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Denver, HUD, and Stakeholders Partnership on Rehousing 500 Homeless



Mayor Michael B. Hancock today announced that Denver moved 509 households from homelessness to housing in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Marcia L. Fudge, states, municipalities and tribes through HUD's House America initiative.

Mayor Hancock committed to House America in September 2021 and Denver has housed 509 houseeral funding support and America goals." technical assistance from 31 states and territories and the District of Coinitiative Secretary Fudge

nation's homelessness crisis.

"COVID relief and recovery dollars provided an unprecedented opportunity for Denver to do even more lutions are built on a foundation of the streets and into homes," said

permanent supportive or vices. It takes a community response Administration is deploying a houslow-income to resolve homelessness, and we're housing units in the degrateful to our many service and development pipeline since velopment partners that have come then in part with fed- forward to help us exceed our House

The national effort housed more HUD. Denver is one of than 100,000 households experienc-105 communities across ing homelessness and added over communities to deploy an historic 40,000 affordable housing units into development, exceeding the goal lumbia that joined the Secretary Fudge set in September 2021 when she challenged state and launched in partnership local leaders to collectively place at with the U.S. Interagency least 100,000 households experienc-Council on Homelessness as an all- ing homelessness into permanent hands-on-deck effort to address the housing and add at least 20,000 new units of deeply affordable and supportive housing into their development pipelines by December 2022.

"Everyone deserves a safe, stable to house our unhoused residents place to call home. Through House and build more affordable housing," America, I'm proud to see that Den-Mayor Hancock said. "Lasting so- ver has stepped up to get people off

holds and added 277 housing stability and supportive ser- Secretary Fudge. "The Biden-Harris ing first approach, using American Rescue Plan Act funding and other resources to help individuals find a place to call home. We will continue to work to house America until we end homelessness as we know it."

> House America encouraged level of federal resources to address homelessness. In particular, House America's 105 communities received a funding boost through the American Rescue Plan Act to expand permanent housing opportunities – including more than 20,000 Emergency Housing Vouchers and over \$1.5 billion in HOME-ARP funding from HUD, as well as over \$65 billion in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury - that sparked renewed momentum and greater deployment of available resources, including CARES Act and annual appropriations, to create permanent housing solutions.

> Denver's Department of Housing Stability helped more than 1,500 households exit homelessness into housing in 2022.

Winter Adventures in Rocky Mountain National Park



For many, winter is their favorite time of year to visit Rocky Mountain National Park. The park is less crowded, yet alive with the beauty of the season. Weekends are busier than weekdays. For those who are prepared, winter is an enchanting time to explore RMNP.

Snowshoeing is a fun, easy-tolearn activity and offers a new way to see nature in winter. RMNP offers ranger-led snowshoe walks on both the east side (Estes Park) and west side (Grand Lake) of the park. Snowshoe walks are offered through mid-March, depending on snow conditions. Participants must provide their own snowshoes. Don't own your own gear? Rental opportunities are available in nearby communities outside of the park.

shoe Walk is a two-hour exploration winter? Ranger-led educational of the subalpine forest. No previous snowshoe programs are offered to snowshoe experience is required, but organized school groups. To learn the walk is considered moderately more and to schedule a field trip on strenuous. Participants should have either the east or west side of Rocky a baseline fitness level that allows Mountain National Park, visit the them to snowshoe approximately park's webpage at www.nps.gov/ one mile over hilly terrain at high romo/learn/education/rangerguidelevations. Participants must be ed.htm. 8 years or older and MUST wear waterproof boots. For more infor- and wondered what animal made mation, visit www.nps.gov/romo/ a track in the snow? If so, join our planyourvisit/ranger-led-snowshoe- new east side (Estes Park) rangerwalks.htm.

ranger-led snowshoe programs. offered on the following Sundays There is no additional fee beyond at 1:00 pm (March 5, and March the regular park entrance fee to par- 19). Participants will meet your park ticipate. On the east side of RMNP ranger guide at the West Alluvial (near Estes Park), snowshoe walks Fan Parking Lot. This program is are offered every Tuesday at 12:30 free and designed for visitors of all p.m. and reservations can be scheduled up to seven days in advance by calling 970-586-1223. On the west outside, so be prepared for weather side of RMNP (near Grand Lake), and winter conditions; snowshoes snowshoe walks are offered every Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m.; reservations can be scheduled up to four days in advance by calling 970-627-3471.

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The ranger-led Beginner Snow- bringing your class to Rocky this

Have you ever been out hiking led program titled "Track Scene Reservations are required for all Investigator." This program will be ages. No reservations are required. This program will be taking place are recommended but not provided. To learn more, visit the park's webpage at https://www.nps.gov/romo/ planyourvisit/ranger_led_activities. htm. planyourvisit/plan-your-win-



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Wednesday/1

AARP Virtual Community Center presents a free program on " Caring for Your Fur Family as You Age" on Zoom at 11 am. You'll learn tips and strategies for taking care of your fur family as you age. Topics will include adaptive pet equipment such as hands-free leashes, easy-feed pet bowls and long-handled scoops, plus home safety considerations like avoiding falls with a pet in the house. Please register at email: caaarp@aarp.

Wednesday/8

The Foothills Genealogical Society presents a free program on"Getting to Know Uncle Moses" by Greg Liverman at 2035 Ellis St. in Golden at 1 pm. In this lecture, our speaker explores how to choose an ancestor with an interesting story to tell and how to assemble the facts that give us a more complete story about an ancestor. Please register online at ttps:// foothillsgenealogy.org.

Thursday/16

the Colorado Gerontological Society presents a free program on "Aging in Place: The Elder Index - Economic Security" by Eileen Doherty on Zoom at 12 noon. Older adults struggle with the amount of money they will need to meet their expenses in retirement. The Elder Index is a tool that helps to define how much an older adults needs to afford basic living expenses. Please register online at www. senioranswers.org.

Saturday/18

The Castle Rock Genealogical Society presents a free program on "Strolling Through the Park: Revealing Ancestors in the Cemetery by Diana Crisman Smith on Zoom at 10 am. You "know" where your ancestors are buried. Someone told you, it was in the obituary, you found it on the death certificate, someone posted it online, or it was on a tree in Ancestry.com. When you find information in the cemetery, do you know how to interpret it? Please register online at https://crcgs.org.

The Colorado Genealogical Society presents a free program on different genealogy topics each month on Zoom at 10 am. To learn more and to register online at www.cogensoc.us.

Please check individual venues for current information.

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Stay Healthy And Independent With The Senior Nutrition Program

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Every day, senior nutrition can also connect you with other Human Services. programs serve almost one million resources like transportation or

Are you eligible for Social meals to people age 60 and older. homemaker services. This helps Security retirement benefits or With home-delivered and group you stay connected and engaged

> It's no surprise that 9 out of recommend a senior nutrition program to a friend. We know these services help create healthy, up strong communities

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The Senior Nutrition Program is administered by the Administration for Community Living, part of the A senior nutrition program U.S. Department of Health and

Annual Wellness Exam is Key to a Healthy Year for Older Adults

plan for the year. Now, it's time to surer about your benefits. start using your benefits, beginning with an annual wellness exam.

health care provider is important you get the most from your visit. for everyone, but especially for older adults. As we age, we are more likely to develop chronic health conditions, anything you'd like to discuss with according to Dr. J.B. Sobel, chief your health care provider, including medical officer for Cigna Medicare, changes to your health over the past which serves hundreds of thousands year. Bring your prescription and of older adults through its products. over-the-counter medications with An annual wellness exam can help you. Ask plenty of questions and detect potential health issues early take notes. You might even want to so they can be addressed before they take along a family member, trusted worsen, he added.

"By meeting with your primary has shared. care provider early in the year, you can highlight the things that are im-

make sure to call them.

A number of annual check-ups are available at no extra cost to those with Medicare. They include a "Welcome to Medicare" visit for customers who have just reached Medicare eligibility and an "Annual Wellness Exam" for existing customers. Many Medicare Advantage (MA) plans or hopeless. Treatments, such as talk offer more extensive annual visits at therapy, medication or both, may be no extra cost. Some even offer incentives for completing a visit. Talk

You've selected your insurance with your provider and Medicare in-

Each annual exam may be a little different. Regardless of the type, So-An annual wellness exam with a beloffers the following tips to ensure

> Prepare. Before you go, write down friend or caregiver to ensure you un-

portant to you, and work together to ing to make things look rosier than vaccines you've had already and develop a plan for your care for the they are when talking to your health schedule any you need as soon as year ahead," Sobel said. "This will care provider, but minimizing what possible. You may even be able to do ensure you live each day with vital- you are feeling can lead to an incor- that before you leave the office. Also, ity, happiness and improved health." rect diagnosis or prescription. Speak don't forget to visit your eye doctor openly about unhealthy habits, like and dentist. These visits are covered Many providers will reach out to smoking or lack of exercise. Your by many MA plans as well. Find out schedule an annual wellness exam. provider won't judge you. Being more at www.cignamedicare.com. If your provider doesn't contact you, honest is the only way your health care provider can help you reach your goals.

> Mind mental health. Your emotional health impacts your physical health. Many people think depression is a natural part of aging, but it doesn't have to be. Talk to your doctor if you are feeling sad, anxious covered by Medicare.

Monitor medications. Adults age 65 and older tend to take more medications than other age groups, increasing the risk for adverse reactions, such as cognitive impairment and falls. It's a good idea to take your medications to your annual wellness exam and discuss any potential problems or side effects you're experiencing. Don't forget about overthe-counter drugs, vitamins or nutritional supplements you take.

Schedule screenings and get vaccines. There are a number of important health screenings and vaccines that you may need depending on your age and gender, such as coderstand everything your provider lon cancer screening, bone density test, mammogram, flu shot or CO-VID-19 immunization. Ask your Be open and honest. It's tempt- provider about the screenings and

> "You wouldn't drive your vehicle without proper preventive maintenance, so please don't ignore preventive maintenance for your most prized possession - your health," Sobel said. "An annual wellness exam is a great place to start!" (StatePoint)



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Celebrating Older Adults

Life doesn't have to stop as you age. While plenty of people achieve great things in their 20s and 30s, many others see their greatest successes when they're in their 60s and

During Black History Month, we want to celebrate some of the Black older adults who have achieved incredible things as they've gotten

Singer and actress Ethel Waters broke barriers in the entertainment industry, becoming the second Black person to receive an Academy Award nomination, the first Black person to star in her own TV show, and the first Black woman to receive a Primetime Emmy Award nomination. Her TV show, The Ethel Waters Show, began when she was 43. She was 53 at the time of her Academy Award nomination and 66 at the time of her Primetime Emmy Award nomination.

Civil rights activist Dorothy Height was president of the National Council of Negro Women for forty years, holding the position until the age of 78. She went on to form the African-American Women for Reproductive Freedom alongside 15 other Black activists. When she was 82, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her lifelong work in civil rights for both Black people and women.

Gordon Parks was a photographer, film director, composer, and writer, who spent 20 years as a photographer and writer for Life magazine. One of his best-known works is the 1971 detective film Shaft, which he directed at age 59. He also composed and directed a ballet dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr. when he was 77 and published numerous written works, the latest of which was his memoir A Hungry Heart, released when he was 93.

When you reflect on your own aging journey or that of someone you gained from a long life can be the start of an incredible new chapter.

> Courtesy of the Seniors Resource Center.



How We're Protecting Biodiversity in Our Backyard

Local climate leaders community members recently gathered to celebrate Boulder's role global temperatures impact living in protecting the living world. The systems across the globe. Sensitive event started with a presentation ecosystems, like Colorado's alpine from city staff about recent global forests, are most vulnerable to hotter biodiversity agreements and ended temperatures. with hands in soil. Here are key takeaways from the event.

First off, what's biodiversity? Biodiversity is the variety of life may outcompete native species for on our planet. Different types of animals, plants, bacteria and fungi live together in communities, called ecosystems. We (human beings) are also part of ecosystems.

If an insect dies on a farm and nobody sees it, did it make a difference? Yes, here's why! Our planet is a complex and fine-tuned system made up of many overlapping ecosystems. All life is connected, so indirect health issues from humanwhen species disappear, our whole made chemicals, including cancer planetary system is in affected. Biodiversity loss is one of the most important issues we face today.

Species are disappearing at a startling rate, and their extinction has an enormous impact on the future of our planet. The loss of just one species can affect the wellbeing of others in the ecosystem. Eventually, this can cause an ecosystem to fall

to the entire planet. They grow nutritious food, clean air and drinking water, control pests, create healthy soils and regulate our climate. When ecosystems collapse, these life-sustaining services are lost together to restore ecosystems across with them.

There are five key drivers of the biodiversity crisis:

transform land care for, know that aging isn't the Rethinking how we grow, process common and can learn from each end. The wisdom and experience and transport our food is a critical other."

and part of protecting nature.

- 2) Climate Change:
- 3) Invasive species: plants and animals that are introduced to areas where they aren't naturally found food, space and other resources. This can harm native species and change habitats.
- 4) Pollution: pesticides, plastics and other pollutants turn up in our soils, air and waterways. These substances have caused the collapse of insect, marine and plant populations. They also poison our bodies. People experience direct and and learning disabilities.
- 5) Exploitation of natural resources: Forests have been clear-cut, rivers are drying up and overworked soils are struggling to support life. Finding sustainable ways to use natural resources is critical to preserving life on our planet.

Local governments can change systems at the root of biodiversity loss. The most recent United Nations Ecosystems provide life support Biodiversity Conference (COP15) recognized the importance of empowering local governments and indigenous people to protect nature. Healing nature happens at the local level, and cities are starting to work the globe.

"We have a hard road ahead of us," said City Senior Ecologist 1) Land use: when humans and conference attendee Rella and sea into Abernathy. "But we can do this buildings, roads, factory farms if we all commit to each other." and fisheries, we push species Abernathy shared her experience out of their homes and closer to at COP15 with the crowd. "One extinction. Our global food system thing that gave me so much hope is the leading driver of biodiversity was no matter who I talked to...we loss – agriculture threatens 86% connected and saw value in working of the species at risk of extinction. with each other. We have a lot in

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Happy St. Patrick's Day *

Reflections

Creating Life's Score



read comments written by a woman about a symphony.

It started me thinking. I wondered remembered musically or otherwise.

If we created our own symphony, or at least our life's score what would it contain. We all play a part in creating such a score. Would we carry the melody? Would we add the harmony? Would ours be lyrical? Hauntingly beautiful? Bombastic? The answer is probably, all of the above depending on our life's circumstances or experiences.

Then again, what about tempo. Would ours be fast or slow? What about the volume? Might we blend the tempo with volume?

Perhaps our lives have varied the **cupresents.org.**) fast tempo with loud "notes." Or, most likely, there have been slow, may reflect certain aspects of our reached at itsmemartee@aol.com.

S e v e r a l lives both the most wonderful ago, I and cherished along with the sad, beautiful plaintive times.

On occasion, we might have her late musician been creating the more discordant She portions of our life's score. Blending wrote eloquently and intermingling with the "notes" Martha Coffin Evans about his work as of others could well have broadened our own symphony.

Most likely, our life's score will how our own lives would be involve interacting with others. Much as musical scores involve the interplay of parts, so too does our life. Unless ours is a solo version only, mixing, matching, and blending with others creates that life score.

> Compositions from our childhood may vary from those in our different adult years. A recurring theme may yet emerge in this score.

> How will our life's score be played and enjoyed by others? Will we smile at those last notes? Will we be pleased?

In Memory of Chas Weatherbee (Faculty Tuesday, 3/21/23,

Martha (Marty) Coffin Evans, soft, melodic, reflective times. Ed.D., is a freelance writer with Alternating tempo and sound MACE Associates, LLC. She can be







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Eligible Older Adults May Receive Hundreds Of Dollars In Refunds, Rebates And Tax Credits



Eileen Doherty

taxes and utilities has Coloradoans concerned, especially older adults on fixed incomes. Older Coloradoans may qualify for

hundreds of dollars in refunds and rebates depending on income.

Colorado taxpayers are eligible to receive another Tabor Refund, similar to the Colorado Cash Back. However, individuals need to apply again to receive the 2023 refund. Low income individuals earning less than \$25,000 annually will receive \$153 by filing the Colorado Income Tax Form DR0104.

Coloradoans over 65 can receive Affordable Housing the \$1000 Income Tax Credit if they have less than \$25,000 annual income. To claim the Tax Credit, if you do not have any taxable wages, file both the Colorado Income Tax Form DR0104 and DR0104CR.

Individuals earning up to \$75,000 are eligible for the Affordable Housing Income Tax Credit, if they do not receive the Senior Property

The cost of Tax Exemption. Individuals who make more than \$25,000 per year will need to file a Federal Income Tax Form 1040, a Colorado Income Tax Form DR0104 and a DR0104CR. Individuals whose annual income is between \$25,000 and \$75,000 will receive a prorated income tax credit depending on adjusted gross income.

> Low income individuals who make less than \$16,925 per year (\$22,858 for a couple) and who paid rent, heat or property taxes, can qualify a refund. To apply, you must be age 65 or disabled and file the PTC104.

> Utility assistance is available through LEAP for individuals whose income is less \$2880 per month (\$3,766 for a couple). Individuals must pay for heat as part of the rent or to a utility company. Applications are due by April 30,

> If you need forms or instructions, call 303-333-3482 or 1-855-293-6911 (toll free) or 1-866-880-4777 (Spanish) or visit www. senioranswers.org.

> Eileen Doherty, MS is the Executive Director of the Colorado Gerontological Society.

Technology is Hip! New LC3 Concrete Reduces Carbon Footprint



Bob Larson

National Science Foundation (SNSF) and the Swiss Agency of Development and Cooperation (SDC).have been researching for a composite new

concrete named LC3 using clay instead of calcium carbonate, which has a high carbon footprint.

LC3 is a new type of cement that is based on a blend of limestone and calcined clay. LC3 can reduce CO2 emissions by up to 40%, is made using limestone and low-grade clays which are available in abundant quantities, is cost effective and does not require capital intensive modifications to existing cement plants. LC3 uses industrial waste materials which thereby increase the resource efficiency and reduce the utilization of the scarce raw materials that are necessary for producing clinker.

The objective of the LC3 project is to make LC3 a standard and mainstream general-use cement in the global cement market. The main research activities focus not only on specific thematic areas of cement

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Since 2005, the research but also on production, environmental sustainability, and cost effectiveness of this new cement.

> Besides the reduced carbon footprint, the LC3 benefits are cost savings are 25% lower in materials and manufacturing than using traditional cement, cement performance is better or equal to traditional cement, saves scarce materials and uses waste materials, no changes in production use, and no special training is required.

> With funding from the SDC through its Global Programme in Climate Change, the has been able to bring the idea of the LC3 technology from the lab in Switzerland to all parts of the world. countries are looking positively at the new LC 3 cement to build buildings, housing, roads, bridges, and dams. Several countries including India, Cuba, Latin America, and USA are now using the new LC3 cement for concrete structures.

> This is another great use of technology in saving our environment.

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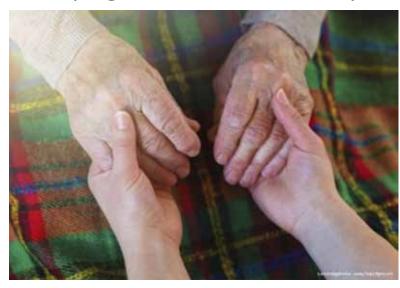


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Staying Safe in Dementia Study



The population of community- University of Colorado is studying disease and related dementias.

life-style changes to face. Making a option. plan about what to do about firearms in the home can be difficult. An identify firearms as an issue to caregivers, and receive up to \$180. address.

In collaboration with caregivers, dementia and firearm organizations, and other experts, a team at the

dwelling people with dementia is the effectiveness of an online growing in the United States. About educational resource. This free 5.8 million Americans – roughly online educational resource can 10% of all adults aged 65 years or help caregivers (family members older – are living with Alzheimer's or friends) of persons living with dementia clarify values and make decisions about firearms access, Caring for someone with driving, or take steps to improve dementia can be hard. There are safety at home, and then commit physical, emotional, financial, and to implementing their preferred

Join the Safe at Home research estimated 33-60% of people with study to get access to valuable Alzheimer's disease and related resources for friends or family dementias have a firearm in the members of someone with dementia, home, and 38% of their caregivers help research that supports dementia To learn more, and to see if you are eligible, visit: https://www. dementiasafety.org/safe-at-homeaging-english/.

A Disease Without a Cure Still Requires a Diagnosis

disease without a prevention or cure. Sadly, half of those with the disease never receive a diagnosis, preventing needed care and potentially putting these individuals and others at increased risk.

Close family members, who know their loved ones best, are typically the first to notice memory issues or cognitive problems, but they are often hesitant to speak up, even when they know something is wrong. A recent Alzheimer's Association/Ad Council omnibus survey found:

Fewer than half of Americans surveyed (44%) say they would talk to a loved one right away about seeing a doctor if they noticed signs of cognitive decline. Instead, those polled say they are more likely to check in with other relatives (56%) and do research online (50%) when observing troubling signs.

Why is a diagnosis important? Ensuring that a loved one sees their doctor for a professional diagnosis is essential for providing appropriate care, particularly since there are a number of medical conditions that 800-272-3900.

More than 6.5 million people may mimic symptoms associated across the United States, including with Alzheimer's or other forms of 76,000 Coloradans, are living with dementia. Those medical conditions Alzheimer's disease, the only major include: depression, vitamin B12 deficiency, side effects of medications, chronic stress, thyroid disease, diabetes, Lyme disease, & urinary tract infections.

> "Any of these conditions can produce symptoms that can be mistaken for early dementia, such as issues with memory or communication as well as behavioral changes," said Meg Donahue, director of Community Engagement for the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado. "Without a proper diagnosis, these potentially treatable conditions cannot be identified. And if it is the earliest stages of Alzheimer's, a diagnosis enables the family to explore treatment options as well as lifestyle changes that could help extend the individual's cognitive health."

> To learn more about the approaches that physicians (including neurologists, geriatricians and neuropsychologists) use to make an Alzheimer's diagnosis, go to the Alzheimer's Association website at www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/ diagnosis/medical_tests or call the Association's free 24/7 Helpline at

How the Right Pair of Shoes Can Support Your Wellness, Hobbies and Goals

Looking to stay motivated and achieve your personal goals? New shoes might just be the answer. Not only can they update your wardrobe, helping you look and feel your best, but they can also support your physical and mental wellness, help you try out new hobbies, and even take small steps towards a more sustainable lifestyle.

It's important to replace old, wornout sneakers before embarking on a new exercise routine. When gearing up, check out brands like Nike, New features, like the Nike Court Vision Balance and Asics for athletic foot- sneaker, which contains at least 20% wear that combines style, comfort recycled content by weight. and performance.

get back into an old one? Nike Signature Basketball styles from Lebron are on-trend and are great choices for running, jumping and playing, while Brooks Ghost running shoes feature a cushioned insole and lightweight rubber outsole in fun, vibrant colors to help you push your limits.

Perhaps you're looking to carve out more time for relaxation and quiet activities. You can get cozy and comfortable with the right footwear. The HEYDUDE soft, comfortable slip-on styles are perfect for lounging at home or enjoying some self-

And if your goals include adopting more sustainable practices and reducing your impact on the environment, consider selecting footwear that incorporates eco-friendly

For more footwear inspiration to Ready to try out a new hobby or fuel your lifestyle, visit Rack Room Shoes in-store or online at www. rackroomshoes.com.

> Whether it's for fitness, self-care, trying out a new hobby or making a difference, there's a pair of shoes to meet your needs. (StatePoint)

Updates from the Department of State

Dear Coloradans,

As I was sworn into office for a second term as your Secretary of State, I reflected on all the great work the Department of State has been able to accomplish over the past four years.

We've made elections more accessible by increasing mail ballot drop boxes and launching statewide tools

We've made elections safer by orado's elections from cyber-attacks, foreign interference, disinformation campaigns, and by increasing protections for election officials and election systems in Colorado law.

We've made lobbyist and campaign finance disclosures more transparent and taken on dark money in politics.

We've reduced the cost to register LLCs and trade names with my office, and protected business owners and all Coloradans from fraudulent business filings.

The dedicated civil servants in my office worked tirelessly over the last four years to accomplish all of this and more for the people of Colorado. All of us at the Department of State aspire to set the highest benchmark for providing Coloradans with the excellence they deserve from their government, and we look forward to to allow voters to track their ballots. continuing to serve you in 2023.

It is truly a privilege and honor to dedicating resources to protect Col-serve the people of Colorado as Secretary of State. In my second term in office, I will continue to protect every Coloradan's fundamental rights, expand access to the ballot box, increase election security, and help provide Colorado small businesses and entrepreneurs with the tools they need to achieve their American dream.

> Sincerely, Jena M. Griswold Secretary of State



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Maximum Allotments to End in March

centers for additional support

Program (SNAP) benefits will soon see a reduction in their monthly food assistance amounts following a policy change colorado.gov/snap-ea-ending. made to the program by the U.S. Congress. In anticipation of the them.

SNAP serves more than 25,000 Boulder County residents each year by boosting their household grocery budgets to purchase food. There are income qualifications for the program. For example, a household of one earning less than \$16,752 per year could qualify for up to \$281 per month while a household of four earning less than \$34,452 could qualify for up to \$939 in food assistance benefits through SNAP.

Most SNAP enrollees usually receive amounts below the maximum allowed for their household size and circumstance, however beginning in March 2020 SNAP was expanded so all enrollees could receive the maximum allowable benefit to help them purchase needed food amid the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. A change in the federal budget bill disconnected the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program from the federal public at boco.org/StretchingIngredients emergency beginning February 28, 2023, so the SNAP maximum allotments will not

SNAP participants encouraged occur beginning in March. Most to make fruit and vegetables last 220 Collyer Street, Longmont, CO to prepare and reach out to family households enrolled in the program longer. See information in English will see a minimum reduction of \$95 per month, however on average the reduction will be \$90 per person – or Most Boulder County residents \$360 per month for a family of four. who receive Supplemental Nutrition Visit www.boco.org/SNAPMax for updates on the end of the SNAP maximum benefits or the State of Colorado's site at https://cdhs.

"This return to previous SNAP reductions, partners across Boulder benefit levels will likely have County are collaborating to ensure a significant impact on many SNAP enrollees are encouraged to households," said Susan Caskey, prepare for the change and know Director of the Boulder County about other supports available to Department of Housing and Human Services, which administers SNAP across the county. "Every family and every person should be able to get adequate nutrition in Boulder County, and as part of a network of organizations working to end hunger, we and our partners have a number of actions and tools we want to share with people who might struggle from the reduction of their food assistance."

> To help reduce the impact on households, families can:

- If able, roll over EBT food assistance benefits to the next month. This may help "cushion" the impact of the reduction in benefits.
- Stock up on non-perishable items now, while households have the additional benefits.
- Stretch food ingredients and plan to use them in more than one meal. This helps to save money and reduce food waste. Click for more tips: See information in English and in Spanish at www.boco.org/ ComoHacerRendirSusIngredientes.
 - Consider freezing produce

at boco.org/FreezeMoreWasteLess and in Spanish at www.boco.org/ CongelaMasDesperdiciaMenos

• Look at the Unit Prices to compare similar products at the grocery store. See information in English at boco.org/UnitPrices and in Spanish at www.boco.org/ PrecioPorUnidad.

Some SNAP enrollees may also qualify for other supports such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), which provides financial assistance for lowerincome families and individuals, and Medicaid, which is free or low-cost health and dental coverage. These programs are also administered locally by Boulder County Housing and Human Services.

Boulder County residents are also encouraged to reach out to community-based family resource centers and/or food pantries for additional food and financial supports.

- Emergency Family Assistance Association (for Boulder southern mountain residents) 1575 Yarmouth Ave., Boulder, CO 80304 | 303-442-3042 | EFAA.org
- Center (for east county residents, or to visit the St. Vrain Community including Lafayette, Louisville, Hub (Monday through Friday 8:00 Superior, and Erie) 655 Aspen Ridge Drive, Lafayette, CO 80026 | 303-665-4342 | SisterCarmen.org
- and northern mountain residents) Broadway.

80501 | 303-772-5529 | OURCenter.

- · Community Food Share (for all Boulder County residents), 650 S. Taylor Avenue, Louisville, CO 80027 303-652-3663 CommunityFoodShare.org
- Nederland Food Panty (for Nederland and southern mountain residents) 750 CO-72, Nederland, CO 80466 | 720-418-0892 NederlandFoodPantry.org
- Lyons Food Pantry (for Lyons and northern mountain residents) 350 Main Street, Lyons, CO 80540 LEAFLyons.org/food-pantry/

There is additional resource information available through dialing 211 or visiting https://211colorado. org, and by visiting www.FindHelp. org. The state of Colorado also operates a program called Everyday Eats, which helps get healthy food staples to people over the age of 60 with low income. Information on Everyday Eats is available at https:// cdhs.colorado.gov/CSFP calling 888-467-0418.

Boulder County Housing and Services Human teams encourage those needing support to reach out to them by phone at 303-• Sister Carmen Community 441-1000, by text at 303-441-1069, a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) at 515 Coffman Street in Longmont or the Boulder office (Monday, Wednesday, Friday • OUR Center (for Longmont 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) at 3460 N.

Spring cleaning is at your curbside

Douglas County Health Department can help you safely dispose of

In place of a one-time annual event, the Douglas County Health Department is partnering with Waste Management in 2023 to provide Douglas County residents with a low-cost service for household hazardous waste removal yearround. This curbside service is available to Douglas County residents for \$30. Get details by calling 1-800-449-7587. For other waste removal resources, visit our web page.

Toxic household products can be

f you have hazardous waste from harmful to pets, wildlife, sanitation a painting project, old oil from your workers, our health, and the envicar's maintenance, or other waste ronment if poured down the drain, from your recent DIY project, toilet, or storm sewer, or put in the trash. Safely disposing of household hazardous waste safeguards our families, protects our water quality, conserves space in landfills and reduces illegal dumping.

> This service is brought to you by the Douglas County Health Department's Environmental Health Division. Environmental Health focuses on preventing foodborne illnesses in restaurants; preventing the spread of communicable diseases in childcare facilities, body art facilities, and water systems; and mitigating other environmental conditions that could be harmful to your health.

Pets Are Family

How Pets Improve Mental Health



best friend and you and your pet. endless cuddle, you are also tak-

stress levels, increase well-being, building healthy habits, boost self-esteem, and improve social skills.

Research shows that simply petting an animal lowers the human stress hormone cortisol, and increases levels of the feel-good hormone oxytocin (the same hormone that bonds mothers to babies). Pets also have that incredible ability of making us laugh since each one has a personality of their own. Laughter relieves stress by relaxing tense muscles and stimulating circula-

According to a mental health survey, 76% of pet owners reported that their larimerhumane.org.

adopt- personal health has improved as a reing a new pet, sult of owning a pet, up from 71% in not only are you 2016. This is due to benefits like inyour creased exercise from daily walks and arms to a new maintaining a structured routine for

Low self-esteem often stems from a ing a step toward lack of emotional support or positive improving your mental health. Recent affirmation from peers. These aspects studies have shown that pets can lower of social support can be remedied by pets who are always available to provide comfort and reassurance without the threat of judgement. Caring for an animal also allows humans to feel needed which is important for building self-esteem and establishing a sense of purpose.

> Pets also have an uncanny ability of bringing people together. From dog parks, to online community groups, to sharing cute photos, we inevitably experience an increase in human interaction and, in turn, support from our local community.

> Thanks for reading! Learn more at

Uniquely Bea

Alzheimer's is More Than Scary

It seems like every day I learn disease. about a friend or an associate that as I get older, has been impacted by Alzheimer. I There are so many variables that myself are involved. I am not a doctor or a forget medical professional, but I do have but not all the an opinion.

Fight it as best you can. Read and sense learn about the disease. Since we awareness we might be a walking target the quietly freak out when I do factors that can affect each person fading away. differently", but the quality of your overall health is key.

that you can obtain. active, eating healthy and doing can to lose myself in the story and brain. There is a higher level of I can look it up, or someone will concern if you have an existing remind me, or maybe it's perfectly chronic health condition. Talk fine to not know". to your doctor if you have any Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat. concerns and pay attention to what by Oliver Sacks, your family or friends might notice about your cognitive health. Early and impacting the effects of this this disease is even scarier.

repeat time. I have heightened on



Bea Bailey

are part of the 50+ demographic, my mental health and try not for the disease. According to forget something. Nancy Reagan the CDC, "Scientists do not yet was asked about her husband's fully understand what causes Alzheimer's diagnosis. She said Alzheimer's disease. There likely is that it was the "long" goodbye" as not a single cause but rather several she saw her famous husband slowly

"Memory loss is strange. It's like showing up for a movie after It is important that you strive for it's started. I'm sure I've missed the best brain and physical health something. I don't know if it's Keeping important or not. So I do the best I things that will stimulate your hope the gaps don't matter. Later,

While Alzheimer can be a scary diagnosis is key to understanding topic, not finding out more about

Medicare and Medicaid Now **Fully Cover Preventive Vaccines**

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 contained an important piece for older adults: Vaccines covered serious health problems under Medicare prescription drug vaccine-preventable diseases due in free in 2023.

This means there are no more copayments—or deductibles to meet for any vaccinations recommended by the Advisory Committee on of-pocket costs for all Immunization Practices (ACIP). recommended also known as whooping cough).

The Adult Vaccine Access Coalition (AVAC), whose members investment in the future health, wellits founding in 2015.

health-preserving vaccines, out-of-pocket expenses.

"Every year, thousands of adults of money-saving health care news die and thousands more suffer plans (Part D) and Medicaid are part to the complicated and costly landscape faced by Medicare and Medicaid recipients when seeking access to vaccines," AVAC said.

As of January 1, 2023, out-ACIPvaccines This list includes the vaccines eliminated for people with Medicare for shingles and Tdap (tetanus, Part D. Out-of-pocket vaccine costs diphtheria, and pertussis, which is for most people enrolled in Medicaid will be eliminated beginning October. 1, 2023.

The Centers for Medicare and include the National Council on Medicaid Services (CMS) keeps Aging (NCOA), called the bill "an health care providers informed of plan changes. But to avoid billing being, and economic security of our headaches, the Medicare Rights seniors and those in marginalized Center recommends people with communities." AVAC has been an Medicare coverage make sure the advocate for cost-free vaccines since health care provider or pharmacy administering the vaccine will bill their Part D plan. Before getting Even in non-inflationary times, a vaccine at a doctor's office or many older adults have gone without pharmacy, ask the provider to call like your Part D plan first to find out shingles and Tdap, because their if they can bill your Part D plan budgets couldn't stretch to cover directly. Article courtesy of National Council on Aging.

A New Way to Lower Your Grocery Costs

your savings to another level if you're open to what's known as "salvage food." Salvage food is the stuff regular supermarkets pass on, items such as cosmetically flawed produce, dented cans, crumpled boxes and products nearing expiration dates.

Not all those rejects end up at salvage grocery stores. Grocery Outlet operates 420 stores, mostly in the Western U.S.; United Grocery three dozen stores in six Southern states. Many smaller salvage grocers operate around the country.

Sites such as Imperfect Foods, Misfits Market and Hungry Harvest offer home delivery of salvage foods. (Misfits Market acquired Imperfect Foods in late 2022 but operates it as a separate brand.) And the Flashfood smartphone app lets you buy discounted food nearing its "best by" date at traditional grocers, including Giant, Martin's Meijer. Here's a quick overview of your salvage food options:

Molly Nicholie, executive director of an Asheville, North Carolina, nonprofit that works with local farmers, swears by these markets. Some deals she's found: cereal for \$1.98 a box (typically \$5-plus in Lisa Lee Freeman, a consumer a supermarket) and organic salad dressing for 98 cents a bottle (\$4.49plus elsewhere).

Tip: Visit the website buysalvagefood.com to find stores

As food prices surge, usual near you. Before buying, check items strategies like clipping coupons can for problems such as mold on cheese stretch your dollars. But you can take and food that's far past its expiration

When I visit my local Stop & Shop's "scratch and dent" rack, a big shelf in the back of the store. I often find items marked down by 75 percent. On my last grocery run, I scored bargains such as a bag of green split peas for 32 cents, down in landfills. Some turn up on from \$1.29, and cans of Del Monte supermarket clearance racks and corn for 49 cents each, originally \$1.99.

Tip: Don't worry about smashed Outlet, a different company, has boxes as long as the inner bag is sealed. Minor dings in a can are OK, but dents that are deep or along a can's seams can signal dangerous bacteria.

> In September, I ordered items from Imperfect Foods and Misfits Market, which both focus on organic products. (Visit imperfectfoods.com and misfitsmarket.com to see if they deliver in your area.) All the food was high-quality, but prices were close to those of Whole Foods.

Tip: Check for deals at grocery stores near you through the Flashfood app. The selection may be more limited than those of the delivery services, but the savings are worth it.

Article courtesy of AARP by and shopping expert, was founder and editor in chief of ShopSmart magazine from Consumer Reports.

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In The Spirit

Your Blessings Are On The Way!

"And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers to give thee." Deuteronomy 28:11



Dr. Armington

I am excited about 'The Word of God' and how He has promised to watch over His Word to perform it in the lives of His people. At that very time

or moment of need, God will send His Word to confirm His will for your life. While I was listening to a podcast this morning I was reminded of the significance of God's Word and that we as believers must hold fast to it and then declare it

which brings it to past in our lives.

The Spirit resonated within me and lead me to the Word of God. Beloved, I hope this Word blesses your life just as it has blessed mine and I am proclaiming these blessings for you: as well as, for myself in The name of Yeshua HaMashiach. I am receiving all of this today! How about you?

For more inspirational nuggets, you may purchase a copy of the Author's gentry of writing via www.DrArmington.com at your convenience.

Ageism Matters Five Ways Changing the Narrative's Latest Birthday **Card Collection Reframes Aging**



Janine Vanderburg

In 2023, the tive celebrate stead of deni-

just five examples.

"Look how the future is un-contribution as we age. folding from seeds you planted along the way." This celebrates the role we may have played as buy directly from the artists at: teachers or mentors.

"We are standing on the card-2023/ shoulders of giants." My good friend, former state senator goes on to say "Thank you for ism.

being one of said giants" to everyone who has had an influential role in my life.

Great stories take time. All of us-of any age-are under such societal pressure to achieve things by a certain time. This card acknowledges growth that we experience over time become fully ourselves.

We turn not older with years, Changing but newer every day. This Em-Narra- ily Dickinson quote reminds us unveiled of the opportunity for renewal 10 designs by that each of us has every day, if card we don't allow ageist narratives designers that to get in the say.

Cheers to many more years, grate aging. The card inscrip- and being the best version of tions are powerful in changing you. We loved this card, which the stories that we tell about directly contradicts the narraourselves and others. Here are tive of aging being all decline and deterioration. It recognizes the opportunity for growth and

> See the full collection and https://changingthenarrativeco.org/anti-ageist-birthday-

Janine Vanderburg is Direc-Lucia Guzman, says this all tor of Changing the Narrative, the time. As I get older, I truly the nation's leading effort to appreciate what this means. So change the way we think, talk want to send this card, which and act about aging and age-



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2023 Business Personal Property Declarations due April 17

Are you a business owner in email confirmation. Douglas County who owns, leases, or has borrowed business personal property with a total market value greater than \$52,000? If so, by state law, your deadline is Monday, April 17, 2023, to report the property to the County Assessor.

Approximately 3,000 Douglas County businesses will receive a 2023 Business Personal Property Declaration Notice, instructing them how to view, download and print an asset listing, as well as how to file the full declaration online at DouglasFilesOnline.org

Several options are available for filing a declaration:

File Online – once a property record has been established, businesses have the option to view and file their asset listings online. Online filing saves time, reduces paperwork and improves efficiency. Businesses that file electronically will receive an

File by mail – the declaration must be postmarked by April 17 to be considered timely. An asset list, spreadsheet, or Federal Depreciation Schedule (form #4562) may be attached to the form.

File by email – a scanned copy of the declaration may be emailed to bpp@douglas.co.us.

Do you have questions or require additional information, ing the type of business personal property that is taxable? Please visit the Assessor's website or call 303.660.7448.

County Assessors are required by Colorado Statute to value all business personal property for taxation purposes. Business personal property includes machinery, equipment, and leasehold improvements specific to business purposes. All personal property is taxable in Colorado unless specifically exempt by the Colorado Constitution.

Registration for The Importance of Preventive Services and Lessons Learned from the Pandemic Webinar Is Now Open

The Office of Disease Prevention vices uptake during the pandemic. and Health Promotion (ODPHP) is pleased to announce the next webinar in the Healthy People 2030 Webinar Series: The Importance of Preventive Services and Lessons Learned from the Pandemic. This webinar will take place on Tuesday, March 21 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm ET. To register, please visit the Healthy People 2030 Webinar Series Registration pageThis link is external to health.gov..

During this one-hour webinar, presenters will provide an overview of the three featured Healthy People 2030 preventive services objectives, progress made to date for these objectives, and a presentation from the National Association of County and City Health Officials on their work with local health departments and lessons learned about preventive ser- health.gov

The three Healthy People 2030 objectives to be featured during the webinar include:

IID-09: Increase the proportion of persons who are vaccinated annually against seasonal influenza (LHI)

Millions of people get seasonal flu every year. For most people, the flu is mild, but it can be very serious and even cause death. Yearly vaccination can help prevent seasonal flu. Sending vaccination reminders, making vaccines available in non-traditional places like workplaces, and reducing costs are important strategies for making sure more people get the flu

For mor information please visit

Apex Community Recreation Center

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Below is a sampling of Apex's upcoming Active Adult program. You Save the Date! Cottontail Carnican stay updated on all the latest of- val: Saturday, April 1, 9 am ferings by visiting ApexPRD.org. The following activities are all host- Arts and Crafts ed at the Community Recreation Center, 6842 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, unless otherwise noted.

Craft Consignors Wanted:

Do you make one-of-a-kind gifts and need a place to sell them? The Craft Carousel shop is located inside the Community Recreation Center and managed and staffed by volunteers, and they are looking for items that are hand-crafted by local artisans. For details, call 303-467-7198.

Senior Friday Club: Fridays, 1-4

Are you looking for a way to broaden your horizons, meet new people, and have fun? Join the Club as they Active Adult Trips host a variety of games, including bridge, hand and foot, pinochle, and mahjongg. Interested persons who are not current members may marshall4612@yahoo.com, or call at a local diner. \$25 (\$30 non-res.) 303.425.9583.

March 30, 1 pm

other spelling whizzes in the 50+ Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Apex Annual Active Adult sponsors. Prizes and refreshments included. Contestants must be 50 or older and register by March 28.

Table Top Social: Thursday, March 23, 1 pm

Come learn how to play Gin Rum-

Experience the Art: Manet and Monet: Wednesday, March 15, 1

In this workshop, instructor will share some of their renowned works, and hopefully, we will learn to tell them apart. Then tap into your creativity with paper and watercolor paints to create our own Monet-inspired paintings. No artistic ability is required, just a willingness to try something new. \$7 (\$9 non-res.)

Trip: Tour of the Town: Littleton:

Thursday, March 9, 8:45 am Join us for our next Tour the Town: Littleton. We will visit the Littleton attend two Friday sessions free of History Museum, wander through charge before paying member- Hudson gardens, enjoy shopping in ship fee. For further details, email downtown Littleton and grab lunch

Rental Opportunities at the Center 50+ Spelling Bee: Wednesday, Are you looking for an affordable space to host a birthday party, re-Exercise your mind! Compete with tirement party, or celebration? The center offers small meeting rooms that are perfect for groups no more than 50 and the McCormack Hall is large enough to host up to 200 people. Call Michelle at 303.467.7197 for more information.

Volunteer

Become a Cherry Creek Storyteller! Storytellers TELL stories to Cherry Creek elemen-

tary school children. Volunteer storytellers enhance literacy, stimuimagination, multicultural broaden understanding. Pus: It's fun and rewarding, For information and to sign up for training contact drpbusch42@aol.com

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Help Is On A Mission With HEART

Today, there are fewer people living on the streets of Douglas County than there were in 2022. Why? Because every morning three expert resource navigators and three law enforcement officers wake up on a mission.

Preliminary Point in Time data indicates the number of people living unsheltered in Douglas County is down 46%. Douglas County Commissioner Abe Laydon and Sheriff Darren Weekly attribute this re-

duction to the efforts of HEART, people experiencing homelessness in Douglas County.

Laydon and Weekly shared the count was taken on Jan. 30. preliminary numbers and honored HEART Thursday morning during a monthly Douglas County Homeless Initiative Executive Committee meeting.

working," said Commissioner Lay- a 27% reduction in homelessness, don, Chair of the Board of Douglas and specifically a 46% reduction in County Commissioners. "When we those living unsheltered in Douglas put our hearts – and our resources – together, we can proactively get help preliminary findings will be submitto people who need and want it."



Douglas County Homeless Engagement Assistance and Resource Team (HEART) began working in October of 2022 to help people experiencing homelessness in Douglas County find the resources they need.

Every year, Douglas County par- ized later this year. a new program focused on helping ticipates with six other counties and the City of Aurora to provide Point in Time data to the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative. This year, the

According to preliminary data, there were 57 people experiencing homelessness in Douglas County on Jan. 30. Of those, 27 were unsheltered and 30 were in tempo-"Our compassionate approach is rary housing. Overall, there was

Initiative to be validated and final-

HEART stands for Homeless, Engagement, Assistance and Resources Team. It's a partnership among the County and local law enforcement to connect those experiencing homelessness with resources.

HEART Navigators are subject matter experts, often with experience in behavioral and mental health or case management. They proactively and directly interact with those experiencing homelessness in a compassionate way. They gather information on needs, assess County compared to 2022. These vulnerability, provide complete case management, and make referrals to ted to the Metro Denver Homeless appropriate community services.

Partnered with law enforcement when safety is a concern, this community approach helps ensure people exhomelessperiencing ness do not end up in emergency rooms or jail, but rather are directed to community services.

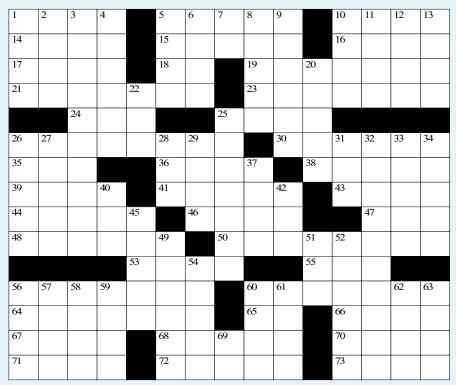
"Homelessness is an

issue that affects many people in our community," said Sheriff Weekly. "It is important for law enforcement to be involved in finding solutions that will help those facing homelessness while keeping our communities safe."

Other data indicates improvements specifically for Veterans.

"Part of our regional work to end homelessness includes movement toward complete, real-time data for Veterans," Dr. Jamie Rife, Executive Director of the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative, told the Douglas County Homeless Initiative Executive Committee Thursday. "Last year, Douglas County showed the highest rate of improvement on the scorecard tracking how the County identifies, serves and houses Veterans."

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Sharp bristle
- 5 Copper and zinc alloy
- 10 Bome to be without 14 On sheltered side
- 15 Slow
- 16 Double curve
- 17 Rich soil 18 Prefix meaning without
- 19 Commander in chief of a fleet
- 21 Maseru
- 23 Female lion
- 24 Wood sorrel
- 25 Rate of flow of fluid 26 Monetary resources
- 30 Hit badly
- 35 Period of history 36 Student at mixed school

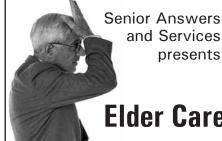
- 38 Lyric poem
- **39** Something that is owed
- 43 Capital of Western Samoa
- 44 Relative by marriage
- 46 Sovereign
- 47 Distress signal
- 48 Frenzied woman 50 Toothless
- 53 Couple
- 55 Mythical sea monster
- **56** Beginning to exist
- 60 Little man
- 64 Existing power structure
- 65 Otherwise
- **66** Grape plant
- 67 Egyptian goddess of fertility
- 68 Book of the Bible

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- 70 To the inside of
- 71 Festive occasion
- 72 Attempts 73 Against

DOWN

- 1 Sphere
- 2 Drug-yielding plant 3 Logical
- 4 Mock
- 5 Meaningless chatter
- **6** City in W Nevada
- 7 Prefix meaning without 8 Stable compartment
- 9 Chemically active metallic element
- 10 Cut of meat 11 Barbarous person
- 12 Oceans
- 13 Long fish
- 20 Verve
- 22 Sailor
- 25 Having flesh 26 Darken
- 27 Area used for sports
- 28 Wood sorrel
- 29 Something that is lost
- 31 Mineral spring 32 Bagging made of hemp
- 33 Utterly stupid person
- **34** Tantalize
- 37 No longer living
- **40** Convert into leather **42** Fem. pronoun
- 45 Person that wades
- **49** Founder of the Red Cross
- 51 Not (prefix)
- **52** Trifles
- **54** Fragrant oil
- 56 Naive person 57 Church recess
- **58** Expectorate
- **59** Portfolio
- **60** Pouting grimace
- **61** Weapons
- 62 Monetary unit of Peru 63 Inert gaseous element
- 69 Hello there



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The Wheat Ridge Active Adult Center is open Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4pm. Call 303-205-7500 to get signed up for the AAC E-newsletter that gets emailed out the first up a copy of the trip guide. We also Friday of each month. The Rooted in Fun Activity Guide is available online and in print, stop by and pick one up. The guides are available 24/7 in the brochure box in front of the AAC.

St. Patrick's Dinner

Join your friends and family for a delightful corned beef and cabbage dinner on Thursday, March 16th. Train Dominoes - 2nd Monday, After dinner you'll be entertained by dancers from the Wick School of Irish Dance. Cost is \$17, register by calling 303-205-7500.

Movie Matinee

Enjoy the movie "Dog" - starring Channing Tatum, on Thursday, free but pre-registration is required, call 303-205-7500 to register. Bring \$1 for pop & popcorn, if you like!

Bunco

Join in the fun on the first Thurs- Fitness and Dance registered.

Collage Workshop

of paper, photographs, fabric and paper clippings, ribbons, old music, Center. magazine pages, maps, postcards,

It can get pretty chilly in Chile

Chilean swimmer, Bárbara Hernández, broken World Record swimming a distance of 1.55 miles in the frigid waters of Antarctica, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. And she did it wearing nothing more than a simple one-piece swimsuit in the 2.2 degrees Celsius waters off the coast of Greenwich Island. As she put it, "Swimming in Antarctica has been a dream I've had for years, and part of my longtime ambition to swim in parts of all seven of the world's oceans. Physically it has been incredibly tough, but all worth it if the message on the need for urgent action to protect these amazing waters reaches decision-makers."

Please pre-register where necessary. bits of colored paper and tissue pa-All events and classes are held at the per. Lots of items will be supplied, but feel free to bring your own items as well. Class will be held on Sat. For additional info on our programs, March 25th, cost is \$55, call 303-205-7500 to register.

Trips

We have numerous outings planned for March, stop by the AAC to pick offer ski & snowshoe trips throughout the winter and weekly walking outings. Call 303-205-7500 to register or register online at: rootedinfun.com

Special Interest Drop-In Groups (Drop-in fees \$4.50 paid for with an Electronic Enrichment Pass)

Silversmith Lab – Every Wednesday, 9am - noon

Booktalk - Thur. March 23rd, 10am - Book: The Secret Life of Bees

March 23rd at 1pm, the movie is Pastel Painting - 2nd Thursday,

New! Maj Jong - Call 303-205-7500 for more info

day of each month. A light lunch is While many of our dance and fitserved before the game. It's easy to ness classes have returned to in-perlearn, so beginners are always wel- son, some of our classes remain on come. Pre-registration is required. Zoom. Registration is required for Cost is \$8, call 303-205-7500 to get Zoom classes, call 303-205-7500 to register.

More information on all AAC ac-In this collage process; various types tivities offered are available in the printed Rooted in Fun Guide or onother found objects are glued to a line at: www.rootedinfun.com. You heavy backing piece of paper. Mate- can also pick up a copy at the AAC rials include old book pages, news- or the Wheat Ridge Recreation

Woodpeckers love acorns

Exterminators were called in when the owners of a home in Sonoma County, CA started seeing maggots and mealworms coming out of a bedroom wall. At first the pest control technician assumed that a small animal may have found its way into the wall. But he discovered that woodpeckers had been poking holes in the home's chimney stack to stash acorns, according to the Association Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. So, he went back inside and cut a hole in the wall and, sure enough, out came a lot of acorns-an estimated 700 pounds of acorns. He figured the pesky woodpeckers had been at it for several years.

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Genealogy hard! I've been doing it for 23 years and I can testify that I have run into some hurdles fences, and real brick walls. I've spent years trying to understand why



Carol Darrow

my Cooke family moved to Louisiana in 1889. What were they looking for? What did they hope to find?

I teach lots of genealogy classes and meet interested and excited students of genealogy almost every day. They are uniformly enthusiastic and willing learners. They have been assured by Ancestry commercials that they'll find museum-quality photos and stories of their ancestor right online.

They are surprised when they encounter a problem with a greatgrandfather born around 1892 whose last name doesn't match their expectations or prior information. Why is he living with someone with a different last name? Are these his REAL parents?

More work is required. Who is Marvin Smith of Longmont, Colo- for dates and times at cogensoc.us.

rado, with a wife Jane Smith and someone named Fred Olsen living in their house? When did Marvin and Jane get married? Was Marvin Smith married before he married Jane? What name did Jane use when she married Marvin? When was Fred born? Is he in an earlier census after his birthdate with a mother named Iane and a father named "Herman" or "Felix"?

When Marvin Smith was buried, was Jane Smith buried with him? Where is Fred Olsen buried? And there's more. Did Fred Olsen get a Social Security card? On the application did he name his parents? Did Fred sign up for the military draft in World War I or II? Do those cards provide any additional information?

There is no single record that can answer all those questions. Each record seems to lead to another record. Then we have to figure out if this information points to the individual we are seeking. There are no easy answers because genealogy is hard!

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