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## Music and magic at historic inn



PHOTO BY BARBARA HARDT

### Gold Hill sunshine and smiles

When Foggy Mountain Spaceship plays music on a warm summer day, you can expect a giant group of happy kids dancing, singing, and twirling in happiness in the late afternoon sun. See more on page 5.

## The SOB story continues

MINDY LEARY  
CENTRAL CITY

Mayor Jeremy Fey opened the Central City Special Meeting on Thursday, June 13, addressing concerns from citizens regarding his potential conflict of interest in matters related to SOB (Sexually-Oriented Businesses) regulations due to his association with RCI Hospitality.

RCI Hospitality has purchased a property on Main Street with the intention of opening “Rick’s Cabaret.” The Mayor operates a retail location on Main Street in a building owned by RCI where he pays sales percentage-based rent. He also confirmed that he has taken a trip on the RCI private jet and attended an event in Texas with RCI officials.

At the last meeting, some citizens suggested he should recuse himself from these discussions and any executive sessions on the matter because of these circumstances.

Fey stated, “It was brought up in a recent meeting that perhaps I should recuse myself from even these executive sessions that we are having in this regard, and my understanding from counsel is that there would not be any reason to [do so]”

Assistant City Attorney Erin King clarified: “Legally, a conflict of interest arises when there’s a financial gain. Here, we are talking about legislative changes, city-wide changes not affecting just one person.”

Fey also emphasized that voting does not occur during executive sessions.

Mayor Pro-tem Kara Tinucci, who attended the meeting virtually, said she has been accused of things “in the paper,” and “now that it is public I might have to recuse myself because I could be against RCI, because of my husband Joseph’s termination. But I don’t think that is the meeting we are here for.”

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## New STR regulations approved

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Board of Trustees (BOT) met on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 7 p.m. to make their final decision regarding new Short Term Rental regulations. The Board also discussed potential changes to municipal code that would require local businesses to provide wastewater pretreatment.

Trustees first approved the Employment Agreement for the Town of Nederland’s choice for new Town Administrator Jonathan Cain. Cain’s employment with the Town will begin on July 8.

The BOT also approved an intergovernmental agreement with Boulder County, granting the Town of Nederland use and control of the ballot drop-off box at the Nederland Community Center from July 8 to August 1.

The Board also approved a contract with Raftelis to complete a water and wastewater rate study.

The cost of the study was stipulated not to exceed \$30,000, which the BOT had previously approved in their 2024 Town Budget.

Raftelis was previously contracted by the Town of Nederland to complete a rate study in 2021.

Nederland’s Public Engagement Manager Peter Cacek presented the latest updates regarding the development of a Tourism Management Strategy. The purpose of the strategy is to create sustainable tourism initiatives through collaborative work with other Town boards, and with the Colorado Tourism Office, as part of their Destination Blueprint program.

Cacek had previously presented the plan to the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board, the Sustainability Advisory Board, and the Planning Commission in order to receive feedback and suggestions regarding the plan’s listed goals and the recommended

strategies to achieve them.

These goals include engaging the community and business stakeholders; educating and managing tourists; promoting businesses and local experiences; improving the tourist/community experience; and instituting tourism governance and partnerships.

The strategies listed include creating communication platforms for both tourists and local businesses to distribute informational material; building awareness and engagement for tourism and marketing initiatives; managing tourism while protecting the Town’s culture through collaborative efforts; and establishing and utilizing a system to monitor the impacts of tourism.

Cacek detailed that it would be his responsibility in the first year to implement the strategies

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### -QUOTE OF THE WEEK-

“One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.” ~ Plato



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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 20

*Peak to Peak Chamber of Commerce*  
June Social: Connect with entrepreneurs,  
share inspiration, and take a break from  
the daily grind at Mountain Poppy Wine  
Bar, 317 Gregory Street, Black Hawk on  
Thursday, June 20 beginning at 6 p.m. To  
RSVP email Patrice LeBlanc at [director@peaktopeakchamber.org](mailto:director@peaktopeakchamber.org)

### Friday, June 21

*Friday Storytime*: Read books, sing songs,  
learn some ASL, and get the wiggles out in the  
first half hour, followed by free play. The Neder-  
land Community Library, 200 Highway 72 in Neder-  
land, 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.

*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. Du-  
plo 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](http://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](http://www.gilpinlibrary.org).

*Friend Book & Bake Sale*: The Friends of the Gilpin County Public  
Library will be holding their annual Book and Bake Sale June 21 - 22  
during open hours. On Friday they will be open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and on  
Saturday they will be open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Most books are \$1 or less.  
All proceeds go to support programming at the library.

### Saturday, June 22

*Neder-Day of Art*: Join us on Saturday, June 22 as we celebrate  
Nederland's incredible local art community with a day filled with  
creativity and inspiration! Take a tour of public murals, attend the  
fine arts and crafts show, view live demonstrations, and participate  
in art-based activities. Bring your family and friends for a day of art,  
culture, and community. Find more information online, <https://nederdays.com/>.

*Madame Lou Bunch Days*: 50th Anniversary Celebration from  
noon to 5 p.m., Main Street Central City

*Ned Victory Gardens Fundraiser*: Chipeta Park, 4 - 8 p.m. Music  
by Aoxomoxoa. Donations are welcome.

### Sunday, June 23

*The Mountain-Ear presents: News & Brews* at Nederland Farmer's  
Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*The Nederland Lions Club* will be at the Nederland Farmers Mar-  
ket from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please stop by for free glasses and games  
for the kids. We are welcoming new members at this time. For more  
information please visit our website at [www.nederlandlionsclub.org](http://www.nederlandlionsclub.org),  
find us on Facebook, or email us at [nederlandlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:nederlandlionsclub@gmail.com).

### Monday, June 24

*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 Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
We'll be having fun stone painting, making travel journals, spiral  
suncatchers, and dragon eyes! Craft time will happen outside on the  
deck, weather and supplies permitting. All ages welcome! Supplies  
provided! No fees! Visit <https://nederland.libcal.com> for more infor-  
mation.

*Nederland Writers*: Bring something you are working on to share  
and get feedback or join the group to listen in and hone your skills.

# Cracker BARREL

Get involved in your community

Area writers gather at Nederland Community  
Library every Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. For  
details visit <https://nederland.libcal.com>.

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

*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 med-  
itation experience necessary! Please email Eric at [davis.eric.alan@gmail.com](mailto:davis.eric.alan@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Wednesday, June 26

*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](http://www.gilpinlibrary.org).

*ESCO Sewer Project Presentation*: On Wednesday, June 26,  
from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gilpin Elementary School multi-purpose  
room there will be a public meeting about the ESCO sewer project.  
Contact: [dmackenzie@gilpin.k12.co.us](mailto:dmackenzie@gilpin.k12.co.us)

*Lunch Hour Book Discussion*: Gilpin County Library on Wednes-  
day, June 26, from 12 - 1 p.m. June's book is TJ Klune's *The House in  
the Cerulean Sea*. Copies will be available at the circulation desk.  
Contact Jen Matthews at [jmatthews@gilpincounty.org](mailto:jmatthews@gilpincounty.org) with any  
questions.

*Design Your Story Workshop*: Nederland Community Library in  
the Community Room from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

*Nature's Educators: Colorado Natives*: Colorado is a special  
place that has its own pride and identity. From the high forests of the  
Rocky Mountains to the open expanses of the Great Plains - it's our  
beautiful home that we share with amazing wildlife. In this program,  
learn what makes Colorado's habitats such a great place for some  
of our feathered, scaly, and slimy neighbors. Also, meet animal am-  
bassadors who are true Colorado Natives! 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Gilpin  
County Library Meeting Room.

### Friday, June 28

*Adventures with Arthropods!* With Wild Bear Nature Center at  
the Library, from 4 to -5 p.m. This one's going to be fun! Through the  
use of children's literature, an animal ambassador, hands-on activi-  
ties, and short presentation-based environmental ed, kids and their  
parents will learn more about a species native to Nederland, why  
it's important to our ecosystem, and how they can adapt positive  
environmental behaviors to benefit this species. At the Nederland  
Community Library, Community Room.

### Saturday, June 29

*Memorial for Betty Porter* on Saturday, June 29 at 11 a.m. at the  
Nederland Community Center Senior Lunch area. Call Karen Isaac  
303-475-4511 with any questions

*Caribou Village 4th Friday* event. 5 to 8 p.m. at 20 E. Lakeview  
Drive, Nederland.

**Did we miss you?** Would you like your event listed in the Cracker  
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to be included in the next edition. Check  
us out online at [www.themtnear.com/events](http://www.themtnear.com/events) for more upcoming  
events.

## Self Help Meetings

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

**The Morning Group** Group meeting every Thursday morning at  
8 a.m. online via Zoom. For more information visit [https://boul-  
dercountyaa.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 information visit [https://bouldercounty-  
yaa.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://www.coalcreekcanyon.org/calendar>.

**Gilpin County H.A.L.T.** An in-person meeting every Sunday at 6  
p.m. held at 226 E. First High Street, Central City.

[https://findrecovery.com/aa\\_meeting/gilpin-county-h.a.l.t.-cen-  
tral-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://findre-  
covery.com/aa\\_meeting/gilpin-county-h.a.l.t.-central-city/](https://findrecovery.com/aa_meeting/gilpin-county-h.a.l.t.-central-city/).

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

For additional meetings in Boulder County visit [https://boul-  
dercountyaa.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/](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: The future of charter schools in Colorado may be in your hands

LYNN HIRSHMAN  
BOULDER AND GILPIN COUNTIES

The down ballot primary election this month for State School Board District 2 holds enormous significance for the future of charter schools here.

According to Erica Breunlin of *The Colorado Sun*, “What’s at stake is the panel’s willingness to overturn local districts when they reject a charter school’s application.”

Currently, term-limited Angelika Schroeder is part of the 5-4 majority on the Colorado Board of Education that is willing to overturn local school districts when they deny charter school applications.

The two contenders for the position – both Democrats, since no Republican is running – differ substantially on this issue.

Progressives Supporting Teachers and Students, a pro-charter school state-level super PAC, has poured nearly \$685,000 into the contest in support of education consultant Marisol Lynda Rodriguez in her bid against former Boulder Valley School Board President Kathy Gebhardt.

Rodriguez says on her campaign website, that she “is a Boulder-based business owner, education veteran and most importantly, mom of two Boulder Valley School District children.”

Various pro-charter organizations are supporting her bid in hopes of “preserving fair consideration for charter schools at the board level,” according to Dan Schaller, president of the Colorado League of Charter Schools. He had added “I think we are just very interested in ensuring the state board remains a fair and objective arbiter of these decisions impacting charter schools....”

Meanwhile, Gebhardt told *The Sun* that she believes charter schools are “an



PHOTO BY BARBARA HARDT

essential part of our choice system.” Gebhardt has advocated for charter schools in her 30 years of being involved in Colorado schools. She served on Boulder Valley School District’s Board of Education for eight years, two of them as president. Her children, now grown, went through the BVSD schools

She has concerns about charter schools, among them, that they have discriminated in the enrollment of some students, particularly those with special needs, those living in poverty, and those with English as a second language. Data from the Colorado Department of Education would seem to back her up, indicating that in this past school year, nearly 90% of students with special needs were enrolled in public schools, while about 10% were in charter schools.

However, Gebhardt would prefer most decisions about charter schools to come from the local level, where both need and data are closer to home.

She is endorsed by 2nd District Representative Joe Neguse, State Treasurer Dave Young, Senate President

Steve Fenberg, and the Colorado Education Association. Rodriguez is endorsed by Gov. Jared Polis, who lives in the 2nd District and, not coincidentally, founded two charter schools.

State school board members serve six-year, unpaid terms. This election will determine whether that final decision about a charter school remains in the State Board’s hands for the next few years, or in those of local boards.

Both candidates have websites with a whole lot of information. Please check them out and make this important decision.

This issue may already have affected our families in the Coal Creek area, in Jefferson County, where the local school was closed and families had to choose whether to endorse a local charter school.

It’s not often a down ballot election can affect us locally. This time it may.

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BENEFIT FOR THE NEDERLAND  
**VICTORY GARDENS**  
at Chipeta Park  
SATURDAY JUNE 22  
4 - 8 pm

live music of the Grateful Dead performed by

buiding local food systems

**The Backdoor Theatre**

**The Watchers**

June 21 and 22  
Friday and Saturday  
Evenings at 7 p.m.  
Saturday Matinee at 2 p.m.

A young artist gets stranded in an extensive, immaculate forest in western Ireland, where, after finding shelter, she becomes trapped alongside three strangers, stalked by mysterious creatures each night. Director: Ishana Shyamalan. Writers: Ishana Shyamalan, A.M. Shine. Stars: Dakota Fanning, Georgina Campbell, Olwen Fouéré. Rated: PG-13. Time: 1 hour and 42 minutes. Genre: Fantasy, Horror, Mystery.

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



## Music of the Mountains

# Where to be and what to see

JAMIE LAMMERS  
GOLD HILL/NEDERLAND/  
JAMESTOWN

Mathew “Matty” Graziano has been slowly building a band for a long time, with a consistent lineup cementing around 2017/2018. Currently, the band consists of Graziano as the lead singer and songwriter, Josh Wexler as the flute player, Pat Keenan on the acoustic guitar, DJ Jenkins on the bass, and Roots Music Project General Manager Matt Cottle on the drums. Anywhere from one to five members of the band can play at any time.

Even though Wexler also plays in Bear Hat and Keenan used to play in a Beatles cover band called Pine Beatles, Poorfree is the group’s primary musical project. The band has also occasionally brought on special guests, including cello player Bethany Joyce and vocalist Melissa McGinley Stube (with the latter featured on the band’s 2023 self-titled album).

Graziano grew up in West Virginia surrounded by country and bluegrass music. His parents were music fans, and his dear friend Harold Liller (who passed away in 2018) inspired him to play the guitar around 2000. Graziano started putting the poetry he had been writing to music, and though it took a long time for him to consider himself a musician, he’s been writing music that entire time. As the band developed, he felt the most personal name to give it would be after the Porphyry Mountain Prospect, just behind the Jamestown Mercantile (where the band first started playing), especially since many of the band members live or have lived in Jamestown.

Graziano says that currently, the setlist for the band primarily consists of 75% of his own songs and 25% covers, including quite a few that are more obscure. He originally performed as a solo or duo act, and the original percussionist for the band, Alex “Big Al” Schuldt, who also recently passed away (although he is featured on the album), first exposed Graziano to the possibilities of a full-band sound. Graziano loves



## Poorfree

the energy of the band that has been able to form over many years, and he hopes that if nothing else, the audience can take away a good time from going to their shows and keep a lyric or two in their heads once they leave.

*You can see Poorfree performing in a few places in the Peak to Peak area over the next couple of weeks. They have a gig with the full band on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Gold Hill Inn, 401 Main Street in Gold Hill. Graziano, Wexler, and Keenan will perform on Sunday, June 30 at 5 p.m. at Very Nice Brewing Company, 20 Lakeview Drive #112 in Nederland. They have a final gig with the full band for the 4th of July in Jamestown’s Elysian Park, specific details yet to be confirmed. Check out Poorfree on social media and wherever you stream your music.*

## Music Events

### Busey Brews

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 22 at 6 p.m. - Robert Brannick

Saturday, June 29 at 5 p.m. - Scrapy-ard 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

### 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 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. - Bottlerock-et Hurricane

Saturday, June 29 at 5:30 p.m. - Poor-free

Sunday, June 30 at 6 p.m. - Daniel Rodriguez and His Band

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

Website: [goldhillinn.com](http://goldhillinn.com)

Location: 401 Main Street, Gold Hill  
Phone: 303-443-6461

### Gold Hill Store

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 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>

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## Business Spotlight

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 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. - Davey and the Midnights  
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## Music and magic at historic Gold Hill Inn



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**Fun in the sun at Gold Hill Inn**

Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, 2024, dawned warm and wonderful across the Peak to Peak region. The Gold Hill Inn hosted the Foggy Mountain Space-ship band for an evening of live music. The coolest thing about this band (other than their name) is that they all play banjos. Well, a variation of a banjo. There was Chris Elliott, on 5-string banjo, Chris Sheldon on banjo drums, and Kyle Ussery on multiple instruments including a bass banjo.

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# Restore trust in Central City

Dear Editor,

During the required "Conflict of Interest" declaration at the brief public session before City Council went into executive session at their June 13 meeting, neither Mayor Jeremy Fey acknowledged his public statement that the "sexually oriented business" seeking to establish a strip club on Main Street had flown him on a private jet to Houston for an NFL Football game (along with other potential conflicts), and nor did Councilmember Kara Tinucci acknowledge that until recently her husband had been a paid consultant for the sexually oriented business (state law requires spouses be included in conflict of interest declarations for any benefit received during the calendar year).

Despite Councilmember Jeff Aiken's attempts to address the issue, he was repeatedly interrupted. The 'acting City Attorney,' who was not introduced during the meeting, offered a confusing rationale not based on the Municipal Code for why Mayor Fey and Councilmember Tinucci should be allowed to participate in the executive session, and as a result they were allowed to do so. This decision could impact the integrity of the decision-making process, particularly regarding the ordinance that would allow the strip club on Main

Street.

The Central City Municipal Code, specifically Section 2-4-80, clearly stipulates that potentially conflicted members must leave the room to allow for an unbiased discussion. Regrettably, this protocol was not followed during the meeting, which is a serious violation of the Code.

In addition, Section 2-4-80 states, "If any City officer is aware that he or she could be reasonably perceived as having such a conflict of interest but is unsure of or does not believe in the existence of such a conflict, he or she shall nevertheless disclose the possibility of such conflict of interest to the Council, Board or Commission of which he or she is a member. In deciding whether or not a City officer has a conflict of interest, consideration should be given to the following:

1. Whether the potential conflict of interest would impede independence of judgment.
2. The effect of the City officer's participation on public confidence in the integrity of the governing body and City Government.
3. Whether the City officer's participation is likely to have any significant effect on the ultimate disposition of the matter.

The Municipal Code continues,

## Letter to the Editor

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It is crucial for the City Council to take immediate action to restore public

trust in the decision-making process. This can be achieved by having Mayor Fey and Councilmember Tinucci adhere to Section 2-4-80 of the Municipal Code and leave the room before the next Council meeting to allow for an unbiased discussion around their potential conflicts. If they are found to be in conflict, they must recuse themselves from further influencing the decision-making process and abstain from voting on the ordinance that appears to be focused on allowing a strip club on Main Street, against the strong opposition of residents.

Peter Droege  
Central City

## Protect the media

Dear Editor,

Former VP Mike Pence and Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) disagree about many things. But they both introduced bills to protect reporters and their sources.

In 2005, then-U.S. Representative Michael Pence (R-IN) introduced the Free Flow of Information Act (H.R. 581). His proposed legislation was supported by 54 bipartisan cosponsors (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/581/cosponsors>). Its purpose, to provide journalists/reporters protection from punishment in any federal criminal or civil action if they refused to name their confidential

news sources, unless "[judicial] authorities meet strict criteria" (<https://firstamendment.mtsu.edu/article/free-flow-of-information-act>).

When Senator Richard Green Lugar (R-IN) brought the bill (S. 340) to the Senate, he reminded legislators,

The Constitution makes very clear that freedom of the press should not be infringed....

It is important that we ensure reporters certain rights and abilities to seek sources and report appropriate information without fear of intimidation or imprisonment.... Without such protection, many whistleblowers will refuse to step forward and reporters

will be disinclined to provide our constituents with the information that they have a right to know (<https://sgp.fas.org/congress/2005/s340.html>).

The bill never passed, but a successor may be on the verge of doing so.

The Protect Reporters from Exploitative State Spying Act (PRESS Act, S. 2074) ensures reporters won't have to worry "that under a future repressive administration federal law enforcement agencies might secretly subpoena their emails and phone records even though journalists depend on confidentiality to keep the American public informed" (Rep. J. Raskin, D-MD).

The House passed the PRESS Act in January 2024. It went to the Senate Judiciary Committee in June 2023, also with broad bipartisan support. There it sits.

The time for action is NOW! Please contact Kadeem Cooper, Senior Counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee, urging the Committee to schedule S. 2074 for markup this month, in June, so it can be sent to the floor for a vote: [Kadeem\\_Cooper@judiciary-dem.senate.gov](mailto:Kadeem_Cooper@judiciary-dem.senate.gov).

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# Celebration of life for Gregory "Toastie" Post

The Covered Wagon Restaurant and Saloon, located at 15 E. 1st Street in Nederland, is hosting a celebration of life on Wednesday, June 25, 2024, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

We invite all who knew him to come to honor, share stories, and celebrate the life of Toastie, a true Nederland icon. Food will be provided. If you have any photos of Toastie please send them to Mike Foster at michael.handsoftime@gmail.com.

# Ned pay-to-park questioned

Dear Editor,

The Nederland Board of Trustees' recent decision to turn Nederland into a pay-to-park town raises several important questions.

Numerous workers commute to Nederland from outside the city limits and require space to park. These local residents cannot vote on town issues even though they affect them directly. Most mountain residents barely earn enough to make ends meet. The added expense of \$2.50 per hour or \$20.00 a day would effectively reduce these community members' hourly wages.

These same folks who shop in Nederland all pay the city sales tax on purchases, providing revenue for town projects about which they have no voice.

Resident passes for free parking would cover those who live within

the city limits; would they include those who live outside of Nederland and work in town?

We have already lost free access to the two most centralized parking lots in town, and the Board's proposal takes away all other options.

Interstate Parking (IP) is a for profit contractor that operates city parking garages nationwide.

The Board says IP will provide the infrastructure to charge and enforce compliance with these arbitrary parking fees. Who benefits from this? Where will these funds generated by parking fees actually go? What is the revenue meant to provide? Will it benefit the community or is it for private profit?

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Black Hawk

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# Gilpin Schools out for summer

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Gilpin County School students wave goodbye to another school year. Some have graduated, while some have only one more year to go. Others are just beginning, and some may be moving on. With joy and excitement for the summer and an overwhelming feeling of accomplishment, students from Gilpin County School are looking forward to the 2024/2025 school year, but only after a long and exciting summer break.



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# Gilpin CSU Extension visit Gilpin schools

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CSU Extension Agent Jennifer Cook and volunteer Sandy Hollingsworth presented a lesson on the trees of Gilpin County and its biodiversity the last week of school. Third grade students learned a lot from the presentation and especially enjoyed the active game about how all parts of nature are dependent on each other and continue to the county's biodiversity.



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## Madam Lou Bunch Day 50th Anniversary Celebration



The Day's Events Saturday, June 22, 2024	
12 Noon	Welcome by Mayor Jeremy Fey
12:00-4:00 PM	Face Painters and Balloon Artists for the Kids
12:15-2:45PM	Live Entertainment by Jimmy Lewis Band The Infamous Backroom Cabaret The Wild Bunch
2:30PM	Bed Race Teams Announced and Main Street Parade
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>The Famous Bed Race</b>
4:15-4:45 PM	The Infamous Backroom Cabaret Encore
4:45 PM	<b>The Famous Bed Race Winners Awarded Cash Prizes</b>
5:30 PM	Madam, Sporting House Girl and Dandy Dan Costume Contest. "Renowned Pedigrees of Local Flare" Receive Bragging Rights.
5:00-7:30 PM	Madams' and Miners' Ball with Live Entertainment by Blinker Fluid

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# Nederland 150th Logo Contest Winner announced

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

150 years ago, the Town of Nederland was officially incorporated, and 50 years ago, for the Town's centennial celebration, Nederland High School senior Malcolm Farley won a contest for designing the centennial logo.

This year for the sesquicentennial celebration the same contest was held, giving Nederland's youth an opportunity to have their artwork honored for generations.

Nederland's Public Engagement Manager Peter Cacek, along with the Nederland Area Historical Society (NAHS), helped to organize the contest. They also offered the prize money of \$150.

Nederland Middle-Senior High School teacher Judie Sievers managed the contest, challenging the youth to design a logo, or seal, for Nederland's 150th anniversary, which will be displayed prominently during the festivities, as well as featured on advertisements and merchandise.

The contest guidelines specified that the design should include either the word "sesquicentennial," the number 150, or Nederland's date of establishment "1874." All entries were required to be original work using traditional artistic mediums, which included computer drawing programs, and were requested to be "simple" with all elements able to be identifiable when reproduced at smaller sizes.

After receiving 75 entries for the contest, Cacek led a committee of those involved in the Celebration to select a winner. On Tuesday, June 11, Cacek announced that the artist winning the most votes from the committee was eighth grader Lucy Budde.



## Ned 150 Logo Contest Winner announced

Top: (from left to right) Nederland Public Engagement Manager Peter Cacek, Jessie Ansari with the Nederland Area Historical Society, Nederland Middle-Senior High School teacher Judie Sievers, winner of the 150th logo contest Lucy Budde, and retired Nederland teacher Lee Tillotson. Middle, right: Eighth grader Lucy Budde poses for a photo with her winning design for Nederland's 150th anniversary celebration. Bottom: Contest winner Lucy Budde (left) meets with the committee who helped to organize and manage the logo contest. Middle, left: The winning logo was picked out of 75 total entries entered by Nederland students.

"Your artwork stood out for its creativity, elegance, and the way it beautifully captures the spirit of our beloved town," Cacek wrote in his initial correspondence with the winner of the contest.

Sievers responded to the news with excitement, stating in response that she was proud of Budde as a burgeoning artist, mentioning how Budde was the first place winner of a poster contest by the Lion's Club when she was in sixth grade.

"She's a phenomenal artist! Every contest she enters she wins, she's just so talented," Sievers told the group present outside the Nederland Town Hall on Monday, June 17.

Budde was invited to the Town Hall to be honored and to meet the contest designers, who delivered her prize.

In 1974, Lee Tillotson was a physical education teacher at Nederland High School, and she remembers her student Farley, whom she described as a "wild child," and when he won the Centennial Celebration logo contest. Farley was awarded \$5.

This year, Budde was awarded \$30.51 donated by Tillotson, which was the exact amount of the 1974 prize adjusted for inflation. Cacek and the Nederland Visitor's Center contributed \$100, and NAHS contributed \$50, gifting Budde with the very symbolic \$150 in prize money.

Budde said she was honored to have her logo chosen for the 150th Anniversary Celebration, and told *The Mountain-Ear* about her inspiration for the design.


"I really wanted to showcase the mountains and I thought a sunrise shining over the town would be beautiful," Budde said. When asked what she was thinking of spending her prize money on, she responded that she could always use more art supplies.

Cacek told Budde and those present at the ceremony just how the logo for the sesquicentennial would be used.

"We're going to be putting this on pretty much everything," Cacek said. "Banners, signs, on the website and on the walking tour map. I've already ordered a bunch of stickers, patches, and commemorative coins as well."


Nederland's 150th Anniversary Celebration will consist of activities and events honoring the Town's past, present, and future, and will take place on the weekend of August 2, 3, and 4, 2024.

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Left: The entrance to Lyons Classic Pinball evokes excitement as gamers approach the building. Right: One of many pinball machines, depicting 1994's hit film "Pulp Fiction."

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### The Summer Solstice

The glorious golden Summer Solstice opens the heart of the earth on June 20. This elegant gateway to paradise in the mountains is the start of the astrological sign of Cancer, the home of the archetypal goddess, one of the four great turning points, bringing the longest days of the year. The Sun is in nurturing Cancer, as well as artistic Venus and intelligent Mercury.

The day after the Solstice the practical full moon in Capricorn accents loving Cancer, allowing us to implement our plans. Independence Day, on the Fourth of July, is quickly followed by the new moon in Cancer on the fifth. Attention flows to families, children and friends, with wildflowers blooming and celebrations flowering as we cherish our beloved blue green earth.

**Aries** - The gateway to summer opens for Aries. Your guide, Mars, is in earthy Taurus accenting remodeling, decorating and planting for you. The destiny part of the heavens continues in Aries, making you fortune's favorite as you show all of us that we are just perfect the way that we are.

**Taurus** - Wildflowers everywhere are greeting Taurus. You have abundant energy because Mars, the planet of vitality, is currently in your sign. Creative Venus, your guide, is in home-loving Cancer. You could plan a patio party and delight your friends with amazing food dishes.

**Gemini** - The talkative twins have given the wheel of the year to celebratory Cancer. The messenger of the gods, your guide Mercury, has also moved in the sign of the Moon Children. Thus you are in sync with the earth as you rejoice with friends and children and family.

**Cancer** - Happy Birthday, Moon Children! You are leading all of the children of the zodiac through the flower covered gateway into the heart of summer on the solstice on the 20th. Parties in lush gardens with tables festooned with blossoms and scrumptious foods are your specialties.

**Leo** - Power in partnerships is one of your themes this summer. You define the power couple. You are dedicated to presenting your vision of life to the world. You are comfortable and energetic in the world around you, with friends and in career, as you enter the heart of summer.

**Virgo** - The Summer Solstice is a fun gateway for you, giving you all sorts of ideas about what you want to do in your future. While a certain amount of these visions have to do with changes to your career, another group focuses on your house and decorating and gardening galore.

**Libra** - The gracious sign of Libra welcomes the Summer Solstice. While you want to balance all of the corners of your life judiciously, you find that you are drawn magnetically to your home and celebrations and parties. You know how to be the ideal host with heart felt creativity.

**Scorpio** - Scorpio greets the Summer Solstice gateway with a heart full of joy. As the mysterious psychic water sign of the zodiac, you bathe in the ocean of the sign of the Moon Children, Cancer. You derive personal power from your relationships as the summer moves forward.

**Sagittarius** - Big lucky Jupiter is your guide and he has just moved into your opposite sign of partnerships, Gemini, for one year. You are so in demand and this will grow over the year ahead. This is a lucky time for relationships, so amp up the ones that you have and gather more.

**Capricorn** - You bring winter to the planet, and your magnetic opposite Cancer brings in Summer. You have an active month ahead, with everyone everywhere wanting to go to the beach with you, or invite you for dinner, or dance with you under the warm, flower scented moonlight.

**Aquarius** - The power planet Pluto has now entered Aquarius for 20 years so prepare to redesign the planet for the dawning of the Age of Aquarius. This is major, allowing you to develop personal power in the years to come. Enjoy the luscious summer ahead in the mountains.

**Pisces** - The world around is lush and lovely. As we approach our nation's birthday on the Fourth of July, we remember that the noble President Lincoln spoke about the mystic chords of memory, binding us to the families and friendships who resonate at the core of our being.

Karen Anderson is available for reading at 303-258-7258.



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#### Weather station data

Top: Research Meteorologist George Kiladis discussing winter weather and climate variability on Niwot Ridge above the CU Mountain Research Station. The weather station is at about 12,000 feet. Bottom: George Kiladis is a research meteorologist at the Physical Sciences Laboratory of the NOAA Earth Research Laboratories in Boulder. He gave the first seminar of the Mountain Research Station summer series.

# CU Mountain Research Station Summer Seminars begin

WES ISENHART  
PEAK TO PEAK REGION

The CU Mountain Research Station (MRS) Summer Seminar Series kicked off its 2024 season on June 13, 2024, with a presentation by NOAA Research Meteorologist George Kiladis at the Mountain Research Station ([colorado.edu/mrs](http://colorado.edu/mrs)) south of Ward.

The seminar series will feature eleven speakers with expertise in ecological or environmental topics between June 13 and August 21. The seminars are at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Megadon building on the west side of the MRS campus.

The Director of MRS, Scott Taylor, said the summer series had been discontinued during the pandemic but resumed in 2023 and has a full slate of speakers for 2024.

Speakers are selected based on either the research they are involved in at the station, or research through CU they wanted to present. Taylor



said that MRS tried to assemble an eclectic group of speakers with a diverse set of topics ranging from weather and water to Tropical versus Temperate alpine plant ecology.

Some have compared the RMS

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# Seminars

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summer seminar series to free TED Talks for environmental geeks.

Kiladis was the first speaker of the series. He gave a slide presentation on climate variability over the Front Range using data collected at the station. The station has been collecting detailed daily weather information since the 1950s at Upper Montane and Tundra locations above the station, which can be compared with Boulder readings and readings from weather balloons sent up by airports.

His charts mapped temperatures and precipitation across the decades and showed fluctuations by season and year. His research models incorporate millions of data points from a variety of sources. He referenced the Gridded Climate site at NOAA ([psl.noaa.gov/data/gridded/index.html](https://psl.noaa.gov/data/gridded/index.html)) for a wealth of drill-down climate data.

Kiladis ended his presentation by discussing the El Nino and La Nina weather patterns and how they affect Colorado's weather and precipitation.

The next seminar, on June 26, will feature Katie Rocci speaking on the cycle that reconstructs chemical elements and compounds between living organisms, the atmosphere and the Earth's crust, and how those cycles are being affected by climate



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### Seminar attendees

Audience at the first 2024 CU Mountain Research Station summer seminar series in the Megadon meeting facility on the Mountain Research Station campus.

change.

Future seminars will feature Chris Ray from Ward speaking on the future of Pikas, and Jonathan Henn on alpine plant responses to global change.

The public is invited to attend and ask questions. The research station is on Boulder County Road 116. Take the Rainbow Lakes turnoff from Highway 72 and stay right.



## CU Mountain Research Station 2024 Summer Seminars

Date	Speaker	Title
June 12	George Kiladis	A look at recent climate variability over the Front Range of Colorado
June 19	Bradley Allf	House Ecology: A field guide to the great Indoors
June 26	Katie Rocci	Soil biogeochemical feedbacks to climate change using ecosystem models
July 3	Irina Overeem	Permafrost in the high alpine of the Front Range Rocky Mountains: was permafrost was a factor in the 2022 Chaos Canyon landslide
July 10	Lauren Magliozzi	Fire, water, and the urban wild: Impacts of the Marshall fire on Coal Creek in Boulder County, Colorado
July 17	Mike Moore	Mating and the ecological limits of species on a changing planet
July 24	Chris Ray	A tale of two pikas: from dueling subspecies to dueling visions of the future for an alpine icon
July 31	Mike Gooseff	Water and nutrient fluxes from subalpine watersheds
Aug 7	Suzanne Anderson	Unraveling the whole darn thing: Weathering and erosion and critical zone architecture
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Aug 21	Jonathan Henn	Alpine plant responses to global change

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*Some words for the week*

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for god  
for myself  
for you  
for nothing  
maybe they'll find this one  
and they'll like it  
maybe maybe maybe  
what's sure is that right now  
I'm stopped in a line of cars  
the road is being fixed  
and my windows are down  
I driven this route  
since I could first drive  
probably thousands of times  
but I've never paused right here  
there are small yellow birds  
singing into the traffic  
and is that water I hear?  
I guess between the willows  
there runs a creek  
I never knew existed  
I wonder what else I don't know  
so much*

*Alexander Shalom Joseph is a writer from Gilpin County. He is a published author. For more information and to subscribe to Alexander's Newsletter go to [alexandershalomjoseph.com](http://alexandershalomjoseph.com)*



# GCART teaches preparedness to pet owners

MINDY LEARY  
GILPIN COUNTY

Are you confident in your ability to keep both yourself and your pet safe during an emergency that requires evacuation or sheltering in place?

On June 12, the Gilpin County Animal Rescue Team (GCART) utilized the Gilpin County Library space to host an insightful meeting focused on emergency preparedness and pet safety.

The gathering, led by Melissa Lewis, Director of Emergency Management, emphasized the importance of proactive planning, especially for pet owners in our rural community.

Lewis, former wildland firefighter and EMT, began the evening with an in-depth discussion on pet preparedness and emergency management. She guided participants through the necessity of including animals in evacuation plans, understanding animal behavior under stress, and identifying local resources to support these efforts.

The main risk to the area is fire, with snow and windstorms also considered potential dangers to domestic animals.

Attendees were encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts and notifications through Hyper-Reach, with special considerations for those requiring assistance during evacuations. More information can be found at [https://signup.hyper-reach.com/hyper\\_reach/sign\\_up\\_page\\_2/?id=84582](https://signup.hyper-reach.com/hyper_reach/sign_up_page_2/?id=84582).

The conversation then shifted to broader aspects of emergency preparedness and response. Lewis covered topics including notification to shelter in place, evacuation protocols, and the importance of lifelines such as food, water, shelter, health maintenance,



and transportation. A key takeaway was the need for a comprehensive plan that incorporates pets, ensuring their safety during emergencies.

To build on this foundation, Lewis advised attendees to microchip their pets, train them, and prepare “go bags.”

“Practice crating them. Practice trailering them. Getting them in and out,” she said.

She encouraged people to network and communicate with one another about their plans. Personal response plans, communication systems with family and neighbors, and clear evacuation procedures were discussed as essential components of disaster preparedness.

Specific tasks included creating grab lists for essentials, maintaining updated vaccination records, and having necessary supplies like leashes and crates, and medications ready for both humans and pets.

Participants were reminded of the importance of reporting loose pets during emergencies and utilizing

online platforms to help locate missing animals.

Detailed information on evacuating animals, ensuring proper documentation, and the challenges of communication during emergencies were shared, reiterating the importance of proactive planning.

Real-life scenarios were discussed, including the challenges of finding lost pets in wilderness areas and the importance of having ID on pets during transportation.

GCART volunteers suggested innovative solutions like using Apple tags for tracking and paint sticks for identifying horses.

Veterinarian Technician Kate Cannon recommended microchipping for any animal as a crucial step, which ensures updated information is linked to the microchip.

Participants shared their experiences with diverse pets, including horses, dogs, cats, chickens, and even a bearded dragon, reflecting the community’s



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### Prepping your pets

Left: Melissa Lewis, Director of Emergency Management, presents information on how to take care of your pets in an emergency. Right: GCART volunteer Laura Jesik shows the audience how they can tag their animals with a locator and their paperwork with a convenient device.

variety of animal ownership.

Lewis acknowledged the effectiveness of the new Gilpin County Facebook page for communication and called for feedback to improve strategies.

She presented county evacuation maps and discussed the creation of evacuation zones.

Concerns were raised about the impact of railroad tracks on South Beaver during evacuations, highlighting the need for early communication and action.

The meeting concluded with a strong emphasis on the necessity of preparedness and the critical role of community support in ensuring the safety of both people and pets during emergencies.

GCART, led by Melissa Lewis, remains committed to supporting the Gilpin County community and its animals through education, resources, and proactive planning.

More information can be found at <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/elected-officials/sheriff/emergency-management/animal-response-team-gcart>.

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# Update: Central City-Clear Creek Superfund cleanup

WES ISENHART  
GILPIN COUNTY AND CLEAR  
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On June 11, 2024, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a second meeting on the current phase of cleaning up the Central City-Clear Creek Superfund site. They met at the Clear Creek County Courthouse in Georgetown.

Kyle Sandor of EDPHE is the Project Manager for the current phase, Operable Unit 5 (OU5), and acted as the moderator for the meeting. He gave a status update on OU5 and then opened the meeting for questions from the audience.

The Central City-Clear Creek Superfund site was established in 1983 and consists of the 400 square-mile Clear Creek watershed in Clear Creek and Gilpin counties. Extensive mining activity in the area has resulted in the watershed becoming contaminated with heavy metals, including arsenic and lead.

The OU5 phase was created in 2022 to evaluate potential human exposure to heavy metals from mine waste piles in residential areas.

The agency has been conducting a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study in the area, starting with field sampling in 2023. An Interim Record of Decision is expected this fall, which will provide the basis for cleaning individual residential properties. A Final Record of Decision is scheduled for early next year when all testing is complete.

Sandor said that letters have been

mailed to property owners who have mine waste piles determined to contain heavy metals exceeding safety standards. These letters contain instructions on contacting CDPHE regarding next steps. After testing over 500 locations, 119 letters were sent out, 62 of them to Gilpin County residences.

During the question-and-answer period, there were multiple questions from realtors and developers regarding property valuations in the Superfund site area. Sandor reiterated that cleanup activities for individual properties are voluntary and paid for by the EPA. Previous cleanup results at other Superfund sites have shown that remediated properties retain or regain their value.

Clear Creek County Commissioner George Marlin had concerns about residential properties with mine waste piles versus properties with mining impacts. He was concerned that there were many more properties with mining impacts that would adversely impact their property valuations. Sandor said that the letters were solely concerned with mine waste piles.

Gilpin County Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth noted that both Superfund meetings this year were in Clear Creek County and asked if CDPHE was going to hold any meetings in Gilpin. Sandor said that they planned a meeting in Gilpin County for sometime in August.

Sandor ended the meeting by saying that remediation projects for individual residential properties will probably get started in the summer of 2025.

The Gilpin County Public Health

Department has applied for a \$4,000 grant from the EPA for a lead testing machine and expects to have it working sometime this fall. The machine uses a drop of blood that is analyzed for lead concentrations. The free test will allow parents to

test their children for lead buildup in the blood. High blood lead levels are associated with nerve disorders and learning problems.

*For more information about the Central City-Clear Creek Superfund OU5 project, contact Kyle Sandor (303-692-6394/Kyle.sandor@state.co.us) or Angela Zachman (720-614-4842). Gilpin County Public Health Director Alisa Witt (303-582-5803/awitt@gilpincounty.org) can also answer questions about lead and heavy metal contamination.*



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### Superfund meeting

CDPHE and EPA staff members at the Superfund meeting in the Clear Creek County Courthouse in Georgetown.

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# Backcountry skier rescued after falling 2,000 feet



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### Several agencies work together

The Colorado Hoist Rescue Team, after hoisting the fallen skier, transported him by helicopter to Nederland firefighters and medical personnel at the high school.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

A backcountry skier fell nearly 2,000 feet off the Skywalker Couloir on South Arapaho Peak the morning of Sunday, June 16, 2024.

Boulder County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and several agencies, including Nederland Fire Protection District (NFPD), responded to the call made at 10:37 a.m. by two off-duty firefighters who witnessed the 47-year-old skier's

fall.

After calling 911, the two off-duty firefighters descended to where the skier had landed, and, once reaching him, immediately began administering first aid. Personnel from Rocky Mountain Rescue Group were flown in by MedEvac, landed nearby and climbed up to begin assisting in the rescue.

Rescuers from other organizations, including BCSO, NFPD, Boulder County Open Space, Colorado Search and Rescue Association, and American

Medical Response hiked to the scene from the Fourth of July trailhead and brought additional equipment to attend to the skier's condition.

The man was placed into a full-body vacuum splint, which is used to expediently stabilize any fractured or dislocated limbs and is typically made from clear vinyl or nylon sheeting. Colorado Hoist Rescue Team hoisted the man from the ridge where he landed and transported him to the Nederland Middle-Senior High School. From there

the skier was brought to a local hospital via AMR ambulance.

Eric Abramson of the NFPD spoke to *The Mountain-Ear* about how Nederland firefighters and medical personnel helped to transition the injured man from the backcountry to the hospital, and how they serve as part of the bigger effort together with fellow search and rescue operators.

"Our team really has unique experience living here in the mountains; they've been in the backcountry most of their lives," Abramson said, adding how NFPD's wildland operations program has expanded and how their training courses have been seeing more attendance.

"We go all the way up to the Continental Divide, and as you know, it can get dangerous."

Abramson commented on how each agency has particular skills and experience that is essential to the greater picture of such important rescue operations, stating as an example that the helicopter service provided at the scene helped to greatly expedite what could have been a 10-hour wildland rescue.

It was also noted that this latest incident was the third rescue in roughly the same area that the NFPD has conducted over the last five years.

Though he suffered serious injuries, the skier was kept in stable condition throughout the rescue, thanks to the efforts of the various rescuers, police, fire, and medical experts who answered the call.



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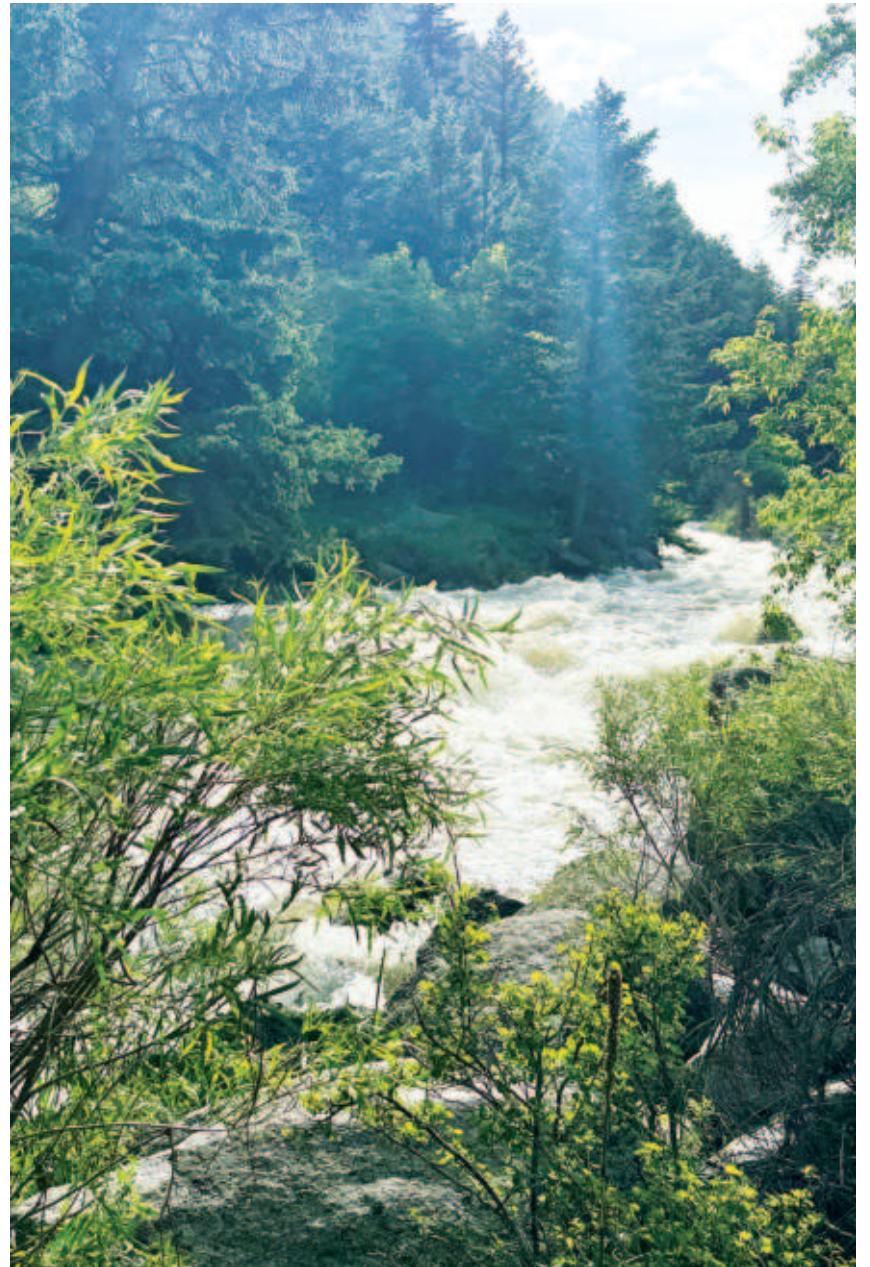
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# Tubing closure for Boulder Creek



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## BOULDER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Curtis Johnson, working with the City of Boulder, has concluded that, in the interest of public safety, Boulder Creek will be closed to tubing and single chamber flotation devices.

The closure took effect on June 12 at 5 p.m. for Boulder Creek from below Boulder Falls at Highway 119 to 55th Street in the city of Boulder.

The closure includes single-chamber rafts, single-chamber belly boats, and inner tubes from floating in the creek. Sheriff's deputies will be posting notices and advising likely tubers of the closure.

On June 12, Boulder Creek was flowing at approximately 701 cubic feet per second (CFS). As temperatures rise, spring run-off and the normal scheduled release of water from Barker Reservoir will cause the creek

water flow to rise, increasing risks both to people recreating and to first responders performing water rescues.

Increased risks during higher water flows include cold water temperatures, floating debris, and obstructions in the water that can snag a person.

Kayaks and white-water canoes are exempted from this closure; nonetheless, kayakers are strongly encouraged to exercise caution and wear personal protection equipment including a life jacket, wet or dry suit, and a helmet.

The closure will remain in place until the water flow levels in the creek reduce to a level that is deemed to be safer for single chamber flotation devices.

The sheriff is authorized to close waterways under Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) 33-13-110(2)(c). Violations of the closure are a civil infraction and will result in a \$100 fine.

### Swift water pours down Boulder Creek

On Wednesday, June 12, 2024, Boulder County Sheriff's Department closed Boulder Creek to single chamber flotation devices.

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# Very Nice Brewing opens second location in Gilpin County

### It's Very Nice in Gilpin County

On Saturday, June 15, 2024, The Very Nice Brewing Company opened their second location in the Peak to Peak region. The new brewery is located at 180 Jankowski Drive, in mid-Gilpin County. Jeff and Susan Green are excited about the new location and spent the weekend meeting new beer enthusiasts. Jeff said, "Although exhausted from the undertaking, it is the best kind of exhausted. Also, the smiles and genuine well wishes has been overwhelmingly sufficient to re-charge our battery packs. We know we have a lot of work to do to demonstrate to Giltuckians that we are going to be a positive addition to the Gilpin community."

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# Republican Roundtable hosted at Roy's



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### Addressing concerns of residents

Candidates Jessica Kays and Marie Mornis addressed questions of local residents during a roundtable discussion on Saturday, June 15, 2024.

WES ISENHART  
GILPIN COUNTY

On Saturday June 15, 2024, the Republican candidates for the Gilpin County Commissioner District 1 nomination held a friendly roundtable discussion at Roy's Last Shot to share their ideas on the future of Gilpin County.

Barbara Hardt, the managing editor of *The Mountain-Ear*, organized the roundtable discussion and acted as the moderator. The format allowed

both candidates to reply to questions which were submitted by the public prior to the gathering. Five questions were selected for the discussion.

Candidates Jessica Kays and Marie Mornis were each given five minutes to make opening statements. Each spoke about their connections to Gilpin County and their qualifications for the position.

The first question was a combination question regarding funding for the Parks and Recreation Department,

and using grants to supplement County revenue. Kays said that there would be future funding available after the new Human Services Annex is built since it is a one-time cost. She said that grants should only be pursued when needed.

Mornis supported the Black Hawk proposal to partially fund the department in exchange for financial restrictions on the County government. She thought that grants were for some capital improvements rather than for operations.

The second question concerned cooperation, since being a commissioner involves working with others. Mornis stated that she often opposes issues supported by the other commissioners since she has policy differences with them, but said that she gets along with them personally.

Kays thought cooperation, compromise, and being civil with one another were important in order to get things done for the county.

The third question was specifically for Republicans. Republican State Party Chair Dave Williams had sent out an email urging all Republicans to burn LGBTQ pride flags. The question was whether the candidates supported this directive from the state party.

Kays didn't think it was appropriate to burn anyone's flag. Mornis said she hadn't seen the email, so she didn't want to comment on it, but she believed that the Republican Party was an inclusive organization and a "big tent."

The fourth question pertained to the local race, asking if either candidate had engaged in or supported negative campaigning against their opponent. Both candidates said that they personally rejected negative campaigning and advertising and had instructed their supporters to do likewise.

The last question was the classic "What question would you ask your

opponent?"

Kays asked Mornis if being a commissioner was what she had expected it to be. Mornis replied that she didn't have a strong opinion as to what a commissioner's responsibilities were, but she has found that it is even more than she thought it would be because of the expanse of responsibilities.

Mornis asked Kays what she thought of the new shooting range being built in Clear Creek County that will result, when it is operational, in restrictions on recreational sport shooting in areas of the national forests in Gilpin County. Kays questioned the expense, timeline, and proximity to Gilpin of the shooting range.

The final question reflected a national issue about reproductive rights. Kays said it was a complex issue that couldn't be addressed in 30 seconds and that her views would probably be unsatisfactory to both sides of the issue. Mornis said that she considers herself "pro-life," but is concerned for those who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

After the meeting both candidates remained in order to have one-on-one conversations with anyone who wanted to speak with them personally.

Hardt summed up the Roundtable by saying, "I want to personally thank everyone that showed up Saturday afternoon for our first Gilpin roundtable discussion. I especially want to thank Marie Mornis and Jessica Kays for participating, as well as the people that submitted questions to be asked. And John Dunham for streaming the event."

"I am also so thankful to Michelle Sally and Roy's Last Shot for offering us the space to gather. I learned a lot and had awesome feedback on how to improve the process next time. Keep an eye out for details about a Gilpin candidates forum on September 28, 2024."



# Ned BOT

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and goals within the plan, while the Town Administrator will monitor the progress of that implementation.

No strategies or goals discussed outside the Tourism Management Strategy will be developed during that first year; Cacek, along with the Town Administrator, will determine what tourism measures will be expanded upon in the second year.

Commissioners had earlier stated that local interests, such as the Town's road and sidewalk

infrastructure, should take priority over initiatives focused on tourists and tourism.

Commissioners also expressed that the plan should aim to satisfy locals' and tourists' needs simultaneously, and that the goals and strategies listed within the plan require a process for being measured for success.

Trustee Luke Miller asked how Cacek plans to utilize public engagement to gather data on how best to move forward with tourism initiatives. Cacek specified that resident surveys would be circulated every year or two, that engagement with tourists would be conducted through the Visitor's Center, and that data would also be gathered from the Town's websites.

Trustee Tierney Maris suggested that the Tourism Management Strategy include measurable "indicators" to determine the success of public engagement, specifically on social media.

Trustee Kristopher Larsen asked what particular initiatives were omitted from the strategy that Cacek felt were important. Cacek noted that he felt developing a Tourism Advisory Board would be helpful to the implementation of the strategy, though the previous BOT had refused to do so.

Once Cacek has met with all of Nederland's advisory boards he will compile the feedback and edit the draft of the strategy, and will then begin gathering feedback from the community to ensure that the guiding document

serves locals' interests.

Interim Town Administrator Nicki Dunn presented a quarterly update on the Town's 21 current grants, nine of which Nederland partners with another entity. Dunn also provided information regarding two grants that Town staff are actively pursuing.

Of the 21 current grants only two have been completed so far.

The Department of Local Affairs grant that awarded \$120,000 in funding for the installation of a grit removal system at Nederland's Water Treatment Plant is considered to be complete. The system was installed in January, with the project budget totalling \$400,000.

The Colorado Tourism Office (CTO) grant that awarded \$20,000, with a \$5,000 match from the Town, for the creation of a branding and creative identity campaign was also complete. The campaign and "brand book," created by Godot creative consultancy, was submitted to CTO in April.

Town staff is currently pursuing a Water Storage and Supply grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, which is due in July. A Great Outdoors Colorado grant is also being pursued by the Town to "reimagine" and improve the Nederland Ice Rink and Tennis Park.

The Board then voted on Ordinance 859, which aims to amend Nederland Municipal Code (NMC) Chapter 6, Article V, changing and adding to the

Town's Short Term Rental (STR) regulations and licensing structure.

The ordinance contains various revisions, including requiring the STR property to be the licensee's primary residence; requiring the owner to notify all neighbors within 300 feet of a residence where an STR license application is being filed; instituting a cap on STR licenses; requiring a minimum of four documented stays; requiring bear-proof trash receptacles; imposing a ban on fire pits; and allowing the Town Clerk to administer penalties for violations of the code.

During their June 4 meeting, Trustees directed Town Attorney Jennifer Madsen to add provisions to the ordinance to prohibit any owner or partner in a corporate entity that owns a STR license from being able to own a separate license as an individual; to increase the general STR cap from 60 to 70, which also affects Class C licenses; to have LLCs provide ownership paperwork and letters of incorporation when applying for a license; and to grandfather in one existing STR in an Industrial zone while prohibiting any other Class C STRs to operate in Industrial zones.

Town Attorney Jennifer Madsen specified that all currently active STR licenses will be grandfathered and can be renewed as is, though they cannot be transferred to a new property

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owner. An additional amendment was added to prorate the number of required documented stays for the remainder of the year for any STR license that is up for renewal under the new regulations.

The BOT voted to approve Ordinance 859.

Nederland's Utilities Manager Andrew Bliss led Trustees in a discussion concerning the draft of Ordinance 864, amending Article II of Chapter 13 of NMC, which dictates regulations related to the pretreatment of wastewater. The amendments to NMC would require certain local businesses to provide "grease traps/interceptors and pretreatment for industrial discharges."

These regulations, drafted by the Town's engineering firm JVA, are intended to bring the Town into compliance with its wastewater effluent discharge permit, administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and in adherence with the Clean Water Act.

Bliss added that the removal of harmful waste prior to it reaching the wastewater treatment plant helps the plant to operate more efficiently and "prolong the need for an expensive plant expansion."

Though the Board is not expected to vote on the ordinance

until their July 16 meeting, Town staff will be contacting those businesses that will be impacted by the code changes prior to that meeting.

The Agenda Information Memorandum, prepared by Bliss, states: "these changes will apply to existing and new facilities. However, staff will not require physical improvements at existing facilities unless necessary."

The BOT discussed the draft application form to be released by the Town of Nederland for organizations who provide youth programming to apply for funding awarded to Nederland from the sale of the Denver Broncos. The Town received 2% of the net profit of the sale, totalling \$21,762.43.

The Town defines youth programming as pertaining to "health, mental health, and well-being," "education and life skills," "sports and physical activity," and "arts, nature, science, technology, engineering, math, and esports."

Trustees approved the release of the application.

*The Nederland Board of Trustees meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 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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- 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.

## Nederland Area Seniors

- 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](http://www.mountainpeaklife.org).

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**Greeting the new officer**  
Caption: In keeping with tradition, newly hired Police Officer David Karsen received a warm welcome from the Black Hawk City Council at their regular meeting on June 12.

## No fireworks show in Black Hawk this year

MINDY LEARY  
BLACK HAWK

The City of Black Hawk has decided to cancel this year's fireworks display due to heightened fire risk.

The area has been designated a wildland-urban interface, according to the City's Wildfire Protection Plan. Trees affected by the Mountain Pine Beetle cannot be easily removed from the nearby forest, compounding the risk.

Fire Chief Christopher Wooley and Mayor David Spellman emphasized that the forest surrounding the city has changed dramatically over the past century. Mayor Spellman noted that there were far fewer trees a hundred years ago.

Human interventions have prevented natural fires that would have thinned the forest, leading to overcrowding and susceptibility to pine beetle infestations. Wooley said that the dry dead needles from infested trees are highly flammable, posing an increased fire hazard.

The Black Hawk City Council meeting on June 12, 2024, commenced with the ringing of the old bell by newly appointed officers David Karsen, Police Officer III, and Kristina Schubert, Police Sergeant.

The discussion on the fireworks display followed the unanimous approval of two key resolutions:

Resolution 51-2024 approved the City of Black Hawk Community

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**-QUOTE OF THE WEEK-**

*"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors." ~ Plato*



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Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), prepared by Dahl Environmental Services.

The CWPP is a strategic document that prioritizes human welfare, critical infrastructure, the local economy, and ecological values. It responds to the complex wildfire risk scenario created by climate change, population growth in the wildland-urban interface, and historical federal fire suppression policies.

To develop the CWPP, various methods and tools were employed, including tree stand inventories, increment boring, Geographic Information System (GIS) surveying, and the Colorado State Forest Service's Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment (CO-WRA).

Ground surveys conducted by fire specialists and foresters identified areas for fuel reduction and specific treatments tailored to Black Hawk. The report recommends actions to mitigate wildfire risks through fuel treatments, city policies, and best practices for residents and city personnel.

Chief Wooley explained that the plan, initiated last year, was developed through a series of meetings with contractors to tailor it specifically for Black Hawk. He outlined that the plan provides detailed strategies for wildfire risk reduction, including the elimination of the fireworks show, to mitigate significant fire risks and potential impacts on the city's operations and gaming corridor.

Resolution 50-2024 approved an On-Call Professional Services Agreement with Good People Tree Service, not to exceed \$50,000 for the calendar year 2024.

Chief Wooley described the agreement as essential for advancing forest management and wildfire mitigation projects.

Alderman Hal Midcap inquired about how charges were computed. Chief Wooley confirmed that per diem rates were deemed most effective for large-scale projects.

Additional resolutions, not connected with the CWPP, were also approved.

Resolution 52-2024 approved the Professional Services Agreement with Shannon & Wilson, Inc. for Pavement Analysis and Design for Main Street, with a budget not to exceed \$55,534.

Main Street, originally constructed in concrete in the late 1990s and overlaid with asphalt in 2014, has experienced numerous utility cuts and concrete deterioration because of the deicing materials that have been used.

Staff recommended a comprehensive study to assess the base concrete's condition before repaving. The study will involve borings, ground-penetrating radar, and falling weight deflectometer analysis, resulting in a proposed pavement design intended to be durable for the long term.

Funding for 2024 for the Gregory Street HARD District Business Marketing Association was approved in Resolution 53-2024. This provides funds in the amount of \$67,840.

Finance Director Lance Hillis stated that this marks the third year of city funding for the association, with provisions included in the 2024 budget.

In 2022, the City assisted the vendors located in the Gregory Street HARD District with the formation of a Business Marketing Association as well as committing to providing funding via annual appropriations.

The council adjourned into executive session at approximately 3:30 p.m.

*The next regular Black Hawk City Council meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 211 Church Street, Black Hawk, Colorado.*



## JUNE RECIPES



### Pickled Turnips

ELLIE NAJJAR  
NEDERLAND

**Ingredients:**

- 4- 5 large turnips or 8 small turnips, sliced in 1" x 1/2" pieces
- 1 red beet
- 1 Tablespoon Kosher salt
- Filtered water
- Distilled white vinegar

**Directions:**

- Slice the turnips into 1" x 1/2" pieces.
- Slice the beet into small triangles to differentiate from the turnip once everything turns pink.
- Place sliced turnips and beet in a large empty jar.

Fill half the glass jar with filtered water and half with the white vinegar.

Add salt.

Place the jar on the counter for one week and then refrigerate.

Turn the jar upside down then right side up several times to mix the juices daily until ready to refrigerate.

*Ellie Najjar 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.nederlandfarmersmarket.org/](http://www.nederlandfarmersmarket.org/).*

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Arrowhead Scientific - Investigative 51.05  
AT&T Mobility - Phones 4001.73  
Avenu Insights - Mnt Contract 4296.00  
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Blue Knight Security - Extraditions 3525.00  
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Bowditch & Cassell - Prof Svcs 7500.00  
Bowman Consulting Grp - Capital Outlay 6273.33  
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CEBT - Insurance 217199.88  
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City of Central - Utilities 192.04  
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CO Bureau of Investigation - Prof Svcs 444.50  
CO Dept of Revenue - Payroll Tax 37448.62  
CO Natural Gas - Utilities 6655.66  
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CO State University - Contract Labor 3893.75  
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Computer Sites Inc - Mnt Contract/R&M 3797.00  
Coremr L. C. - Medical Grant 400.00  
Corvinus Group LLC - R&M 1679.85  
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CRA - Retirement 132454.14  
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Dominion Voting Systems - Prof Svcs 2000.00  
DPT Education Program - Training 100.00  
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Gilpin County Parks & Rec - Donation Expense 277.40  
Grainger - R&M/Supplies 1165.61  
Great Plains Communications - Phones 1339.80  
Healy/Margaret Anne - Mileage 107.07  
Hollingsworth/Sandy - Mileage 227.80  
HR Green - Capital Outlay 17261.25  
Indian Peaks Ace Hardware - Supplies 45.97  
IRS - Payroll Tax 245966.72  
Jefferson County Treasurer - Toxicology/Morgue Facility/Contract Labor 75977.50  
Johnson/Jennifer - Mileage 179.56  
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McDonald Farms Enterprises - Water 1306.00  
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Sullivan Green Seavy - Prof Svcs 1494.50  
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SWCA Environmental Consultants - Grant Expense 9394.00  
Teryx - Contract Labor/Computer Items 14468.25  
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UMR - Medical Claims 24510.65  
United Power - Utilities 7523.00  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 1873.87  
US Imaging - Grant Expense 8735.21  
Volunteers of America - Meals/Transports 537.96  
Wells Fargo - Emp Recognition/Grant Expenses/Dues&Subs/Travel/Computer Items/Meals/Conferences/Hotel/Postage/R&M/Ads&Legal Notices/Supplies 11382.59  
Western Paper - Supplies 3040.78  
Wiretap Telecom - Phones 5.09  
Xcel Energy - Utilities 1461.06  
Xerox - Mnt Contract 834.00  
Zayo Group - Phones 1408.82  
Zoom - Phones/Dues&Subs 306.28  
FUND #1 TOTAL - 2154534.63

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Amazon - Safety/R&M/Supplies/Capital Outlay 2722.15  
AT&T Mobility - Phones 175.96  
Blackwell Oil - Fuel 12901.79  
Boulder Chrysler Dodge Ram - R&M 173.60  
CEBT - Insurance 1883.63  
CenturyLink - Phones 231.22  
Cintas - Uniforms/Supplies 1324.73  
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax 6266.39  
CO Natural Gas - Utilities 1525.47  
Complete Wireless Technology - Capital Outlay 7324.36  
CRA - Retirement 19977.27  
Den-Col Supply Co - Steel 1834.09  
Earl's Saw Shop - Equipment 1972.00  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 59.00  
General Air Service & Supply - Supplies 887.54  
Indian Peaks Ace Hardware - Supplies/R&M 151.95  
Intermountain Safety Shoe - Safety 84.74  
IRS - Payroll Tax 39276.81  
Kois Brothers Equipment - Capital Outlay 62010.30  
Martin Marietta Mtls - Road Project Mtls 4629.93  
Napa Auto Parts - R&M/Supplies/Tires 1953.40  
Polar Gas - Utilities 846.14  
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Benitez/Debra - Mileage 60.30  
CEBT - Insurance 254.35  
CenturyLink - Phones 311.18  
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax 1275.57  
CO Natural Gas - Utilities 615.18  
CRA - Retirement 2433.54  
Demco - Supplies 91.71  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 49.90  
Gilpin County Administration - Prof Svcs 61594.00  
Ingram Library Svcs - Grant Expense/Op Mtls 1228.88  
IRS - Payroll Tax 7759.90  
Kanopy Inc - Op Mtls 111.00  
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McDonald Farms - Utilities 784.50  
ORC, LLC - Mnt Contract 798.90  
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 122.73  
United Power - Utilities 612.64  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 54.20  
Vendor - State Disbursements 810.52  
Vonage - Phones 155.59  
Wells Fargo - Programming/Op Mtls/Dues&Subs 110.88  
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Cosby/Marie - Client Travel 57.14  
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Great Plains Communication - Internet 50.00  
IRS - Payroll Tax 16161.77  
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Nederland Farmers Market - Donation Expense 7200.00  
Roberts HVAC-R - Donation Expense 125.00  
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 344.17  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 103.40  
Wells Fargo - Donation Expense/Supplies/Emergency Assistance/Adult Protection 1857.67  
Xerox - Mnt Contract 278.94  
FUND #4 TOTAL - 45628.49

**PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (FUND # 5) -**  
Amazon - Supplies/Computer Items 454.98  
AT&T Mobility - Phones 93.02  
CEBT - Insurance 297.25  
CO Assn of Local Public - Dues&Subs 300.00  
CO Dept of Public Hlth - Retail Food Program

688.00  
CO Dept Revenue - Payroll Tax 1101.11  
CRA - Retirement 2945.82  
Decker/Kelvin - Mileage/Meals 51.13  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 36.00  
Idexx Distribution - Supplies 358.14  
IRS - Payroll Tax 6973.50  
Johnson/Mark B. - Prof Svcs 800.00  
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 164.55  
The Mountain-Ear - Grant Expense 1350.00  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 61.33  
FUND #5 TOTAL - 15674.83

**SOLID WASTE (FUND #6) -**  
Air-O-Pure - Portables 75.00  
ATTP - R&M 401.17  
BFI- Foothills - Contract Hauling/Landfill Fees/Disposal-Tires/Electronics 6788.43  
CEBT - Insurance 100.00  
Cintas - Uniforms 68.92  
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax 730.89  
Colorado Tire Recyclers - Disposal-Tires/Electronics 495.00  
CRA - Retirement 1390.80  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 23.95  
IRS - Payroll Tax 5243.07  
Napa Auto Parts - R&M 1209.91  
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 108.90  
United Power - Utilities 99.92  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 96.20  
FUND #6 TOTAL - 16832.16

**PARKS & REC (FUND #8) -**  
Amazon - Supplies/Special Programs/League Expenditures/Fair/OBH Youth Grant/Aquatic Expenditures/Ball Fields/Trails/Safety 6162.71  
Bowman Consulting Grp - Capital Outlay 4516.67  
Briggs/Steve - Instructor 415.31  
CEBT - Insurance 573.00  
CenturyLink - Phones 105.54  
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax 2969.60  
CO Natural Gas - Utilities 12401.15  
CRA - Retirement 6351.84  
Douglas/Linza - Instructor 339.20  
Eldorado Artesian - Water 32.50  
Elevated Impressions - Fair 2237.92  
Flynn BEC LP - Capital Outlay 141061.00  
Gibbs/Lynn Rae - Instructor 29.60  
Gilpin County Administration - Prof Svcs 287420.00  
Holistic Homestead - OBH Youth Grant 44.96  
Indian Peaks Ace Hardware - Supplies/Ball Fields/Trails 814.86  
IRS - Payroll Tax 17263.30  
Larry H. Miller Ford Lakewood - R&M 316.39  
On Point Auto Glass - R&M 200.00  
Pioneer Athletics - Ball Fields/Trails 1032.86  
Robertson/Ardetta - Special Programs 198.00  
Schwettman/Steven - Instructor 534.40  
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 248.62  
United Power - Utilities 4716.45  
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 34.20  
Wells Fargo - OBH Youth Grant/Special Programs/Ball Fields/Trails/Training 2381.77  
Xerox - Mnt Contract 287.70  
Zuni Signs - Ball Fields/Trails 1217.39  
FUND #8 TOTAL - 493906.94

**Lodging Tax (FUND #12) -**  
Notchcode Creative - Prof Svcs/Gilpin Advertising Panel 3342.59  
Peak to Peak Chamber - Gilpin Advertising Panel 300.00  
Wells Fargo - Gilpin Advertising Panel 2785.38  
FUND #12 TOTAL - 6427.97

**TOTAL ALL FUNDS 2998321.19**  
JOE ALLAIRE  
COUNTY OF GILPIN



# Timberline Board addresses Station 3 addition

MINDY LEARY  
GILPIN COUNTY

The Timberline Board of Directors (BOD) held a workshop on June 12 at Station 3, on Highway 119, to discuss various business matters. The BOD includes Rick Wenzel, President; John Bushey, Vice Chairman; and members-at-large John Carder, Mary Kate McKenna, and Kristin Turner.

Addressing new business, the Board discussed the Station 3 Bay Build. With the help of Congressman Joe Neguse, Timberline's Station 3 received a federal grant of approximately \$900,000 to build out the station, which was previously a distressed property and a scientific aeronomy laboratory.

The project will cost approximately \$1.6 million, and the BOD is seeking additional financing to complete it.

Lance Holman of Holman Capital presented information on a potential lease-purchase for Station 3's build, with Station 7 as collateral.

He presented the terms and conditions of a \$700,000 loan over 20 years.

Carder suggested that if the BOD could pull \$100,000 from their reserves and borrow \$600,000 instead of \$700,000, the district could save significantly. He proposed that the board could afford two \$31,200 payments per year over 15 years instead of 20.

"Basically, \$100,000 would save us \$300,000," said Wenzel, summarizing Carder's proposition.

Holman advised against borrowing from the reserves and emphasized that Timberline can exit the loan anytime, with a prepayment penalty built into the financing.



PHOTO BY MINDY LEARY

Fire Chief Paul Ondr agreed that using the reserves was not wise because of potential revenue stream attacks.

Turner agreed with Ondr but liked the idea of saving money. Bushey expressed a preference for predictability and liquidity over saving \$300,000. McKenna preferred having emergency funding over savings. Wenzel acknowledged that reducing the loan term and interest amount sounded good, but noted potential unknowns.

Carder proposed a compromise: not taking from the reserves, but reducing the term from 20 to 15 years, thereby raising the semiannual payments. Carder,

McKenna, and Turner agreed on the matter. Ondr will present a resolution on this proposal at the next meeting, including two amortization scenarios.

The Board will decide whether to accept the proposal and under what terms at the June 18 meeting. The draft will be reviewed for any errors, and the BOD's legal team will examine it. Holman stated that the BOD has until June 25 to finalize the agreement.

Moving to the Gilpin Ambulance Authority (GAA) lease renewal, Ondr presented the lease with GAA for Station 7 at 660 Highway 46 in Black Hawk. The rent for Gilpin Ambulance to use the space would

**Timberline seeks financing**  
Lance Holman of Holman Capital delivers financing options to the Timberline BOD. Timberline received a federal grant but needs additional funding to help build fire truck bays at Station 3.

be about \$1,723 per month until the end of 2024. The lease includes 1,500 square feet of office space and 750 square feet of bay space, with all utilities except internet covered. Further negotiations may occur before the final lease is approved.

New employee Jen Lomeli recently took the Americorps-sponsored position at Timberline as Mitigation Coordinator. Ondr commended her work, noting her readiness to learn and her enthusiasm.

Lomeli expressed a desire to continue working with the department, and has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant, starting in about five months. Congratulations to Lomeli!

Hinderman noted that the draft budget includes a 5.5% increase in projected revenue, allowing for this position and other part-time mitigation positions.

Policy Discussions will be presented at the next regular meeting for a vote. These touch on open records, fee policy, project management, and grant writing.

The workshop concluded at about 4 p.m.

*Timberline's Board of Directors next regular meeting is scheduled for June 18 at 7 p.m. at Station 1, located at 5927 Magnolia Road, with an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. All are welcome.*

## Pet of the week

*Blame it all on my roots,  
I showed up in boots,  
and ruined your black tie affair.*

*The last one to know, the last one  
to show,  
I was the last one you thought  
you'd see here...*

*I saw the surprise, and the fear in  
his eyes, when I lapped your glass  
of champagne,  
I toasted you and said,  
Honey, we may be through, but  
you'll never hear me complain...*

*'Cuz I got friends in low places  
where the howlin' drowns and the  
fetchin' chases my blues away  
and I'll be okay.*

*Now I'm not big on social graces,  
guess I'll slip on down to those  
dear places where I got friends...  
in low places.*



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# NDDA continues concert series at Chipeta Park



### Proposed designs for Ned murals

Artist Aerica Raven's proposed mural for the concrete pillars on the Kathmandu restaurant's exterior.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Downtown Development Authority (NDDA) met on Wednesday, June 12, 2024,

at 6 p.m. to discuss possible alternate locations for their Summer Concert Series. The Authority also provided their feedback on the latest updates to the Multimodal Transportation Plan. The NDDA first voted on the

preliminary designs for new murals to be painted on three of Nederland's businesses in the downtown district. The Public Art Committee had previously recommended that Aerica Raven paint murals on the Kathmandu Restaurant building, David Schwartz paint *The Mountain-Ear's* building, and Sophia Ramirez paint The Flower Collective's building, all of which the NDDA approved.

Board members offered their feedback on the designs, with a consensus that The Flower Collective concept should be more cohesive and include imagery specific to the area. Most members described the preliminary design as an abstract collage of disparate images, and were confused as to the meaning behind the symbolism.

The mural designs for *The Mountain-Ear* and Kathmandu buildings were approved; the design for The Flower Collective's building was approved to move forward with the NDDA's suggested revisions taken into consideration.

The Authority was tasked with making their recommendation for the appointment of two out of four candidates to the available positions on the NDDA. Ron Mitchell and Catherine Valen's terms end in June, 2024; both Mitchell and Valen applied for reappointment, and Everett Nielsen and Nathan Smallwood also applied for four year terms on the Authority.

Valen expressed her interest in continuing on the NDDA and noted that her experience as a longtime resident, and as a chiropractor with the ear of the community, are a benefit to the organization.

Smallwood introduced himself as the new CEO of Wild Bear Nature Center with a passion for nature and public art, and with experience in managing some of the largest and most successful nature centers in the country.

Mitchell also expressed his interest in continuing on the NDDA, having been one of the first to have initiated the organization, and noted his interest in the NDDA pursuing a second bridge across Middle Boulder Creek, as well as renegotiating the AmeriGas property.

Nielsen was absent, unfortunately,

for the meeting, reportedly because his position with the Colorado Department of Transportation required him to repair a sudden issue on Highway 119 near to the Train Cars.

Mitchell and Smallwood were officially recommended for the positions by the NDDA; the Nederland Board of Trustees (BOT) made the final determination on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. For more information regarding the outcome of this matter, please read our full coverage of the BOT meeting in this edition of *The Mountain-Ear*.

Charlie Alexander of Fehr & Peers, the consultancy contracted by the Town of Nederland to draft the Multimodal Transportation Plan, led the NDDA in a discussion regarding their progress on the plan so far.

Fehr & Peers presented their draft recommendations for improved vehicle transit through Nederland, including a widened central roundabout, and for better transportation for pedestrians and cyclists via connected trails and sidewalks.

Board members asked questions specific only to the proposed traffic light at the pedestrian crossing across Highway 119. Alexander reiterated that the traffic light would only stop traffic upon pedestrian activation, and that the red light could be delayed to allow vehicles adequate time to pass through the light.

Mitchell and Executive Director Kate Masingale led the Authority in a discussion to determine whether hybrid meetings are serving a useful purpose to the organization. Each member of the Authority voiced their opinion regarding hybrid meetings and were split down the middle on the issue.

Four members stated their belief that the online component of hybrid meetings creates delays and complications that hinder the progress of the meeting, while four other members expressed their belief that an online option allows them to continue to volunteer and participate despite other life and career responsibilities and obligations.

Board member Steve Karowe was not present to offer his opinion. Due to the stalemate, the discussion ended and the NDDA moved on with their agenda.

Members of Time Served Productions, the group contracted by the NDDA to book and organize its Summer Concert Series, discussed the prospect of alternate locations for future concerts.

The first of six concerts took place

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## Public Notice

At the June 18, 2024 meeting, the Board of Trustees passed Ordinance No. 860 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE NEDERLAND MUNICIPAL CODE, CONCERNING BUSINESS LICENSING OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS, IMPOSING

A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LICENSES, AND AMENDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF. The full text of the Ordinances are available online at [https://library.municode.com/co/nederland/ordinances/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/co/nederland/ordinances/code_of_ordinances)

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# NDDA

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in Chipeta Park and was received positively by the community. Though the original purpose of the Summer Concert Series was for each of the six concerts to be held in a different location to provide helpful data for the Authority's performance space project, Time Served previously mentioned a preference for hosting every concert at Chipeta Park.

NDDA Vice Chair Andrew Dewart noted that the only other locations being considered are privately owned lots, including the lot owned by Mitchell used for the Nederland Farmers Market, and the open land in between St. Rita's Catholic Church and the Nederland Post Office.

Dewart added that each of the private lots comes with its own complications, including their size and the required mitigation of the land to make them viable. Though some Board members felt that it was worth having Time Served assess all available options for locations, the consensus was to use Chipeta Park for every concert due to time constraints and to the positive feedback generated so far from the community.

Board member Scott Papich inquired as to how the NDDA can best utilize the Summer Concert Series to boost the patronage of downtown businesses, and questioned whether businesses had been invited to sell merchandise or alcohol at the events.

Peter Fiori of Time Served spoke about how they intentionally sought not to have sponsors for the concert series, and that, though local businesses were reached out to, food and beverage vendors would be responsible for acquiring their own insurance, permits, and licenses. He



**Proposed designs for Ned murals**

Top: Mural artist Sophia Ramirez's preliminary design for The Flower Collective's building. Bottom: Artist David Schwartz's proposed mural design for The Mountain-Ear's office.

added that serving alcohol would require more portapotties, fencing, and security.

Fiori expressed that he personally witnessed local bars and restaurants being full after the first concert ended at 7 p.m. The NDDA committed to providing Time Served with a script to read during concerts in between the musicians' sets, urging crowds to visit Nederland's local businesses.

The Authority was tasked with approving the use of funds from the 2024 Traffic and Safety Budget, including \$15,000 to contract with Ranger Event Services for traffic flagging services over the summer, and \$16,610 to be used to hire security services for the Summer Concert Series.

The bid from Ranger Event Services was the only one received; they offered five certified flaggers to operate six hours a day at a rate of \$38 an hour. The estimated cost of service from June 1 to October 6, 2024, is \$36,100.

Board members determined that the Town would require four flaggers for seven hours a day, totalling a cost of \$1,064 a day for at least 13 days, factoring for all the peak weekends over the summer and fall, for a total of \$13,832.

The NDDA voted to continue negotiations with Ranger Event Services for a revised contract that would include a stipulation about the cancellation of services due to bad weather.

*The Nederland Downtown Development Authority meets the second Wednesday of every month. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. and will be held online as well as in person at the Nederland Community Center.*

*For more information go to: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/downtown-development-authority>.*

## What's happening at Gilpin Parks & Rec

**Gilpin County Community Center**  
**250 Norton Drive, Black Hawk**  
[gilpincounty.colorado.gov](http://gilpincounty.colorado.gov)  
**303-582-1453**

**Pool Hours - SUMMER**

**\*Please call to confirm prior to coming**  
**\*Now closed on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday\***  
 Monday and Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
 Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Building Hours**

**\*Now closed on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday\***  
 Monday and Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Cardio Dance: NEW Day and Time**

Fridays 8:30-9:15 a.m. Drop-ins \$9/ adults, \$7/60+.

**Pilates**

Saturdays 9:15-10:15 a.m. Drop-ins \$7/ages 14-59, \$5/60+.

**Water Safety Day**

Friday, June 21, 10 a.m. to noon. FREE! All ages welcome. Bridging the gap between the pool and open water. Safety tips, interactive workshops, water demonstrations, open water skills.

**Saturday Morning Clay with Steve - Refining Your Skills**

Saturdays, June 22 - July 13, 9:30 a.m. to noon, \$95/four-week session.

**Summer Day Camp Enrollment Now Open**

Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. \$45/day per resident child, \$54/day/per non-resident child (+\$10 for field trips). Farmer's Market  
 Saturday, July 6, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Join us for vendors, live music and more at the Farmer's Market.

**2024 Gilpin County Fair: Friday, July 19 - Sunday, July 21**

Sign up now for Volleyball & Pickleball Tournaments, Redneck Relay Team Entries, Mutton Bustin' and Early Bird Pricing on Wristbands for Ax Throwing, Mechanical Bull, Inflatable Boxing, Bounce House

& Obstacle Course! Vendor booth space available for arts and crafts, exhibition of products, games, information and education, food sales. Applications due by Friday, July 5 at 5 p.m.

**Outdoor gear rentals NOW AVAILABLE at the Community Center made possible by our partnership with ACA!**

Outdoor gear can be rented Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Prices vary for gear rentals. For more information please visit <https://www.alwayschooseadventures.org/gearlibrary>.

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

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

**Youth Camp (Licensed Child Care):**

Monday - Thursday, 4 - 6 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Lap Swim:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 - 9:30 a.m.



# The SOB story continues...

## Reasonable Alternative Avenues of Communication (continued)

The area left for SOBs to operate does not need to be commercially available space. *City of Renton*. SOB operators must fend for themselves in the real estate market, on equal footing as all other businesses, and the inability to obtain a retail space in the permissible area would not give rise to a First Amendment violation. *Id.*

### SOB legal presentation

One of the presentation slides describes reasonable alternative avenues for communication.

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She suggested both she and Fey recuse themselves when it comes time to vote.

King said the benefit of executive session is that it allows for a frank discussion under attorney-client privilege. Tinucci expressed her desire to ask questions during the executive session.

The attorney reiterated that since the discussion pertained to city-wide zoning regulations and not a specific application for RCI, it would not constitute a conflict of interest.

City Manager Daniel Miera assured the public that during the executive session, council members would not have the opportunity to persuade the attorney providing legal guidance.

King presented slides on current SOB regulations, standards of review for zoning regulations, and standards of review for licensing regulations.

She stated she would not address hypotheticals or provide an analysis of proposed changes.

Citing First Amendment protections as the reason for the discussion, King outlined the current provisions for SOBs in Central City, which include:

All SOB activity must occur indoors.

Businesses must verify age before customers enter and view any SOB activity or merchandise.

The interior of the business cannot be visible from the outside.

Businesses must be located more than 1,000 feet from other SOBs,

residential dwellings and zone districts, schools, public parks, childcare centers, and places of assembly.

She pointed out that, as written, the distance requirements make it impossible for an SOB to open in Central City. She recommended amending the land development code to allow for SOBs somewhere in the city.

In evaluating the validity of an SOB zoning ordinance, courts review whether the ordinance is narrowly tailored to serve a substantial government interest and if it allows for reasonable alternative avenues of communication.

Alderman Todd Williams asked about regulating clothed dancing, which could include attire like pasties and a G-string. City Manager Miera suggested such questions be addressed during executive session. The attorney agreed, and the group then decided to move into executive session.

Williams so moved, saying, "Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), for the discussion of specific legal questions with the City Attorney and City special counsel regarding sexually-oriented businesses, SOBs, and the regulation of SOBs in the City's Land Development Code, and I further move to reconvene the June 13 Special Meeting at the conclusion of the Executive Session to adjourn the June 13 Special Meeting."

The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting ended at approximately 6 p.m.

*The next regular meeting of the Central City Council is scheduled for July 2, 2024, and will be held 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.*

**NEDERLAND FARMERS MARKET**

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### Public Notice

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In the Matter of the Estate of  
**David Herbert Brown**

AKA David H. Brown, David Brown and Dave Brown **COURT USE ONLY**

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 Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Case Number: 2024PR030009

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate of **David Herbert Brown**, also known as **David H. Brown, David Brown and Dave Brown**, Deceased  
 Case Number **2024PR030009**

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on or before **October 7, 2024** or the claims may be forever barred.

Kathleen E. Jagger, Personal Representative  
 c/o Hedberg Law Firm, LLC

Brian Hedberg, Attorney  
 Name of Person Giving Notice  
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# Government Meetings

**Black Hawk City Council** meetings occur at 3 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in Council Chambers located upstairs at City Hall, 211 Church Street, Black Hawk. For more information check online at <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/>.

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

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

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

**Gilpin County Board of County Commissioner (BoCC)** meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Attend the next meeting in person at the Gilpin County Community Center, 250 Norton Drive or online via Zoom, at 9 a.m. at <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/public-meetings/board-of-county-commissioners-bo-cc-meeting>.

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

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

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

**Nederland Downtown Development Authority (DDA)** meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Attend in person at the Nederland Community Center or online via WebEx, <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/downtown-development-authority/>.

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

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

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

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

## Public Notice

The Gilpin County Library District is seeking applicants for a vacant seat on the Library Board of Trustees. Candidates must advocate for the library in the community and become familiar with the bylaws, budget, policies, and legal responsibilities of a Trustee in the state of Colorado. Terms are five (5) years; an appointee to a currently vacant seat would be eligible for appointment to a new term.

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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.

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Original Beneficiary(ies)  
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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 ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OF THE DEED OF TRUST.

#### NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00a.m. on Thursday, 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.



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FOR SALE - Established Mountain Weed Whacking and Fire Mitigation Service. Perfect opportunity for any mountain dweller looking for a seasonal business to operate, flexible sale terms 720.422.8771

## Help Wanted

### GILPIN COUNTY IS HIRING!

Child Camp Leader: \$16.69 - \$22.53  
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Deputy - Detentions - POST Certified: \$30.77 - \$43.77  
Deputy - Patrol: \$30.77 - \$43.77  
Detentions Officer - Non-Certified: \$27.88 - \$39.66  
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Emergency Preparedness Specialist (Part-Time): \$31.39 - \$43.99  
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Financial Analyst: \$65,300 - \$91,500  
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IT Specialist: \$79,000 - \$110,600  
Office Assistant - Public Works: \$17.36 - \$23.46  
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Recreation Generalist II: \$22.69 - \$31.78  
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Volunteer - Athletic Coach: Unpaid volunteer position  
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Please go to our website to apply at <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/careers>

**Seasonal Gardener - Public Works Department.** City of Central PT Hourly range 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](http://www.centralcity.colorado.gov). Qualified applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to the Finance/Human Resources Director at [arobbins@cityofcentral.co](mailto:arobbins@cityofcentral.co) or mail to P.O. Box 249 Central City, CO 80427. The position is open until 06/28/2024. EOE.

**Senior Fleet Mechanic.** City of Central FTE Salary range from \$53,364 - \$72,041 DOQ/E Requirements: Any combination of experience and training equivalent to graduation from High School, and four years of experience in automotive or related field. Must possess a valid Colorado driver's license with safe driving record, a Commercial B Driver's License or the ability to obtain one within three months of hire, and a CDL medical card. Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certification is preferred. Under general supervision, the position performs a wide variety of complex semi-skilled and skilled mechanic work. Diagnoses, repairs, and performs preventive maintenance

on all City vehicles and equipment. Works cooperatively with teammates to ensure City goals and objectives are fulfilled. The City provides a comprehensive benefit package that includes medical, dental and vision insurance coverage. 100% of the employee's premiums are paid by the City and approximately 98% of dependent premiums are paid by the City. Paid vacation and sick leave, 401(a) and 457(b) employer retirement contributions; fifteen paid holidays annually. City paid Long Term Disability and Life Insurance. Apply now: A detailed job description can be found on the City's website [www.centralcity.colorado.gov](http://www.centralcity.colorado.gov). Qualified applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to the Finance/Human Resources Director at [arobbins@cityofcentral.co](mailto:arobbins@cityofcentral.co) or mail to P.O. Box 249 Central City, CO 80427. The position is open until 7/4/2024. EOE.

## Real Estate

**FOR SALE**  
1507 Lazy Z Rd, Nederland  
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Easy access to National Forest  
\$1,097,000

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## Services

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Weed Whacking - Specializing in mountain properties in the Sugarloaf, 4 Mile, Ned, Eldora, Gold Hill, Lee Hill, Wonderland Lake and Lyons areas. Most properties take 3 to 6 hours with larger properties taking 10 to 15 hours. Local references are available and feel free to call for more details. Flexible rates are available on a case by case basis for those who need it. Call 720-515-7213

## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given for a Public Hearing before the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners acting as the Board of Adjustment to receive public input regarding a petition for a variance from the Gilpin County Zoning Regulations. Petitioner and owner of the subject property, Timberline Fire Protection District, is seeking to vary from Section 2.3 of the Gilpin County Zoning Regulations, to allow for a setback of (20) twenty feet from the west property line from the required setback of (30) thirty feet in the RS, Residential Subdivision zoning district for the construction of an addition on the existing structure. Any and all documents pertaining to this matter may be viewed between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday at the Old Gilpin County Court House; second floor; 203 Eureka Street; Central City, Colorado.

Docket #: BOA-24-4; Date: July 9th, 2024; Time: 9:30 a.m. or later; Subject Property: 19126 Colorado Highway 119 Black Hawk, CO 80422; Location: Old Gilpin County Court House; 203 Eureka Street; Commissioners Meeting Room, Second Floor; Central City, Colorado.

The meeting will be held in person and broadcast live via Zoom. Members of the public will be able to participate virtually. A link to the live broadcast can be found on the Gilpin County website under the public meetings tab. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to said public meeting. Written comments or questions can be emailed to: [rgutierrez@gilpincounty.org](mailto:rgutierrez@gilpincounty.org). The meeting may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Those individuals requiring special accommodation to participate please contact Rob Gutierrez at (303)582-5831.

## Current Job Openings for the City of Black Hawk

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



**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/>

**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: THE 4TH OF JULY

**ACROSS**

1. South American palm berry
5. Chi preceдер
8. Tatted cloth
12. \*"Knee high in July"?
13. Hole-making tools
14. Sign in (2 words)
15. Discharge
16. Violin's Renaissance predecessor
17. Nursemaid in India, pl.
18. \*On the grill on the 4th?
20. Tropical tuber
21. Propelled like Argo
22. "Fresh Prince of \_\_\_-Air"
23. \*#18 Across, picnics and such
26. Yellow ride
30. Not well
31. Heavy lifting injury
34. "Brave New World" drug
35. Feudal estates
37. Storm center
38. Rand McNally book
39. Singer-songwriter Amos
40. Deserving veneration
42. Giant "Master Melvin"
43. Y on Periodic Table
45. Unkind one, slangily
47. Clairvoyant's gift, acr.
48. "\_\_\_ under the rug"
50. Cry like a baby
52. \*Number of stripes on Old Glory
55. Birch bark vessel
56. Object of Frodo's obsession
57. Norse war god
59. Cut mission short
60. Fairy tale beginning
61. Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
62. MTV's "\_\_\_d" (2003-2015)
63. Like Willie Winkie
64. "Team" homophone

**DOWN**

1. Fighter pilot
2. Toothy groomer
3. Operatic solo
4. Openings
5. Between once and thrice
6. Viva voce
7. Maroon's home
8. \*As opposed to Patriot
9. Lab culture
10. Type of salmon
11. Short for ensign
13. Not sympathetic
14. Potentially allergenic glove material
19. Tubs
22. Farm cry
23. \*Number of stars on Old Glory
24. "The Waste Land" poet
25. Heads-up
26. Wedding cake layer
27. 2-dotted mark
28. Stradivari competitor
29. Moisten, as in a turkey
32. 500 sheets
33. \*Largest Fourth of July pyrotechnics display loc.
36. \*Celebratory combustible
38. Highly skilled
40. Break bread
41. Come into view
44. Even smaller than #7 Down
46. Dined elsewhere (2 words)
48. Use a shoe polish
49. Grimace in pain
50. Hindu Mr.
51. Before long, to Shakespeare
52. Think, arch.
53. Part of a seat
54. World's longest river
55. Upper limit
58. Jodie Foster's "\_\_\_'s Island"

**CROSSWORD**

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CROSSWORD: JUNE 13

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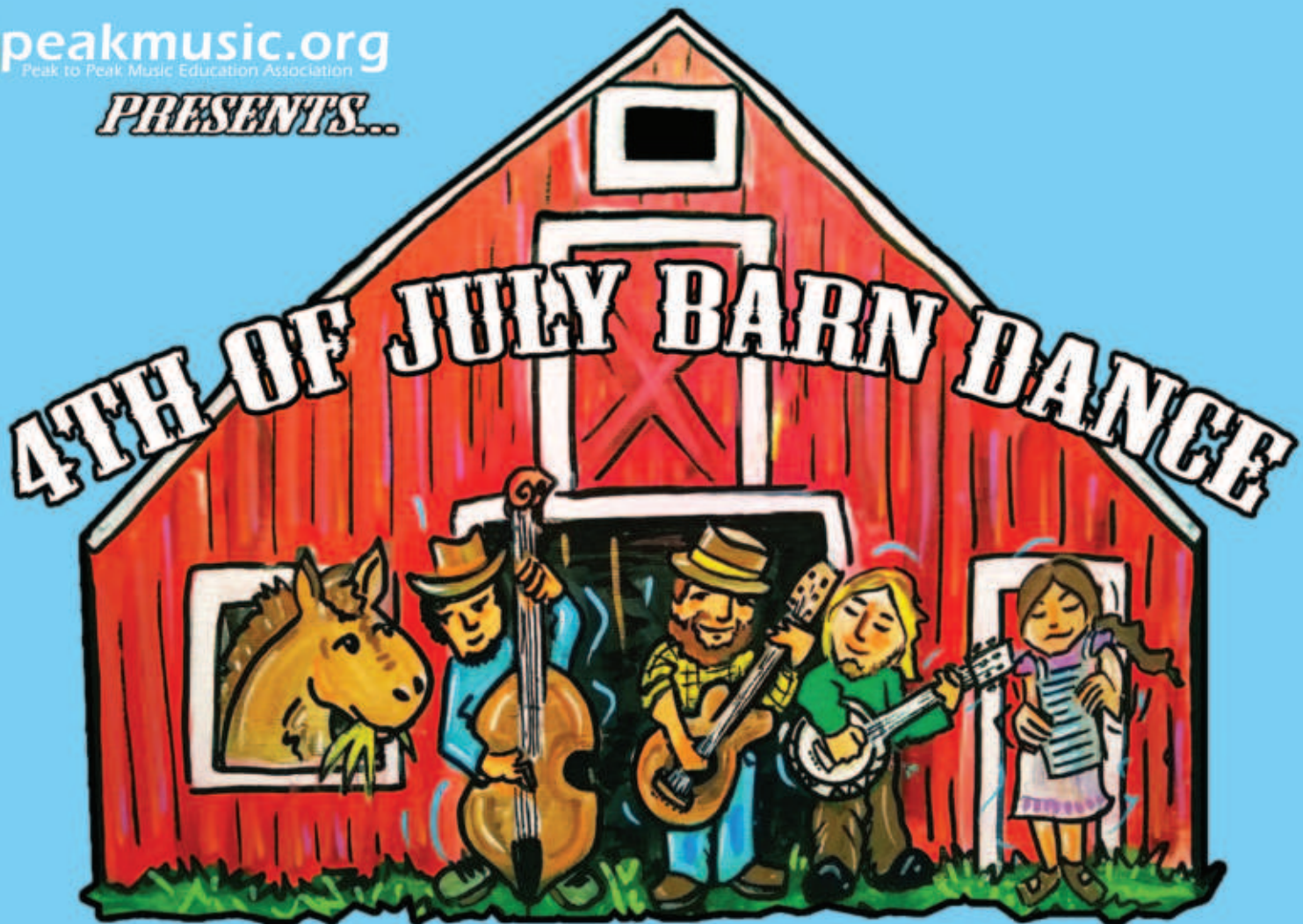
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