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## What a day at the Carousel!

SARA SANDSTROM  
NEDERLAND

On March 23, the Carousel of Happiness had a day of free rides in memory of Tom and Glenna Carline.

The carousel animals proudly gave hundreds of rides to people of all ages. There were many locals who did not delay joy, as well as those who drove up the mountain to take a spin and feel the carousel exhilaration.

In the first three hours approximately 300 tickets were handed out, according to Pat Hagberg, who was greeting the

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PHOTO BY SARA SANDSTROM

### Don't delay joy

One young rider could hardly wait for the Carousel to start so she could ride the fastest animal, the cheetah.

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## Opera comes to the mountain schools



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### The emotion of opera

Angelina's sorrow of being left at home and rejected comes through in the music, her voice and expression.

SARA SANDSTROM  
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Students from Gold Hill Elementary, Jamestown Elementary, and Nederland Elementary gathered together in the Nederland Elementary gymnasium for a unique experience. Opera Colorado came to perform an

adaptation of Rossini's *Cinderella* for the students.

The students have heard pop, country, rock 'n' roll, techno, but opera music was a new experience for many of them.

This opportunity came to Nederland Elementary School (NES) and all of the students involved because Gold

Hill School received a grant from SCFD. SCFD (Scientific and Cultural Facilities District) is funded through tax dollars and supports a variety of cultural experiences around Denver and Boulder Counties. This collaborative wants students to have

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## What a day at the Carousel!

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guests. She stated that the Carousel received many donations from happy visitors. She added, with a smile, "It is a good day for the Carousel!"

Glenna and Tom Carline made their home north of Nederland in the 1970s. They were business people in the Nederland area for 40 years. They also volunteered their time to many causes in the community.

Their contributions have left a lasting legacy on Nederland and its history.

When riding the Carousel of Happiness one cannot help but smile. It is just the kind of place it is. There were many, many smiles on March 23 at the Carousel thanks to Glenna and Tom Carline.



### The Carousel always brings joy

Top: The Carousel stopped and this young lady did not want to leave the dolphin. Bottom: People of all ages came to ride on the Carousel on free ride day in memory of Glenna and Tom Carline.

**Correction** In the March 14, 2024, edition of *The Mountain-Ear* there was a misspelled name in the "Joe Neguse 'optimistic' at Gilpin Democrats' caucus" article. The last name of the Democratic candidate for Gilpin County Commissioner District 1 was misspelled. Jeff Aiken is the correct spelling of his name.

## BoCC working toward affordable housing

MINDY LEARY  
GILPIN COUNTY

The Gilpin County Board The Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) called their regular meeting to order at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. In attendance were Commissioners Marie A. Mornis, Susan Berumen, and Sandy Hollingsworth; County Manager Ray Rears, and County Attorney Brad Benning.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Wolf Reintroduction Update: Tim Woodward, Wildlife Officer and Mark Lamb, Wildlife Supervisor, indicated information from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website:

Proposition 114 - State statute 33-2-105.8 called for the reintroduction of gray wolves on designated lands west of the Continental Divide. Statute directed the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to:

"Develop a plan to reintroduce and

manage gray wolves in Colorado no later than December 31, 2023, on designated lands west of the Continental Divide .... There is no wolf population objective in the final management and restoration plan.... Wolves will be delisted from the State Threatened and Endangered species list ... when a minimum count of at least 150 wolves anywhere in Colorado is observed for two successive years, or a minimum count of at least 200 wolves anywhere in Colorado is observed, with no temporal requirement....

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has designated the wolf population in Colorado as "Experimental" which relaxes take prohibitions. As a federally listed species, there is a strict prohibition against regulated hunting and other forms of take."

Lamb said they released wolves in December 2023. Woodward said no wolves have traveled south of I-70. In the interest of protecting private landowners, the DOW does not share

the location of the wolves.

Berumen asked how long it will take for the wolves to reach a healthy population. Lamb said it is an experiment, but they are theorizing it will possibly occur when the population reaches 200.

The group discussed how people have been confusing dogs with wolves.

The wolves have only been released on the Western Slope in Grand, Summit, and Eagle counties.

The Board thanked the officers for the update.

State Park Local Access Funding Study for SB23-059: Jake Jorgenson, Project Manager, RRC Associates, said SB23 was passed in May of 2023. The bill allows for local governments to apply up to a \$2 daily fee on daily vehicle passes at State Parks and that fee will be applied to local access route funding.

RRC Associates have been working with Golden Gate Canyon State

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# Peak Perspectives: Team at home and at work

Barbara Hardt has been the force behind *The Mountain-Ear* for many years, and still is. There are times, however, when she is on vacation or needs to be away for a few days. *The Mountain-Ear* still goes to press every week, is in your mailbox, distributed throughout the Peak to Peak area, and online.

That happens because this newspaper involves a team of people who work hard and work together every week to publish the paper.

It is true that when Barb is gone the workload does shift for some of us. In my home I give my kids a warning that Barb is gone this week.

They then know that they have to be more independent with meals and tasks around the house because mom will be at the computer longer than normal.

My daughter has mastered making boxed mac 'n' cheese. Both kids have figured out that I lose track of time at night. I usually end up looking at the clock and frantically saying, "Oh, my gosh, look at the time – everybody go to bed NOW!" I wonder why no one bothered to tell me the time?

Like at work, we have to be a team at home. I expect a lot from my kids because of my work as an editor and journalist, the studies I am pursuing,

and the fact that we are a family and we need to do this together.

If it is the little details like watering the plants, or big things like getting a load of laundry in and washing the dishes, we are all stepping in and helping. Getting my teenager to vacuum might be my next challenge.

If it is collaborating to finish the newspaper (any task) or being a mom to a teenager and a preteen, when we get our jobs completed, work together, listen to understand, and communicate well together with kindness and compassion – that is when we thrive. And have some fun at the same time! —Sara Sandstrom



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Saturday Matinee at 2 p.m.

After Po is tapped to become the Spiritual Leader of the Valley of Peace, he needs to find and train a new Dragon Warrior, while a wicked sorceress plans to re-summon all the master villains whom Po has vanquished to the spirit realm. Directors: Mike Mitchell, Stephanie Stine. Writers: Jonathan Aibel, Glenn Berger, Darren Lemke. Stars: Jack Black, Awkwafina, Viola Davis. Rated: PG. Time: 1 hour and 34 minutes. Genre: Animation, Action, Adventure.

Did you know that if you volunteer for movies, you get free admission to the movie, and free popcorn or candy and a soft drink? Volunteer today! The Backdoor Theatre is a 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit group of locals who volunteer to make these shows happen.

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Music of the Mountains

Where to be and what to see

JAMIE LAMMERS  
BLACK HAWK

Darren Newberg, guitarist and vocalist of the band Coyote Circle, started playing with a co-worker, Paul Hanson, the bassist, a few years ago, hoping to start a new group. Nahani Freeman, vocalist, joined this new group from a different band they had formed. After that, Dave Sechler, guitarist and vocalist, joined as well. To round out the group, Khristine Barr, drummer, as well as a former Gilpin School student, joined most recently and helped get this new group their first serious gigs.

Sechler was raised in a musical family, as his father played guitar and his grandmother sang in a church choir with her sisters, so he was raised with a lot of music. In particular, he was raised with 70s music like Neil Young, Dan Fogelberg, and John Denver. He picked up the guitar for the first time at around age 14, sticking with it over the years and playing with a wide variety of people.

Meanwhile, Newberg had a passion for entertainment and film in general, and his dad knew someone at a local venue who allowed them to meet some of the musicians backstage. His mom played a wide variety of music and always sang. When Newberg was about 16 years old, he started playing guitar, inspired by Marty McFly in "Back to the Future." He performed with his friends in high school and college and kept playing with others as the years went on.

The band has done a lot of classic rock cover tunes, starting to branch out into different styles as they evolve as a group. They recently



Coyote Circle

introduced their first original into a show, but mostly, they like playing feel-good tunes that people can sing along to. There's something visceral about performing live for the band, something that keeps the adrenaline flowing, and there's a certain communal aspect that the band members love as well.

They ultimately hope that the people who come to the show enjoy the music they play and are inspired to come back and see them play

again. Playing as a band, the group loves the camaraderie that comes from that experience, and in the end, they feel that as a group, they've been able to bring the best out of each other musically.

You can see Coyote Circle performing live at JKQ BBQ, 200 Gregory Street in Black Hawk, on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 6 p.m. If you can't make that show, you can also see them on Saturday, April 6, at 5 p.m.

Music Events

Busey Brews

Sunday, March 31 at 2 p.m. - Shakina Ma  
Friday, April 5 at 4 p.m. - Violet Breeze  
Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m. - Ella Wren Duo  
Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. - The Nippers

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BuseyBrews/>  
Website: <https://buseybrews.com/>  
Location: 70 E. First Street, Nederland  
Phone: 1-855-633-2739

Diner Bar Ned

Tuesdays at 9 p.m. - DAMN Jam: Open Jam Night  
Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. - Karaoke  
Fridays at 9 p.m. - DJ Friday  
Sundays at 6 p.m. - Open Mic Night

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095276740341>  
Location: 121 N. Jefferson Street, Nederland

Eldora Mountain Resort

Friday, March 29 at 11 a.m. - Friday Timbers Taphouse: PJ Moon  
Friday, March 29 at noon - DJs in the Woodward Boombox: Deeprawk Dave  
Saturday, March 30 at 9 a.m. - DJs in the Woodward Boombox: DJ B-Times  
Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. - Fireside in Timbers Lodge: Dylan and Declan  
Sunday, March 31 at 9 a.m. - DJs in the Woodward Boombox: DJ Blue  
Sunday, March 31 at 1 p.m. - Fireside in Timbers Lodge: Melt Family Band  
Friday, April 5 at noon - DJs in the Woodward Boombox: Sundragon  
Saturday, April 6 at 10 a.m. - Ski Noir

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Sunday, April 7 at 1 p.m. - Retro Day and DOJoe Uphill/Downhill Ski Race: Cönaxx

Friday, April 12 at noon - DJs in the Woodward Boombox: The Vibrarian

Saturday, April 13 at 9 a.m. - DJs in the Woodward Boombox: DJ Milk

Saturday, April 13 at 1 p.m. - Base Area Deck: Brandywine and the Mighty Fines

Sunday, April 14 at 9 a.m. - DJs in the Woodward Boombox: Pomegranate Sounds

Sunday, April 14 at 1 p.m. - Base Area Deck (Closing Day): The Alcapones

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eldoramountainresort>

Website: <https://www.eldora.com/>

Location: 2861 Eldora Ski Road, Nederland

#### Gold Hill Store

Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m. - Alli D

Saturday, March 30 at 7 p.m. - Justin Bradford

Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m. - Derek Dames Ohl

Saturday, April 20 at 7 p.m. - Hundred Pound Housecat

Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. - Noah Fowler

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gold-Hill-General-Store/>

Website: <https://www.goldhillstore.com/>

Location: 531 Main Street, Gold Hill

#### Howlin Wind Brewing

Saturday, March 30 at 4 p.m. - Magoo

Saturday, April 6 at 4 p.m. - The HuCKLE BEARerS

Saturday, April 13 at 5 p.m. - NoGo Gilbillies

Monday, April 15 at 6 p.m. - Chicken Wire Empire

Saturday, April 20 at 5 p.m. - Dakota Gray Band

Saturday, April 27 at 4 p.m. - Stone Hall

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/howlinwindbrewing>

Website: <https://www.howlinwindbrewing.com/>

Location: 51 A Main Street, Rollinsville  
Phone: 309-825-5245

#### Jamestown Mercantile

Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m. - Jake Leg Band

Friday, March 29 at 7 p.m. - Out & About

Sunday, April 2, 2024 7 p.m. - Spirit Hound Whiskey Dinner

Wednesday, April 3 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic Night

Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m. - Danny Shafer

Friday, April 5 at 7 p.m. - MMB3

Sunday, April 7 at 12 p.m. - Ronnie Diamonds

Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. - Kristina Murray

Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m. - Late for Supper

Wednesday, April 17 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic Night

Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m. - Andy Eppler

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jamestown.mercantile/>

Website: <https://www.jamestown-mercantile.com/>

Location: 108 Main Street, Jamestown  
Phone: 303-442-5847

#### JKQ BBQ

Friday, March 29 at 6 p.m. - Duey

Saturday, March 30 at 5 p.m. - Duey

Friday, April 5 at 6 p.m. - Coyote Circle

Saturday, April 6 at 5 p.m. - Coyote Circle

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JkqBbq/>

Location: 200 Gregory Street, Black Hawk  
Phone: 720-316-1361

#### Knotted Root Brewing

Friday, March 29 at 6 p.m. - Dog Log

Saturday, March 30 at 5 p.m. - Andrew McConathy

Sundays at 5 p.m. - Jazz Sundays

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/knottedrootbrewing/>

Website: <https://www.knottedrootbrewing.com/home>

Location: 250 N. Caribou Street, Nederland

Phone: 720-248-7129

#### The Caribou Room

Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m. - The Lil Smokies w/ Jake Leg

Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. - Chain Station and Wood Belly

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thecaribouroom/>

Website: <https://www.thecaribouroom.com/>

Location: 55 Indian Peaks Drive, Nederland

Phone: 303-258-3637

#### The Train Cars

Thursday, April 4 at 5 p.m. - Train Jam

Thursday, April 11 at 5 p.m. - Train Jam

Thursday, April 18 at 5 p.m. - Train Jam

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheTraincars>

Location: 101 Peak to Peak Highway, Nederland

Phone: 303-258-0440

#### Very Nice Brewing Co.

Friday, March 29 at 6 p.m. - Strange-byrds

Saturday, March 30 at 5 p.m. - Andreas Boehmer

Friday, April 5 at 5 p.m. - Aaron Mitchell

Saturday, April 6 at 5 p.m. - David Tilton

Friday, April 12 at 5 p.m. - Mountain ReVerb

Saturday, April 13 at 5 p.m. - Reservoir Fog

Friday, April 19 at 5 p.m. - Ravin' Wolf

Saturday, April 20 at 5 p.m. - Windy Pines

Friday, April 26 at 5 p.m. - Stone-Hall

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##### My Top Priorities:

- Securing our water rights! Without water, most everything else is moot!
- Infrastructure improvements, including Water and Sewer, Summer Road Improvement Plan, Wildfire Resilience, Emergency Response, Egress, Housing, • Childcare, Accessibility, and Broadband.
- Affordable, attainable and healthy housing for our seniors, workforce and low-income residents. We committed to permitting 13 affordable homes by the end of 2026. We are working to create a mountain P2P Housing Authority from Gilpin County to Lyons. We are working on private/public partnerships.
- Developing our Downtown Subarea Plan, a part of the Comprehensive Plan, This Plan process gives our community members a voice in the development of our downtown by taking part in creating Design Guidelines to establish more consistency and specificity in our code.

##### Thank you:

I am grateful to live in Nederland, an amazing community to live, work, play and raise our kids. I appreciate the forests and trails around Nederland and the P2P Region where we walk, run, ride and ski to gain peace of mind. Thank you so much for electing me as the Mayor in 2022. I am working hard to earn your vote to re-elect me again as Mayor in next week's election.

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## Where does “free speech” end?

Dear Editor,

In drafting the Bill of Rights, which were initially proposed as amendments to Articles 3 and 4 of our Constitution, James Madison was the first to argue that there should be sufficient (more than had been initially proposed) numbers of Congressional Representatives to preserve the closest possible relationship between constituents and representatives. He innately understood the importance of allowing citizens “free expression,” which included “freedom of speech” and freedom to voice one’s grievances.

In his Letter to the Editor, Mr. Douglas points out his father’s military service in World War II – a proud and honorable assertion regarding society’s debt owed to his father for his (father’s) service.

I too share Mr. Douglas’ sentiments regarding military service. My grandfather, a U.S. Army veteran, eventually succumbed to injuries he suffered during WWI fighting in Germany; my father, who is 101 years old, is a disabled World War II veteran who was injured in one of the battles in Morotai. I too am a veteran (Vietnam-era).

In asserting his father’s exemplary and honorable military service, he wrongly conflates U.S. military service and the oath taken by military personnel to “... support and defend the Constitution...,”

with Ms. Parman’s choice/right to “... display her political affiliation...” In one disparaging assertion about Ms. Parman, Mr. Douglas has managed to turn the entirety of the “free speech” clause of the 1st Amendment (and the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment) on its head! It is precisely the reasoning and cause for which Mr. Douglas’ father, my grandfather, my father and I served in the military – to “support and defend our Constitution” – which includes protecting Ms. Parman’s “right” to express her political views and affiliations in any manner consistent with applicable laws.

Finally, I must confess to readers that I am not intimately familiar with the arcane minutiae being argued by Mr. Douglas and presumably rebutted by Ms. Parman. This is a forum allowed to me, as a card-carrying Democrat, to express my dismay and some indignation regarding Mr. Douglas, who as head of the Gilpin County Democrats does not understand that the First Amendment is not “suspended” at the gates of a “government building,” as he wished it would. James Madison and Oliver Wendell Holmes would certainly be dismayed at the assertion and wishes made by Mr. Douglas.

Rudy Garcia, Gilpin County

## Referendum petition to Nederland BOT

Dear Editor,

As many people know, a referendum petition was submitted to the Town Clerk last week with over 80 signatures requesting that the board revisit its decision to grant a special review use certificate to Teens Inc for the use of the Town Shop Site. And this during and after the 53 inch snowstorm! Those who have signed, all in the last ten days, ask the board to revisit the decision, or refer the matter to a special election.

It is important that our effort be properly described. It is a misclassification to say we are in “opposition to the Teens Day Care,” the opposition is to the *scale* of this proposal, the lease proposal of \$1 per year for 99 years, the impact and traffic, the vague plans, and the impression of backroom dealing. No one is opposed to Teens Inc. Yet petitioners have been described as “sketchy,” “delusional,” “uneducated,” “gross,” “unreal.” The polarization that is being encouraged by board members and Teens Inc supporters alike is disappointing.

We are being told to hand over valuable public assets without competing bids. The commitments made by the town to protect watersheds is pertinent to this discussion and should be the

starting point of any discussion about this property.

Discussions over the last 25 years about this site at the BOT level have shown that people embrace the concept of in-scale affordable housing (8 units), very accessible to seniors and the disabled, which leaves room for an open space area. Envision 2030 parks subcommittee meetings heard suggestions for a picnic table, a basketball hoop, some willows, a few parking spaces, and improved water corridor habitat for all to enjoy.

The Town of Nederland is proposing to take on risk through the issuance of the proposed lease to Teens Inc which would last for several generations. What if as yet undetected ground contamination is found? What if this exceeds our public resources (such as the water treatment plant, or liability for downstream flooding due to inadequate drainage and runoff plan), what if there are lawsuits around the facility (injury, etc.)? There are many areas of potential failure here that the town is assuming as Lessor—without any financial compensation or even basic creation or discussion of a potential fiscal note.

We have a comp plan now. The approved SRU plan does not follow it and should have never made it

## Take Gilpin County Community Center survey

Dear Editor,

Friends of the Gilpin County Community Center is surveying the local population about the Gilpin County Community Center, its programs, and activities. We seek constructive and helpful input to guide the center’s director and county commissioners about future budget and operations decisions.

The survey runs through April 15, 2024. Please help us out by filling it

out -- the center’s users come from across Gilpin County as well as the Nederland and Clear Creek areas.

You can access the survey and more information about it at our website: [gilpincommunitycenter.org](http://gilpincommunitycenter.org) -- and look for the headline “Please Take Our Survey.”

Carolyn Collins Petersen,  
President

Friends of the Gilpin County  
Community Center

## Outdoor adventure and community spirit

Dear Editor and Nederland Voters,

As Nederland celebrates its 150th anniversary, we stand at a pivotal junction, reflecting on our rich history while eagerly looking forward to a sustainable and vibrant future. Our journey from a mining town to a creative, artistic community, and now to a hub for outdoor recreation, mirrors our evolving relationship with the natural world around us. The proposed asphalt pump track at Chipeta Park embodies this next step, offering not just a new recreational space but a commitment to innovative environmental stewardship.

This project is not merely about adding another amenity; it’s a strategic investment in our community’s and our children’s future. By utilizing intelligent stormwater

management and drainage planning, the pump track is designed to not only coexist with the nearby creek and sensitive riparian area but to enhance them. This thoughtful approach goes beyond preserving the current state, aiming to improve water quality and ecosystem health, demonstrating how recreational infrastructure can positively impact our natural surroundings.

With broad support from the community and endorsements from various town boards, this initiative symbolizes what we can achieve together. However, its success hinges on your participation. This important question is on the back side of the ballot, easily overlooked yet crucial for shaping Nederland’s future. I urge you to flip over the ballot and weigh in on this symbol of progress.

By supporting the pump track, we’re not just voting for a new place for our kids to ride and play; we’re endorsing a future where Nederland continues to thrive as a beacon of outdoor adventure, environmental sensitivity, and community spirit. Let’s make a choice that reflects our values, honoring our past while investing in a legacy of health, joy, and stewardship for generations to come.

Jesse Seavers  
Nederland

## Request for jokes

Dear Editor,

Answering Mark Cohen's request for jokes (Cohen's column "On Moving Things," *The Mountain-Ear*, March 21, 2024), here's a submission:

**Q:** How many Marks does it take to change a lightbulb?

**A:** Only one. But the lightbulb has to read one of Mark's columns and take deeply, to its heart, the need for change.

Frank Sanders  
Tungsten Valley

Mary Jarril  
Nederland

**Thursday, March 28**

**The Nederland Food Pantry and Clothing Closet** are available to residents of our Peak to Peak community every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon in the west wing of the Nederland Community Center, 750 Highway 72. For more information visit <https://nederlandfoodpantry.org>.

**Connection Collective:** Often when smart, professional, motivated women encounter challenges, they turn to a specialized professional to seek a solution. Each meeting will have a thought-provoking theme around which the group/small groups will converse with the intention of promoting self-discovery and sharing individual experiences and resources. Meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month from 5:30 until 7 p.m. at the Nederland Community Library, Community Room, 200 North Highway 72. To RSVP email Carrie Evans at [tameyourrhino@gmail.com](mailto:tameyourrhino@gmail.com).

**Central City Elks Lodge Easter Event for Kids:** It's all Bunnies and Puppies! Plan to attend the Easter Egg Coloring at 6 p.m. at the Central City Elks Lodge, 113 Main Street. Have fun coloring dozens of hard-boiled eggs. For more information contact Shirley Voorhies, Elk Ladies Chair, at 303-582-5209.

**Friday, March 29**

**Friday Storytime:** Read books, sing songs, learn some ASL, and get the wiggles out in the first half hour, followed by free play. The Nederland Community Library hosts story time every Friday morning from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. for ages 0 - 4 years. Visit <https://nederland.libcal.com> for more information.

**Saturday, March 30**

**Central City Elks Lodge Easter Egg Hunt:** On Saturday, March 30 at 11 a.m. SHARP the Central City Elks Lodge Easter Egg Hunt will be held in William Russell Park above Central City. For more information contact Shirley Voorhies, Elk Ladies Chair, at 303-582-5209.

**Coal Creek Canyon Improvement Association (CCCIA) Eggstravaganza:** This special Easter event hosted by United Power is for Coal Creek Canyon children. Join us for Easter activities from noon until 2 p.m. at the Coal Creek Canyon Community Center at 31528 Highway 72. For more information contact Suzy at 303-642-7300.

**Feed the Mountains:** Save the Date! We're excited to announce our first Feed the Mountains event, and you're invited! Join us for an evening featuring live music by Lisa Cutler, herbal seminar by Bridgette Mars, and a silent auction with amazing items up for grabs on Saturday, March 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Busey Brews, 70 East 1st Street, Nederland. Enjoy delicious food and drinks, great vibes, and most importantly, support the Nederland Food Pantry, Community Gardens & Clothing Closet! If you are a business and have an auction item you'd like to donate, please reach out to us online at <https://nederlandfoodpantry.org/contact>. Your contribution will help make our silent auction even more successful.

**Join the Coal Creek Canyon Skywatchers** on Saturday, March 30 from 7 until 9 p.m. All are welcome to this Skywatchers astronomy and telescope group event. For more information, please contact Barbara and Leonard David at 303-494-7677.

**Sunday, March 31**

**Caribou Village Shopping Center Easter Egg Hunt:** We had so much fun last year, we're doing it again this year! The Easter Egg Hunt for the kiddos at Caribou Village Shopping Center! Easter Bunny will be here too! Stop by each store for an egg, treat, or activity for the little ones on Sunday, March 31 from noon until 2 p.m.

**Monday, April 1**

**Nederland Writers:** Bring something you are working on to share and get feedback or join the group to listen in and hone your skills. Area writers gather at Nederland Community Library every Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. For details visit <https://nederland.libcal.com>.

**The Mountain Meditation Circle** is a free and open group that has been meeting every Monday evening at 6 p.m. for the last four years at the Gilpin County Public Library. New participants are always welcome. New members will need to provide their contact information prior to attending their first meeting. Please email Alisa Witt at [wittalisa@gmail.com](mailto:wittalisa@gmail.com) or 847-890-5262 to provide your contact information.

**Tuesday, April 2**

**STEAM Club at The Nederland Community Library:** Build imagination, creative thinking, and have fun! Kids aged 8-11 are invited to join the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Club at the Nederland Community Library. STEAM Club returns on Tuesday, April 2 from 3:30 until 5 p.m. A shuttle will transport students directly from the Elementary school to the Library. Pickup is promptly at 5 p.m. For more information visit <https://nederland.libcal.com/event/12085625>.

**Wednesday, April 3**

**Preschool Storytime:** The Gilpin County Public Library hosts story time every Wednesday morning from 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 0-5 years. Join Children's Librarian Deb Benitez for stories, fingerplays, rhymes, and more. A themed craft will follow every story. Previous week's crafts are available until supplies run out, <https://www.gilpinlibrary.org>.

**Thursday, April 4**

**Backcountry Film Festival hosted by Wild Bear and the Backdoor Theatre:** Join Wild Bear at the Backdoor Theatre, located in the Nederland Community Center at 750 Highway 72, for a night of fun & community to benefit our Snow School program, on Thursday, April 4 from 5 until 8 p.m. This

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Get involved in your community

program gets children into nature and interacting with scientists to learn more about snow science! Come join the community, snag some delicious food from Kaleidoscope Kitchen food truck, follow along the stories of winter survival & thriving, and have the opportunity to win prizes! Visit us on social media for more information <https://www.facebook.com/events/1423670885202565>.

**Upcoming**

**Group Session on Parenting Teens:** Get support with Kimberly Bryant MA, LPC, on the first Thursday of each month. This new parenting group kicks off on Thursday, April 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Teen Center, 51 East Street, Nederland. RSVP to [info@teensinc.org](mailto:info@teensinc.org).

**The Coal Creek Canyon Open Mic and Community Hang Out,** hosted by the Coal Creek Canyon Improvement Association (CCCIA) will be held on Friday, April 5 from 7 until 9 p.m. at the CCCIA Community Hall, 31528 Highway 72, Coal Creek Canyon. For more information visit <https://www.coalcreekcanyon.org/calendar>.

**Kaleidoscope art show** coming up on April 5 from 5 - 8 p.m. The artist featured is local Karina Vogt. The show is titled Luminous Beasts, which includes fantastical abstract realism evoking the sublime energies of the Wild Life amongst us and within us.

*Did we miss you? Would you like your event listed in the Cracker Barrel? Please call 303-810-5409 or email [info@themountaineer.com](mailto:info@themountaineer.com) to be included in the next edition. Check us out online at [www.themtnear.com/events](http://www.themtnear.com/events) for more upcoming events.*

**Self Help Meetings**

**Tuesday Night Nederland Cross Talk Meeting** A Big Book meeting at 7 p.m. online via Zoom. For more information visit <https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/tuesday-night-nederland-cross-talk-meeting>.

**The Morning Group** Group meeting every Thursday morning at 8 a.m. online via Zoom. For more information visit <https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/the-morning-group>.

**Nederland Group** A hybrid meeting every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Rita's Catholic Church at 326 Highway 119, Nederland, and online via Zoom. For more information visit <https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/nederland-group>.

**Coal Creek Canyon** A meeting held every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Ed at 303-589-5056. For more information please visit <https://https://www.coalcreekcanyon.org/calendar>.

**Gilpin County H.A.L.T.** An in-person meeting every Sunday at 6 p.m. held at 226 E. First High Street, Central City. [https://findrecovery.com/aa\\_meeting/gilpin-county-h.a.l.t.-central-city/](https://findrecovery.com/aa_meeting/gilpin-county-h.a.l.t.-central-city/).

**Gilpin County H.A.L.T.** A Big Book meeting every Wednesday at 7 p.m. held at 226 E. First High Street, Central City. [https://findrecovery.com/aa\\_meeting/gilpin-county-h.a.l.t.-central-city/](https://findrecovery.com/aa_meeting/gilpin-county-h.a.l.t.-central-city/).

**Narcotics Anonymous 12 Step Meeting** This is an open hybrid meeting - anyone can attend - on Sundays from 6 to 7 p.m. at Nederland Presbyterian Community Church, 210 North Jefferson Street, Nederland, or online via Zoom (Meeting ID# 893 7194 1883). We hope to see you there sometime.

*For additional meetings in Boulder County visit <https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/> and for meetings in Gilpin, Black Hawk, Central City, and nearby areas visit [https://findrecovery.com/aa\\_meetings/co/black-hawk/](https://findrecovery.com/aa_meetings/co/black-hawk/). For help finding meetings or recovery support for you or a loved one please call: 866-641-9190.*

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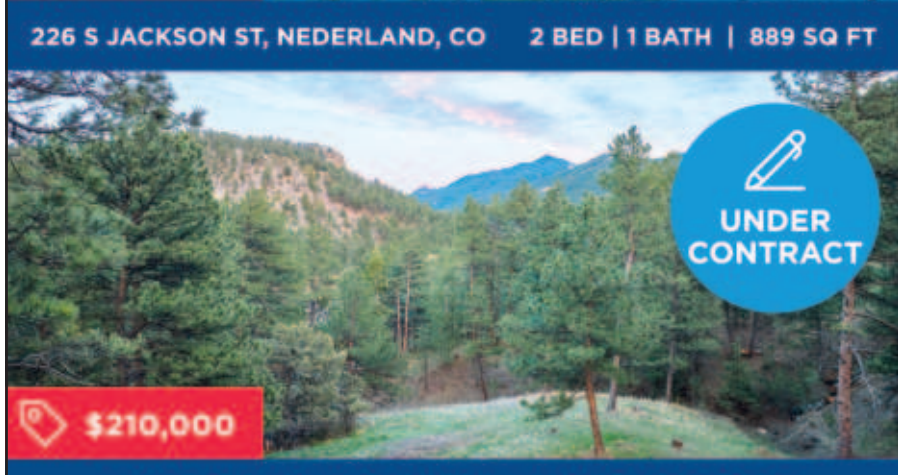
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# Kays runs for Gilpin Commissioner

Dear Gilpin County Friends,

On March 21, the Gilpin County Republicans held their Assembly at the Gilpin County Courthouse. At this event, candidates were chosen to appear on the Primary ballot by an election of twenty-seven delegates. Both candidates from the Republican Party for County Commissioner, District One successfully made it to the ballot.

The Primary Election will be held June 25, 2024 – where all Republican and Unaffiliated voters get an opportunity to voice their opinion and choose their candidate to move forward to the General Election!

I want to first take this opportunity to thank those who have been supporting me and my candidacy. While there is still much to do, we have been having a fun time meeting many new people in Gilpin and look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming weeks, months, and years.

I have lived in Gilpin for 30+ years, my true passion is this County and to serve my fellow residents with integrity. It would truly be an honor to be the voice for all residents and ensure a better rural lifestyle for everyone. I care deeply about where we are going, and I know I can be effective in moving us forward together.

It is crucial our county leadership understands the importance of maintaining the quality rural living so many of us in Gilpin enjoy, while also managing a fiscally responsible budget which offers the services we have come to expect. Fiscal responsibility should include ensuring we have a strategy for not only next year, but for five and ten years down the road by building replacement and maintenance cycles into the budget as to not hold the residents hostage for services our community relies on. Returning the Community Center to the level of operation residents enjoyed for 20 years is a high-level priority.

It is time to change the culture and lead by example. I currently operate three successful small businesses: managing budgets, timelines, and projects is second nature. Whether

it be a personal, business, or government budget, understanding how to operate within our means is the only way to run an organization.

I have 25 years of experience working for or with Gilpin County. I understand the intricacies of each department, and their importance to not only the operations of the County but their impact within our community.

All these roles have given me unique experience no other candidate can match.

It is time to change the status-quo and stand with someone who will use common sense, is willing to buck the norm, forgo the rubber stamp, and dig into the reasons why the County is bleeding money. It is time to change away from the cronyism and good ol' boy system to support someone who is not only enthusiastic about the forward movement of our County, but who is qualified.

As Commissioner I would advocate for transparency and open conversations with residents. Offer evening Commissioner meetings and Town Hall events on “hot” topics so all residents have an opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions. I want your voices to be heard and decisions should be made based off the needs of the many. If elected, I will be the person who sits on the Board of County Commissioners and votes to put the residents’ agenda items through.

I personally strive every day to evolve by expanding my knowledge, experience, compassion, and wisdom. If your opinions of me are from over a decade ago, I invite you to have a conversation with me so we can catch up and talk about where our life’s journeys have brought us. I look forward to the opportunity to earn your support and serve as your next County Commissioner from District One.

If you have any questions or would like to chat, please reach out to me at: [hello@votekays.com](mailto:hello@votekays.com) or visit my website at [www.VoteKays.com](http://www.VoteKays.com)

Sincerely,  
 Jessica Kays, Gilpin County

## Proponent for a town vote

Dear Editor,

My heartfelt thanks to the Proponents and residents of Nederland who initiated & signed the Referendum petition on the Teens Inc. SRU per the Public land at the Old Town Shop site.

The owners/Town residents should have a vote on whether or not they want to give a non-profit entity, with a yearly 5 million dollar budget, a second 99 year lease for \$1 yearly, while residents lose Use Rights completely and any potential Use of land that has value as habitat and open space, and a small oasis for neighborhood children and passers by to enjoy, in addition to its value as a building site. This Public land was promised via Resolution in 2017 to be housing & park space.

The Teens Inc application violates the Town Code since it did not include REQUIRED written consent from the owners granting Use permission per NMC 16-52: "An application for approval of a Special Review Use may be filed...with the written consent of the owner, and shall be made on a form provided by the Town." Nor was there an open call for development bids from Town. These & numerous other conflicts exist. To play fair & just the owners/the residents deserve this democratic vote.

Kathleen Chippi, Nederland

# A note of thanks...and clarification

Dear Editor,

I wanted to say, "Thank You!" to the friendly neighbors of Nederland that took a moment to catch their breath while resting on snow shovels to hear us out regarding the Special Review Use decision at 750 W. 5th St. (Ordinance 859). It was so great meeting you and talking with you about the decision by the BOT to basically give away your public land on February 20. I learned a ton from you--I am grateful.

Some of us spent 12+ hours going door to door with a referendum

petition talking with residents about how a 10,000 sq. ft. commercial building is overkill in a community the size of Nederland. Land, a very valuable resource, should not be given away without notifying you... and your public land given away for free rightly irritated a lot of you!

Moreover, 85% of the 100ish people I spoke with didn't even know what I was referring to. This is an obvious problem. When a publicly owned resource is going to be given away, the voters need to know about it. The lack of widespread communication was missing.

I told people over and over; I know we need childcare in Nederland and I have nothing against Teens Inc. I'm personally not in alignment with the use of public land for this purpose, the scale of the building, and the \$1/yr ninety-nine year lease. I reminded people that we will be dead when a lease renewal comes up again! The goal in this effort was to push this to a vote of Nederland voters. That is all. I didn't feel that a decision of such magnitude should be made without seeking proper input and I'm not sure why people are so

upset by a little democracy. Unless it was intentionally designed to bypass the voters, which in my mind is wrong.

The petitioners talked with all people. We spoke calmly and respectfully. We spoke face to face. I tried to ask questions to learn more. I am humbled by your support and your willingness to talk to me, a stranger in some cases, about politics. A hard subject to discuss. In spite of differences, many of you thanked us for telling you what is going on! And I thanked you for your perspective.

In closing, I would like to remind you that NO smear campaign by those opposing the proposal was created on social media. Yet, those that felt threatened by the referendum petition did just that. Are you going to trust those that speak to you face to face or those that seek to isolate and destroy (behind the safety of their keyboards) simply because someone has a different opinion? The referendum petition only seeks to send this to a vote. We actually did something constructive with our democracy! We are not resorting to name calling or smear campaigns and never will. Those that signed stand firm in the belief that everyone should have a voice at the table.

April Laliberte  
Nederland

# A personal thank you from Sheriff Armstrong

Dear Editor,

In the wake of the recent snowstorm that tested our community's resilience, I feel compelled to express my deepest gratitude to all the first responders, community residents, volunteers, agencies and businesses who have tirelessly worked to keep us safe and supported. Their dedication and selflessness deserve recognition and appreciation from every member of our community.

To the brave men and women of the ambulance services, who rush to the scene of emergencies with skill and compassion, thank you for your unwavering commitment to saving lives and providing critical medical care during times of crisis.

To the dedicated Sheriff's Office personnel, who worked tirelessly to maintain law and order responding and communicating with those in need, risking their own safety to protect our residents and visitors alike, thank you for your unwavering service and sacrifice.

To the diligent Public Works crews, who were out there 24/7 for several days to ensure our infrastructure remained intact and accessible, thank you for your heroic efforts to keep our roads safe and functional, especially with the challenging conditions.

To the resilient hotel staff who opened their doors to provide shelter and comfort to those in need, thank you for your hospitality and kindness during times of uncertainty and stress.

And, to our caring, compassionate residents who have offered support, assistance, and solidarity to their neighbors in need, thank you for exemplifying the true spirit of community and for coming together in times of adversity. It is during times like these that we are reminded of the strength and resilience of our community. Together, we stand united in our gratitude for the first responders and community members who serve as beacons of hope and support in times of need.

To our Fire Departments who were very ready to respond to calls for service

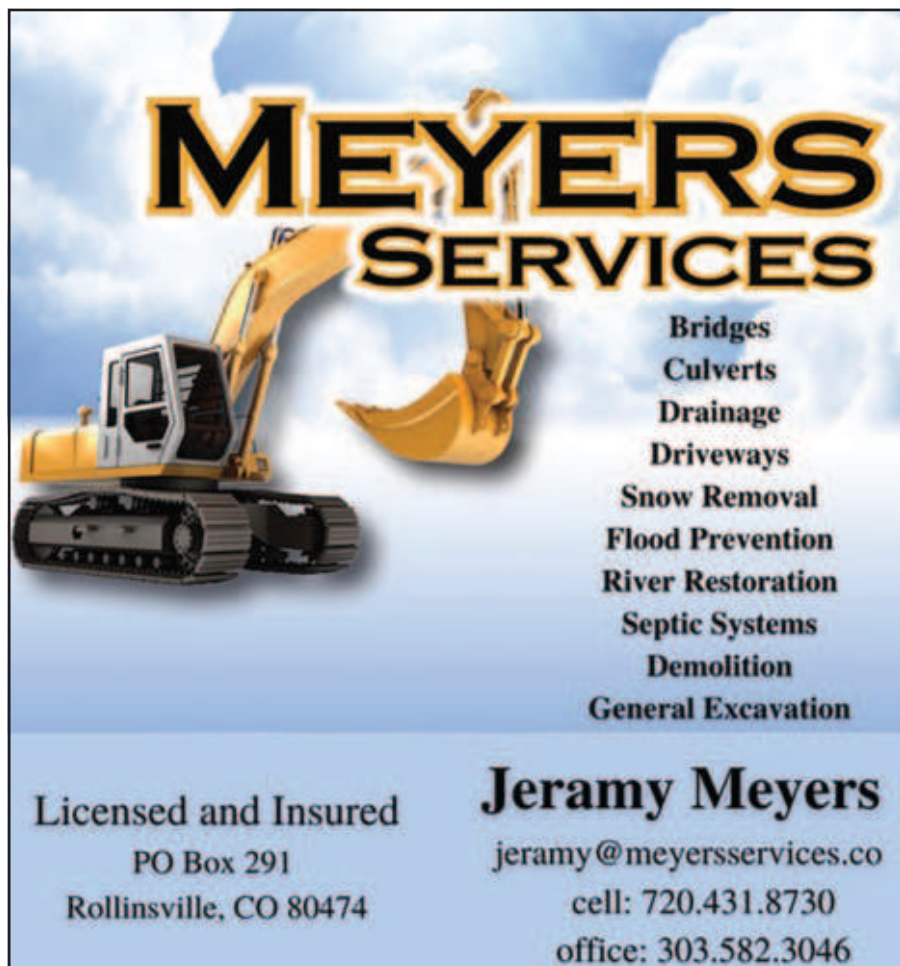
regardless of the nature of the call or circumstance, we are eternally grateful.

To the many volunteer agencies that supported our mission to protect life and safety of the public, we owe you heartfelt gratitude. Your unwavering dedication and hard work are truly commendable.

During the height of the snow event, we had multiple other emergencies occurring that included a successful search and rescue operation for a person stranded up Missouri Gulch that took several agencies and several hours to get to. We also had a party suffering a cardiac issue that required first responders and a private contractor to clear the driveway to get to them. Neither of these operations would have been successful without a clear team effort.

We are very blessed to have such a wonderful county full of community residents and employees that we can count on in times of adversity.

Kevin Armstrong  
Gilpin County Sheriff



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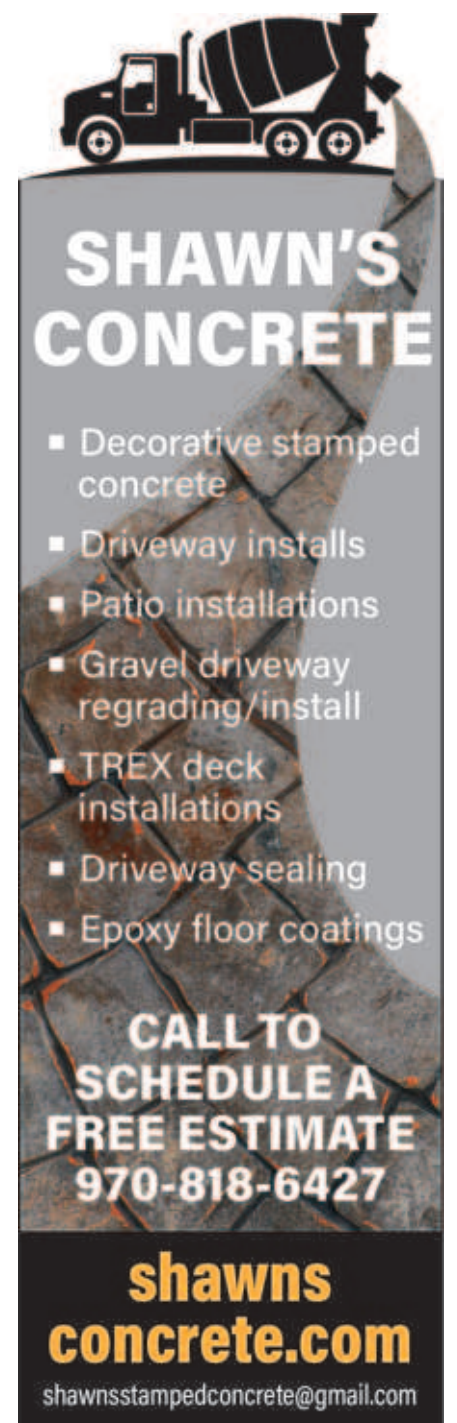
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# Colorado organization honors women in sports

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The Sportswomen of Colorado (SWOC) is a non-profit organization founded in 1974. The SWOC was the country's first organization honoring female athletes' achievements in Colorado.

The YWCA of Metropolitan Denver and Gart Brothers Sporting

Goods Company are responsible for founding the SWOC. During its first banquet, 28 awards, plus a surprise "Sportswoman of the Year" award, were presented to women athletes.

Between 1979 and 1983, Masters Sports awards became part of the

organization's awards banquets, the SWOC Hall of Fame debuted, and the organization added the first award for "Athlete with a Disability."

In 2001, the SWOC began a girls' scholarship program, and this continues today. Over 2,200 women have received awards for their sports achievements. On Sunday, March 17, 2024, the SWOC held its 50th Annual Awards Celebration at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center.

The reception began at 4:15 p.m., followed by dinner and awards at 5:30 p.m., with nearly 40 honorees. Colorado Mesa University wrestler Marissa Gallegos, and Valor Christian graduate and professional track and field athlete Anna Hall received inductions to the Sportswomen of Colorado Hall of Fame.

CU basketball player Jaylyn Sherrod is averaging 13.9 points, 4.9 assists, and 2.3 steals for the sixth-ranked Buffaloes. Sherrod is only the fourth player in CU history with at

### Females in sports

Members of the Gilpin County High School girls' track team show off their skills during a track meet in 2022.

least 1,000 points and 500 assists.

As of January 2024, Sherrod has 1,325 points and 570 assists in her CU career. Another CU athlete is golfer Morgan Miller, who set school records for stroke average of 70.40 and score-to-par -1.4.

Soccer player Shyra James was honored for her accomplishments, including finishing eighth in the NCAA in goals and 16th in points. She also came in 11th place in the NCAA in goals per game (0.75) and fifth in the nation with 4.65 shots per game.

From wrestling to volleyball and swimming to sports journalism and everything in between, dozens of Colorado female athletes were recognized for their contributions to the state's sports.

Congratulations to all the women athletes making Colorado history today.



## MARCH RECIPES



### Spring Quiche

LAURAN KNIGHT  
NEDERLAND

*Though quiche is generally said to have derived in the Lorraine region of France, the region was under the rule of the German kingdom of Lothringen, so you pick whether your quiche is German or French. Nonetheless, it's delicious!*

#### Crust Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cup flour
- 1 stick butter, cut into thin slices
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Up to 1/4 cup cold water

#### Directions:

In a food processor, add flour, chopped-up butter, and salt. Pulse a few times to start incorporating butter. Start adding cold water a little at a time, then pulse. Bring dough together just barely. Take out and put onto a clean counter top to bring together with your hands. Roll out to fit the pie pan. Fit into your pie pan and refrigerate.

#### Custard/Filling Ingredients:

- 2 cups heavy cream
- 4 eggs
- Salt

#### Directions:

Whisk together well until fully incorporated.

#### Remaining Ingredients:

- Avoid watery veggies.
- 4-6 oz chevre (goat cheese)
- Asparagus 1 cups-sliced asparagus and mushrooms
- 2 cups sliced morels or any variety of mushroom

#### Directions:

Sautee thinly sliced veggies in a little bit of butter (mushrooms may need more to prevent burning as they soak it up). Salt and pepper to taste. Let veggies cool and then place them onto the crust. Crumble chevre on top (or whatever cheese you prefer). Pour egg mixture over all the ingredients. Bake in the oven at 350 degrees for about 1 1/2 hours.

*Lauran Knight is part of the team at the Nederland Farmers Market. The Nederland Farmers Market is held in downtown Nederland during the summer and fall. The first market of 2024 is May 12. Find out more on their website at <https://www.nederlandfarmers-market.org/>.*



### Gilpin School Calendar

**Friday, March 29**  
4 p.m. - High School Soccer at Twin Peaks Charter

**Saturday, March 30**  
8:30 a.m. - High School Track at Kiowa Classic  
11 a.m. - High School JV Soccer at Flatirons Academy

**Monday, April 1**  
4:30 p.m. - Middle School Soccer Home vs. Clear Creek  
6 p.m. - High School Soccer at Champion Academy

**Thursday, April 4**  
4 p.m. - Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Friday, April 5**  
4 p.m. - High School Soccer at Windsor Charter  
6 p.m. - Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Saturday, April 6**  
TBA - High School Track at Limon  
TBA - Middle School Track at West Grand



### NMSHS Calendar

**Thursday, March 28 - Friday, March 29**  
Spring Break - No School

**Monday, April 1**  
4 p.m. - High School Girls' Soccer at Clear Creek

**Wednesday, April 3**  
4 p.m. - High School Girls' Soccer vs Gilpin  
6 p.m. - PTA Meeting

**Thursday, April 4**  
All State Band

**Friday, April 5**  
All State Band  
4 p.m. - High School Girls' Soccer vs Estes Park

**Saturday, April 6**  
All State Band  
9 a.m. - Track & Field D'Evelyn Invite



PHOTOS BY ANNA THOMASON

**Splashing around for Easter eggs**  
Left: Diving for eggs in the Gilpin Rec Center pool. Right: Special Events Coordinator Krystal Meyer works the prize table at the Easter Dive.

# Gilpin Rec Center's Annual Easter Egg Dive

ANNA THOMASON  
GILPIN COUNTY

The Gilpin County Recreation Center held its 20th Annual Easter Egg Dive on March 23, a unique twist on a traditional event. Since 2003, the center had been organizing a simple Easter egg hunt for local children. However, in 2004, a new element was introduced: children were now invited to dive for eggs instead of merely searching for them.

This year, around 200 enthusiastic boys and girls participated in the

egg hunt. Divided into different age groups, the children embarked on their egg-hunting adventures, starting with the youngest group of 0-2 year-olds at 10:30 a.m., followed by the 3-4 year-olds at 10:45 a.m., and so on. The excitement peaked with the egg dive at noon, open to participants of all ages. Approximately 75 children took part in this final event, as reported by the Special Events Coordinator, Krystal Meyer.

The rules of the egg dive were straightforward. There were two

rounds of diving. The first round allowed each participant to collect up to four eggs. Subsequently, in the second round, it was a free-for-all. The most adept swimmers were rewarded with additional eggs and prizes.

Since the event took place in a swimming pool, the eggs retrieved during the dive were empty. However, the young participants could exchange their eggs for prizes at a designated table.

The atmosphere at the event was vibrant and filled with energy. The

children were thrilled to be part of this enjoyable tradition, while vigilant lifeguards ensured their safety, allowing parents to relax and relish the sight of their kids having a great time.

Such events highlight the importance of spending quality time with family and the community, enriching not only the mind but also the soul. In years to come, these children will look back fondly on the memory of meeting the Easter bunny before embarking on their egg-diving adventure.

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# Opera comes to the mountain schools

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access to rich cultural, artistic, and scientific opportunities.

When Gold Hill School teachers Johanna Morrison and Christine Maedke learned that they were awarded the SCFD grant they had to choose what to do with the money. One of the options they chose is to partner with Opera Colorado and their educational program. The Artists in Residence program comes to the school.

They reached out to NES to see if they would host the event, and invited their students to join, as well as Jamestown Elementary.

There have been many versions of Cinderella created over the years. Italian Gioachino Rossini composed his version of *Cinderella* in 1817 when he was 25 years old.

Rossini's *Cinderella* has a few different elements than the story we are used to. There is no wicked stepmother, but a wicked stepfather. There are no glass slippers. Instead there are two bracelets. The fairy godmother has been replaced by a royal advisor. The two stepsisters are arrogant and mean spirited – that is what makes them unattractive. Cinderella's name is Angelina.

Prince Ramiro wants to find a bride. He disguises himself as a servant so he can find the right person while he remains unknown.

The pompous attitude of the stepsisters when they are sure they each deserve to marry the prince (who is not really the prince) is perfectly over-dramatic.

The emotion of the arias when Angelina is not allowed to go to the ball is powerful and heart wrenching. She pleads with her stepfather to no avail.

Then, the “Cinderella” moment! The students could not help but say, “Ohhh, the dress,” as Angelina entered wearing a light blue dress



PHOTOS BY SARA SANDSTROM

**Rossini's Cinderella on stage at NES**

Top: The stepsisters tell Angelina what she is to do all the time. Bottom, right: During the finale Angelina forgave her family and kindness won. Bottom, left: Angelina begs her father to allow her to go to the ball.

that glistened and glittered in the light. She wore a tiara, earrings, and bracelets that all sparkled.

Prince Ramiro knew he had to find Angelina again, as she gave him one of her bracelets and left the ball.

The next day chaos ensued as Prince Ramiro found Angelina and her family, who were furious at Angelina's good fortune. The emotional intensity continues as Angelina and the prince marry. Kindness wins in the end as Angelina forgives her stepfather and stepsisters.

This is a story where goodness triumphs in the end for someone who experienced pain and struggle in her life. There is a message of forgiveness.

Some of the students said that they

liked the costumes and some parts were funny – “like the stepsisters.”

One student said, “They can really sing!”

After the opera the performers answered some questions from the kids. There were questions about the set they brought with them. They wondered if opera was something the singers wanted to do all their lives (they answered yes). They also asked if the singers really did kiss on stage. These are inquisitive kids.

After one last round of applause

and loud “Bravos” the students made their way to the lunchroom for post-opera repast.

It was a wonderful experience to have the three Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) elementary mountain schools together, see Rossini's *Cinderella*, and have a connection with opera.

A heartfelt thanks to SCFD, Opera Colorado, these superb Artists in Residence, and Gold Hill School for bringing this artistic and cultural opportunity to the BVSD elementary mountain school kids.



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# LIFE IN NATURE Hope for a return



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JAMES DEWALT  
LOS LAGOS NEST

Long-time residents may reflect on many years of stopping along the Boulder/Gilpin County line on a drive along the Peak to Peak highway to enjoy the stunning view of Baldy, and if lucky, catch some fishing action by the resident pair of osprey.

Nothing quite made a drive home after a long day like taking in the setting sun over the divide, and watching the resident raptors through binoculars as they performed their unique, full-body plunge into the chilly waters, emerging triumphantly with a fat trout for dinner. Occasionally we would be blessed by a low pass over the highway as they headed into the trees of the Kelly Dahl campground to dine on their pescatarian delight.

Sadly, that pair has not been seen since 2020 on the nest they called their summer home. Since osprey typically migrate to the same nest year after year, one can only assume they came to their natural end. While occasional individual osprey have since been spotted flying between the roadside lake and Manchester Lake, a mated pair has yet to take over the nest.

The resident elder bald eagle pair still enjoy the comforts of their

platform, from which they fish and enjoy the spectacular views, but they typically move deeper into the property as summer sets in so they can fish from bigger waters, leaving the nest as an occasional place of respite for themselves, or sometimes for the herons who enjoy the lake as well.

Osprey are known to form a monogamous breeding relationship for life; however, they tend to pair up only during the mating and nesting season. They live the remainder of the year, including during migration, as solitary individuals. Even when a pair is brooding, the male may also build a second nest nearby, allowing a place for either parent to get away for a bit while the mate takes their turn with incubation. Or, later, to escape the nest crowded with chicks.

In my own years of observing our local pair, I'm not sure I ever saw a second nest, nor behavior displaying the existence of one, as they seemed to enjoy one another's company as they shared their home. They did, however, enjoy perching on a few specific trees and utility poles around the lake where they could still be in close communication with each other.

Typically, the male of the pair will be the first to arrive to the summer home, spending a few days repairing the nest and building it back up after

it had been blasted by winter's winds. The image featured this week was captured on just such a sunny April day of nest rebuilding and refortifying.

Sometimes a solitary female on her own journey north might take rest with the male before his mate arrives, but she is immediately evicted upon the matron's return. It is possible that the lone female might be offspring from a previous year, simply knowing the nest as her birth-home and the male as her parent.

Osprey do not begin to mate until around their fourth year, and until they find a mate will often live alone or in a small roosting group. It is not until a mating bond is formed that they seek out or build a nest.

In the case of our long-time residents, they seemed to enjoy the nest as a pair for the duration of the summer, whether or not they had a successful clutch of eggs. This is not always the case for osprey, as sometimes, if a pair is unsuccessful, they may part ways early and go back to their solitary existence until it is time to try again the next year.

As last year's summer was winding down, I was driving past the lake one evening and my eye was caught by a familiar looking white head and dark body. A lone osprey sat proudly on one of the perches adjacent to the nest. It made my heart swell, thinking that maybe one of the offspring of our pair was scoping out the territory before heading south for the winter.

It's now mere weeks away from the annual return. I hold deep hope that this year we will see not only the return of that bird, but also see a mate, once again to take up summer residency in the most perfect mountain nest with that very best view of our Indian Peaks Wilderness in the distance.

\*\*For newcomers to the area, please note that the lake is private, and no trespassing is allowed, hence my statement regarding binoculars. The human and wildlife residents thank you for keeping it that way.

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# Easter Services in the Peak to Peak

### ALLENSPARK

**Allenspark Community Church**  
 16 Washington Street  
 303-747-2821  
 Worship 10 a.m. Sunday  
*Holy Week:*  
 Palm Sunday- Mass 10 a.m.  
 Easter Sunday- Pancake Breakfast  
 8:15 a.m., Mass 10 a.m.

### COAL CREEK

**Chapel In The Hills**  
 29579 Highway 72  
 303-642-3130  
 Worship - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
*Holy Week:*  
 Good Friday service 7 p.m.  
 Easter Mass - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### Whispering Pines

73 Gross Dam Road  
 303-642-3201  
 Worship 10:30 a.m.  
*Holy Week:*  
 Palm Sunday - 10:30 a.m. service  
 Good Friday - 7 p.m. service

Easter Sunday - 9 a.m. potluck  
 breakfast, 10:30 a.m. Easter service  
 with an Easter Egg Hunt to follow.

### NEDERLAND

**Calvary Chapel**  
 275 W 2nd Street  
 303-258-3502  
 Worship - 11 a.m., Bible Study at 10 a.m.  
*Holy Week:*  
 Good Friday Celebration - 7 p.m.  
 Easter Sunday- Sunrise Service at  
 Barker Reservoir 7 a.m, Resurrection  
 Service 11 a.m.

### Nederland Community Presbyterian Church

210 N Jefferson Street  
 303-258-3579  
*Holy Week:*  
 Easter Sunrise Personal Contempla-  
 tion in the sanctuary 6:30 - 7 a.m.  
 Piano+Poems+Contemplation  
 7 - 7:30 a.m.  
 Drop-In Breakfast 7:30 - 10 a.m.  
 Easter Sunday Service - 10 a.m.



### St. Rita's Catholic Church

326 Highway 119  
 303-258-3060  
 Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
*Holy Week:*  
 Stations of the Cross & Soup - March  
 27 Wednesday 5:30 p.m.  
 Holy Thursday - Mass 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday - Mass 5:30 p.m.  
 Easter Sunday - Mass 9:30 a.m.

### GILPIN COUNTY

**Christ The King Church**  
 971 Highway 46, Black Hawk  
 303-582-3301  
 Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Evening Service - 7 p.m.  
*Holy Week:*  
 Pastor's message: "What if Easter  
 never happened?"  
 Easter Sunday- Breakfast 10 a.m.,  
 Mass 10:30 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt  
 following services.

### CENTRAL CITY

**St. Mary Of The Assumption**  
 135 Pine Street, Central City  
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 Worship 11 a.m., Friday 12:10 p.m.,  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
*Holy Week:*  
 Stations of the Cross-Soup Supper-  
 March 15 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.  
 Stations of the Cross. KoC Fish Fry-  
 March 22 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.  
 Good Friday Mass 12:10 p.m.  
 Easter Sunday Mass 11 a.m.

*Nederland Community Church*  
**Easter Schedule**  
 210 N Jefferson St  
 Nederland, CO

- 6:30-7:00 AM Sunrise Personal Contemplation
- 7:00-7:30 AM Piano + Contemplation
- 7:30-10:00 AM Drop-in Breakfast
- 10:00- 11:00 AM Easter Service

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- 7 am, Sunday, March 31 – Join your Neighbors for Sunrise Service at Barker Reservoir
- 11 am – Sermon & Worship Services, including the Revelation 19 Choir

*May this Easter season fill your soul with renewed faith, love, and everlasting peace.*

Calvary Chapel of Nederland, 275 Highway 72 (located across the street from RTD parking lot)



PHOTO BY BETSY EPP

**Learning together**  
Parents form an interconnected "web of strengths."

Anticipation for the next session on April 16 permeated the room, promising additional insights into creating limits, routines, and family rituals for children's safety and empowerment in an ever-changing world.

TEENS, Inc. stands as a beacon of unwavering support for local families, offering more than just knowledge - a nurturing community. With free dinner and childcare provided at every Mountain Strong Families event, accessibility is amplified. TEENS, Inc. strives to create a community of empowered parents dedicated to fostering confident, self-assured children. Those interested in participating can contact [betsy@teensinc.org](mailto:betsy@teensinc.org) to register for the April 16 session or to gather more information.

The journey continues, weaving together families in the tapestry of parenting wisdom and community connection. As we navigate the intricate journey of raising children, TEENS, Inc. remains a guiding light, offering insights, shared experiences, and a community of parents dedicated to empowering the next generation. The warmth and laughter within the walls of Nederland Elementary School echo the shared commitment to nurturing confident, self-assured children - ensuring a brighter future for all.

# Nurturing confidence and self-worth in little hearts

BETSY EPP  
NEDERLAND

Within the lively halls of Nederland Elementary School, parents and caregivers converged with warmth and a shared vision of fostering confident children. Another enlightening chapter of TEENS, Inc.'s Mountain Strong Families Program unfolded, titled Ensuring Confidence and Self-Worth in Your Child. This sixth installment attracted families eager for invaluable insights and strategies to nurture their children's self-esteem.

The evening commenced with a heartwarming family dinner of vegetable or chicken curry generously provided by TEENS, Inc. As children gathered in the library for their activities, parents retreated to the Kiva at Nederland Elementary School to partake in a grounding exercise. Led by the charismatic Chrissy Quinlan, TEENS, Inc. Parent Educator, the exercise invited parents to tap into love and compassion, creating an atmosphere of connection before delving into the evening's exploration.

The heart of the session focused on the concept of self-worth, where Quinlan, with her wealth of experience, expertly navigated the intricate waters of positive self-concept and self-esteem. Parents were prompted to introspect on their thoughts and feelings about themselves, acknowledging the profound impact these reflections have on their children's development.

Quinlan emphasized the pivotal role of parents and caregivers in shaping their child's self-worth, reminding everyone that fostering self-worth is a journey parents embark on together. Positive or

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adverse childhood experiences lay the foundation, with parental self-worth as a crucial catalyst.

The activities designed for interactive engagement became a bridge, bringing parents closer and helping them recognize the strengths inherent in their supportive community. In this interconnected web of strengths, parents gathered to celebrate each other's positive qualities, fostering a profound sense of unity that resonated beyond the session.

One notable element was the yarn-sharing circle, which symbolized our interconnected strengths. Parents took turns sharing their strengths, weaving a metaphoric web demonstrating the power of collective support. As the yarn passed from one participant to another, a tangible reminder of the group's interconnected strengths emerged.

A Toni Morrison video served as a powerful illustration of the transformative impact of expressing delight in our children. Quinlan urged parents to actively engage in crafting praise statements for their children for simply being.

The room buzzed with the sound of parents penning heartfelt affirmations, acknowledging the profound influence of consistent positive reinforcement. The subsequent exploration of labels and their impact on a child's self-worth

became a thought-provoking journey, deepening our understanding of the intricacies of developing positive self-worth.

The session extended its exploration into the significance of labels and their impact on a child's self-worth. A thought-provoking video highlighted the influence labels can have on shaping identity. Parents engaged in a lively discussion, sharing experiences and challenges related to the labels they or their children had encountered.

The culmination involved an exercise in reframing labels. Parents were encouraged to spotlight their children's strengths over perceived shortcomings, fostering a positive narrative. "My daughter is not bossy; she is a leader!" shared one parent. Quinlan emphasized the power of language in shaping self-perception and how this exercise could contribute to building a resilient and positive self-concept.

As the session approached its conclusion, Quinlan reminded attendees of the significance of mindful parenting. She emphasized the need for critical thinking to counter societal influences on self-worth and encouraged parents to cultivate an environment where their children can thrive as confident and self-assured individuals.

## POETRY CORNER

Some words for the week

another spring snowfall  
presses a strange pause  
on this place  
it's like we've never  
had a storm like this  
cars sit buried and stuck  
people hoard canned goods  
and cancel plans  
it seems to feel to some  
that the sky is falling  
and it is but it soon stops  
and the shovel helps  
to scrape away the remnants  
as the highway is clogged  
with drifts and bad driving  
on my way home from work  
I wonder what the foxes do  
in four feet of snow  
how they cope  
when we so barely can  
and then I see one  
not a minute later  
scurry over the snow  
without stress or sinking  
light as fiery air  
up and over the mounds  
and back into the woods  
and I laugh  
for who is meant to be here  
who thrives so easily  
who struggles  
at the slightest slush  
who are we up here so high  
an ever growing mess  
while the remaining foxes  
almost float

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# A lifetime in pictures Jeanette Smith

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

“Big snows?” Jeanette Smith says when asked how she fared through the 53 inches of snow that hit Nederland recently. “It’s okay.” Jeanette laughs the question off, for she’s seen so much in her 87 years of life that the occasional occurrence of snow up to her shoulders is but a minor nuisance.

Jeanette has witnessed the ebbs and flows of Nederland’s growth, from the halcyon that was those peak years of the mining industry, to the town floundering from the loss of that industry before the ski area in Eldora was created. She remembers the Jamboree, Old Timers’ and Miners’ Days, and Frozen Dead Guy Days; she remembers the miners, the artists, and the hippies.

Framed in her hallway in her home in Nederland is a large photograph of the town from 1914. She points to the Antlers Hotel where she attended camp every summer, and

explained where St. Rita’s Catholic Church would eventually be built, as well as where Highway 119 would go, explaining that the land was purchased for \$400.

But apart from witnessing the changes the town has gone through, she’s experienced peaks and valleys in her own life as well. Tremendous loss and everlasting love, and many generations of family growing and thriving like the stretching roots of a great Colorado blue spruce.

A spruce tree would connect Jeanette to the mountains before she would ever venture into them herself, since a giant spruce grew in the back yard of her childhood home in Denver. When she was but a toddler her brother relocated the sapling from the mountains to their back yard as part of a Boy Scout project. Jeanette has pictures of her and her family, generation after generation, standing in front of that same tree, from sapling to stories high.

The walls of Jeanette’s current home in Nederland are picture collages of



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEANETTE SMITH

### Dancing together forever

Jeanette and Mike celebrate their relationship, having together raised six children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

### Looking back

Jeanette looks at her class photo from St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School in Denver.

more than a hundred years of history, from her grandparents who emigrated from County Mayo in Ireland, to her parents, aunts and uncles, to her own six children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. As she goes by each photograph she instantly can recall the date the photo was taken, and where it was taken. Often there’s a story or a memory attached, which she is pleased to tell.

She gathers more photo albums to share and spreads the memories across her dining room table, which is proudly adorned with St. Patrick’s Day decorations. She finds photos of her father from his time serving in France during World War I at the age of 18; he lived to be 87 despite having been exposed to chemical gas during the war.

“My uncle became an artist and worked for Walt Disney to

make “Snow White and the Seven Dwarves,” she shared after finding a portrait her uncle made of her father. She became excited when comparing a photograph of her father at the age of 24 to a picture of her grandson at 24, as the two of them looked remarkably alike.

Jeanette looks carefully at a class photo from her time at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School and tries to locate herself...she was standing in the middle of the middle row. When asked if she liked school, Smith chuckled and noted that when she was a child she had always just gone with the flow of life. School wasn’t something she hated or loved – it just was.

But at the age of 9 she experienced something much more impactful,

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**The importance of family**  
Above, left: The whole Smith family in 2014 (from left to right, by age) Mike, Jeanette, Joe, Mark, Jim, Diane, Pete, and Sheila. Above, right: Throughout the years Jeanette held many jobs and wore many hats, including working as a hiking guide. Below, right: Jeanette, Mike, and the children having survived another snowstorm in Nederland, 1966. Below, left: Mike and Jeanette Smith were married on September 12, 1954, and were together for 67 years.

# Smith: life

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and that was coming to Nederland to attend Camp Montrita, a camp for Catholic girls run by the Junior Catholic Daughters of the America that was held within the historic Antlers Hotel. Smith shared her memories of the games and activities she and other girls from Denver, Kansas, and Nebraska would enjoy, from horseback riding to the shores of Barker Dam, to talent shows and hikes, and even a snipe hunt through the old cemetery, before being scared off by boys pretending to be ghosts.

“We loved to hike to Mud Lake and spend the day,” Jeanette wrote in a piece written in 2008. “Some sunbathed, others hiked round the lake, and some caught tiny frogs, crayfish, and the special salamanders that lived there. The director did not appreciate these creatures in the bathtub.”

Her essay details walks into downtown Nederland shops for “candy, pop, and ice cream,” hay rides, cowboy cookouts by the campfire, and nights of square dancing. The memories forged over those summers definitely left a lasting impression, as fresh in her mind as if they had happened

yesterday. To this day, Jeanette still writes of her experiences and of the things she’s learned along the way. Writing and cataloging photos helps her always to remain connected to those memories, as well as to her family and loved ones.

Among the mass of photos on her walls are also frames dedicated to single memories – from family gatherings, like Easter at her mother’s house in Denver, to weddings and wedding



anniversaries. Jeanette has at least one photo from every decade celebrating her marriage to Michael B. Smith, from 1954 to his passing in 2021.

Mike was born June 27, 1935 in Boulder, and moved to Nederland when he was 11 years old. He contracted polio in 1949 and survived, regaining his ability to walk. He met Jeanette when he was 14, having ridden his bike up to the camp one summer, most likely out

of curiosity. He would marry her in September of 1954, after having dated her for a year.

Mike worked in many mines throughout his career, including Cold Springs, Conger, Cross, Eureka, and Tungsten Mill; and worked in construction and carpentry right up until retiring in 2000. He’s remembered, not just for his work in mining, but also as a leader in the community who served on many boards and assisted in many long-lasting projects.

Jeanette remembers clearly the impact the loss of the mining industry had on Mike and on Nederland.

“The mining fell apart in ’58 or ’59. The ski area hadn’t been built yet or anything, and a lot of people just packed up and moved to another mining town, and that was devastating to someone who the only thing they’ve done is mining,” Jeanette recalled. She described how Mike had to work several jobs, including trucking – which he did not enjoy – and construction.

“By the 60s Boulder was starting to really move; Martin Acres was being built and all that stuff, so he was hired on as a laborer and then he studied and became a journeyman carpenter, and then he got bored with that and decided to do some mining again,” she laughed, then named some of the projects he worked on, including building homes in the then-new Big Springs subdivision and constructing the roads in Sunnyside.



The Town of Nederland also went through some difficult changes after losing the mining industry the first time. Jeanette remembers that just as the town was going through one of its worst transitions, without industry and before

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## Smith: life

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tourism, that was right when the hippies began to show up.

“Our hippie era was just hellacious,” Jeanette recalls. “One summer there was at least 300 to 400 people living out at Gold Lake in tents and lean-tos!” She remembered local hunters getting upset at the influx of people camping in the wilderness, as it chased the deer and elk away.

From 1955 to 1962, Jeanette gave birth to six children: Joe, Mark, Jim, Diane, Pete, and Sheila. In addition to being a full-time mother, Jeanette also worked as a teacher’s aide for 29 years, teaching Nederland Elementary School kids how to read.

Over the decades she has organized and managed town events like Old Timers’ and Miners’ Days, took part in the Red Hat Society, formed a bible school with collaboration from Nederland’s churches, wrote and edited the joint church newsletter, taught religious education after Sunday Mass at St. Rita’s (where she also played the pipe organ), and volunteered at the Nederland Mining Museum.

In addition to having experienced some of Nederland’s “rough” weather, including a snowstorm with four-foot-high snow drifts that occurred when she was pregnant with her son Pete, nothing quite compared to having survived a natural gas explosion.

“Explosion and fire destroy Smith home” the headline reads in the

February 20, 1981, edition of The Mountain-Ear.

“The explosion occurred at 8:50 a.m. in the garage where Michael Smith had been working. Within 10 minutes the remainder of the house was engulfed in flames. The explosion was heard for as far as five miles away,” the report reads.

“At that time there was no snow on the ground; it was dry and the atmosphere was really heavy,” Jeanette recalls.

Welding equipment in the garage created a spark that ignited the natural gas leak. Nederland was full of workmen off for President’s Day, many of whom quickly ran to the Smiths’ aid; emergency services were already on their way by the time Jeanette had gotten around to calling for them.

“A friend out in Rollinsville said she heard it,” Jeanette mused. “I have a friend who was down at Whistler’s Cafe at a window facing west and they saw it, and it was just like in the cartoons – it went ‘Ka-Boom.’ With the ‘Ka’ she saw the roof go off of the house, and then the ‘Boom’ when the roof came back down, and all the glass in the windows got blown out.”

A state patrolman was the first to respond to the incident and arrived just in time for Mike to emerge from the rubble of the garage that had exploded around him. Mike had lifted the roof joists off of himself, and stood covered in white dust. The patrolman remarked that it looked like Jesus of Nazareth rising from the dead.

The Smiths’ son Mark ran into the flaming house and began collecting



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### Sharing knowledge and doing what she loves

Jeanette poses at the door of the Gillaspie House Museum, where she leads tours with her immense knowledge of Nederland history.

childhood photos and family memorabilia and passing them out the windows. The piano was also saved, as were many of Jeanette’s songbooks, though they survived slightly smoky and singed. Jeanette runs her fingers along a deep scratch in the dining room table that sits in her current home, and notes that Mark had helped to save that table as well, though it suffered minor damage.

She survived the explosion with minimal injury. However, Mike had severe burns on his hand and face and had to be taken to the hospital. Luckily, Mike had a signed paycheck in his wallet, and his wallet had been rescued from the fire; Jeanette used the funds to purchase new clothes for him for whenever he would be released.

“But what was really sad that day was his dad went down to Boulder for lung cancer surgery. He had smoked since he was 14 and was a miner, and he died on the operating table that same day,” Jeanette said. “And so the minister at the Presbyterian church drove me to the community hospital to tell Mike, and that was a very hard thing to do. Mike lost his house and his dad the same day...so we’ve been through a lot together.”

In late July, 2014, Jeanette, Mike, their six children and their families were selected to be the Grand Marshal Family in the Old Timers’ Parade. It was the first time in 10 years that the whole family was together in Nederland.

Five years later Mark Smith passed away from cancer at the age of 63. Mark worked for many years as a road supervisor for Boulder County, and was also the owner of his own business, Antique Excavation Company.

Mark, much like his parents, had volunteered his services and expertise to the Nederland community on numerous occasions. He selflessly dug defensive lines with his D-7 dozer to protect homes in the Sugarloaf neighborhood from

the Black Tiger fire, and was among those who excavated and carved out access roads in Jamestown and Lyons that had been buried in debris from the 2013 flood.

Then, in September, 2021, Jeanette lost her husband of 67 years to Parkinson’s and Post Polio Syndrome.

As Mike was in the Life Care Center in Longmont she would arrange to bring friends and family with her to visit him. She, of course, has pictures of her visits with him, of them together and of Mike with his loved ones.

And though it was obvious from that array of pictures that spanned decades that Mike had lost a significant amount of weight, it was also clear from the smile on his face that he was still bright with life.

“I made these so Mike would have something on the wall in his room,” Jeanette said as she pointed to several scrapbooks and picture frames that she put together specifically for her visits to her husband.

“When you have somebody who is in a nursing home you got to bring something to make them feel like they’re not isolated.”

An article highlighting Jeanette and Mike Smith’s beautiful marriage was printed in the Valentine’s Day issue of The Mountain-Ear published on February 11, 2021. It included these excerpts from a letter Jeanette wrote, titled “My Valentine” about that fateful summer day Mike rode up to the camp.

“I watched Mike ride his bike near Camp Montrita one summer. The next summer, he had the courage to ask me to go on a bike ride with him. We went from Camp Montrita to the Eldora turnoff. We each had the old-fashioned wide tire, one-speed bikes. At that time, there was a trail through the woods back toward the now YMCA camp off the West Magnolia Road.

## VOTE LUKE MILLER FOR NEDERLAND TRUSTEE!

Nederland isn’t just a place on the map for me—it’s where my own journey began in 1972. Returning here with my family has only strengthened my appreciation for our town’s unique character and the challenges and opportunities we have in front of us. With your vote, you have my word to listen to what matters most to local residents, to balance all available options and impacts, and to find common ground solutions that respect our history and benefit our community now and in the future.



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- Build our emergency preparedness.
- Foster transparency and trust.
- Champion conservation and sustainability.

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“We rode our bikes to a little pond that Brownlee Guyer called the Tennessee Pond for the nearby Tennessee Mountain. I tried to find the pond the next summer, but because Colorado was at the beginning of a drought in the early 1950s, I could not find it. It had turned into a big grassy place. Every time the Seniors Snow Show passes the pond it brings back fond memories of the first time Mike and I visited the pond so many years ago.”

Jeanette, sitting at the scarred dining room table, doesn't linger long in lamenting, but instead focuses on those picture-perfect moments: playing the piano and singing with the camp girls on rainy days... going on a bike ride with the one you don't yet know is going to be the love of your life... posing with your own children in front of the great spruce tree that you yourself posed in front of as a child. Jeanette, her house awash in pictures in glass frames, is the keeper of all those memories, and with them the keeper of priceless history.

She still presides as the ambassador to Nederland's history, ensuring that it isn't forgotten. Jeanette runs the tours at the Gillaspie House Museum whenever she can, and remains active in several groups, including her writing group, the Nederland Area Seniors, Nederland Area Historical Society (NAHS), and her church

– though she notes that she doesn't play the organ during Sunday Mass anymore, but now she gets to play piano at home just for herself.

“When COVID hit I thought maybe I'll stay home and relax, but now I'm getting involved again, ahhh!” She feigns a scream, as if things are too overwhelming. But she admits that she loves staying active as well as staying involved.

In addition to keeping informed and having an opinion about many of modern day Nederland's “big” issues, from the proposed Chipeta Park Pump Track, to the TEENS, Inc. childcare center, and the town's new logo, she's also been lending her expertise and sharing her treasure trove of history with the NAHS as they prepare to celebrate Nederland's 150th Anniversary.

“I've got the invitation hanging up by the telephone, and I've already mailed some,” Jeanette said excitedly, explaining how she's been reaching out to Nederland's “old timers,” to all those with deep rooted history in the Town who are now living all across the country, and inviting them to the sesquicentennial festivities scheduled for this August.

During a recent meeting with Nederland Town staff, NAHS, the Peak to Peak Chamber of Commerce, and other organizations regarding planning the 150th Anniversary events, Jeanette was nominated to be Grand Marshal of the parade. That nomination was unanimously and enthusiastically accepted.



## IN LOVING MEMORY

### Charles Thomas Morgan January 12, 1961 – March 19, 2024

Charles (known to many as Char or Uncle Charlie) Thomas Morgan, age 63, of Wideawake, Colorado, died on March 19, 2024, at the home he built on Uncle Charlie's Ranch.

He was born in Denver, Colorado, on January 12, 1961, to parents Charles Henry Morgan and Julia Mayme Pstalock. Char was survived by wife Diane, brothers Ron and Rick, sisters Cindy and Mel, nephews Chance, Dusty, and Matt, along with many other beloved family members.

Char purchased his property in Wideawake, Colorado, in 1999 where his discovery of the water led to his “retirement” on his infamous Uncle Charlie's Ranch. Charlie shared his love of his Ranch with so many; The Wolf Sanctuary, The Buffalo Sanctuary, as well as many outdoor events for all to gather and enjoy his beautiful land.

Charlie was passionate about car restoration, helping anyone that he could with his Wideawake water and was endlessly devoted to his



wife Diane as well as his family, friends, animals and anyone who needed his help.

There will be a celebration of life this summer at Uncle Charlie's Ranch, the date of which will be announced at a later time.

*In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the family to cover Charlie's final resting wishes. Donations can be made at <https://giveahand.com/fundraiser/charlie-morgan>.*

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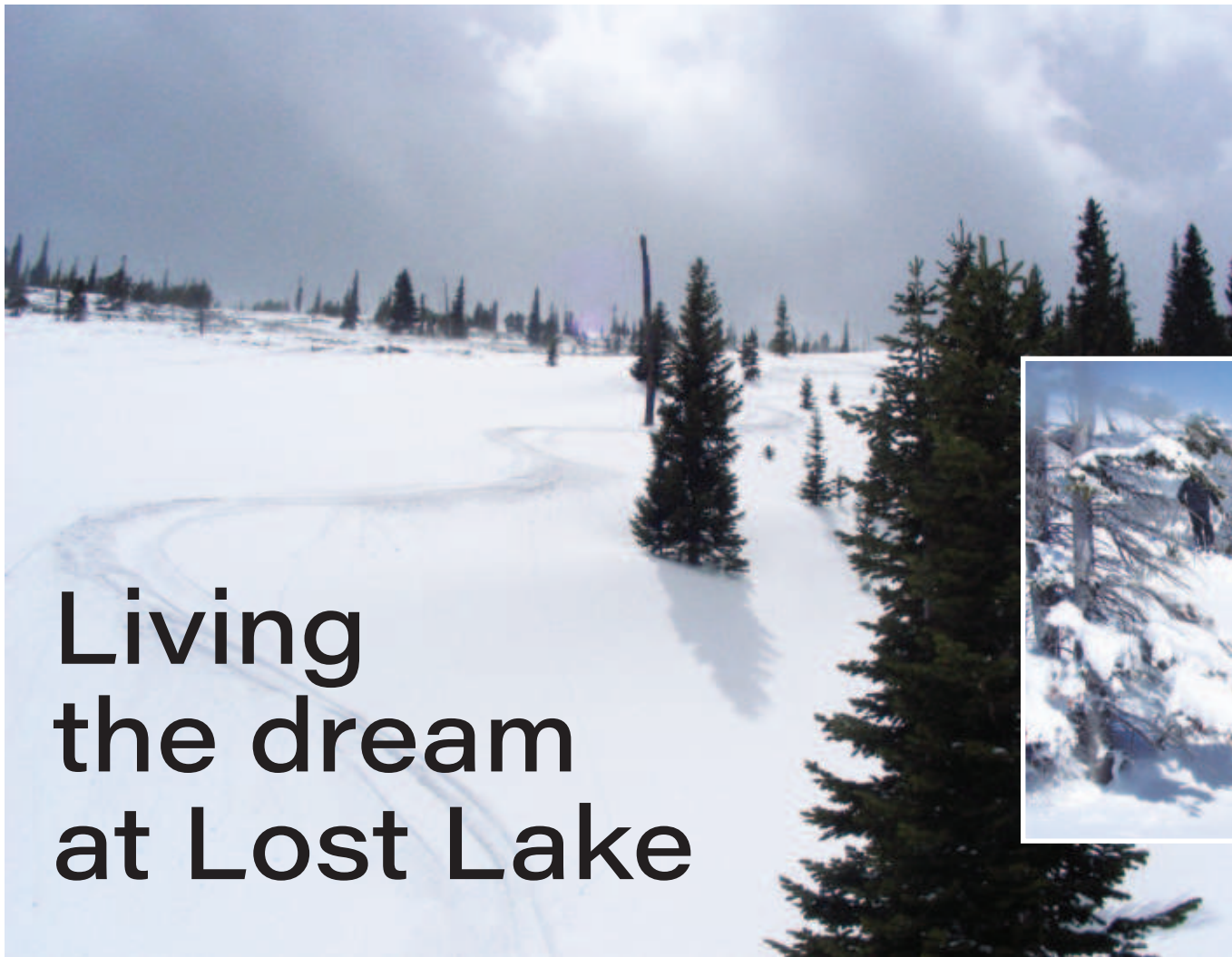
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# Living the dream at Lost Lake

WES ISENHART  
PEAK TO PEAK

The Lost Lake drainage next to Eldora Mountain Resort is an almost mystical place with natural snow and gnarly chutes that define backcountry adventures. It is also accessible from the Corona lift, so there is no need for snowcats or helicopters to enjoy the freedom and wild beauty of riding in a backcountry wilderness area.

All backcountry riding is dangerous but there are some precautions that can be taken to mitigate the risk. The most important safety tip is to go with a buddy or a group. There is safety in numbers.

Timing is also critical to riding safely in the backcountry. The

Colorado Avalanche Information Center (CAIC/avalanche.state.co.us) provides daily updates on the avalanche potential in different geographical zones around the state. You always need to check the morning avalanche report before heading out, to find out if it is safe to travel in the backcountry and which slopes to avoid.

Generally spring is a good time to ride in Lost Lake. The snowpack has consolidated, and a lot of obstacles are submerged under the snow, opening up new terrain. The snow has a soft buttery quality in the afternoon, which makes riding fun in steep terrain.

The best powder is earlier in the winter, but no avalanche mitigation

work is done on the chutes at that time, so there is a huge risk in chasing powder early in the season. Riders have died in the chutes.

Proper backcountry equipment includes an avalanche beacon, a snow shovel, and an avalanche probe. Elite backcountry athletes also have airbag backpacks and skins, which can be purchased at most outdoor stores. The best way to learn how to use avalanche beacons and rescue techniques is to take an avalanche safety class. It is also a good idea to have a GPS in your pocket – just in case.

Getting to Lost Lake is as simple as going out the back gate just west of the Lookout at the top of the Corona lift. The route follows a ridge that leads to the Arestua Hut on the northeast side of Quinn Mountain, which is just east of Rollins Pass. The route is called Pipeline because of the natural gas pipeline that goes over to Winter Park. It can be traversed in about 20 minutes by hiking, or using skins or split boards. Along the way, there are breathtaking views of the Continental Divide and the Indian Peaks Wilderness.

The first run is called The Ripples, and it can be accessed prior to getting to the Lost Lake drainage. The run is split by a large scree field. The east side follows the ski area boundary next to Moose Glades and ends up in the forest east of Lost Lake. The west side follows a creek that also ends up on the forest floor.

Both sides of the Ripples offer moderate risk terrain that usually has light traffic and good snow.

After climbing two ridges, the trail to the chutes follows the left side of the Ripples and then up to the ridge above Lost Lake. Follow the tracks to reach the ridge. The chutes are named: Right Chute, Left Chute, and Headwall. They all have a grade of more than 40 degrees, and are red diamond in difficulty.

Below the chutes, the runs merge and follow an old mining road over to the Lost Lake Bowl, which is about as good as you can get for high-altitude

## Starting the run

Living the dream at Lost Lake. First tracks on the left side of the Ripples next to the creek.

## Waiting to go

Backcountry athletes waiting to drop into Left Chute. The view is looking northeast on the 4th of July Trailhead drainage.



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alpine terrain backcountry riding.

There are multiple different lines down through the Lost Lake Bowl, with the finish being a high-speed ride across the frozen lake to the east side. A short hike up from the lake leads to the exit trail called Homeboy, which contours around the hill and back to the Corona lift.

It is important to follow the tracks to the entrance of the exit trail or you could find yourself hitching a ride out of the town of Eldora. Homeboy is a really difficult section because it is little more than a game trail with sudden turns, where your tired legs lead to a constant risk of collisions with trees.

A round trip to Lost Lake for those who know the route can be done in about an hour to an hour and a half, so it is possible to make multiple trips over to Lost Lake in a day. The Corona lift closes at 3:30 p.m., which is a problem in late spring with daylight saving time, when the snow is just starting to soften, and the late afternoon sunshine encourages lingering in the backcountry.

Morning snow is hard and crunchy, so the danger level is significantly higher riding on hard morning snow. Early afternoon usually has the best surface conditions, between ice and slush.

While it is literally next door to the resort, riding Lost Lake is a totally unique experience – quite different from the meticulously groomed runs and crowds on the other side of the gate.

There have been proposals to monitor and mitigate the avalanche danger in the chutes and improve the trail between Lost Lake and Corona so that it is a safe passage for those seeking to experience the wild beauty of the Indian Peaks Wilderness in the winter, but no plans have been put forward at this point.

A pilgrimage to Lost Lake offers the tantalizing possibility of dropping off the ridge into the chutes with the sun at your back illuminating the slope below where the soft buttery snow allows for a graceful descent down the mountain with swooping turns that feel like a hawk circling on the thermals. It's living the dream at Lost Lake.

## Pet of the week

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I wanna be held by you, alone!

I wanna be walked by you, just you  
Nobody else but you  
I wanna be walked by you, alone!

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**In action**

A snapshot of Gilpin County Animal Response Team volunteer Chris Jesik rescuing one of the animals.

# Mountain donkeys rescued during snowstorm

OMAYRA ACEVEDO  
GILPIN COUNTY

Humans are not the only ones risking injury or facing danger during massive snowstorms. Two horses and two miniature donkeys became trapped in their barn after several feet of snow fell in the neighborhood of Aspen Springs.

The two horses managed to escape, but the donkeys, Bonnie and Clyde, remained trapped. The animals' owner called for help, and the Gilpin County Animal Response Team (GCART), Timberline Fire Department, and Meyers Services came to their rescue.

The volunteers of the Gilpin County Animal Response Team, Brittanie Dickson, Chris Jesik, and Laura Jesik, walked the animals a mile from their barn and into a safe and temporary shelter.

"Timberline Fire Chief Paul Ondr and his volunteers helped with the structure and securing the donkeys. Jeremy Meyers with Meyers Services plowed a path with his front-end loader so we could safely access the barn to get the animals out," Dickson offered.

The incident took roughly five hours from the time the call came in from the sheriff's office, and the helpers waited for Meyers Services

to make it safely to the location to plow a path to the structure.

Dickson also shared, "We evacuated the animals. Then, we had to wait for the temporary barn to be plowed and the panels to go up." Thanks to the local heroes in Gilpin County, the animals and volunteers are now safe, and there were no injuries.

The animals will remain at a temporary location, awaiting the rebuilding of their barn. Dickson says they are hoping insurance will cover the barn. "If not, GCART is going to assist in the new build, and we will reach out to the community for support as well."

Dickson's advice for animal caretakers is for animals to be set up for success as you would set yourself up when preparing for a storm. She recommends you have extra food, water, medications, leashes, halters, ID tags with collars, travel kennels, and anything your pet may need that is easily accessible.

The work does not end there. Keeping a shoveled path to barns will make emergencies easier to manage. Keeping roofs cleared of snow so they don't become overburdened is another good idea.

Thank you to local heroes for your efforts and success in helping those that can't speak for themselves!



## Vote Tom Mahowald For Nederland Mayor



**With just 7 days until our election closes, let's think carefully about the Town leadership we want. You have two qualified but clearly different choices for Mayor with:**

- Different skill sets, professional backgrounds, track records and civic relationships,
- Different temperaments, approaches and abilities to move us forward,
- Different ideas on the amount of time and focus required to manage this process, and
- Different ideas on the type of town we want to be in 2 years, 5 years and beyond.

*Your two candidates have similar views on who we are as a community, even as our demographics are clearly changing. We agree on what makes us Nederland, but —*

*Only one of us is forward-looking, possibility-focused and data-respectful enough to understand that while population pressure on our unique and incredibly special place ensure that Nederland is going to change, we can take steps right now to do it our way. This is going to require a level of trust in ourselves and our community.*

*Let's make a bold decision on our future — starting with a new Mayor and Board of Trustees. We've made real progress, and now we must shift gears and think more expansively and joyfully about our many blessings. And then let's confidently build our future.*



**This Is Our Time.**

## Vote Tom Mahowald For Nederland Mayor

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# Gilpin BoCC updated on legislative bills

MINDY LEARY  
GILPIN COUNTY

The Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) called a work session to order at approximately 4 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024, exclusively online via Microsoft Teams. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the County's legislative priorities, which were addressed by lobbyists Ed Bowditch and Jennifer Cassell.

Commissioners Susan Berumen, Marie Mornis, and Sandy Hollingsworth were present, along with County Manager Ray Rears.

Bowditch explained the relevant Colorado House Bills, saying that the Long Bill (the budget) will be introduced on Wednesday and the Senate will be taking Good Friday as a holiday.

**HB 1052** "Concerning the reinstatement of an income tax credit to help income-qualified seniors afford housing."

There have been efforts to modify the bill, though they have been unsuccessful. This bill will help seniors who do not qualify for the Senior Homestead Exemption.

Bowditch said any senior with income under \$75,000 will qualify.

Mornis asked if the bill only applies to the primary residence. Bowditch explained that it is not tied to residency and is similar to an income tax credit. The Board decided to wait on taking a position.

**HB 1235** is about "Reducing aviation impacts on communities and concerning measures to reduce the impact of aviation on surrounding communities."

Hollingsworth said there have been complaints about aircraft noise and pollution, so she wanted to include it in the discussion. The commissioners chose to monitor the bill.

**HB 1272** Sunset Colorado Fire Commission, "Concerning the continuation of the Colorado fire commission in accordance with the

recommendation in the Department of Regulatory Agencies' 2023 Sunset Report, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation."

Cassell said the bill will continue until it sunsets in 2033. Again, the Board decided to monitor the bill.

**HB 1295** is a priority bill, "Concerning community revitalization incentives for the support of creative industries, and, in connection therewith, extending the community grant revitalization program and creating an income tax credit for expenses incurred in completing infrastructure that supports creative industries and creative industry workers."

This bill will do two things: one, extend the grant program for the creative industries; and two, extend a tax credit until 2032.

Cassell said it will be used in part to build up the creative districts.

Hollingsworth said that CCI (Colorado Counties Inc.) is in support of the bill.

Rears said Central City has been pursuing this bill to support the Central City Opera. Commissioners agreed to support the bill.

**HB 1296**, Modifications to the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA), "Concerning modifications to lessen the burdens of responding to records requests for custodians of records under the 'Colorado Open Records Act.'"

Bowditch said this bill gives institutions more time to make CORA requests. It will also allow any public entity to pursue full compensation. He said the bill has passed its first committee and is sitting in the Committee on Appropriations.

The Board decided to monitor the bill.

**HB 1357** Pipeline Safety, "Concerning measures to promote safety in the distribution of natural gas."

Cassell mentioned that Representative Tammy Story has been doing a lot of work on the bill. The Board chose to monitor.

**HB 1359**, "Concerning measures to increase public knowledge of hazardous chemicals released through oil and gas operations."

Bowditch said "This is an attempt to have more of a process to notify

citizens." The bill would require counties to notify citizens who have opted in to the notification system if there is a leak or spill.

Bowditch expects many amendments to the bill. The Board determined to monitor the bill.

**HB 1366**, "Concerning sustainable local government community planning."

Cassell said that CCI was very contentious about the bill. Hollingsworth confirmed that and said CCI took no position. Commissioners opted to monitor the bill.

**SB 126**, "Concerning the conservation easement income tax credit, and, in connection therewith, extending the conservation easement oversight commission and the certified holder program indefinitely, increasing the limit on conservation easement income tax credits available to donors in one calendar year, and allowing multiple transfers of conservation easement income tax credits."

Bowditch said the State would cap the credits at \$15 million for the first year. The Board again decided to monitor.

**SB 184**, "Concerning support for the development of surface transportation infrastructure, and, in connection therewith, providing funding and operational flexibility needed to support the development of transit and rail infrastructure."

Bowditch said the bill is a way for the State to get more revenue for the passenger railway network.

Hollingsworth said Clear Creek County is taking an amend position. Berumen said there have been concerns about the distribution of the funds.

The commissioners chose to take an amend position. They hope the bill will address the mountain rail system.

**SB 186**, "Concerning the classification of a coroner as a state trooper for the purpose of determining public employees' retirement association service retirement eligibility and benefits."

Bowditch said the bill was introduced last week and there is not much information on it yet.

Rears said this could be quite costly for the County and he would prefer not to open "that can of worms."

The Board agreed to monitor the bill informally and take no position.

Mornis asked about HB 10-116 and Cassell said the governor signed it about a week ago.

Berumen asked about HB 1300. Cassell said the bill will be discussed on March 26, and that there has been quite a bit of push back. She thinks the sponsors are willing to work on amendments for the bill. Berumen said she thought the Board should still stay opposed since it is a burden to homeowners.

Hollingsworth asked about HB 1349, concerning tax on ammunition and guns. Bowditch said the bill will be conditional upon voter approval.

The work session concluded at 5 p.m.

*The next legislative work session is scheduled for April 8, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. It can be accessed through the Gilpin County website at <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/public-meetings/board-of-county-commissioners-bocc-meetings>.*

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Sunday, March 31st  
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Bring your own basket! Limit one egg per child per stop.

## BoCC: Housing

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Park, discussing the various roads into the park. Public Works Director John Combs said the County dusts Gap Road twice annually at a cost of \$35,753 per year.

Hollingsworth said that if CPW (Colorado Parks and Wildlife) reaches their anticipated goal, then the County can collect funds for road maintenance, bike paths, and other access points into state parks.

This bill only applies to counties with state parks and roads that access state parks. The criteria to apply will be adjudicated this June and the fees could be collected as early as January of 2025. Hollingsworth noted that "This could be a potential source of revenue for the County."

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Resolution 24-49, PUD Rezoning for 5312 CO Hwy 119: Rob

Gutierrez, Community Development Director led the discussion, based on this information:

"The applicant, Gilpin County, is seeking a rezone to allow for multifamily residential use at 5312 Colorado Highway 119, also known as the Coyote Motel West. The parcel subject to the rezone is known as Parcel B, which was created by Boundary Line Adjustment 15-04A. Both Parcels A and B from BLA 15-04A are currently zoned as the Wild Rose Planned Unit Development (PUD), which allows for light commercial uses.

"Approval of this rezone request would create a new PUD for Parcel B that would add multifamily residential as a permitted use, subject to recording a deed restriction that requires that all residential units would qualify as affordable rentals as defined by Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) 29-32-101(2)."

Gutierrez said the rezoning comes with a positive recommendation from the Zoning Commission.

At 10:05 a.m., Berumen opened the public comment section.

Kathleen Balfour asked for more information on the wastewater and available wells. She also said she does not understand how \$125,000 per year in income defines eligibility for affordable housing or why they would take the Boulder County median numbers.

She said the community needs more information on who is going to pay for the Coyote Motel.

At 10:08 a.m., public comment was closed.

Referring to the Affordable Housing commitment that the Board adopted last year, Gutierrez said they used the Boulder County AMI instead of Clear Creek's because that is closer to Gilpin's numbers. Berumen said the rents will relate to a percentage of the AMI, more like 60%, which brings those numbers down.

DOLA does not want the project submitted if the land use is not permitted.

Gutierrez said there are a lot of unknowns still because the land entitlement comes first for DOLA. Nothing will change on the property in the short term until feasibility is determined.

Mornis moved to adopt the resolution, Hollingsworth seconded, and all were in favor.

Public hearing was closed at 10:20 a.m.

Resolution 24-64, Authorizing

the Submission of Requests for Congressionally Directed Spending and Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2025: Ryan Keenan, Facilities Director; Melissa Lewis, Emergency Manager; and Jamie Boyle, Grants Manager & Writer had presented three potential project ideas to the BoCC at a regular meeting on February 27, and requested direction on which project to submit for initial consideration and discussion with congressional staffers.

The three projects included improvements at the Dakota Hill Tower site, replacement of the generator at the Justice Center, and general roadway safety improvements throughout the county. The BoCC directed staff to submit an initial letter of interest for the Dakota Hill Tower project.

A letter of interest has been submitted for Dakota Hill but the chance of funding is slim, said Boyle.

The second choice for funding is the Justice Center backup generator. Staff have tried to find funding unsuccessfully in the past, but have been told the project is highly eligible. Boyle and Keenan requested permission to apply for funding, which would be over \$1 million.

Boyle offered the board an updated budget for the project if they do receive approval. The application is due on March 29. Rears said he believes the project application will be successful.

Mornis asked what the match would be for the County. Boyle said she estimates the match requirement would be about 20% of \$1.1 million, or \$250,000.

All were in favor of adopting the resolution.

Benning delivered the County

Attorney's Report, saying that a utility truck was damaged and they are working on a replacement. He has also been helping Alisa Witt with the Gilpin County Community Health Improvement Plan.

He attended a meeting of a Gilpin County Competency Court proceeding, which serves to determine if certain currently incarcerated inmates are determined to be eligible for this supervised release program that provides assistance for these individuals.

The objective, he continued, is to free up resources and help with drug rehabilitation.

Benning has also been reviewing how best to work with the local fire districts and authorities; state, federal, and local governments; the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Suppression and Control; the Colorado Division of Water Resources and the public to identify qualifying fire suppression ponds in Gilpin County through historic maps or other documentation.

Rears presented the County Manager's Report with possible topics for the Board to discuss at the April 16 work session:

- South Beaver Creek Road Improvement – Status
- Public Works Call Schedule / Plow Roadway Classification
- Community Center Annex – Design
- 2024 Budget Update / 2025 Budget Process Discussion
- Rollinsville (Train, cistern/fire protection, parking, development, and infrastructure)
- Noxious Weed Ordinance
- Policies (TBD)

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## Nederland Area Seniors

**April 1** - Massage Chair with Bonnie 9 - 11 a.m.

**April 3** - Chicken with lemon garlic sauce, quinoa, spinach and strawberry salad, bananas

**April 10** - Sweet and sour meatballs, rice noodles, Asian veggies, pineapple

**April 17** - Smothered bean and beef burrito, cilantro lime rice, Mexican slaw, oranges

**April 17** - Purple Art event - Art Class for Seniors! Suggested donation \$5.

**April 24** - Quinoa enchilada casserole, pico de gallo, spinach salad with lemon vinaigrette, grapes. April birthday celebrations!

*Lunch is served at noon. (Yoga 11 to 11:30 a.m.) Suggested donation for seniors \$5. RSVP 303-258-0799.*

*Our Senior Lounge is open! Please, check our website calendar for the latest updates [www.mountainpeaklife.org](http://www.mountainpeaklife.org).*

## Gilpin County Seniors

**March 22** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Social time

**March 25** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

**March 27** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo

**March 28** - Grocery shopping Bergen Park Walmart

**March 29** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m.

**April 1** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

**April 3** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m.

**April 4** - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart

**April 5** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo

**April 8** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

**April 10** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo

**April 11** - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart

**April 12** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Social time

**April 15** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

**April 17** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Birthday party

**April 18** - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park King Soopers

**April 19** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo

**April 22** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

**April 24** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic/Foot Clinic 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Please RSVP

**April 25** - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart

**April 26** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Social time

**April 29** - Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

*Please RSVP for lunch at least two business days ahead. We ask for a \$2.50 donation for lunch. All transportation is \$2.50 each one-way trip. We are doing door-to-door medical transportation at this time. Please call for details, 303-515-4292. We accept donations for the Senior Fit exercise classes.*

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# Emergency 911 calls to Eldora expected to increase

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors (NFPD) met on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7 p.m. to discuss the emergency call increase for Eldora Mountain Ski Resort. The Board were also notified that a vehicle had been stolen from the fire station's parking lot.

Chief Charlie Schmidtman presented his report, which detailed calls of significance to the Nederland Fire Department (NFD) from late February through early March.

NFD firefighters and EMS responded to a medical call of a possible stroke, and cared for a citizen who walked into the fire station suffering from a "significant cardiac problem."

The March 13 and 14 blizzard, which brought 53 inches of snow to the Nederland area, caused many issues for the community that prompted responses from the NPD, including a major gas leak at a local business.

Since the Board's last meeting on February 21, the NFD has responded to nine car crashes, including one call that required six hours of traffic control. Schmidtman's report also indicated an increase in calls to Eldora because both ski area staff and Eldora paramedics had suffered injuries.

Firefighters and EMS responded to nine calls to Eldora. Schmidtman reported that Eldora representatives expect that there will be a need for NFD to respond to the ski area more frequently than usual until the end of the ski season.

Schmidtman's report also indicated the several vehicle repairs and station improvements over the last month, including the installation of a new pump, bumper, tires, and a new winch for vehicle 5650. Schmidtman noted that he had winched eight vehicles out of the snow during the storm.

Vehicle 5654 broke down during the blizzard because of a dead battery that would not recharge. Schmidtman noted that several tire chains had broken in the snow-clearing efforts after the storm.

The District has also put in a bid for a new replacement vehicle, a 2024 Dodge Ram 5500 with several adjustments to fit the department's needs, for a total of \$77,670. The expected delivery of the vehicle is still 120 to 240 days away.

The NFD Station 1 has been undergoing maintenance, including the removal of old carpets, with new carpets expected to be installed in early April. Also, old furniture will be replaced with new tables and desks, as well as a new couch and chairs.

The operations room has received some updates, including the construction of two wing walls, and the mechanic's workshop has received a new large parts cabinet.

Concerning the 53 inches of snow, Schmidtman reported: "We had an amazing job done by Captain Wheelock and an impressive response by several volunteers during this storm, keeping our stations opened, driveways cleared, and everyone safe. The only things that broke were a winch line and a few chains. Our winches, plow

trucks and shovels were really put to the test this time!"

Schmidtman also thanked John Snyder for his unsolicited act of assisting the NFD in clearing the snow from the station, arriving with heavy equipment at four in the morning.

It was also reported that a firefighter captain's personal vehicle was stolen from outside the fire station about two weeks ago. Schmidtman spoke with the Board about how this incident has prompted the need for security cameras around the parking lot and at the doors of the station, with a cost estimated to be over \$1,000.

Town Administrator Miranda Fisher has suggested that Schmidtman draft a letter to Sergeant Asa Mirriam of Boulder County Sheriff's Department regarding what improvements to Nederland's police coverage the District expects.

The Chief's report mentioned that several members of the department have volunteered to become part of the new pension board, with an election to be held to pick the finalists. It was also reported that several firefighters planned to attend a UTV certification class being held on March 23 and 24.

Schmidtman also addressed certain preventive measures that NFD firefighters can take to protect themselves from cancer, particularly testicular cancer, attributed to the material found within their heavy bunker gear. Recent studies have shown that hazardous Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) found within the gear can be released from general wear and tear.

Firefighters are being advised

to wear the bunker gear only when required. The International Association of Fire Fighters also suggests that the gear should not be taken into the station's living areas; that when transporting gear in personal vehicles the gear should be kept in a sealed container or bag; that apparatus cabs should be cleaned regularly and after every fire; that hands should be washed after handling the gear; and that older gear should be replaced as soon as PFAS-free equipment becomes available.

Fire Marshal Andrew Joslin delivered his report for late February through early March. The report noted that the fire safety re-inspection of the Nederland Elementary School was rescheduled due to the snowstorm. It had been previously reported that the initial inspection of the elementary school yielded 25 safety violations.

The template of a wildland worksheet is being reconsidered to be more of a workbook, with District IT staff working on the changes. Joslin indicated that he had received a second round of tactical wildland maps created by Ember Alliance. Joslin plans to meet with Ember Alliance, as well as with Timberline Fire, in order to offer more feedback on the maps, and will be searching for a vendor for printing.

Marshal Joslin's report also detailed work being done to provide residents with more options in regards to making fee payments.

"We are currently considering PayPal, QuickBooks, or the State online payment portal (SIPA). We would like to provide the convenience for folks that would rather pay online than deliver/mail a check, however, we'd like for those folks to pay whatever extra convenience fees are added to the original amount," the report reads.

The Board was tasked with deciding on how to make transferring funds through ColoTrust a more efficient process. Board president Guy Falsetti and District Administrator Sherry Snyder spoke on how they have experienced issues with ColoTrust's two-step verification process.

"The process is cumbersome and there are deadlines that seem to change with each request," the NFPDs official agenda reads, regarding the reported problems with ColoTrust.

Falsetti noted that, though the District was receiving an extra \$5,000 a month in interest from investing with ColoTrust, he has personally experienced difficulty with ColoTrust accepting him as an approval authority since taking over the presidency of the Board. The miscommunication has created lapses in transferring the District's funds, which Snyder indicated causes greater issues when attempting to pay the District's bills.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Chief Schmidtman as the final approval authority for transferring the District's funds through ColoTrust.

The Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Meetings can be attended online via Microsoft Teams. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 7 p.m.

For more information go to: <https://www.nfpd.org>.



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# PROSAB addresses Rights of Nature, RINK improvement

JESS BOEHNER  
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board (PROSAB) met on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. to learn more about the Rights of Nature and hear updates on town events.

The meeting started with public comment about the possible expansion of the RINK to include more pickleball courts. Residents near the court are concerned about the noise interfering not only with their residences, but also with the wildlife that grazes in the area. PROSAB is still at the beginning stages of developing a design plan, but they assured the public that once the design is created, they will have more opportunities to voice their input.

Rich Orman attended the PROSAB meeting to discuss his role in administering the Rights of Nature. The Board of Trustees

(BOT) recently appointed two "river guardians" to represent the rights of the Boulder Creek Watershed in Nederland. Orman's job as a river guardian is to take concerns related to the watershed and bring them to the BOT.

The guardians will focus on the two main water supplies that run through the town by analyzing specific projects, such as the expansion of Eldora, and legal issues regarding the mine. The guardians will communicate with PROSAB on deforestation, meadows, and new developments near the water.

Peter Cacek recapped Nederland's events from last year and provided an overview of upcoming events. In 2023, the team organized Nederdays in March, the Fourth of July parade, and the Holiday Mountain Market. They aim to host more community-focused events to ensure consistent success. Dealing with weather, location, and participation taught the

events team how to prepare better moving forward.

This year, Nederdays will follow the theme "The Thaw-Out" to celebrate the coming of warmer months. The Fourth of July parade will also be a celebration of Nederland's 150th anniversary and will include a potluck to unite the town. A likely new feature of the Holiday Mountain Market will be craft workshops offered by the vendors.

Nicki Dunn provided updates regarding PROSAB's 2024 goals. A few new sidewalks and crosswalks are going in, and the 30 mph speed limit sign at the roundabout is moving a few hundred feet west. PROSAB is hoping that these updates will control speed and safety around town.

The RINK had an early end to the season because the warmer days caused the ice to melt. Dunn met with the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) mediator last week, and they discussed the possibility of

building a roof over the RINK. A roof would help in not only keeping the ice frozen but also minimizing the noise coming from tennis and pickleball.

Next month's ballot will include the question "Would you support the Town permitting the construction of an asphalt pump track in Chipeta Park between the basketball court and parking lot?"

The results will help PROSAB get a feel for how favored the new track is within the community. The ballot has a reverse side, so be sure to flip the page in order for your vote to be collected.

*The Nederland Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board meets on the third Thursday of every month. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024, and can be attended online. For more information go to <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/parks-recreation-open-space-advisory-board>.*

## What's happening at Gilpin Parks & Rec

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**\*Now closed on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday\***

Monday and Wednesday:  
7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
(closed 12 - 4:30 p.m.)  
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Building Hours**

**\*Now closed on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday\***

Monday and Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Cardio Dance Class**

Mondays, February 12 through April 8 from 5 - 5:55 p.m. Ages 14+. \$65/session or \$9/drop-in for ages 14-59, \$50/session or \$7/drop-in for ages 60+.

**Fly Rod Building Class**

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
April 6, 13, 20. \$175 for three-week session; veterans sponsored by

the VFW. Learn the function of the fly rod, how to spine the rod blank, measuring for guide placement, prepping the guide feet, thread wraps, attaching the tip top, attaching reel seats and grip, and how to apply the epoxy finish.

**Spring Into Wellness Fair & Dodgeball Tournament**

Saturday, April 13 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., dodgeball at 2 p.m. Dodgeball fundraiser tournament for youth sports programs! 5v5 teams, kid and adult. Dodgeball \$30/kid (ages 7-15), \$60/adult (16+). Free fair includes demo classes, health and wellness presentations, and booths!

**Mother/Son Nerf Battle**

Saturday, April 27 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. \$30/pair, \$10/additional child. Register by Monday, April 22, late fee of \$10 applied from Tuesday, April 23 on.

**We're Still Dancing: Spring Dance**

Saturday, May 11 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. \$30 per adult, \$20 per teen (13-19) or senior (60+), \$10 per child (5-12), FREE for under 5. Register by Monday, May 6, late fee of \$5 applied from Tuesday, May 7 on. Hosted by the Friends of the Gilpin County Community Center to fundraise for Center equipment and activities.

**Coed Flag Football Camp**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday,

May 6 - Saturday, May 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Register by Friday, May 3. Ages 5-13. Registration fee per player \$60 resident, \$72 non-resident. Six-day clinic to polish your flag football techniques & skills, plus jamboree on Saturday, May 18.

**Spring Taekwondo**

Mondays and Wednesdays 6 to 7 p.m., with 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays for advanced training. Monthly memberships available for \$72/individual, \$160/family. Drop-in per class \$12. Ages 4 to adult.

**We are HIRING for summer youth camp leaders!**

Pay is \$16.69 - \$22.53/hour, dependent on qualifications and experience. Summer camp runs from Monday, June 10 through Friday, August 16. Apply at <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/careers> or contact Jake Rippey with questions at [jrippy@gilpincounty.org](mailto:jrippy@gilpincounty.org).

**Outdoor gear rentals NOW AVAILABLE**

at the Community Center made possible by our partnership with ACA! Outdoor gear can be rented Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Prices vary for gear rentals. For more information please visit <https://www.alwayschooseadventures.org/gearlibrary>.

**Friends of the Gilpin County Community Center's "Heart of**

**the Community" Fund** supports residents in need with family punch cards for daily admissions, as well as scholarships for youth who need help to cover youth sports and classes. Visit <https://gilpincommunitycenter.org/heart-of-the-community-fund/> for more information and to apply.

**Youth Camp (Licensed Child Care):** Monday - Thursday 4 - 6 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Eagles Teen Program:** Monday - Thursday, 4:15 - 6 p.m.

**Pilates Mat Class:** Saturday, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

**Hatha Yoga:** Monday and Friday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**Senior Fit:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Senior Lunch:** Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

**Pickleball:** (First 30 minutes is for instruction/practice - no games at this time)

Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Friday, 1 - 4 p.m.

**Aquafit:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**Gilpin Stitchers Club:** 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Master Swim:** Monday and Wednesday, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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# Gilpin Republicans hold County Assembly

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GILPIN COUNTY

The Gilpin County Republican Central Committee (GCRCC) held its County Assembly at the Historic Courthouse in Central City on March 21, 2024. Around 40 to 50 people attended the event, the purpose of which was to elect delegates and alternates to the State Assembly, to select County candidates for open offices, and to submit the County Election Judge List to the County Clerk.

The GCRCC consists of Chair Marie Mornis, Vice-Chair Rick Wenzel, Secretary Brenda Diehl, and Treasurer Jessica Kays. Mornis, who is also a Gilpin County Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. County Sheriff Kevin Armstrong and County Treasurer Mary Lorenz also attended.

A Precinct Committee Person (PCP) attends monthly meetings, helps with "Get-Out-the-Vote" activities, delegates at the County Assembly, and serves on the Vacancy Committee.

The voting members at the Assembly included four Committee Officers, two elected County officials, up to 12 PCPs, and 12 delegates/alternates, for a total of 30 possible votes.

The Report of the Credentials Committee from the recent caucus showed that there were 27 voting delegates present and entitled to vote.

The ratification and certification of the Republican PCPs was approved with all in favor.

Next on the agenda, the GCRCC designated Republican candidates for the position of County Commissioner, District 3, to appear in the June 2024 Primary Election ballot.

There were 10 minutes allotted in total for nominators and the candidate to speak.

Corey Marshall was nominated and seconded for candidacy in District 3. Midcap nominated Marshall, saying he is an ethical family man with a strong business background.

Marshall accepted the nomination and said he would have a "common sense business approach" to running the County and that budgets need to look at least five years into the future, if not ten. He also said the County needs to grow its revenue by being friendly to new industries.

There was a motion to close nominations for District 3. Motion passed unanimously. 26 of 27 delegates voted in favor. He will appear on the ballot for District 3.

Mornis recused herself from the next portion of the Assembly. Balfour nominated Mornis and said Mornis inspires her. "She holds herself to a high standard, is steadfast, and trustworthy."

Okray-Parman seconded the nomination for Mornis and said "We can turn this County around with Marie and Corey." She stressed that



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**Republican candidates for Gilpin commissioner**  
Left: Jessica Kays speaks about her candidacy for District 1. Right: Corey Marshall will appear on the ballot for District 3.

### The results from the March 7 Precinct Caucus are as follows:



- Precinct 1:** Hal Midcap and Karen Midcap
- Precinct 2:** Misti Hopson and John Bryant
- Precinct 3:** Joe Marr and Donna Okray-Parman
- Precinct 4:** Kathleen Balfour and Brenda Diehl
- Precinct 5:** Corey Marshall and Mary Lorenz
- Precinct 6:** Tim Logan and TBD

the County needs to open the Rec Center seven days a week and stop overspending and overhiring.

Mornis was nominated and seconded for County Commissioner District 1. With two minutes left to speak, Mornis accepted the nomination and said, if elected, she will continue to promote fiscal responsibility and conservatism. She said she would like to focus on broadband accessibility in the future.

Lorenz nominated Kays for Gilpin County Commissioner District 1. Lorenz said that Kays is a great communicator, listener, and leader.

Marilyn Ashmore, Delegate for Precinct 2, seconded Kays' candidacy, saying that the Committee needs to show inclusive, non-biased support. She continued to say that Kays "will meet each challenge and opportunity by making thoughtful, fair, knowledgeable, and effective decisions."

Kays accepted the nomination and thanked her supporters. She said, "It is time for the Republican Party to step up. This evening is about unity. If your opinions of me are from over a decade ago, I invite you to have a conversation with me so we can catch up and talk about where our lives' journeys have brought us."

Nominations for District 1 were closed. All eligible voters casted their votes. The votes were gathered and counted under the watch of observers for each candidate.

While waiting for the results, Mornis resumed her duties as Chair and called for a motion for the County Assembly Vacancy Committee for Republican Candidates. A delegate moved to accept the Committee as described. All were in favor.

The results were announced for District 1 Commissioner Republican candidates. Of the 27 votes, Kays received 12 and Mornis 15. Both candidates will appear on the Primary Election ballot because they each received at least 30% of the votes. Mornis will be listed first.

Mornis then called for the Election of Delegates to higher assemblies. An election was unnecessary for those who signed up because there was space for eight candidates and eight alternates, but that number had not been reached.

Mornis signed up for Judicial District 1. For House District 49 and Congressional District 2, Balfour, Okray-Parman, Diehl, and Mornis signed up. For the State Assembly, Okray-Parman, Balfour, Diehl, Mornis, Corey Marshall, and Debbie Marshall wrote their names. The information will be reported to the County Clerk and the State Republican Party.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next monthly business meeting of the GCRCC will be held Thursday, April 4 at the Gilpin County Community Library.

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# Gilpin HPC looks at Winks Tavern

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The Gilpin County Historical Preservation Commission (HPC) held its first meeting of the year on March 21, 2024, at 6 p.m., online via Microsoft Teams. Community Development Director Rob Gutierrez and Planner James ShROUT attended the meeting.

The Commission then elected Chair and Chair Pro-tem of the commission.

Bret Johnson asked if there were any nominations for chair. Sue Meade nominated Johnson. Jeremy Kaiser seconded. Johnson asked if anyone else was interested in the position. No one responded and he called for a vote. All were in favor.

Kaiser nominated B. Travis Wright as Chair Pro-tem. All were in favor.

The first item addressed was "Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Conceptual Review (53 Winks Way; Winks Tavern)." ShROUT spoke to the design of the building being reviewed for historical value. The building is eligible as a Gilpin County Landmark.

From the review packet on the County website: "53 Winks Way was a tavern and dance club constructed and operated by Obrey 'Winks' Hamlet within the Lincoln Hills Resort. The Lincoln Hills subdivision was the only exclusively African American/Black vacation resort established west of the Mississippi River.

"The 1920's was a time when small mountain cabins were being built with frequency by members of the American middle class. However, the codified segregation of the United States meant that there was not any place for African Americans to enjoy the same luxury. Feeling African Americans deserved the same indulgences as white Americans, several leaders of Denver's black community established the Lincoln Hills Development Company in 1922 and Lincoln Hills was officially platted in 1928.

"Developed from land purchased from Hal and Elizabeth Sayre, the resort originally catered to wage-earning African Americans living throughout Colorado, but soon gained national attention as a mountain resort far removed from the difficulties inherent to the daily life of all the nation's black Americans."

*Contractor Kyle Matthews said the owner wants the building to look historical for personal reasons and the building will not be open to the public.*

The property switched hands several times through the years. The current owner wants the ability to use the space as a residence. The building is not eligible for the historical National Register.

The website continues: "53 Winks Way is like many of the buildings within Lincoln Hills, characterized as a modest original building with multiple additions and significant recent renovations. The building does not have enough architectural significance to be eligible for the National Register.

"Although this building was the vacation cabin of Obrey Wendell 'Winks' Hamlet and is essential in understanding the history of the Lincoln Hills district overall, the building itself has been altered and no longer represents its historical association with Hamlet. As a result, 53 Winks Way also does not possess sufficient historical significance to be individually eligible to the National Register."

Contractor James Hesterly said the occupants would like to refurbish a sign that reads "Coors" to say "Coca-cola."

Hesterly said it is zoned as a residence though it may not be occupied 365 days per year.

Johnson said there has been a thorough job of evaluating whether the structure can be rehabilitated or restructured. ShROUT noted that since it is just a renovation/reconstruction it does not have to meet current setback regulations.

ShROUT asked what the end goal is for the property, since there is a "lunch counter" in the design. Contractor Kyle Matthews said the owner wants the building to look historical for personal reasons and the building will not be open to the public.

Johnson moved to approve the conceptual review as long as it meets with current codes. Wright seconded. All were in favor.

"1043 Nevadaville Rd. (Nevadaville Masonic Temple)"

From the meeting packet: "The most elaborate commercial building in Nevadaville is the Masonic Block Building. The building features a load bearing stone foundation, cast iron storefront and the second story windows have segmented arches with keystones. The Nevadaville Masonic Temple is estimated to have been built in 1879, although County Assessor Records indicate that it was built in 1888."

ShROUT said the applicants only want to do interior work and that it is eligible for the National Landmark Register. The site is a Gilpin County Landmark.

A participant pointed out that there will be work on the floor of the storeroom, since it is rotting. He added that the structural engineer explained how to build the center girder. The applicant would also like to build out other areas in the future, notably the kitchen and the loft. The Masonic Order will still be using the building for its purposes.

Meade moved to accept the plans as submitted. Without further discussion, all were in favor.

The applicant said none of the Masons want to apply for the Register; but they do want to get a historic structure assessment for grant purposes.

ShROUT then discussed the "East Portal Cabins - EPA Phase 1 and Phase 2 to be completed by the end of June." He said the County has been awarded a grant for the EPA targeted Brownfield assessment. The results of the assessment will allow them to apply for a larger grant in 2025.

ShROUT introduced "Thorn Lake School - RFP Published for foundation build 3/1/2024." ShROUT said he has reached out to several contractors in the area, including Hesterly and Matthews, since he has received no responses from the Request for Proposal (RFP).

ShROUT shared "2023: A Year in Review," saying that the Commission held 8 meetings during the 2023 federal fiscal year. There were eight design review applications reviewed by the Commission and one demolition review conducted.

The consensus of the Commission as to their most notable accomplishments include the local designation of the East Portal Cabins by Moffat Tunnel, and the work toward getting a foundation for Thorn Lake School.

There are 16 locally designated structures in Gilpin, three of which gained their designation in 2023, including Fritz Peak Observatory, Russell Gulch Cemetery, and the East Portal Cabins.

ShROUT thanked the group for their patience in his re-appointment to the Commission. They are in need of a fifth person from District 1 (the Southern portion of the county) and an alternate from anywhere in the county.

ShROUT has been networking and doing outreach in an effort to fill the vacancies. The Commission thanked ShROUT for his support.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

*The next Historical Preservation Commission online meeting is scheduled for April 18 at 6 p.m. and can be accessed through a link to Microsoft Teams on the County website at <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/public-meetings/historical-preservation-commission-meetings>.*

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Regular Meeting of the Board Held  
February 2024**

## GENERAL (FUND # 1) -

Albert & Mary Jane Frei - Lease 500.00  
All Copy Products - Lease/Mtn Contract 1002.87  
Alpine Rescue Team - Search & Rescue 5000.00  
Amazon - Computer Items/Supplies/R&M/Donation Expense 2783.26  
American Board of Medico - Dues/Subscriptions 50.00  
API Outsourcing - Mnt Contract 1446.75  
Ascend Direct - Printing/Postage 2246.36  
AT&T Mobility - Phones 3481.04  
Berumen/Susan - Meals/Travel 178.57  
Bishop-Brogden Associates - Prof Svcs 504.50  
Blend4 - Supplies 284.75  
Boulder Chrysler Dodge - R&M 920.60  
Bowditch & Cassell Public Affairs - Prof Svcs 7500.00  
Brinks - Mnt Contract 332.80  
CCTPA-Eastern Division - Dues/Subscriptions 150.00  
CEBT - Insurance 216509.14  
CentralSquare Technology - Medical Grant 1560.00  
Centura Health - Investigative 300.00  
CenturyLink - Phones 3.37  
Charles Abbott Associates - Prof Svcs 4436.36  
Charm-Tex - Supplies 295.80  
Church Ditch Water Authority - Water Storage 740.00  
Cintas - Uniforms/Med Supplies 278.30  
City of Central - Utilities 192.04  
CivicPlus - Prof Svcs 5988.00  
Clear Creek County - Animal Control 10566.25  
Clear Creek Economic - Community Programs 2500.00  
CO Bureau of Investigation - Prof Svcs 680.50  
CO Dept of Public Hlth & Env - Surcharge 20.00  
CO Dept of Revenue - Payroll Tax 21771.70  
CO Natural Gas - Utilities 11068.28  
CO Secretary of State - Training 100.00  
Coremr L. C. - Medical Grant 300.00  
Cowboy Moving & Transfer - R&M 763.00  
Creative Forms & Concepts - Supplies 577.77  
CRA - Retirement 85272.13  
Dawn B. Holmes, Inc - Autopsies 2500.00  
Digital Data Services - Prof Svcs 8849.20  
Dory Lakes Property Owners - Water Storage 18101.03  
DRCOG - Prof Svcs 3450.00  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 162.29  
Employers Council Svcs - Prof Svcs 400.00  
Equature - Mnt Contract 8110.10  
ESRI - Mnt Contract 4800.00  
First Responder Trauma - Training/Grant Expense 2216.00  
Front Range Occupational - Emp Testing 196.00  
FYI Screening - Emp Testing 354.17  
Galls - Uniforms 1619.92  
George T. Sanders Company - R&M 43.72  
Gilpin Ambulance - Ambulance Svc/Funding 943605.72  
Gilpin County Parks & Rec - Prof Svcs/Donation Expense 164.50  
GPS Servers - Sheriff Fees 10.36  
Grainger - R&M/Supplies 411.19  
Great Plains Communication - Internet 2679.60  
Healy/Margaret Anne - Mileage 168.70  
Hollingsworth/Sandy - Meals 50.00  
Home Depot Credit Service - R&M 329.82  
HR Green - Capital Outlay/Retainage 4817.21  
Impact Fire Services - R&M 8132.50  
Indian Peaks Ace Hardware - R&M 565.27  
Industrial Chemicals Corp - R&M 1910.00  
IRS - Payroll Tax 159184.39  
Jackson/Deborah - Sheriff Fees 12.68

Jefferson Center Mental Health - Funding 16298.00  
Jefferson County Treasurer - Contract Labor/Morgue Facility 76127.50  
Kronos SAASHR Inc - Prof Svcs 972.22  
Language Line Services - Interpretations 477.81  
Laubhan/Zane - Travel/Hotel 719.41  
Leisure Time Awards - Supplies 50.00  
Lussier/Chris - Uniforms/Investigative 26.38  
Magnum Electronics - Capital Outlay/R&M 1190.90  
McDonald Farms Enterprises - Water 1959.00  
Moose Creek Masters - Sheriff Fees 95.52  
Motorola Solutions - Mtn Contract 1734.11  
Mountain Lock & Key - R&M 1924.15  
NAPA Auto Parts - R&M 623.74  
National Forest Foundation - Dues/Subscriptions 15000.00  
Nelson & Kennard - Sheriff Fees 14.27  
Newhoff/Dennis - Mileage 148.74  
NMS Labs - Toxicology 159.00  
Notchcode Creative - Grant Expense 3259.75  
Omni-Pro Cleaning - Janitorial Contracts 2650.00  
OpenGov Inc - Mnt Contract 46957.00  
ORC, LLC - Mnt Contract 983.40  
Pappas Hayden Westberg - Sheriff Fees 24.28  
Pepperdine's Marking Pro - Supplies 85.90  
Polar Gas - Utilities 2741.46  
Professional Compliance - Emp Testing 94.00  
Quill Corp - Supplies 145.96  
R. Jortberg Associates - Contract Labor 7320.00  
Safeguard Business Systems - Supplies 765.02  
Southern Health Partners - Inmate Medical/Medical Grant 43553.13  
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 9103.16  
Staples Advantage - Supplies 117.73  
Sullivan Green Seavy - Prof Svcs 457.50  
Summit Food Service - Meals/Supplies 27701.64  
SWCA Environmental Consulting - Grant Expense 2662.25  
Sweet/Dorothy - Mileage 112.56  
Symbol Arts - Uniforms 580.00  
Teryx - Contract Labor/Computer Purchases 25943.70  
The Mountain-Ear - Ads/Legal Notices 515.00  
Timberline Fire Protection - Impact Fees 6981.00  
Transunion Risk - Investigative 75.00  
U.S. Postmaster General - Postage 149.82  
UBEO Business Svcs - Mnt Contract 117.70  
UMR - Medical Claims 4078.03  
UMR - Medical Claims 20747.93  
United Power - Utilities 9343.33  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 1840.67  
Upper Clear Creek Waters - Dues/Subscriptions 1149.00  
US Imaging - Grant Expense 13376.78  
Value West Inc - Contract Labor 3600.00  
Volunteers of America - Meals/Transports 481.75  
Watts Upfitting Inc - Capital Outlay 43550.14  
Wells Fargo - Meals/Parking/Dues&Subs/Postage/Utilities/Computer Purchases/Supplies/Fuel/Emp Recog/R&M/Conferences/Meetings/Prof Svcs/Emp Testing/Uniforms 9932.38  
Western Paper - Supplies 1216.84  
Westtel International - Mnt Contract 16455.19  
Wiretap Telecom - Late Fee/Phones 74.18  
Xcel Energy - Utilities 2224.86  
Xerox - Mnt Contract 1098.46  
Xpresshred - Supplies 270.00  
Zayo Group - Phones 1188.30  
Zoom - Dues/Subscriptions 99.96  
1000Bulbs.com - R&M 3462.28  
FUND #1 TOTAL - 2003356.30

PUBLIC WORKS (FUND # 2) -  
Amazon - Safety/Supplies/R&M/Tools 2120.31  
AT&T Mobility - Phones 176.12

ATTP - R&M 2529.63  
Blackwell Oil - Fuel 22678.27  
Brown Tools - Tools 65.65  
CEBT - Insurance 1787.00  
Cintas - Uniforms/Supplies 1672.67  
CO Chassis Service - R&M 9641.05  
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax 3932.00  
CO Natural Gas - Utilities 1677.40  
CRA - Retirement 12363.09  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 59.00  
Grainger - R&M/Supplies 306.90  
Holcim-WCR Inc - Snow & Ice Control 749.52  
Home Depot Credit Service - Safety/Tools/Supplies/R&M 284.85  
Indian Peaks Ace Hardware - Supplies 271.46  
Intermountain Safety Shoe - Safety 89.95  
IRS - Payroll Tax 27115.03  
Martin Marietta Mtls - Road Base 9381.51  
Napa Auto Parts - R&M/Supplies 1476.68  
On Point Auto Glass - R&M 980.00  
Pina/Miranda - Refund 202.50  
Polar Gas - Utilities 877.38  
Rylind Manufacturing - R&M 5261.00  
Senergy Petroleum - R&M 11500.85  
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 1513.98  
The Mountain-Ear - Dues/Subscriptions 75.00  
United Power - Utilities 2237.15  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 326.80  
Wagner Equipment - R&M 2624.09  
Weekly Register-Call - Dues/Subscriptions 52.00  
Wells Fargo - Emp Recog 84.95  
Xerox - Mnt Contract 473.85  
FUND #2 TOTAL - 124587.64

LIBRARY (FUND #3) -  
Amazon - Op Mtls/Programming/Supplies/Computer Purchase/Grant Expense 1260.84  
CEBT - Insurance 250.35  
CenturyLink - Phones 89.19  
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax 715.00  
CO Natural Gas - Utilities 1183.54  
CRA - Retirement 1643.56  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 49.90  
IRS - Payroll Tax 4815.52  
Ingram Library Svcs - Op Mtls 759.62  
Kanopy Inc - Op Mtls 141.00  
Lowe/Lance - Cleaning 730.00  
McDonald Farms - Utilities 784.50  
ORC, LLC - Mnt Contract 399.45  
Playaway Products - Grant Expense 1364.92  
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 245.46  
The Mountain-Ear - Op Mtls 75.00  
United Power - Utilities 684.10  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 54.20  
Vonage - Phones 156.37  
Wells Fargo - Postage/Programming/Op Mtls/Computer Purchases/R&M/Dues/Subs 258.60  
Xerox - Mnt Contract/Lease 152.48  
Zoom - Dues/Subscriptions 14.99  
FUND #3 TOTAL - 15828.59

HUMAN SERVICES (FUND #4) -  
Amazon - Donation Expense 154.43  
AT&T Mobility - Phones 516.75  
Axiom Human Resource Solutions - Payroll Svc 55.00  
CEBT - Insurance 781.30  
Clear Creek County - Child Support Svcs 3337.87  
CO Dept Revenue - Payroll Tax 1566.00  
Complete Wireless Technology - Reprogram Radios 92.00  
CRA - Retirement 4165.88  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 589.51  
Gilpin County CSU Extension - Donation Expense 50.00  
Gilpin County Sheriff's - Child Support Svcs 27.76  
Great Plains Communications - Internet 100.00  
IRS - Payroll Tax 9835.60  
Law Office of Jeffrey Timlin - Prof Svcs 1552.70  
Napa Auto Parts - R&M 32.38  
Peak to Peak Services - Grant Expense 450.00

Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 762.38  
Swarick/Kevin - Training 25.00  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 95.66  
Wells Fargo - Parking/Emergency Assistance 1780.79  
Xerox - Mnt Contract 549.27  
FUND #4 TOTAL - 26520.28

PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (FUND # 5) -  
Amazon - Supplies 107.43  
AT&T Mobility - Phones 49.07  
CEBT - Insurance 297.25  
CO Dept Revenue - Payroll Tax 897.30  
CRA - Retirement 2546.92  
Decker/Kelvin - Supplies 99.99  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 39.00  
IRS - Payroll Tax 5987.30  
Jefferson County Public Health - Contract Labor 41620.15  
Johnson/Mark B - Prof Svcs 600.00  
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 207.84  
Teryx - Computer Purchases 2303.45  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 17.73  
Wells Fargo - Postage/Conference 498.65  
FUND #5 TOTAL - 55272.08

SOLID WASTE (FUND #6) -  
Air-O-Pure - Portables 450.00  
BFI- Foothills - Landfill Fees/Recycling Revenue 4461.58  
CEBT - Insurance 150.00  
Cintas - Uniforms 236.12  
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax 502.00  
CRA - Retirement 1290.24  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 8.95  
Indian Peaks Ace Hardware - R&M 31.74  
IRS - Payroll Tax 3683.02  
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 156.50  
United Power - Utilities 194.29  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 96.20  
FUND #6 TOTAL - 11260.64

PARKS & REC (FUND #8) -  
Air-O-Pure Portables - Portables 220.00  
Amazon - Aquatic Expenditures/Supplies/OBH Youth Grant/League Expenditures/Special Programs 1592.90  
Aqueous Solution Inc - Aquatic Expenditures 767.37  
Black Hawk-Central City Sanitation - Utilities 5130.00  
Briggs/Steve - Instructor 128.00  
CEBT - Insurance 666.00  
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax 1885.00  
CO Natural Gas - Utilities 18650.94  
CPRA - Dues/Subscriptions 945.00  
CRA - Retirement 4725.16  
Douglas/Linza - Instructor 362.40  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 32.50  
Gibbs/Lynn Rae - Instructor 127.20  
Holistic Homestead - OBH Youth Grant 23.59  
IRS - Payroll Tax 11993.13  
Larry H. Miller Ford - R&M 242.73  
Mountain View Tent Company - Fair 225.50  
Schwettman/Steven - Instructor 678.40  
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 631.76  
United Power - Utilities 5021.90  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 44.20  
Wells Fargo - Training/Dues&Subs/League Expenditures/OBH Youth Grant/Aquatic Expenditures 2210.18  
Xerox - Mnt Contract 512.21  
FUND #8 TOTAL - 56816.07

LODGING TAX (FUND #12) -  
Notchcode Creative - Gilpin Advertising Panel 1755.25  
FUND #12 TOTAL - 1755.25

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# Government Meetings

**Black Hawk City Council** meetings occur at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10 and 24 in Council Chambers located upstairs at City Hall, 211 Church Street, Black Hawk. For more information check online at <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/calendar/upcoming>.

**Central City Council** meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Join the next meetings on Tuesday, April 2 and 16 at 7 p.m., in person at City Hall, 141 Nevada Street or online at <https://centralcity.colorado.gov/meetings>.

**Central City Historic Preservation Commission** meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Join the next meeting on Wednesday, April 10, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 141 Nevada Street, or online at <https://centralcity.colorado.gov/meetings>.

**Central City Planning Commission** will meet at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, as needed. Join the next meeting on Wednesday, April 3, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 141 Nevada Street. Visit online, <https://centralcity.colorado.gov/meetings> for the upcoming 2024 schedule.

**Gilpin County Board of County Commissioner (BoCC)** meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Attend in person at the Old Courthouse, 203 Eureka Street, Central City, or online via Zoom at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9 and 30. Please check online for the next scheduled meeting, <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/public-meetings/board-of-county-commissioners-bocc-meeting>.

**Gilpin County Historic Preservation Commission** meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. online via Microsoft Teams. To listen on Thursday, April 18, visit <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/public-meetings/historical-preservation-commission-meetings>.

**Gilpin County Planning Commission** meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Old Gilpin Courthouse at 203 Eureka Street, Central City. To listen online, check out <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/public-meetings/planning-commission-meetings> on Tuesday, April 9.

**Gilpin County Board of Health** meets on Thursday, June 6, in person at the Commissioners' Meeting Hall, 203 Eureka Street, Central City, 2nd floor, and online via Microsoft Teams. Visit online at <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/board-of-health-meetings>, for the 2024 schedule.

**Nederland Board of Trustees (BOT)** meets on Tuesday, April 16 from 7 to 11 p.m. Attend in person at the Nederland Community Center, 750 Highway 72, or virtually via WebEx, <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>.

**Nederland Downtown Development Authority (DDA)** meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Attend in person at the Nederland Community Center or online via WebEx, <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/downtown-development-authority/>, on Wednesday, April 10, at 6 p.m. Nederland Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) meets as needed on the second Thursday of the quarter (January, April, July, October). Join in person at the Nederland Community Center or online via WebEx, <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/board-of-zoning-adjustment>, on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m.

**Nederland Parks, Recreation & Open Space Advisory Board (PROSAB)** meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Join in person at the Nederland Community Center or online via WebEx, on Thursday, April 18, <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/parks-recreation-open-space-advisory-board>.

**Nederland Planning Commission (PC)** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Join in person on April 24, at 7 p.m. at the Nederland Community Center or via WebEx, <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/planning-commission>.

**Nederland Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)** meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, March 28, in person at the Nederland Community Center or via WebEx, <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/sustainability-advisory-board>.

Stay updated with *The Mountain-Ear* online government events calendar at <https://www.themtnear.com/events/category/government>.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT ELECTION TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**, the Town of Nederland, Colorado, will conduct a mail ballot election. Voting will take place by mail ballot, with ballots mailed by the Town Clerk to all registered electors between March 11 and March 18, 2024.

Ballots will be accepted at the following locations from March 11, 2024 through Election Day, April 2, 2024:

**Town Hall** – Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (excluding weekends and holidays)  
45 West First Street  
Nederland, Colorado 80466

**Nederland Community Center Ballot Box** – Open 24 hours per day / 7 days per week  
750 Highway 72  
Nederland, Colorado 80466

**By Mail**  
P.O. Box 396  
Nederland, Colorado 80466

On Election Day, April 2, 2024, ballots will also be accepted at the following locations:

**Town Hall** – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
45 West First Street  
Nederland, Colorado 80466

**Nederland Community Center Ballot Box** – Open until 7:00 p.m.  
750 Highway 72  
Nederland, Colorado 80466

**Nederland Community Center Multipurpose Room** - 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
750 Highway 72  
Nederland, Colorado 80466

Ballots must be returned in the official return envelope provided, the back of the envelope must be signed, and ballots must be received by the Town Clerk at the above address by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 (Election Day) in order for your vote(s) to be counted. Ballots may be mailed in the return envelope or deposited at the Office of the Town Clerk. Ballots received after 7:00 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted. Postmarks do not count as a received date.

At the election, the eligible electors of the Town will vote on the following offices for which the following persons have been nominated:

Candidate for the office of Mayor:  
-Billy Giblin  
-Tom Mahowald

Candidates for the office of Trustees:  
-Kristopher Larsen  
-Nichole Sterling  
-Jesse Seavers  
-Riley McAlister  
-Luke Miller  
-Aaron Tye  
-John Stevens

In witness thereof, the Town Clerk of the Town of Nederland, Colorado, has caused this Notice to be given as required by law this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.



Macy Caligaris, Town Clerk  
Published every Thursday between March 14 – March 28, 2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 24-01PT

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice is given with regard to the following described Deed of Trust:

On January 4, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Gilpin records.

Original Grantor(s)  
JAMES JOHN VELNOSKY  
Original Beneficiary(ies)  
U.S. Bank National Association  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Date of Deed of Trust  
January 04, 2007  
County of Recording  
Gilpin  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
February 07, 2007  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
132440  
Original Principal Amount  
\$93,992.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance  
\$89,176.24

Pursuant to CRS §38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF GILPIN, WITH A STREET LOCATION ADDRESS OF 550 CREEKWOOD TRL; GOLDEN, CO 80403-3308 CURRENTLY OWNED BY JAMES JOHN VELNOSKY HAVING A TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF R004291 AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS PARCEL: 1711-054-00-010 SECT, TWN, RNG: 5-2S-72W DESC: PARCEL IN N 1/2 NE 1/4 DESC 229/570 / IMPS 550 CREEKWOOD TRAIL.

Being the same property as identified in its historical form found in the county title records as:

THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4) OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 72 WEST OF THE 6 P.M., DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT S. 4° 59' W. 149 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5, THENCE S. 89° 29' W. 250 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S. 89° 29' W. 209 FEET; THENCE S. 4° 59' W. 209 FEET; THENCE N. 89° 29' E. 209 FEET; THENCE N. 4° 59' E. 209 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Purported common address: 550 Creekwood Trl, Golden, CO 80403.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

### NOTICE OF SALE

The current holder of the Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, described herein, has filed Notice of Election and Demand for sale as provided by law and in said Deed of Trust.

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00a.m. on Thursday, 05/02/2024, at The Office of the Gilpin County Public Trustee, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;  
DATE: 01/04/2024

Mary R. Lorenz, Public Trustee in and for the County of Gilpin, State of Colorado

By: Public Trustee  
The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:  
Aricyn J Dall #51467  
Randall S. Miller & Associates P.C.-CO 216 16th Street, Suite 1210, Denver, CO 80202 (720) 259-6710  
Attorney File # 23CO00037  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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The Mountain-Ear is hiring. We are looking for a front desk assistant for our Nederland and Central City offices. Hours are half day Wednesday (Central City), Thursday afternoon, Friday, and occasional Sunday's (Nederland). Must be tech savvy, have Google docs and Google Sheets experience. Must be customer service oriented and willing to learn. Could move into more hours for the right person. Approx. 12 to 18 hours per week. Pay starts at \$20 per hour. Email info@themountainear.com for more details!

Gilpin County School District RE-1 is accepting applications for a **Facilities Assistant**. This position is full-time, Monday through Thursday with occasional Fridays or Saturdays to support events. This position is physically demanding and includes, but is not limited to, the ability to lift 75 lbs and perform school maintenance duties. See a full job description on the GCSD website-Careers at GCSD at <https://gilpin.k12.co.us/en-US/human-resources-aa416146>. Hourly wage ranges from \$15.52 to \$19.27 DOE. District-paid health, dental, and vision insurance. Complete an application on the GCSD website. Must pass background check. Drug-free workplace. GCSD is an equal opportunity employer.

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Child Camp Leader: \$16.69 - \$22.53  
Deputy – Court Security: \$30.77 - \$43.77  
Deputy - Detentions - POST Certified:  
\$30.77 - \$43.77  
Deputy – Patrol: \$30.77 - \$43.77  
Detentions Officer - Non-Certified:  
\$27.88 - \$39.66  
Emergency Communications Dispatcher I:  
\$22.69 - \$31.78  
Facilities Maintenance Tech I: \$20.63 - \$28.89  
Guest Services Representative-Substitute  
Position: \$17.36 - \$23.46  
IT Specialist: \$79,000 - \$110,600  
Library Specialist: \$20.63 - \$28.89  
Senior Services & Transportation Driver:  
\$15.77 - \$21.30  
Sports Official: \$ 20.63 - \$28.89  
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### WANTED

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Go to [www.cityofblackhawk.org](http://www.cityofblackhawk.org) and click on Job Openings for full Job Descriptions, Requirements, and to apply online.



**SEASONAL MAINTENANCE WORKER, Salary Range: \$20.00 - \$22.00 / HOUR DOE.** This is an unskilled or semi-skilled position involving horticulture work with specific responsibility for caring for and maintaining flowers, trees, and shrub beds at City properties. This is a temporary, part-time position; June – October 2024, 3 days a week (Mon – Wed or Thurs – Sat from 7 am – 4 pm). **Apply Now:** <https://www.cityof-blackhawk.org/>

**FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN I, Salary Range: \$58,581 - \$82,014/Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E.** Provides a variety of skilled and semi-skilled work in the construction, maintenance, repair, inspection,

restoration, and cleaning of both city-occupied and leased buildings and facilities. Works varied schedules to limit the disruption to City operations. Responds to calls for maintenance and repair services 24/7. Excellent Benefits package (See **Benefits**). **Apply Now:** [www.cityofblackhawk.org](http://www.cityofblackhawk.org).

**MAINTENANCE WORKER I, Salary Range: \$52,902 - \$74,063/ Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E.** Operates both light and heavy equipment and performs routine, semi-skilled to skilled work in the maintenance and construction of streets, open space, summer flowers, parks, storm drainage systems, traffic control, signage, striping, landscaping, snow plowing, and City trash operations. Excellent Benefits package (See **Benefits**). **Apply Now:** <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/>

**WATER UTILITY OPERATOR III or IV, Salary Range: \$61,209 - \$89,977/Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E.** REQUIRED: Colorado Class "B" or Class "A" Water Plant Operator Certification. A Water Utility Operator III will operate and maintain the water treatment plants, distribution system, raw water system, maintain and repair

water mains, service lines, valves, pumps, and water related appurtenances. This is the journey-level class in the Utility Operator series and is expected to perform a full range of all duties with minimal instruction and assistance. Excellent Benefits package (See **Benefits**). **Apply Now:** <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/>

#### City of Black Hawk Benefits:

The City pays 90% of the medical premium and 100% coverage for dental, vision, group life, and short/long-term disability. The City offers an excellent retirement package with a guaranteed 8% match of base earnings and up to a 12% match based on employees' retirement election. Newly hired employees enjoy over seven weeks of combined annual leave (PTO and Sick), which increases with tenure. Additional benefits include an annual Health and Wellness Reimbursement allowance, an annual Uniform Allowance, a cell phone stipend, and membership to the Gilpin County Recreation Center. The City of Black Hawk conducts post-offer drug/alcohol testing as a condition of employment per the City's Drug and Alcohol Use policy. In addition, post-offer background investigations and physical exams are also required.

**CROSSWORD**

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**STATEPOINT CROSSWORD**

*Theme: Shakespeare*

**ACROSS**

1. Type of help center
6. Fake tooth
9. What geysers do
13. Lagoon wall
14. Acronym, in brief
15. Syrup producer
16. Papal court
17. It often comes with Aloha!
18. External
19. \*Richard III: "A horse! A horse! My \_\_\_\_ for a horse!"
21. \*Romeo and Juliet: "Parting is such sweet \_\_\_\_"
23. Animal's nose
24. Fail to mention
25. Capone's family
28. \*Hamlet: "O, this is the poison of \_\_\_\_ grief"
30. Soap froth
35. Iris holder
37. "He \_\_\_\_, She Said"
39. \_\_\_\_ Apso
40. Cheap form of payment?
41. Bert's roommate
43. Not in favor
44. Hipbone-related
46. The Destroyer, in Hinduism
47. Thomas the Engine's warning
48. "Heart of Darkness" author
50. Brewer's kiln
52. Beer choice
53. Not a verb
55. Comic cry
57. \*The Tempest: "We are such stuff as \_\_\_\_ are made on"
60. \*As You Like It: "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely \_\_\_\_"
64. Primatologist's concern, for short
65. "This land is your land"?
67. \*Macbeth: "Our \_\_\_\_ master's murder'd!"
68. Scoundrel
69. Hi \_\_\_\_ monitor
70. Wombs
71. "A Visit from St. Nicholas" beginning
72. Teacher's favorite
73. Got ready for a close up

**DOWN**

1. Nordstrom's outlet
2. Purse for the red carpet
3. Cape on Tierra del Fuego
4. Set straight
5. Like a knife
6. Comes before a storm?
7. The "place with the helpful hardware folks"
8. Spectrum maker
9. Wild ox of India
10. Plotting (2 words)
11. Multitude
12. Having Everything Revealed, singer and songwriter
15. \*Hamlet: "When we have shuffled off this \_\_\_\_ coil"
20. Corpulent
22. Tin Woodman's "medicine"
24. "Two cents"?
25. \*Twelfth Night: "If \_\_\_\_ be the food of love, play on"
26. Convex molding
27. Nigeria's western neighbor
29. Listening devices
31. \*Hamlet: "To be, or not to be: \_\_\_\_ is the question"
32. Capital of Vietnam
33. Bar by estoppel
34. Indian restaurant condiment
36. Petri dish filler
38. Prima donna
42. Artist's tripod
45. High tea sandwich
49. P rignon's honorific
51. Destroy a document (2 words)
54. Seize a throne
56. City in Japan
57. Type of sailing vessel
58. Capital of Latvia
59. Outback birds
60. "Blast from the \_\_\_\_"
61. "The \_\_\_\_ of Tammy Faye," movie
62. Uncommon
63. Went down slippery slope
64. Cathode-ray tube
66. \*Merchant of Venice: "But love is blind, and lovers cannot \_\_\_\_"



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CROSSWORD SOLUTION: MARCH 21

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SUDOKU SOLUTION: MARCH 21

**BoCC: Housing**

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Hollingsworth suggested that the Rollinsville topic be discussed in Rollinsville. She said that Toss Pizza offered to host the event.

The Board discussed having a meeting on the evening of April 16 at the Fritz Peak Timberline Station 3. Rears said he would check with the Observatory for the date.

Future work session dates will be May 21, June 4, July 30, August 20, September 17, October 1, November 5, and December 1.

The Community Engagement Report showed that more of the community is engaging with County efforts.

Rears said the food pantry served 292 households and 8,950 individuals last year. He said the information will be shared publicly later today on social media.

Berumen said this confirms that use of the pantry is increasing. Rears said there will be an article showing how there is a need for a new building and will provide clarification of the building costs, which should only require about \$300,000 from the County.

During Public Comment, one

resident said the numbers for the food pantry were surprising and that these numbers solidify the need for the food pantry. She also asked if renewable energy has been looked at as an option for the backup generator.

Another resident said she volunteers at the food pantry and that it is a really important place for those who live in isolated areas, and for making sure people have food security.

Hollingsworth thanked her for volunteering.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m. Berumen said the Executive Session was concerned with an offer from the City of Black Hawk for money dedicated to Parks and Recreation. She said they appreciate the offer and look forward to negotiating the proposed terms in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

*The next regular meeting of the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for April 9, 2024, at 9 a.m. and will be held in person at the Historic Courthouse located at 203 Eureka Street in Central City and online via Zoom.*

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# 2024 Timbers Classic Rail Jam

DAVE GIBSON  
ELDORA MOUNTAIN RESORT

On Saturday, March 23, skiers and snowboarders turned out for the always popular and ever exciting Timbers Classic Rail Jam at Eldora Mountain for the eighth year in a row. Limited to 75 entrants, all ages and skill levels were welcome. The participants had an hour and a half to warm up on the course before the competition began at 11:30 a.m. The Red Bull DJ truck cranked tunes and free energy drinks were provided before and during the event.

Z-rails, A-frames, and down tubes were among the obstacles that contestants in the Youth Ski and Youth Snowboard divisions had to negotiate. Lip switches, front swaps, Japan grabs, and 270 outs were a few of the tricks performed.

In the Ski and Snowboard Open divisions, the stunts got gnarlier with bigger air. Men and women ran the course repeatedly, greasing the rails and laying down their best tricks. Allie Staffen was the only woman in the Ski class which, in the end, was good for first place and pair of Line skis.

A rake break got the course ready for the Elite Men's and Women's Ski and Snowboard competitions.

Front swap 270s, hot dog cross walks, tame dog outs, and front flips were just some of the maneuvers seen. Skier Austin O'Melia, who placed second among Elites last year, ripped 630 ons with stratospheric air.

Two weeks prior, Lauren Gretz took first place and \$500 home snowboarding at the Level 1 Ladies



**Athletes of all ages**  
Top: An Elite skier doing a front flip. Middle, right: Red Bulls were free. Bottom, right: Participants watching their peers compete. Bottom, center: Greasing the down tube. Bottom, left: Flying. Middle, left: A boarder approaches an obstacle.

## Final Results

### Youth Ski (Boys)

- 1st - Eamon Abby
- 2nd - Johan Telkamp
- 3rd - Flynn Osmundson

### Youth Ski (Girls)

- 1st - Niamh Dedecker
- 2nd - Charlotte Etcheverry

### Youth Snowboard (Boys)

- 1st- Bodie Fox
- 2nd - Dylan Brown

### Youth Snowboard (Girls)

- 1st - Logan Hanley

### Open Ski (Men)

- 1st - Ethan Abby
- 2nd - Zander Burnett
- 3rd - Lucas Steinberher

### Open Ski (Women)

- 1st - Allie Staffen

### Open Snowboard (Men)

- 1st - Iono Windell
- 2nd - Whitaker Ohde
- 3rd - Evan Hinsta

### Elite Ski (Men)

- 1st - Evan Wischmeyer
- 2nd - Johan Telkamp
- 3rd - Austin O'Melia
- Honorable Mention - Will Houskamp

### Elite Snowboard (Men)

- 1st - Hunter Valentine
- 2nd - Cole Branter
- 3rd - Dimitri Moreno

### Elite Snowboard (Women)

- 1st - Lauren Gretz

Rail Jam, also held at Eldora. This time around she won the Women's Elite Snowboard division and a new Burton board.

An impressive assortment of skis, snowboards, and swag bags the likes of which may never have been seen before were awarded to the top three finishers in each category. One lucky recipient received a backpack with great prizes inside, including a pair of insulated snow boots.