Rally King's pairing event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the brewery, 1624 S. Lemay Ave. in Fort Collins. The pairing offers four beer tasters, each paired with two different cookie flavors, for \$15 per person. Girl Scout Cookies will also be for sale starting at 2 p.m. every Sunday in February.

Like Hollinger, Rally King co-founder Michelle Kriewall also has ties to the Girl Scouts. When her now-adult daughter was part of the group, Kriewall was a "cookie mom."

"That means I had to do all of the ordering from the corporate office and organize all of the sales," Kriewall said. "I would have thousands of cookies in my basement at a time."

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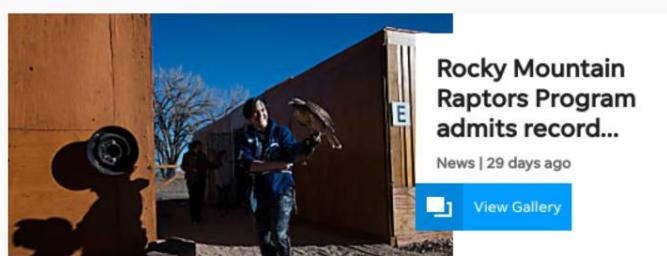
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Are you a food-lover and a do-gooder? Food banks nationwide are looking for people like you to help hungry families get the healthy and delicious meals they need. Read on to learn how you can share your passion for food and volunteer in your community.

Do you get a kick out of cooking?

If you love making meals at home, consider volunteering in the kitchen at a food bank. Many Feeding America network food banks have large, professional kitchens where they make nutritious meals for people in their community. Volunteers help by cooking, portioning and plating meals that reach homebound seniors, children in afterschool programs and more. This volunteer opportunity is perfect for people who can't wait to meal prep.

[Food Bank for Larimer County](#) prepares fresh, scratch-cooked meals every day in their Nutritious Kitchen in Loveland, Colorado. Last year, they made more than 170,000 meals and snacks for families in need thanks to volunteers like you.

Do you have a green thumb?

If digging in the dirt fills your heart with happiness, sign up to help on a food bank farm. Over 20 food banks nationwide operate farms or orchards where they grow food to help alleviate hunger. Volunteers plant seedlings, harvest produce and more to bring farm-fresh fruit and veggies to the tables of hungry families.

The Giving Fields, [Freestore Food Bank](#)'s community farm, grows produce like strawberries and peppers and delivers it to food pantries in Northern Kentucky on the same day it is harvested, still warm from the sun. With support from volunteers, they provide enough produce for 117,000 meals each season.

Are you a health nut?

If you have a knack for encouraging people to eat their veggies, think about becoming a nutrition educator. Most of the food banks in the Feeding America network provide nutrition education, and many of them use volunteers to provide guidance on healthy eating.

[San Francisco-Marin Food Bank](#) trains volunteers to teach basic nutrition and cooking classes in both San Francisco and Marin counties. During these classes, people who receive groceries from the food bank learn how to prepare healthy meals using food from the food bank. They also receive advice on how to be savvy about salt and sugar



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from the food bank. They also receive advice on how to be savvy about salt and sugar consumption and shop on a budget.

From chopping vegetables to picking peaches to fostering healthy habits, there are many ways for food lovers to lend their time and talent to food banks. Commit to giving back in your community in 2019 by [pledging to volunteer at your local food bank](#).

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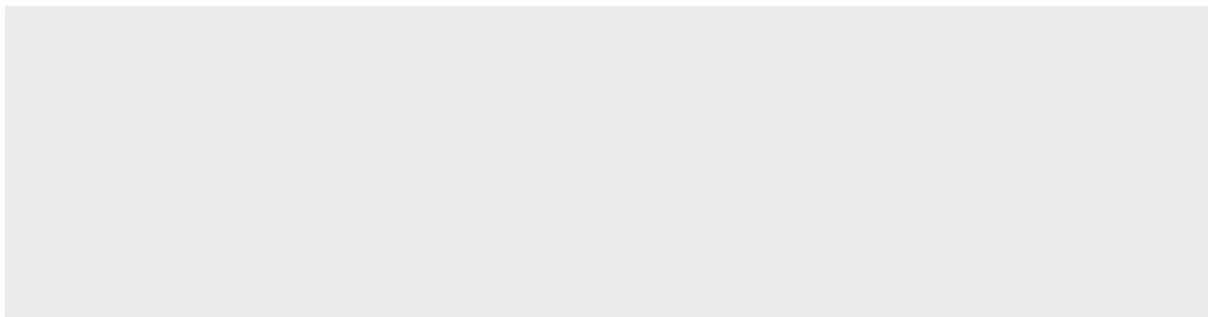
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Every year, thousands of valentines are rerouted through Loveland, a northern Colorado city that enthusiastically embraces its charming name. For two weeks leading up to Valentine's Day, 50 volunteers — mostly retired folks — hand stamp cards that arrive from all over the world.

In a makeshift mailroom, the festive volunteers are dressed in shades of pink and red, giving special treatment to the valentines. Each envelope gets two stamps: a romantic verse that's selected in an annual contest, and a second one that shows the card traveled through "The Sweetheart City."

"When February comes, this is where I belong," says Delaine Phillips, who has been a

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"When February comes, this is where I belong," says Delaine Phillips, who has been a volunteer stamper for 24 years. Her veteran status shows: while most volunteers sit down to stamp, Phillips prefers standing up because she's found the technique helps her achieve firm, steady and consistent stamps.

Playing the role of Cupid, after all, is a coveted duty here in Loveland. The waiting list to volunteer is 98 names deep, and it's rare for an opening in the Valentine's mailroom to open up.

Volunteers are mostly longtime Loveland residents, who share both a love for their city as well as the February holiday they've essentially been bequeathed by way of living here.

"In any relationship, you give more than you take," says Phillips, a widow who was married for 64 1/2 years.

The story of how Loveland got its name isn't romantic per se: the city's name pays homage to William A.H. Loveland, the president of the Colorado Central Railroad. But over the years, residents of Loveland have assigned special meaning to their city's name by adopting lovely traditions.

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One of the February traditions is to adorn the city's street lamps with giant hearts that, in exchange for a donation, can be dedicated to loved ones. A budding tradition is a "group wedding" on Valentine's Day, in which lovebirds from all over the country flock to Loveland to say "I do" or to renew their vows. Of course, Colorado is a mecca for craft beer, and Grimm Brothers Brewhouse brews a special Valentine's beer each year. This year's is a Cherry Blackberry Baltic Porter called "Bleeding Heart."

But it was Loveland's valentine rerouting program is what got everything started. The program began in 1946.

Anywhere between 100,000 to 200,000 Valentine's Day cards get rerouted through Loveland each year, says Dixie Daly of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce.

The Valentine's Day verse selected to make its way onto last year's envelope read:

"Our Sweetheart City has a magical way to brighten up your Valentine's Day. When you open your card, it will reveal the spirit of friendship and love we all feel."

"Just the name Loveland is filled with so much love," Daly says.

Volunteer Darlene Rivas waited almost a decade before it was her turn to volunteer as a valentine stamper. "Valentine's Day is special to me," she says. "I met my husband on Valentine's Day."

Her "how we met" story, though, is more romantic comedy than it is fairy tale.

"He was a bartender and saved me from a drunk!" says Rivas, who, with her husband, moved to Loveland nearly three decades ago.

Jerry Westbrook and his wife Ruth Palmer volunteer together, stamping valentines while

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Jerry Westbrook and his wife Ruth Palmer volunteer together, stamping valentines while sitting across from one another. The two met in college, and have been married for 56 years. Westbrook began stamping in 2005 after retiring from a career in public service, because, he says, he wanted to continue serving his community postretirement.

He and his wife established their family in Loveland because they appreciated the smaller community, good schools and friendly people. Each year, Westbrook takes his wife out to a new, local restaurant — preferably one on Main Street — for a Valentine's Day date.

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Betty Lamoureux has been a volunteer stamper for a decade. A widow now, she and her husband enjoyed 67 years of marriage and moved from Minneapolis to Loveland in 1988.

A key to their happy and long-lasting marriage? She credits the ballroom dancing studios and square dancing halls in and around Loveland.

"We did a lot of dancing together."

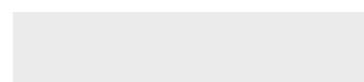
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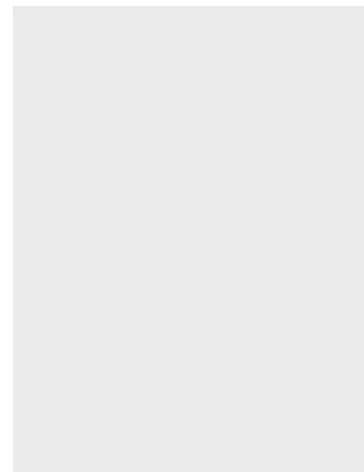
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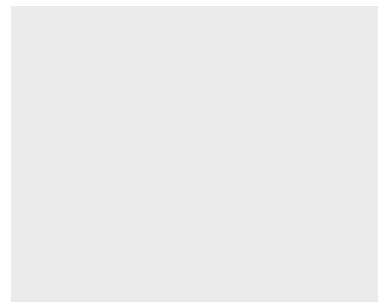
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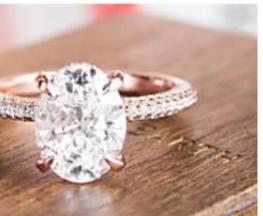
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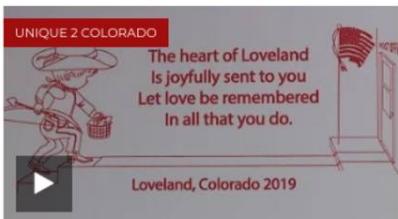
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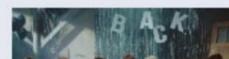
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After revealing that the electronic music pioneer TIPPER will be performing for 2 nights, the ARTSL team is now poised and ready to share the complete 2019 music line up! Beats Antique, Railroad Earth, Leftover Salmon, Sunsquabi, CloZee, Rising Appalachia, Voodoo Dead, Aqueous and The Main Squeeze are just the tip of the iceberg as far as the amazing talent set to perform August 2-4 on 7 stages.

Every ounce of energy put into planning this independent, family-run event at the beautiful Sunrise Ranch in Loveland, Colorado, encourages positivity, joy and active engagement. This all-inclusive, uplifting experience of musical performances, yoga, workshops, art installations, panel discussions, playshops, and more encourages the exploration of human potential in a safe and caring environment.

ARISE is a family-friendly, multi-genre camping festival that prides itself on a leave-no-trace ethos and is committed to planting one tree for every ticket sold. As always, children 12 and under are free.

Super Early-Bird 3-Day GA Passes are on sale NOW along with VIP Early Bird Upgrades, parking passes, car camping passes and RV passes. For more information on the ARISE Music Festival 7th Year Celebration, please visit the official website: arisefestival.com

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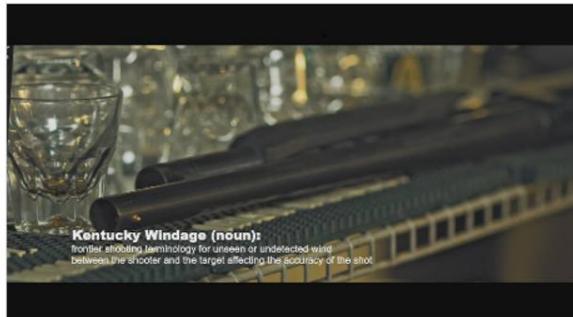
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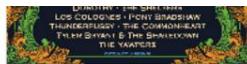
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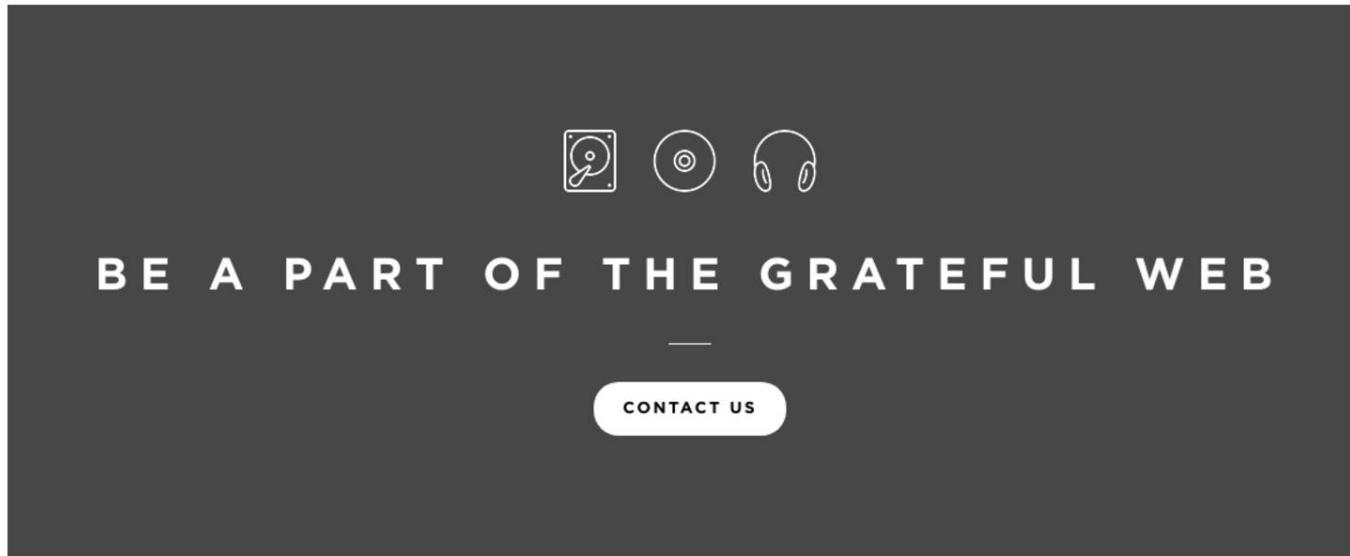
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Oh my, what that little country boy could play -
RIP Chuck Berry -- Chuck died two years ago
today.

I get asked a lot about the current crop of
young (as in, never saw Jerry Garcia live)
Deadheads and whether they're "real." And no
question, they are. They get the music, the
code of ethics behind the music, the reason we



Clark, 35, tackles racism and the current
administration with the title track "This Land".
He recently purchased a ranch outside of
Austin and a neighbor, to put it mildly, found it
hard to believe a man of color could own such

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Unless your mattress is stuffed with hundred dollar bills, you're driving a Porsche, your bathroom houses a gold-plated toilet, and Warren Buffett calls you for advice, you probably like to save money as often as humanly possible. (*That doesn't necessarily make you a cheapskate but if you are, more power to you!*) Valentine's Day should be no exception.

There are so many lovely little ways to make Valentine's Day special without emptying out your wallet. **Part-Time Money** is a really great place for money-saving (*and money-making*) ideas, including Valentine's Day activities and gifts.

- No Phones for 24 hours - If you're always on your phone, giving your sweetheart your undivided attention for a day could be very special
- Acts of Service - Surprise your sweetie by taking over some of their chores. Load & unload the dishwasher, take the car in for an oil change, take over walking the dog for the day, any chore they dislike or always end up doing would be appreciated
- Handwritten love letter - Believe it or not, there is nothing more romantic than seeing how a person feels about



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you in their own handwriting. As an added bonus you can send the letter to Loveland, Colorado, where it will get stamped with a special message and mailed directly to your loved one. (*Send your letter to: Postmaster, Valentine Re-Mailing, 446 E. 29th St., Loveland, CO 80538*)

- DIY gift basket - Get an inexpensive basket, colorful cellophane, coffee mug or fun candy dish and even some silk flowers, at a dollar store, and go crazy!
- Make a meal together or have a picnic in the living room - Sounds easy & cheesy, but maybe that's the point. Just spending time together with a little music, some wine, candlelight, a lot of laughter and a homemade pizza, can make for a wonderful Valentine's Day.

Lots more creative, cheap, wonderful Valentine's Day ideas at [Part-time Money](#).

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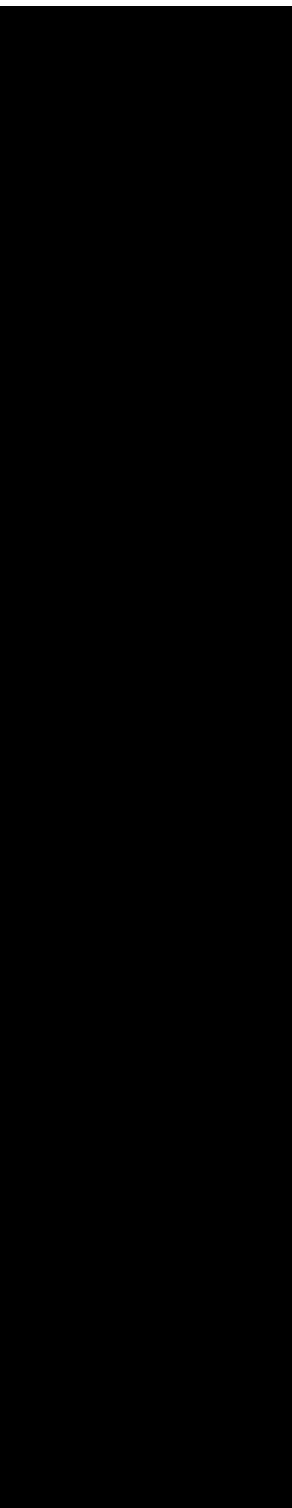
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Valentine's Day will be a regular day for some people but it will a romantic evening for others. If you're the latter and you are a big game hunter you may want to do some planning.

The **average pregnancy is 40 weeks long**. If you add **40 weeks to February 14, 2019** the date is November 21, 2019.

The South Dakota **East River deer season opens two days later**, November 23, 2019. The West River Season opens the Saturday before, November 16, 2019.

So if you are planning on baby-making tonight, whether it be for practice or if you are actually trying to procreate, maybe try to put it off until next month and then you can have an extra gift just before Christmas.

In 2011 I hadn't really gotten back into hunting yet. My son Rockley was born on November 14. At that time I never thought anything of it. But now I have missed his birthday each of the last two years. That was a bummer but next year it won't be a problem because of when the seasons fall.

Of course I wouldn't change a thing, but I have chatted with buddies who did specifically factor their favorite hunting seasons into their family planning. One of them in particular was oddly adamant that they not conceive in January or February because of pheasant hunting in October and deer hunting in November.

Luckily for Rockley, I would be happy to take him deer hunting on his birthday in a few years.



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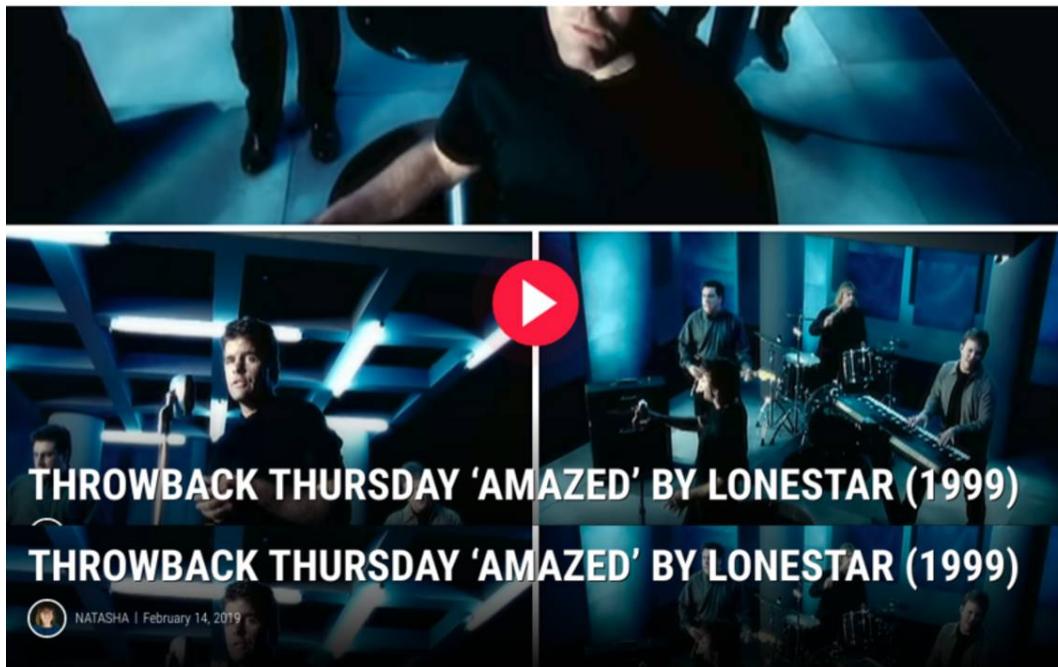
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Happy Valentine's Day!

I was going to do a sort of cynical, anti-Valentine's Day song, but then I changed my mind.

"Amazed" by Lonestar was a huge crossover hit! It was released in 1999 and I remember it being a big hit at 8th grade school dances!

"Amazed" was the second single from Lonestar's third album, *Lonely Grill*.

According to Wikipedia, "A remix of the song was released in December 1999, and reached number one on the [Billboard Hot 100](#) and number 2 on the [Hot Adult Contemporary Tracks](#) charts in 2000. The song has sold over 1,650,000 digital copies in the US as of February 2016."

The song also peaked at #7 on the [Billboard Adult Top 40](#) and [Mainstream Top 40](#) chart.

"Amazed" and "Inside Your Heaven" by Carrie Underwood are the only country songs in the 00's to crossover and hit number one on the Hot 100.

Rumor has it that "Amazed" was offered to Boys II Men, but they turned it down. Ooops.

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Courtyard by Marriott Loveland/Fort Collins is scheduled to open its doors in Loveland, Colorado this Friday, February 15, 2019. Featuring an innovative lobby space as well as Courtyard's latest contemporary room design, the new hotel provides flexibility and choices that allow guests to optimize and elevate their travel experience.

Located at 6106 Sky Pond Drive in Loveland, the 102-room hotel will operate as a Marriott franchise, owned and managed by Stonebridge Companies of Denver. The project marks Stonebridge's fourth property located in Loveland. Stonebridge Companies, a privately owned, innovative hotel owner, operator and developer, has partnered with Colorado-based real estate investor and developer McWHINNEY to deliver the hotel. Whether traveling for business or pleasure, the Courtyard Loveland/Fort Collins offers guests convenient access to Chapungu Sculpture Park – the only permanent exhibit of its kind in the nation with 82 hand-carved stone sculptures – as well as the Budweiser Event Center on The Ranch campus, and The Promenade Shops at Centerra.

Courtyard continually researches trends and evolves to meet the changing needs of its guests. The latest room design offers hybrid zones for working, sleeping, relaxing and getting ready. Indirect lighting and a neutral, tone-on-tone color palette makes for a soothing and calm environment.

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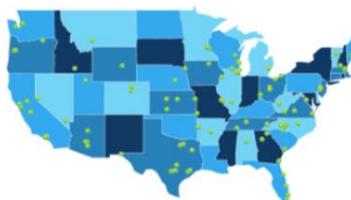
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Courtyard hotel to open in Loveland, Colorado



LOVELAND, COLO. – **Courtyard by Marriott Loveland/Fort Collins** is scheduled to open its doors in Loveland, Colorado this Friday, February 15, 2019. Featuring an innovative lobby space as well as Courtyard's latest contemporary room design, the new hotel provides flexibility and choices that allow guests to optimize and elevate their travel experience.

Located at 6106 Sky Pond Drive in Loveland, the 102-room hotel will operate as a **Marriott** franchise, owned and managed by Stonebridge Companies of Denver. The project marks Stonebridge's fourth property located in Loveland. **Stonebridge Companies**, a privately owned, innovative hotel owner, operator and developer, has partnered with Colorado-based real estate investor and developer **McWHINNEY** to deliver the hotel. Whether traveling for business or pleasure, the Courtyard Loveland/Fort Collins offers guests convenient access to Chapungu Sculpture Park – the only permanent exhibit of its kind in the nation with 82 hand-carved stone sculptures – as well as the Budweiser Event Center on The Ranch campus, and The Promenade Shops at Centerra.

Courtyard continually researches trends and evolves to meet the changing needs of its guests. The latest room design offers hybrid zones for working, sleeping, relaxing and getting ready. Indirect lighting and a neutral, tone-on-tone color palette makes for a soothing and calm environment.

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ARISE Music Festival Announces 2019 Lineup

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The seventh annual [ARISE Music Festival](#) will take place from August 2 – 4 at Sunrise Ranch in Loveland, Colorado. Organizers have detailed the full lineup for the 2019 edition.

Beats Antique, Railroad Earth, Leftover Salmon, SunSquabi, Clozze and Rising Appalachia join [previously announced headliner Tipper](#) at the top of the bill. **Voodoo Dead, Aqueous, The Main Squeeze, Marvel Years, Defunk, Maddy O'Neal and Cycles** are among the other acts that have been confirmed for the multi-day festival. Tickets for the ARISE Music Festival are currently [on sale now](#).



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For the latest installment of [Inside Out With Turner & Seth, Umphrey's McGee](#) drummer [Kris Myers](#) and lighting crew chief [Aaron "Louie" Meyette](#) serve as special guests. The episode — which comes on the heels of JamBase's new partnership with the [Osiris Media](#) podcast network — finds hosts Seth Weiner and Rob Turner interviewing the duo during Umphrey's McGee's 2019 New Year's Eve run at The Tabernacle in Atlanta.

The interview with Myers starts around the 16-minute mark, with the trio first discussing Myers development and education as a drummer and moving through his training as a classical and jazz drummer and his influences within the grunge scene. After outlining his inspirations within the jazz-fusion world, Myers talks about his "big band" aspirations and how that format could be translated to Umphrey's McGee's music.

Next, the conversation transitions to Brian Abraham, who helped connect Myers to Umphrey's McGee earlier in his career. Described as "one of the weirdest people I know," Myers speaks about their joint publishing company and working with him to compose songs for the six-piece progressive rock ensemble. Next, the trio speaks about Umphrey's McGee's former drummer, the late [Mike Mirro](#), discussing Myers' transition into the group and their first shows played together. As the conversation continues, they shift to speak about Myers' impact on the band's sound, citing how he specifically influenced live performances of older tracks, such as "Plunger" and "Believe The Lie."

After speaking about the thought process behind last year's duo of albums, *it's not us* and *it's you*, the drummer compares the differing intentions of live performances and studio sessions. Closing out the interview, Myers talks about a number of inspirational musicians he's met, including Smashing Pumpkins' [Jimmy Chamberlin](#), Frank Zappa's [Mike Keneally](#) and famed multi-instrumentalist and past collaborator [Adrian Belew](#).

At the hour mark, Turner and Weiner revisit an interview with Aaron "Louie" Meyette, who worked his way from a fan of the band to a full-time staff member for Umphrey's McGee. First, the interview touches on how Meyette earned his nickname, "Louie," then shifts to how he got introduced to the band while Phish was on hiatus in 2001. Meyette talks about founding Midwest Peeps in 2005, which was a way of connecting music lovers in the region, though he discloses with a laugh that he primarily used the online forum to expose new fans to Umphrey's McGee. The crew member then recalls his past work with a non-profit geared toward music awareness and children's programs, United Still Together Our Reach Multiplies (USTORM),

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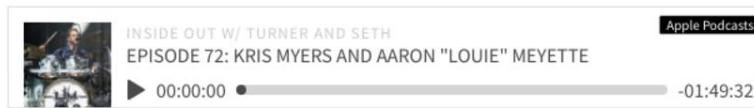
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From there, Meyette talks about transitioning into a full-time position with Umphrey's McGee, outlining the process of graduating from college, quitting a day job as a mechanical engineer that made him unhappy and serendipitously getting an offer from UM as a merch guy a few days later. He reveals how he made the leap to lighting crew, first offering a hand while loading in and then using his background in engineering to help set up before shows. After sharing his inspiring progression up the ladder, he finishes out with a discussion of his current responsibilities as lighting crew chief and his next moves, including running lights for opening bands.

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[Circles Around the Sun](#) announced a batch of 2019 spring tour dates. The newly confirmed shows will take place in April, May and June.

CATS added a show in Houston, Texas on April 28, which follows a previously announced show in Austin the night before. The band comprised of guitarist **Neal Casal**, bassist **Dan Horne**, keyboardist and drummer **Mark Levy** will perform on May 1 in Jackson, Mississippi and on May 2 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana before a prior confirmed show in New Orleans on May 4. They'll also appear on May 7 in Raleigh, on May 8 in Atlanta and on May 9 in Nashville. The group added a concert on June 1 in Brooklyn and on June 5 in Burlington, Vermont, surrounding their already announced June 2 gig in Fairfield, Connecticut.

Circles Around The Sun will also make appearances at the Aiken Bluegrass Festival, Disc Jam and Camp Greensky, among others. Tickets to the newly confirmed show are on sale now, except Brooklyn which begins on Friday, March 22.

Tour Dates for **Circles Around the Sun**

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SATURDAY	LOS ANGELES, CA
Apr 20	Shred 420 at Echoplex
With Grateful Shred – Circles Around the Sun – Howlin Rain – Ryley Walker – Pinky Pinky – Kirin J Callinan – Lola Kirke – Pacific Range – Scott Gilmore – Mapache	
SATURDAY	AUSTIN, TX
Apr 27	Circles Around the Sun at Antone's
SUNDAY	HOUSTON, TX
Apr 28	Circles Around the Sun at Last Concert Cafe

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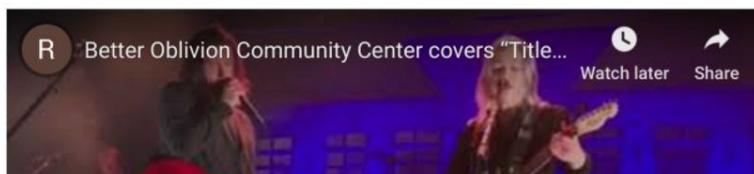
Better Oblivion Community Center Covers Death Cab For Cutie In Seattle

Mar 18, 2019 • 1:34 pm PDT • Jeffrey Greenblatt

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Better Oblivion Community Center are currently on tour in support of their surprise self-titled debut album. The project led by [Phoebe Bridgers](#) and [Conor Oberst](#) was at The Showbox in Seattle on Sunday, where they nodded to Pacific Northwest natives [Death Cab for Cutie](#) with a cover of "Title And Registration."

The pair opened their 15-song main set sharing vocal duties on the track from DCFC's 2003 release *Transatlanticism*. The singer-songwriters previously led covers of The Killers' "Human" and The Replacements' "Can't Hardly Wait." Watch video footage of "Title And Registration" captured by Reilly Hannigan below:



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Dylan Thomas

Big Black Heart

My City

Forest Lawn

Sleepwalkin'

Bad Blood i

Exception to the Rule

Chesapeake

Can't Hardly Wait i

Would You Rather i

Little Trouble i

Service Road

Funeral i

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Mar 19 **Better Oblivion Community Center at Metro Music Hall**



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Better Oblivion Community Center at Bluebird Theater ↗

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Colorado's own [Big Gigantic](#) will return to their legendary home-state venue Red Rocks Amphitheatre on September 27 and 28 for their eighth-annual Rowdytown run. The electronic duo of producer and saxophonist [Dominic Lalli](#) and drummer [Jeremy Salken](#) also confirmed support for the weekend and a reprise of the 3D technology they debuted last year.

On Friday, September 27, Big Gigantic will be joined by [Two Friends](#), [The Funk Hunters](#) and [Birocratic](#). The following night, Saturday, September 28,

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Tens of thousands of people from across the globe send their Valentines in each year to have them stamped with Loveland's official 'sweetheart stamp' - before making their way to loved ones on Valentine's Day.

The program has been going strong for 73 years.



To learn more about it, watch [Kevin Torres' Unique 2 Colorado](#) segment by clicking 'play' on the video above. For additional information call the [Loveland Chamber of Commerce](#) at 970-667-6311.

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Do you think Beto O'Rourke's joke that his wife Amy raised their three kids "sometimes with my help" was insensitive or all in good fun?

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- It's all in good fun
- I don't have an opinion either way

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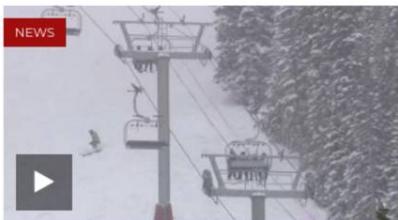
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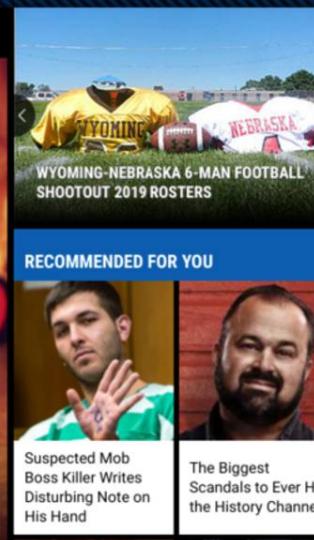
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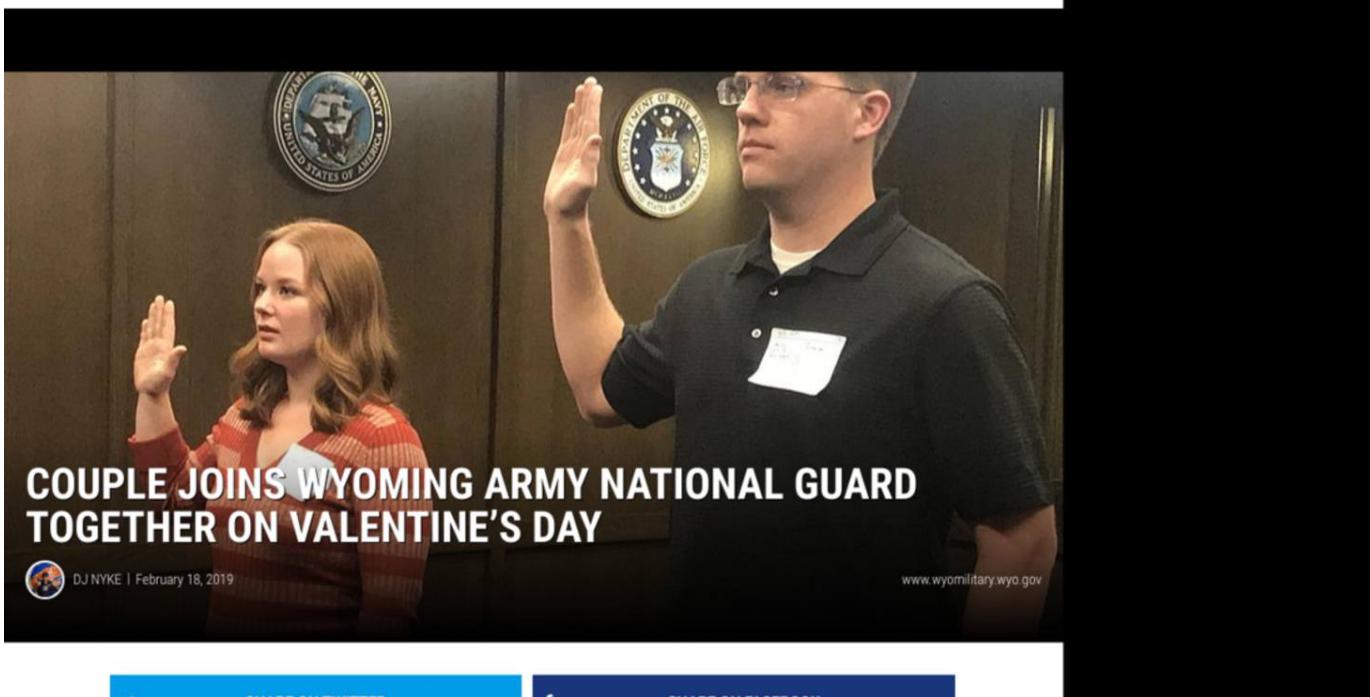
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Most couples spent Valentine's Day on a date, like dinner or a movie. One Wyoming couple went above and beyond though. Enter Reid Golike and Paulitta Wilson.

On Valentine's Day 2019, the happy couple took their oaths in Denver at the Military Entrance Processing Station.

Reid and Paulitta are newlyweds. The couple married in December 2018. Reid is prior service. The couple's original plan had been for Reid to join the Guard after finishing four years of service with the U.S. Marine Corps. After learning about the opportunities in healthcare, Paulitta also decided to join.

Paulitta stated to [WyoMilitary.wyo.gov](#):

“I think it is a really good opportunity to build a foundation for our family and contribute to the country.”

We wish the best for this courageous couple as they embark on this journey together.

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Valentine's Day can be expensive for couples in the Cowboy State. A new study pegs the average cost of dinner, flowers, candy, and cards in Wyoming at \$124.21.

Wall Street 24/7 calculated the overall expense for a romantic Valentine's Day date in every state, estimating the median price of dinner for two at a restaurant in Wyoming is \$53.61. Tack on \$27.31 for candy, \$14.14 for cards, and \$29.15 for flowers and date night could cost a pretty penny.

Wyoming ranked 25th in the study. Hawaii is the most expensive state for a Valentine's Day, with the average cost of dinner, flowers, candy, and cards topping \$152. New York, California, New Jersey, and Maryland rounded out the top five.

Mississippi has the cheapest Valentine's date night, followed by Alabama, Arkansas, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Around the region, Colorado was 11th most expensive state. Utah was slightly more expensive than the national average, while Idaho, Montana, and Nebraska were slightly below average. South Dakota was ranked the sixth cheapest state for Valentine's.

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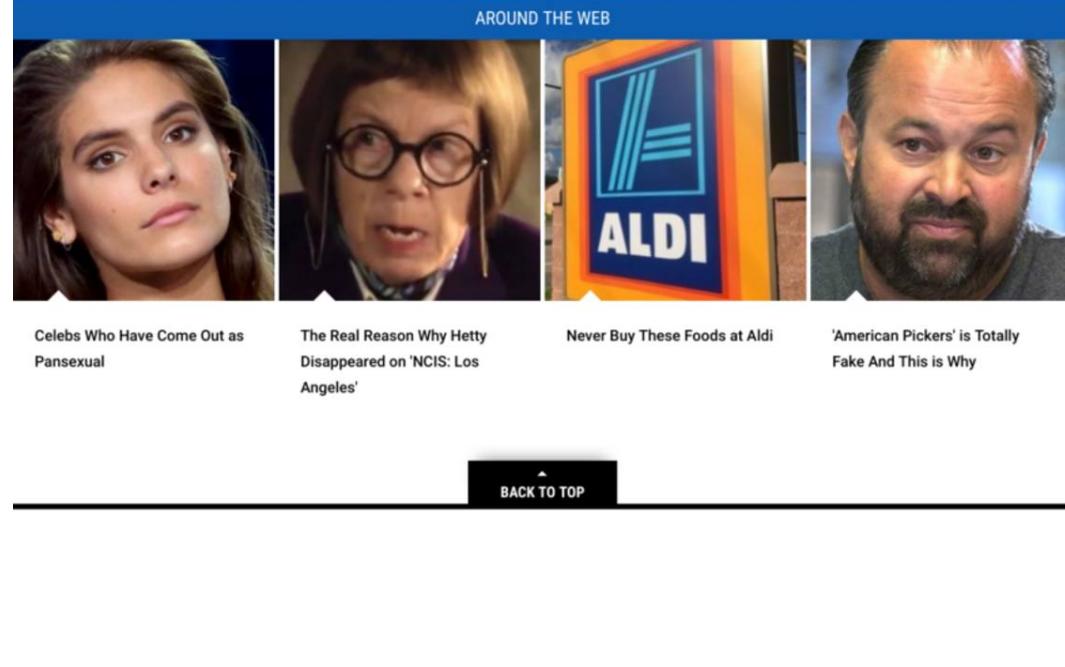
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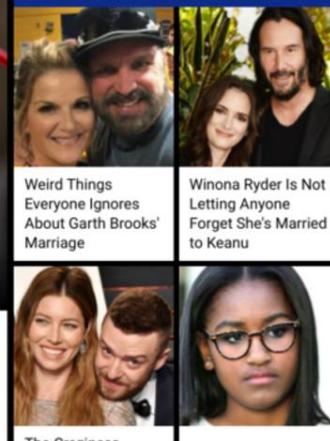

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Unless your mattress is stuffed with hundred dollar bills, you're driving a Porsche, your bathroom houses a gold-plated toilet, and Warren Buffett calls you for advice, you probably like to save money as often as humanly possible. (*That doesn't necessarily make you a cheapskate but if you are, more power to you!*) Valentine's Day should be no exception.

There are so many lovely little ways to make Valentine's Day special without emptying out your wallet. [Part-Time Money](#) is a really great place for money-saving (*and money-making*) ideas, including Valentine's Day activities and gifts.

- No Phones for 24 hours - If you're always on your phone, giving your sweetheart your undivided attention for a day could be very special
- Acts of Service - Surprise your sweetie by taking over some of their chores. Load & unload the dishwasher, take the car in for an oil change, take over walking the dog for the day, any chore they dislike or always end up doing would be appreciated
- Handwritten love letter - Believe it or not, there is nothing more romantic than seeing how a person feels about

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you in their own handwriting. As an added bonus you can send the letter to Loveland, Colorado, where it will get stamped with a special message and mailed directly to your loved one. (*Send your letter to: Postmaster, Valentine Re-Mailing, 446 E. 29th St., Loveland, CO 80538*)

- DIY gift basket - Get an inexpensive basket, colorful cellophane, coffee mug or fun candy dish and even some silk flowers, at a dollar store, and go crazy!
- Make a meal together or have a picnic in the living room - Sounds easy & cheesy, but maybe that's the point. Just spending time together with a little music, some wine, candlelight, a lot of laughter and a homemade pizza, can make for a wonderful Valentine's Day.

Lots more creative, cheap, wonderful Valentine's Day ideas at [Part-time Money](#).

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Valentine's Day will be a regular day for some people but it will a romantic evening for others. If you're the latter and you are a big game hunter you may want to do some planning.

The **average pregnancy is 40 weeks long**. If you add **40 weeks to February 14, 2019** the date is November 21, 2019.

The South Dakota **East River deer season opens two days later**, November 23, 2019. The West River Season opens the Saturday before, November 16, 2019.

So if you are planning on baby-making tonight, whether it be for practice or if you are actually trying to procreate, maybe try to put it off until next month and then you can have an extra gift just before Christmas.

In 2011 I hadn't really gotten back into hunting yet. My son Rockley was born on November 14. At that time I never thought anything of it. But now I have missed his birthday each of the last two years. That was a bummer but next year it won't be a problem because of when the seasons fall.

Of course I wouldn't change a thing, but I have chatted with buddies who did specifically factor their favorite hunting seasons into their family planning. One of them in particular was oddly adamant that they not conceive in January or February because of pheasant hunting in October and deer hunting in November.

Luckily for Rockley, I would be happy to take him deer hunting on his birthday in a few years.



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TOP 5 THINGS MEN & WOMAN WANT TO DO MOST ON VALENTINES DAY

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It's another Valentine's Day. This could be a good thing or a bad thing. A lot of it depends on what you have planned.

There are lots of things to do around Sioux Falls and if you are wondering what might be the best plan for you and your lover here is some research from [Unilad](#) that might help out.

The Top 5 Things Women want to do the most on Valentine's Day are:

1. Go out to dinner
2. Get takeout and drink wine
3. Have a good conversation
4. Have "Relations"
5. Read a book

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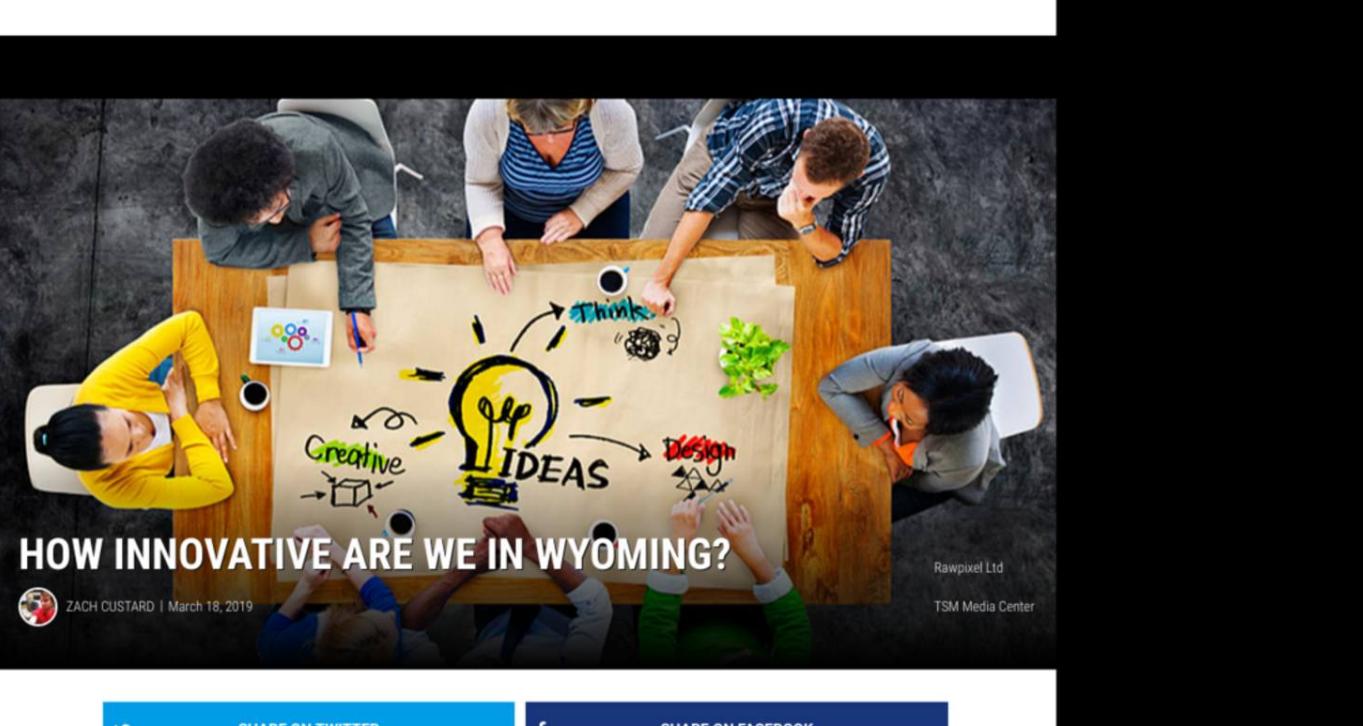
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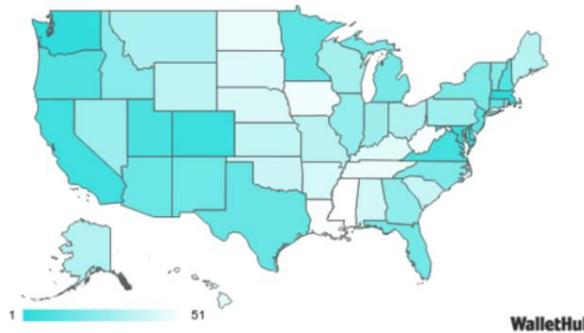
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I can't compare Wyoming to every other state simply because it would be a very biased opinion not to mention I also haven't been to every single state.

With that being said, our friends at [WalletHub](#) have once again placed Wyoming on a list for the [most and least innovative states](#). If we're being honest I've seen some pretty innovative ways to get people unstuck from snow drifts and ways to fix a wide variety of things when you don't have the right tool.

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Most couples spent Valentine's Day on a date, like dinner or a movie. One Wyoming couple went above and beyond though. Enter Reid Golike and Paulitta Wilson.

On Valentine's Day 2019, the happy couple took their oaths in Denver at the Military Entrance Processing Station.

Reid and Paulitta are newlyweds. The couple married in December 2018. Reid is prior service. The couple's original plan had been for Reid to join the Guard after finishing four years of service with the U.S. Marine Corps. After learning about the opportunities in healthcare, Paulitta also decided to join.

Paulitta stated to WyoMilitary.wyo.gov:

“ “I think it is a really good opportunity to build a foundation for our family and contribute to the country.” **”**

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We wish the best for this courageous couple as they embark on this journey together.

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Loveland Is All Heart: Volunteers Leave A Mark On Over 100,000 Valentines

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Volunteers Diane Littlefield and Ann Ague examine a card before stamping it.

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More than 100,000 cards will go through the Loveland Post Office this month to get a special postmark from the "Sweetheart City" as part of the Valentine ReMailing Program.

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"People from all over the country and world have their Valentine's Day cards stamped here so it has that something extra special," said Gov. Jared Polis, who helped kick off the program's 73rd year by serving as a guest volunteer stamper, along with Miss Loveland Valentine Kat Pfeiffer.

"I've represented this area for a number of years and now as governor, it's great to highlight what Loveland does across our whole state," said Polis, referencing his time in Congress.



Gov. Jared Polis and Miss Loveland Valentine Kat Pfeiffer kick off the Valentine ReMailing Program.

CREDIT STACY NICK / KUNC

Neb. and Hershey, Penn. — Kinney said Loveland's program is unique.

It's not just a postmark, Kinney said. Each year, Loveland reaches out to the community to help design a special stamp and a poem, known as a "cachet," that goes on each card.

The popular program is a tradition for many, she added.

"We have a lot of repeat customers," Kinney said. "They often send notes with their cards. 'This is my 10th year, my 20th year.' We've had up to 50 and 60 years."

A new tradition for the city is its new "Love Lock" sculpture.

The 24,000-pound, 10-foot-tall, 30-foot-wide steel sculpture spells out "L-O-V-E" and includes cutouts for padlocks to be locked to it. The piece was inspired by a

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Cards began pouring into the Loveland Post Office as early as December to ensure they get a Loveland postmark, Postmaster Cindy Kinney said. Each year, volunteers spend two weeks stamping the cards before sending them on to the intended recipients.

While there are other cities that do similar Valentine-themed postal cancellations — including [Valentine, Neb.](#) and [Hershey, Penn.](#) — Kinney said Loveland's program is unique.



Gov. Jared Polis placed a Colorado-themed padlock on the Love Lock sculpture.

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and includes cutouts for padlocks to be locked to it. The piece was inspired by a custom believed to have originated in China where lovers lock a padlock on a chain, gate or bridge and then throw away the key to symbolically "lock" their love forever.

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The Love Locks sculpture was designed by local artist Doug Rutledge.

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This year's sculpture was designed by local artist Doug Rutledge and will be on display in Downtown Loveland as part of the city's new [Sweetheart Festival](#) on Feb. 8 and 9 before moving to the Loveland Visitor's Center.

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Almost everyone who lives in Northern Colorado has probably heard of Loveland's Valentine remailing program. The U.S. Postal Service says the program, which turns 70 in 2016, is the largest of its kind in the country, handling between 150,000 and 200,000 pieces of mail each year.

Beginning as early as December, cards and letters start pouring in from all over the world. For about two weeks before Valentine's Day, the sound of stamping fills the

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This Valentine's Day is going to be a little less sweet.

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Beavers Are A Gnawing Problem For Loveland Sculpture Garden

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The National Sculptors' Guild Sculpture Garden is meant to showcase how the outdoors can be an ideal place for art. Executive Director John Kinkade said the garden is purposefully kept fairly natural to encourage wildlife. On that count it is perhaps too successful, at least one busy beaver has made itself at home.

"I think they must be art appreciators," Kinkade said. "Because so far they've avoided all the sculptures. They're felling these trees so that they do not hit sculptures."

Maybe not the friendliest of art critics though, right?

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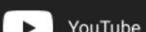
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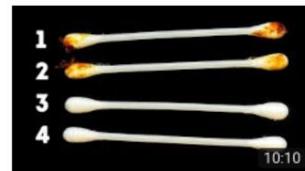
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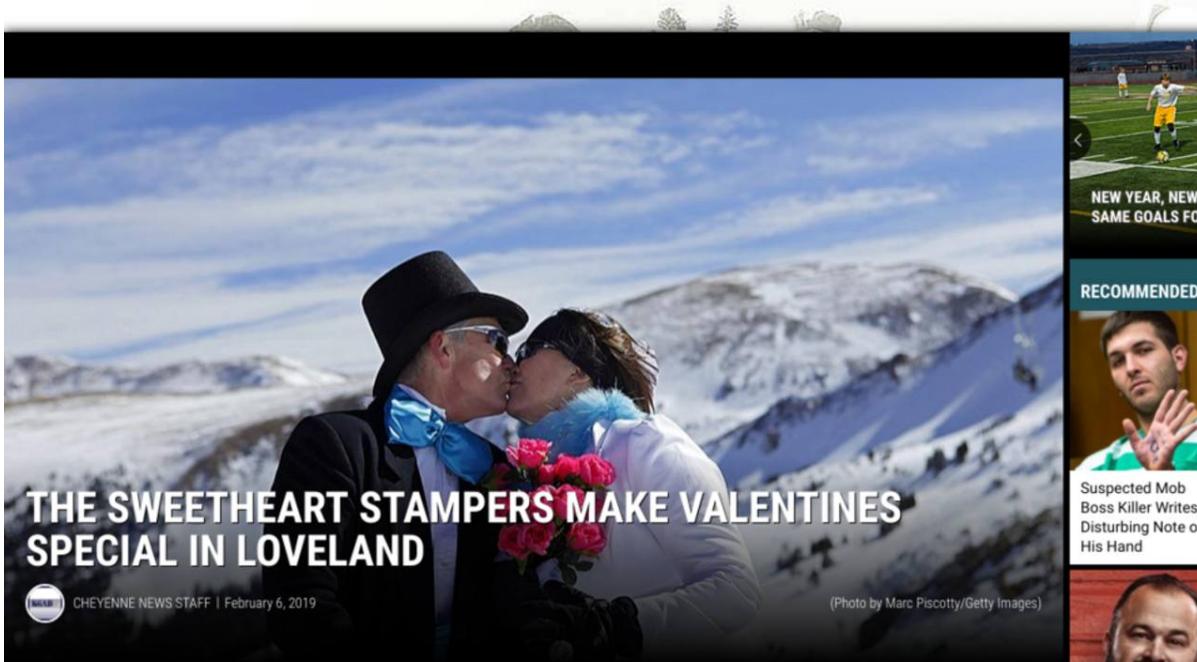
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THE SWEETHEART STAMPERS MAKE VALENTINES SPECIAL IN LOVELAND

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Humans have a love affair with love. Great songs and other works of art are inspired but it. Noble deeds are done in its name. Through history, wars have been waged and kingdoms won and lost because of it.

On February 14, Valentine's Day, we even have an annual celebration of love. Complete with gifts, candy, and Valentine's Day cards!

Sending your message of love through the mail with an extra added touch of love means sending it through the post office of the "Sweetheart City," Loveland, Colorado.

This is the 73rd year of their re-stamping and re-mailing letters of love, thanks to a group of Sweetheart Stampers. If you'd like to help, forget it. They have a years-long waiting list because no one wants to leave.

If you want to know more, contact the **Loveland Chamber of Commerce** at 970-667-6311.

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Valentine's Day is here at last!

We asked our listeners how they plan to spend Valentine's Day and in true Wyoming style, it looks like most of you are keeping it low key.

Donetta said: We're celebrating on Saturday the 16th my husband works out of town. He's taking me out to dinner.

I think a lot of Wyoming couples can relate to this one. With so many couples that have family members that travel for work, the struggle is real.

Molly commented: Taking the kid to powerlifting and laundry.

I think all of us moms can relate to this one! #momlife

Laren said: Well, we have three kids so... surviving the fallout from school Valentine party candy indulgence?

Solidarity sister...

Christy told us: Throwing darts and hanging with my love.

Simple and sweet ;)



It's not too late to share with us what you're up to, leave your comments here or head on over to [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)!

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ARISE Music Festival Announces 2019 Lineup: Tipper, Railroad Earth, Leftover Salmon, SunSquabi, More

Andrew O'Brien | Tuesday, February 5th, 2019



Today, **ARISE Music Festival** has announced the full lineup for their 7th year, set to take place August 2nd–4th, 2019 in Loveland, CO. After previously announcing that **Tipper** will headline two nights of this year's event, ARISE has now revealed the remainder of their 2019 artist roster.



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Tipper will be joined at ARISE by **Beats Antique**, **Railroad Earth** (two sets), **Leftover Salmon** (two sets), **SunSquabi**, **CloZee**, **Rising Appalachia**, **Voodoo Dead** (two sets), **Aqueous**, **The Main Squeeze**, **Marvel Years**, **Defunk**, **Maddy O'Neal**, **Cycles**, **Goopsteppa**, **Satsang**, **John Craigie**, **Evanoff**, **Tenth Mountain Division**, **Lucid Vision**, **Frameworks Live Band**, **The Reminders**, **Dead Phish Orchestra**, **Bridget Law & Friends**, and many more.

Committed to producing an annual gathering that is a vehicle for building and strengthening community, this co-creative and collaborative festival offers a wide variety of exhibitions including performers, artists, musicians, thought-leaders, creators, vendors and sponsors, all sharing their art to support the ARISE movement.

Every ounce of energy put into planning this independent, family-run event at the beautiful **Sunrise Ranch** in Loveland, Colorado, encourages positivity, joy and active engagement. This uplifting experience of musical performances, yoga, workshops, art installations, panel discussions, playshops, and more encourages the exploration of human potential in a safe and caring environment.

As always, admission is free for children under 12 years of age. Super Early-Bird 3-Day GA Passes, VIP Early Bird Upgrades, parking passes, car camping passes and RV passes are on sale now via the ARISE Music Festival [website](#).



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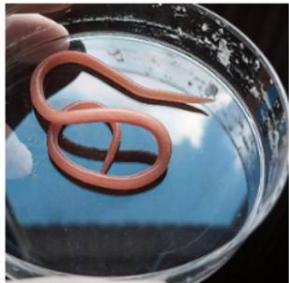
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Dave Matthews & Tim Reynolds Release Schedule For Riviera Maya Concert Vacation

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Dave Matthews and **Tim Reynolds** will return to Riviera Maya, Mexico later this month for their third-annual, all-inclusive concert vacation in partnership with **CID Presents**. Slated for Presidents' Day weekend on February 15th through 17th, the duo will deliver three beachside concerts across the weekend, with additional performances by **Warren Haynes** (solo), **Tyler Childers**, **Valerie June**, **Carlos Malta**, and **Kristen Raw Bowden**, and **Joe Lawlor**.

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Aiken Bluegrass Festival Announces 2019 Lineup Del McCoury Band, Bill



2019 Lineup: Del McCoury Band, Billy Strings, More

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The 15th annual **Aiken Bluegrass Festival** has announced their initial 2019 lineup, set to take place at Aiken, SC's **Western Carolina State Fairgrounds** on Friday, May 10th, and Saturday, May 11th, 2019.

Del McCoury Band, Keller & The Keels, Billy Strings, Larry Keel Experience, and Horseshoes & Hand Grenades (x2) will perform at the 15th annual edition of the festival.

Other artists on the bill include **Cris Jacobs Band; Terrapin Mountain "Old & In The Way"**

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Slash will head out on tour across North America as a solo artist this summer alongside singer **Myles Kennedy** (Alter Bridge) and their band, **The Conspirators**. The ongoing run of solo shows acts as continued promotion for the **Guns N' Roses** guitarist, as Slash released his third studio album with Kennedy & The Conspirators back in late September with *Living The Dream*.

The newly-announced summer tour will begin on July 15th with a show at **The Warfield Theater** in San Francisco. From there, the hard rock band will make stops at venues including

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HBO's cannabis-friendly television series, *High Maintenance*, has earned a solid reputation amongst its streaming contemporaries in its first two seasons thanks to its authentic portrayal of *real* people (mostly New Yorkers) finding themselves in *real* situations while using marijuana to get through the day. The show's producers have also done a wonderful job of filling each episode with an abundance of fantastic music. If there's one thing cannabis connaisseurs know for sure about the enjoyment of a good smoking session, it's making sure there's also good music in the air.

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By Brittany Anas

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A little love advice from the valentine stampers of "The Sweetheart City"



Volunteers in Loveland stamp valentines that are routed through the local post office each year.

Every year, thousands of valentines are rerouted through Loveland, a northern Colorado city that enthusiastically embraces its charming name. For two weeks leading up to Valentine's Day, 50 volunteers — mostly retired folks — hand stamp cards that arrive from all over the world.

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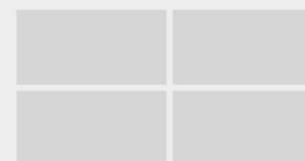
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In a makeshift mailroom, the festive volunteers are dressed in shades of pink and red, giving special treatment to the valentines. Each envelope gets two stamps: a romantic verse that's selected in an annual contest, and a second one that shows the card traveled through "The Sweetheart City."

"Just the name Loveland is filled with so much love,"

Dixie Daly, Loveland Chamber of Commerce

"When February comes, this is where I belong," says Delaine Phillips, who has been a volunteer stamper for 24 years. Her veteran status shows: while most volunteers sit down to stamp, Phillips prefers standing up because she's found the technique helps her achieve firm, steady and consistent stamps.

Playing the role of Cupid, after all, is a coveted duty here in Loveland. The waiting list to volunteer is 98 names deep, and it's rare for an opening in the Valentine's mailroom to open up.

Volunteers are mostly longtime Loveland residents, who share both a love for their city as well as the February holiday they've essentially been bequeathed by way of living here.

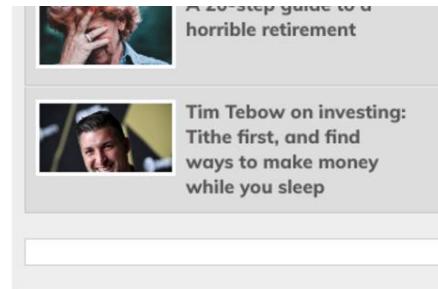
"In any relationship, you give more than you take," says Phillips, a widow who was married for 64 1/2 years.

The story of how Loveland got its name isn't romantic per se: the city's name pays homage to William A.H. Loveland, the president of the Colorado Central Railroad. But over the years, residents of Loveland have assigned special meaning to their city's name by adopting lovely traditions.

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One of the February traditions is to adorn the city's street lamps with giant hearts that, in exchange for a donation, can be dedicated to loved ones. A budding tradition is a "group wedding" on Valentine's Day, in which lovebirds from all over the country flock to Loveland to say "I do" or to renew their vows. Of course, Colorado is a mecca for craft beer, and **Grimm Brothers Brewhouse** brews a special Valentine's beer each year. This year's is a Cherry Blackberry Baltic Porter called "Bleeding Heart."

But it was Loveland's Valentine's Day stamping program that got everything started.



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But it was Loveland's valentine rerouting program is what got everything started.

The program began in 1946.

Anywhere between 100,000 to 200,000 Valentine's Day cards get rerouted through Loveland each year, says Dixie Daly of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce.

The Valentine's Day verse selected to make its way onto last year's envelope read:

"Our Sweetheart City has a magical way to brighten up your Valentine's Day. When you open your card, it will reveal the spirit of friendship and love we all feel."

"Just the name Loveland is filled with so much love," Daly says.

Volunteer Darlene Rivas waited almost a decade before it was her turn to volunteer as a valentine stamper. "Valentine's Day is special to me," she says. "I met my husband on Valentine's Day."

Her "how we met" story, though, is more romantic comedy than it is fairy tale.

"He was a bartender and saved me from a drunk!" says Rivas, who, with her husband, moved to Loveland nearly three decades ago.

Jerry Westbrook and his wife Ruth Palmer volunteer together, stamping valentines while sitting across from one another. The two met in college, and have been married for 56 years. Westbrook began stamping in 2005 after retiring from a career in public service, because, he says, he wanted to continue serving his community postretirement.

He and his wife established their family in Loveland because they appreciated the smaller community, good schools and friendly people. Each year, Westbrook takes his wife out to a new, local restaurant — preferably one on Main Street — for a Valentine's Day date.

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Betty Lamoureux has been a volunteer stamper for a decade. A widow now, she and her husband enjoyed 67 years of marriage and moved from Minneapolis to Loveland in 1988.

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"We did a lot of dancing together."

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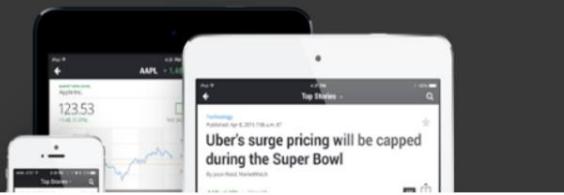
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Nothing says "I love you" quite like these thoughtful DIY gifts for the loves in your life.

#1 Valentines Day Scratch Cards



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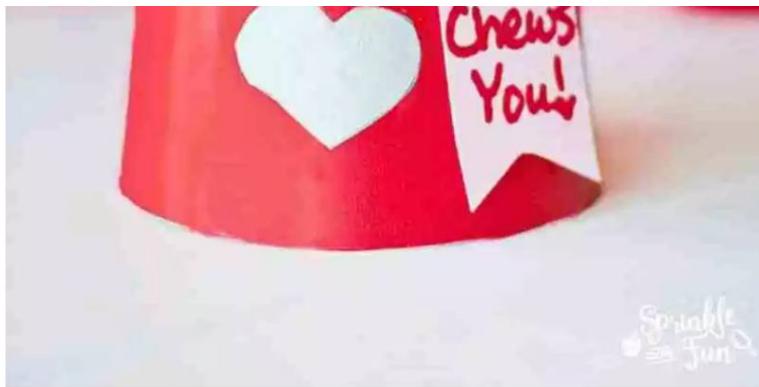
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Free Days at Four Mile Historic Park, the Longmont Museum and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Also, don't miss the Loveland Sweetheart Festival and Colorado Ballet's Wizard of Oz. See our event calendar for details.

Colorado Ballet's The Wizard of Oz at Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Feb 1 – 10

Colorado Ballet is honored and proud to present its premiere of The Wizard of Oz at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, February 1–10, 2019. In addition to Colorado Ballet's 10 performances of The Wizard Oz, the company will present An Evening in Oz Gala at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 5:30PM.

Denver Jewish Film Festival at JCC Mizel Arts and Culture Center

Feb 6 – 18

The 20th Denver Jewish Film Festival presents the best and brightest cinematic moments from around

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The 23rd Denver Jewish Film Festival presents the best and brightest cinematic moments from newly-released Israeli and Jewish cinema. With more than two dozen captivating screenings, the JCC Mizel Arts and Culture Center will once again use the power of cinema to entertain, challenge, and educate our diverse audiences of theater lovers.

Just Between Friends of Broomfield/Brighton at the Adams County Fairgrounds

Feb 7 – 10

It's finally here! Twice a year, Mile High Mamas does a round-up detailing Colorado's popular children's consignment sales. Thousands of shoppers find bargains on kids' clothing for newborn-preteen, toys, strollers, furniture, baby equipment, books, shoes, maternity items and more...all at 50-90% below retail.

Free Day at the Four Mile Historic Park

Feb 8, 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Free Day!

Free Day at the Longmont Museum

Feb 8, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

The Longmont Museum, housed in a distinctive contemporary building, features changing exhibits in history, art, and science, as well as the award-winning Front Range Rising, a long-term exhibit on the history and culture of this region. The Museum recently opened an expansion, featuring the 250-seat Stewart Auditorium and Cone-Shortall stage, the Swan Atrium, and the Kaiser Permanente Education Center.

Girls in STEM: Snow Science and Snow Safety at the Keystone Science School

Feb 8 – 10

Keystone Science School's next Girls in STEM program is focused on Snow Science and Snow Safety. Girls will learn about snow science and a wide variety of careers within snow safety and snow science.

Loveland Sweetheart Festival at Downtown Loveland

Feb 8 – 9

Loveland Sweetheart Festival has announced entertainment, art and experience details for its free festival Feb. 8-9. Presented by the Loveland Chamber of Commerce and Visit Loveland Colorado, the festival will capitalize on the city's rich history as the nation's Sweetheart City and one of the top small art communities in the nation through art installations, attractions and contests.

Colorado Garden & Home Show at the Colorado Convention Center

Feb 9 – 17

Discover the Rocky Mountain region's oldest, largest and most prestigious garden and home show – a nine-day spectacular event – where you can find inspiration from the latest ideas and trends in landscaping, gardening and home improvement. Enjoy the multitude of fragrances as you stroll through more than an acre of professionally landscaped gardens – 11 in all. Talk to representatives from more than 650 companies from 25 states and Canada. Visit with the region's gardening gurus and home improvement experts about the best ways to move your home and garden projects forward.

FAC Museum Free Day at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center

Feb 9, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

The goal of Museum Free Days is to provide access to the FAC's general admission offerings to the widest possible audiences in the Pikes Peak region. Museum Free Days, as a part of the FAC's other free and reduced-fee programs (such as scholarship programs at Bernis, and special military discounts through the Blue Star Theatres and Blue Star Museums programs), make an important impact in our community.

Museum Takeover: Heartbreakers at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery

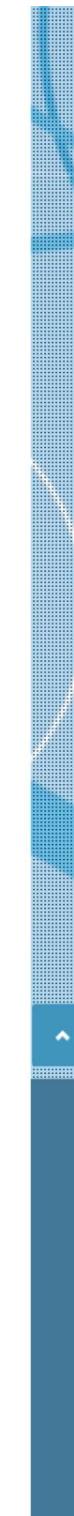
Feb 9, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Forget about the candy and roses; this Valentine's Day, we're celebrating all things circulatory system. With fun, interactive stations all over the museum taught by Colorado State University Biomedical students, you can dive into the deepest ventricles of the heart and see what makes your ticker tick.

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Hands-on History Family Fun Day at the History Colorado Center

Feb 9, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

On the second Saturday of each month, families have the opportunity to explore and create their own history, art, and culture through hands-on, immersive activities like adobe brick making, building log cabins, live performances, and role playing in our exhibits.

Kids Wonder Grand Opening at Kids Wonder

Feb 9, 12:00 – 5:00 pm

Join us to celebrate South Denver Metro's ONLY Intentional Play Center for kids 0-8. Learn about our wonderful Big'Lil programs, check out the BEST Li'l Town in CO. Entertainment from Rocky Mountain Puppets, Wayne & Wingnut, Denver Kid Magic and the music of Steve Weeks.

Narwhal and Jelly and their Pod Pal Ben Clanton at the Denver Public Library

Feb 9, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Have a podtastic time meeting Ben Clanton the creator of the o-fish-ally hilarious Narwhal and Jelly books. Ben will talk about his books, including the newest Narwhal and Jelly title, and then lead an art workshop for kids.

Free Day at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Feb 11, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Museum Admission is free on the dates listed below. To add a temporary exhibit, IMAX or Planetarium show, purchase tickets at the Museum on the Free Day; upgrade rates apply. Reservations and amenities (lunchroom, coat and lunch storage, bus drop off, etc.) for school groups are not available on SCDF Community Free Days.

Denver Nuggets vs. Miami Heat at the Pepsi Center

Feb 11, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

The Denver Nuggets face off against the Miami Heat.

Inside the Orchestra's Tiny Tots Concerts at ImageCielo at Castle Pines

Feb 12, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Tiny Tots gets children truly inside the orchestra by seating the audience on the floor and surrounding them with a 30+ piece orchestra. Designed for children six and under, this 45-minute program gives young ones the chance to interact with the music and learn about the instruments in the process. Tiny Tots audiences receive an up-close-and-personal performance in a casual, fun environment. The experience is one-of-a-kind!

Colorado Avalanche vs. Toronto Maple Leafs at the Pepsi Center

Feb 12, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Colorado Avalanche vs. Toronto Maple Leafs at Pepsi Center!

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Mountaineering Weekend at YMCA of the

Rockies Estes Park

February 15-19, 2019

Mountaineering Weekend at YMCA of the Rockies features guided snowshoe hikes & winter ecology explorations in Rocky Mountain National Park, backcountry ski meet-ups, ice climbing lessons, winter survival and avalanche awareness presentations, and demos by popular mountaineering equipment brands. Whether it's your first time out or your family has camped many times, this special weekend



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camped many times, this special weekend has activities and excursions for every level and all ages. Children will enjoy story times, kid-lead hikes and fun snow activities, in addition to ongoing YMCA of the Rockies activities such as roller-skating, ice skating, arts & crafts, etc. <https://ymcarockies.org/mountaineeringweekend/>

Ongoing General Events

Ice Castles in Dillon, Colorado

December 21, 2018 – February 16, 2019

Each year, Ice Castles brings fairy tales to life for hundreds of thousands of families across North America. Since 2011, Ice Castles has been dedicated to creating an experience that will live on long after the ice melts. <https://icecastles.com/dillon/>

The Crystal Ice Festival at the Museum of Outdoor Arts

Dec. 15, 2018 – March 15, 2019

Deep in the winter covered forest atop a high mountain is the magical Crystal Ice Castle. Where winter wishes are sent to be considered by the Frost Queen Andorra. Your wish may be granted by the Frost Queen, but those that are not are buried deep within the ice of the castle for future consideration. A found object installation of old glass, cut crystal and acrylic. Including objects such as vases, candlesticks, goblets, bowls and more. Embellished with crystals, beads, rhinestones and silver filigree. <http://moaonline.org/winter2018diorama/>

Once Upon a Playground at Fort Collins Museum of Discovery

January 29 – May 26, 2019

In Fort Collins Museum of Discovery's special traveling exhibition, Once Upon a Playground, take an interactive journey from the past to the present... and beyond. Share in the nostalgia for playgrounds from decades past with dozens of historic images while you celebrate playgrounds of Fort Collins present and future. We invite you to touch, to see, to smell, to listen, to climb, to build – and to experience this interactive exhibition that is sure to enliven all of your senses.

Denver Art Museum

There are several family-friendly exhibits at the DAM including *Stampede: Animals in Art* on view at the museum through May 19, 2019. A *Walk in the Woods* is still on view, which coincides with Stampede, and includes animal-themed artmaking activities and after their summer break, *Foxy & Shmoxy: Art Detectives*, are back. Children have been really loving the gallery games and book in the exhibition *Ganesha: The Playful Protector*. Their Learning & Engagement department created a children's book specially to be used while visiting this exhibition with children, and don't miss the fun new interactive installation by local artist Nicole Banowetz, *The Incubation Effect*. Go to <https://denverartmuseum.org/> for more information.

Images from the Tracks at the Colorado Railroad Museum

January 28, 2019 – January 5, 2020

One of the foremost photographers to photograph the great American West, William Henry Jackson's images had an immense influence on the public's perception of the American West. A portion of those images were captured here in Colorado as Jackson traveled throughout the west by rail. This exhibit not only showcases the Museum's collection of Jackson photographs but provides visitors with the opportunity to visit the rail car he traveled and lived in – the Denver & Rio Grande Western business car – the Rico.

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EXPIRED Loveland Hosts Inaugural Sweetheart Festival: Love, Locks & Lights

POSTED BY Bryan

Is there any better place to celebrate Valentine's Day than in America's "loveliest" city? The nation's Sweetheart City, Loveland, Colorado just got sweeter with the launch of its inaugural [Sweetheart Festival – Love, Locks and Lights](#).

For more than 70 years, Loveland has embraced sweethearts near and far. The city invites families and lovers across the world to gather in downtown Loveland to celebrate the valentine season with love, lights and one of the largest Love Lock sculptures in the U.S.

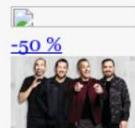
Share the joy and love on **Friday, February 8** and **Saturday, February 9** in downtown Loveland for **FREE** fun for the entire family. The lovely affair runs from **5 p.m. to 10 p.m.** on Friday and **2 p.m. to 10 p.m.** on Saturday.

Highlights of the event include:

Interactive Art Installations

Four interactive art installations allow visitors to add their creative flair. All are free and open to the public.

For the Love of the Earth – Pinwheel Project: This earth-friendly up-cycled art piece will be made of 240 colorful pinwheels created out of post-consumer plastic bags fused and decorated by the attendees



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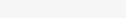
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plastic bags fused and decorated by the attendees of the Sweetheart Festival. The pinwheels will then be nailed to a plywood backdrop to create a kinetic mural that will decorate a wall in Downtown Loveland.

Community Mural at 4th and Lincoln Ave.: The community will come together to create a mural out of 320 individually painted nine-inch-square tiles. Festival attendees will visit the tent to help paint the mural tiles throughout the festival and the mural will be built afterward. The mural design will be unveiled before the festival.

Heart String Art: Sweetheart Festival attendees will work together to build a rainbow-colored heart art piece out of string.

Ceramic Raku-Firing Demos: Watch as Amy Joy Hosterman creates custom ceramic pieces to give away to the public during the Loveland Sweetheart Festival. She will make and give away 100 ceramic pieces that fit the love lock imagery and include words like "Loveland 2019", "Sweetheart City", or "Love, Locks & Lights".

For the Love of Beer and Wine tasting area

Beer and wine drinkers can toast together in the "For the Love of Beer and Wine" area featuring Seagrams, Grimm Brothers Brewhouse and the Bleeding Heart valentine brew, Big Thompson Brewery, Verboten Brewing, Loveland Aleworks, Crow Hop Brewing, Rock Coast Brewery and Sweetheart Winery.

Palace of Sweets

Step inside the Igloo and enter Loveland's own palace of sweets. Desserts, chocolate and candy galore await you with treats from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, B Sweet Cupcakes, Starlight Dessert Bar, Colorado Candy Company and Heaven's Popcorn. Prices provided onsite by vendors.

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Family Fun Zone

Anchored by Snowzilla Jr. the largest inflatable slide in the world, the family fun zone also includes face painting, Sweetheart glitter tattoos and princess meet-and-greets on Saturday.

Art Gallery Walk

Take in Loveland art scene with shows, tours and demos on this winter art gallery walk. At the heart of the festival, the 4th Street gallery will feature the "Love in a Steampunk World" art show coordinated by the Artists Collective. Other participating shows and galleries are:

- Independence Gallery — 10th Annual 65 Roses for Cystic Fibrosis
- Loveland Museum — Black Valentine
- Lincoln Gallery — Champagne, Love and Chocolate
- Artspace Loveland Art Campus — Love letters in the Wind and L'Amour Illumine'
- Artworks Loveland — Two shows: We are all MAD here, an interactive installation by Becky Hawley and Altered Perspectives by Brandon Gellis and Billy Harris
- Lamplight Studio/ Loveland Aleworks — Loveland Love + Light Event
- Loveland CreatorSpace — No art show, but will be doing demos and tours

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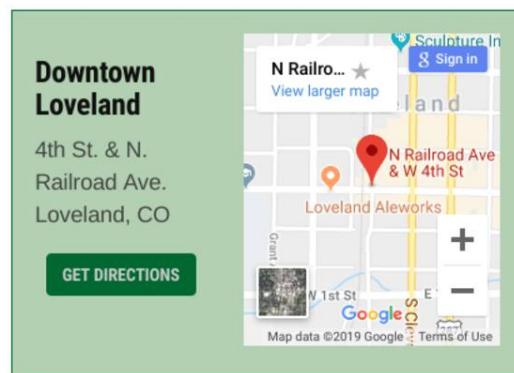


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Sweetheart Classic 4-miler

Sweetheart City Racing's 4-mile race starts and ends at the Loveland Sweetheart Festival stage. Singles and couple registrations are available. The first 200 registrants get a complimentary love lock. Register online at SweetheartCityRacing.com.

Anchoring the event is one of the largest love lock sculptures in the U.S. This 10-foot-tall, 30-foot-wide steel LOVE sculpture weighs 24,000 pounds and will be introduced during the festival. Attendees can purchase a customizable love lock to secure on the sculpture.



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Imagine: Comfort food gone out of control. So much Mac & Cheese, you'll be wanting a blanket to curl up with it all. It's coming on March 3, 2019! Mmmmm, Good!

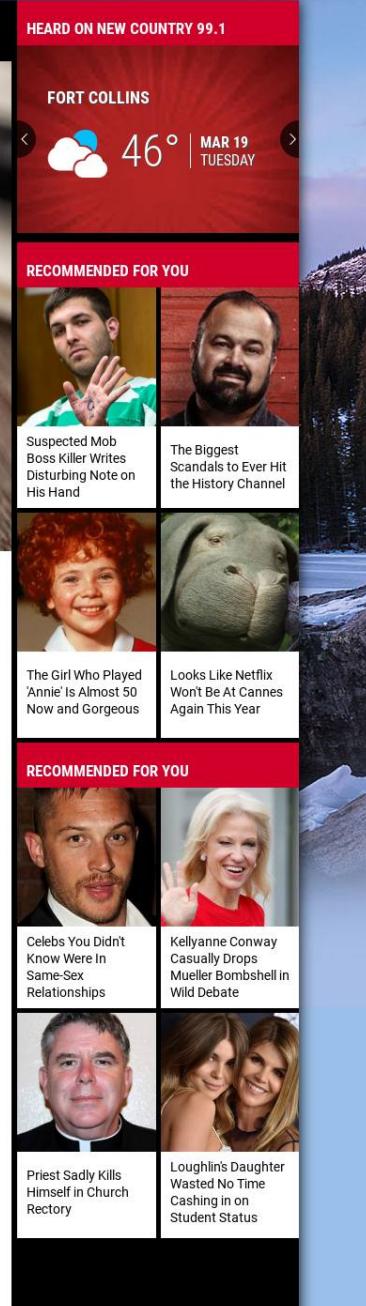
Mac & cheese. It's just so hard to resist! The cheese, the pasta. Maybe some bread crumbs and stewed tomatoes! Ooooh, so good! It's a comfort-food staple during these winter months in Northern Colorado.

I'm excited about this event coming up in Downtown Loveland at **Loveland Tap & Tavern**. They're holding their inaugural 'Mac & Cheese S'Mac Down Cook-Off' on Sunday, March 3, 2019.

Contestants, hoping to be crowned 'The Big Cheese' will bring their crockpots of that delicious Mac & Cheese to be sampled and voted on. We get to sample all of them - it's \$12 (which includes your first beer). I could *EASILY*'sample' \$12 worth of Mac & Cheese!

It's also \$12 if you'd like to [enter](#) your Mac & Cheese! The winning recipe will get \$100 to Loveland Tap & Tavern! Deadline to get registered is February 26, 2019.

Get all the info on the S'Mac Down from [Loveland Tap & Tavern HERE!](#)



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The Harlem Globetrotters are the most entertaining exhibition basketball team. I had the pleasure of trying, key word: trying, to do some of these awesome tricks they do regularly!

Since 'Champ' came by to help me brush up on my skills, I figured I'd show you how it went....

They combine athleticism, theater, and comedy. They've been doing this for the last 93 years playing more than 26,000 exhibition games in 123 countries.

They are coming to Loveland THIS weekend! They will also be performing in surrounding areas.

Here are when the Harlem Globetrotters are playing:

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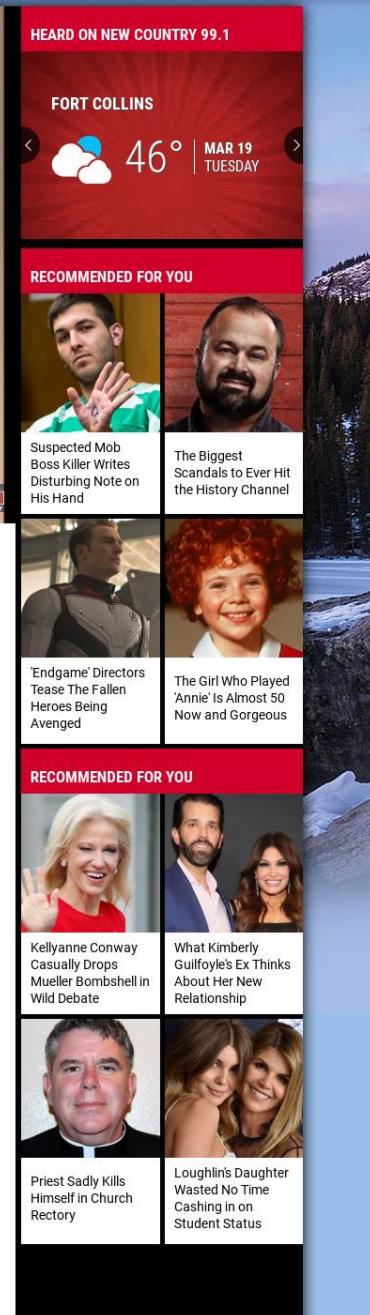
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Whether you're visiting Northern Colorado for the first time or have lived here your whole life, there are a few places you need to hike. There is no better way to experience the breathtaking views Northern Colorado has to offer then being out in nature itself.

The first hike is located just west of Loveland. When driving west of Loveland you may come across a ridge of rock formations and wide grasslands that stretch over 2,000 acres, this is called [Devil's Backbone Open Space](#) trail. This trail spans over 12 miles and offers amazing views of some of the most unique geological formations in Northern Colorado. Definitely worth the trip.



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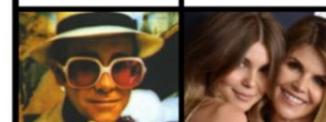
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Everyone that lives in Fort Collins has heard of the [Horsetooth Rock](#) and should tackle this hike at least once. The best part about Horsetooth Rock is that there are several different trials to get to the top. Once you reach the summit you can choose to look over the skyline of Fort Collins or choose to enjoy the view of the beautiful Rockies, either way you will not be disappointed.



This next hike is located in Lory State Park. If you haven't been to Lory State Park it is just west of Horsetooth and offers a wide variety of activities including biking, climbing, horseback riding and of course hiking. This trail is a quick 3.4 miles in and out and is a little more of a challenge, the [Arthur's Rock Trail](#). Once at the top, you will find yourself overlooking Horsetooth Reservoir, Fort Collins and the Front Range, all of the best views Fort Collins has to offer.

Located in between Fort Collins and Loveland is the [Coyote Ridge Natural Area](#). This hike is quick and is for all skill levels, which makes for a perfect family hike. This trail is known for its wildlife, it is not uncommon for hikers to catch a glimpse of deer, rattlesnakes, coyotes and even the occasional mountain lion. But do not let that steer you away, this hike has stunning views of the Front Range and the eastern plains, not to mention the views of the mountains aren't too bad either.



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Last but certainly not least is the [Pineridge Natural Area](#) which is located just east of Horsetooth Reservoir. The Pineridge Natural Area consists of several different trails that add up to about 7 miles including the Reservoir Loop trail that goes around Dixon Reservoir. Another unique aspect of this trail is that it connects to 2 different natural areas, the Maxwell and Reservoir Ridge Natural Area. Depending on how experienced or adventurous you're feeling, you can make this hike as short or as long as you wish.

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CAMPSITES FILLING FAST AT LARIMER COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACES



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If you are planning on going camping in Larimer County this summer, it's a very good idea to make a reservation. Campsites are already filling up fast.

Larimer County Department of Natural Resources offers camping at:

- Horsetooth Reservoir
- Flatiron Reservoir
- Pinewood Reservoir
- Carter Lake
- Hermit Park Open Space

Along with tent and RV campsites, the County offers cabins at Horsetooth Reservoir and Hermit Park and teepees at Flatiron Reservoir.

“ Campgrounds at Horsetooth Reservoir are almost completely booked from Memorial Day weekend to mid-July, even during weekdays. Other campgrounds are filling fast. Reservations can be made up to 180 days in advance, so many of Larimer County's most popular campsites are already full through mid-July at all campgrounds it manages. **”**

Updated Camping Fees

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On January 1, 2019, **updated fees for permits and camping** went into effect. Expect higher prices for all campsites every day of the week, with further increases in prices on weekends and holidays.

Make Reservations

To make a reservation, visit larimercamping.com or call (800) 397-7795.

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Shop, drink, dance, and celebrate at these events around Denver.

Friday, February 8

Another Night of Grand Guignol

When: Feb. 7-23 | Thurs., Fri., and Sat.

Where: The Bakery Arts Warehouse, Denver

Inspired by a Victorian theater in Paris specializing in gore and shock, this performance revives two classic 20th-century errants with a Valentine's Day twist.

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two classic 20th-century scripts with a Valentine's Day twist.

Denver Mac & Cheese Festival

When: Feb. 8

Where: Number 38, Denver

The same folks behind BrunchFest, Mile High Grilled Cheese Festival, and Whiskey & Doughnuts are bringing the cheese ... mac & cheese, that is! Watch local chefs compete as you taste gourmet versions of your childhood favorite.

Loveland Sweetheart Festival

When: Feb. 8-9

Where: Downtown Loveland

This free event in downtown Loveland will feature chocolate, beer, and wine tastings, along with the country's biggest inflatable toboggan slide. The pre-Valentine's Day celebration puts the "love" in Loveland with lights, entertainment, art, and [a giant Love Lock sculpture](#).



Courtesy of Visit Loveland (Facebook)

Nourishment (*Why Believe?*)

When: Feb. 8-10

Where: Move!, Lakewood

Indulge all five senses through dance, storytelling, live music, new media, food and drinks, and more. This chapter is designed to explore the question, "why believe?"

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Sharkey's Sweetheart Breakfast

When: Feb. 9

Where: Downtown Aquarium

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Where: Downtown Aquarium

Bring your sweetheart or the whole family for this Valentine's Day-themed breakfast, which also includes crafts and games, a raffle, a special appearance by the Mystic Mermaids, and much more. Also, you'll receive 50 percent off exhibit entry with your ticket! Please note that reservations are required.

80s/90s Dance

When: Feb. 9

Where: Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, Denver

Put on your best 80s/90s outfit and come out to this all-ages event, which will include a themed arcade, drinks, dancing, and food samples. Plus, the Colorado Movie Cars team will be there with cars from your favorite 80s/90s films, like *Ghostbusters* and *Back to the Future*.

Harry Potter-Inspired Beer Festival

When: Feb. 9

Where: The Church, Denver

See the Hogwarts Great Hall and the Leaky Cauldron come to life inside the historic Church. And, of course, there will be beer and cider tastings with winter flavors, along with Adult Butterscotch Beer. Get a photo with Hagrid, enjoy live music and food, and more. [Read more about the Harry Potter-Inspired Beer Festival here.](#)



Courtesy of Rock Star Beer Festivals (Facebook)

Valentine's Day Scented Journey Workshop

When: Feb. 9 & 14

Where: Scented Studio, Englewood

Create a custom perfume/cologne with your significant other during this holiday-themed workshop. "Not only will you find out what kind of scent personality you are through our quiz, you'll also learn a brief history of perfume making and how it adapted to pop culture," states

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When: Feb. 9

Where: ReCreative Denver

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Snowga

When: Saturday mornings until Feb. 22

Where: Downtown Denver Rink at Skyline Park

Come ready to stretch on the ice at this seasonal event led by Yoga High.

Sunday, February 10

6-Hour Toy and Collectible Swap Meet

When: Feb. 10

Where: Spectra Art Space, Denver

Shop vintage and current toys at discount prices. Toys from collections will include "MOTU, Muscle, Transformers, Gijoe, sofubi, kidrobot, 3A, 1000 toys, and many more!"

RiNo Showcase Mini-Feature

When: Feb. 10

Where: Globe Hall, Denver

This pre-party to the spring 2019 showcase will feature live music, more than 25 visual artists, local creatives, and some of the best food trucks in Denver.

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LINDSAY FRANKEL

Lindsay is a Denver transplant who loves writing as much as she enjoys hiking, horror movies, jokes, and good food. When she's not out exploring the city (or writing about it), you can find her immersed in a lively game of My Little Pony Monopoly, planted on the couch for a TV binge, or curled up with her rescue puppy, Lucy.

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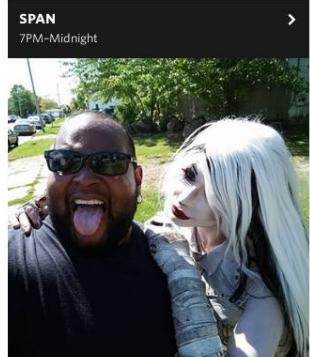


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Shinedown will launch a U.S. tour behind their new album *ATTENTION ATTENTION* Wednesday in Estero, Florida. And even if you've previously seen Shinedown in concert, frontman Brent Smith promises that these shows will be better than ever.

"We're gonna give back to the audience, man," Smith tells ABC Radio. "We're gonna give them the most amazing show they've ever seen."

In addition to being amazed, you should prepare to shed a few tears if you're catching any shows on the tour. Smith says that when the band performs the *ATTENTION ATTENTION* single "GET UP," which he wrote about bassist Eric Bass' battle with depression, there's "not a dry eye in

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about bassist Eric Bass. "Getting them up on stage, they're not only up on the room."

"It's not because they're sad," Smith explains. "You can see the release. Like, this elephant that has been sitting on their chest that is getting off of their chest, you know? All that...they've built up inside of them, and it turns into a pressure cooker, you can see the release when we play the song."

Smith adds that the live reaction to "GET UP" is "overwhelming."

"It's also wonderful to see those tears, that it's joy," he says. "It's a celebration more than anything...They understand, for the first time, 'Wow, I'm really not alone. I'm not the only one that feels this way.'"

Shinedown's tour features support from Papa Roach and Asking Alexandria. The run will wrap up March 20 in Loveland, Colorado.

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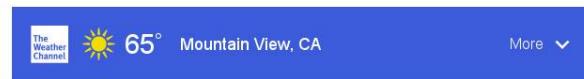
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LPR Construction employees Cody Mai, left, and Matthew Anderson steady the heart-shaped "O" of the Love Locks sculpture as a forklift moves it to the base Thursday in front of the Rialto Theater in preparation for this weekend's Loveland Sweetheart Festival: Love Locks Lights, in downtown Loveland. LPR Construction donated its time to move the sculpture from the Chamber of Commerce to downtown. The free festival runs from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday and from 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday, along Fourth Street between Railroad and Lincoln Avenues. Read about this and other Valentine's season events in today's A&E Spotlight section. (Jenny Sparks / Loveland Reporter-Herald)

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The Love Locks sculpture was installed downtown ahead of the start of the Sweetheart Festival tonight. (Jenny Sparks / Loveland Reporter-Herald)

Goodmorning Loveland and welcome (almost!) to your weekend. It's going to be a big one downtown as the new Valentine's-themed Sweetheart Festival makes its debut tonight. You can read more about everything on offer at the festival [here](#).

But I personally think the only selling point you should need is that more than 100 kids will be participating in the Little Miss Valentine and Little Mr. Cupid competitions tomorrow at 2 p.m. What could be cuter than that?

Weather

So how's the weather shaping up for the big festival weekend? After two days of zero and even sub-zero temperatures, it's going to warm up some to a high of about 29. Unfortunately, wind chills could keep it feeling as cold as -1 on Friday.

It will continue to be warmer the rest of the weekend with highs of 39 and 31 expected on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Saturday could also see more snow though no accumulation is expected.

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Musician Stelth Ulvang, a Mountain View High grad, has made it big with the Lumineers. Now, he's returning for Loveland for an intimate guitar show at 133 W. Fourth St. downtown. Buy tickets here for the show, which is a benefit for the Friends of the Loveland Public Library.

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The two most read stories on our website are a report on a pedestrian that died after being hit by a train Wednesday in Fort Collins and Hans Peter's update about a secure perimeter that was set up around Loveland High yesterday because of a threat made over Snapchat.

Cookie Poll

Yesterday, we asked readers on Facebook to tell us their favorite Girl Scout cookie. Thin mints and Samoas got the most love with four responses each. Tagalongs came in third with two.

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It's not too late to register for the four-mile race

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It's not too late to register for tomorrow's Sweetheart Classic. The four-mile race will begin at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and follow a new route from downtown Loveland, around the River's Edge Nature Area and back.

(Note: A story that ran in Friday's A&E Spotlight section misstated the day and distance of the race). The race is a fundraiser for

Thompson School District's high school and middle school cross country teams.

Participants can still register for the four-mile race at tonight's packet pick-up, which will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. at Scheels in Johnstown (by the ferris wheel) or from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. tomorrow at the starting line at West Fourth Street and Railroad Avenue in downtown Loveland. The price to register for the race is \$30 for single racers and \$55 for couples. That price will increase to \$40 for single racers and \$65 for those who register tomorrow.

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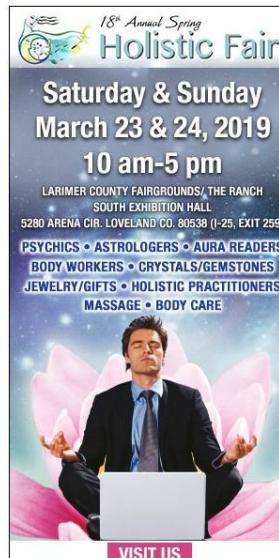
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1. Denver Mac and Cheese Festival

What: The Denver Mac and Cheese Festival is the only event in Denver where you get to sample a huge variety of gourmet, chef-inspired twists on your childhood favorite: mac & cheese! Local chefs and restaurants are cooking up their most creative and delicious mac & cheese while competing for the best mac in town. Be there to sample everything for yourself and cast your vote! This is a 21+ event.

Where: Number 28, 2560 Chestnut Place in Denver



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Where: Number 38, 3560 Chestnut Place in Denver

When: Friday, February 8 from 5:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Admission: \$59-\$119

More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/194763628112386/>

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Where: Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St. in Denver

When: Saturday, February 9 through Sunday, February 17

Admission: \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and free for kids 12 and under.

More info: <http://coloradogardenfoundation.org/colorado-garden-home-show>

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Where: Denver Mart, 451 E. 58th Ave. in Denver

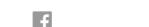
When: Friday, February 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, February 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, February 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission: \$13

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4. Urban Farm's TUF Bazaar

What: You don't have to travel to Istanbul for a Turkish Bazaar, The Urban Farm is bringing it to you this weekend. There will be hand-crafted Turkish kilims, jewelry sheep and other surprises both Turkish and "Coloradoish." This pop-up market will benefit TUF at the Cube in Stapleton.

Where: 8371 Northfield Blvd. in Denver

When: Saturday, February 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission: Free

More info: [Click here](#) to learn more about the event.

5. Loveland Sweetheart Festival

What: There's probably no better place to celebrate Valentine's Day than in the nation's "Sweetheart City." The inaugural Loveland Sweetheart Festival invites families and lovers across the world to gather in downtown Loveland to celebrate

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valentine season with love, lights and one of the largest Love Lock sculptures in the U.S.

Where: Downtown Loveland

When: Friday, February 8 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, February 9 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Admission: Free

More info: <https://www.loveland.org/events-2/sweet-heart-festival/>

6. Free entrance to the Longmont Museum

What: The Longmont Museum, housed in a distinctive contemporary building, features changing exhibits in history, art, and science, as well as the award-winning *Front Range Rising*, a long-term exhibit on the history and culture of this region.

Where: Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road

When: Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission: Free

More info: <https://www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-em/museum>

7. Four Seasons Farmers and Artisans Market

What: Farmers' Markets are generally known to be open for a very limited amount of time in the fall, but that's not the case for Four Seasons Farmers and Artisans Market in Wheat Ridge, which is open year-round. Come and show for produce, honey, jams and jellies, as well as alpaca wool products, paintings, jewelry and more.

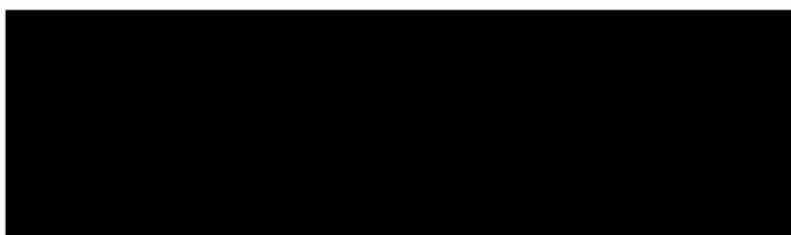
Where: Four Seasons Farmers and Artisans Market, 7043 W. 38th Ave. in Wheat Ridge, Colo.

When: Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Loveland's Sweetheart Festival makes its debut

Valentine-themed event continues Saturday in downtown area

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The new festival also brought with it the return of another fun Loveland community art tradition, artist Scott Freeman's community mural project.

That project invites festival attendees to try their hand at painting one of 320 tiles that will then be combined into a mural on the northeastern corner of Lincoln Avenue and Fourth Street. Each of the tiles contains markings and descriptions about what portions of it are supposed to be colored light, medium and dark that are intended to allow for a recognizable mural to emerge while allowing each painter to contribute their own vision.

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"I thought this sounded like a cool and creative event that would just be a fun way to check out the city," she said. "I've been having fun checking everything out and everyone's been so friendly and happy. It really lives up to the Loveland name."

The festival also provided a chance for residents to see the historic Feed and Grain building in a new — ahem — light thanks laser mapping, a technology that allowed a laser show consisting of "different loved symbology" to be projected onto the building.

"I love being able to spread joy with these lasers," said Vann Ivan, "It kind of changed my life when I realized I could control people's emotions to do that with lights."

If you go

What: Loveland Sweetheart Festival: Love Locks and Lights.

When: 2-10 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Fourth Street between Lincoln Avenue and Garfield Avenue in Loveland.

Cost: Free.

More info: sweetheartfestival.com.

Martens donned a bright red robe and pointy red and white hat to become the "popcorn wizard" who will distribute 300 heart bags of popcorn to kids 12-and-under over the course of the festival. Martens said his daughter created that costume for him to wear when the Fire and Ice festival incorporated a Harry Potter theme a few years ago and he has been wearing it to Loveland's winter festival ever since.

"The kids just light up, especially when I am giving them a little bag of popcorn," Martens said.

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"The individual can express themselves but they are also part of the bigger picture so it's a metaphor for community," said Freeman. "It's very inclusive, even children and people with disabilities can participate."

Among those who stopped to paint a tile was Vanessa G. Harris, who said the festival was the first community event she had attended since moving to Loveland from Texas three weeks ago.



Latina McCoy shows off her fire-spinning skills during the Loveland Sweetheart Festival downtown on Friday. (Austin Humphreys/For the Reporter-Herald)

The festival also provided a chance for particularly enthusiastic residents to don blinking heart pins, Valentine's Day red capes and other festive attire. However, few of those outfits caught eyes like the one worn by Alan Martens of Heavenly Popcorn.



Locks are secured to a sculpture during the Loveland Sweetheart Festival downtown Friday. Attendees were encouraged to fasten locks with messages of love to the largest love lock sculpture in the country. (Austin Humphreys/For the Reporter-Herald)

"The kids just light up, especially when I am giving them a little bag of popcorn," Martens said.

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People walk down Fourth Street during the Loveland Sweetheart Festival downtown Friday. The event continues Saturday with food trucks, live music and the Sweetheart Classic 4 Miler race. (Austin Humphreys/For the Reporter-Herald)

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Little Miss Valentine and Little Mr. Cupid named at Loveland Sweetheart Festival

By Hans Peter

Reporter-Herald Staff Writer

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Zailee Nauman, right, gets ready for the Little Miss Valentine competition with her father Waylon, left, Saturday. (Hans Peter / Loveland Reporter-Herald)

And the winners are:

Little Miss Valentine, 0-2: Eleanor Kitchen

Little Miss Valentine, 3-4: Madisyn Jaymes Hicks

Little Mr Cupid, 0-2: Dylan Null

Little Mr Cupid, 3-4: Christian Duran

Valentine-themed toddlers looked fierce Saturday afternoon as they prepared for the inaugural Little Miss Valentine and Little Mr. Cupid competition. Saturday — little do they know their parents will use photos of the event to embarrass them later.

Parents and siblings huddled close around a large air-filled dome in Downtown Loveland, where the Loveland Sweetheart Festival was in full swing. One by one, 110 babies and toddlers took to the stage to strut what the judges wanted: big personality and an impressive Valentines-themed outfit to boot.

Wearing one such outfit — complete with heart-shaped glasses, 4-year-old Lilith Jabalera Baker ogled the stage, waiting for her chance to show off.

When asked if she would win, she took a long moment of deliberation before saying: "maybe?"

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Madisyn-Jaymes Hicks of Loveland, 3, waves to her fans after being crowned Little Miss Loveland for ages 3-4 on Saturday during the Loveland Sweetheart Festival. (Jenny Sparks / Loveland Reporter-Herald)

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Winners in each of four categories (boys and girls ages under 2 years old and boys and girls ages 3-4) each received a prize package worth \$100 including either a crown or an arrow, gift certificates and other Loveland-based merchandise.

The Loveland Chamber of Commerce launched the event, and found it was so popular in its debut year that they had to close online registration long before the event started.

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From left, baby Kenin Kroon Jr., Kenin Kroon Sr., Felicia Jabalera, Lith Jabalera Baker and Neveah Jabalera pose during the Loveland Sweetheart Festival on Saturday. (Hans Peter / Loveland Reporter-Herald)

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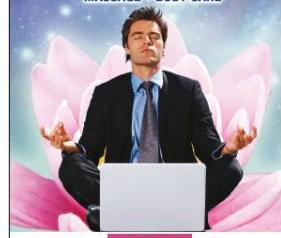


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"Love Is a Thug" Artist Reception and "Black Valentine," 6-8 p.m., Loveland Museum, 503 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland. Denver-based artist Scott Young, who works with neon and text to create thought-provoking artwork, will be present and attendees can share and release their own brokenhearted stories in "Broken Heart Interactive." With drinks from Dark Heart Coffee and slam poetry. Free. Call 962-2410 or visit lovelandmuseumgallery.org.

Valentine's Day in Loveland, A Cabaret, 7:30-9 p.m., Rialto Theater Center's Devereaux Room, 228 E. Fourth St., Loveland. Robert Bubon, actor and singer, will perform songs that explore the many aspects of love. \$40-\$60. The event will benefit Moon Theatre Company. Call 303-994-8346 or visit brownpapertickets.com/event/4045244.

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"We're All MAD Here" Opening Reception, 6-9 p.m., Artworks Loveland, 310 N. Railroad Ave., Loveland. An interactive art installation by Becky Hawley explores the scope of emotions endured by individuals with mental illness with an artist-designed tea party that explores brokenness, turmoil, discord, and feeling ill-equipped to handle ordinary situations. Runs through March 30. Call 663-5555, email info@artworksloveland.org or visit artworksloveland.org.

"Renascence" and "Room" Exhibits, 5-9 p.m., Loveland Museum, 503 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland. Free admission to both exhibits during Night on the Town. Call 962-2410 or visit lovelandmuseumgallery.org.

Night on the Town, 6-9 p.m., downtown Loveland off Fourth Street. Live music, restaurant specials and gallery openings.

Craft Beer and Girl Scout Cookie Pairing, noon-10 p.m., Big Beaver Brewing Co., 2707 W. Eisenhower Blvd., Loveland. Join in any time throughout the day. \$10 for six microbrews paired with six cookies; \$5 children's tickets include soda and cookies. Call 818-6064.

"Talking Politics on (and off) Social Media: What Needs to Change?" 2 p.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. The Loveland Public Library will partner with The Commons to help people have civil conversations with people they disagree with on social media. Call 962-2402 or visit lovelandpubliclibrary.org.

First Steps: New to Computers, 3:30 p.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. Free. Register at <http://bit.ly/2BwaRME>.

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Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. For ages 2-3. No registration or fee required. Call 962-2587.

Animaniacs in Concert, 7:30 p.m., Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia St., Fort Collins. The endearing cartoon show comes to life with composer Randy Rogel accompanied by the original voice talents of Yakkko (Rob Paulsen), Wakkko (Jess Harnell) and Brain (Maurice LaMarche) from Pinky and the Brain. \$21-\$30. Call 221-6730 or visit letix.com.

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Comedian Todd Barry, 7 p.m., Aggie Theatre, 204 S. College Ave., Fort Collins. \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the show. Website: ticketfly.com/purchase/event/1793184.

Eagle Watch, 4-5:30 p.m., Fossil Creek Regional Open Space, on Carpenter Road, one mile west of Interstate 25, Fort Collins. Walk along a short paved trail to a viewing pier where volunteer master naturalists will discuss the birds and help people spot them. Free. No registration required. Website: fgov.com/register.

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Stelth Ulvang, 8 p.m., 133 W. Fourth St., Loveland. The performer from The Lumineers will be accompanied by Nick Jaina. Advanced seating \$40, available at tinyurl.com/plconcert. General admission at the door \$10. All proceeds will benefit the Loveland Public Library. Website: friendsofthelovelandlibrary.org/event_3221532.

Gary Schmidt: "Clair de Lune," 7 p.m., Rialto Theater Center, 228 E. Fourth St., Loveland. The pianist will perform classical music alongside his contemplative piano compositions. \$20 adults and \$15 seniors and children under 12. Call 962-2120 or visit rialtotheatercenter.org.

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NoCo Artists 10th Season: Act 1 - Music for Strings and Piano, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Embassy Suites, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland. The show includes Samuel Barber's "Adagio," Liszt's Mephisto Waltz No. 1, music by Brahms, Offenbach, Dvorak, local composers and more, and will feature pianist Benjamin Harding. \$15-\$30. Website: <http://bit.ly/2Dc6tih>.

Loveland Elks Lodge 1051 Charity Ball, 5:30-11 p.m., Elks Lodge, 103 E. Fourth St., Loveland. Dance to the Jim Hyatt Band at 8-11 p.m. There also will be live and silent auctions during the event. Open to the public. \$30 for dinner and dance. Tickets may be purchased at the Elks Lodge office by calling 659-6330.

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Reptile Show and Tell, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Jax Loveland Outdoor Gear, 950 E. Eisenhower Blvd., Loveland. The family-friendly reptile show and tell event, presented by the Northern Colorado Herpetological Society, will feature live animals. Learn about conservation and biology, and get



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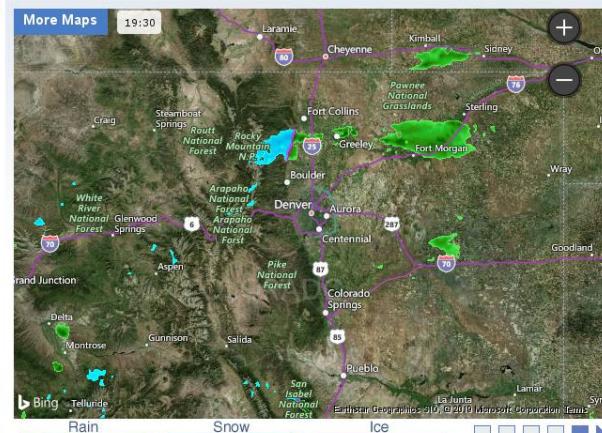
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Monday, Feb. 11, 2019

By Julia Rentsch

Reporter-Herald Staff Writer

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Morning, Loveland!

Hope you enjoyed the Sweetheart Festival this weekend. I wasn't able to make it, but if you'd like to tell me your impressions of the new festival, my email and Twitter are below.

We've got a little dusting of snow this morning, so be careful on your drives to work. Personally, I love snow; it looks like everything is dusted with powdered sugar out there. You know how they say the world is your oyster? When it snows like this, it can feel like the world is your beignet.

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For the newcomers: Since each RH staff member has their own day of the week to write Loveland Today, we thought we'd make it interesting with a unique theme for each. Mine is Monday Wordplay, which may include poetry, puns or fun vocabulary. And I want you, dear reader, to be involved.

We have a new prompt this week. Rather than write poetry, I'd like your assistance in collecting some of the best headlines from news around the web.

This story from USA Today caught my eye this morning: "Bewildering, dire, disastrous: Queen has a Brexit escape plan, but how bad will it be?" So much grimness in one headline!

You see a headline that piques your writerly interest this week? Tweet it at me @julia_rentscha or email it to jrentsch@prairiemountainmedia.com, and I'll post a round-up of fun headlines next week.

Loveland Today is a new online installment designed to highlight some of Loveland's key information for the day. Each morning, online readers can expect Loveland Today to act as a portal into other news and feature stories, all while viewing weather information and photos worth sharing.

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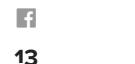
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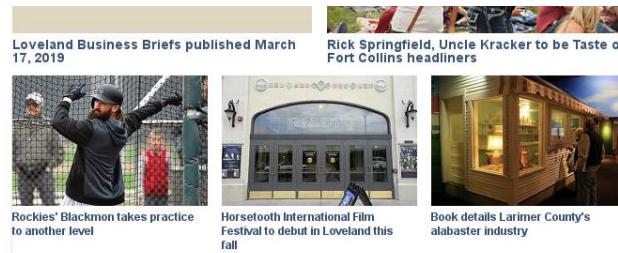
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"Image as Muse" Workshop, 5:30-8 p.m., Loveland Museum, 503 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland. Led by photographer Bob Campagna and artist Sylvia Eichmann. He will offer an introduction to photography, while she will give an introduction to collage. Continues on Wednesdays, Feb. 13-27. \$30 tuition and \$40 for supplies. Ages 16 and older. Call 962-2410 or visit lovelandmuseumgallery.org.

Gustavus Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble, 7 p.m., Thompson Valley High School, 1669 Eagle Drive, Loveland. Each ensemble will perform its own repertoire, and also will combine to form a studio orchestra, creating a unique musical experience for the audience. Musical selections range from classic jazz and orchestral works to newer pieces by contemporary composers. A freewill donation will be requested.

"Twelve Dozen Things About Colorado" with Kevin Cook, 6-7 p.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. Theme: "Purple Mountain Majesty." Free. No registration required, but come early as seating is limited. Call 962-2665.

Readmore Book Discussion, 9-11 a.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. Discussion of "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley. All interested adults welcome. Free. Call 962-2402.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 533 N. Grant Ave., Loveland. IRS tax law-certified volunteers will provide basic federal and state return preparation and e-filing at no cost for eligible taxpayers Monday-Thursday through April 15, except Feb. 18. Call 2-1-1 or 599-1794 or visit vitaloveland.org/where-to-find-help.

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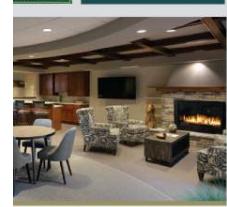
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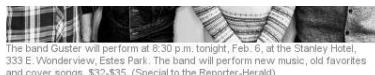


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Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. For ages 4-7. Free. Call 962-2587.

Story Time at the Garbage Garage, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Larimer County Garbage Garage Education Center, 5887 S. Taft Hill Road, Fort Collins. With stories and an activity. Space is limited. Email gchoen@larimer.org to RSVP.

Guster, 8:30 p.m., Stanley Hotel, 333 E. Wonderview, Estes Park. They will perform new music, old favorites and cover songs. \$32-\$35. Website: stanleylive.com.

THURSDAY

"Talking Politics on (and off) Social Media: What Needs to Change?," 10:30 a.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. The Loveland Public Library will partner with The Commons to help people have civil conversations with people they disagree with on social media. Call 962-2402 or visit lovelandpubliclibrary.org.

"Love, Lights and Perfume: Non-human Romantic Signals," 6 p.m., Loveland Museum, 503 N. Lincoln Ave., in the Foothills Gallery, Loveland. Arlo Pelegrin will discuss the ways nature has to find a potential partner, such as catching a whiff from over a mile away. Call 962-2410 or visit lovelandmuseumgallery.org.

NoCo Beer Choir, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Big Thompson Brewery, 114 E. 15th St., Loveland. The public is welcome to sing traditional beer-themed songs. Free. Call 619-8138 or visit NoCo Beer Choir on Facebook.

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Genealogy Assistance, 1 p.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. The Larimer County Genealogical Society offers one-on-one help for genealogy research every Thursday in the library's genealogy area. Free. Call 962-2402.

Microsoft Excel 101, 3:30 p.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. Free. Register at <http://bit.ly/2BwaRME>.

Google Apps 101, 5:30 p.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. Free. Register at <http://bit.ly/2BwaRME>.

St. Matthew's Medical Clinic, 6 p.m., House of Neighborly Service Life Center, 1511 E. 11th St., Suite 170, Loveland. Free. Christian-based clinic for those in the Loveland community who don't have medical insurance and/or can't afford high deductibles. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 624-3425. Website: stmatthewsmedicalclinic.org.

Drop-In Dance, 7-9 p.m., Odd Fellows, 319 E. Fourth St., Loveland. \$1. Call 667-4584.

Bingo, 7 p.m., Associated Veterans of Loveland, 305 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland. Call 667-4722.

Baby Storytime, 9 and 10 a.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. For ages birth to 2 1/2 and caregivers. Free. Call 962-2587.

Family Storytime, 4:15 p.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. For ages 2-8. Free. Call 962-2587.

Loveland Mountain Club Hike: The Loch and West Glacier Knob, 6 miles round-trip. Contact Jane at 260-413-2686 or jcflyfisher@gmail.com to sign up. Non-members welcome. Visit lovelandmountainclub.org.

Relay for Life Northern Colorado Kickoff, 6-7 p.m., Scheels, 4755 Ronald Reagan Blvd., Johnstown. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event brings together community members from Larimer and Weld counties to celebrate lives, remember those lost to cancer and to fight back against the disease. Contact Jessica Wright of the American Cancer Society at 350-5020 or jessica.wright@cancer.org, or visit main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=92495.

"The Waverly Gallery, 6:30 p.m., Bas Bleu Theatre, 401 Pine St., Fort Collins. A funny and touching look at the effect of senility on a family. Runs Thursday-Sunday through Feb. 24. \$13-\$20. Call 498-8949 or visit basbleu.org.

Story Time at the Garbage Garage, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Larimer County Garbage Garage Education Center, 5887 S. Taft Hill Road, Fort Collins. With stories and an activity. Space is limited. Email gchoen@larimer.org to RSVP.

Poudre Pub Talk, 6 p.m., Timnath Beerwerks, 4138 Main St., Timnath. Tom Cech will discuss Colorado water history and population economics. Website: poudreheritage.org/pub-talks.

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Loveland Sweetheart Festival, 5-10 p.m., downtown Loveland. With one of the largest love lock sculptures in the U.S., art installations and interactive art displays, music/laser shows each night, a "Sweetheart Love Art Show" at the 4th Street Gallery, chocolate, beer and wine tastings.

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night, a "Sweetheart Love Art Show" at the 4th Street Gallery, chocolate, beer and wine tastings, an inflatable toboggan slide and more. Website: lovelandsweetheartfestival.com.

"Love Is a Thug" Artist Reception and "Black Valentine," 6-8 p.m., Loveland Museum, 503 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland. Denver-based artist Scott Young, who works with neon and text to create thought-provoking artwork, will be present and attendees can share and release their own brokenhearted stories in "Broken Heart Interactive." With drinks from Dark Heart Coffee and slam poetry. Free. Call 962-2410 or visit lovelandmuseumgallery.org.

Valentine's Day in Loveland, A Cabaret, 7:30-9 p.m., Rialto Theater Center's Devereaux Room, 228 E. Fourth St., Loveland. Robert Bubon, actor and singer, will perform songs that explore the many aspects of love. \$40-\$60. The event will benefit Moon Theatre Company. Call 303-994-8346 or visit brownpapertickets.com/event/4045244.

"I Want My MTV," 7 p.m., Harrington Arts Alliance, 575 N. Denver Ave., Loveland. A show all about the '80s. \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Call 568-8370 for advanced tickets or buy with PayPal at harringtonartsalliance.org.

"We're All MAD Here" Opening Reception, 6-9 p.m., Artworks Loveland, 310 N. Railroad Ave., Loveland. An interactive art installation by Becky Hawley explores the scope of emotions endured by individuals with mental illness with an artist-designed tea party that explores brokenness, turmoil, discord, and feeling ill-equipped to handle ordinary situations. Runs through March 30. Call 663-5555, email info@artworksloveland.org or visit artworksloveland.org.

"Renascence" and "Room" Exhibits, 5-9 p.m., Loveland Museum, 503 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland. Free admission to both exhibits during Night on the Town. Call 962-2410 or visit lovelandmuseumgallery.org.

Night on the Town, 6-9 p.m., downtown Loveland off Fourth Street. Live music, restaurant specials and gallery openings.

Craft Beer and Girl Scout Cookie Pairing, noon-10 p.m., Big Beaver Brewing Co., 2707 W. Eisenhower Blvd., Loveland. Join in any time throughout the day. \$10 for six microbrews paired with six cookies; \$5 children's tickets include soda and cookies. Call 818-6064.

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First Steps: New to Computers, 3:30 p.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. Free. Register at <http://bit.ly/2BwaRME>.

Bingo to Support Fort Collins Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Bingo Planet, 281 29th St., Loveland. \$8. Call 226-1482.

Mahjong Group, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. Free. Call 962-2401.

Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., Loveland Public Library, 300 N. Adams Ave., Loveland. For ages 2-3. No registration or fee required. Call 962-2587.

Animaniacs in Concert, 7:30 p.m., Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia St., Fort Collins. The endearing cartoon show comes to life with composer Randy Rogel accompanied by the original voice talents of Yakko (Rob Paulsen), Wakko (Jess Harnell) and Brain (Maurice LaMarche) from Pinky and the Brain. \$21-\$30. Call 221-6730 or visit lctix.com.

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Comedian Todd Barry, 7 p.m., Aggie Theatre, 204 S. College Ave., Fort Collins. \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the show. Website: ticketfly.com/purchase/event/17993184.

Eagle Watch, 4-5:30 p.m., Fossil Creek Regional Open Space, on Carpenter Road, one mile west of Interstate 25, Fort Collins. Walk along a short paved trail to a viewing pier where volunteer master naturalists will discuss the birds and help people spot them. Free. No registration required. Website: fogov.com/register.

"Almost, Maine," 7 p.m., Windsor Community Playhouse, 561 E. Garden Drive, Unit A, Windsor. On one deeply cold and magical midwinter night, the citizens of Almost experience the life-altering power of the human heart. Relationships end, begin or change beyond recognition, as strangers become friends, friends become lovers, and lovers turn into strangers. \$15. Tickets available at windsorplayhouse.org/tickets.php or at the door.

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Robin Shultz, left, and Liz Mafatia, owners of What If? Mafatia, moved their office a few blocks east on Fourth Street, to 441 E. Fourth St., Suite 107, in downtown Loveland, in December 2018. (Special to the Loveland Reporter-Herald)

"She'll be able to be baking every day, which will be so exciting for her," Cronin said.

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"We were almost Love Bug Cupcakes, but my dad thought it was too girly," she said. "My husband came up with the name Cupcake Gypsies."

Cronin envisions Cupcake Gypsies' brick-and-mortar location as a breakfast stop, possibly open from 7:30 to 4 p.m., offsetting its hours from Loveland's existing downtown cupcake shop, "B" Sweet Cupcakes, which is open later in the day.

The building's owner might put in a garage door opening onto Cleveland Avenue and sidewalk patio seating, she said.

With full-time access to a kitchen and a shop that will be stocked with products, the business will be able to respond to the people who call up and ask for an order to be ready the next day, Cronin said.



Dr. Corey Bernhardt has opened Bernhardt Vision at 102 W. Fourth St. (Special to the Loveland Reporter-Herald)

White Groves Barber & Taproom

Barbers Jillian White and Taylor Groves have been working since last summer to get their barbershop and taproom open at 341 E. Fourth St.

Their vision is to give customers waiting for their turn something to do — like quaff a craft beer in the taproom in the back. A haircut, with a 10-ounce beer from Crooked Stave Brewery in Denver, will cost \$25.

Customers who just want a beer, or just a haircut, also will be welcome, White said.

In addition, they are building a commercial kitchen in leased space off West Eisenhower Boulevard in Loveland, so they won't have to drive to north Fort Collins to the commissary kitchen where they rent space a few times a week.

Strick is the company's baker — "she's the talent," Cronin said of her sister.

Richard Campbell is the third, silent, partner in Cupcake Gypsies.

He's also the person who renovated Petunia after the sisters found the 1956 Hanson Love Bug trailer on eBay in 2014, Cronin said.



Kay Williams, shown here with Dawson, opened K9 Dog Training in October 2018 at 136 W. Fourth St. in downtown Loveland. (Special to the Loveland Reporter-Herald)

In addition to cupcakes, Strick makes small cakes (for the bride and groom to cut), cake pops, bars, doughnuts ("everyone wants doughnut walls at their weddings") and coffee cakes. They supply vegan and gluten-free cupcakes as well as coffee cakes and cinnamon rolls to Dark Heart Coffee Bar in downtown Loveland.

Their most popular cupcakes, Cronin said, are the Vintage Peach: a peach cupcake with vanilla-bean bourbon buttercream; and the Campfire, a chocolate cupcake with toasted-marshmallow buttercream garnished with chocolate chips and graham crackers.

For more information, go to thecupcakegypsies.com.



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Renovation is nearing completion, White said, and if the final inspection goes well next week, they plan to be open for the Loveland Sweetheart Festival on Friday and Saturday.

The barbershop will be open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and the taproom will be pouring from noon to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Smokin' Classix BBQ

Texas native Rene Riojas has been perfecting the art of barbecue for most of his adult life, selling barbecue in Wisconsin and Loveland for several years, and doing it full-time in Loveland since last May, when they opened Smokin' Classix BBQ at 207 S. Railroad Ave.

Now he and his wife, Lynn, are taking their Texas-style barbecue — no sauce, just slow smoke and a light rub — to a more visible location at 103 W. Fourth St., in the King Storage building.

Rene Riojas said he's hoping to open by the end of February, but there's still work to be done. At the new location, he'll have more room indoors and out, where he will set up his hand-built custom smokers.

The building has a small coffee shop setup from previous tenants, Riojas said, so they will be selling coffee in addition to steaks, beef brisket, pulled pork, baby back ribs, chicken, fish, burgers, asparagus and even potatoes, chili beans, macaroni and cheese and apple crisp — all cooked on the grill in the smokers.

Smokin' Classix BBQ is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, and Riojas said he hopes to expand those hours once they get settled in their new location.

For more information, call 970-619-8568 or go to smokinclassixbbq.com.

KK9 Dog Training

Kay Williams spent 28 years teaching music in the Poudre School District and started training dogs in her home in March 2017.

"I knew I wanted to have a business when I retired from teaching," she said.

Now retired from the classroom, she's able to pursue her passion for dog training full-time. She opened KK9 Dog Training at 136 W. Fourth St. in early October 2018.

Williams got involved in greyhound rescue in the late 1990s and then became interested in sheepherding trials and border collies.

"I sought out my own private trainer and decided I wanted to train them myself," she said.

Williams said her method falls in the positive-reinforcement camp, and she uses "mark and reward" training with a clicker.

When she's training a dog, the owner participates in the session, she said.

"They come to me for general obedience training," she said. "Some of the more common behavioral issues would be door manners, basic house manners, getting along, fitting in with the family's lifestyle. Leash manners is another big issue."

In the future, she might add "half day with Kay," in which owners would drop off a dog and then come back after the session for a debriefing.

All her classes and private training sessions are by appointment. Contact Williams at 970-412-7898 or kk9dogtraining.com, where her classes are listed.

Bernhardt Vision

For a Loveland native whose mother and father have downtown business, it's exciting to move into the heart of the city, said Corey Bernhardt, an optometrist and owner of Bernhardt Vision.

Bernhardt, a 2004 Loveland High School graduate, has been practicing optometry for more than six years, he said. At the beginning of December 2018, he moved from his office in the north Walmart and started seeing patients at 102 W. Fourth St.

His mother, Kim Bernhardt, owns the Quick-Print Shop at 215 E. Seventh St., and his father, Doug Bernhardt, owns Awards Unlimited at 336 E. Fourth St. Plus, his older brother, Jeff Bernhardt, owns All-In-One Computer Services, not downtown, but at 1327 W. Eisenhower Blvd.

Bernhardt said the downtown area is underserved as far as eye doctors go.

"There's kind of a little bubble around downtown where there's no optometry practice," he said.

"I'm excited, being a Loveland native, about all the potential for downtown, the direction things are going — building up and bringing more energy to downtown — and being a part of that," he said.

For more information, call 970-461-3464 or go to bernhardtvision.com.



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Center for Musical Exploration

Longtime Loveland harpist Cheyenne Dane has opened her business, the Center for Musical Exploration, in a storefront at 218 E. Sixth St.

There she provides clients with what she calls a harp healing aid session, also known as a private sound bath.

"It's kind of a musical journey," Dane said. "You can use it for meditation, relaxation, a spiritual journey, therapy."

During a session, she clears the air and the mind and sets the client up for listening by using a rainstick — a long, hollow tube of cactus embedded with thorns and filled with pebbles that makes a soothing rain sound when inverted. Or, for a stronger sound, she will use an ocean drum that creates the sound of waves with the action of small metal beads rolling around inside.

"Then I do an improvisation on the harp intuitively ... what I feel is needed," she said.

The session ends with the ringing of two binaural tone bells that continue to hum five minutes after being struck.

The result is a 20-minute recording, made with the four microphones positioned in the room, that the client can take home and use for future meditation or relaxation sessions.

Dane said she is starting her business by offering a limited number of free sessions in return for feedback from the client.

For more information, call 970-305-1961.

What If? Ideation and What If? Publishing

After three years at 133 E. Fourth St., the small-business consulting and publishing company owned by Robin Shukle and Liz Mrofka moved a few blocks east in December 2018 to a space in Sun Plaza, 441 E. Fourth St., Suite 107.

Mrofka said What If? didn't really need such a visible space, and the new location has better parking and is quieter, but "we were committed to staying on Fourth Street and still wanted to be active in the community."

Mrofka worked at Interweave Press in Loveland for 20 years and is the inventor of the Fobbie gift-wrapping system, and Shukle has a background as an executive at tech companies and was the executive director of the Loveland Center for Business Development for eight years.

"We help clients with the 'what-if' questions: what if I start a business, what if I sell a business, what if I buy a business, what if I hire an employee," Mrofka said.

Also, she said, the two "help integrate new business owners into the community through introductions and partnerships with other businesses."

What If? Ideation began as a consulting company but added publishing, using Mrofka's background, and has since published 20 books and won four national awards, she said.

For more information, call 970-667-0292 or go to whatifideation.com.

New tattoo parlors

Finally, downtown Loveland also has two new tattoo parlors, which were featured Thursday in an article in the Reporter-Herald. They are:

- Black Alps Tattoo Co. owned by Chris Lundquist, 218 E. Sixth St. For more information, call 970-690-9367 or find Lundquist on Instagram: [inklife85](https://www.instagram.com/inklife85).

- Satori Tattoo & Body Piercing owned by father and son Chris and Zane Hummel, 133 E. Fourth St., the space vacated by What If? Ideation. For more information, call 970-278-5880 or go to [facebook.com/satoriattoloveland](https://www.facebook.com/satoriattoloveland) or Instagram: [satoriattoco](https://www.instagram.com/satoriattoco).

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Pinocchios Incredible Italian debuts in Loveland

Owner of Longmont-based chain hopes to keep growing north

By Craig Young

Reporter-Herald Staff Writer

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Annie Vick, owner of the new Pinocchios Incredible Italian restaurant at 1455 Rocky Mountain Ave. in Loveland, poses for a photo framed by the wine rack on Thursday. The new restaurant, housed in the former Johnny Carino's building, opened on Valentine's Day. (Jenny Sparks/Loveland Reporter-Herald)

If you go**What:** Pinocchios Incredible Italian restaurant.**Where:** 1455 Rocky Mountain Ave., northwest corner of Rocky Mountain and Eisenhower Boulevard, Loveland.**Hours:** 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; breakfast hours to come.**More info:** 970-669-0816, incredibleitalian.com or search for "PinocchiosLoveland" on Facebook.

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"We create an environment that's warm and cozy that people like to hang out in and feel comfortable," she said. "We give them great food ... let them enjoy and relax for their lunch or dinner."

In classic Italian restaurant style, Pinocchios features red-check tablecloths and white linen napkins, with vintage photos and warm colors on the walls; the lighting is romantic, the booths private and the tables in the center of the dining room not spaced too closely. Pinocchios also has a full bar.

For now, the restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and closes a little later on Friday and Saturday nights, around 9:30, Vick said. In a couple of weeks, she will add breakfast hours on the weekends.

Starting this week, Pinocchios will introduce its all-you-can-eat spaghetti meals at lunch and dinner, which come with a salad and meatballs or spicy sausage, for \$9.95, she said.

Vick tells an up-by-the-bootstraps story of Pinocchios' origins.

"When I got divorced, I had three kids I had to support," she said. "I found an old, beat-up location on Main Street in Longmont. With \$15,000 that my mom lent me, I opened a restaurant and worked my tail off."

That was in 2003. Now, with the opening of the Loveland restaurant, the chain has seven locations: Pinocchios in Loveland, Frederick, Brighton and two in Longmont, where the company is based; and Delvickios in Broomfield and Superior.

The Delvickios in Broomfield is a franchise, she said, and she's looking for franchisees to run her other company-owned locations. She added that she might rename the Delvickios — a play on her last name — as Pinocchios.

Vick's dream is to keep growing the chain north, through Wyoming and all the way up into Canada.

"I lived in Canada when I was a kid, and my recollection is that they didn't have great food," she said, adding that she's heard that Canadians like American restaurant chains.

All three of her children grew up in the restaurants, she said, and she's counting on her son, who will graduate from the University of Colorado in the spring, to help her grow the franchise.

For more information, call 970-669-0816 or go to incredibleitalian.com or search for "PinocchiosLoveland" on Facebook.

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Barry and Renee Bunting chat and look at the menu Thursday before ordering their meals at the new Pinocchios Incredible Italian restaurant at 1455 Rocky Mountain Ave. in Loveland. (Jenny Sparks / Loveland Reporter-Herald)



Bartender and server Zeila Nunn heads to pour a glass of wine for Heidi Henrichsleifer at the bar in the new Pinocchios Incredible Italian restaurant in east Loveland. (Jenny Sparks / Loveland Reporter-Herald)

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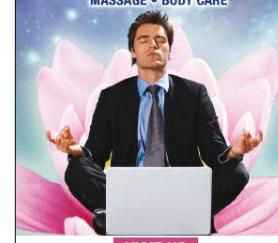
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Fire and Ice Festival canceled after losing Loveland funding

Organizers could not find enough sponsors to fund event without city's help

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This weekend saw the debut of the Sweetheart Festival, Loveland's newest Valentine's Day-themed community event. But the arrival of the new event has left many residents wondering about the fate of the 4-year-old Fire and Ice Festival, which organizers announced last spring would be moving to The Ranch.

That plan, it turns out, did not come to fruition as Blazen Illuminations LLC, the local company behind the festival, quietly announced last fall on the event's website and Facebook pages that it was instead canceling its festival.

The reason? Blazen Illuminations' inability to find new sponsors to fund the event after the city's three-year contract with Blazen to put on the event expired and was not renewed.

"With funding being pulled by the main sponsor of the event and new funding not becoming available, Blazen Illuminations, have made the difficult decision to cancel the event," a statement posted to the Fire and Ice website reads.

In May, the city issued a request for proposals for a "tourism boosting winter" event that would take place Feb. 8 and 9. That request stated that the city could contribute up to \$75,000 for such an event. That funding would come from revenues generated through the city's 3 percent lodging tax, which are earmarked to be used for marketing and events aimed at promoting tourism.

The city had previously put \$100,000 toward the Fire and Ice Festival, which had also received \$5,000 from the Loveland Downtown Partnership with shortfalls covered by Blazen and other sponsors.



At the 2018 Fire and Ice Festival in downtown Loveland, artist Jade Windell takes an electric chain saw to a block of ice while his sculpting partner, Larry Felton of Denver, looks on at left. After organizers announced in July it would move to The Ranch, they canceled the event after they could not find sponsors. (Craig Young / Loveland Reporter-Herald file)



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The reason the city could only contribute \$75,000 this year, Loveland visitor services manager Cindy Mackin said, is that Visit Loveland, the tourism entity that manages the lodging tax revenue, was "taking on more functions and duties and needs to spread out its budget accordingly."

Then, in July, Blazen announced that it was moving to The Ranch, where it was planning to "expand the event" despite the loss of city funding. On the same day, the city announced that it was awarding its bid to the Loveland Chamber of Commerce, which would put on



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Chamber of Commerce, which would put on the Sweetheart Festival.

Heidi Webb, who co-owns Blazen Illuminations with her husband, said finding other sponsors with Visit Loveland "choosing to move their funding to other areas and not offering us the opportunity to negotiate" had proven difficult.

Webb explained that Blazen had begun to negotiate with the county about the moving the event but ultimately could not do so in time for the event.

"The safety, ADA accessibility, security and infrastructure had become extremely costly and challenging in the downtown area with our large attendance and we wanted to keep it close to our community," Webb said in an email to the Reporter-Herald. "Unfortunately, the timeline was not in our favor."

Webb had previously told the Reporter-Herald that moving the event to The Ranch could result in a considerable cost savings over having in downtown.

Blazen, which is based in Loveland, will continue to have a presence in Loveland as it puts on the Ice Rink at the Promenade Shops at Centerra and game day productions at Colorado Eagles game. The company is also responsible for the Denver City and County Building holiday light display.

"We love our community and are proud of the positive impact that we had over the festival's four years," Webb said.

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Upon entrance to the main dining hall, visitors are greeted by a high arched interior flooded with light, supported by massive wood beams that give the feeling of a grand equestrian estate. As if there were any doubts as to the inspiration behind the design of this property, the vintage saddles, velvet hunt caps, and horse show ribbons that adorn the living spaces confirm a decidedly equestrian vibe.

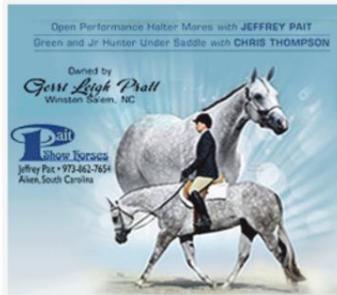
The newest Balfour Senior Living center in Littleton, Colorado, is the brainchild of AQHA and APHA breeder and amateur exhibitor, Susan Juroe, and her husband, Michael. The planning for this new location began four years ago and is their ninth project to date. Susan and Michael are the co-founders of Balfour Senior Living,

a luxury senior housing company they built from the ground up. They strive to provide an experience that cultivates a better quality of life than a traditional retirement home. "We're passionate about each project we do at Balfour and design it as if we were going to move in ourselves," Susan says. "We don't believe that aging means you like plastic furniture covers or bad architecture."

Certainly not. Balfour's newest center at Littleton features stunning interiors that have been impeccably designed with thoughtful equestrian details at every turn. The journey begins with an enormous spur sculpture that greets visitors out front. Susan explains how this larger than life replica came to fruition.



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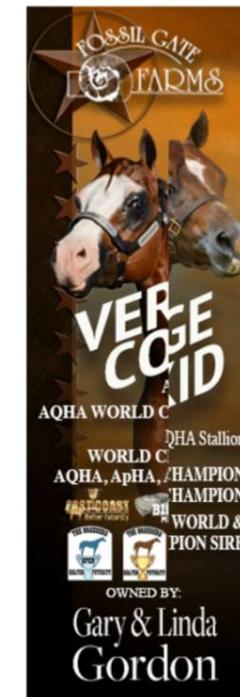
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"While riding in the back seat of the truck with my trainers, Tim and Shannon Gillespie, in Gainesville, Texas, I asked them if they knew of any place where I could get a giant sculpture of an everyday object, like a pitchfork. They didn't, but literally a second later I looked up and saw a giant pair of rusted western spurs in front of Rod Teuscher's studio. I went there the next day and commissioned a pair of gigantic, English spurs, which I sort of had to talk him into since it's not a core business line of his. Each time I returned to Texas, I visited to see his progress. He drove the finished work up to Colorado in his truck, and we had to hire a specialty company who used a crane to install it. His craftsmanship is amazing, and he's an incredible artist and human being."

Once visitors pass by the spur sculpture and step inside the Littleton facility, they are greeted by fox hunting prints, horse racing memorabilia, and framed horse show ribbons that adorn the common areas. Susan explains that the process for sourcing and collecting these objects took considerable time and effort. "Collecting objects for Balfour at Littleton involved visiting museums, tack shops, and antique stores, as well as engaging friends and family in my quest to assemble an interesting collection of equestrian art, found objects, books, and tack."



After visiting the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Susan discovered some of Jackie Kennedy's horse show and fox hunting historical items that included ribbons, photos, clothing, and letters. She was able to purchase the rights to use some of the images throughout the center. She also visit the Middleburg Sporting Life Museum in Middleburg, Virginia and Paul Mellon's Yale Center for British Art in New Haven, which have two of the best collections of equine art in the world. The museums allowed Susan to buy licenses to the artwork or acquire reproduction rights for display.



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Susan even enlisted the help of family and friends to collect interesting equestrian memorabilia. "Watts Humphreys, whose mother bred Kentucky Derby winner, Genuine Risk, has a large Thoroughbred breeding farm in Lexington, Kentucky. His family owns a furniture company that Balfour collaborates with. He donated six of his family's racing silks that have been worn at Churchill Downs, Saratoga, and Keeneland race courses," Susan says. "Shannon Gillespie went out of her way, for over a year, to collect every ribbon left behind at horse shows by her customers, which resulted in over 80 framed displays of interesting awards from horse shows spanning New England to Arizona. She also gave me over 30 bits from her personal collection that were arranged in resin and now hang behind the concierge desk."



Susan discovered a company in Texas that manufactures wrought aluminum, traditional jockey statues and will custom paint them with colored silks. "We selected our five, favorite Triple Crown winners, some with a Colorado angle, and they are located in a winner's circle outside the dining room."

In fact, the names of the rooms even relate to the equestrian theme. "We named our major rooms as a means of way finding and continuing the theme of the architecture," Susan says. "Our dining room is the 'Triple Crown.' Memory Care is the 'Turf Club,' and the theatre is the 'Back Stretch.' Also, in every property, we have 'Madeline's Salon,' which is in honor of Michael's mother who was the

inspiration for Balfour."



Susan also compiled a collection of whimsical Hermes scarves, created by the French saddle maker that was founded in 1837, that were then framed and hung on the walls. "We collected



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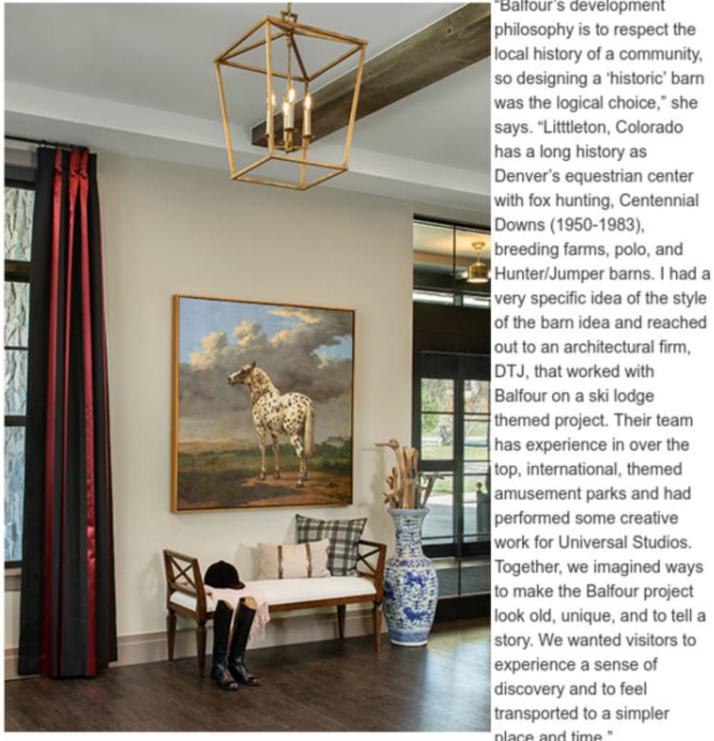
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maker that was rounded in 1837, that were then framed and hung on the walls. "We collected scores of English saddles and velvet hunt caps from various sources, including Hearts and Horses, a therapeutic riding center in Loveland, Colorado, and the Middleburg, Virginia Humane Society in Middleburg, Virginia, as well as my barn. Local artists hand forged an iron profile of a person that serves as the base for the 80 hunt caps that are arranged in the barn rafters in the memory care area. I found a vintage, burgundy cap from the 1950s that screams for attention amongst all the black ones."

With Susan's background in the horse industry, it comes as no surprise that the equestrian theme of the newest Balfour facility is near and dear to her heart. However, the design decision was more than a personal one.



"Balfour's development philosophy is to respect the local history of a community, so designing a 'historic' barn was the logical choice," she says. "Littleton, Colorado has a long history as Denver's equestrian center with fox hunting, Centennial Downs (1950-1983), breeding farms, polo, and Hunter/Jumper barns. I had a very specific idea of the style of the barn idea and reached out to an architectural firm, DTJ, that worked with Balfour on a ski lodge themed project. Their team has experience in over the top, international, themed amusement parks and had performed some creative work for Universal Studios. Together, we imagined ways to make the Balfour project look old, unique, and to tell a story. We wanted visitors to experience a sense of discovery and to feel transported to a simpler place and time."

Beyond the luxury design of the facility, Balfour at Littleton comes with all the practical conveniences necessary for a senior living center as well. There are 86 total units, divided into 56 assisted living units and 28 memory care units. There is 24/7 nursing care, seven day a week chauffeured transportation, and a very enthusiastic culinary and life enrichment staff. Susan explains that the facility is 50% leased. There are no buy in fees, so they must earn the trust and respect of their customers on a daily basis.



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"Our customers are those that may need some assistance with activities of daily living, like bathing, dressing, and taking medications, or are experiencing some memory loss. Caring for a loved one can be draining on a family, so we wanted to have a place where the family can spend time together in a beautiful setting and get the support they need."

Now that the Littleton project is complete, Susan has set her sights on the next Balfour center, Lavender Farm, which is another collaboration with DTJ Architects and is scheduled to open in the spring. Susan admits that she would love to have an onsite equestrian therapy program on a future Balfour property and hopes she can find land to accommodate such a plan.

Click [here](#) to read an Equine Chronicle profile on Susan in the August/September 2017 edition of the magazine.

Scroll below for an inside look at the Balfour Center at Littleton.



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18 things to do around Colorado Springs this weekend: Bighorn Sheep Day, Cripple Creek Ice Festival, huge garden show, coffee-cocktail duel

By: [Linda Navarro](#) Feb 8, 2019



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Here's a look at some of our favorite events happening over the next few days around Colorado Springs and beyond, including [Bighorn Sheep Day](#) on Saturday.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY

Opening weekend for the Pulitzer Prize-winning production about life in a Cuban cigar factory, "[Anna in the Tropics](#)." Workers dream big dreams. Runs through Feb. 24 at Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College, 30 W. Dale St. Tickets: \$20-45; \$15 students. Recommended 16 and older. [csfineartscenter.org](#).

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The regional premiere of Pulitzer Prize-winning drama "Anna in the Tropics" by Nilo Cruz comes to the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College Feb. 7-24, 2019.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

It's all about valentines and love in Loveland, and this year the town is celebrating with a [Loveland Sweetheart Festival: Love, Lights and Love Locks](#). The highlight, a huge Love Lock sculpture. Check it out at [visitlovelandco.org](#).

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Giant, 12,000-pound machines will be racing, flipping, doing donuts and competing as [Monster Jam](#) arrives at Pepsi Center in Denver. Tickets start at \$15 and pit party passes are available. More at [monsterjam.com](#). Monster Jam will roar into The Broadmoor World Arena in April.

FRIDAY

The funny STEM nerds return with another [Science Riot](#) evening, 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7 in Ivywild School Gymnasium, 1604 S. Cascade Ave. Cheer or groan their scientific comedy shticks, \$14 plus service charges. For ages 18 and older.

FRIDAY

Book clubs are definitely familiar with this author. Share "A Conversation with [Karen Russell](#)," author of Pulitzer Prize finalist "Swamplandia!," 7 p.m. at Ent Center, 5225 N. Nevada Ave. Part of the Converge Lecture Series. Russell also won the 2012 National Magazine Award for fiction. Tickets: [uccspresents.org](#)



Fountain-Ft. Carson High School graduate and Monster Jam truck driver, Collette Davis, wowed the local crowd by going perpendicular during the two wheels skills competition of the Monster Jam event on Sunday, April 29, 2018.

JERILEE BENNETT, THE GAZETTE



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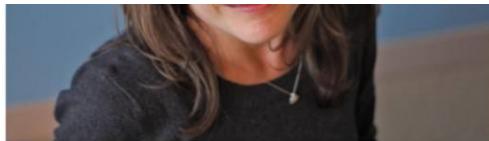
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Author Karen Russell will speak Friday at Ent Center for the Arts as part of the Converge Lecture Series. "Some of the fiction I love the best can be incredibly dark, and there's an opportunity to make an acknowledgement of the darkness, to wake up a little bit and change course," Russell says. "When movies or writing feels sentimental to me, it's lacking some acknowledgement of that darkness inside people."

Jennifer Mulson

FRIDAY

A yummy evening, the **Denver Mac and Cheese Festival**, 5:45-9:45 p.m., 3560 Chestnut Place. Chefs and restaurants compete for the city's best and it's a benefit for the mentoring program Minds Matter. Tickets \$59-VIP \$109. tinyurl.com/ybervrsp

SATURDAY

It's the always popular **Bighorn Sheep Day** celebrating Colorado's state animal. Activities, nature walks and viewing in Garden of the Gods Park start at 10:30 a.m. with an interactive bighorn game in the Visitor and Nature Center. Wildlife viewing stations with shuttle bus access. Animals from Cheyenne Mountain Zoo visit at 1 p.m. Resident Rampart Range Bighorn viewing at 2:15 p.m. Activities run through 3 p.m. Free. Schedule: gardenofgods.com

SATURDAY

Chill and groove to Afro-Cuban rhythms in a special jazz presentation by the **Pedrito Martinez Group**, 7 p.m. at the Ent Center. The leader, a percussionist and vocalist, has performed with Wynton Marsalis, Paul Simon, Bruce Springsteen and Sting. Tickets start at \$27.50 at uccspresents.org.

SATURDAY

Black women will be in the spotlight when the **Ruth Holley Library** is rededicated, followed by a Celebrating Womxn writing workshop and Listen to Black Womxn OpenMic, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at 685 N. Murray Blvd. The honoree was well-known in the community and had worked at East Library for 10 years. ppld.org

SATURDAY

Learn a new skill at the **Animation Workshop** presented by Imagination Celebration upstairs at The Citadel mall. The day's lesson, 2-4 p.m., includes how to animate an animal in motion and fundamentals of drawing an animated character as they work listening to music from animated movies. \$35, register at artisrad.com

SATURDAY-SUNDAY

An opening weekend for frosty superheroes at the **Cripple Creek Ice Festival**, the 12th year for the ice sculpture festivities. Through Feb. 17 along Bennett Avenue, enjoy the

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festivities. Through Feb. 17 along Bennett Avenue, enjoy the artists at work, an ice maze and ice slide, an Ice Martini Bar and food vendors. And you can vote for your favorite frozen superhero. More info: visitripplecreek.com

SATURDAY-SUNDAY

Opening weekend for the granddaddy event, the 60th annual **Colorado Garden and Home Show** in Denver's Convention Center, 700 14th St. Nine days to visit more than an acre of landscaped gardens cram-packed with ideas to take with you. Experts from across the country will be available. Non-perishable food items collected for 9Cares Colorado. For times and tickets: coloradogardenfoundation.org

SUNDAY

Love that coffee, love those cocktails. How about a little competition? A **Bar Brawl Coffee Cocktail Competition** erupts in The Principal's Office at Ivywild, 1604 S. Cascade Ave., from 6 to 11 p.m. For \$20, \$25 at the door, watch five teams with one barista and one bartender face off for judging, and the audience gets to vote for People's Choice after tasting the cocktails. Competitors face off in a latte art throwdown and baristas duel in a Daq-off. Bar Brawl is offered by Colorado Springs Bartenders Guild and Colorado Springs Coffee Organization.

SUNDAY

All branches of the military are saluted with **A Patriotic Celebration Concert**, 3-5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada Ave. Featured is The Testament of Freedom by composer Randall Thompson and narrated by retired Brig. Gen. Robert F. Titus. The Testament is excerpts from Thomas Jefferson's writings. Free. fumc-cs.org

SUNDAY

Colorado Springs Conservatory students created original music, choreographed by the Ormao Youth Rep and Revolution Dance students. What you're treated to is a creative **Beautiful Chaos**. See the young artists in action, 6 p.m., Stargazers Theatre, 10 S. Parkside Drive, tickets \$10, \$5 students, stargazerstheatre.com

ALREADY HAPPENED FOR MANY

THURSDAY

- Local black history is celebrated with a free screening of Film in the Community: Colorado Experience: **Fannie Mae** 

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in the community. Colorado Experience: [Fannie Mae](#) **Duncan**, the dynamic woman whose Cotton Club downtown was open to all. 6:30 p.m. Filmmaker Kate Perdoni will participate in a discussion following the screening at Hillside Community Center, 925 S. Institute St. Hosts Rocky Mountain PBS and the Rocky Mountain Women's Film Institute. Tickets: tinyurl.com/yaqyaex4

- An amazing night of music as artists honor legendary musician Joni Mitchell with **Joni 75: A Birthday Celebration** at theaters across the country. Locally it's showing at 7:50 p.m. at Kimball's Peak Three Theater, 115 E. Pikes Peak Ave. \$9. In concert are Brandi Carlile, Emmylou Harris, Norah Jones, Chaka Khan, Diana Krall, Kris Kristofferson, Los Lobos with La Marisoul, Seal and more. Tickets: joni75.com

- The community is invited to learn about the Police Department's **Homeless Outreach Team** and Downtown Area Response Team during a CSPD Education Program in the Chapel Hills area at 7850 Goddard St., 6 p.m. For more about the special classes, tinyurl.com/ya2gesx6. This one is for ages 18 and older.



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'Swamplandia!' author Karen Russell to speak in Colorado Springs

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KAREN RUSSELLConverge Lecture Series, 7 p.m. Friday, Ent Center for the Arts, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, 5225 N. Nevada Ave., \$13-\$66.50; 255-3232, convergelectureseries.org, uccspresents.org

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Best-selling author Roxane Gay's Feb. 1 Colorado Springs talk canceled

Jennifer Mulson Jan 31, 2019

Editor's note: Roxane Gay's Feb. 1 keynote has been canceled, Colorado College announced Jan. 31. No reason was given for the cancellation. The performance will be rescheduled at a later date.

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Pikes Pub: Lost in Colorado's dense craft outback? This guide should help. Plus, free beer

Stephanie Earls Jan 30, 2019

When Colorado Springs mapmaker and former photojournalist Mike Laur and his team published their first travel-friendly distillation of the Centennial State's craft scene in 2008, it was a slightly less challenging undertaking than it is today.

Stephanie Earls
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Cheap Valentine's Day ideas, family-friendly events and more Denver-area deals you can score in February

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A stamp with the official 2018 Loveland Valentine cachet rests near an ink pad as Miss Loveland Valentine Ava McQuade stamps some of the first valentines Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, during the kick-off to the valentine stamping for the Loveland Valentine Re-mailing program at the Loveland Chamber of Commerce. (Jenny Sparks, Loveland Reporter-Herald)

Love letters

Loveland is the perfect place from which to send your Valentine's Day cards and love letters. Send your stamped cards

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valentine's Day cards and love letters. Send your stamped cards in a larger envelope to: Postmaster, Attention Valentines, 446 E. 29th St., Loveland, CO 80538-9998. You must have proper postage on all of your cards and letters. According to the Loveland Chamber of Commerce, senders can drop off their larger envelope, containing properly stamped cards, at any Colorado USPS Post Office (addressed to the Loveland Postmaster) with no additional postage required on the larger envelope. The deadline for Colorado and Wyoming destinations is Feb. 9. For other U.S. destinations, it's Feb. 7. Every year, the Sweetheart City postmarks more than 100,000 valentines from around the world. More information at loveland.org/programs/valentine-re-mailing-program

More in Loveland

Loveland is also launching its "Sweetheart Festival – Love, Locks and Lights." Celebrate the valentine season with love, lights and one of the largest Love Lock sculptures in the nation, at 10-by-30-feet. Attendees can purchase a customizable love lock to secure on the sculpture. Share the love on Feb. 8 from 5 to 10 p.m. and Feb. 9 from 2 to 10 p.m. The lovely affair includes interactive art installations, live entertainment, a Family Fun Zone, art gallery walk and more. loveland.org/events-2/sweetheart-festival

Signed, sealed, delivered

Join in on Aspen Grove's Love Letter Project. Visit ROX Arts Gallery Feb. 1-10 and write a love letter to someone special at no charge. Children will especially enjoy the experience, since they can decorate and personalize their love letters. Aspen Grove will stamp and mail the lovely notes for free. aspengrovecenter.com/event/The-Love-Letter-Project/2145520433

Spicy kiss

For the ninth year, pucker up for savings at Qdoba Mexican Eats. On Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, buy an entrée, share a kiss and get a second entrée for free. The offer includes burritos, bowls, salads, nachos, tortilla soup and quesadillas. No coupon required, just your lips. You can kiss your significant other, a photo of your celebrity crush or even yourself — any kiss will do for the bargain. qdoba.com

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Go green!

Guacamole is a must for your Super Bowl party. (More avocados are sold for the big game than any other time of the year.) This year, save some green by scooping out the cheapest avocados in town. Sprouts Farmers Market and Lucky's Market are offering avocados for 34 cents each. With no limit, make a super bowl of the dip without breaking the bank. If it's more convenient in your travels, King Soopers is selling the fruit (yes, it's a fruit) for 77 cents each. Those wanting organic avocados should expect to pay about \$2 each.

Year of the pig

The Year of the Pig begins on Feb. 5, and Chinese New Year celebrations are in full swing. The Outlets at Castle Rock hosts two weeks of Chinese-themed traditions and activities throughout the center. Now through Feb. 9, stop at the customer service desk and say "Happy New Year!" to receive a red envelope containing an \$8 gift card good at any of the outlet stores. (The number eight indicates good fortune in China.) Also, Chinese New Year lanterns and decorations will be given to kids 12 and younger. When they turn in their decorated lantern, kids get their own red envelope with a special surprise. On Feb. 9 at 1 p.m., dancers and artists from the Jasmine Flower Dance Academy will perform in the courtyard by Under Armour. outletsatcastlerock.com

Tinseltown Tuesday

There typically are smaller audiences at movie theater on Tuesdays, so it's a perfect day to go. At Regal Cinemas, Value Days are at Meadows Stadium 12 (9355 Park Meadows Dr.) in Littleton every Tuesday, when tickets are just \$7.04. (Yes, it's an unusual amount, but it's the savings that are important.) The "reel deal" includes new releases, a rarity in movie discounts. The discount is the lowest possible ticket price the movie chain

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The discount is the lowest possible ticket price the movie chain offers in Colorado. Arrive early because the location has reserved seating. Regal Crown Club members get 50 percent off any size popcorn on Tuesdays, so double-dip on the offers for super star savings. regmovies.com/promotions/regal-value-days

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Swirl in and celebrate National Froyo Day at your local TCBY Wednesday, February 6th and get 6 oz of froyo FREE! *

*Available at participating locations. Call or see store for details: <http://bit.ly/2QUvu9h>

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Yo, free froyo!

This food holiday is sure to leave you in the cold, but in a good way. To celebrate National Frozen Yogurt Day on Feb. 6, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt is dishing up a buy-one-get-one free deal of the sweet stuff with toppings, all day. Yogurtland is offering the same BOGO deal, from 2 to 7 p.m. And TCBY is swirling free frozen yogurt and toppings for the first 6 ounces, all day. Each of the offers is limited to one per customer at participating locations. menchies.com; yogurt-land.com; tcby.com

Car tunes

Are you a Bugs Bunny or Tom & Jerry enthusiast? A classical music fan? Bring the family to the free Tune For Toons concert by the Aurora Symphony. Enjoy a whimsical selection of timeless tunes from animated classics. There is a performance on Feb. 8 at The Armory (300 Strong St.) in Brighton at 7:30 p.m., and two performances on Feb. 10 at Stanley Marketplace (2501 Dallas St.) in Denver at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Designed as a first-time concert experience for young maestros, the special afternoon for families include 45 minutes of music, as well as stories, face

for families include 45 minutes of music, as well as stories, face painting, an instrument petting zoo, balloon animals and special guests. RSVPs are requested but not required. That's all, folks! aurorasymphony.org

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Director Spike Lee, actors Topher Grace and Adam Driver on the set of Spike Lee's "BlacKkKlansman," a Focus Features release. (David Lee, Focus Features)

Picture perfect

Catch up on seven Best Picture Oscar nominees (including Colorado-focused "BlacKkKlansman") without breaking your entertainment budget. Regal Cinemas is hosting its 2019 Best Picture Festival Feb. 15-24. For \$35, experience the nominated films leading up to Oscar Sunday, including "Black Panther," "BlacKkKlansman," "Bohemian Rhapsody," "The Favourite," "Green Book," "A Star is Born" and "Vice." That way, each film costs just \$5 — definitely blockbuster savings. ("Roma" is excluded from the line-up. However, you can currently catch it on Netflix.) Buy passes through the Regal Cinemas app or at the box office. There will also be a \$5 medium popcorn and soft drink special. There are four participating theaters in Colorado: Regal SouthGlenn Stadium 14 in Centennial; Regal Village at the Peaks 12 & RPX in Longmont; UA Denver West Village Stadium 12 in Lakewood; and Regal Interquest Stadium 14 & RPX in Colorado Springs. regmovies.com/static/en/us/promotions/best-picture-festival

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Quality time

Family time is all about having fun, and that's the purpose of Denver FamilyFest. Every vendor has family-friendly activities — everything from temporary tattoos and coloring books to carnival games and face-painting. Plus, there's live entertainment, fun stage presentations and giveaways. (Plus, tickets for local attractions will be given away every hour.) Parents will also find a variety of helpful products, services and resources. This year's event is Feb. 23 at the National Western Complex (4655 Humboldt St.) in Denver from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Kids are free and adults are \$10. Purchase tickets online for half-price (\$5) with promo code MHOTCFamily. (There is a small service fee.) eventbrite.com/e/familyfest-22319-denvers-only-indoor-family-festival-natl-western-complex-tickets-44707320800

Words of wisdom

As part of the Black History Live Tour 2019, experience a portrayal of celebrated author and poet Maya Angelou by actor and scholar Becky Stone. The program will give insight into how Angelou wrote and reflect on her philosophy of life, which included a strong belief in the power of words. Performances are followed with a question. Six free performances from Feb. 21 to 28 are slated across the metro area. Check the Colorado Humanities website for locations, dates and times. coloradohumanities.org/content/black-history-live-2

Chocolate factory

February is the month for chocolate. To get your fix, chocolate lovers can join Godiva Rewards Club for lots of sweet offers. Members receive a free piece of chocolate every month at one of its boutiques; complimentary standard shipping for one online order; a special birthday offer; and exclusive offers every month. (The monthly chocolate requires a \$10 purchase every 12 months.) Membership is free; sign up online or at one of its boutiques, at the Cherry Creek Shopping Center or Park Meadows Mall. godiva.com/get-rewards

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Walking into Nuance Chocolate, located at 148 W Oak St, #D in Old Town Fort Collins, is a truly magical experience. Not only does it smell amazing, but everything looks – and tastes – amazing. A true bean-to-bar chocolate company, Nuance is one of few companies in the country that makes chocolate from raw cacao beans. They also have the largest selection of single-origin chocolates of any chocolate maker in the world, so there is sure to be something to fulfill that craving of yours. Founders Toby and Alix Gadd love how incredibly diverse chocolate can be, even more complex than wine at times, and even more so when you pair them together! Make sure to stop in this month for one of their Spirit Series, a delicious bar with a shot of Leopold Bros. whiskey inside. It'll warm you right up!



Mary's Mountain Cookies | Fort Collins and Loveland

Whenever I'm craving chocolate – which is pretty much daily – I try and make my commute home include Mary's Mountain Cookies. Founded by Mary Johns in 1986, Mary's Mountain Cookies is now shipping their delicious cookies nationwide. So what makes them so astounding? Being baked from scratch, dipped in chocolate and filled with frosting or ice cream are just a few of the possibilities. Fulfill your friends' cravings, too, by purchasing six cookies and getting two free with the "Downtown Deal." Or you can spring for 12 and get five free (email me if you do that one). New this month are vegan chocolate chip cookies, making a perfect gift for your vegan – or non-vegan – friend.



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A kid in a candy store is the perfect way to describe Tony Vallejors, owner of The Fort Collins Candy Store Emporium. He's as passionate about talking candy as I am about eating candy, and it makes his little store, 227 Jefferson St. in Fort Collins, come alive. Opened just four short months ago, Tony is already taking Fort Collins by storm. This February, stop in to fulfill your chocolate craving by purchasing Tony's favorite: dark chocolate covered gummy bears. Afraid of bears? Grab a Bosco Milk Chocolate Bar, Aero Mint Chocolate bar from England or trade cash for cash by grabbing some chocolate coins from Holland. If chocolate isn't your thing, Tony has many other old and new candies to make even Willy Wonka gasp with excitement. Make sure to follow the Emporium on Instagram at [Fort_Collins_Candy_Store](#) for some sweet sweets posts.



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Dark Heart Coffee Bar | Loveland

Dark Heart Coffee Bar, located in the heart of up-and-coming downtown Loveland, was built with passion and hard work. Owners Allison and Justin Real wanted to create a place that gave customers an excellent overall experience. They strive to provide products and offerings from passionate people and companies who share their vision. Wandering Loveland with a hankering for some chocolate? Pop into the shop at 419 N. Jefferson Ave. for some direct trade chocolate from Askinosie, a single origin cocoa powder used in mochas and other non-coffee based creations. Ask for your mocha to feature orange and aromatic bitters, a new spin on the original available this month. You might come in for the chocolate, but you'll definitely be staying for the atmosphere. And a second mocha.



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The Cakery | Wellington

Continuing with the locally owned theme, The Cakery, located at 3706 W. Cleveland Ave., in the heart of downtown Wellington, is 100 percent family owned and operated by Jackie and Mike Ivanca. Baked with pride and family teamwork, The Cakery products come out delicious, moist and full of love. For this month, The Cakery will rotate a selection of chocolate cupcakes, including chocolate buttercream, chocolate covered strawberry, chocolate orange and German chocolate, to name a few. For the non-cupcake lovers, they also have Turtle Cheesecake and fudge-filled brownies. Craving not fulfilled yet? This month The Cakery will bring back their brownie cups, featuring layers of brownie, chocolate ganache and whipped cream frosting. Make sure to stop in soon, and follow them on [Facebook](#) for daily flavor listings and sweet giveaways.



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Get charmed by cupid with these Front Range valentine-themed events



Confetti rains down as Loveland officials uncover and unveil the Love Locks sculpture Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019, during the kick-off to the Loveland Valentine Remaking Program at the Loveland Chamber of Commerce. Visitors to this weekend's Sweetheart Festival will have a chance to "lock their love" to the sculpture by attaching a padlock to it. (Jenny Sparks/Loveland Reporter-Herald)

Editor's note: This article has been edited to correct the day and distance of the Sweetheart Classic in Loveland.

Longmont

Longmont Heart Throb 5K Burn some calories and participate in this food drive for Outreach United Resource Center. Bring five non-perishable items to the food drive on race day and be entered to win prizes such as tech tees, gift certificates and more; 10 a.m. Saturday, Sandstone Ranch Community Park, 3001 CO-119, Longmont; free entry; hearthrobrun.com/longmont.html



Love Hurts Roller Derby Match Sometimes love hurts, but not as much as being sideswiped by a fierce chick on wheels. The Boulder County Bombers are at it again with a home team faceoff. A Valentine's Day-themed halftime show may just call for some audience participation. Concessions available; 5 p.m. Saturday; Boulder County Fairgrounds, 9595 Nelson Rd., Longmont; \$15 and kids under 12 free; facebook.com/events/809548409305027/

Tour of Courtship & Couples in Historic Longmont Explore Longmont's early history by learning about a few prominent husband-and-wife duos. Uncover what dating and marriage looked like locally in the late-1800s; 3 p.m. Feb. 16; Java Stop Café, 301 Main St., Longmont; \$12; visitlongmont.org/event/valentine-tour-courtship-couples-in-historic-longmont



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Valentine's Dessert Date Night Savor the glory of a delicious chocolate fondue pot and do some painting in between dunking marshmallows and strawberries. This is a perfect opportunity to get creative with your boo; 6 p.m. Thursday, Crackpots Pottery Studio & More, 505 Main St., Longmont; \$14 studio fee per couple. facebook.com/events/290755608297575/

Loveland

Loveland Sweetheart Festival "Love Locks Lights" New downtown festival will celebrate Loveland's Valentine's Day tradition with a variety of activities, including several art installations, music, nightly laser shows, a beer garden, dessert tent, kids activities — such as a Little Miss Valentine and Little Mr. Cupid contest — and the chance to attach a love lock to a new love sculpture. 5-10 p.m. today and 2-10 p.m. Saturday, downtown Loveland along Fourth Street between Railroad and Lincoln Avenues; free; sweetheartfestival.com



Marina Babcock, a volunteer at the Loveland Museum/Gallery, is silhouetted by a neon piece titled "That is All You Need to Know," by artist Scott Young, while checking out his "Love is a Thug" show at the museum in downtown Loveland. "Love is a Thug" is one of several Valentine's Day-related art shows taking place in Loveland around Valentine's Day. (Jenny Sparks / Loveland Reporter-Herald)

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Yoga of the Heart Valentine's Vinyoga Feel the love to start your Valentine's Day by accessing your heart in this vinyoga class. 10-11:15 a.m. Thursday, Loveland Community Yoga, 284 E. 29th St., Loveland; leyoga.com

Death by Chocolate Backstage Rialto Valentine Fundraiser Enjoy wine, light hors d'oeuvres and Nuance Chocolate, followed by a screening of the 1970s romantic black comedy "Harold & Maude" in the theater. 7 p.m. (movie begins at 8 p.m.), Rialto Theater, 228 E. Fourth St., Loveland; \$59-\$99 or \$8 for the movie; rialtotheatercenter.org

Valentine and Wine Party Ticketed event where hors d'oeuvres and desserts will each be paired with a glass of wine at four different stations. 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sweet Heart Winery, 5500 W. U.S. 34, Loveland; \$45; sweetheartwinery.com

Starlit Love Date Night Paint Valentine's Day night away at Studio Vino — where couples will each paint a 16-by-20 canvas that will go together to form one masterpiece. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday (happy hour at 5:30), Studio Vino, 6055 Sky Pond Drive Unit P172, Loveland; \$40; studiovino.com

Paint by Candlelight Paint wine glasses by candlelight while enjoying appetizers. 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Artisan You, 405 E. Seventh St., Loveland; \$40 per couple; artisanyou.com

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Valentine Maker's Workshop Craft one-of-a-kind valentines to give to your loved ones and learn about the real meaning of the holiday. 10 a.m. Saturday, CoSolve, 350 Terry St., Suite 200, Longmont; \$15; visitlongmont.org/event/valentine-makers-workshop

Valentine's Tea Enjoy cups of Earl Grey and delicious pastries with your pals; 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Wilderness Financial Office and Events Center, 2950 Colorful Ave., Suite 5, Longmont; free; evensi.us/valentine-tea-building-financially-strong-women-wilderness-financial-office-event-center/286890797

Valentine's Day Social Run Join fellow runners for a sprint around the St. Vrain. Wear Valentine's Day swag to make the experience extra festive. After the workout, enjoy a beer; 6 p.m., Thursday, Shoes and Brews, 63 S. Pratt Parkway, Longmont; shoesandbrews.com

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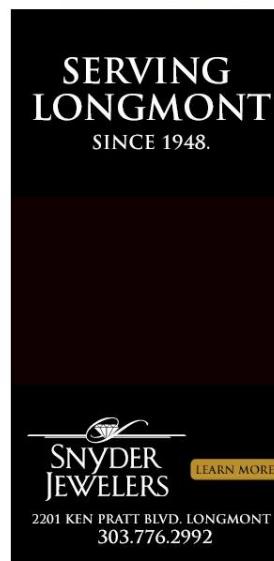


Courtney MacArthur takes a break from Broomfield County Bombers roller derby practice in 2018. The Bombers are hosting a "Love Hurts" bout, including a Valentine's Day-themed halftime. (Lewis Geyer / Staff Photographer)

Sweetheart Classic Afternoon 4-mile race featuring new route from downtown Loveland, around the River's Edge Nature area, and back. Raises money for Thompson School District high school and middle school cross country teams. 2:30 p.m. Saturday, begins and ends at West Fourth Street and Railroad Avenue in downtown Loveland; \$30-\$55; sweetheartcityracing.com/sweetheart-classic



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Cupcakes and Beer During Valentine's Day with 12 sweet cupcakes and 12g Thompson Brewing. Four Big Thompson beers will be paired with four mini-cupcakes. 5-9 p.m. Big Thompson Brewing, 114 E. 15th St., Loveland; \$15 per person; lovelandbrewery.com

Valentine's Beer and Chocolate Pairing Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and Crow Hop Brewing are teaming up on this event, where five chocolates will be paired with Crow Hop brews. 7-8:30 p.m., Crow Hop Brewery and Taproom, 214 E. Fourth St., Loveland; 7-8:30 p.m.; crowhopbrewing.com

Cards Against Humanity Singles Edition Come by yourself or bring a friend (or the significant other) to Grimm Brothers Brewhouse and spend Valentine's Day playing the provocative group game. Grimm Brothers will also be pouring its limited edition Valentine's Day beer, Bleeding Heart Sour Blond, which is made with tart cherries in a nod to Loveland's past. 6:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Grimm Brothers Brewhouse, 623 Denver Ave., Loveland; grimmbrosbrewhouse.com

Purity then Dirty Enjoy piano, ukulele and vocals from musicians Daniel Charles Donovan II and Megan Spika, followed by a bass music dance party. LoCo will be serving up a small-plate menu, desserts, elixirs and cacao drinks. 6-10 p.m. Thursday, LoCo Artisan Coffee House, 544 Cleveland Ave., Loveland; locoartisancoffee.com

Fort Collins

Love is Magic Makers Market Find the perfect gift at this one-day valentines market, featuring 20 local makers such as Silver Bird Creations and Avo Ink, plus tarot card readings, giveaways and rose mimosas. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wolverine Farm and Letterpress, 316 Willow St., Fort Collins; free; wolverinefarm.org

Singles Awareness Party Spend Valentine's Day weekend with fellow singles and participate in a charity date auction, with proceeds benefitting Bounce Animal Rescue. 8 p.m. Saturday, Pour Brothers Community Tavern, 220 Linden St., Fort Collins; pourbrothers.com

Devotchka Spend Valentine's Day with the Denver indie quartet group. 7 p.m. Thursday, Washington's, 132 Laporte Ave., Fort Collins; \$29.50-\$79.50; washingtonsfoco.com

The Summit at Block One Fall in love with the latest beers to come out of Fort Collins at this ticketed tasting event. 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Block One, 420 Linden St., Fort Collins; \$65; downtownfortcollins.com/event/the-summit-at-block-one

"Amélie" or "500 Days of Summer" Enjoy a Valentine's Day screening of the 2001 French romantic comedy film "Amélie," which follows a whimsical Parisian woman. Those in an anti-Valentine's Day mood can watch "500 Days of Summer," the day before Valentine's Day. 7 p.m. Wednesday for "500 Days of Summer" and 6:30 p.m. Thursday for "Amélie," Lyric Cinema, 1209 College Ave., Fort Collins; \$7.50-\$9.50; lyriccinema.com

Boulder

A Valentine's Opera Cabaret: Le French Affaire Experience a romantic evening harkening back to the notorious café cabaret culture of early-20th century Paris. 7:30 p.m., Thursday, eTown, 1535 Spruce St., Boulder; \$28; etown.org

Mile High Jazz Festival Get in the mood with musicians Paa Kow and his Afro-Fusion Orchestra, alongside CU's Concert Jazz Ensemble, which will be offering a lovely selection of tunes; 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Macky Auditorium at CU, 1595 Pleasant St., Boulder; free; calendar.colorado.edu

Valentine's Dinner & Dance While enjoying live jazz music from Robert Johnson and the Mark Diamond Trio, guests can savor a three-course dinner; 6 p.m., Thursday, Nissi's, 2675 Northpark Drive, Lafayette; nissis.com

Thrive Together: Couples Workshop During this evening, couples can learn simple, powerful ways of alchemizing stress to find fulfillment together and orient toward a co-creative vision. Build community with other couples through giving and receiving support; 6 p.m. Thursday, Starhouse, 3476 Sunshine Canyon Dr., Boulder; \$40; thestarhouse.net

Heartbreak Hotel: A Valentine's Burlesque Heartbreak Hotel explores the conceptual framework of a hotel to showcase each group and individual performance as its own "room," while transporting viewers to a placeless place where they will witness classic burlesque, neo-burlesque, theatrics, heartache, love, follies and plenty of surprises; Wesley Chapel, 1290 Folsom St., Boulder; \$20-\$75; 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday; eventbrite.com/e/heartbreak-hotel-a-valentines-burlesque-show-tickets-54632464171

Sweetheart Valentine's Dance Parents and children can enjoy this family-friendly night of dancing and face painting; 6 p.m. Saturday, North Boulder Rec Center, 3170 Broadway, Boulder, \$35 for one child and one adult/\$20 for additional participant. bouldercolorado.gov/parks-rec/sweetheart-dance

Blue Dime Cabaret B-Day/V-Day Be thoroughly entertained at this post-Valentine's Day event that will also celebrate the birthdays of some of the members. Multiple titillating acts for your viewing pleasure; 8 p.m. Saturday, Tune Up at Full Cycle, 1795 Pearl St., Boulder; \$10; facebook.com/events/290823641579181

Daybreaker Boulder Dusk-One Love Don your best shades of pink and red for this dusk dance

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DAYBREAKER DUSK ONE LOVE Don't your heart shatter or pain and try for this year's valentine's day sure to get your heart pumping; 6 p.m. Thursday, Element 6 at Black Lab Sports, 3550 Frontier Ave D, Boulder; \$20-35; eventbrite.com/e/daybreaker-bldr-dusk-one-love-tickets-55219975433

Dirty Dancing in Theaters "Nobody puts Baby in a corner!" You know the songs, lines and dance moves by heart. This '80s classic will return to theaters in Broomfield, Westminster and surrounding areas, on Sunday and Wednesday, in honor of the upcoming holiday. Check the link for showtimes and locations. bit.ly/dirtydancingtheaters

Valentine's Day Vegan Chocolate & Beer Pairing Wild Woods Brewery will be hosting Piece, Love and Chocolate at the brewery for three 5-ounce beers paired with three gourmet vegan chocolate truffles. 4-9 p.m. Thursday (last seating at 8 p.m.); \$18; Please RSVP in an email with name and group size to contact@wildwoodsbrewery.com; facebook.com/events/329017544381545

Craft Chocolate and Fine Spirits Valentine's Day Pairing J & L Distillery and Shanao Cacao will offer guests a distillery tour, a brief overview of bean-to-bar chocolate making along with tastings of craft chocolate from around the world, a spirit flight and four cocktail samples paired with each unique single-origin-bean chocolate, 5 p.m. Thursday, J&L Distilling Company, 4843 Pearl St., Boulder; \$40; bit.ly/Shanaoandspirits

Valentine's Day meal specials

Centro Mexican Kitchen is keeping the holiday spicy with à la carte specials, including a chocolate margarita and a \$9 dessert option; 950 Pearl St., Boulder; centromexican.com

Door 222 Valentine's Day dinner includes a three-course meal with appetizers like Pork Belly Crab Cake and Lobster Pot Pie, entrees like Braised Short Ribs and Seared Scallops, all with chocolate fondue for dessert. Door 222, 222 E. Fourth St., Loveland; \$50 per person with \$15 optional wine pairing; 970-541-3020

The Kitchen will be serving up its full seasonal menu and offering a few decadent treats. From seared scallops to molten chocolate soufflé, the possibilities are endless; 1039 Pearl St., Boulder; thekitchenbistros.com

Jill's Restaurant & Bistro is dishing out a multi-course dinner, which includes a fondue option for two; \$69.95 per person; 900 Walnut St., Boulder; evenst.us/valentine-day-dinner-jill-restaurant-bistro/286577245

Leaf's creative chefs have crafted a four-course prix fixe V-Day dinner sure to appeal to both carnivores and herbivores; 1710 Pearl St., Boulder; leafvegetarianrestaurant.com

Starlight The Valentine's dinner for two will be a romantic dinner consisting of an appetizer, salad, choice of either Valentine Pasta or Beef Bourguignon and a dessert. Seatings from 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Starlight Dessert Bar, 330 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland; \$58; starlightloveland.com

Via Perla is offering a seven-course meal sure to keep your senses fully engaged. Butter-poached lobster and seared endive are just a few of the items that grace the menu; 901 Pearl St., Boulder; viaperla.com

Valentine's Day art events

Love In A Steampunk World Art show consisting of Steampunk-themed pieces created as a response to two quotes about love. Through Feb. 28; Fourth Street Gallery, 225 E. Fourth St., Loveland; free; 970-962-2316

65 Roses for Cystic Fibrosis Philanthropic art show features miniature paintings depicting roses and all the proceeds from the donated paintings go toward the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Through Feb. 28; Independence Gallery, 233 E. Fourth St., Loveland; free; independencégallery.com

Love Is A Thug Art show consisting of six pieces by Denver artist Scott Young. The art utilizes text, neon lights and other electronic elements to explore themes related to human love and connection, as well as the complexity and fickleness of relationships. Through April 21; Loveland Museum Footes Gallery, 503 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland; free; lovelandmuseumgallery.org

Black Valentine Interactive event with slam poetry invites guests to share and release (as in smash) their own broken-hearted stories in its "Broken Heart Interactives." 6-8 p.m. Friday; Loveland Museum, 503 N. Lincoln Ave., Loveland; free; visitlovelandco.org/event/black-valentine-i-miss-who-you-were-exhibit/

Love + Light At least a dozen contemporary art installations that use light to explore and showcase themes and concepts related to love and will be set up both inside and outside Loveland Aleworks. 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Loveland Aleworks, 118 W. Fourth St., Loveland; free; lovelandaleworks.com/upcoming-events

Vintage Valentine Make and Take Get your retro on with this class that allows you to make your own signature valentines using vintage designs from the museum's collection; 2-4 p.m. Saturday; Museum of Boulder, 2205 Broadway, Boulder; \$8-\$10, free with museum admission; museumofboulder.org/event/vintage-valentines-make-and-take

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Maker Monday: Valentine's Paper Circuits Get fancy with your valentines by learning basic circuits while you craft a light-up card with copper tape, a battery and LEDs. No prior electronics or crafting experience required. Space is limited, so register to reserve a spot. Appropriate for ages 8 and up, 5 p.m. Monday, Boulder Public Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder; free; facebook.com/events/344106093096790

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LOVELAND, COLO. – **Courtyard by Marriott Loveland/Fort Collins** is scheduled to open its doors in Loveland, Colorado this Friday, February 15, 2019. Featuring an innovative lobby space as well as Courtyard's latest contemporary room design, the new hotel provides flexibility and choices that allow guests to optimize and elevate their travel experience.

Located at 6106 Sky Pond Drive in Loveland, the 102-room hotel will operate as a **Marriott** franchise, owned and managed by Stonebridge Companies of Denver. The project marks Stonebridge's fourth property located in Loveland. **Stonebridge Companies**, a privately owned, innovative hotel owner, operator and developer, has partnered with Colorado-based real estate investor and developer **McWHINNEY** to deliver the hotel. Whether traveling for business or pleasure, the Courtyard Loveland/Fort Collins offers guests convenient access to Chapungu Sculpture Park – the only permanent exhibit of its kind in the nation with 82 hand-carved stone sculptures – as well as the Budweiser Event Center on The Ranch campus, and The Promenade Shops at Centerra.

Courtyard continually researches trends and evolves to meet the changing needs of its guests. The latest room design offers hybrid zones for working, sleeping, relaxing and getting ready. Indirect lighting and a neutral, tone-on-tone color palette makes for a soothing and calm environment.

*"From day one, Courtyard has prided itself as a brand that listens to business travelers," said **Janis Milham**, senior vice president and global brand leader, Classic Select Brands. "Today's technology has changed how people travel. Our guests want a room that has purpose and flexibility that enables a seamless transition between relaxing and working. Courtyard is designed to offer them a relaxing and functional space to work the way they want to, when they want to."*

The new room design is intuitive and thoughtful, offering flexible yet comfortable spaces that support technology. Upon arrival, guests can store bags on the "luggage drop" and plug personal devices into the "tech drop" ledge for seamless technology integration.

Signature furniture and architectural elements replace traditional art in the new guestroom. The "LoungeAround" sofa offers a pop of color and a comfortable area for relaxing or working. The new design also features a lightweight desk on wheels, allowing guests to work from anywhere in the room.

An upgraded, more spacious layout creates an enhanced bathroom experience, with a "shower nook" making amenities readily accessible with convenient shampoo and towel storage.

The Courtyard Loveland/Fort Collins features the brand's latest lobby design where guests can enjoy an open and modern environment outside of their rooms. The newly designed Bistro is the epicenter of the lobby, which fosters social connections and collaboration with more flexible and informal seating options. Guest will find a wide variety of made-to-order breakfast and dinner items, including Starbucks coffee as well as a selection of premium wines and classic American with a twist, cocktails.

Throughout the hotel, guests can connect with ample electrical outlets. The business library features several computer terminals and a printer in addition to separate stations dedicated solely to printing airline boarding passes and checking the status of flights.

*"It is with a huge sense of pride that we bring Courtyard's extensive offerings to Loveland," said **Navin C. Dimond**, founder, president and CEO of Stonebridge Companies. "We're honored to be expanding our unique brand of Distinguished Hospitality within the Northern Colorado market. We look forward to bringing the hotel's quality amenities and features, as well as the values and premier offerings of the Courtyard brand, to our guests."*

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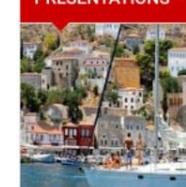
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The four-story hotel features an indoor swimming pool, a fitness center, guest laundry and two meeting rooms with catering options available. The first meeting room spans 750 square feet and can accommodate functions for up to 70 occupants. The second is 228 square feet with occupancy for up to 12 people.

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It's Loveland's newest and BIGGEST works of art. The L-O-V-E love-lock sculpture, officially making its debut at the new Sweetheart Festival!

It's America's largest Valentine's Day festival - [Loveland's Sweetheart Festival](#), February 8 and 9 in Downtown Loveland.

One of the 'key' components of the new festival is the big L-O-V-E love-lock sculpture. People will be able to purchase special festival locks during the event to attach to the sculpture (folks can also bring their own locks) to signify their love!

After the festival, the sculpture will be at The Ranch for a bit- then permanently reside at Loveland's Visitor Center.

The Sweetheart Festival posted this video of the sculpture being assembled at its spot in Downtown for the festival- VERY cool.

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Imagine: Comfort food gone out of control. So much Mac & Cheese, you'll be wanting a blanket to curl up with it all. It's coming on March 3, 2019! Mmmmm, Good!

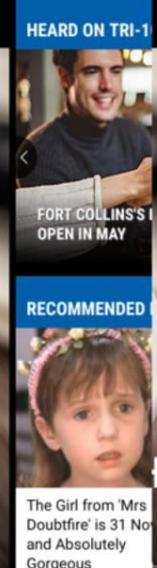
Mac & cheese. It's just so hard to resist! The cheese, the pasta. Maybe some bread crumbs and stewed tomatoes! Ooooh, so good! It's a comfort-food staple during these winter months in Northern Colorado.

I'm excited about this event coming up in Downtown Loveland at **Loveland Tap & Tavern**. They're holding their inaugural 'Mac & Cheese S'Mac Down Cook-Off' on Sunday, March 3, 2019.

Contestants, hoping to be crowned 'The Big Cheese' will bring their crockpots of that delicious Mac & Cheese to be sampled and voted on. We get to sample all of them - it's \$12 (which includes your first beer). I could *EASILY*'sample' \$12 worth of Mac & Cheese!

It's also \$12 if you'd like to **enter** your Mac & Cheese! The winning recipe will get \$100 to Loveland Tap & Tavern! Deadline to get registered is February 26, 2019.

Get all the info on the S'Mac Down from **Loveland Tap & Tavern HERE!**



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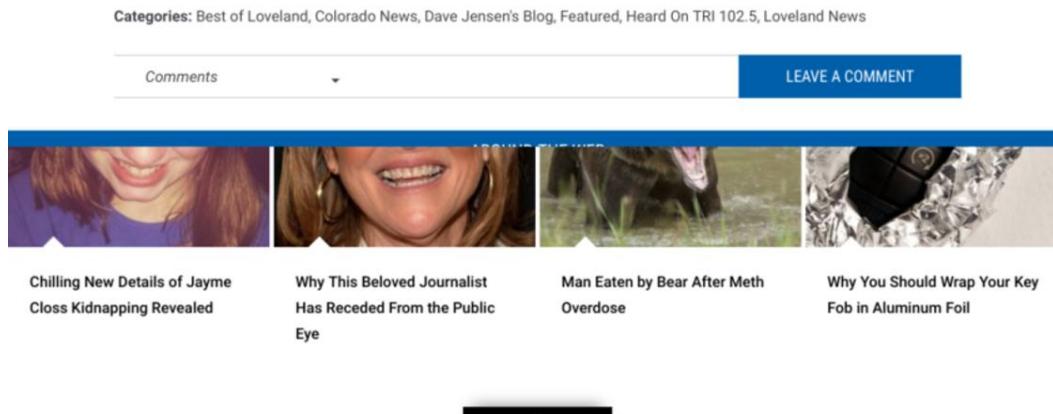
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Of all the things that got canceled on March 13, 2019, due to the bomb cyclone, it was not getting a \$3 marg, that bummed me out the most.

Thank goodness for second chances. **Chili's** had on their calendar for March 13, 2019, **\$3.13 Presidente Margaritas** to celebrate their birthday. Then, it snowed. It REALLY snowed. But, you know that.

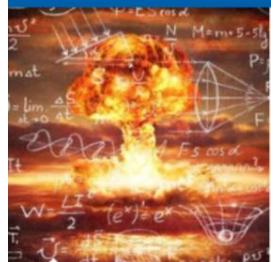
So, to make it up to us, they've announced that they **WILL INDEED** serve up that oh-so-good marg on **TUESDAY, MARCH 19** for just \$3.13. Really, they **COULD** have sold them for \$3.19- it's nice of them to stick with the original.

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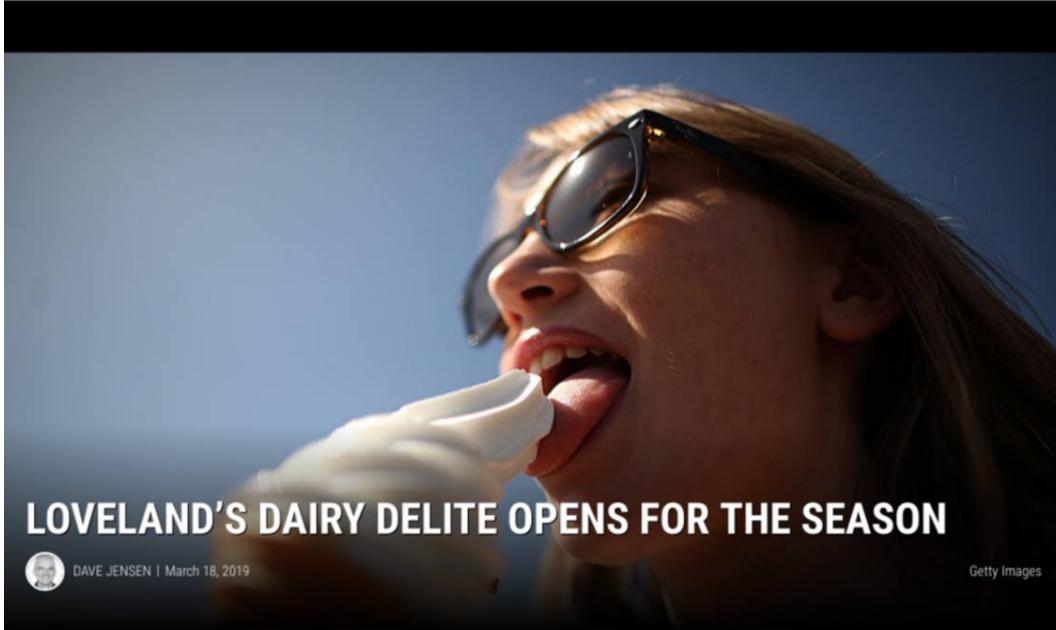
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Now you KNOW that winter is packing its bags. Who's ready for legen-dairy treats on the west side of Loveland?

They're entering their 41st year. [Dairy Delite](#) on West Eisenhower in Loveland. They announced on Monday afternoon (March 18, 2019) that they are open for the season!

I'm not sure that they aren't, but I can see where they'd be listed as a historic spot in the Sweetheart City; they're THAT beloved in town.

How many softball teams, baseball teams, soccer teams, football teams, dates, 'just out for some fun' happenings have gone down at Dairy Delite over 40 years? That is a LOT of cones, right?

Do you have a special day that you ALWAYS celebrate there? What's your favorite treat?

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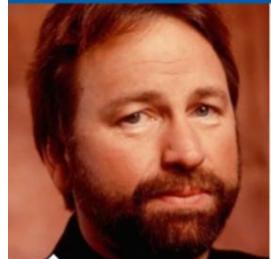
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It's not a new joint, but it is a new location for these folks. They're moving onto the West side of 4th Street near Loveland Aleworks.

The owners of **Smokin' Classix BBQ** know a good location when they see it, so they grabbed it! They used to be located inside of D&T Freezer Meats off of Railroad- they were at that location since May of 2018.

Just this past week, they announced that they're moving onto 4th Street in **Downtown Loveland**- 103 W. 4th - in the old 'King Storage' building. This is great. Another business on the west side of 4th! They should do very well there!

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BERTHOUD BREWING BRINGS BREWPUB TO WEST LOVELAND



DAVE JENSEN | February 20, 2019

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A new brewpub has popped up on West Eisenhower in Loveland and it sounds like a great spot to visit after a hike at Devil's Backbone!

The **Reporter-Herald** has the story on how **Berthoud Brewing** and **Peel Handcrafted Pizza** have teamed up to open a brewpub in the old Fountains location at the La Quinta Inn & Suites at Eisenhower and Cascade- it's called **5030 Local**.

This will be fun. There aren't any real brewpubs in Loveland - think **Black Bottle** in Fort Collins- THAT is a brewpub! Food made on site, beer made on site. Plus, it's a great location! I've wondered why places haven't succeeded there.

According to the **Reporter-Herald**, with the place being so big, this will become the main brewery for Berthoud Brewing. If you've ever visited Berthoud Brewing's home location, you know the place is tiny. It's a fun place (like an inside of barn), but it's TINY. The new place also holds LOTS of people- over 250 more within the new brewery/limited menu area, alone. They plan on booking music acts there as well at 5030 Local.

Their grand opening is March 1, 2019. I, cannot wait!

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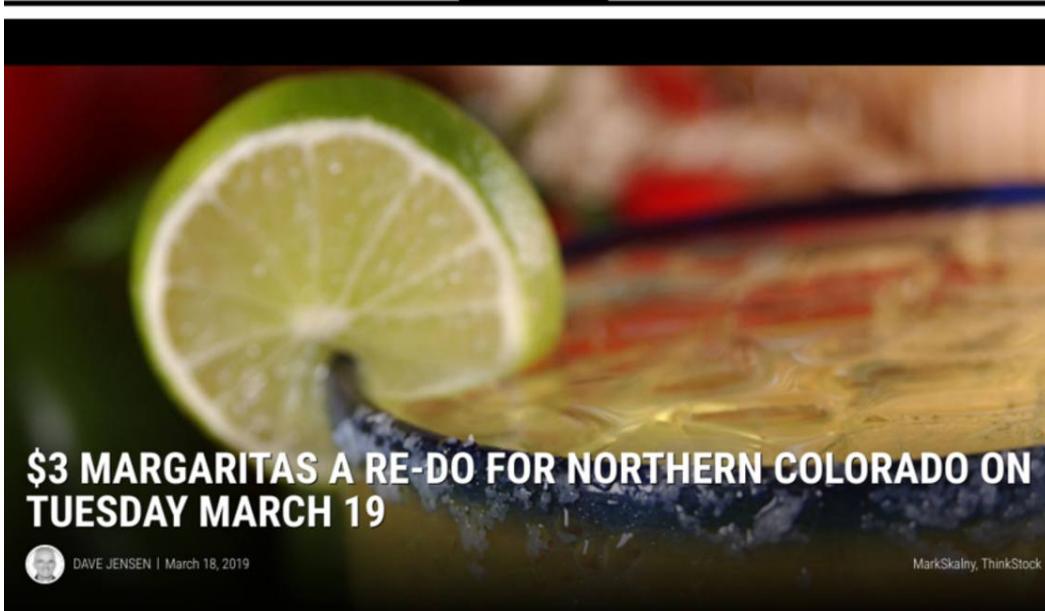
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Get more on the brewpub from the [Reporter-Herald HERE!](#)

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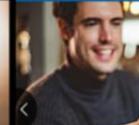
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Health inspections from the last two weeks (**February 13** through **February 26, 2019**) are out and there's a lot of good news in the reports.

Of the 52 records for **Larimer County**, **18** establishments had '*Excellent**' ratings, including:

- **D.C. Oakes** - Fort Collins
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- **Empire State Pizza** - Garden City
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Get [Larimer County's latest inspections HERE](#).

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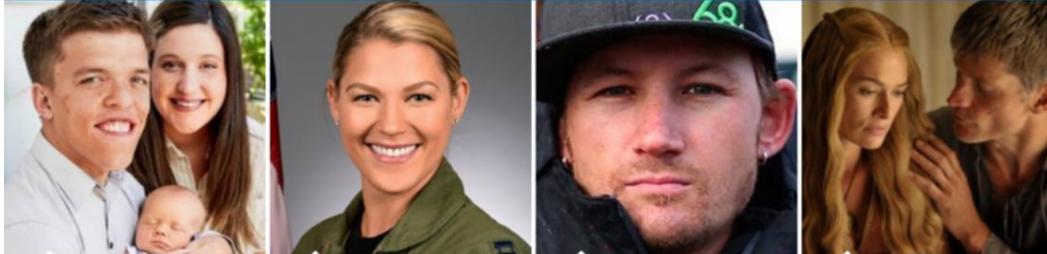
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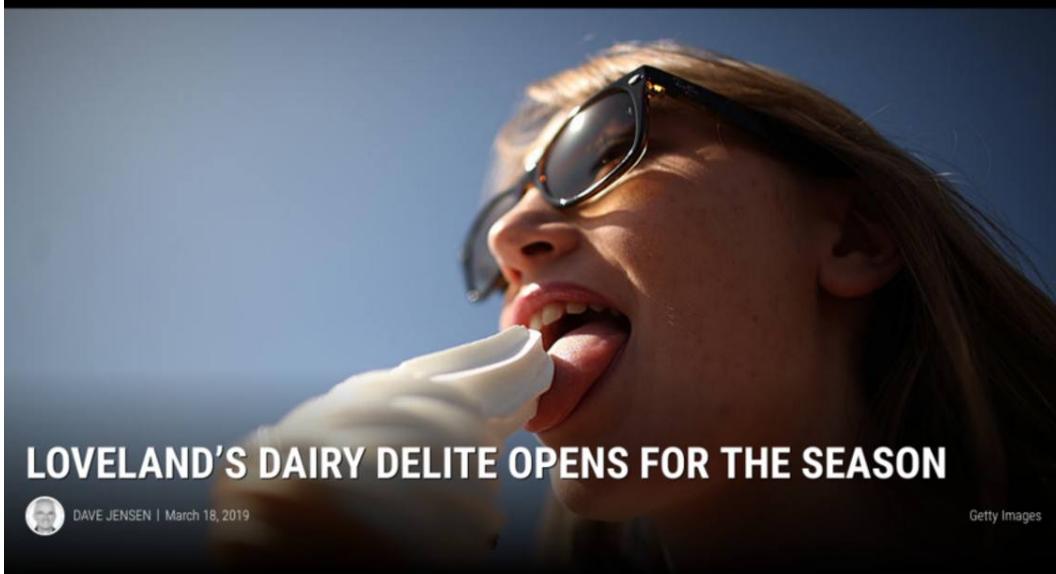
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HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS COMING TO LOVELAND

 JORDAN SOTO | February 27, 2019

The Harlem Globetrotters are the most entertaining exhibition basketball team. I had the pleasure of trying, key word: trying, to do some of these awesome tricks they do regularly!

Since 'Champ' came by to help me brush up on my skills, I figured I'd show you how it went....

They combine athleticism, theater, and comedy. They've been doing this for the last 93 years playing more than 26,000 exhibition games in 123 countries.

They are coming to Loveland THIS weekend! They will also be performing in surrounding areas.

Here are when the Harlem Globetrotters are playing:

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FoCoMX – it's our own little SXSW, celebrating a Colorado lineup every spring. Over [300 artists at over 30 venues over three days](#), with something for everyone.

From singer-songwriters, to headbangers, to DJs and even comedians, you can see it all if you've got a wristband on.

FoCoMX kicks off on Friday, April 26 and wraps up in the early morning hours of Sunday, April 28.



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Want to be in on the fun? You can volunteer at this year's FoCoMX, and it won't be a thankless job, because you'll get to be behind-the-scenes at one of Downtown Fort Collins' biggest parties of the year and you get a free wristband.

Volunteers for FoCoMX must be over 18 years of age, and [you can sign up to help with production, prep, emcee-ing and more.](#)

Until April 1, wristbands are just \$30, and if you want to stay downtown, you can crash at the Elizabeth Hotel with the [FoCoMX discount](#). Anyway, here's the [who-what-where-when for FoCoMX 11](#), coming up this April...

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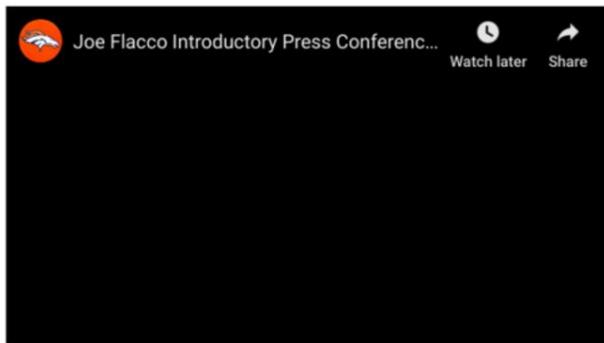
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At thirty four years old, Joe Flacco is ready to play. John Elway introduced him in a press conference today noting that Flacco is "a perfect fit for us" and "he has a lot of good football left in him."



Joe Flacco spoke to the media:

“ “It feels good because I definitely feel that way, so it feels good to hear somebody say that, I mean, shoot, with **Tom Brady** quarterbacks are playing until they’re about 60 years old. Listen, I’m as healthy as I’ve ever been ... barring anything crazy happening, I am as healthy as I can be as physical and ready to go as ever. I’m excited about what lies ahead for me and the future and I’m not putting a number on how much longer I can play. I’m going to play as long as I can and hopefully they’re dragging me out of this building a long time from now.” **”**

The Broncos are signing some great players this off-season. They'll be fun to watch in the 2019.

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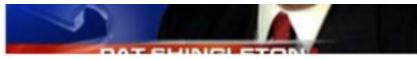


You may be presenting a card today because of an interesting legend. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with the jailor's daughter who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine.' I've located a few Valentine's Day cities and one that the editor won't permit me to print outside Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Lots of warmth will be needed today in Valentine, Nebraska. Loveland, Colorado, Ohio and Oklahoma look lovely with rose deliveries in Belle Rose and St. Rose, Louisiana. Here are some not so "sweet" events for Valentine's Day. In Mount Desert Island, Maine in 1853, a snowstorm was interrupted when vivid, purplish lightning crashed into windows and chimneys. A "rogue" wave moved out of the Pacific Ocean hitting Port Arena, CA in 1998. Thirty cars were scattered along with logs and debris. Valentine's Day, 1978 found 1000 residents of eastern Colorado without power for a week with five inch ice-collars on the lines. In 1899, Brownsville, Texas, recorded the coldest high on record at 29 degrees and a low of 12. Finally, Valentine's Day, 1895 and the all-time single snow event for our state was recorded in Rayne, LA as two feet of snow was reported.

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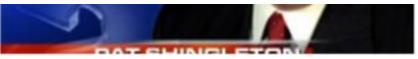




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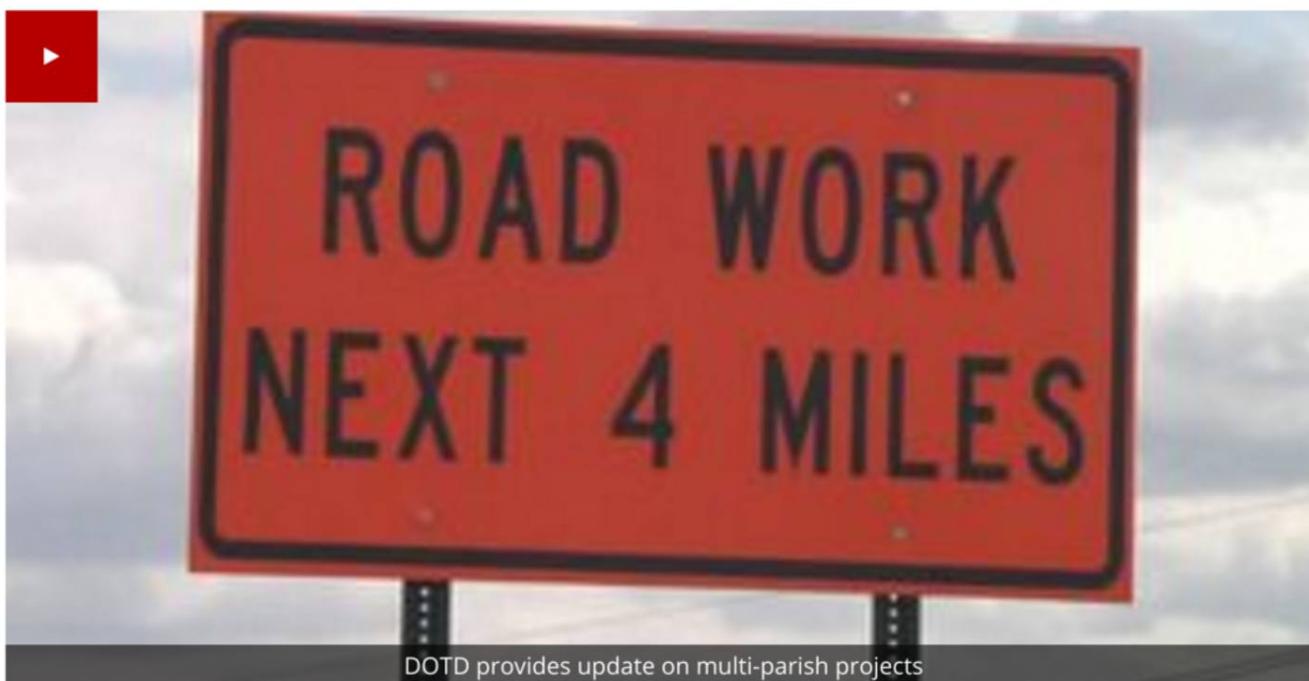
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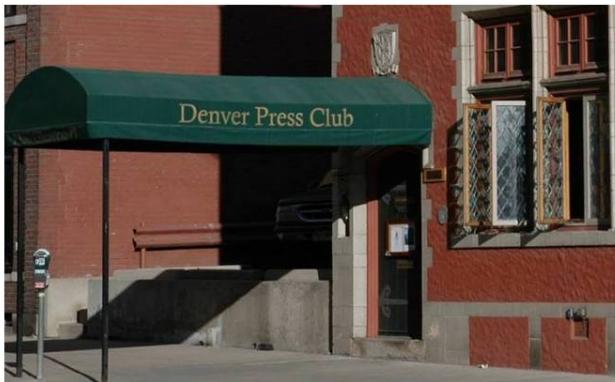
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Free for All: The Five Best Free Events This Week

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While Monday mornings often signal nothing more than the dawn of a new week of unwanted responsibilities, the days ahead are rife with possibilities for those who want to fill their idle time...without spending a cent. The Queen City of the Plains abounds with bargain music, comedy and family-friendly festivities. Keep reading for the five best free events in Denver this week.



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State of the Union Address Watch Party

Tuesday, February 5, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

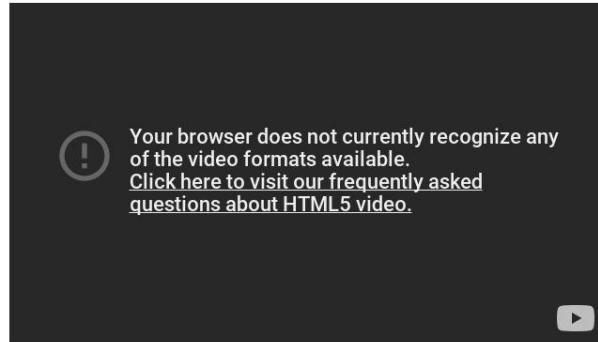
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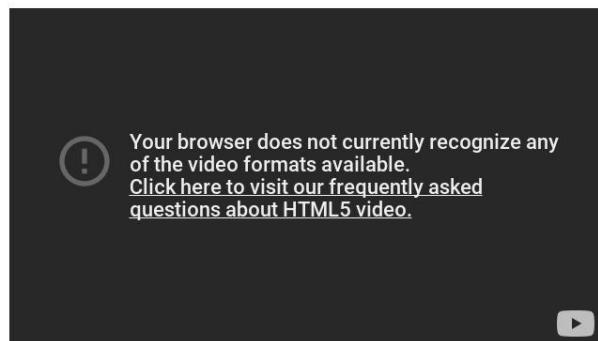


CU Faculty Tuesdays: From Brussels and Vienna with Love

Tuesday, February 5, 7:30 p.m.

[Grusin Music Hall](#)

Treat your ears to a trip through the sounds of Central Europe of centuries past, when the University of Colorado's Faculty Tuesdays return with another round of mid-semester magnificence. This week's edition enlists a quartet comprising the CU string faculty's finest, including Charles Wetherbee, Harumi Rhodes, Geraldine Walther and David Requiero, along with pianist David Korevaar to interpret a pair of rarely heard masterworks for the strings and keys. Starting with Flemish fugue master Joseph Jongen's *Trio for Violin, Viola and Piano, Op.5* and concluding with Erich Korngold's *Quintet for Piano and Strings, Op.15*, the performance provides a simultaneous testament to the brilliance of two great compositions overlooked by the classical canon, and the impressive musicianship of the CU College of Music professors. Discover more details, or tune in to a live stream of the concert on the [CU Presents events calendar](#).



Free Black History Month Concert with SFI

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Colorado Folk Arts Council and Metropolitan State University of Denver's Journey Through Our Heritage program continues with a Black History Month-heralding performance from SF1. Pairing the brainy flow of Berklee College of Music alumni and Grammy Award nominee Shane Franklin with a live ensemble known as "The Crew," SF1 is an internationally acclaimed local favorite who enjoys a multitude of Denver-specific distinctions, such as being the first (and thus far only) hip-hop act to perform at Coors Field. Rising to a national profile thanks to the success of singles like "Autopilot," "Rhapsody," "Ride" and "Honest," SF1 has opened for backpack-rap royalty like Jurassic 5, Lupe Fiasco and KRS-One, but Franklin and the Crew are ready to take center stage at a genre-blending tribute to black music, culture and history. Learn more on the [Colorado Folk Arts Council events calendar](#).



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Loveland Sweetheart Festival: Love, Locks, & Lights

February 8 and 9, 5 to 10 p.m. and 2 to 10 p.m.

Downtown Loveland

Put a little love in your weekly schedule at the inaugural Loveland Sweetheart Festival, a celebration of youthful pageantry, live music and romance. Swooning through the center of Colorado's "Sweetheart City" from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, February 8, and 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday, February 9, the first-year festivities include the Little Miss Valentine & Little Mr. Cupid Contest, the Sweetheart Classic community fun run, and a cap-off performance from Funky Business. Whether you choose to take a chance on romance or introduce your family to Valentine's traditions, Love, Locks, & Lights is guaranteed to set hearts aflutter. Find more information on the [Visit Loveland events calendar](#).

Do you have an event you want included on this list? Send the details to editorial@westword.com.



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Every year, thousands of valentines are rerouted through Loveland, a northern Colorado city that enthusiastically embraces its charming name. For two weeks leading up to Valentine's Day, 50 volunteers — mostly retired folks — hand stamp cards that arrive from all over the world.

In a makeshift mailroom, the festive volunteers are dressed in shades of pink and red, giving special treatment to the valentines. Each envelope gets two stamps: a romantic verse that's selected in an annual contest, and a second one that shows the card traveled through "The Sweetheart City."

Playing the role of Cupid, after all, is a coveted duty here in Loveland. The waiting list to volunteer is 98 names deep, and it's rare for an opening in the Valentine's mailroom to open up.

Volunteers are mostly longtime Loveland residents, who share both a love for their city as well as the February holiday they've essentially been bequeathed by way of living here.

"In any relationship, you give more than you take," says Phillips, a widow who was married for 64 1/2 years.

The story of how Loveland got its name isn't romantic per se: the city's name pays homage to William A.H. Loveland, the president of the Colorado Central Railroad. But over the years, residents of Loveland have assigned



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Loveland, the president of the Colorado Central Railroad. But over the years, residents of Loveland have assigned special meaning to their city's name by adopting lovely traditions.

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One of the February traditions is to adorn the city's street lamps with giant hearts that, in exchange for a donation, can be dedicated to loved ones. A budding tradition is a "group wedding" on Valentine's Day, in which lovebirds from all over the country flock to Loveland to say "I do" or to renew their vows. Of course, Colorado is a mecca for craft beer, and [Grimm Brothers Brewhouse](#) brews a special Valentine's beer each year. This year's is a Cherry Blackberry Baltic Porter called "Bleeding Heart."

But it was Loveland's valentine rerouting program is what got everything started. The program began in 1946.

Anywhere between 100,000 to 200,000 Valentine's Day cards get rerouted through Loveland each year, says Dixie Daly of the Loveland Chamber of Commerce.

The Valentine's Day verse selected to make its way onto last year's envelope read:

"Our Sweetheart City has a magical way to brighten up your Valentine's Day. When you open your card, it will reveal the spirit of friendship and love we all feel."

"Just the name Loveland is filled with so much love," Daly says.

Volunteer Darlene Rivas waited almost a decade before it was her turn to volunteer as a valentine stamper. "Valentine's Day is special to me," she says. "I met my husband on Valentine's Day."

Her "how we met" story, though, is more romantic comedy than it is fairy tale.

"He was a bartender and saved me from a drunk!" says Rivas, who, with her husband, moved to Loveland nearly three decades ago.

Jerry Westbrook and his wife Ruth Palmer volunteer together, stamping valentines while sitting across from one another. The two met in college, and have been married for 56 years. Westbrook began stamping in 2005 after retiring from a career in public service, because, he says, he wanted to continue serving his community postretirement.

He and his wife established their family in [Loveland](#) because they appreciated the smaller community, good schools and friendly people. Each year, Westbrook takes his wife out to a new, local restaurant — preferably one on Main Street — for a Valentine's Day date.

Also read: [Why only about half of Americans are showing Valentine's Day any love this year](#)

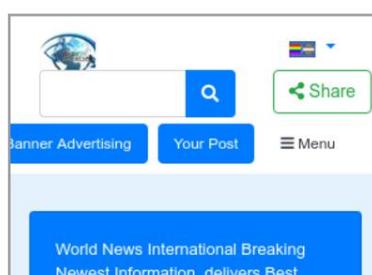
Betty Lamoureaux has been a volunteer stamper for a decade. A widow now, she and her husband enjoyed 67 years of marriage and moved from Minneapolis to Loveland in 1988.

A key to their happy and long-lasting marriage? She credits the ballroom dancing studios and square dancing halls in and around Loveland.

"We did a lot of dancing together."

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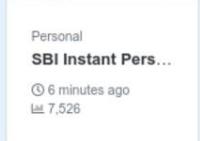
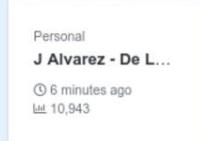
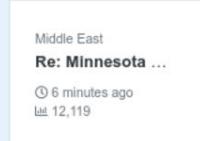
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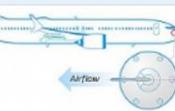
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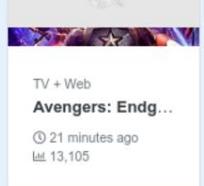
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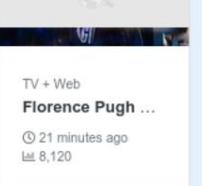
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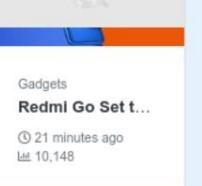
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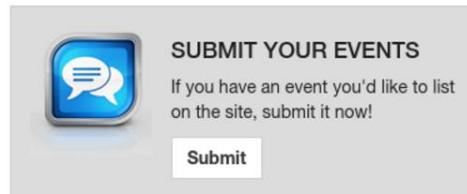
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A mapping projection on a 25-foot heart

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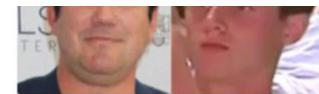
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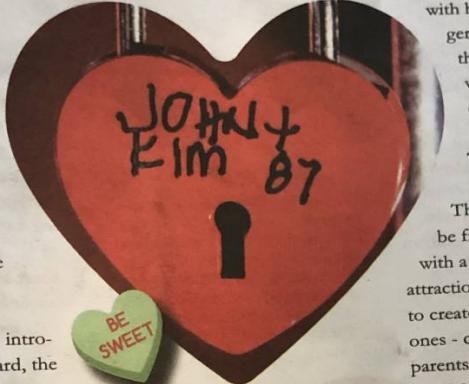
LOVE, LOCKS & LIGHTS



More than 70 years ago, the Loveland Chamber of Commerce and the Loveland Post Office partnered to start the Valentine Re-Mailing program. Through this program, the city and a number of eager volunteers gather at the Chamber in the first two weeks of February to hand stamp remail valentines that come to Loveland from all over the world.

Since then, the Chamber has introduced an official valentine card, the Miss Loveland Valentine program, a valentine beer brewed at Grimm Brothers Brewhouse and a valentine coffee brewed with Brewsworthy Coffee. This year, Loveland gets one more exciting addition to its Sweetheart City perks: the inaugural Sweetheart Festival. Produced by the Chamber in partnership with Visit Loveland, the festival, called *Love, Locks & Lights*, will take place in downtown Loveland on Friday, February 8 and Saturday, February 9. "The chamber handles most of Loveland's valentine programs so it was a natural fit to extend the Sweetheart story through the festival with new elements and ways for people to share their love," says Mindy McCoughan, president and CEO of the Loveland Chamber.

The Sweetheart story centers around Loveland's original Valentine Sweet-



Above: A close up of one of the heart shaped locks that will adorn the Love Locks sculpture. Below: The official Valentine beer by Grimm Brothers Brewhouse and coffee by Brewsworthy Coffee. (Photos courtesy Fyn Public Relations)



ager of the Rialto Theater and president of the chamber in the 1940s, used his marketing skills to popularize the Valentine Re-Mailing

hearts, Ted and Mabel Thompson. Ted, man- Program, which was the brainchild of postmaster Elmer Ivers. Along with his wife Mabel, Ted was eager to share the romance of the Sweetheart City with the world. An honorary statue of the Thompsons stands in downtown Loveland's Thompson Park.

The Sweetheart Festival will be free and open to the public, with a few ticketed activities and attractions. "There are many ways to create memories with your loved ones - children, spouse, friends, parents, grandparents and the like," says McCoughan.

One of the highlights of the festival will be the appearance of one of the largest love lock sculptures in the country. A 10-foot-tall, 30-foot-wide steel sculpture of the word LOVE, which weighs 24,000 pounds, will be introduced during the festival. The sculpture will be produced by longtime Loveland resident, businessman and champion Doug Rutledge, and fabricated through Beatty Construction with the help of Loveland Ready Mix Concrete.

Attendees can purchase a love lock to sign and lock onto the sculpture. "The sculptures permanent home will be at the Loveland Visitors Center at 5400 Stone Creek Circle, but it will be downtown in front of the Rialto for the festival," says McCoughan.

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In addition to the Love Lock Sculpture, four other interactive art installations will provide free fun for visitors. These include the For the Love of the Earth Pinwheel Project, an up-cycled art piece made with 240 pinwheels, all of which are made out of post-consumer plastic bags that will be fused and decorated by attendees of the festival. Loveland artist Heather Rubald will then nail the pinwheels to a plywood backdrop to create a kinetic mural for a wall in downtown Loveland.

A community mural will also be underway at 4th St. and Lincoln Avenue. Attendees can decorate one of 320 nine-inch tiles, which will be collaged together by local artist Scott Freeman. There will also be a rainbow-colored piece of heart-shaped string art which attendees can contribute to, as well as demonstrations of ceramic raku-firing by Amy Joy Hesterman. She will make and give away 100 ceramic pieces that fit the love lock imagery and include words like "Loveland 2019," "Sweetheart City," or "Love, Locks & Lights."

Art will abound outside of the festival with demos, exhibitions and tours at galleries throughout Loveland. Some exhibitions include Love in a Steampunk World at Fourth Street Gallery; the 10th annual 65 Roses for Cystic Fibrosis at Independence Gallery; Champagne, Love and Chocolate at Lincoln Gallery;

Above: The valentine remailing program was one of the first Valentine's Day events promoting the Sweetheart Kat City. Below: 2019 Miss Valentine Kat Pfeiffer and Loveland Miss Valentine chaperone, Norma Jean Goodheart, in front of the Love Lock sculpture. (Photos courtesy Fyn Public Relations)



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Those who aren't crazy about the romance of this season can go to the Loveland Museum's Black Valentine exhibit. Love is a Thug features works by Denver-based artist Scott Young that challenge typical notions of romance. The exhibit will feature several "Broken Heart Interactives," including a space for you to write the name of your lost love on a floating black heart and release it. Or, if releasing is a little too zen for you, there will

also be a station for writing your sentiments on a tile that you can then smash. There will also be slam poetry, and Dark Heart Coffee and alcoholic beverages will be for sale.

The Sweetheart Festival will also provide an opportunity to celebrate lost loved ones with a luminaria. Recyclable paper bags with heart cutouts can be purchased and placed in a designated area to honor a lost loved one. Battery-powered lights will go inside to create a lantern affect.

Loveland Love + Light at Lamplight Studio/Loveland Aleworks and Love Letters in the Wind at ArtSpace Loveland Art Campus. Two shows will take place at Artworks Loveland: We Are All MAD Here, an interactive installation by Becky Hawley, and Altered Perspective by Brandon Gellis and Billy Harris. While there

Active sweethearts can take part in the Sweetheart Classic, a 4-mile race hosted by Sweetheart City Racing, which begins and ends at the Loveland Sweetheart Festival stage. Singles and couple registrations are available and the first 200 registrants get a complimentary love lock. Register online at SweetheartCityRacing.com.

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The nation's Sweetheart City will be sweeter than ever for this year's Valentine's season with the launch of the inaugural Loveland Sweetheart Festival. Dubbed "Love, Locks and Lights," the family-friendly gathering takes place February 8 and 9 in downtown Loveland. In addition to a 30-foot love-lock sculpture (one of the largest ever built), the Sweetheart Festival will

feature concerts, a downtown gallery walk, a beer/wine garden, laser shows, a "palace of sweets," artist demos, the nation's largest inflatable toboggan slide, and more. The festivities kick off at 5 p.m. on February 8 and continue from 2 to 10 p.m. on February 9. Get full info at Visit Loveland's website, www.visitlovelandco.org.

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2/23 KWANIS CLUB OF JOHNSTOWN-MILLIKEN MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE, 6-11 p.m., High Country Beverage

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2/1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ICE RACING, 1:30 p.m., Budweiser Events Center

2/2 CIRQUE DU SPIRIT AGAPE, 5:30 p.m., The Ranch Events Complex

2/4-12 VALENTINE STAMPING & REMAILING ROOM, Loveland Chamber of Commerce

2/8 BLACK VALENTINE, 6-8 p.m., Loveland Museum

2/9 LOVELAND SWEETHEART FESTIVAL, 5 p.m., Downtown Loveland

2/9 SWEETHEART CLASSIC, 2:30 p.m., Downtown Loveland

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2/22-3/3 COSI FAN TUTTE—"A SCHOOL FOR LOVERS," various times, Rialto Theater Center, www.lovelandopera.org

3/1 LOVELAND CHILDREN'S DAY 2019, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Loveland Fire Rescue Authority

3/8-9 LOCAL MOTION EXHIBIT RECEPTION & OPENING: THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT ART SHOW, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Loveland Museum/Gallery

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Windsor

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2/13 WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY, 4-6 p.m., Toast Coffee and Wine Bar

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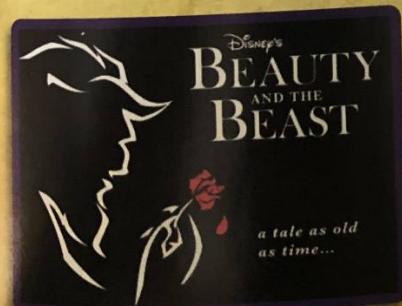
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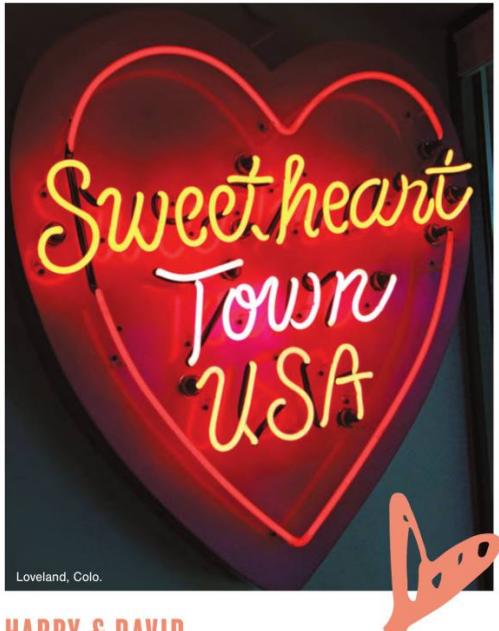
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HARRY & DAVID MEDFORD, OREGON

Groups can savor all things sweet and decadent on a tour of the Harry & David headquarters. Lively tour guides take guests through the bakery, gift-packing facilities and candy kitchens while sprinkling facts about the company's history along the way.

"From the minute guests board the bus to the factory, they become immersed in the rich Harry & David heritage and 83-year history, which is brought to life in an informational video about the brand's origins," said Kay Armstrong, tour director. "Visitors will not only gain a better understanding of how the wide variety of Harry & David products are brought to life, but they will also learn more about its strong ties to Oregon's Rogue Valley and its evolution to becoming one of America's most beloved gourmet food brands."

Groups can see Harry & David's culinary team in action while they create smooth chocolate truffles, Moose Munch Premium Popcorn, baklava and rich cheesecakes. Yes, samples are definitely included.

On the packaging side, groups can see how Harry & David's packaging teams assemble gourmet gift towers and baskets, and also catch a glimpse of how the company's famous Royal Riviera Pears are sorted and packed. ■



 From top: Visit Loveland, Virginia is for Lovers

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VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS

Virginia isn't just for anyone; it's for lovers — lovers of high peaks, American history, adrenaline-pumping adventure, craft brews and coastal getaways. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the famous slogan, "Virginia is for Lovers." The phrase is so well-known that in 2012, *Advertising Age* named it one of the most iconic ad campaigns in the past 50 years.

"In 2019, we're celebrating 50 Years of Love, in honor of our 'Virginia is for Lovers' slogan, with special experiences across the state," said Joni Johnson, director of domestic sales & marketing at Virginia Tourism Corp. "I invite groups to discover their love for Virginia's mountains, beaches, history, wine, craft beer and hospitality. #50YearsOfLove"

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Groups are sure to "love" these charming stops across the Southeast and West.

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WORLD WAR II HOME FRONT MUSEUM NOW OPEN

Back in December, the World War II Home Front Museum opened in St. Simons Island, Georgia. The museum details coastal Georgia's multifaceted role during World War II and shows how the community was innovative, industrious and united when the world was at war and so much was at stake. The museum celebrates the national spirit and common sense of duty that connects the country as Americans.

912-634-7093, coastalgeorgiahistory.org/visit/world-war-ii-museum



NEW ARKANSAS WELCOME CENTER NOW OPEN

In November last year, Arkansas' newest welcome center opened in Harrison. As part of the center's recent \$2.5 million upgrade, a completely new building was built in the same location as the old center.

The facility offers visitors up-to-the minute information on attractions, regional events and weather conditions. The building amenities include computer kiosks, Wi-Fi and free coffee. The landscaped exterior also offers picnic tables for travelers looking to take a short break from the road.

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GRAY LINE LAS VEGAS ANNOUNCES MULTI-LINGUAL PASSENGER EXPERIENCE

Gray Line Las Vegas announced the launch of its new five-languages tour narration system for its tours to the Grand Canyon, the Hoover Dam and Lake Mead. The new system provides updated tour narration in English, French, Spanish, Mandarin and Japanese. Guests can choose to either use complimentary ear-buds provided by Gray Line or opt to use their own personal headsets that utilize a standard 3.5mm jack plug.

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VISIT ROSWELL WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Visit Roswell, the convention and visitors bureau for the suburban city north of Atlanta, Georgia, has a new leader this year; Andy Williams now serves as executive director.

He is a Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) through the Events Industry Council and a Travel Marketing Professional (TMP) through the Southeast Tourism Society. Early last year, Dotty Etris, Visit Roswell's first and only executive director until this year, announced her plans to retire at the end of 2018. She served in the position since 1992.

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MT. RUSHMORE BLACK HILLS GOLD FACTORY RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Passion, artistry and heritage seamlessly blend on a tour of Mt. Rushmore Black Hills Gold Factory. Gold has left a major impact on the South Dakota region since the state was

American Rose Center

founded back in 1889. Miners not only built up the community, but a loved national treasure: Mount Rushmore. Those same traditions and craftsmanship are carried over when creating intricate Black Hills Gold jewelry.

On a tour, groups can get an up-close look at how the diamonds are precisely cut and casted in molten gold, and see how the factory's iconic green, pink and yellow grape leaf is designed. The factory handcrafts a variety of jewelry including earrings, necklaces, pendants, bracelets and rings.

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AMERICAN ROSE CENTER SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA



As the nation's largest park dedicated to roses, the American Rose Center sits on 118 acres of forestland featuring over 65 vibrant rose gardens and 20,000 rosebushes.

The center also is home to the American Rose Society, the largest single plant society in America with 125 years of history.

Groups can take a guided tour of the center and learn about its history, the care and cultivation that goes into growing roses, and the men and women who created them.

"(Groups can see) the gardens and grounds that display many unique rose varieties, including test gardens and the horizon garden, which showcases some of the newest varieties," said Jon Corken, executive director of the American Rose Society. "In 2017, we began our Great Garden Restoration. In the next few years, we will totally renovate our gardens and it will tell the history of the rose — the only garden in the world that will tell that great story."

The gardens also include companion plants, fountains, sculptures and the Dudley Watkins Reflection Pool. Rose garden season is April 1–Oct. 31, with peak blooms occurring in mid-April to late May and mid-September to late October.

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IN THE NAME OF LOVE

LOVELAND, COLORADO

As America's "Sweetheart City," it can be hard not to swoon over the picturesque and welcoming community of Loveland. Founded in 1877 along the Colorado Central Railroad, it was named in honor of William A.H. Loveland, the railroad's president. Loveland's claim to fame is its valentine re-mailing program, which is the nation's largest, sending love to all 50 states and

100 countries during the month of February. Visiting groups can't miss Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch; Benson Sculpture Garden; and the collection of downtown breweries, art galleries, shops and restaurants.

"Our art experiences are truly unique, as is the ability for groups to have a remote dude ranch experience just 10 minutes from the city, so they can have the best of both worlds," said Chris Bierdeman,

tourism group sales coordinator for Visit Loveland. "We often hear from groups that they love the personable experiences they get at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch, but also enjoy the proximity and fun they have at the sculpture garden and our quaint yet thriving downtown."

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Helen Keller Birthplace continues to inspire groups

A simple outdoor pump at a Tuscaloosa home has become the symbol of a miracle that unlocked the world to a half-wild, blind and deaf child on a spring day in 1887. On that day, 7-year-old Helen Keller made the connection between the cool water flowing from the pump and the word her teacher tapped on her arm, freeing the girl from her dark, silent world.

More than 100 years later, travelers can visit Ivy Green, birthplace of that girl who became a remarkable woman dedicating her life to improving conditions of the blind and deaf around the world. They can even touch the pump that changed Keller's life so dramatically.

Groups can tour the white clapboard home built in 1820 and the cottage where Keller's parents lived when they

first married and where she was born. Later, Helen lived there with Anne Sullivan, the teacher who connected her with the world.

Visitors also can see hundreds of Keller's mementos, books and gifts from travels to 25 countries where she lectured for betterment of the blind and deaf-blind.

Also on the grounds is the Lions Club's International Memorial Fountain, a tribute to Keller for her advancement of the blind.

"Helen Keller had a great impact on people from all walks of life with disabilities," said Sue Pilkilton, executive director of Ivy Green. "People come from all over the world to learn how she overcame her disabilities. Some

have a child that is deaf or blind or has other disabilities. Or, they come just for inspiration."

Early June through mid-July the *Miracle Worker*, a play about Sullivan's breakthrough with Keller, is performed on the grounds.

"Many people see *The Miracle Worker* in theaters, but the unique thing about our play is this is where the miracle took place," Pilkilton said.

Groups of 20 or more get a discount on tours and reserved seats for the play. Bus drivers and tour escorts get comped tickets. ■

Helen Keller Birthplace
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Retrace history at Bragg-Mitchell Mansion

In Mobile, groups can experience traditional Southern elegance at the Bragg-Mitchell Mansion. The mansion's circular staircase, double parlors and grand rooms remind guests of a time when hospitality was a way of life.

"It is the quintessential antebellum Southern mansion with bracketed, Greek Revival architectural style," said Lynn Stewart, director of the mansion. "(Groups will learn) about the history of the mansion and its inhabitants from Judge John Bragg to the Mitchell family. There is also discussion involved of the history of the times surrounding the families that lived here."

Built in 1855, the historic mansion is one of the most photographed buildings in all of Mobile, and it once was the center of lively social gatherings.

It's now canopied by century-old oaks and furnished with antiques and crystal chandeliers.

The 13,000-square-foot mansion facing Springhill Avenue was built by Judge Bragg for his wife and family to enjoy Mobile's social season — Thanksgiving through Mardi Gras. Since Bragg's passing in 1878, four families have owned the home.

The last private owner was the A.S. Mitchell family, and they occupied the home until 1965. The mansion was donated to the Explore Center by the A.S. Mitchell Foundation, and it was originally going to be remodeled and transformed into an interactive science museum.

Wanting to save the historic integrity of the home, the Explore Center built the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science



Bragg-Mitchell Mansion

Center and then restored the mansion to its original state.

Groups can choose from three different tours of the mansion: catered tea and tour; catered lunch and mansion tour; and a catered basket lunch and tour.

Tours are offered Tuesday through Friday; however, private group tours also can be arranged. ■

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