

# Happenings

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*Winslow Administrator, Chelsea  
Irwin & Andrew before the ride*



*Andrew finishing!*



*Andrew, Ted & Karen Baker at the finish!*



*Andrew hugs his sister after the ride*

## RIDE TO END ALZHEIMER'S – A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your incredible generosity and support of The Ride to End Alzheimer's this year.

**As of June 20, 2025, you've helped raise an amazing \$18,073.96 for Team HiYaToots** — every single dollar of which goes directly toward funding critical Alzheimer's research!

**The Colorado Ride so far has raised a total of \$517,486!!**

Together, we're pushing forward in the fight to end this devastating disease. The ride itself was an unforgettable journey: 75 miles through the beautiful foothills of Northern Colorado, ending triumphantly at Canvas Stadium.

Your support means the world to me. Thank you for helping me honor my mother's memory in such a meaningful way.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
*Andrew Baker, Administrator*



RESIDENT SHOWCASE – MEET FRANK & MATILDA TRANZOW!

Frank was born in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, on the kitchen table of his Tranzow grandparents' home. In 1939, after the birth of his brother Jerry, the family moved to Port Huron, Michigan. They lived behind a Sunoco service station on St. Clair River and Military Street, purchased by Grandpa Tranzow in 1940.

In anticipation of sister Rebecca's birth in 1944, and following the passing of Frank's grandparents, the family moved into a new home. The birth of brother K. Lee brightened Frank's senior year in high school. Frank attended Port Huron schools and graduated in January 1955, as part of the last mid-year graduating class.

During his senior year, Frank earned an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. However, during his final medical exam, he was disqualified due to needing glasses. He was then offered a spot in the first class of the U.S. Air Force Academy, but a more advanced eye exam again disqualified him. Instead, Frank joined the Naval Reserve and enrolled at the University of Michigan.

He majored in Chemical Engineering and graduated in June 1959. During his time there, he worked three jobs—night motel clerk, nurses' dormitory busboy, and party gift salesman for sororities—to help fund his education. He later earned a master's degree in business management.

In 1956, Frank met Till MacCarthy on a blind date. They reconnected during summer school in 1959, had their second date in September, and married a year later in September 1960. Till, a registered nurse, supported Frank through his final semester.

Till was born in New Jersey and spent 12 years in Maplewood. Her fondest memories were summers at her family's beach house in Madison, Connecticut, where she enjoyed swimming and tennis.

In 1952, Till's father became the first Director of Development for the University of Michigan, prompting the family to move to Ann Arbor. She quickly developed a love for Michigan football, attending games at the Big House with her father,



who held four season tickets.

Till started working early—as a babysitter earning 25 cents an hour. At age 15, she became a waitress at the Michigan Union (women had to use the side entrance). Her favorite part of the job was serving meals to the Michigan football team during training. She later worked as a nurse's aide at the University Hospital, which inspired her to pursue nursing school.

During their early years together, extensive medical testing revealed that Frank and Till were unable to conceive children. In early 1965, they began the adoption process. Around the same time, Frank was offered a job transfer to Kansas City. During a nervous meeting with the adoption agency, they learned that a child had already been planned for them.

Four years into busy and fulfilling careers, the arrival of their daughter Sally changed their lives. Nancy, William, and Steve soon followed, all born in Kansas City. Their four children brought them immense joy. Sadly, Sally passed away from cancer at age 34, and Steve died of a massive heart attack at 52. Nancy, now 58, is a survivor of a rare leukemia, and William is healthy and living in Nevada. Their three grandchildren are thriving in Southern California.

In December 1960, on his return from a final job interview, Frank decided to accept an offer from Procter & Gamble. However, upon arriving home, Till informed him that an accountant had called wanting to speak with him. Out of curiosity, Frank returned the call at 9 p.m., which

led to a 20-year career with a CPA firm. Starting in Detroit, his management consulting work took the family to four major cities. During that time, the firm's practice grew 375-fold.

Frank loved the diversity of consulting work, but eventually became disinterested in the administrative side of practice management and resigned. Confident in his prospects, he launched an entrepreneurial path with several non-compete consulting opportunities in hand.

Over the next 20 years, Frank directed the purchase or sale of 21 closely held companies. He recruited managers and stockholders (up to eight per company), served as Board Chairman, and oversaw financial and long-term planning. Till and Frank's travels took them around the world—visiting friends, sightseeing, golfing, and experiencing life in 65 countries across Europe,

Asia, Australia, and South America.

Their first visit to northern Colorado was in 1985 when they were invited to a golf tournament at Fox Acres, a new community at Red Feather Lakes. They fell in love with the area and began spending every summer there from their home in Arcadia, California. In 1997–98, they built their dream home in Red Feather Lakes, where their family gathered each summer until they sold the house in December 2024.

In 2020, as they began considering full retirement, they discovered the Columbine Patio Homes. From 2020 through 2024, they split their time between Arcadia, Red Feather Lakes, and Fort Collins. This summer marks their first full season in their new home.

*We hope to see you all around the Circle!*

JULY SPECIAL HOLIDAYS & DATES

July 4 – Independence Day

The most patriotic day of the year! Celebrate with parades, fireworks, barbecues, and time with friends. A great day to wear red, white, and blue and honor our nation's freedom.

July 1 – International Joke Day

Laughter is the best medicine! Share your favorite jokes or funny stories with neighbors and spread some cheer.

July 6 – National Fried Chicken Day

An American comfort food classic! Treat yourself to crispy fried chicken for lunch or dinner.

July 7 – World Chocolate Day

Whether it's dark, milk, or white—today's the perfect excuse to enjoy your favorite chocolate treat.

July 14 – Bastille Day (France)

Celebrate French culture with music, good food, or a movie set in Paris. Vive la France!

July 16 – National Hot Dog Day

Fire up the grill or join a cookout. Don't forget the mustard!

July 21 – National Ice Cream Day

Sundaes, cones, or milkshakes—any way you scoop it, it's the perfect day for a cold treat.

July 23 – Gorgeous Grandma Day

A day to celebrate the strength, beauty, and wisdom of grandmothers everywhere. You are fabulous and deeply appreciated!

July 24 – National Cousins Day

Reach out to your cousins for a chat, photo exchange, or memory-sharing moment.

July 25 – National Wine & Cheese Day

A great excuse to enjoy a little indulgence. Host a tasting or pair your favorites with friends.

July 30 – International Friendship Day

Celebrate the friends who make life brighter. Write a card, make a call, or enjoy a coffee together.



**FAREWELL & BEST WISHES TO DINA BATH, RECEPTIONIST!**

After an incredible 33 years of dedicated service, we bid a warm and grateful farewell to Dina, our steadfast evening front desk associate. From the very beginning of The Worthington, Dina has been a constant presence from 4:00 p.m. to midnight, offering kindness, calm, and unwavering commitment to our residents.

Dina has decided it's time to turn the page and begin a new chapter—retiring from The Worthington to pursue new interests and enjoy well-deserved personal time. We thank her for her loyalty, compassion, and the care she has shown to our community over the decades.

Dina, you'll be truly missed. We wish you happiness, health, and joy in all that lies ahead. May your next adventure be as fulfilling as your time here has been meaningful.

**NEW FACES AT THE WORTHINGTON FRONT DESK!**

Please welcome Alaina and Rebekah! With Dina's retirement, we are adding a couple of new team members to the front desk. Please extend a warm welcome and a bit of patience as they get settled and trained. We're excited for you to meet them!

**WELCOME OUR NEW HAIRSTYLIST – CRYSTAL FROST!**

We're excited to welcome Crystal Frost to The Worthington Salon! Just a short walk from your Patio Home!

Crystal brings over 30 years of hairstyling experience, with many of those years dedicated to working with seniors. Her warm personality and skilled touch are sure to make you feel right at home in the salon chair.

Crystal is also the proud owner of Serenity Hair Design in Loveland and is now accepting appointments right here in our community.

**Give her a try—you'll be glad you did!**  
**To book your appointment,**  
**call: 970-461-0063**

**WHAT'S GOIN' ON?**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Fourth of July Ice Cream Social  
Come celebrate the 4th of July with ice cream and neighbors. **This will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday July 4th in April Adams' driveway, #854,** hosted by April, Barb Branstad and Claire Caro. (Notice the pattern there?) Bring a chair, a hat and your name tag. We will provide ice cream, sauces, bowls and spoons. A great way to meet our new neighbors or catch up with others. In case of rain, we will reschedule.



**TORINO CIRCLE LUNCH BUNCH**

The June Lunch Bunch decided to skip the July luncheon because of other activities and vacations. The June lunch was well attended (11 residents) and all agreed they would like to continue the monthly lunches and the 2nd Thursday is still working. Be sure to mark your calendars.

We need a volunteer to host the August lunch, which will be **Thursday, August 14, 2025, 11:30 am.** A list of restaurants is being compiled to assist in selecting a restaurant that can accommodate a group. Better yet your favorite eating out place.

**Our next lunch is as follows:**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025**  
**11:30 a.m.**

Restaurant To Be Determined  
**RSVP to Mary or Bob Clark**  
**(970) 420-0318 (call or text)**  
Email: mclark1440@gmail.com

**MAH JONGG GROUP FORMING**

Would you be interested in learning and playing?

We are forming a group!

**Contact us for more information:**

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**REBECCA MCFEE – CHAPLAIN'S CLASS SCHEDULE FOR JULY**

We have a few exciting updates to share regarding Rebecca McFee's class schedule this July!

**Tuesdays at 11am: Hymns & Parables**

Rebecca's beloved Hymn Sing has been refreshed! Now called "Hymns and Parables," this session will include both music and spiritual storytelling. The time slot has been expanded to allow for deeper exploration and reflection.

**Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.:** Native Americans of North America Series  
This engaging educational series will continue through August 14th in the Worthington Activity Room.

**Please note:** There will be no class on Thursday, July 10th, as Rebecca will be away that day.

**ROLLERS & STROLLERS**

**Join the patio home residents every Wednesday at 10am** as they "Roll 'n Stroll" around the circle. A great way to get some fresh air and connect with your neighbors. The weather is nice, come out and get some exercise with friends!

**DISCOVER "LIFESCAPES AND ANTHROSCOPES" — PART 7 OF KEVIN'S NATURE SERIES**

**Join Kevin on July 10th 10:00am in the Worthington Activity Room** for the 7th installment of his always-popular nature series! This year's theme, "Colography: The Nitty-Gritty Colorado," offers a fun and fascinating blend of Colorado's natural history and human impact on the landscape.

In this session, titled "Collectors," Kevin explains:

"Various people came to Colorado to collect plants and birds, insects and mammals, a quest that took them everywhere deep into this new state. Documenting their travels and their collections did more to define the character of Colorado than any other undertaking of the day."



This unique and thought-provoking presentation is perfect for anyone curious about how nature and humanity shape each other across the Centennial State.

Don't miss it!

**Sign-up required!**  
**Call 970-490-1000**

## TORINO CIRCLE DISCUSSION GROUP

**Please join us Monday, July 14th at 10am** for our monthly Discussion Group!

**Hostess:** Victoria Benson  
**Address:** 817 Torino Circle  
**Phone:** 302-593-2286

## GUEST SPEAKER EVENT: ONCE UPON A YEAR WITH JIM WILLARD

*Thursday, June 19th at 11:00am*

We're excited to welcome back Jim Willard for his popular series, Once Upon a Year! **Join us on Thursday, July 17th at 11:00am** for a nostalgic journey through time.

In this engaging program, Jim will take us on a trip down memory lane—exploring notable moments from years past, including highlights in world events, politics, pop culture, music, and entertainment. It's a fascinating and fun look at the decades that shaped our lives.

This event fills up fast, so sign-ups are required!

**Reserve your spot today by calling 970-490-1000.**

Don't miss out on this entertaining and enlightening stroll through history!

## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC – FREE MONTHLY CHECK-UP!

Did you know that The Worthington offers a monthly Blood Pressure Clinic for residents? This free service is provided by the caring nurses and CNAs from Columbine Health and is a great way to stay on top of your health.

**When:** Every third Friday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
**Where:** Worthington Galleria Coffee Shop  
**Next Clinic:** Friday, July 18th

This clinic is free and open to all patio home residents. Stop by for a quick check-in and a friendly hello!

## THE TORINO CIRCLE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Ellie Aronow (#856) will be leading the discussion of our July book selection Lady Tan's Circle Of Women by Lesa See.

**We will be meeting at Ellie's home at 10:00am on July 16th, 2025.**

Lesla See, a superb story teller, has written Lady Tan's Circle Of Women as "an immersive historical novel inspired by the true story of a woman physician in 15th century China.

*Barbara Hagen and Carol Herbert,  
Co-Organizers*

If you are new to our community or would like to join our group, but haven't read the book, join us anyway. We'd enjoy having you there. **Any questions about joining, or anything else about the group, please contact Barbara Hagen at (970) 219-9600 or e-mail her at bhagen6NT@gmail.com**

## NEW! TORINO CIRCLE GENTLEMEN'S BOOK CLUB

More Than a Book Club – A Time to Connect

Calling all gentlemen of Torino Circle! You're invited to join a new monthly gathering that's not just about reading—it's about sharing, connecting, and enjoying great conversation with fellow neighbors.

Reading the book is optional—your life experience, thoughts, and stories are what truly make the group special. Whether you've read every chapter or just come for the coffee and camaraderie, you'll be warmly welcomed.

**Next Meeting:**  
Monday, July 21, 2025  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Home of Bob & Carol Young (#865)  
**Book:** Confronting the Presidents: No Spin Assessments from Washington to Biden by Bill O'Reilly

**Questions?** Contact Bob Clark at (970) 420-0318

We look forward to seeing you there—bring your thoughts, your stories, and a smile!

## TORINO SHARING LIBRARY

Thank you to all who donate books for the sharing library and all the Torino Circle residents who enjoy reading the varied selections! A new addition to the library book box is a rack on the side to hold magazines that our residents might be willing to share after they've finished reading them. Bob Clark will monitor the rack to make sure it stays neat and appropriately current.

*Your Library Stewards,  
Kathy and Dan Wendland*

Our current Stewards for the library are Dan & Kathy Wendland #827

**Contact them at 970-377-1235** with any, contributions, questions or concerns. Thank you, Dan & Kathy!

## MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST

*Friday, June 27 at 8:00am*

Start your morning off right! **Join the men of our community for our Monthly Men's Breakfast on Friday, July 25th, at 8:00am in the Worthington Private Dining Room.**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast, hot coffee, and meaningful conversation in great company. It's a perfect way to kick off the day—relaxed, social, and satisfying.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Sign-up required!**  
**Call 970-490-1000**



## IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE & LANDSCAPING REMINDER:

To ensure your maintenance needs are handled efficiently, please remember to **always call the Worthington Front Desk at (970) 490-1000 to place a work or landscaping order**—especially during evenings, weekends, or after hours.

### A few helpful tips:

- Our maintenance team follows a scheduled list using an app called Limble and may not have time to take on additional requests during a visit.
- For the best service, please avoid adding extra tasks in person while they are working in or around your unit.
- To keep everything organized, we kindly ask that you do not email or text work orders to the Administrator, particularly outside of business hours.

**Thank you for helping us serve you better by following these simple guidelines!**

## MAINTENANCE/LANDSCAPING ANNOUNCEMENTS WINDOW WASHING

Since we have had so much rain, we have held off on exterior windows and are looking to get this scheduled mid-July or beginning of August. Please stay tuned!

## MOWING ALONG DITCH – CITY BOND

Our drainage ditches are controlled and maintained by the New Mercer Ditch Company and the City of Fort Collins. All mowing, mosquito spraying and other oversight is done by these two entities.

## LANDSCAPING UPDATE

Thanks to an unusually rainy season, our plants and flowers are taking a little longer to bloom this year. As summer progresses and the weather evens out, you'll start to see more vibrant growth and color returning to your yards.

Our dedicated landscaping team is working on a rotating schedule across all properties and will get to each area for weeding, maintenance, and general upkeep as soon as possible.

We truly appreciate your patience and understanding as nature (and our team) catch up!

Maintenance can assist with hanging personal items as time allows and will provide basic hardware. Any hardware beyond what we consider basic (shelves, nuts, bolts, hangers, TV mount, etc.) for personal use should be supplied by the tenant. Grab bars are supplied and installed free of charge.

**Reminder:** Maintenance is available on-call for emergent needs on weekends and after hours. Some examples of a maintenance emergency include Air conditioning or heat not working, no hot water, water leaks or flooding, and egress-related issues. Note: If your smoke detector is alarming and saying "fire" or "carbon monoxide", please contact 911, do not contact the front desk.

Please do not put nails in any of the doors, woodwork, or cupboards. You may find which hooks are acceptable by checking with maintenance first.

Maintenance is not allowed to work on personal appliances, move tenants' furniture, flip mattresses, or work on residents' automobiles or electric scooters.

**For all maintenance/landscaping requests, concerns, complaints, or any further questions, Please call The Worthington front desk at (970) 490-1000**

### **Columbine Patio Homes is dedicated to preventing the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).**

The primary source of information for prevention and management is found on the Centers for Disease Control and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment websites. Social distancing means keeping a physical distance between yourself and others. The CDC recommends a distance of at least 6 feet to prevent the spread of germs. Thank you for helping to keep our community healthy and safe. Please call the Worthington front desk if you are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19.