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Re: Proclamation

**COMMISSIONERS HONOR WELD COUNTY
FAMILY CAREGIVERS AND ELDERGARDEN ADULT DAY CARE**

WELD COUNTY, CO – During the Wednesday morning meeting of the Weld County Commissioners, the Board honored, through a proclamation, the Eldergarden Adult Day Care center and all Weld County family caregivers.

“It is the goal of Weld County to keep seniors at home as long as possible and for them to have good nurturing lives,” said Weld County Commissioner Chairman William Garcia about the day programs Eldergarden provides in the county. “Thank you for what you do.”

Sharon Benson, of the Board of Directors for Eldergarden, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the organization. Benson spoke personally about her experience with the Eldergarden day program as her parents participated in and benefitted from the service. Benson also spoke about the benefit of the program to her personally as the programming allowed her to keep her job while knowing her parents were safe and being well taken care of during the day.

“Thank you and all of the folks at Eldergarden. You serve some many families out here. You make our community stronger,” said Commissioner Sean Conway.

The proclamation states: “...Whereas, caregivers who resign early from employment to care for an elderly family member can lose benefits and wages totaling up to \$600,000 and more, assuming such assets were invested, and whereas, the care provided by family caregivers helps offset the impact on our community budgets at a time we can ill afford the rising cost of healthcare, and whereas, Eldergarden Adult Day Care Program can provide a needed rest for weary caregivers, helping them regain their own strength and enabling the caregiver to remain employed...now, therefore, let it be known that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim December 2013 as a time to honor all the family/caregivers and Eldergarden Adult Care Program for its important work in Weld County.”

Eldergarden, which has been providing services in Weld County for 32 years, provides day-time activities for adults including art, music, gardening and games. To learn more about the services provided, please visit www.eldergarden.org.

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