Community mural project to be held in Evans this weekend

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The Weld County community health campaign — Make TODAY Count! — is sponsoring a community mural project in Evans from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

A group of 15 volunteers from the community will paint the mural on a storage building at 40th Street and Golden Street, near the City of Evans Park.

The Make TODAY Count! campaign is a three-year effort to build a stronger and healthier community. Mural projects have historically been used as a vehicle for education and cultural expression and can play a key role in building a healthy community.

Campaign officials said murals have been used throughout the world to share a community's history, culture and beliefs with outsiders and by giving a voice to residents, a mural project can empower and enliven the community, improving overall health and well-being.

Delilah Fiechter is the artist who will be overseeing the painting and design of the mural. She has lived in the area all of her life. The volunteers represent an intergenerational group, ranging from elementary school students to retired professionals.

The theme of the mural came from the group of volunteers who wanted to use the mural as a reflection of the rich diversity in Evans. Because the South Platte River runs along Evans, the diversity will be depicted through an aquatic scene with various types of fish and plants. The following words will be painted into the mural: "Our diverse community all flows together in Evans."

A second mural will be painted in Platteville.

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