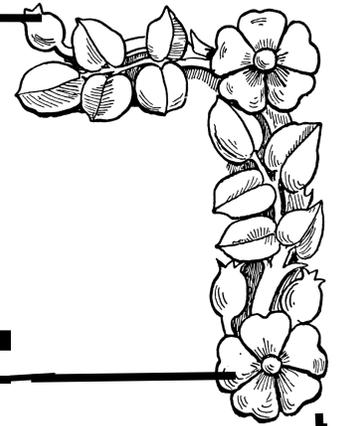


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## Director Thoughts

Connections has some exciting news! We have located office space on Main Street in Fort Morgan. This office will be the satellite center serving Morgan and Logan Counties. We have hired Kevin Thompson, whom some of you may know from his work in the disability community. Kevin will be conducting outreach in the Fort Morgan and Sterling areas in an effort to expand to the more rural parts of north eastern Colorado catchment areas. We expect to open our doors for business on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The new office will be located at 423 Main, Suites C and D. Come to our open house on March 17<sup>th</sup> and celebrate our new space and Saint Patrick's Day by shaking your shillelagh and shamrocks.

If you know of someone with a disability who lives in Fort Morgan, Sterling or elsewhere in Morgan and Logan counties please have them contact the Greeley office at (970) 352-8682 and speak with Kevin to make an appointment.

Connections is starting a caregiver support group. The group is for anyone who is providing care to an individual who is disabled. Please contact Patricia at ext 102 for more details.

Connections has emancipated two individuals from nursing homes in the last three months. Congratulations to Brad Taylor and Dianna Schmidl for helping individuals with disabilities to realize their dreams of independence!

Our IL Specialist Kasie Sankey will be working with individuals who have a goal of employment. Please contact Kasie at ext 105 if you or someone you know who has a disability is looking for a job.

As always, we are grateful for all of our consumers and want to hear from you about how we are doing. Please call us and let us know. As always, thank you for the trust you put in us. We want to assist you in meeting your goals and aspirations.

Be Well, Patricia Ziegler, Executive Director, Connections.



The Christmas party was a great success! Thank you everyone who came and enjoyed food and good company. We even had Santa stop by and gave Christmas joy!



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**Questions? Refer to our online calendar or call (970) 352-8682**

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## Advancing Independence & Equality for People with Disabilities

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Connections for Independent Living helps people with disabilities obtain choices and control in daily life. We are a nonprofit independent living center serving as an empowerment and learning community. Many of our staff members have disabilities, and we support people in developing their own goals and plans for attaining them.

¿Habla Español? Tenemos un boletín noticioso a solicitud.

## Wheelchair Clinics

Are you having issues with your wheelchair? Contact your independent living specialist to sign up for repair services with Numotion.

Numotion provides “mobility solutions,” including repairs and sales of wheelchairs. If you or someone you know would be interested in Numotion services, please contact Connections!

### **Recipe of the Month- Pizza Rolls**

- 1 roll of Pillsbury™ refrigerated biscuits
- 1 package of slices pepperoni (about 1 1/2 oz)
- 20 cubes (1/2 inch) mozzarella cheese (2 1/2 oz) (Cheese sticks are the best to use)
- 1 cup pizza sauce, heated

### **Directions**

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Spray 8 or 9-inch square pan with cooking spray. Remove dough from can. Separate dough discs. Cut cheese sticks into 1/2 inch.
2. Top each disc with 4 slices of pepperoni and 2 cheese cubes. Form the discs into balls, covering pepperoni and cheese.
3. Bake 15 to 22 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 3 minutes; remove from pan.
4. Place pizza sauce in a microwave bowl small bowl. Microwave on High for 1 minute or till warm..
5. Dip rolls in pizza sauce and enjoy.