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## Father's Day Origins & Traditions

made Mother's Day official that was States. Father's Day 2023 will 1910. occur on Sunday, June 18.

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent

successful: the day honoring fathers became a State celebrated the nation's first to observe Father's Day. nationwide holiday in the United statewide Father's Day on June 19,

Slowly, the holiday spread. In combine and de-commercialize

The nation's first Father's Day to Mother's Day for male parents. 1916, President Wilson honored the holidays. Struggling retailers was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in She went to local churches, the day by using telegraph signals the state of Washington. However, the YMCA, shopkeepers and to unfurl a flag in Spokane when it was not until 1972, 58 years government officials to drum he pressed a button in Washington, after President Woodrow Wilson up support for her idea, and she D.C. In 1924, President Calvin

> Paradoxically, however, the Great and greeting cards. Depression derailed this effort to

and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a "second Christmas" for men, promoting goods such as neckties, Washington Coolidge urged state governments hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods,

> When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

> In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts. Courtesy of History.com



## Shakespeare Festival's "Much Ado About Nothing"

bicker. The only thing they might through its penultimate act. learn to love more? Each other. (They just don't know it yet!) In this "enemies-to-lovers" dynamic berollicking lampoon of relationships, tween Beatrice and Benedick, along romance, and the influence of town with the Keystone Kops-style vibe of gossip, Shakespeare delivers a near- the hapless constable Dogberry, give comedy.

"Much Ado About Nothing" at the the burgeoning romance between conclusion of a war. He's very much Claudio and Hero, the governor's interested in the concept of noth- daughter. ingness — what do we make 'much ado' about in the absence of war? speare What conflicts do we create?" says has Rich, associate professor of Theatre audiences with & Dance and director of the Ap- professional theplied Shakespeare Certificate at the atre on the CU University of Colorado Boulder.

The play revolves around romance Complete and intrigue among two groups of Colorado soldiers on the sumptuous estate mer with Shakeof Leonato, governor of Messina, speare under the upon their return from war. Though stars in the his-"Much Ado" is one of Shakespeare's toric Mary Ripmost beloved romantic comedies, pon the threat of violence and injustice Theatre

Shakespeare intentionally sets the villainous Don John threatens other season ticket orders.

Since 1958, the Colorado Shake-

Festival delighted Boulder campus. Outdoor with

Beatrice and Benedick love to rumble like approaching thunder complimentary seatbacks included.

Play dates start on June 11 and Saucy banter and the slow-burn end on August 13 at the Mary Rippon Outdoor Theatre. Ticket costs vary from \$29 to \$95. Extra fees may apply! Save big with season tickets! This show is available in the perfect enemies-to-lovers romantic the play much of its comic spark, Full, Pick 2 or 3, Weekday Will, and even as scurrilous gossip peddled by Choice packages or as an add-on to

Tickets can be reserved at https:// tickets.cupresents.org/ or call the box office at 303-492-8008.



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## **JUNE** Calendar

#### Tuesday/6

AARP presents a free online program on "Discover the Safety Benefits of New Car Technology" at 9 am on Zoom. This 90-minute interactive workshop will cover the latest technologies to look for when shopping for a new car and how to make the most of these high-tech safety features when driving. Learn about the safety benefits of blind spot warning systems, forward collision warnings, lane departure warnings, smart headlights and more! Email: drive@aarp.org to register.

Boulder Genealogical Society presents a free program on "It Runs In the Family: Researching your Italian Immigrant Ancestors" by Sara Dawson at 7 pm in the Calvary Bible Church, 3245 Kalmia Ave in Boulder. She will discuss using US records to lead us back across the ocean to your ancestor's homeland. Register online at www.bouldergenealogy.org.

#### Monday/12

Alzheimer's Assn. presents a free program on "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" at 5 pm on Zoom. Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Join us to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's; the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia; stages and risk factors; current research and treatments available for some symptoms; and Alzheimer's Association resources. Register by phone at 800-272-3900.

#### Wednesday/14

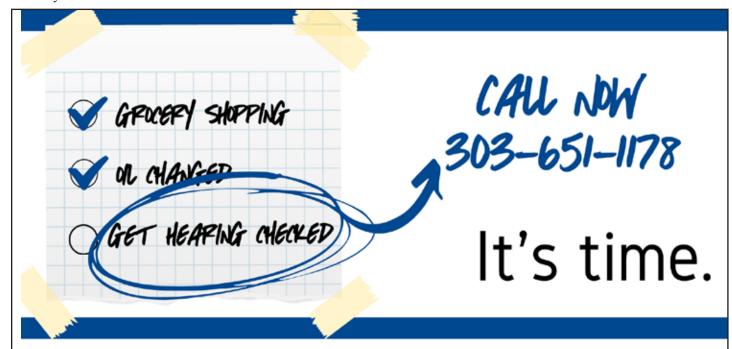
Longmont Genealogical Society presents a free program on "Maps Give Direction to Your Genealogical Research" by Carol Darrow at 1 pm in the Longmont First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3rd and Terry Streets in Longmont or remotely Via Zoom. Maps come in all sizes, shapes, styles, and detail. They are created at different dates and places and they may even help us solve some mysteries about why our ancestors did what they did. Please register at https://longmontgenealogicalsociety.org/.

#### Thursday/22

AARP presents a free program on Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's' at 11 am on Zoom. Join us to learn how to recognize common signs of Alzheimer's disease in yourself or in a loved one; how to approach someone about memory concerns; the importance of early detection of Alzheimer's and benefits of a diagnosis; and possible tests and assessments of the diagnostic process. Register at email: KRitualo@ aarp.org.

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#### Boulder's Art in the Park Series Returns

For the third year, the City of Boulder presents Arts in the Park, a program showcasing a vibrant blend of arts and cultural performances. Arts in the Park performances will der Ballet, Boulder Symphony, and said Community Access Coordina- For event information, schedule and Boulder Opera.

Arts in the Park performances will take place at the Glen Huntington Bandshell in the city's Civic Area and showcase talent from the Boulder Ballet, Boulder Symphony, and Boulder Opera.

This year's Arts in the Park performing arts series will include four works that showcase the performances by three Boulderbased arts organizations:

- Boulder Ballet Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3
- Boulder Symphony

Tuesday, July 4

• Boulder Opera Saturday, July 29

"Arts in the Park is a great opportake place at the Glen Huntington of our performing arts organizations performing classic arias and scenes Bandshell in the city's Civic Area and provide spaces for our com- from Das Rheingold, Die Walkure, and showcase talent from the Boul- munity to celebrate and connect," Siegfried and Gotterdammerung. tor Rosa Wright. "Our community tickets visit boulderartsinthepark. members love these performances com.

and experiencing them live at the Bandshell makes for great memories!"

Boulder Ballet's mixed repertoire program will feature a collection of short expansive range of ballet. The Boulder Symphony will perform symphonic classics, from Copland to William Tell, Star Wars music by John Williams,

Gregory T.S. Walker's music for Rapper and Orchestra, and the 1812 Overture. Boulder Opera's familyfriendly concert will feature some of tunity for the city to support several the city's most talented rising artists,





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#### New 104th Street Trail

The first phase of the new 104th Street Trail opened for public use on May 19. This new trail provides an important north-south connection between the heavily used Coal Creek and Rock Creek Regional trails.

Traveling through the open space along 104th Street, the 1.8-mile multi-use trail connects Aquarius Open Space in Louisville to the Carolyn Holmberg Preserve, ending just south of the Northwest Parkway Overpass. The trail then merges into a shared road connection which continues to Stearns Lake Trailhead. At a future date, phase two of the project will convert the shared road segment into a trail.

The 104th Street Trail Project is a collaboration between Louisville, Lafayette, and Boulder County, aimed at improving regional trail systems to meet the community's expanding recreational needs. The multi-use trail features a combination of soft surface and concrete with pedestrian crossings at major intersections to improve access and safety.

With nearly 100,000 users annually on the Coal Creek and Rock Creek Trails, this new connection offers commuters and outdoor enthusiasts better access to major job centers, regional transit lines, trails, and open spaces in multiple communities, including the popular Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm. The public is invited to explore and enjoy the new 104th Street Trail connection for day and night use.

This \$2.3 Million project was split between the cities of Louisville, Lafayette, and Boulder County. Grant funding in the amount of \$475,000 from CDOT was used to reduce the split for each agency.

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#### **Ron Stern's Travel Series**

#### Newport Beach Luxury at the Balboa Bay Resort



**Ron Stern** 

land-locked Colorado, I still miss Fortunately,

Beach, California.

retreat sits right on the Balboa vides with some spectacular colors. Marina. With abundant sunshine,

any watercolorist envious.

Accolades are numerous and include AAA Four-Diamond designation, the Forbes Travel Guide Four-

Star Rating three years in a row. banana, with coconut milk) at their property, the service, ambiance, and ban Sandwich. attention to detail was obvious.

opened to a gorgeous vista of Bal- doubt savor for a lifetime. boa Marina. The brilliant blue sky framed a harbor packed full of small to epically huge yachts neatly tucked into their prospective docks.

A+O (Anchors and Oceans) is opinion their signature restaurant and their floor to ceiling windows afford magnificent waterfront views. I loved the

invariably color palette here and throughout seem to be drawn the resort which echoes the colors of ocean. the sea. Vibrant hues of ocean blues, moved sparkling whites, light wood panelfrom California to ing with splashes of yellow accents set just the right nautical mood.

They offer a variety of seafood the sunny beach- options during the season such as es, blue skies and swordfish, big eye tuna and spiny all things nautical. lobster as well as east and west coast my oysters. My suggestion is to also try vision of a dreamy watery oasis that their cool and creamy local burrata satisfies all the senses was found at and the salt and pepper shrimp. Both the Balboa Bay Resort in Newport were tasty and delicious. If available, the dark chocolate crème brûlée was Nestled along the Pacific Coast the perfect ending to a great meal. between Los Angeles and San Di- Book at least an hour before sunset ego, this award-winning waterfront to admire the show that nature pro-

In the morning we had freshly luscious sunsets and hundreds of brewed coffee and a tropical sunset yachts, the views here would make smoothie (pineapple, strawberry,



Most recently, the hotel was named Blend Cafe. Serving breakfast and the #1 Resort in Newport Beach by lunch the latter includes familiar U.S. News & World Report. It's no and new favorites like a Waldorf wonder as the moment I came on Salad, teriyaki chicken wrap or Cu-

The Balboa Bay Resort combines The property has 159 rooms with just the right elements of excellent both courtyard/pool and bay views. service, great food, and casual luxury. Ours was the latter and was beau- Consequently, check-out day might tifully adorned with an extremely be a sad one, as it was for us, wishing comfy bed, plush linens, and all the we could stay longer. Fortunately, amenities you would expect from the length of your visit is altogether a hotel of this caliber. Our balcony in your control and one you will no

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## Longmont Recognized Again for Exceptional **Electric Performance**

has received its eighth consecutive Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) award from the Ameriaward is currently presented every three years.

The award recognizes public utilities that excel in reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvements. LPC has earned either a Platinum or a Diamond rating as the top two categories since 2006, when it became the first electric utility in Colorado to receive the award. LPC received a Platinum rating this year.

"Our customers expect the best from us, and for over 100 years we've worked hard to provide just that, supplying the power that our residents and businesses use to build a better Longmont," said Darrell

Continuing a long tradition of Hahn, LPC's acting executive direchigh-quality service, Longmont tor. "We're honored to have those ef-Power & Communications (LPC) forts recognized by the APPA and proud to serve this growing and vibrant community."

The honor comes not long after can Public Power Association. The LPC received national recognition for its reliability, with Longmont electric customers enjoying fewer and shorter outages than the vast majority of U.S. utilities. A typical LPC customer goes more than two years without seeing a power outage; those who did experience one typically saw the power come back on in less than an hour.

> The American Public Power Association represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit community-owned electric utilities that power 49 million people nationwide. Of those, 271 utilities hold an RP3 designation, including 98 with a Platinum rating.



## The Worth Of Knowledge

As the end of the school year approaches, high school seniors look forward to the challenges of colconcerned with the high cost of the next phase of their academic lives. But not Dennis Barnes, a senior at million in scholarships. International High School of New

Orleans with a cumulative grade point average of 4.98. He applied to 200 colleges and has been accepted lege life. Many of them may be by 125 of them, thus far. In addition, much to the delight of his parents, he has been offered more than \$9

## Poetry Rising

One of the best things about June is Father's Day. We might be a Dad, or remembering ours, or wish we had known him. My Dad loved music, and it's one of the "things" I feel blessed to have inherited from him. He always sang or whistled—drove two different husbands of mine crazy! But when he died, I found myself singing in the post office. Turns out we don't only inherit "things," and what a gift.

#### WHEN MUSICIANS SMILE

Tonight,

it was Andrea Bocelli singing "Silent Night." There was that moment when he began to sing in his native tongue and, ever so briefly, he smiled.

Yo-Yo Ma is another one as he draws his bow across the strings of my heart. Watching him adds to the magic of his music. He seems to be smiling with me.

All of my life

sharing these moments with someone else has doubled my delight.

Now, it seems,

I am being called to learn about taking joy alone.

Perhaps that is why, the musician's smile means so much to me. Remembering my Dad playing Santa Lucia again and again. and smiling.

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### **Colorado Gerontological Society** Expansion Of Dental Services For Older Adults



**Eileen Doherty** 

CO. Denver, Medical experts, policy makers, and political leaders are all starting to not only realize the importance of dental care, but are expanding the

services.

Starting July 1, 2023 adults on Medicaid will be eligible to receive additional dental care as the annual caps have been lifted. You do need to be receiving Medicaid and see a dentist who accepts Medicaid to take advantage of this benefit.

The Colorado Gerontological Society is expanding our services to residents of the Metro Denver area, as well as Boulder and Larimer county. Additionally, if you have family or friends who live west of I-25, south of the Wyoming border and north of the New Mexico border, we are able to serve those individuals as well.

To qualify for the program, individuals must be age 60 and over, live in Colorado, see a participating dentist who agrees to accept the state's fees, and be prior approved for care. Income must be less than \$3038 for a single person and \$4108 for couple.

The services we can provide infinancial support clude exams, x-rays, fillings, exto help older adults pay for dental tractions, full and partial dentures. Other procedures such as root canals and crowns are approved on a case by case basis. We do not cover fixed bridges and implants.

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To apply, call our office for an application or visit our website at www.senioranswers.org/programs/ dental-grants/. For more information, call 303-333-3482 or 1-855-293-6911 (toll free) or 1-866-880-4777 (Spanish).

Eileen Doherty, MS is the Executive Director of the Colorado Gerontological

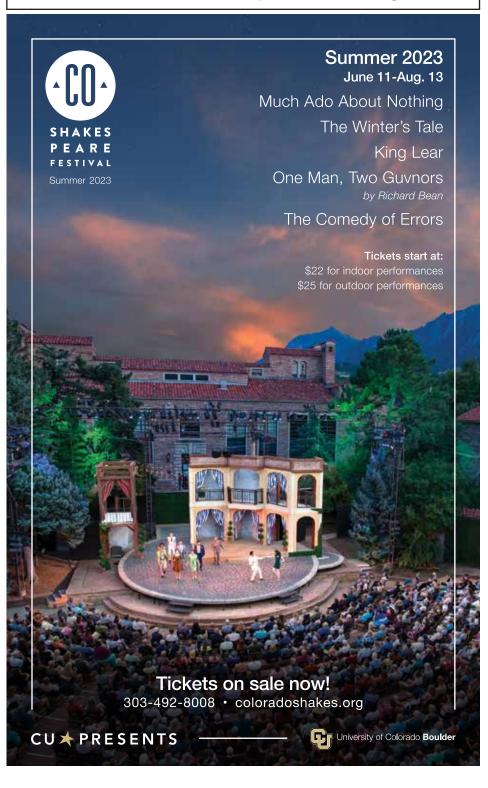




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### Reflections on Juneteenth and Health Equity

was declared a federal holiday in 2021, recognizes the day that the last group of enslaved African Americans were emancipated in Galveston, Texas in 1865 – two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

As a provider of community mental health services, Juneteenth is a time for me to reflect upon equity, specifically health equity. The term "equity" is different from "equality," in which everyone gets one share. invite you to join me in reflect-Equity suggests that opportunity should be the defining characteristic of equality and, by extension, that opportunity should be afforded to all. A truly equitable outcome requires us to recognize when resources must be allocated with attention given to individual circumstances, cultural responsiveness, and historical opportunity gaps.

In the health care industry, achieving long-term health equity can become quite complex but the basic principle remains: all individuals should have an equitable opportunity to access care and services based on their individual and cultural needs. As care providers, we must not only think about what services we provide, but also how accessible these services are to the communities we serve.

Recently, at Mental Health Partners we launched a Suicide Pre-

Juneteenth (June 19th), which vention Pathway program to help identify clients who are at increased risk of a suicide attempt. These individuals are prioritized to receive services with the understanding that they are in crisis and need immediate support. Through an equity lens, we can recognize when individual circumstances require a more compassionate and focused approach in order to better meet the needs of our community.

This Juneteenth and beyond, I ing upon health equity by learning about health disparities, engaging with and listening to impacted communities, and using your voice to impact positive change.

Dr. David Remmert is a Longmont-based psychologist working for Mental Health Partners, a community mental health non-profit serving Boulder and Broomfield counties since 1962.

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#### **Now Hear This**

Listening Fatigue

While there's been exhaustive research over the last several years linking hearing loss to cognitive decline, the reverse question - Does treating



Dr. D'Anne Rudden

hearing loss improve cognitive function? - has not had as much attention. However, in the last few years, new data has emerged validating the theory that treating hearing loss can impede, or even reverse, cognitive decline. Additionally, combining treated hearing loss with greater social connection to other people can have a positive impact on cognition. The new data implies that when hearing loss is addressed with properly fitted and tuned hearing aids, cognitive decline can be to help income qualified people in prevented (or slowed). Even more their local communities get access fascinating - the limited research to hearing healthcare. To date, suggests that cognitive rebound Hearing the Call Colorado has can and has occurred.

treated hearing loss can result in right in Longmont! Dr. Rudden social isolation, which can cause is proud to serve as Hearing the noticeable cognitive decline. But Call Colorado's Project Manager. the decline can potentially be re-

versed once hearing loss is mitigated and social interaction is initiated. That mitigation can occur, depending on severity, in a variety of ways, including a cochlear implant, properly fitted and adjusted hearing aids, solutions such as Captioned Telephones, or the use of wearables by those with milder hearing loss. We stay current and track the hearing-related industry to follow what's new and what matters to our patients.

Dr. D'Anne Rudden is a Doctor of Audiology, board certified by the American Board of Audiology, in practice for over 28 years. Dr. Caney Demars joined the practice in 2020, adding 5+ years of experience and a passion for serving our community! In 2020, Dr. Rudden and 6 colleagues from around the state started a non-profit project called Hearing the Call Colorado provided 214 people in Colora-Studies have indicated that un- do with hearing aids, 48 of those

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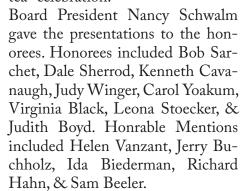
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## Hover Senior Living Communities Celebrates **Eight Honorees Over 80!**

In May, Hover Senior Living honored eight seniors over the age of 80 who have made a significant difference in the Longmont and surrounding communities. at the Foxhill Club in Longmont. Hover honored eight seniors and five honorable mentions special their tea celebration.



Longmont, opened the first of its kind highrise apartments, offering a retirement home for low-income elders in the Boulder County area. The Hover Manor Independent



Board President Nancy Schwalm

Living lifestyle empowers niors to live the life they choose by offering innovative, affordable, and dignified choices.

In 1989, The Hover Community Inc. was established, DBA Beatrice Hover Assisted Living. This forward thinking, care community, serves all with integrity and respect, enhancing

Board President Nancy Schwalm quality of life for seniors through innovation and affordability.

> In 2019, A radical new model for skilled nursing care came to Longmont, The Katherine and Charles Green House homes are designed from the ground up to look and feel like a real home for 12 elders in each home.

Hover Senior Living Commu-In 1979, The Hover family of nities lead the way of the future in elder care, Their campus sits on 15 acres on the west side of Longmont with a backdrop of the Rocky Mountain Range.

## Are you eligible for the new \$1,000 Senior Housing Tax Credit?

termined by your "taxable" income. For those with a taxable household income of less than \$25,000 the rehouseholds that have a income of on page 17 of the Colorado D0104 return. booklet,

have lived in and owned their home be reached at 303-776-0867. for the last 10 years annually re-

The new for 2022 Senior Hous- ceive the senior housing tax exemping Tax Credit is for everyone over tion which equates to 50% of the the age of 65 who have not lived and first \$200,000 of property value is owned their home for 10 years and exempt from taxation. Different have been a resident of Colorado for counties have different tax rates so all of 2022. It is a variable credit, the amount varies a little bit from meaning that it Is somewhat de- county to county. The amount is changing from 2023 through 2028 to 50% of the first \$300,000.

The "tax exemption" is good every fundable credit will be \$1,000. All year, where as the above mentioned "tax credit" seems to have been writless than \$75,000 will get at least ten as a one time only event. Seniors some of the credit. Some other have to turn in a form 104PTC examples would be if your taxable (used by people with incomes of less household income is \$30,000 your than \$15,392) or they must file a tax credit will be \$900 and a household return even though there is no taxwith income of \$50,000 would get able income. A federal tax return \$500. All the details can be found does not have to be filed only a state

Submitted by Ron Vejrostek of People over the age of 65 who Vejrostek Tax and Financial and can

## **Technology is Hip!**

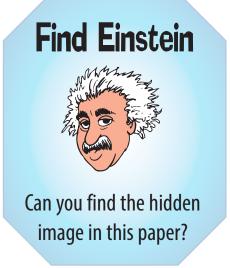


**Bob Larson** 

Several weeks any invasion. ago on a 60 Minutes TV show, one of their programs featured US Navy and was it prepared for an invasion on Taiwan? Of

course, the short answer was yes! It was indicated we have 12 Navy battle groups of which six are deployed every six months across our planet. The battle group consists of an aircraft carrier, several destroyers, and other classified ships. We run military drills with other ally nations every year to be prepared in case a not so friendly nation such as China, North Korea, or Russia decides to launch an invasion against us, Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, or any NATO sanctioned nation.

Interesting, China has 350 ships with only two aircraft carriers and are planning to build more to the tune of 500 total ships by 2028. It has twice the size of military personnel over the U.S. We have sent lots of our high tech military equipment to Ukraine and other nations to defend themselves from



## Is Our Military Prepared?

Our military has never been stronger as we acquire the best weapons, ships, aircraft, personnel training, intelligence, and military drills. At last week's 60 Minute TV show, it was mentioned that our military is held hostage for paying higher prices than normal for our military equipment. Sadly, our military is turning a blind eye on the higher costs! I'm sure Congress will correct that, so we don't bankrupt our nation and hold those military defense companies responsible for their greedy profits! However, we also depend on those same companies in providing the hightech equipment to our military.

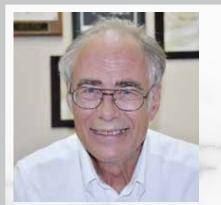
You probably have heard about artificial intelligence (AI) and how it is changing our world. I feel AI will be a great benefit to our military in winning or deterring those rogue nations against their invasions. Bob Larson is a technologist and Marketing Director for 50 Plus!

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#### **Ageism Matters**

#### Ageism adds to the epidemic of loneliness



U.S. Isolation," measures. highlights the

affects people of all ages, old- approach." er adults are particularly at risk. can exacerbate loneliness and iso-

and can increase social isolation.

older adults by up to 50%. A lack healthcare services and support.

adults. A survey by Cigna found and act about aging and ageism.

recent that nearly half of Americans re-Surgeon ported feeling lonely and discon-General's report, nected from others. The pandem-"Our Epidemic ic only intensified this through Loneliness quarantine and social distancing

As the U.S. Surgeon General, detrimental ef- Dr. Vivek Murthy, stated, "We fects of loneli- cannot afford to ignore loneliness ness and social and social isolation - especially isolation on physical and men- now. Addressing this epidemic tal health. While this epidemic requires an all-hands-on-deck

This is a public health issue Ageism, discrimination directed and we need to address it. Solutoward people based upon age, tions include programs to combat ageism and promote intergenerational connections, and initiatives Ageism shortens lifespan, wors- to increase social support and ens physical and mental health, connectedness for people of all hinders recovery from disability, ages. To start, check out Changand accelerates cognitive decline. ing the Narrative's free intergen-Ageism also reduces access to emerational conversation toolkit that ployment, education, and health helps people of all ages engage in care, all of which impact health meaningful conversations. By recognizing the impact of loneliness According to the report, social on everyone and taking action, isolation and loneliness can in- we can work together towards a crease the risk of early death in healthier, more connected society.

Sara Breindel & Kris Geerken, of social connections can make it Co-Directors of Changing the Nardifficult for older adults to access rative, www.ChangingtheNarrativeCO.org, the nation's leading ef-This isn't just an issue for older fort to change the way we think, talk

#### **Genealogy Rocks!**

Summer's coming! Remember the joy that those words brought us each school year! You, of course, may not have been in school this year but you may have worked hard on



**Carol Darrow** 

researching and analyzing your family history. How are you going to spend those sunny months

Traveling to ancestral hometowns is always popular. You may have identified that hometown, its cemetery and farm location. You can take this opportunity to take pictures of local landmarks and perhaps visit the local courthouse to seek records.

Your travels might take you to Salt Lake City to explore the Family History Library with its multiple resources in books, manuscripts and computer access. For those in the Midwest, the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, offers access to records in the surrounding states and an enormous library of genealogy journals published by genealogical societies across the

Classes and seminars will continue over the summer and may be just want you're looking for. The website https://conferencekeeper. org/ maintains a list of Zoom and in-person classes and presentations on a wide variety of topics. Many are free to attend.

If travel isn't in your plans, you might want to work on summarizing all the information you've gathered about your family. If you are the recipient of piles of documents passed on to you, you might want to use Legacy Family Tree software or Roots Magic software to organize all that information.

Another alternative is to try your hand at writing a short piece about the history of your family. Start slowly, setting your goal at 500 words. Is your story one of immigrants who came to the U.S. in the 1880s or a story of colonial ancestors who were here before the American Revolution? Either way, you'll soon want to expand your story to include more generations and more stories.

Happy Summer!

The Colorado Genealogical Society at www.cogensoc.us will resume classes in September on Zoom.

## **Homeless Solutions for Boulder County** Successfully Exits Veterans Out of Homelessness

Boulder, Colo. - Homeless Solu- vouchers in the metro area. In 2022, tions for Boulder County has suc- there were 79 identified homecessfully exited 30 Veterans out of less Veterans in Boulder County homelessness in Boulder County through Coordinated Entry. As of more than 80% don't know they in 2022. Of this number, 7 were April 2023, Boulder County has have it. Without intervention, housed; 1 was reunified, and 22 identified 17 individuals experiencmoved to inactive status due to no ing homelessness that are service client contact, known as a neutral veterans. In 2023, HSBC has seen exit. Homeless Solutions for Boul- a decrease in month-over-month der County, a multi-jurisdiction (Jan.-April) of veterans experiencpartnership between Boulder Couning homelessness in the county. ty and the Cities of Boulder and provision of timely and appropriate son and strategize the most approsupportive and housing services to assist people out of homelessness.

Veteran homelessness affects 438 Area. Metro Denver Homeless Ini-2022 annual Point-in-Time (PIT) count data shows a significant dean increase in overall homelessness county to be awarded new VASH

"To achieve quality data for vet-Longmont, continues to work with erans means that we know who's in nonprofit partners to exit individuals our community," said Heidi Grove, out of homelessness. This regional Homeless Solutions for Boulder integrated service system combines County Systems Manager. "We a coordinated entry process with identify our Veterans person by perpriate exit and resources for them to end homelessness."

Boulder County joined the sub-reindividuals in the Metro Denver gional Built for Zero effort in Metro Denver in 2020 and recently was tiative (MDHI)'s released report for recognized as having achieved quality data for veteran homelessness. Built for Zero is a national movecrease in Veteran Homelessness ment, a methodology, and campaign across the region, though there was for regions across the United States committed to ending homelessness. in the same year. Last year, Boulder As of April 2023, Boulder County County obtained nine additional has been deemed eligible for the "fi-Veterans Affairs Supportive Hous- nal mile." Final mile status is the last ing (VASH) vouchers, the only stretch before a sub region reaches

**Health Matters** 

With Prediabetes, There's Still Time To Turn Things Around.

96 million Approximately American adults—more than one to indicate to someone that he or in three—have prediabetes. Yet, prediabetes often leads to type 2 diabetes and increases your risk for diabetes is recommended by heart disease and stroke.

to diabetes by about 58%.

sugar from the blood and into the and diabetes. cells for use as energy. When you resistance or glucose intolerance, the cells aren't responding properly not high enough to be considered Anahuac diabetes.

insulin not working as it should and include:

- increased hunger thirst,
  - frequent urination, and
  - unexplained weight loss.

Often there are no symptoms she is prediabetic. For this reason, it's important that patients are screened.

Screening for prediabetes and the United States Preventative However, studies show lifestyle Services Task Force (USPSTF) changes such as increased exercise, for everyone 35 to 75 years old, weight loss and diet changes can cut who is overweight or obese. The the risk of going from prediabetes American Diabetes Association recommends that everyone 45 The pancreas releases a hormone years old or older—no matter their called insulin. Its job is to move weight, be screened for prediabetes

The bottom line is: your simple have prediabetes, also called insulin lifestyle changes can reverse prediabetes.

Francisco Javier Barajas, MD, to insulin and your blood sugar is a board-certified internist who becomes higher than normal but received his medical degree from University, City, Mexico, and then completed Diabetes symptoms result from his residency at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in Englewood, NJ, where he was a chief internal medical resident. Dr. Barajas is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

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## Boulder County Offers Free Workshop for Family and Informal Dementia Caregivers

Boulder County Area Agency on across this nation. Aging (BCAAA) is hosting a free

"Dealing with Dementia" workshop mentia caregiver workshop is for on Monday, June 12, 2023, from 1-5 family caregivers to gain a better p.m. The in-person workshop will understanding of dementia, utilize take place at BCAAA's office in the strategies to effectively manage de-Sundquist Building at 3482 Broad- mentia behaviors, and develop habits way Street in Boulder, CO. Family of stress management and self-care. Agency on Aging, Sundquist Bldg, receive a copy of the new Dealing caregivers are the backbone of com- To support local family caregivers munity-based services, providing of people with dementia, BCAAA's

caregivers on best practices for car- InfoCaregiver@bouldercounty.org. The goal for the Dealing with De- ing for their loved ones and themselves.

workshop for family caregivers

3482 Broadway St., Boulder

Interested participants are asked to provide name, contact info, and What: Dealing with Dementia a brief summary about individual caregiving situation when register-When: Monday, June 12, 1-5 p.m. ing for the event. Caregivers who Where: Boulder County Area attend the four-hour workshop will with Dementia guide. This guide Registration: Contact Rebekah provides information and solutions over \$450 billion of unpaid services event provides tips and strategies for Van Sweden at 303-441-3945 or to problems caregivers face every

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Are you divorced from a

#### Reflections

#### To Commit Or Not



**Martha Coffin Evans** 

That's decisions commitment.

"Commitment."

Dog-eared after years of reading their words of wisdom about and sharing, the advice offered what to do, where, when and by Scottish mountaineer William how. "You're getting your money's Murray sound. Its first line reads, "Until would say about her freely offered one is committed there is hesitancy, advice. After listening to others, the chance to draw back, always and doing careful research, we may ineffectiveness."

Parents and friends may see we make a commitment. much more clearly than we in some circumstances. I know my mother something new, it may not turn out already made your decision. You had we not made a commitment. just don't know it," she said. Her insight remained better than mine without taking action? That's a as did her distance from the issue. question for another day. I waffled and remained in limbo until I committed to take action.

not, can make a difference in the MACE Associates, LLC. She can outcome. At a critical point in be reached at itsmemartee@aol. my career, I chose to listen to my com. father's advice. By doing so, I made

the the commitment to remain in my question. first job. I was on the verge of Inevitably in life, quitting, at least on paper, as a first arise year teacher. His advice to stay the which need a course, give my students time to adjust to my expectations, proved I have a small 3 most sage. I still remain in touch ½ x 4" paper titled with some of those students!

> Well-meaning friends may offer remains worth," my friend's husband John need to change the narrative before

Even when we commit to did at one point in my life. "You've as we hoped. We would never know

Can we commit to something

Martha (Marty) Coffin Evans, Knowing who to listen to or Ed.D., is a freelance writer with

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### 2023 Eldorado Canyon State Park Free Weekend Shuttle

## Free shuttle service to the State Park and the Marshall Mesa, Doudy Draw and South Mesa trailheads is available from Boulder and the US 36 & McCaslin Park-n-Ride in Superior

Boulder County, Colo. - Begin- in front of the dirt lot (no shuttle and City of Boulder Open Space head parking lot). & Mountain Parks will offer a free shuttle bus service on weekends and holidays this summer and fall to carry passengers from Superior, Boulder, and Marshall to Eldorado Canyon State Park, a popular hiking, sightseeing, and climbing destination, and to the Marshall Mesa, Doudy Draw and South Mesa trailheads. The shuttle will help address increased parking and traffic congestion-related impacts in Eldorado Springs, within the state park and along CO 170.

The Eldo Shuttle service will begin Saturday, May 27, and will run Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays until Monday, Sept. 4. Holidays with shuttle service include Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day) and Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day). Shuttles run from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day of service. Shuttles will run approximately every 20 minutes. View a map of the route and shuttle stops.

The shuttle route includes the fol- Access to the Streamside trail. lowing stops:

#### Regent Drive & Broadway

Shuttle stop and parking in the CU Regent Lot #306, just east of Broadway

#### **Broadway & Baseline**

Shuttle stops on Broadway Broadway & 27th Way Shuttle stops on Broadway; parking available in the RTD Park-n-Ride.

#### Broadway & Rayleigh Rd

Shuttle stops on Broadway

Broadway & Dartmouth Avenue Shuttle stops on Broadway; parking available in the RTD Park-n-Ride.

#### Table Mesa Dr & 39th St

Shuttle stops at the RTD stops on Table Mesa Dr.; parking available in the RTD Park-n-Ride.

US 36 & Table Mesa Station Shuttle stops at the eastbound US 36 on-ramp (same stop as the Den- a wheelchair-accessible trail. ver-bound FF1). From the parking garage, passengers will need to cross US 36 using the pedestrian bridge to walk to the Eldo Shuttle stop. Parking available in the RTD Park-n- welcome. Ride.

#### US 36 & McCaslin RTD Park-n-Ride in Superior

Shuttle stops at the Superior FlexRide stop in the parking lot next to the pedestrian bridge

#### CO 93 & CO 170

Marshall Mesa Trailhead Parking available in the dirt lot on the east side of CO 93. Shuttle stops

#### Doudy Draw Trailhead

Shuttle stops in the trailhead parking lot. To access to South Mesa Trailhead, visitors will need to cross CO 170. For westbound shuttles, the Doudy Draw stop is drop-off

#### Eldorado Springs Resort

Shuttle stops in front of the Eldorado Springs Resort & Pool, near the pedestrian bridge. Westbound, the shuttle stop at Eldorado Springs Resort is drop-off only. View Eldorado Springs Swimming Pool for the pool's opening date.

#### Eldorado Canyon State Park **Visitor Center**

Access to Fowler, Rattlesnake, or Eldorado Canyon trails and the picnic area. Access to Boulder County Walker Ranch Open Space via Eldorado Canyon Trail (no bikes on Eldorado Canyon Trail). Eldorado Canyon State Park entrance station.

#### State Parks Pass

All shuttle passengers age 16 and older will be required to purchase a valid state parks pass to enter the state park. Shuttle riders can bring an annual pass, purchase a day pass online at www.cpwshop.com, or bring \$4 cash per adult to pay onboard the shuttle (exact change only - drivers carry no change). Shuttle riders paying by credit card will need to deboard and purchase a day pass at the Visitor Center. Shuttle riders headed to the Marshall Mesa, Doudy Draw or South Mesa trailheads do not need any pass or fare. Shuttle riders headed to the Eldorado Artesian Resort & Pool will need to pay an entrance fee.

#### Accessible Hiking

All shuttles and shuttle stops are ADA accessible. The Eldo Shuttle provides access to the Fowler Trail,

Gear and Bikes are Welcome

Backpacks, crashpads and other climbing gear are welcome.

Leashed, well-behaved dogs are

Each shuttle has a bike rack that can hold three bikes.

#### Masks or Facial Coverings Not Required to Ride

Masks or facial coverings are not required to ride the shuttle, but passengers who would feel more comfortable wearing a mask are welcome to do so.

Take the Bus to the Shuttle

ning on Saturday, May 27, Boulder parking available in the gas station head or one of the shuttle parking County, Colorado Parks & Wildlife lot or in the Marshall Mesa Trail- lots, visitors are encouraged to take the RTD route SKIP, DASH, Flatiron Flyer or other bus routes that stops along Broadway in Boulder or at US 36 & McCaslin to connect to the Eldo Shuttle.

#### Timed Entry Reservations Not Required to Ride the Free Shuttle

In 2022, Colorado Parks & Wildlife approved a pilot timed entry reservation system for visitors driving to Eldorado Canyon State Park. From May 15 to Sept. 15, 2023, visitors accessing the park via private

Rather than driving to your trail- need to have a timed entry reserva-

Reservations are not required for shuttle parking, or to ride the shuttle. There is no public parking near the entrance to Eldorado Canyon State Park, and parking is limited at the Doudy Draw and South Mesa Trailheads. Don't chance it - park at one of the shuttle lots and ride the shuttle instead. Illegal parking could result in fines and/or towed vehicles.

#### More Information

For more information, visit www. EldoShuttle.com or contact Alex Hyde-Wright at ahyde-wright@ vehicle on weekends and holidays bouldercounty.org or 303-441-4910.

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## **Homeless Solutions for Boulder County**

3 Veterans experiencing homeless- ferencing, a meeting where partners ness in any given region.

the Veterans Community Project with housing resources. (VCP), a nonprofit dedicated to helping house Veterans. In 2021 and ting ceremony for the VCP Village 2022, Boulder County helped fund VCP of Longmont's outreach center, "a walk-in center to serve as a one-stop-shop for every type of vet- Longmont, CO 80503. Community eran facing every type of problem, members are invited to the celebraincluding Veterans experiencing tion in completion of the VCP Vilhomelessness." As part of the Worthy Cause funded grants, Boulder the center will be available where County awarded VCP \$150,000 in participants will have an "early look" 2022 and \$250,000 in 2023. City of opportunity at the first set of tiny Longmont also supported VCP by houses currently under construction waiving city development fees for for future veteran housing. RSVP the property in Longmont.

VCP Village initiative is aimed at providing a planned tiny home Homeless Solutions for Boulder community designed to get home- County has exited a total of 1,821 less Veterans off the street and into individuals out of homelessness in permanent housing. Comprehensive Boulder County, which includes Veteran support services are facili- Veterans in this number. In 2022, tated through an onsite community 223 individuals experiencing homecenter that provides Veterans with lessness were housed; 8 exited the mentoring, case management, coun- HSBC system, and 108 individuals seling, and connection to other pro- were reunified with family, friends, grams and services. HSBC works in or other relatives. partnership with VCP to match cli-

functional zero, defined as less than ents to their programs in Case Concome together to discuss how best Homeless Solutions for Boul- to support individuals experiencder County also works closely with ing homelessness and connect them

VCP will be hosting a ribbon cut-Community Center in Longmont on Thursday, May 18 from 5-7:30 p.m. at 3095 Mountain Brook Drive, lage Community Center. A tour of with Veterans Community Project Veterans Community Project's of Longmont to attend this event.

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## Crossword Puzzle

14 15 16 18 24 32 36 41 39 42 47 44 48 62 58

#### ACROSS

- 1 Exclamation to express sorrow 5 Skin of the upper part of the head
- 10 Piece of work
- 14 Central part
- 15 Humped ruminant
- 16 Against
- 17 Steals from
- 18 Toward the top
- 19 Cheer
- 21 Embodiment
- 23 Annulling
- 24 Light meal 25 Showy trinket
- 26 Salt of tartaric acid
- 30 Scanty
- 35 North American nation
- 36 Alley 38 Rustic

### 39 Microscopic arachnid

- 41 Braid
- 43 Animistic god or spirit
- 44 Icons 46 Thrust with a knife
- 47 Deranged
- **48** Pertaining to the skin 50 Dolt
- 53 Baby powder 55 Covered vehicle
- **56** Aperture 60 Go before
- **64** Chief Hindu philosophy
- 65 Which satellite of Jupiter discovered by Galileo in 1610, is that planet's third largest
- **66** Rime
- **67** Capital of Yemen 68 Overgrown with ivy

- June 2023 Answers page 6
- **70** Liqueur of Greece
- 71 To a smaller extent 72 Currency units
- 73 Employs

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Land measure
- 3 Person empowered to decide 4 Stanza of six lines
- 5 Worthless person
- 6 Headland
- 7 Part of the verb "to be" 8 Hawaiian tree
- 9 Full assembly
- 10 Edible tuber
- 11 Against
- 12 Type of gun
- 13 Monarch
- 20 Snake
- 22 Lever for rowing
- 25 Pertaining to genetics
- **26** Bombastic
- 27 To one side 28 Long-sleeved linen vestment
- 29 Sailors
- 31 Diving bird 32 Grasslike
- 33 Pertaining to a ramus
- 34 Ignore
- 37 Yellow cheese coated with red wax
- 40 Tree
- 42 Flow back
- 45 Glossy
- 49 Obtained from milk
- **51** Evening
- **52** Pastille to sweeten the breath **54** Depart
- 56 Egg-shaped
- **57** Advise
- 58 Ancient Roman days 59 Ventilates
- 60 Saucy person
- 61 Staffs
- **62** Stupefy
- 63 Greek god of love
- 69 Prefix meaning not

### Boulder County Healthy Aging Programs In-Person, Virtual (and phone-in) Offerings June 2023

We offer many programs such as the Diabetes Prevention Program, Diabetes and Chronic Disease Self-Management, Diabetes Support Group, Fresh Conversations Nutrition talks, Nutrition Counseling, Medicare Basics education and Medicare counseling assistance.

Classes are offered in person and virtually and Zoom links and telephone numbers will be sent to participants. For people 60+ and their caregivers.

Information can be found at: boco. org/HealthyAging Sign up for classes / Inscribase:www.boco.org/ AAALearns

#### **Fresh Conversations**

Wednesday, June 10 1-2pm Fresh Conversations is an evidence-based nutrition education program focused on timely nutrition topics presented monthly. FreshConversations is led by Patti Murphy, RDN. Please email infohealthyaging@bouldercounty. org for questions.

Topic: How much is too much?

#### **Diabetes Support Group**

Monday, June 15, 11-12pm Currently a virtual meeting from 11 AM to Noon. Each month has a Wellness Phone (English and topic and there is time for questions as well as getting support from the group. This is conducted by a

Registered Dietitian Nutritionist who is also a Certified Diabetes Educator.

Topic: Boosting Fruit and Vegetable

To register please call 303-678-6115. You will be sent a Zoom link to join virtually or by phone.

#### **Medicare Basics**

Participants will learn about how and when to enroll, how to avoid financial penalties, the different parts of Medicare, what is covered and what is not, Medicare fraud, and other information related to Medicare.

Wednesday, June 10, 6-7:30 pm Thursday, June 18, 10"11:30 am

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## **Pets Are Family** Wildlife Safety



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health risks that Animal Protection & Control works to prevent is the transmission of animal-borne diseases. Oftentimes, these diseases are spread from wildlife to domestic animals, so it's of utmost importance to remain vigilant.

When you and your pet spot wildlife in public spaces, ensure dogs are on leash so you can easily walk away in case the situation becomes dangerous. If you see a wild animal that you think needs help, it's always best to talk to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator before you intervene. In the spring

As we enjoy and summer months, in particular, warmer days and good Samaritans often happen upon get outside with baby wildlife and assume they need our furry friends help. Most often, these animals are more often, it's not orphaned and can be reunited All who wander are not lost. to with their parents. As a rule of thumb, keep in mind don't intervene with wildlife unless safety they are clearly injured or otherwise and how to keep in need of help. Always call a licensed both our pets and wildlife safe. We wildlife rehabilitator if you're not sure!

Here in Colorado, wildlife can also ern Colorado Wildlife Center to be found close to home. To avoid unglean their expertise on wildlife safety. necessary encounters between your facts and information about each One of the most important public pet(s) and wildlife, there are lots of humane ways to keep wild animals at bay. Motion activated lighting, noise machines, and sprinklers are a great start. Be sure to inspect your home for holes, damage, or other entry points before wild animals use them for denning sites. Fill cracks in your foundation, cap chimneys, cover dryer vents, trim trees and shrubs, and cover window wells to avoid conflicts before they happen.

> Thanks for reading! Learn more at larimerhumane.org.

#### Boulder **Older Adult Services**

•West Age Well Center: 909 Arapahoe Ave. 303-441-3148 Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

•East Age Well Center: 5660 Sioux Dr. 303-413-7290 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga and Balance Series.

West Age Well Center, Fridays, Jun 2 - 23, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Fees: R/NR \$32/\$40. This class brings together postures and techniques of yoga with the support of a chair.

American Mah Jongg for Beginners. West Age Well Center, Mondays and Wednesdays, June 5 – 14, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Fees: R/NR \$92/\$115. Learn to play American Mah Jongg, a game of both skill and luck.

Advanced Beginner Bridge. East Age Well Center, Wednesdays, June 7 – August 9, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Fees: R/NR \$55/\$69. Participants will practice as a declarer and a defender, learning helpful hints to increase success at both.

**NEW! MHP Peer Counseling:** Women's Support Group. West Age Well Center, 1st

and 3rd Thursdays, 2:00- 3:30 p.m. A twice-monthly group for confidential, emotionally supportive conversations about the challenges of aging. To register, contact MHP Senior Peer Counseling Program at 303-402-8022.

SPARK and Studio Arts Boulder Pottery Class. West Age Well Center, Tuesday, June 13, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Designed for individuals with

neurodegenerative diseases including dementia, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's who are accompanied by their caregiver or partner. Participants learn the fundamentals of pottery to make functional and whimsical pieces.

How Hearing Loss Affects the Brain. West Age Well Center, Tuesday, June 20, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Colorado University's Dr. Anu Sharma will discuss the cognitive, social-emotional, and neurophysiological changes associated with hearing loss in older adults and how treatment with hearing aids can positively impact those changes.

For more information about programs and services, visit www.boulderolderadultservices. com. Weekly newsletter sign up: https://bouldercolorado.gov/letsage-well-newsletter.

## Lafayette Senior Services

#### Walking Tour of Art on the Street in Lafayette

June 8, 10:30-11:30am Come wander with us and learn about the City of Lafayette's public art installations. Stacey Bernstein, Lafayette's Public Art Coordinator, will guide us on a walking tour through around 20 art pieces and provide interesting

We will complete a little over 1 mile walk and return to our starting point. Dress for the weather and wear your walking shoes. We hope you will join us!

#### 2023 Old Town Garden Tour

June 17, 8:30am-2pm Join us for a tour of the best gardens in Lafayette. The Lafayette Old Town Garden Tour has showcased over 50 of the best homegrown gardens since 2011. Proceeds from the tour fund a Garden Improvement Grant program sponsored by The Lafayette Friends Of The Garden (LFROG).

#### Crime Prevention with the Lafayette Crime Prevention Unit

June 20, 11am-12pm Come learn how to protect yourself from the latest scams and how to remain safe in your community! Robert Wilson from the crime prevention unit in the Lafayette Police Department will go over the latest information and provide tools on how best to stay vigilant.

#### The Great American Picnic

July 6, 12-2pm Wear your red, white, and blue then head over to the Senior Center for a Great American Picnic. We will be showing our patriotic spirit while grilling out and playing yard games. This event is graciously sponsored by Seniors Helping Seniors.