



NICE TO KNOW
Insurance companies give a discount to participants of the AARP Senior Driver Safety Program.



"Cry for Help"
by Paul Baliker.

For the love of Art and other worthy causes

Art auction, safari, tea party among ways you can help

Annual duck race will benefit local dictionary program

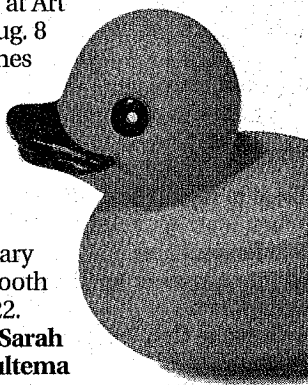
Around 5,000 rubber ducks will float, glide and bob down the Big Thompson River Saturday, Aug. 22, during the Corn Roast Festival in an effort to raise money for local schoolchildren.

Hosted by the Loveland Rotary Club, the annual fundraising duck race sends thousands of the yellow birds down the river and across a finish line — ending with a few winners of the race and thousands of dollars for Rotary's dictionary program, which gives each third-grader in the Thompson School District a hard-bound dictionary to keep.

In addition to the traditional rubber ducks, some 11-inch-long sponsor rubber ducks — which have been decorated to represent their business or a company's sense of style — will also join the race.

To sponsor a large duck, which are available with a \$100 donation, call Lynn Matson at 669-8572. Duck race tickets will be available at the Loveland Rotary booth at Art in the Park Aug. 8 and 9; at Barnes & Noble's Rotary Bookfair Aug. 14, 15 and 16; and at the Loveland Rotary Corn Roast booth Aug. 21 and 22.

— Sarah Bultema



AARP Driver Safety Program offered for seniors

An eight-hour AARP Senior Driver Safety Program will be held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, and Thursday, Aug. 27, at The Wexford Senior Living Center, 1515 W. 28th St.

Cost is \$12 for AARP members; \$14 for nonmembers.

All auto insurance companies in Colorado must give a defensive driver discount for three years to participants who complete the course and are 55 and older.

Early registration is needed. To register, contact Harry Rosenhagen at 667-7996, or write to him at 3107 Glendevey Drive, Loveland, CO 80538.

— Reporter-Herald staff

By SARAH BULTEMA
REPORTER-HERALD STAFF WRITER

From an art auction to a sunset safari, there are plenty of opportunities this month to help others while having a great time yourself. Here is a list of upcoming fundraisers raising money for a good cause:

Saturday, Aug. 8: Art Auction

- Hosting organization: Artists' Charitable Fund.

- What to expect: Bid on paintings and sculptures under the stars at this annual fundraiser. Artists to have work auctioned include Kent Ullberg, James Biggers, Nathan Solano, Cammie Lundeen, George Lundeen, Anita Mosher, Julie Kramer Cole and Mark Lundeen. Free sub sandwiches and drinks are also to be expected.

- Who it's helping: The artists who need financial assistance because of medical needs or natural disasters and are helped through the Artists' Charitable Fund.

- Time and place: 6 p.m. at North Lake Park Amphitheater, Taft Avenue and 29th Street in Loveland.

- Tickets: Free. Visit www.artistscharitablefund.org.

Saturday, Aug. 22: SuperStars Sports Challenge

- Hosting organization: Partners Mentoring Youth.

- What to expect: Now in its 29th year, SuperStars event will feature teams of 6 to 10 members, which will compete in a series of events, including bocce ball, volleyball, dodgeball and a Big Wheels obstacle course. Prizes are awarded to top fundraisers, as well as the overall winning team.

- Who it's helping: The local children who find a friend and mentor through Partners Mentoring Youth.

- Time and place: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fossil Creek Park, Fossil Creek Parkway and South Lemay Avenue in Fort Collins.

- Tickets: \$500 per team. Contact Greg Soffe at 484-7123 or greg@partnersmentoringyouth.org.

Saturday, Aug. 29: English Afternoon Tea

- Hosting organization: Angel House.

- What to expect: Guests of this old-fashioned tea party are encouraged to wear fancy hats and gloves as they sample tasty treats and a variety of tea. A historic fashion parade is also to be expected.

- Who it's helping: Proceeds will help fund a computer room for clients at Angel House, a nonprofit that helps homeless families.

- Time and place: Noon at McCreery House, 746 N. Washington Ave. in Loveland.

- Tickets: \$25, \$12.50 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at Angel House, 101 E. Sixth St., or by calling 663-1716.

Saturday, Aug 29: A Sunset Safari

- Hosting organization: Pathways Hospice.

- What to expect: Experience the thrill



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A painting by William Sitting Bull, who was helped by the Artists' Charitable Fund Art Auction.

Hosting a Benefit?

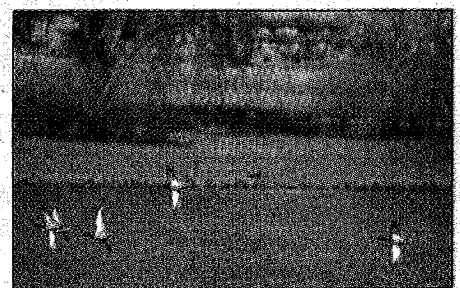
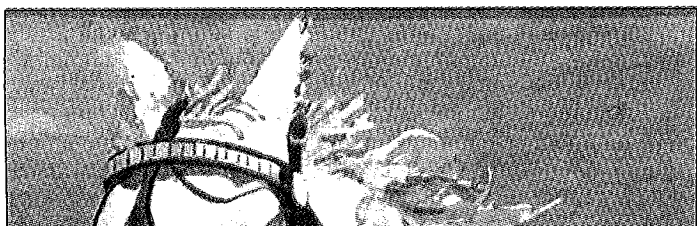
If you are part of an organization hosting a fundraiser, gala, dinner — or any other kind of event raising money for a good cause — contact Sarah Bultema at 669-5050, ext. 516, or e-mail her at sbultema@reporter-herald.com. A full listing of upcoming fundraising will be featured each month.

and beauty of Africa right in Loveland at this fundraising event. Activities will include a guided walk through the Chapungu Sculpture Park, traditional African music, food from the area, a photographic slide show and stories from a Zimbabwean.

- Who it's helping: The Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa in Zimbabwe, which provides basic humanitarian medical care to Africans with life-limiting illnesses.

- Time and place: 6:30-9 p.m. at the Chapungu Sculpture Park, 5971 Sky Pond Drive.

- Tickets: \$50. Advance purchase required by Aug. 15. Call 663-3500.



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Mallard drakes come in for a landing at Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space.

Gardening volunteers needed at Larimer County sites

"Dirt Devils," technically known as horticulture volunteers, are needed to help Larimer County Natural Resources with some gardening.

Volunteers are needed at Larimer County's Fossil Creek Reservoir Regional Open Space, between Fort Collins and Loveland, as well as at the Bison Visitor Center, southwest of Loveland near Carter Lake.

Those who are interested in volunteering can call CJ Cullins, volunteer program coordinator, at 679-4552 or contact through e-mail at ccullins@larimer.org.

To learn more about Larimer County's parks and open spaces, go to www.larimer.org/naturalresources.

— Rebecca Lane