



Fall 2019 |



*Circle of Honor and Alumni Association members gather for a first-of-its-kind recognition and social event at CU Boulder. Top row, from L: Diane Liebert, Alumni; Jana Petersen, Admin. Services Director; Pam Stonecipher, Alumni Association Board. Chuck Stout, Alumni. Vinnie Montez, comedian (also Sheriff's Office). Alan Watkins, Alumni Association Board. Second row, from L: Seated: Tammy Golden, Public Health; Barb Garner, Admin. Services; Karen Eifler, HR, and Chris Seidemann; Back row, Chuck Stout, Alumni; Lane Drager, Public Health; Daniel Garner. Bottom*

Row, Alumni Diane Brookfield and Barbara Gigone, and Peggy Jackson, Alumni Association Board. Lisa Krebs, Admin. Services, Commissioner Deb Gardner, Commissioner Elise Jones. Alan; Tom Shomaker, Alumni Association Board, and Tracy Watkins.

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An evening of catching up and sharing memories. Members of the Circle of Honor, a program that pays tribute to employees who have dedicated at least 18 years of service to Boulder County, gathered with Alumni Association members for a first-of-its-kind recognition and social event at the University of Colorado on Oct. 1.

Attendees were congratulated by Commissioner Deb Gardner, who praised employees and alumni for their chosen path in life. "Working as public servants is a difficult, yet rewarding, job, and you all made careers of it. I speak for all the commissioners when I say that we are incredibly grateful for the work that you all did--and, for some of you, continue to do--for Boulder County and our residents."



applause.

This year's Circle of Honor event differed from the formal dinners of the past and seemed to be a hit with attendees.

"I liked the casual venue," said retiree Pam Stonecipher.

"Everybody seemed to be having a good time mingling and connecting with former co-workers and friends still working at the county."

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## CATCHING UP WITH RETIREES

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**Alan Watkins**

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I retired in 2015 after 30 years with Boulder County, where I worked in the Architect's office, most recently as the Building Services Manager.

Since retirement, I've spent lots of time doing too much: I sit on three boards, volunteer with two groups, and self-remodeled two 1980 condos. Wayne Kuhn was a big help on the condos, but he drives me nuts, ha!

My wife Tracie and I travel in various forms--RV included--about 16 weeks a year, and we spend time with local family and friends.

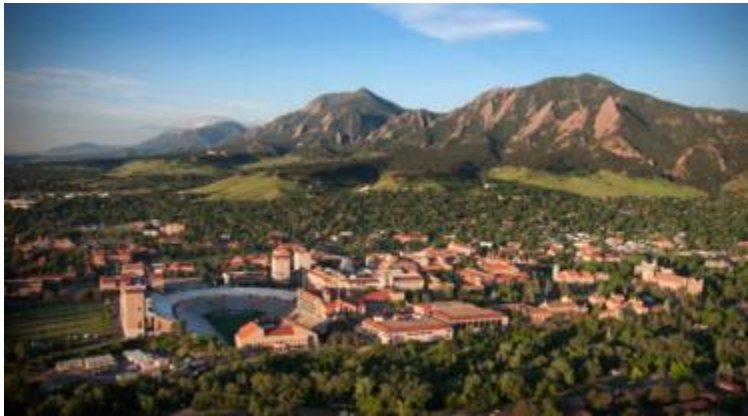
Most recently, I've become an Ebike tour guide with Pedego in downtown Boulder. Love the Ebike thing and am passionate about the 16-mile tour and Boulder history.

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## TRAVEL TIPS

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### Visit CU Boulder's unique campus



Take a leisurely stroll through the University of Colorado's Boulder campus. Designed by Architect Charles Klauder and then CU President George Norlin (1917-1939) in the Tuscan Vernacular style, the campus is considered one of the most beautiful in the world.

During your walk, visit the school's first building, Old Main, completed on April 18, 1876, a few months before Colorado became a state. At the time, the building contained classrooms, library, science labs, and living quarters for the president, the caretaker and their families.



**Chuck Stout**

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I retired from my position as Public Health Director in 2008 following 18 very satisfying years of service.

I enjoy retirement and focus on outdoor activities. I enjoy taking advantage of our wonderful open space.

Along with being an avid reader, I also travel with some frequency. I currently serve on the Aging Advisory Council for Boulder County.

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In the 1920s, Norlin, a formidable president who valued openness and honesty, turned down state funding rather than accede to Ku Klux Klan demands to dismiss Jewish and Catholic professors. His spirit lives on. "The Norlin Charge," his commencement address in 1935, is read at every CU Boulder graduation.

"The university is not the campus, not the buildings on the campus, not the faculties, not the students of any one time — not one of these or all of them. The university consists of all who come into and go forth from her halls, who are touched by her influence and who carry on her spirit . . ."

To pick up guide information before roaming the campus, stop at the Admissions Office in the Regent Administrative Center, 2055 Regent Drive.

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## Pam Stonecipher

I worked for the county for 23 years in Risk Management as the Workers' Compensation Claims Administrator, with the last seven-and-a-half years as the Risk Manager. I retired February 25, 2015.

My husband Ray retired a little over a year ago, and we enjoy hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park and, just recently, hiked Caribou, one of my favorite places. We are avid theater goers and enjoy visiting Denver and seeing the sights all over Colorado and Wyoming.

This past May, Ray and I spent three weeks in England and Wales. Soon we will travel to the Hill Country near Austin and San Antonio. In May 2020, we will go to the Kentucky Derby--a long-time dream--and then on to Nashville.

Carving out time to volunteer was one of my retiree goals. I was with the first group of volunteers when UCHealth

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTY

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## Preserving the pristine beauty of Boulder County



Boulder County purchased the final 66-acre parcel of the Loukonen Dairy Farm for \$1.65 million. This [acquisition](#) completes an agreement initiated in 2010 for 606 acres of pristine wildlife habitat and agricultural land located along the North Foothills Highway (U.S. 36) north of Boulder and south of St. Vrain Road--a prime residential development area.

“Without the full acquisition of this property, the visual and wildlife benefits of this critical landscape would have been radically changed for future generations,” said Parks & Open Space Director Eric Lane.

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Longs Peak Hospital opened two years ago, first as a Welcoming Ambassador and now on the medical/surgical/ICU wing, visiting patients and supporting the medical staff.

Most of my family and my husband's family are local, so getting together is always fun. People have asked me if I miss working. I enjoy my freedom but definitely miss the people. It's one reason I serve on the Alumni Board. It has been great serving with other board members and meeting up with other alumni at various activities we sponsor.

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*Want to be profiled, or know an alumni member who might want to be? Let us know! Email [alumni@bouldercounty.org](mailto:alumni@bouldercounty.org). We're always looking to share what our alumni have been up to!*

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## Volunteer Naturalist training begins Jan. 14

Parks & Open Space is accepting applications for the 2020 Volunteer Naturalist training class. Volunteer naturalists lead hikes, present slide programs, and provide hands-on experiences to people of all ages. Staff is especially looking for people interested in working with school groups, both on trails and in the classroom. Topics range from wildlife and plants to ecology and geology.

Volunteer naturalists must be at least 18 years old, pass a background check and an interview, and participate in the 10-week training class. Applicants must also have ongoing weekday availability and commit to leading at least six programs in 2020.

## Take precautions against elder financial abuse

According to [new research from AIG Life & Retirement](#), senior financial abuse is a pervasive and expensive problem—robbing America's elderly of billions of dollars each year. Check the report for advice on protecting yourself against scams perpetrated by strangers and exploitation by family and friends.

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## Help low-income families through EnergySmart donations

[EnergySmart](#) participants who have received rebates for their own energy efficiency or renewable energy improvements can donate any portion of those savings to support Energy Outreach Colorado's assistance to Boulder County low-income families. In exchange, EnergySmart donors will receive documentation verifying their tax-deductible donation.

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## Alumni Executive Board holds 4th quarter meeting

The Boulder County Alumni Executive Board met on Nov. 14 to discuss plans for the coming year. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact [alumni@bouldercounty.org](mailto:alumni@bouldercounty.org) or Lisa Krebs at [lkrebs@bouldercounty.org](mailto:lkrebs@bouldercounty.org).

Previous experience is not necessary—only a desire to share nature with others!

Training classes take place on Tuesdays, Jan. 14 through March 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Longmont.

Please contact Larry Colbenson, Natural History Program Coordinator, at 303-678-6214, or visit

[www.bouldercountyopenspace.org/volunteer](http://www.bouldercountyopenspace.org/volunteer) for information and an application.

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### Smile!



*"When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra."*

--Will Rogers

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## Boulder County Alumni Association welcomes all former employees

*Our purpose is to promote, foster and advance continued friendship and a spirit of camaraderie among former employees of Boulder County and to advance the interests, influence and reputation of the Boulder County organization.*

The Alumni Association provides opportunities for former colleagues to come together and enjoy social activities.

During the past year, alumni enjoyed a



*Pam Stonecipher, Alan Watkins, Peggy Jackson, Tom Shomaker, Margaret Parish, Ron Stewart, Rick Meyers.*

***We'd love to include social and out-and-about news and photos in our quarterly newsletter! Visit anywhere interesting? Volunteer? Have a new grandchild? Were you out and about with other alumni? Submit photos and info to [alumni@bouldercounty.org](mailto:alumni@bouldercounty.org).***

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trip to a Rockies' game, a social evening in Longmont, and the recent Circle of Honor event. If you know any former Boulder County employees who would like to become members of the Alumni Association, please ask them to contact Lisa Krebs at [lkrebs@bouldercounty.org](mailto:lkrebs@bouldercounty.org). **Membership is free.**