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A joyful tradition for a worthwhile goal



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

MFP Yard Sale—a treasure hunter’s dream

Residents were excited for one of the biggest fundraising events of the year, with the crowd on opening day spending up to \$10,000 collectively. See story on page 17

Town staff and residents clean up Nederland

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

On the morning of Saturday, June 1, Ridge Road became lined with vehicles. Trucks with their beds full beyond the brim with paint cans and scrap wood. There were cars with backseats and trunks full of miscellaneous electronics and broken yard equipment, and some towing behind them loads of old mattresses, tires, and giant tube televisions, all queued up for the Nederland 2024 Town Clean-Up Day.

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PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

Town prepared for big haul

Brian Biggs of the Parks Department (left) and Mayor Billy Giblin get into the right mindset for the annual Town Clean-Up.

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Paid parking coming to Nederland this summer

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Board of Trustees (BOT) met on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 7 p.m. to discuss proposed new regulations on Short Term Rentals. The BOT also voted on a contract with a third party company for paid parking implementation and management.

The Board held a closed Executive Session before their regular meeting to “receive legal advice related to addressing a nuisance property in the Town limits.”

Trustees approved appointments to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for two alternate member positions. Roger Cornell was reappointed as BZA alternate, with his term to end in June, 2026. Rich Orman was appointed to the second BZA alternate position with his term to end in June, 2029.

The BOT also approved reappointing Melody Baumhover and Maddie Woods to the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB), with terms set to end in June, 2027, and appointed Jack Craighill Kerby-Miller III to SAB with his term to end in June, 2025.

CT Hutt’s reappointment to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board was also approved by the BOT; Hutt’s term will end in June, 2026.

The Board was tasked with voting on Resolution 2024-33, which involves a Parking Management Agreement with third-party paid parking service provider Interstate Parking. The cost share agreement between Nederland and Interstate Parking would be for a trial period from July 1 to September 1, 2024.

Interstate Parking will incorporate resident passes for free parking in all paid parking spaces and ensure that the first

“QUOTE OF THE WEEK”

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”

—Charles Dickens

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utors per month. Each staff member is one
spoke in a very large wheel. Without one
spoke, the wheel does not turn effectively.
We welcome community journalists and
personify homegrown journalism.



Thursday, June 6

Group Session on Parenting

Teens: Get support with Kimber-
ly Bryant MA, LPC, on the first
Thursday of each month. This
parenting meets monthly on the
first Thursday from 4 from 6 to 7
p.m. at the Teen Center, 51 East
Street, Nederland. RSVP to info@teensinc.org.

Wine Tasting: Come on up to The
Old Gallery, 14863 Highway 7 in Allen-
spark for a wine tasting. Bring a bottle
of wine in a brown paper bag so everyone
can sample. A light cheese appetizer will be
provided. Questions? Call 303-747-2906 or email info@theoldgallery.org.

Parents Night Out: Join us at the Backdoor Theatre,
750 Highway 72, Nederland from 5 to 8 p.m. for pizza
and Kung Fu Panda. \$25 per child. Money goes toward
the Nederland-Netherlands Student Exchange Pro-
gram! Register online at <https://nederland.libcal.com>.

Friday, June 7

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, 200 Highway 72 in Nederland, 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.

**The Coal Creek Canyon Open Mic and Community
Hang Out,** hosted by the Coal Creek Canyon Improve-
ment Association (CCCIA) will be held on Friday, June 7
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 Fine Art Gallery's June Collabora-
tive Art Show:** Come in and enjoy the works of eight
featured artists with a reception Friday, June 7 from 5
to 8 p.m. Guests may vote by 7 p.m. for Best of Show.
Thirty-six pieces of art to appreciate and purchase from
artists Jenni Burden, Grace Ventura, Erik Solem, Brad
Townsend, Brittany Griggs, Christine Springer, Nathan
Eigenfeld and CB Miller. Visit us at 20 Lakeview Drive,
Suite 210, Nederland. More information is available
online at www.kaleidoscope-finearts.com.

Saturday, June 8

77th Annual Juried Art Show: Join us for the longest
running juried show this side of the Mississippi, brought
to you by Gilpin County Arts Association. The opening
reception and awards will be held from 5 until 8 p.m.
\$3,500 in cash prizes! We are celebrating with a pot-
luck-style dinner - feel free to bring a dish/drink. Free
and open to the public (no ticket required). The show
runs through Friday, August 9. Find more information
online at [https://www.facebook.com/GilpinCounty-
ArtsAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/GilpinCountyArtsAssociation).

Monday, June 10

Crafternoons in June: Join us for Summer Arts and
Crafts! Drop by the Nederland Community Library,
200 Highway 72 and try out a new project each week
in June on Monday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. We'll be
having fun making travel journals, spiral suncatchers,
stone painting and making dragon eyes! Craft time will
happen outside on the deck, weather and supplies per-
mitting. All ages welcome! Supplies provided! No fees!
Visit <https://nederland.libcal.com> for more information.

Cracker BARREL

Get involved in your community

NEW! Gilpin's Gambit: Chess Club:
Come to the Gilpin Public Library,
15131 Highway 119, Black Hawk,
from noon to 2 p.m. and join
our drop-in chess club. Bring
your boards! Want to learn how
to play chess or practice your
game? Players of all abilities
and ages are welcome. Children
younger than 8 are welcome with
an adult helper. Find more informa-
tion online at www.gilpinlibrary.org.

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 or 847-890-5262 to provide
your contact information.

Meditation and Mindfulness: Practice meditation,
explore readings, and join discussions in this free
program at the Nederland Community Library, every
Monday at 5:30 p.m. No meditation experience neces-
sary! Please email Eric at davis.eric.alan@gmail.com
with any questions.

Wednesday, June 12

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, www.gilpinlibrary.org.

Cool Science: Join us at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June
12 at the Gilpin County Public Library. This hour is all
about making science cool for kids, just like music, art,
or sports. Volunteers will be there with a wide variety
of fun and engaging hands-on science activities to
explore. For details visit www.gilpinlibrary.org.

Friday, June 14

Build It! with LEGO: Drop in to create and play!
From 1 to 4 p.m. at the Gilpin County Public Library,
kids can let their imaginations run free while they
construct their own creations using LEGO bricks. Duplo
and Knex kits are also included. Children under 8 years
old must be accompanied by an adult. All materials are
provided. LEGO bricks and creations will remain in the
library after each program. Find out more online, www.gilpinlibrary.org.

Family Movie Matinee: Bring the kids for free popcorn
and a movie as we watch a family-friendly film, "Paw
Patrol: The Mighty Movie," in the meeting room at the
Gilpin County Public Library, 15131 Highway 119, Black
Hawk, at 4:30 p.m. Visit us online for more information,
www.gilpinlibrary.org.

*Did we miss you? Would you like your event listed in
the Cracker Barrel? Please submit your event online at
<https://www.themtnear.com/events-submission/> to be
included in the next edition. Check us out online at 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 infor-
mation visit [https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/
tuesday-night-nederland-cross-talk-meeting](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 informa-
tion visit [https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/the-
morning-group](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 infor-
mation visit [https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/
nederland-group](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](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, Cen-
tral 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/gil-
pin-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/](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/.
For help finding meetings or recovery support for you or
a loved one please call: 866-641-9190.*

PEAK PERSPECTIVES

How do you vote?

BARBARA HARDT
BLACK HAWK

Hmm...how to vote in the upcoming Primary? As an unaffiliated voter I am thankful to have all sides of every story. Sometimes there are sooo many sides. Yet...in my mind...there are no sides. It's a circle with infinite possibilities.

I read a lot. Normally when I first wake up (around 5:30 a.m.) until I'm about to go to sleep (around midnight). I read and read. I read letters, stories, blogs, emails and more. Every day. I feel like I have a great amount of information. And I still question my own ability to make an informed decision, because there is still more information I haven't read.

Hmm...which ballot to vote? Democratic? Republican? That's the best part of being unaffiliated. I get both in the early elections. And I have to be careful to make good decisions. This ballot is extra difficult for me because I have my own beliefs of what may be good (or bad) for our county...and our country.

What if I vote this way, and someone else is selected? What if I vote that way, and my choice is not selected.

This week I talked to my son, who is 18 and a newly registered voter. Except, where is his ballot? (Hmm... the schools don't seem to have turned in his info somehow.) He reminded me to "vote for who I believe in and not against who I don't." Now where does that come from? Smart kid, my Hayden.

That leaves me to ponder... where does my conscience lie? Who should I pick? I like this one, but not that one. And this one is a friend for a couple of decades, but the rest of that ballot doesn't make sense to me. And don't even get me started on making tough decisions on who will represent me in my county. I mean...hmm. A lot tonight here.

Regardless, there is a lot of actual "factual" information out there. And a whole lot of "other" information too. I know I need to take it all into account and think hard about who I may be "voting for instead of against."

And friends, if you haven't read it or have only read one part of it, make sure to read and research the rest.

Here is a recent Q&A with both candidates for Gilpin County

Commissioner, District 1. Both are on the Republican ballot. Here is Jessica Kays: <https://www.themtnear.com/articles/candidate-questions-jessica-kays/> and here is Marie Mornis: <https://www.themtnear.com/articles/candidate-questions-marie-mornis/>

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THE
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Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga

June 7 and 8
Friday and Saturday
Evenings at 7 p.m.
Saturday Matinee at 2 p.m.

A 2024 Australian[5] post-apocalyptic action film directed and produced by George Miller, who wrote the screenplay with Nico Lathouris. It is the fifth installment in the Mad Max franchise, serving as a prequel and spin-off to Mad Max: Fury Road (2015), and focuses on the Fury Road character Imperator Furiosa. Director: George Miller. Writers: George Miller, Nick Lathouris. Stars: Anya Taylor-Joy, Chris Hemsworth, Tom Burke. Rated: R. Time: 2 hours and 28 minutes. Genre: Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi.

POLICY REMINDERS: Seating is limited to first come first serve. All children under the age of 12 MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult for the duration of the movie.

750 Highway 72 North,
Nederland Community Center



Nederland Area Seniors

June 12 - Cheese enchiladas, Mexican rice, black bean relish, sour cream, Mexican chopped salad, fresh plums

June 19 - Green chili chicken breast, Spanish rice, tossed salad with ranch, pears

June 19 - Purple Art event - Art class for seniors! Suggested donation is \$5.

June 26 - Pork carnitas on flatbread, pinto beans, pico de gallo, tossed salad with ranch, oranges

Lunch is served at noon. (yoga 11 to 11:30 a.m.) Suggested donation for senior lunch is \$5. RSVP at 303-258-0799. Our Senior Lounge is open! Please, check our website calendar for the latest updates www.mountainpeaklife.org.

Gilpin County Seniors

June 6 - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart

June 7 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo

June 10 - Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

June 12 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Birthday Party

June 13 - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park King Soopers

June 14 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Social time

June 17 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

June 19 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., No senior lunch, Community Center open.

June 20 - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart

June 21 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo

June 24 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

June 26 - Free Senior Fit Class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Social time

June 27 - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart

June 28 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo

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. We accept donations for the Senior Fit exercise classes. Call 303-515-4292 for information.

Music of the Mountains

Where to be and what to see



JAMIE LAMMERS GOLD HILL

In 2001, Chris Elliott signed up for a banjo class at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas, which happened to be taught by legendary banjo player Alan Munde, and he hasn't looked back since.

After playing in various string bands over the years, such as Spring Creek, Chain Station, and Ragged Union, he had an idea to put the banjo in a specific configuration – a trio that included banjo, percussion, and electric bass. Elliott now has a trio including a banjo, played by himself; a banjo bass, played by Kyle Ussery; and a banjo drum kit, played by Chris Sheldon.

Elliott's family has been musical for a long time. His great-grandfather built fiddles, and his dad was involved in a country band. He has even heard records of his family playing together, so he has always been connected to old-time and bluegrass music. Before picking up the banjo, he was inspired to dabble in the guitar by 90s rock, including Nirvana, learning songs by ear for years.

Meanwhile, Ussery has played guitar and bass since high school, as has Sheldon with drums. Sheldon started playing drums because they seemed exciting and dangerous to him at the time, and he got his first taste of national touring in the early 2000s. Since then, he's toured with groups such as Great American Taxi, Deadphish Orchestra, and Steely Dead, and during his time with Taxi, he invented an instrument he called the Banjotron Acoustikit 2000, which he uses to play with this new trio.

Before the trio developed, Elliott wrote a tune called "Foggy Mountain Spaceship," a name similar to that of a song by Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, "Foggy Mountain Special." While at a performance, Elliott heard the older song introduced by someone with a particular Southern accent, and he couldn't help but register "special" as "spaceship." In response, Elliott wrote his own tune, and during a jam session, Ussery suggested they use that tune's title as a band name. Ultimately, the name "Foggy Mountain Spaceship" stuck, and Elliott now reflects on it as "the greatest choice we could have come up with for what we're doing."

The band primarily performs banjo-led instrumentals, as Elliott has mostly stuck to writing instrumentals over lyrical songs since graduating from high school. In particular, Elliott loves connecting with the audience during live shows, as it feels gratifying when they relate to the material the band has worked so hard on. The band hopes that the sonic and visual experience they create as a group is unique to them and, ultimately, memorable. The band is currently working on a banjo rock opera, and plenty of new songs and music videos are planned for the near future.

You can see Foggy Mountain Spaceship performing live at the Gold Hill Inn, 401 Main Street in Gold Hill, on Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day), 2024, starting at 5:30 p.m. You can learn more about them at foggymountainspaceship.com and stream five of their singles now wherever you get your music.

Music Events

Busey Brews

Friday, June 7 at 4 p.m. - New Family Dog
Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m. - Joshua James Johnson
Sunday, June 16 at 2 p.m. - Intergalactic Peace Jelly Duo
Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m. - Tip of the Spear
Sunday, June 30 at 2 p.m. - Troy Yanel

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

Canyon Tavern

Saturday, June 15 at 6 p.m. - Will Whalen
Saturday, June 22 at 6 p.m. - Robert Brannick
Saturday, June 29 at 5 p.m. - Scrapyard Izzy

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Coalcreekcanyontavern>
Website: <https://canyontavern.com/>
Location: 32138 Highway 72, Coal Creek Canyon.
Phone: 303-642-3180

Casa Colorado

Thursday, June 20 at 6 p.m. - Sarah Banker Band/Sage and Aera

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Casa.Colorado.BandB/>
Location: 196 Bear Crossing Road, Black Hawk.
Phone: 303-642-1983

Chipeta Park (Nederland Summer Concert Series)

Saturday, June 15 at 4 p.m. - Wirewood Station with Bear Hat

Website: <https://www.timeserved-productiongroup.com/>
Location: 254-306 Lakeview Drive, Nederland.

Diner Bar Ned

Wednesdays at 8 p.m. - Karaoke
Sundays at 6 p.m. - Open Mic

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dinerbarned/>
Location: 121 N. Jefferson Street, Nederland.

Gold Hill Inn

Friday, June 7 at 8 p.m. - David Lawrence and the Spoonful
Sunday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. - Foggy Memory Boys
Thursday, June 13 at 6 p.m. - Andy Thorn and Friends
Friday, June 14 at 8 p.m. - Hundred Pound Housecat
Saturday, June 15 at 6 p.m. - Rebecca Frazier Band
Sunday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. - Foggy Mountain Spaceship
Wednesday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m. - Wanderin' Pine
Friday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. - Sturtz
Sunday, June 23 at 5:30 p.m. - Derek Dames Ohl
Wednesday, June 26 at 5:30 p.m. - Anya Hinkle feat. Billy Cardine
Friday, June 28 at 8 p.m. - Bot-rocket Hurricane
Saturday, June 29 at 5:30 p.m. - Poorfree
Sunday, June 30 at 6 p.m. - Daniel Rodriguez and His Band

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GoldHillInn/>
Website: goldhillinn.com
Location: 401 Main Street, Gold Hill.
Phone: 303-443-6461

Gold Hill Store

Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m. - Jason Walsmith
Saturday, June 8 at noon - Bobcat One-Man Band
Saturday, June 8 at 3 p.m. - Taylor Minto Sparks
Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. - Abby Brown
Saturday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. - skiv
Saturday, June 22 at 7 p.m. - Avasso
Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m. - Dwayne Haggins

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, June 8 at 5 p.m. - Solvera
Saturday, June 15 at 6 p.m. - Melt and the Family Band
Saturday, June 22 at 5 p.m. - Benjamin Sproul Trio
Saturday, June 29 at 5 p.m. - 3rd Anniversary Party with Magoo

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/howlinwindbrewing>
Website: <https://www.howlinwindbrewing.com/>
Location: 51 A Main Street, Rollinsville.
Phone: 309-825-5245

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Music Events

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Jamestown Mercantile

Thursday, June 6 at 7 p.m. - Covenhoven
 Friday, June 7 at 7 p.m. - Seeing Stars Band
 Sunday, June 9 at 12:15 p.m. - Laurie Dameron
 Wednesday, June 12 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic
 Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. - Andres Santana
 Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m. - George Nelson Band
 Sunday, June 16 at 12:15 p.m. - Jen Howard
 Wednesday, June 19 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic
 Thursday, June 20 at 7 p.m. - Mountain Duo
 Friday, June 21 at 7 p.m. - Dechen Hawk Band
 Saturday, June 22 at 4 p.m. - River on the Mountain Festival
 Wednesday, June 26 at 5 p.m. - Keenan O'Meara
 Thursday, June 27 at 7 p.m. - Dwayne Haggins
 Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m. - Wrenn Van Band
 Sunday, June 30 at 12:15 p.m. - Davy and the Midnights

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 Saturday, June 15 at 5 p.m. - Robby Wicks
 Friday, June 21 at 6 p.m. - Duey
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 Saturday, June 8 at 5 p.m. - Melt and the Family Band
 Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m. - Reggae DJ
 Saturday, June 15 at 5 p.m. - Piney-tops
 Friday, June 21 at 6 p.m. - Guaro
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 Saturday, June 29 at 5 p.m. - Danny Shafer

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 Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m. - David Tilmon
 Saturday, June 15 at 5 p.m. - Reservoir Fog
 Friday, June 21 at 6 p.m. - Blue Moose Jazz
 Friday, June 28 at 6 p.m. - Mountain ReVerb
 Saturday, June 29 at 5 p.m. - Steep-land String Band

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Dear Editor,

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Congratulations! What an absolutely great time and success!

While clouds rolled through early on, offering a few raindrops; sunshine won the day as music filled the mountains, people danced, kids played, and dogs tails wagged. It was reminiscent of NedFest days, with many generations enjoying the simple life with music.

The event was professionally run, with the Time Served Production team enjoying the music they orchestrated, relaxing as the event unfolded. A sign everything was going smoothly. Truly the best event in Nederland since NedFest - energetically embracing the good 'ol days of families, music and love. Just perfect.

My hats off to them, great job! I'm looking forward to attending future events produced by Time Served Production Group; and highly recommend anyone looking to do a regional event consider hiring this team of amazing professionals, you won't be disappointed.

Cheers & many thanks,
Deb DAndrea, Nederland

Letter to the Editor

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Security, accuracy, and transparency in elections

Dear Editor,

Election security, accuracy, and transparency is of paramount importance in my office. While people, voters and candidates alike, are entitled to their opinions, I would like to educate voters with facts of how Gilpin County runs its elections.

This department is *not* troubled with fraud and no clerk's office in Colorado is. We, (all County Clerks and myself since I took office in 2019), follow state statute closely and take our oaths of office seriously. The county, and the state, regularly update the voter rolls, and in fact, I've been tasked by the SOS [Secretary of State] with working on some files that were never updated properly back in 2015-2017. Deceased voters are removed from the roll as soon as CDPHE updates us with the deceased record (on a monthly basis).

There was one election where a voter came in to vote in-person

and discovered their voter file was marked as having returned a mail ballot that was rejected. The voter stated they did not sign or return their ballot. The signature on file did not match the ballot envelope, and the ballot had been rejected as a result (we signature verify each and every ballot envelope). The system worked exactly as it should have. The voter was offered a provisional ballot to vote...and this is the perfect example of why we have provisional ballots. This is not an example of fraud; this is in fact, an excellent example of how the system of ballot acceptance or rejection works. The wrongful signature was caught and that ballot was never counted. This was a success in our procedures for keeping our elections safe! Yes, there are bad actors out there who have attempted to vote twice, but there are safeguards in place to catch them and stop them at the onset. These situations are turned over to the DA for investigation and

are sometimes escalated to the CBI or FBI.

I encourage people to support the facts, and to get their election facts from the experts, and not the pundits seeking ratings on TV. All Clerks in Colorado, and across the country, take our roles very seriously, and stand together to support our elections in being secure, accurate and transparent. I myself stand for the truth behind our elections and welcome questions and civil conversation on the matter, because elections matter. Your vote matters!

Ballots will be arriving in your mailbox around June 6th or 7th. You can track your ballot by

signing up for Ballot Trax at www.Gilpin.BallotTrax.net. I encourage everyone to use one of the 3 ballot drop boxes in Gilpin County, or one of 418 ballot drop boxes state wide, to return your ballot to ensure it is delivered in a timely manner. I do not want any voter being turned off to elections in thinking that elections aren't conducted in a secure, and serious, manner. If you have any questions, or would like to know more about our processes, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Proud to serve,
Sahari McCormick
Gilpin County Clerk and Recorder

The Ear looks great!

Dear Editor,

I wanted to tell you that I think *The Mountain-Ear* has become even more and more essential to keeping up with our mountain community.

When we get it, I turn immediately to the letters and find a robust dialogue about so many things that are relevant to our lives here. The latest back to back between Marie Mornis and Jessica Kays is a good example.

Then the many features... by Christopher Kelly and Sara Sandstrom and many others.

Then the schools, the downtown issues in Ned, etc etc.

Well done!

Bill Thibedeau, Gilpin County

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Next up:

**Friday, June 28 at 5 p.m.
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Time needed for best decision on “sexually oriented businesses” in Central City

Dear Editor,

I have had many conversations with members of our City Council and know that we all share the goal of promoting Central City as a center of arts, family-friendly entertainment, outdoor activities, as well as to support the casino industry that benefits not only Gilpin County, but historic preservation projects across the state. However, the ill-advised effort to approve a strip club in the most prominent location on Main Street in Central City puts that future at risk.

The potential harm is very real, and even the proposed ordinance seeking to amend the municipal code states, “Sexually oriented businesses

can have deleterious effects on both neighboring businesses and surrounding residential areas, causing an increase in crime and a decrease in property values.” While the City claims that these risks can be mitigated, the risks are not worth the revenue.

After an outcry from residents in 2022, the City and RCI assured everyone that they would not open a strip club and would operate a steakhouse/casino instead. RCI put up billboards along the Parkway earlier this year announcing its new casino properties. Their application for a gaming license from the Colorado Division of Gaming was delayed, so they are now returning to the strip club concept. Out of nowhere, proposed ordinances to

change the municipal code were presented at the May 21 meeting of the City Council. Residents are rightfully upset about the lack of transparency around how all this came about and how it is presented as a “done deal.”

A January 16, 2024, article in the *Denver Post* reports that, while strip clubs in Denver are fairly well regulated, it is not uncommon for young women in the clubs to be arrested for solicitation for prostitution, adding that charges are rarely filed. While it is important to note that these young women are not part of the business operations of the clubs, it is an example of the kind of activities that can result from sexually oriented businesses.

We recognize the First Amendment challenges faced by the City in seeking to accommodate sexually oriented businesses. Being on the City Council is a tough job and we are grateful to all the members for their service. However, they must take time to ensure the right decision is made for the good of residents and the City, seeking legal advice from state officials as needed. The right approach would be to table the ordinance until this due diligence is completed.

Please plan to attend one of the upcoming public meetings to learn more. They will be held at the Elks Club at 6 p.m. on June 2 and 3.

Peter Droege, Central City

Please, vote in the Primary Election

Dear Editor,

For a number of weeks now I have been reading letters and articles about the current state of politics in our County. Following those published remarks, some have chosen to satisfy their own egos with attacks and distracting posts on numerous social media outlets. No names will appear here to counter their remarkably blatant and self-serving needs.

Good Morning, Good Afternoon, HELLO! This is an Election Year, and as we move ahead in the cycle to receive and respond to the Ballots for the Primary Election, YOU are one step closer to the opportunity and privilege to VOTE. It is time to assess the role you will play in our community. May I take this opportunity to invite you to consider taking time to make your vote count for Gilpin. So many times we are led down a path of nay-sayers who suggest “It really won’t matter,” “It is only one vote,” or “Someone else knows better than me.” Please don’t ignore or discard your Ballot or think that showing up to Vote is

“an unnecessary or unimportant task.” Ballots will go out beginning June 3rd. Please pay attention to receiving yours.

Call me a “Dreamer or call me Crazy.” Why do public comments often fall into a four lane highway where minds are made up to, “He said, She said,” or “Don’t believe what you hear,” or “Nobody cares what I think,” or more importantly, “I don’t want to be bothered.” The Primary Election is June 25, 2024, and will determine who will be slated for the General Election on November 5, 2024. Only a few weeks remain to make your decisions and take action.

I am paying attention, and I am excited to be actively taking action. Having had the privilege at our County Assembly to Second the Nomination made by Mary Lorenz to support Jessica Kays for placement on the Primary Ballot, our campaign has been reaching out to ALL voters in Gilpin. We have time to get to know one another and hear your concerns for our County. Please accept our invitation to inform yourselves

and then to exercise your right to vote. I endorse Jessica Kays for County Commissioner District 1. Over the next couple weeks, if you do not already know her as the previously elected two-term Gilpin Co. Clerk and Recorder, with 25+ years of experience

working with Gilpin County government and staff, please visit us at www.VoteKays.com or Email: Hello@VoteKays.com. Thank you.

*Marilyn Ashmore
Black Hawk*

Traits of a Gilpin County Commissioner

Dear Editor,

I want to thank both papers for asking questions of the two District One Commissioner Candidates and publishing their answers.

The one thing I dislike most about elections is that people bad mouth candidates. Tell us what a horrible person they are. I do not want to hear bad mouthing of other people. I want to hear why you are supporting a candidate. What you feel their good qualities are and why you think we should vote for them. What are they

going to do for our town, city, county, state and country?

In my opinion the two most important traits for a Gilpin County Commissioner to possess are “Listening Skills” and “Working well with other people – collaborating to accomplish what is best for Gilpin County”.

This is why I am supporting and voting for Jessica Kays – Commissioner for District One. She possesses these traits.

Remember – your vote counts!

Mary Lorenz, Gilpin County

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The best seniors

Top, left: Hard-hitting action. Top, right: A quarterback under duress. Bottom, right: Fans joined their team on the field after the game. Bottom, left: A defender tries to wrap up the ball carrier.



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Colorado's 8-Man All-State Football Game

DAVE GIBSON
GILPIN COUNTY

At a time when fellow recent high school graduates might be seen at the local swimming hole relaxing with friends, the best senior gridiron athletes in the state still had business to attend to. Meeting at Gilpin County Stadium on Saturday, June 1, for the Colorado 8-Man All-State Football Game, it was one last chance to strap on the pads. A tradition that honors the student-athletes and pits the North against the South, the members of the squads are selected from nine different leagues.

With an abundance of talent on the field, the game is always hard-hitting, closely contested, and the



action top-notch. The North won last year's matchup by a score of 18-10 and holds a 2-1 advantage since the contest moved to Gilpin County.

From the opening kickoff until time expired in the fourth quarter, the game more than lived up to its billing and thrilled football fans. The difference in the outcome came down to a long kickoff return in the second half by the South's Levi Martin. Playing for State Champion Mancos during the regular season, he was named MVP for the South team. Gilpin Eagles football coach and event organizer Craig Ball noted of Martin, "He possesses speed, aggressiveness at the point of attack, and football intelligence."

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Offensive linemen rarely get the recognition that they deserve. Battling it out in the trenches protecting their quarterback and opening holes for running backs, players at the “skill” positions get all the ink. On this day the most skillful player for the North was deemed to be offensive lineman Liam Buettenback of Sedgwick County. So dominant was he that it was the only time in the 60-year history of the game that a player at his position has been named MVP.

Final score: South 33, North 26, in a nailbiter that kept the fans on the edge of their seats.

Craig Ball is the person responsible for bringing the venerable contest to Gilpin County. Following this year’s game he related, “The All-State Foundation is tasked with building the leaders of tomorrow through the game of football. Last Saturday, we witnessed a day of sportsmanship and community spirit



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON

Competing in their final high school game

Top: The South team celebrating their victory. Bottom: Fans traveled from all over the state to watch the all-star matchup.

with beautiful weather at elevation. With a dedicated four-day camp prior to the game, 50 players from across Colorado prepared for the annual game in front of their biggest fans. I want to thank the coaching staffs from Dayspring Christian and Simla for working so hard to get our boys ready. Their commitment was pivotal in making the game an unforgettable experience. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended and supported this event. Your dedication and enthusiasm are truly remarkable, and I look forward to continuing our celebration of athletic excellence, leadership and community spirit at future events. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey.”

To learn more about the All-State Foundation or make a donation, go to www.eliteallstate.com.

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Gilpin Elementary students share their art and music

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Gilpin Schools sewer project presented to community

WES ISENHART
GILPIN COUNTY

The Gilpin RE-1 School District and ESCO Construction held an informational meeting on May 29, 2024, in the school multi-purpose room at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the sewer project construction schedule and how traffic on Highway 119 would be affected.

Superintendent David MacKenzie started the meeting by discussing the need for the project and the decision to hook up to the Black Hawk Central City Sanitation District (BHCCSD).

MacKenzie said that the school district onsite wastewater treatment plant had been designated as noncompliant for groundwater discharge or total dissolved solids for as long as he had been the district superintendent and these discharge requirements had become even more stringent in recent years.

The RE-1 school board researched different options for rectifying the situation and felt connecting with BHCCSD was the most cost effective, and permanent, solution.

ESCO Construction Project Manager Kyle Griffin was the spokesperson for ESCO and went through the pipeline route, timelines for construction, and traffic control considerations.

Griffin said that the project consists of three miles of sewer pipe to be installed in the northbound lane of Highway 119. There will be 84 manholes created. Asphalt will then be laid down to restore the highway.

Griffin hoped to get the construction process started toward the end of June. He estimated that it will take ten months of construction to finish. Construction will be halted in the winter when it becomes too cold to spread asphalt. Highway 119 will return to two lanes during the winter months.

Construction will begin in Black Hawk near the fire station and work north to the school. The finish point will be just below the elementary



PHOTOS BY WES ISENHART

school at the Paradise Valley turnoff.

There will be 13 or 14 road closure setups, each 1,500 to 3,000 feet in length. Each closure will restrict Highway 119 to one lane and require traffic control around the clock.

When crews aren't working, temporary traffic signals will be set up on each side of the closed section to control the flow of traffic. The traffic signals will be set to last for three to five minutes, depending on the distance of the closure. Speeds in the construction zone will be reduced to 35 M.P.H.

In the event of an emergency, ESCO can remotely control the traffic signals to allow traffic to flow in a particular direction.

The Hidden Treasure trailhead will be closed when construction passes it, but will be kept open as much as possible.

Griffin spoke about the three intersections that will be crossed: at Hughesville Road, Apex Valley Road, and Paradise Valley Parkway. Each intersection will take one to three days to cross.

Sharon Perea, who lives on Hughesville Road, was concerned that drivers would take Hughesville to bypass the construction, creating a dust problem for residents.

Gilpin County Director of Public Works John Combs said

Paradise connection

Above left: Blueprint of the connection of the sewer line with the school at the Paradise Valley intersection with Highway 119. Above right: Map of the construction route for the Gilpin RE-1 School District Wastewater Interconnect project.

Meeting speakers

ESCO Construction Project Manager Kyle Griffin and Utility Superintendent Troy Schulte at the ESCO/RE-1 information meeting on May 29th.

that the County applies dust suppressant on Dory Hill Road, but it is not in the 2024 budget for Hughesville.

Griffin said that the company is not liable for what the traveling public does. Combs said he would check with County management and the County Attorney to see if there was some way they could work with ESCO to pay for applying dust control on Hughesville Road to avoid environmental problems for residents.

Combs said he would also check to see if the County could put up traffic signs to discourage use by

non-residents. Hughesville will be at about the halfway point of the project.

The Apex Valley Road intersection will have additional traffic control to handle traffic turning on to Highway 119. The traffic signals will need to be coordinated with the direction traffic is flowing at the moment.

The Gilpin Ambulance Authority stations ambulances off Apex to handle calls in the casinos and further north in the county. Their operations are going to be significantly impacted by this construction.

The last intersection, at Paradise Valley Parkway, is complicated by lack of an alternate exit out of the Paradise Valley subdivision. It is also the termination point for the pipeline, which will have to cross the highway to get to the west side, so the intersection will be tied up for an extended period of time.

Griffin stated that the biggest uncertainty in the construction timeline will be how much rock excavation will be required. He said that ESCO has the experience and equipment to dig through rock but using rippers and hydraulic hammers to pulverize it would take additional time.

MacKenzie concluded the meeting by saying he looked forward to finishing the project and having the school campus in full compliance with state health regulations. It has been on his to-do list since he was hired eleven years ago.

For more information about the Gilpin County School District Wastewater Interconnect project contact ESCO Construction Project Manager Kyle Griffin at 720-788-7003 or kgriffin@escomailbox.com.

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Coal Creek Canyon gets beautified

OMAYRA ACEVEDO
COAL CREEK CANYON

On Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 8 a.m., Coal Creek Canyon residents gathered at the Coal Creek Canyon Improvement Association (CCCIA) Hall to sign in and grab orange trash bags. Volunteers were greeted by Tom Mulvany and other Coal Creek Canyon Clean-Up Day organizers to receive instructions and locations.



PHOTOS BY Omayra Acevedo

Working toward improvements

Top, left: A volunteer scans Highway 72 for debris and trash. Top, right: A husband and wife team up to clear Highway 72 near Carl's Corner garage. Bottom: Volunteers and organizers gather to show their support for the community.

Roughly 25 volunteers signed up to help beautify the canyon. Due to insurance, no one under 16 is allowed to participate in canyon cleanup. The clean-up took place between mile markers 13 and 22.

Cleaners consisted of new and returning volunteers, with some cleaning the same area year after year. The Coal Creek Canyon Clean-Up is the longest stretch of highway cleaned in the state.

The last canyon clean-up was on September 23, 2023, after the original August date was rescheduled due to weather conditions. The 52 bags of debris collected in September included parts from car and motorcycle accidents, road signs, fallen fence posts, and general trash thrown from vehicles. This year, the same was expected.

Last September volunteers braved the cold and wind, but June offered favorable conditions for cleaning the canyon. The sun was shining and everyone was excited to partake in this important event.

Though volunteers are provided with bright yellow vests, drivers are asked to be attentive while driving through the canyon. It is vitally important during clean-up day, when volunteers are near the road, and on curves and hills.

Floaters drove up and down the canyon, ensuring everyone remained safe and plenty of trash bags were at hand. All trash bags were left in designated areas for later pick-up. Any questionable objects found were to be marked by tying a bright orange trash bag around it and left alone for CDOT to handle.

By 10 a.m., the event wrapped up and Coal Creek Canyon greeted residents and visitors with a fresh look. John Baich, who recently moved, had organized the clean-up for many years. The new organizer of the event is Kyle West.

At the request of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the canyon was asked to up its game to three clean sweeps of the canyon in 2024, and this Saturday's was one of them. The CCCIA will post announcements as other dates are selected.

Thank you, volunteers and organizers, for caring about Coal Creek Canyon!

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From Crisman to Gold Hill



OMAYRA ACEVEDO
GOLD HILL

During the 1930s, fleets of Chevrolet trucks were used to transport 100 tons of gold ore mined at the Grand Republic in Sunbeam Gulch to Gold Hill and down Licksillet Gulch to the Cold Spring mill. Sunbeam Gulch is in Crisman, Colorado, an unincorporated community and a census-designated place governed by Boulder County.

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Last month we saw some auroras here in Nederland. Faint as they were, it was nice to see them at all, this far south. News outlets mentioned solar activity that caused the auroras, but some of the accounts were a little confusing. This month, I'll explain everything you need to really know about the effects of solar storms on our earth.

The sun has storms? Yes, indeed. And space has weather? Yup. Both of which are monitored by the U.S. government in Boulder. Here's how it all works.

Two things worth knowing about the sun are: First, it's not solid. It's mostly sort of squishy. Second, it has super-strong magnetic fields.

As a liquid body, the sun's equator spins faster than its poles. This causes its magnetic field to distort like this: >. The two ends on the left are the sun's poles, which lag behind the >'s tip on the right, where the equator is. This unequal race twists and stretches the sun's magnetic field lines like knotted rubber bands. Where the magnetic field's stretching and twisting is most severe, it makes cooler zones that we see as dark sunspots.

When the twisted rubber-band field lines finally snap, they release colossal explosions called solar flares. With an energy of up to ten billion million tons (ten billion megatons) of TNT (as compared to the largest-ever H-bomb yield of 60 megatons), solar flares make a lot

Nederland June Night Skies

Frank Sanders for The Mountain-Ear 2024

Fasten your seatbelt for solar storms.

A CME is a few billion tons of particles that gets burped out of the sun's surface following a flare.

at a station north of Boulder) generates electrical currents in the earth. Those currents can knock out entire power grids.

Solar flares and CMEs disrupt radio systems, including GPS, and can damage satellites. Astronauts can be injured, and homing pigeons can lose their way. (Many pigeon fanciers are on NOAA's space-weather alert list.) On the upside, magnificent auroras may be seen in southern locales like Colorado.

Space storm effects can, disconcertingly, be mistaken for radar jamming and other precursors to nuclear attack. Which is why NOAA's space weather alerts go out worldwide, to help ensure that nobody mistakes a magnetic storm for a nuclear attack. Learn more at swpc.noaa.gov, and join their space-weather alert list if you like.

In June Skies:

The sun begins the month in Taurus, entering Gemini on the summer solstice, June 21 when days and nights will be 15 and 9 hours long, respectively.

The moon's dates are: New June 6; First Quarter June 14; Full (Strawberry Moon) June 21; Last Quarter June 28.

June Meteor Showers: The Arietids (parent, either asteroid 1566 Icarus or comet 96P/Machholz) and Bootids (*ba-OO-tids*) (parent, comet 7P/Pons-Winnecke) peak on June 10 and 27 respectively. The Arietids are visible in Nederland just before sunrise; the Bootids are good just after dusk.

Best Sky Viewing Nights (Minimal Moon): June 1-13 and after June 28.

Sunset (Mid-Month): Leo with Regulus is prominent at WSW; the Gemini Twins Castor and Pollux are below and to the right. Arc from the Big Dipper's arm to red Arcturus, then on to bright-white Spica in the south.

Midnight (Mid-Month): Vega, Deneb and Altair form the Navigator's Triangle, spanning the northeast to nearly overhead.

Sunrise (Mid-Month): The Great Square of Pegasus is just eastward of being overhead. The Pleiades rise just ahead of the sun, while Hercules is low in the west.

Mercury is lost in the sun.

Venus is lost in the sun.

Mars is low in the east before sunrise.

Jupiter is barely visible in the east just before sunrise.

Saturn is low in the southeast at dawn.

Notable Space Missions: Boeing's Starliner space capsule scrubbed its first possible takeoff date on June 1 and rescheduled for Wednesday, June 5, with June 6 as an alternate. This will be the last test flight before Starliner enters operational service in 2025.

Frank Sanders, a spectrum scientist at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Boulder, takes astronomy-related inquiries at backyardastronomy1@gmail.com.

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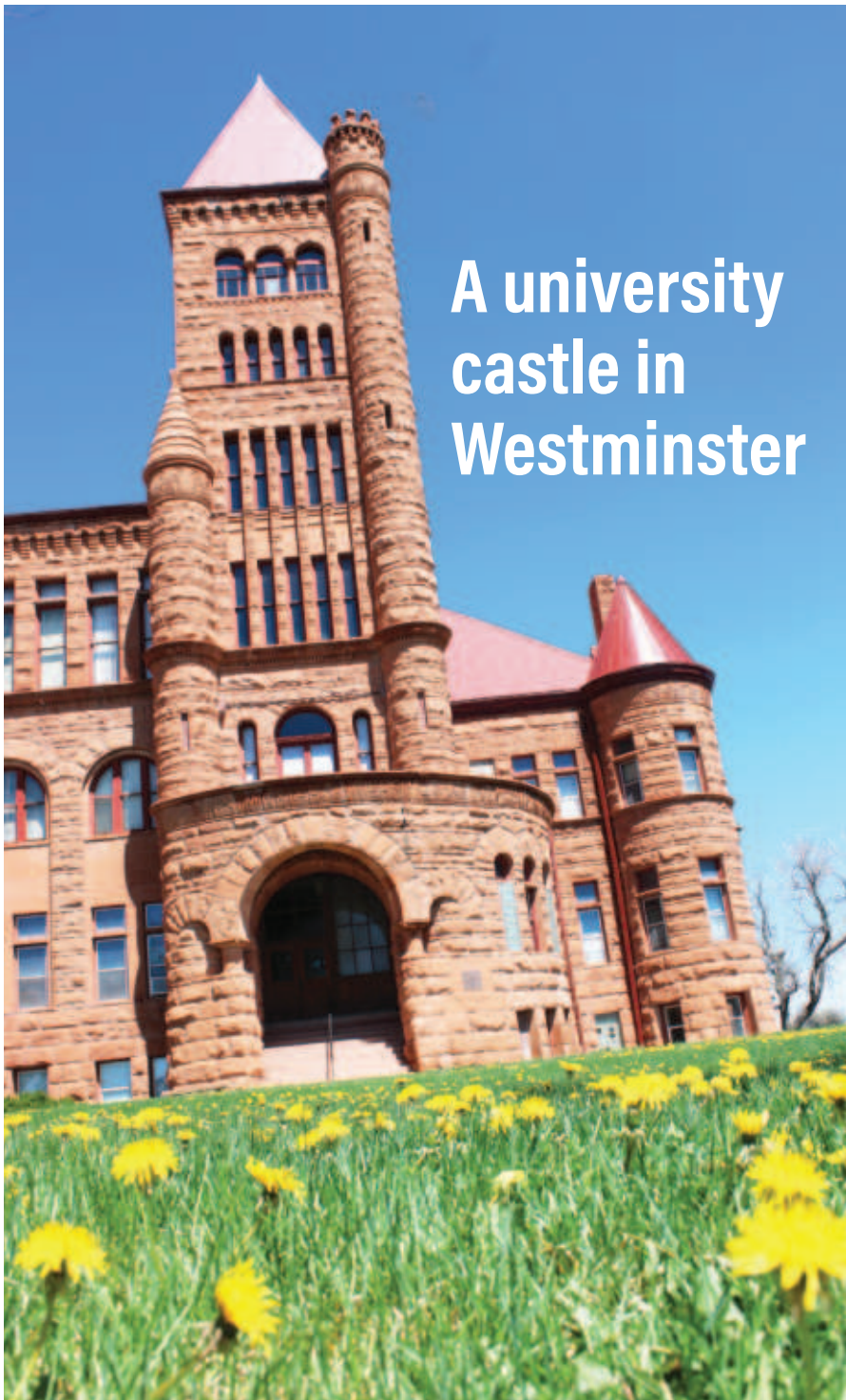
of X-rays, light, and radio waves, which reach earth in eight minutes. (The sun's distance of 93 million miles means we always see it time-delayed by eight minutes.) Those initial speed-of-light signals, picked up by US government satellites and ground stations, are collected at NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC, pronounced *swip-see*) in Boulder. They're the warning flags for what happens next.

Which is, a big burst of protons and electrons, moving at close to the speed of light, are on their way. Moving a bit slower than the speed of light, they take about half an hour to get here, if they've been slung in our direction. Arriving, they get caught in our planet's magnetic field, called the geomagnetic field. Being charged, they spiral around the geomagnetic field lines. They bounce back and forth between the north and south poles. Eventually, they collide with oxygen and nitrogen in the upper atmosphere and convert their energy into light, which we see as auroras in the polar zones.

Sometimes the best (or worst, depending on your perspective) is yet to come: a coronal mass ejection aimed at earth. A CME is a few billion tons of particles that gets burped out of the sun's surface following a flare. Carrying its own magnetic field, a CME storm can reach earth in anything from hours to a few days. But when a CME storm arrives, look out. The massive CME slams into, and squeezes, the geomagnetic field like a tennis ball in your fist. The resulting geomagnetic storm (as monitored



DISCOVER COLORADO



A university castle in Westminster



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OMAYRA ACEVEDO
WESTMINSTER

The history of castles stems back thousands of years. From Europe to the Americas, castles have been a part of nearly every culture across the globe. Many castles were built for military purposes.

Castles were used to defend from attack and to protect conquered territories. Soldiers would stand guard at the gates and walls to fend off attackers.

Did you know that Colorado is home to several castles?

One of the castles is in Westminster, Colorado, but this one didn't serve military purposes. The structure of the 175-foot-tall Westminster Castle began in 1892. Red rock sandstones were used to build the structure, giving it its unique color. It was completed in 1893.

The goal of this particular castle was to open a university. However, due to the severe economic depression and a few other challenges at the time, it would take nearly 15 years after completion for the Westminster University to open.

By 1908, the university welcomed its first class of 60 students, paying \$50 for a year's tuition. I bet they're debt-free by now. All seemed to have been going well for the university until World War I when

Modern history

Left: Dandelions bloom, adding to the ambiance of history's presence at Westminster Castle. Right: A plaque confirms Westminster Castle's place in Colorado history.

enrollment dropped to zero.

Westminster University Castle was purchased in 1920 for \$40,000 and received \$75,000 worth of repairs. By autumn of the same year, it was reopened as Belleview Schools. It received education accreditation in 1926.

In 2024, the castle received a new (red) roof. There are currently no public tours of Westminster Castle, but you can enter the property and enjoy the striking red sandstone building while enjoying a picnic or taking photos. The views of the Front Range from the castle aren't bad either.

Perhaps, my love of medieval and Renaissance history combined with my time in Europe allows my heart to run wild and feel a sense of romanticism when I see a castle, but it's truly a stunning sight to witness.

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Every year the Nederland Parks, Streets, and Utilities Departments join forces with volunteers from Town staff and the Nederland Fire Protection District, as well as from the Town's many advisory boards, to host the event, which provides expanded recycling options to residents to help keep our mountain town clean and green.

Parks Department Director and Interim Town Administrator Nicki Dunn led and organized the event. Dunn roused volunteers with a speech about safety before opening the gates, preparing everyone for the "controlled chaos" that was to ensue.

But despite Dunn's lighthearted warning, this year's Town Clean-Up Day went smoothly and without incident. Many volunteers noted that the event was well organized and that residents were properly prepared in how they packed their vehicles and stacked their garbage.

Town Clerk Macy Caligaris and Administrative Assistant Corrina

McLeod inspected each vehicle's load and directed residents to the several different stations for trash drop-off. General trash and larger items, like couches and other furniture, were loaded into one of six dumpsters. There were also stations specifically for the dumping of scrap metal and unpainted wood.

Several vendors were in attendance to provide speciality trash removal services, such as document shredding by Data Destruction, electronics waste by I.T. Refresh, and the collection of hazardous materials by Eco-Cycle. Boulder-based nonprofit Resource Central was also in attendance to collect "trash" to be upcycled and reused.

And, as has become tradition for this yearly event, Homes by Jackie Jones supplied donuts and coffee for the volunteers. They also walked down the line of parked vehicles on Ridge Road handing out donuts to all those who were patiently waiting.

Last year's clean-up set a new record, as the dumpsters for general trash were completely filled after just over an hour and a half into the event; the vendors for specialty recycling reached full capacity by 10:30 a.m. This year, even with the due diligence of the Town Clean-Up Day team having secured extra dumpsters and specialty recycling vendors, all dumpsters became full by 10:30 a.m.

Thank you to Nicki Dunn and all of Town staff for organizing Nederland's 2024 Town Clean-Up Day and for helping it run smoothly and efficiently. A special thank you to all those who participated and volunteered to help make this year's event such a great success.



Spring cleaning

Top: Locals lined up early for the event. Center, right: Everything and the kitchen sink. Bottom, right: Heavy machinery was called in to tamp down dumpsters. Upper, left: Corrina McLeod of Town Hall directs residents.

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A joyful tradition for a worthwhile goal

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NEDERLAND

Since 1985, the Mountain Forum for Peace (MFP) has worked to bring peace to Nederland and our mountain communities. Every year the nonprofit organization awards grants, hosts art contests, and welcomes guest speakers to teach environmental justice and peaceful living. And, every summer, the MFP holds its annual Yard Sale.

Once the warm weather arrives, mountain residents begin the process of spring cleaning. Houses, garages, and sheds are cleared of all sorts of clutter, from old, still functional equipment that has since been replaced, to forgotten treasures that could use a new home, to be cherished again by fresh eyes.

The MFP 2024 Yard Sale offers the people of Nederland a chance to donate their items toward not just one, but two good causes. Attendees may not only find the perfect knickknack or the missing piece for their home collection, but each sale also helps the MFP to continue to operate towards its mission of peace.

The sale started on Friday, May 31 at 9 a.m. By 8:30 a.m. there was a line outside the Nederland Community Center doors that wrapped around the building. Even while waiting in line, residents were finding and grabbing useful outdoor items, like gardening tools and recreational equipment, and were ready to purchase the items



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

or put them on hold once the doors finally opened.

The mad dash of people vigorously combed through tables of kitchen gadgets and decorative teapots, glasses, mugs, and cast iron pans and skillets.

They excitedly flipped through stacks of books, DVDs, VHSs, and LPs. They flocked to racks of clothes, from formal business wear to ski pants, and they browsed through aisles of furniture, from practical stools, chairs, and tables, to more fanciful fare, like old sewing machine tables and a vintage standing radio the size of a jukebox.

Baubles, gadgets, and trinkets

Top: The Mountain Forum for Peace volunteers pose after a successful weekend. Bottom, right: A vintage home radio was just one of the many rare gems to be found at the yard sale. Bottom, left: Locals loaded their arms with as much as they could carry.

Those keen shoppers who were patient enough to wait until Sunday were privy to all items being half price up until 11:30 a.m., before the sale was closed down for a short hiatus. After that hiatus, however, every item left inside the Nederland Community Center was offered completely free.

The 2024 MFP Yard Sale was a great success, largely in part to the work of those dedicated MFP

volunteers, as well as to all those in our mountain communities who donated and shopped. The opening day for this year's sale garnered up to \$10,000, and was one of the strongest openings in the sale's history.

A very special thank you from *The Mountain-Ear* to all those who helped to contribute to the worthy cause of peace in our lives.

Pet of the week

Have you seen me lately?
What was it you saw?
Are you gonna fetch me
With my paw in the air, panting,
barking in the yard?

Have you seen me lately?
Did I look O.K.?
Are you gonna fetch
me and take my blues away?

Don't fetch me, unless you'll love me
It takes too long to fall back to sleep
Don't fetch me, unless you'll be a
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I'd rather just fall back on my dreams

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Ned summer concert series



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Summer Concert series kickoff at Chipeta Park

The first of six concerts in the Town of Nederland kicked off Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Chipeta Park. Hundreds of locals showed up to listen to music by Rolling Harvest and the Bonnie and Taylor Sims Band. Locals danced, laughed, played, ran around and ate delicious food from Kaleidoscope Kitchen. The next concert is Saturday, June 15 from 4 to 7 p.m., featuring Wirewood Station w/ Bear Hat. To find out more, check out the website at <https://www.timeservedproductiongroup.com/nederlandssummerconcertseries>

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Sober Souls



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Sober Souls hosts Motorcycle Rodeo

On Saturday, June 1, 2024, the Sober Souls Motorcycle group held a Motorcycle Rodeo at the Gilpin Fairgrounds. Riders rode their motorcycles through the deep sand for a barrel racing type event, had a hanging hot dog event where riders tried to eat a hot dog hanging on a string. Then they played a rousing round of pole in a hole, similar to the flag race of equine rode events. According to their website, "The purpose of Sober Souls M.C. is to encourage and conduct, among motorcyclists, sobriety, spirituality, fellowship and service work, putting the welfare of the group above self-interest, and helping others, individually and as a motorcycle club." To find out more, check out their website at <https://www.sobersouls-mc.com/>



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Holistic Homestead hosts Farmers Market



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Treats and treasures

The Holistic Homestead hosted their first Farmers Market of the year on Saturday, June 1, 2024. The kickoff to the summer season included five booths and a bit of music. The next market will be Saturday, July 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To find out more, check out the website at <https://theholistichomestead.org/events/>



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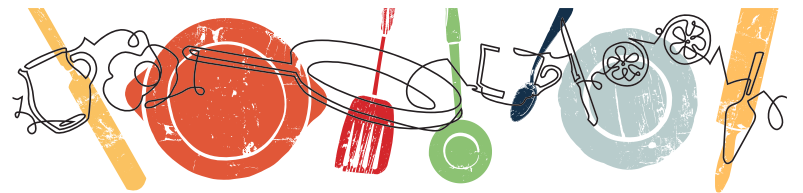
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Steak Marinade

Lauran Knight
NEDERLAND

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- 1/4 cup sherry vinegar,
- 1 cup avocado oil
- 3-4 cloves garlic-crushed
- 1/2 tsp oregano
- 1/2 tsp thyme
- 1/8 tsp each celery seed, coriander, tarragon
- A good squeeze of orange

Directions

Mix all ingredients and serve over your steak.

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 was on May 12. Find out more on their website at www.nederland-farmersmarket.org/.

Pasque Flower

I come to Caribou

*to look for that first
flower of spring.*

Caribou, with its gentle grassy hills, is this place where a town thrived years ago, and now there is only a faint hint of a main street and some rock foundations. Above, close by, are the snowy peaks of the Continental Divide. Here, it seems to be the top of the world!

Here, where the wind moves softly, lifting my hair with its gentle fingers.

Here, where I can hear the quiet surround me, calming me.

Here, where the smell of the earth is like the dinner you're hungry for, and you can never get enough of. Breathe it in, drink it in.

Touching the dry grasses and plants, I know that they will soon lean to the ground and lie down to go to sleep. I know they will disappear and be covered by a new generation of lively growing plants.

Where are the babies? There, I lean down to see the green of the tiny new plants. Then, more, over there. They don't want to be known, yet. They want to still protect themselves from the cold and snow and ice



*that might still return
to the land.*

But the sunshine is liquid, and I am full of the hopefulness of finding spring and one of its first signs, the pasque flower.

As I walk up the hill, I see only brown and tan and gray, the signs that the winter doesn't want to let go of its wonderful time it had up here at the top of the world, when it was in control of everything.

I look afar. I survey the

high hill where I walk now. I want to see the special flower.

And I almost give up.

But wait! Look! There it is! I go to where the flower is. Its subtle purple-blue colors sing to me, a song that melts me. It greets me as an old friend that I thought I had lost.

It is proud, it is vivid, and it is perfect.

I know, now, that spring has come to the top of the world.

—Betsy Buck

IN LOVING MEMORY Patrick McCarthy

March 12, 1953 - May 29, 2024

Patrick McCarthy passed away on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, with his wife and children by his side. Born on March 12, 1953, Patrick grew up and attended school in New Jersey. As a teenager he had a major car accident and was in a coma and then on crutches for several months.

He met his first wife, Carol, and together they left New Jersey and moved to Colorado, arriving with 13 cents to their names. Once there, they wrote down their goals and soon started to accomplish them. Patrick met and started to work for a man named Harry who encouraged Patrick to purchase a dump truck and to start his own business, which he did in 1976 and named it Colorado Hauling.

During his first few years in Colorado, Patrick and Carol welcomed three children, Patrick Jr., followed by Jennifer and then Margaret. They moved to Nederland and resided in the home that Pat built out of love, sweat and tears. In 1977, Patrick and Carol divorced.

Patrick, a former drummer, was also a poet, song writer, and musician, as he played guitar solo as well as in a duo with his friend, Craig. His love of music and the guitar was passed on to his grandgirls. He booked musicians at the Bank Saloon where he met his future wife, Marianne. They bought a mobile home together which Pat renovated with recycled wood from his "day" job. Patrick and Marianne married in 1990 and they decided to move to the east side

of Longmont, in old town. Once there, Pat renovated this home and turned it from a duplex into a single residence. Shortly after, Patrick bought his dream home which he renovated as well. Eventually, they decided they wanted to move to the west side of Longmont where they purchased their final home. He was very proud of this home and updated it to his liking.

During his career, his company changed direction from hauling to demolition. Hence the name, Colorado Demolition and further changed to Colorado Demolition and Deconstruction. He enjoyed demolishing buildings as well as recycling and donating as much of the material that he was able to save as he truly cared for the environment. Pat had a strong work ethic which he passed on to his children and grandchildren. In 2018, Patrick decided to retire and sold his business to his son-in-law. He and Marianne then took time to travel and explore the beauty of nature he loved so much. He truly loved traveling to Utah, Arizona, California and so many other places. They travelled to the Pacific Northwest and down to Mexico, as well as to the Atlantic and the Gulf. However, in 2019, their traveling was cut short due to being diagnosed with multiple health concerns.

Patrick was a funny man, witty and known for his "dad jokes". He loved golf and Impala cars and enjoyed

cruising main street in his Impala.

Patrick is survived by his wife, Marianne; his son Patrick McCarthy, Jr. (Mindy), his daughters, Jennifer Boyd (Jeff) and Margaret Stone (Jason), his stepchildren Lisa Barry (Eric) and Jason Bennett (Erin) as well as nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Robert McCarthy (Kathy) and his nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his first wife, Carol Belcas.

In his memory and lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Longmont Humane Society, 9595 Nelson Road, Longmont, CO 80501.



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New team member for Timberline Fire



New member
Jen Lomeli of Gilpin County has joined the Timberline crew for the summer of 2024.

LYNN HIRSHMAN
GILPIN COUNTY

Timberline Fire has a new, part-time, temporary Fire Mitigation member. A member of AmeriCorps, Jen Lomeli will work with CSU Extension and Timberline in mitigating wildfire hazard risks in Gilpin County. She will be involved in projects like community chipping events, tree thinning on egress routes, and home ignition zone projects around residential homes.

Lomeli has been a Gilpin County resident since 2018, when she bought vacant land and designed and helped build her tiny home in Black Hawk from a shipping container.

She says, "I am excited to serve for AmeriCorps in collaboration with our local Gilpin CSU Extension office and directly with Timberline Fire this summer/fall to assist with Fire Mitigation. I look forward to getting to know more members of my community through the many events Gilpin CSU Extension office and Timberline Fire have planned.

"I hope to gain even more fire mitigation skills and knowledge that I can use to support my role as a Board Member for our local fire mitigation group, Axe & Snax, helping to spread the word about fire mitigation to my community, neighbors, and friends as well as my own property. I am also inspired by the opportunity to be involved in the collaborations between all of these wonderful organizations."

In her spare time, Lomeli works on repurposing projects around her house and property. She enjoys mountain life, going for hikes and walks with her rescue corgi Rosie, and loves off-road camping. She is active in viewing birds and other wildlife, applying one of her other passions, photography. Amazingly, she actually has another part-time job, as a Museum Administrator for the Museum of Boulder.

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Time, patience, and effort

ANNIKA MARSCHKE
COAL CREEK CANYON

Lori Miller, a family friend of ours, has significant hearing loss due to genetics. To improve her hearing, Miller was invited to be part of a study for the company Cochlear Americas.

Her previous hearing aids had been adjusted to provide better hearing. However, no more tuning could be done that was further beneficial. Miller was provided with a Cochlear Implant.

Cochlear implants are options for people with severe hearing loss, for whom hearing aids no longer serve them. They consist of four pieces; a microphone and processor on the outside and a receiver and electrode array on the inside of the ear. The electrode array is a small wire that is placed inside the cochlea. The processor collects sounds and sends signals to the receiver and then through the electrode array to the auditory nerve which then sends the information to the brain.

The Cochlear Implant is an incredible tool but can be challenging to learn to use. However, it can provide further benefits than hearing aids, as in Miller's case. The implant provides artificial hearing and takes some effort to use. Miller has had to train herself to hear through the implant.

Miller has had the implant for just under a year and goes once a month to have the implant programmed. This is done through a process called mapping. A personalized map is done to re-tune the implant

with the hope that each mapping provides benefits to her hearing.

Each time, she must engage in a series of tests. The process takes a lot of time, patience, and effort. The staff Miller works with in the study serve her well. She notes, "The people are amazing and have nothing but good intentions."

After the study finishes, Miller will have one final map done and the changes will remain for an extended period of time. She will also have the opportunity to pair her Cochlear Implant and her hearing aid together to her phone. Another possibility in the future would be receiving an implant on her other ear and participating in a further study.

Miller's relationship with God has been a comfort through the process. She knows that this is part of God's plan for her family and He will work things out for good.

Miller's advice to someone who may be experiencing hearing loss would be to get their hearing tested. "It is so important to know where your hearing is at." Joining studies may also be a possibility. There are several requirements necessary to be eligible for a study. Joining a study is also a large commitment, though through it you can receive enormous benefits.

Included companies that Miller has worked with are; Cochlear Americas and Denver Ear Associates.

Though hearing loss has been discouraging and encouraging, most importantly, Miller knows that it is part of God's plan for her family. She is confident that she can share her experience for the benefit and comfort of others.

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Sexually Oriented Businesses (SOB)— Gilpin County's Impact Study

The following letter was delivered to Central City on June 4, 2024:

Dear Mayor Fey, Mayor Pro-Tem Tinucci, Alderman Aiken, Alderman Enloe & Alderman Williams:

As you are aware, on May 21, 2024, Gilpin County released a Request For Proposal (RFP) soliciting responses from qualified firm(s) able and willing to prepare an impact study of SOBs within Central City, as a municipality in Gilpin County. As stated within the RFP, the purpose is to determine if SOB restrictions are relaxed as contemplated in City of Central Ordinance 24-02 and 24-03, what could be the impact of those changes on County services, law enforcement, and specifically on County costs. On January 11, 2023, during a meeting with County Sheriff Armstrong, City Manager Miera, and County Manager Rears, it was discussed that the County would take this action of an impacts study, if a similar adult business proposal were to move forward.

This is of particular importance

Either by joining our impact study or by completing your own research, we encourage the City of Central to objectively study the impacts SOBs may have on the community and residents along with the possible expected tax revenue it would receive versus any expected or unintentional costs.

to the County, since the Gilpin County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement and public safety services within the City of Central's incorporated limits, per the Intergovernmental Agreement agreed upon on October 5, 2016 by both the City and County. Other county services may also be impacted such as Public Health, Human Services and/or EMT services, which are included as part of the RFP. The choice to relax SOB restrictions itself is fully within your authority, and the County has no role to play in the decision. However, the County does have a role and obligation to address the

possible unintended consequences associated with new SOB uses for the county-wide community.

The need and basis of the RFP was necessary because established research regarding SOBs [Minneapolis (1980), St. Paul (1978), Indianapolis (1978) and Phoenix (1979)], all found a close association between SOBs and high crime rates for both property and sex crimes. Ties to lower property values have also been identified in some of these studies. These are not recent studies, nor are they associated with a small mountain gambling town with many more visitors than residents, which is why

the County is taking this important step to objectively determine what impacts such a change may have on County service levels and associated costs. The City is welcome to join, or even expand upon, this objective effort to review any impacts this course of action may cause, beyond those to the County, though we do anticipate making the contracted firm award in June for work to start in July.

Either by joining our impact study or by completing your own research, we encourage the City of Central to objectively study the impacts SOBs may have on the community and residents along with the possible expected tax revenue it would receive versus any expected or unintentional costs. The County is committed to proceed with an objective and expedited study which will provide more relevant facts to inform decision makers regarding SOBs entering our community.

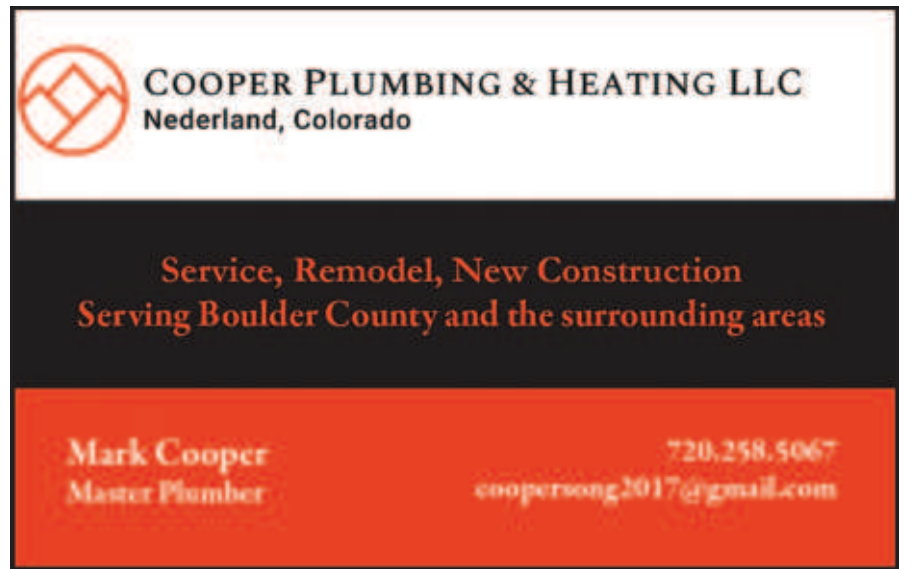
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Paid parking coming to Nederland this summer

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15 minutes will be free for every paid parking spot. The Town's paid parking spots will charge \$2.50 an hour, with Interstate Parking responsible for the installation of kiosks and QR codes, as well as management and enforcement.

Trustees discussed Ordinance 859, which aims to amend Nederland Municipal Code (NMC) Chapter 6, Article V, making changes and additions to the Town's Short Term Rental (STR) regulations and licensing structure.

The ordinance, having been drafted, discussed, and approved by the Planning Commission, includes a requirement for the STR property to be the licensee's primary residence and a requirement for the

The ordinance, having been drafted, discussed, and approved by the Planning Commission, includes a requirement for the STR property to be the licensee's primary residence, as well as a requirement for the owner to notify all neighbors within 300 feet of a residence where an STR license application is being filed.

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Other revisions included instituting a cap of 60 STR licenses; requiring a minimum of 4

documented stays; requiring bear-proof trash receptacles; imposing a ban on fire pits; refining the application process so that potential licensees be required to include proper documentation; allowing the Town Clerk to administer penalties

for violations of the code; and clarifying the BOT appeal process.

The Town's five distinct STR licensing types were narrowed down to just one, and it was determined by the Planning Commission that only property owners who are primary residents can apply for an STR license.

Upon first review and discussion of the ordinance Trustees were not in favor of consolidating all of the licenses under just one license type and wanted license Type C, commercial STRs, not to be lost. Trustees also did not think smaller units, like single room STRs, should count towards the 60 cap.

The Board previously, after a nod of four in approval, directed Town Staff to draft the defiance with four license types, from a Class A license, for non-attached Accessory Dwelling Units, to Class C, a Standard STR license, and a single-room STR license.

Trustee Tania Corvalan and Mayor Billy Giblin presented to the Board their proposal to amend Ordinance 856. The ordinance amended NMC Chapter 16 to allow for up to 50% yard and bulk variance for deed restricted "affordable" housing through review by the Planning Commission.

Corvalan and Giblin propose that the minimum time period of 20 years for developers to have to deed restrict the property as affordable be raised to a 40, 50, or 60 year time period. It was noted in the Agenda Information Memorandum as a point of consideration that the average mortgage period is 30 years.

The BOT discussed a proposal from resident and owner of High Performance Earthworks Jesse Seavers regarding the property at 19 West 1st Street. Seavers, along with a business partner, expressed interest in purchasing the land to raze the home that was destroyed by a fire last summer and to build new housing.

Due to the single-family home being a non-conforming use for an Industrial-zoned lot, and due to the home not being restored within six months, as stipulated by NMC 16 - 185, housing is currently not permitted to be built on the lot. Seavers is requesting that the timeline stated in NMC 16 - 185 be removed or amended, and that the Use Group Table within NMC 16 - 32 be changed to allow residential uses in Industrial zones.

The Nederland Board of Trustees meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 7 p.m. and can be attended either online or in person at the Nederland Community Center.

For more information go to: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>.

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Nederland welcomes new Administrator

CORRINA MCLEOD
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Town of Nederland is happy to announce that Jonathan (Jon) Cain will be our new Town Administrator. Jon is scheduled to start work as Nederland's new Town Administrator on July 8, 2024.

We were very fortunate to have received over 30 applications. Of the many high-quality applicants, Jon was our first choice due to his extensive knowledge of municipal

government operations plus his experience in solving the types of problems that many Colorado mountain towns face.

Thank you to all of our applicants. And thank you to the many community members who took part in our interview process. It was a rigorous interview process, and it went incredibly smoothly and provided us with valuable and necessary information to inform our decision.

We are excited for Jon to join and lead our Nederland Team!

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Conflicts of interest?

MINDY LEARY
CENTRAL CITY

The Central City Council meeting on June 4, 2024 was well attended. After routine agenda items were addressed, those members of the public filling the meeting room expressed their concerns, ideas, and opinions in the public comment period regarding the potential

introduction of a Sexually-Oriented Business (SOB) in the City.

Notably, Zane Plsek rose to speak, he said, for the citizens of the town. He recommended there be an unbiased investigation into whether Mayor Jeremy Fey has a conflict of interest regarding his connection to RCI Hospitality and their application for a SOB in Central City.

Plsek indicated that he had recently attended three of Fey's public meetings on the topic held at the Elks Lodge, and reported that every resident at those meetings spoke in opposition to an SOB operating on Main Street.

Plsek said, "Mayor Fey operates a retail location on Main Street in a building owned by RCI where he pays sales percentage-based

rent. Mayor Fey confirmed, after a resident directly asked him, that he has taken a trip on the RCI private jet and attended an event in Texas with RCI officials.

"When asked about this, Mayor Fey said he did not pay anything for this trip and viewed the trip as something a friend did for him and he did not consider it an ethics-in-government issue. Keep in mind this 'friend' [RCI] has business interests to be considered in front of this City Council, such as zoning changes, in order to allow them to open an SOB on Main Street."

Plsek added that City residents believe there is just cause for an investigation into whether Fey has violated Article 29 of the State Constitution that limits the acceptable dollar amount given to any official to be \$50 per year.

He also stated that residents believe the Council should wait on deciding anything until Gilpin County receives a response to its recent Request For Proposal (RFP).

The County has issued an RFP for a qualified consulting firm to provide all the necessary labor, research, and data required for the satisfactory completion of an SOB impact study.

The specific focus of this study would be targeted toward County budget impacts of the introduction of SOBs. The study would also examine all economic impacts, regulatory analysis, and community engagement. More information on the RFP can be found at https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/sites/gilpincounty/files/documents/adult_business_impact_study_FINAL_QA.pdf.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION (C.R.S. 1-5-205)

**Gilpin County Primary Election,
June 25, 2024**

Gilpin County Clerk and Recorder, Sahari McCormick, will be conducting a Mail Ballot Primary Election on June 25, 2024. The Clerk will begin mailing ballots on June 3, 2024. Ballots must be returned on or before Election Day by mail to the Gilpin County Clerk and Recorder, Sahari McCormick, PO Box 429, Central City, CO 80427-0429 or dropped off at the following 24-hour drop box locations starting June 5, 2024:

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GILPIN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS SHOP, 135 Tolland Rd., Rollinsville

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• VOTE ONLY ONE PARTY'S BALLOT and return to the Clerk via mail or drop box.

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• Last day to affiliate or change your affiliation is June 3, 2024.

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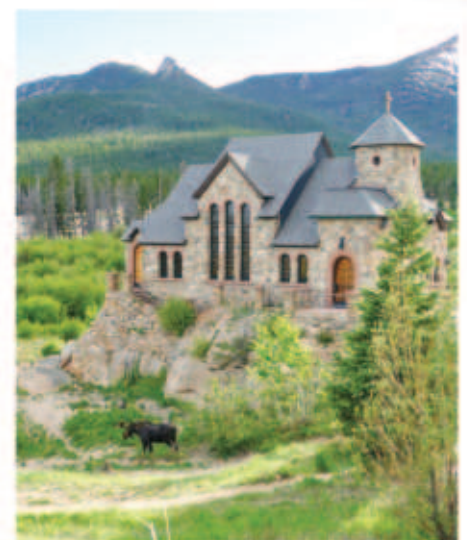




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Under scrutiny

Resident Zane Plsek voiced concerns over Mayor Jeremy Fey's association with RCI Hospitality and the current issue of allowing sexually-oriented businesses in Central City.

master planning services. Allen said they have worked with the company before and their services will help with future planning.

City Manager Miera said the plan will assess current service levels, operational structure, capital improvements, and future needs.

Alderman Todd Williams asked if the cost will exceed the proposal of \$50,000. Miera said that sufficient funds have been appropriated.

After some discussion about general liability insurance, the motion was amended to add that Emergency Services Consulting International be required to hold general liability insurance. Afterward, all voted in favor of approving the amended resolution.

During Staff Updates, Miera stated that there will be a special meeting held on June 13 at 5:30 p.m. for an Executive Session concerning SOB's and possibly other items.

He also said that the RFP issued by Gilpin County inaccurately portrays the SOB subject matter as a new land use, whereas it has existed in the Code for a number of years. He has corresponded with the City Manager on the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next regular City of Central Council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at Central City Hall, 141 Nevada Street, second floor; or online via Zoom. Information can be found on the City website, centralcity.colorado.gov/meetings.

Conflicts

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One resident spoke in favor of having an SOB on Main Street instead of the Parkway, which had been suggested as an alternate location, citing that the downtown area would be safer and other businesses would benefit. She suggested a burlesque test period in the basement of the proposed building instead of the main floor.

Rebecca Blondo said that members of the Planning Commission have shared with her that they feel misguided by the City's attorney and would like to revisit the SOB issue and receive additional legal advice.

Resident Peter Droege asked Alderman Kara Tinucci whether her husband was or is an employee of RCI gaming, claiming a potential

conflict of interest. He also asked Fey to recuse himself as having a conflict of interest during the scheduled Executive Session on the SOB matter.

During Council Comments, Tinucci responded to Droege's question, saying it is no secret that her husband is a casino finance executive and that he had provided consulting services for RCI. She added that it was hard to share that his contract with RCI was terminated upon Division of Gaming's delay.

Fey thanked everyone who attended the Elks Lodge meetings and for all the feedback he has received. He assured everyone there will be no movement on the issue in the coming weeks.

He said he would ask the Council for advice regarding whether he should recuse himself from the general issue and, therefore, also from the Executive Session.

Other activities during the meeting included a Board of

Adjustment public hearing, and a resolution approving a professional services agreement.

The Council conducted a public hearing as the Board of Adjustment to hear Resolution No. BOA 24-01, approving the parking requirements at the Wright residence located at 314 and 318 East 4th High Street.

The two single-family cottages currently have limited parking, and cutting into the hillside to add more is not feasible. The resolution would grant a variance that would allow for four on-site parking spaces.

The applicant, Ron Wright, explained the limited parking situation. Resident Jack Hidahl commented in favor of the application. The board unanimously approved the resolution.

Central City Fire Chief Gary Allen presented details regarding Resolution No. 24-17, which would approve a professional services agreement with Emergency Services Consulting International, Inc. for

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DESIGN SERVICE
FREE professional ad design is available, up to 2 hours per ad.

DISPLAY AD REQUIREMENTS

- High-resolution 300dpi
- CMYK color mode
- PDF, JPEG, TIFF file format

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

We publish weekly. Our ad deadline is Friday at noon for ads needing design service. Deadline is Monday at noon for camera ready ads.



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Run the same ad (or new ads) every week and save big!

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BODY MIND SPIRIT	February 2024	5,000	\$500	\$400	\$200	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$75			
		TASTE OF THE PEAKS & VISITOR'S GUIDE	Spring 2024	15,000	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$750	\$750	\$525	\$400	\$250	
		STUDIO TOUR		Summer 2024	5,000	\$500	\$400	\$200	\$200	\$150	\$125	\$75

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				1/4 Page 3.625" x 4.4"

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Public Notice

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 24-02PT

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

On April 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 E. Bitner
Original Beneficiary(ies)
LEAD FUNDING, LLC
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt
LEAD FUNDING, LLC
Date of Deed of Trust
July 31, 2019
County of Recording
Gilpin
Recording Date of Deed of Trust
August 12, 2019
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
164197
Original Principal Amount
\$350,000.00
Outstanding Principal Balance
\$350,000.00

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. SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

Purported common address: 380 Sierra Timber Road, Black Hawk, CO 80422.

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUIMBERED 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, 08/01/2024, 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.

First Publication 6/6/2024
Last Publication 7/4/2024
Name of Publication
The Mountain Ear

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: 04/04/2024

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:

David R. Doughty #40042
Janeway Law Firm, P.C. 9800 S. Meridian Blvd., Suite 400, Englewood, CO 80112 (855) 263-9295
Attorney File # 24-032061

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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Revised 1/2015

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A parcel of land located within portions of Lots E-5, F-6, and H-8, the Carter Addition #1 to Gilpin Gardens Subdivision, located within the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 2 South, Range 72 west of the Sixth Principal Meridian, County of Gilpin, State of Colorado, being more particularly described as follows, with platted bearings and distances denoted by parentheses:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Section 7, being a found In place 3" diameter brass cap, marked "BLM", whence the east Quarter Corner of said Section, being a found In place 3" diameter brass cap marked "BLM", bears N 00°03'22" W, 2634.44 feet, with all bearings contained herein relative thereto, thence N 01°34'45" W, 1257.83 feet to the Southeast Corner of Lot A-1; thence N 89°17'30" W (S 89°17'45" E), 623.77 (624.00) feet along the Southerly line of Lots A-1, D-4, and G-7; thence N 00°00'26" E, 416.86 (416.00) feet along the Westerly line of Lots G-7 and H-8 to the True Point of Beginning; thence N 64°18'11" E (S 63°53'51" W), 234.73 (232.35) feet; thence N 27°46'32" E (S 27°58'53" W), 225.63 (224.34) feet; thence S 88°25'54" E (N 89°30'45" W), 103.88 (104.00) feet; thence S 00°29'26" W (N 00°21'45" W), 302.90 (303.00) feet; thence S 45°17'52" W, 293.28 feet; thence N 89°17'56" W, 52.00 feet; thence N 00°24'49" E, 208.63 feet; thence N 89°30'20" W, 158.96 feet to the True Point of Beginning,

which is shown as "Parcel No. 3" on the Boundary Line Adjustment Plat recorded In Book 693 at Page 315,

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO a non-exclusive access easement, as shown on the Boundary Line Adjustment

Plat recorded In Book 693 at Page 315, which easement is more particularly described as follows:

A fifteen (15) foot wide private access easement, located within Parcels 1 2, and 3 of the Boundary Line Adjustment Plat for Lots A-1, B-2, D-4, E-5, F-6, G-7, and H-8, the Carter Addition #1 to Gilpin Gardens Subdivision, located within the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 2 South, Range 72 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, County of Gilpin, State of Colorado, being seven and one-half feet (7.5') on each side of the herein described centerline with side lines extending and shortening as necessary to intersect Parcel lines, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Section 7, being a found in place 3-1/4" diameter brass cap, whence the East Quarter Corner of said Section, being a found in place 3-1/4" diameter brass cap, bears N 00°03'22" W, 2634.44 feet with all bearings contained herein relative thereto, thence N 01°34'45" W, 1257.83 feet to the Southeast corner of Parcel 1; thence N 00°17'02" E, 11.61 feet along the East Line of said Parcel 1 to the True Point of Beginning; thence N 63°01'01" W 200.41 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the left 145.09 feet, having a radius of 300.00 feet, a central angle of 27°42'37" and which chord bears N 76°52'19" W, 143.68 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the right 21.97 feet, having a radius of 30.00 feet, a central angle of 41°57'09" and which chord bears N 69°45'04" W, 21".48 feet; thence N 48°46'29" W, 210.09 feet; thence along the arc of a curve to the right 34.59 feet, having a radius of 30.00 feet, a central angle of 66°03'21", and which chord bears N 15°44'49" W, 32.70 feet; thence N 17°16'52" E. 115.95 feet to a point along the common line of said Parcels 2 and 3 and the Point of Terminus.

Personal property taxpayer remedies

GILPIN COUNTY ASSESSOR CENTRAL CITY

From June 15 to July 1, 2024, owners of taxable personal property (e.g., business furnishings, equipment, etc.) may challenge the county assessor's valuation of their property. The value determined by the assessor is based on information submitted on your Personal Property Declaration Schedule. If you failed to file a declaration schedule, the value was determined using the "best information available."

Taxpayers who disagree with their personal property valuations may object by mail or in person on or before June 30. Once an objection has been filed, the assessor will review your account and mail you a Notice of Determination by July 10. A taxpayer's exclusive remedy for a

If the County Board adjusts the value of your property, the tax bill you receive next January will be based on the adjusted value.

"best information available" (BIA) valuation is this protest procedure.

If you disagree with the assessor's decision, you may file an appeal with the County Board of Equalization. The appeal to the County Board of Equalization must be postmarked or hand-delivered by July 22. The County Board will notify you by mail of the hearing date, time, and place where you may present evidence in support of your case. The County Board will conclude hearings and render decisions by the close of

business on August 5. The County Board must mail you a decision within five business days of the date of its decision. If the County Board adjusts the value of your property, the tax bill you receive

next January will be based on the adjusted value.

If you disagree with the County Board's decision, you may file an appeal with the State Board of Assessment Appeals or the district court, or you may request a binding arbitration hearing within 30 days of the County Board's mailed decision.

For additional information regarding the protest and appeal process, contact Gilpin County Assessor at 303-582-5451.

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Public Notice

Gilpin County School District RE-1 Board of Education Education Enhancement Tax Statement May 7, 2024

The Board of Education and the school community are grateful to the voters of the City of Black Hawk for the 1.5% sales tax on lodging, food, and beverage revenue that has been dedicated to the District. **The Education Enhancement Tax (EET) revenue for the school is commonly referred to as the Black Hawk money.**

- 2007-The Great Recession: Gilpin County School District (GCSD) had already been experiencing years of expenditures that exceeded the revenue provided by the state.

- Maintaining the operations of the school and keeping the doors open for Gilpin children was in financial jeopardy.

- Board of Education members at that time approached the City of Black Hawk to enter into discussions that evolved into a collaboration to generate needed revenue, keep local control of the community's school, and keep the school property tax mill levy low.

- 2008-The City of Black Hawk taxpayers voted for and passed the Educational Enhancement Tax (EET).

- The EET dedicated 1.5% sales tax revenue for lodging, food, and beverage for Gilpin school students.

- Black Hawk taxpayers kept the school open for Gilpin children; saved local control of the school; and saved GCSD from being potentially absorbed into another school district.

- 2009-The Colorado Legislature created a new budget stabilization factor in the Public School Finance Act formula due to the Great Recession and economic downturn that put pressure on the state's budget.

- The factor is a state budget tool

that proportionally reduces the amount of total funding for each school district below the level otherwise authorized to keep up with inflation as approved by voters in Amendment 23.

- The factor reduces state revenue share to districts. For the last fifteen years (2009-2024) the Budget Stabilization, as well as additional recessions, has reduced GCSD state share revenue a total of \$5,882,208.

- 2024-The EET tax, the Black Hawk money, has generated \$15,402,749 for Gilpin County School children.

EET Ensures Reduced Local School Property Taxes

GCSD has one of the lowest total program mill levies in Colorado at 6.651 mills. Of the 178 school districts in Colorado, the GCSD mill levy is the eighth lowest.

- The Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) total program mill levy is 27 mills and with overrides and bond redemption the total levy is 48.024 mills.

- The Jefferson County School District (Jeffco) total program mill levy is 27 mills, and with overrides and bond redemption the total levy is 44.526 mills.

- The GCSD total levy with overrides is 9.477 mills, thanks to the City of Black Hawk and its voters.

The EET agreement between the City of Black Hawk and GCSD is to keep the school mill levy low and use EET revenue to:

- Use for school operations and not ask voters for a mill levy override, increasing property taxes.

- Use for capital improvements and not ask voters for a bond issue, increasing property taxes.

EET Revenue Uses

- Increased the teacher starting base salary over the past 10 years from \$33,000

to \$50,000.

- Among program expenditures, the EET supplements and provides:

- preschool tuition, extracurricular activities, and provides a Chromebook computer to every student.

- Safer and more reliable transportation fleet of new, upgraded buses, adding an activity bus and a handicap accessible bus for student use.

- Upgraded activity field and added a 6-lane track.

- Provided a new and enhanced preschool and elementary playground and increased safety by paving the south parking lot, lining, and creating a one way traffic flow.

- Supported a long list of capital improvements to enhance student and staff safety at school.

- All of these achievements are at risk if Gilpin County voters approve a county-wide sales and use tax.

Borrowing \$4.2 Million

The State of Colorado requires GCSD to resolve the non-compliant groundwater discharge from the on-site wastewater treatment facility.

- The best, cost-effective solution is to construct a sewer pipe for \$8.1 million from GCSD to the Black Hawk Central City Sanitation District.

- The Board pursued certificates of participation to borrow \$4.2 million to mitigate cash flow concerns and maintain the financial reserves required by CDE.

- The revenue from the Black Hawk money goes into the General Fund, freeing up other revenue for capital projects.

Potential EET Revenue Loss

There are a number of actions in the EET Intergovernmental Agreement (see agreement) that will end the school Black Hawk money, for example, the creation of a Regional Transportation District that includes part or all of Gilpin County; GCSD

increasing the school mill levy; or, a sales tax, use tax, or lodging tax imposed by Gilpin County voters.

The loss of the EET revenue ...

- Would result in teacher position cuts, elimination of school curricular and extracurricular programs, jeopardize student and staff safety, and put GCSD into a financial survival existence.

- May result in the loss of local community control of the school; and GCSD may be dissolved and absorbed into another school district, for example BVSD, with a 48 mills school total tax levy, or Jeffco, with a 45 mills school total tax levy.

- May force the Board of Education to ask District voters to pass mill levy override questions just to maintain operations and pass bond issue questions for capital improvements to address deferred facility maintenance, transportation, safety, and technology student needs. Either and both would unnecessarily increase the local property owners' tax liabilities.

Thank You

Thank you for considering and evaluating this significant financial risk to our school if we lost the Black Hawk money. The GCSD Board of Education is extremely grateful to the City of Black Hawk and its residents for ongoing support of our school and students.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of May, 2024 by the Gilpin County School District RE-1 Board of Education.

Sarah Swanson, President
Joe Marr, Vice President
Kirsten Goodlett, Secretary/Treasurer
Joe Stranly, Member-at-Large
Tami Velasquez, Member-at-Large

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from \$20.05 - \$23.55 per hour DOQ/E

The City of Central is seeking qualified applicants for a part-time semi-skilled position involving horticulture work with specific responsibility for the care and maintenance of flowers, trees and shrub beds located on City properties and along rights-of-way. The main emphasis of this position will be made on the maintenance of floral displays. This position is required to work during special events and on occasional weekends. This position works under the direct supervision of the Public Works Supervisor. Requirements: High School diploma or GED. Must possess and maintain a valid Colorado Driver's License. Apply now: A detailed job description can be found on the City's website www.centralcity.colorado.gov. Qualified applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to the Finance/Human Resources Director at arobbins@cityofcentral.co or mail to P.O. Box 249 Central City, CO 80427. The position is open until 06/14/2024. EOE.

Help Wanted

GILPIN COUNTY IS HIRING!

- 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
 - Emergency Preparedness Specialist (Part-Time): \$31.39 - \$43.99
 - Facilities Maintenance Tech I: \$20.63 - \$28.89
 - Financial Analyst: \$65,300 - \$91,500
 - Guest Services Representative-Substitute Position: \$17.36 - \$23.46
 - IT Specialist: \$79,000 - \$110,600
 - Office Assistant – Public Works: \$17.36 - \$23.46
 - Records Specialist: \$17.36 - \$23.46
 - Recreation Generalist II: \$22.69 - \$31.78
 - Road & Bridge Worker: \$17.36 - \$23.46
 - Senior Services & Transportation Driver: \$15.77 - \$21.30
 - Sports Official: \$ 20.63 - \$28.89
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POLICE OFFICER (LATERAL OR POST-CERTIFIED ONLY), Salary Range: \$78,981 - \$128,003 / Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. The City of Black Hawk is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer (POST certified or laterals). The position is responsible for performing public safety functions and for providing for the enforcement of federal, state, and municipal law. Excellent Benefits package (See Benefits). **Apply Now:** <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/>

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, Salary Range: \$60,674 - \$84,944 / Annual (paid hourly) DOQ/E. As a Communications Officer (Emergency 911 Dispatcher), the employee is responsible for the operation of the emergency communications console, including the receipt of calls and proper dispatch of appropriate equipment and personnel to provide assistance to the citizens of Black Hawk in the areas of Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services. **Apply Now:** <https://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 I, II, III or IV, Salary Range: \$55,518 - \$89,977 / Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. **Operator I:** Colorado Class "D" Water Plant Operator and Class 1 Distribution Systems Certifications required within one (1) year of employment. **Operator II:** Colorado Class "C" Water Plant Operator and Class 2 Distribution Systems Certifications required. **Operator III:** Colorado Class "B" Water Plant Operator and Class 3 Distribution Systems Certifications required. **Operator IV:** Colorado Class "A" Water Plant Operator and Class 4 Distribution Systems Certifications required. 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.

Statepoint Crossword and Sudoku Puzzles

THEME: SPACE

ACROSS

1. House pest
6. Emergency responder, acr.
9. Meme dance moves
13. Below, prefix
14. Swimmer's distance
15. Not urban
16. Take a base
17. Grazing spot
18. Stressful or unnerving
19. *Clint Eastwood's "Space ____"
21. *First U.S. space station
23. Salty dog's domain
24. Fail to mention
25. Spermatozoa counterpart
28. Ukrainian person, e.g.
30. State of submission
35. Network of nerves
37. Muscle or strength
39. ____ Mara, Africa
40. Shapeless form
41. Cliffside dwelling
43. *Saturn's environs, sing.
44. Poetic feet
46. Darn a sock, e.g.
47. Per person
48. Rendezvouses
50. Mine entrance
52. After-tax amount
53. Litter's littlest
55. French vineyard
57. *Sun's outer layer, not beer brand
60. *Second S in ISS
64. Ancient Celtic priest
65. Sun kiss
67. "Mea ____," or "my fault"
68. *"From the Earth to the Moon" author
69. In the past
70. Judge
71. Education station
72. Order's partner
73. Food between meals

DOWN

1. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
2. "I'm ____ you!"
3. Not many (2 words)
4. Dungeness and snow, e.g.
5. *Circles of light around sun and moon
6. 90-degree pipes, e.g.
7. * ____ Jamison, the first African-American woman in space
8. Tetanus symptom
9. Two-fold
10. Diva's solo
11. Prickle on a wire
12. Sylvester Stallone's nickname
15. Johnny Cash's "Get ____"
20. Churchill/Roosevelt/Stalin meeting site
22. Model-builder's purchase
24. Gorge oneself
25. *Planet's path
26. Type of consonant
27. Skeleton, archaic
29. Attention-getting interjection
31. Like pink steak
32. Of the Orient
33. Jousting pole
34. * ____-year
36. Opposite of flows
38. *Solar ____, sun's emission
42. Authoritative proclamation
45. Walked with long steps
49. *Solar System center
51. Parcels
54. Birth-related
56. One-eighty
57. Manitoba native
58. Couple's pronoun
59. Dorothy Hamill's turf
60. Jon of "Game of Thrones"
61. Pelvic parts
62. Petroleum-exporting grp.
63. Police informer
64. VHS successor
66. Palindromic title

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