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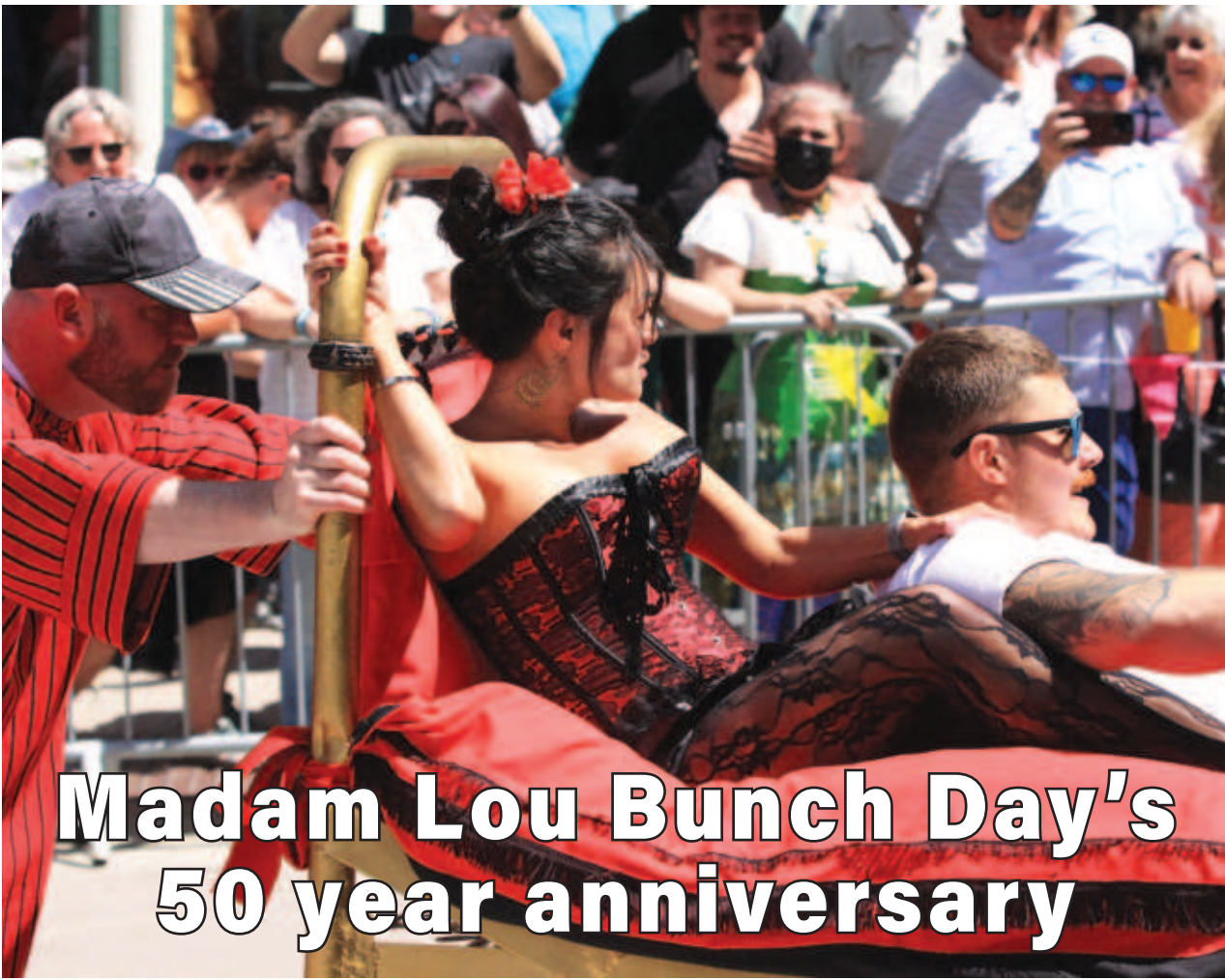


PHOTO BY DAVE GIBSON

Madam Lou Bunch Day's 50 year anniversary

A rollicking good time

Maverick Gaming bed racers test their mettle on the challenging course. See story page 16.

Gilpin County awards contract for SOB Study

MINDY LEARY
GILPIN COUNTY

On June 25, 2024, Dr. Tanya Settles of Paradigm Public Affairs LLC presented a proposal to the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners, outlining what an impact study on Sexually-Oriented Businesses (SOBs) would entail. Dr. Settles would serve as the project manager for this study.

She said her family-owned business, based out of Denver, will be gathering information from leadership and local government officials with a goal of ultimate transparency. Project launch and preliminaries include an analysis of similarly situated governments (Cripple Creek/Teller County; Mead/Weld County), initial preliminary interviews with county leaders to finalize scope and purpose, and initial discovery.

Settles has been following the SOB story from the local media. She said her company can perform a double-blind, peer-reviewed impact study that can be finished by November 1, 2024 and is estimated to take 178 hours.

She assured the Board that the deadline and scope will not change without prior direction from them.

The proposed scope of the project will focus on the potential impacts to Gilpin County government. These include public safety, human services, and possibly public health. There will also be a preliminary assessment of impacts on revenue generation that may be associated with changes in commercial and residential property valuation.

Manager Ray Rears introduced **Resolution 24-99**, Awarding a Contract to Paradigm Public Affairs for the Commission of an SOB Impact Study. This resolution approves the contract and authorizes the County Manager to execute it.

The company was chosen following the County's established procurement process.

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NederDay of Art

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

The second annual NederDay of Art took place over a hot and busy weekend in Nederland. Local artists and their creations were celebrated at more than 12 different events and activities spread throughout the town, providing the community and visitors with over 16 hours of live demonstrations, music, and the opportunity to appreciate the uniqueness of Peak to Peak artists.

Starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024, the NederDay of Art kicked off with the Fine Art & Craft Fair at the Nederland Community Center. Evan Cantor played live music as art enthusiasts perused the work of over 20 vendors, each with their own style and preferred medium.

The Mountain People's Co-op was well represented at the entryway to the art fair, selling delicious foods,

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PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

Tasty treats and art abound

The Mountain People's Co-op was well represented, selling delicious baked goods at the entryway to the art fair.

-QUOTE OF THE WEEK-

Fiction gives us empathy: it puts us inside the minds of other people, gives us the gifts of seeing the world through their eyes. Fiction is a lie that tells us true things, over and over. – Neil Gaiman

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The Mountain-Ear is made up of 50 contribu-
tors 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.



Friday, June 28

Friday Storytime: Read books, sing songs,
learn some ASL, and get the wiggles
out in the first half hour, followed by
free play. The Nederland Community
Library, 200 Highway 72 in Nederland,
hosts story time every Friday morning
from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. for ages 0 - 4
years. Visit <https://nederland.libcal.com>
for more information.

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
imagination run free while they construct
their own creations using LEGO bricks. Duplo
and Knex kits are also included. Children under
8 years old must be accompanied by an adult. All
materials are provided. LEGO bricks and creations will
remain in the library after each program. Find out more online, www.gilpinlibrary.org.

Family Movie Matinee: Bring the kids for free popcorn and a movie as
we watch a family-friendly film, "If," 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 at www.gilpinlibrary.org.

Adventures with Arthropods: Learn more about a species native to
Nederland and why it's important to our ecosystem. The Nederland
Community Library will be hosting this event with Wild Bear Nature
Center in the Community Room. Best for ages Pre-K - 3rd grade and
goes from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Register at <https://nederland.libcal.com>.

The Mountain-Ear presents: News & Brews at 4th Friday in Caribou
Village in front of Brightwood Music. Talk to staff members about
anything newspaper related from 5 to 7 p.m.

4th Fridays at Caribou Village: Explore the local businesses of Cari-
bou Village while browsing local vendors. 5 to 8 p.m. Located at 20 E.
Lakeview Drive in Nederland.

Saturday, June 29

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

Monday, July 1

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 information.

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

The Mountain Meditation Circle is a free and open group that has
been meeting every Monday evening at 6 p.m. for the last four years
at the Gilpin County Public Library. New participants are always wel-
come. New members will need to provide their contact information

Gilpin County Seniors

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

July 1 - Chair Massage with Bonnie, 9 -11 a.m.

July 3 - No Lunch, Happy 4th of July!

July 10 - Chicken with avocado cream sauce, cilantro lime quinoa,
marinated vegetables, grapes

July 17 - Meatloaf, baked potato and sour cream, glazed beets, fresh
peach. And, Purple Art event - Art class for seniors! Suggested dona-
tion is \$5.

Lunch is served at noon. (yoga 11 to 11:30 a.m.) Suggested do-
nation 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.

Cracker BARREL

Get involved in your community

prior to attending their first meeting. Please
email Alisa Witt at wittalisa@gmail.com
or 847-890-5262 to provide your contact
information.

Altoid Tin Survival Kits: While supplies
last! Hosted by Nederland Communi-
ty Library in the Community Room at
5 p.m. No registration needed.

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

Wednesday, July 3

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

Thursday, July 4

Fourth of July Parade featuring music by the Barker Brass Band at
Salto Coffee starting at 12 noon. Want to participate? Line up along
East Street between the Post Office and TEENS, Inc. at 11:30 a.m.

Fourth of July Games hosted by Nederland Community Library
including sack races, watermelon eating contests, and spoon races. 1
p.m. in Chipeta Park.

Fourth of July Potluck hosted by Public Works will supply burgers, hot
dogs and other grilled goodies. Bring a side or dessert to share with
the community! Chipeta Park at 2 p.m.

Friday, July 5

Friday Storytime: Read books, sing songs, learn some ASL, and get
the wiggles out in the first half hour, followed by free play. The Ned-
erland Community Library, 200 Highway 72 in Nederland, hosts story
time every Friday morning from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. for ages 0 - 4 years.
Visit <https://nederland.libcal.com> for more information.

Saturday, July 6

Nederland Summer Concert Series featuring Banshee Tree with Ben
Sproul Trio at Chipeta Park from 4 to 7 p.m. Find more information at
<https://www.timeservedproductiongroup.com/nederlandssummer-concertseries>.

Holistic Homestead Market at the Gilpin County Community Center
located at 250 Norton Drive, Black Hawk, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Mountain-Ear presents: News & Brews at the Holistic Homestead
Market located at 250 Norton Drive. Ask anything newspaper related!
Starts at 11 a.m.

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

Self Help Meetings

Tuesday Night Nederland Cross Talk Meeting A Big Book
meeting at 7 p.m. online via Zoom. For more 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://boulder-
countyaa.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.

Gilpin Primary Election results: Unofficial

JUNE 25, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION		
RESULTS	MY FAVORITE RACE	
★ Representative to the 119th United States Congress - District 2 - Democratic Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Joe Neguse	100.00%	644
644		
Share		
★ Representative to the 119th United States Congress - District 2 - Republican Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Marshall Dawson	100.00%	608
608		
Share		
★ State Board of Education Member - Congressional District 2 - Democratic Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Kathy Gebhardt	51.74%	328
2 Marisol Lynda Rodriguez	48.26%	306
634		
Share		
★ Regent of the University of Colorado - At Large - Democratic Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Elliott Hood	56.81%	321
2 Charles "CJ" Johnson	43.19%	244
565		
Share		
★ Regent of the University of Colorado - At Large - Republican Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Eric Rinard	100.00%	586
586		
Share		
★ State Representative - District 49 - Democratic Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Lesley Smith	62.92%	397
2 Max Woodfin	37.08%	234
631		
Share		
★ State Representative - District 49 - Republican Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Steve Ferrante	100.00%	596
596		
Share		
★ District Attorney - 1st Judicial District - Democratic Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Alexis King	100.00%	582
582		
Share		
★ Gilpin County Commissioner - District 1 - Democratic Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Jeff Aiken	100.00%	607
607		
Share		
★ Gilpin County Commissioner - District 1 - Republican Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Marie Morris	56.76%	483
2 Jessica Kays	43.24%	368
851		
Share		
★ Gilpin County Commissioner - District 3 - Democratic Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Sandy Hollingsworth	100.00%	570
570		
Share		
★ Gilpin County Commissioner - District 3 - Republican Party (Vote For 1)		
1 Corey Marshall	100.00%	649
649		
Share		

For statewide results: <https://results.enr.clarityelections.com/CO/121727/web.317647/#/summary>

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Music of the Mountains

Where to be and what to see

JAMIE LAMMERS
COAL CREEK

From a very young age, inspired by a piano inherited from his grandparents, Howard Dlugasch took piano lessons of his own volition. By his early teens, he started playing a multitude of instruments, such as guitar, drums, bass, and vocals. He jokes that he is mediocre at all of them, but only because he is a musician who wants to focus on a multitude of instruments at once rather than completely on one specific instrument.

Playing the piano, he focused on musicians such as Ray Charles and Billy Joel and musically complex styles such as jazz and blues. Moving into the guitar, he started playing more simple folk tunes. Even though he retained his music theory training transitioning to guitar, he decided to play more easy-going music on that instrument.

Coming out of college, Dlugasch interned and then worked at the legendary Manhattan recording studio Greene St. Recording. He recalls many experiences with various musicians during and even before his time there, including spending a month in the Himalayas with Beastie Boy Adam Yauch. From Greene St., he became involved in a band called Elwood with singer-songwriter Prince Elwood Strickland III and co-producer and songwriter Brian Boland. The band ultimately released the record *The Parlance Of Our Time* in May 2000, which included a Billboard-charting cover of Gordon Lightfoot's "Sundown."

Since then, Dlugasch has continued writing music, including an original song for the 2014 Steven Oritt-directed documentary "American Native." He is currently part of Morning Moon Productions, specifically their music division Morning Moon Music. Along with Dan Lotti and Mike Sivilli, he operates the music division, providing services including music editing, scoring, composing, music supervision, and soundtrack curation.

Dlugasch has been involved in various projects for the company, including Morning Moon's latest film production, "Wildflower," directed



Howard Dlugasch

by Matt Smukler, which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in September 2022 (as of this publication, the film is available to stream on Hulu).

Often, Dlugasch focuses on playing covers that people love listening to, but he will occasionally pepper in his own original songs. He loves it when people know and/or love the songs he plays and they start to smile and tap their feet, as even if he's not the primary focus of the night, he loves being able to leave the smallest of impacts on the audiences he performs for.

If you want to see Howard Dlugasch performing live, you can catch him at the Canyon Tavern, 32138 Highway 72 in Coal Creek Canyon, on Saturday, July 13, 2024, starting at 6 p.m. You can also check out his original music on SoundCloud at <https://soundcloud.com/howard-dlugasch>.

Canyon Tavern

Saturday, June 29 at 5 p.m. - Scrapyard Izzy
Saturday, July 6 at 6 p.m. - Derek Hall
Saturday, July 13th at 6 p.m. - Howard Dlugasch
Sunday, July 21 at 3 p.m. - Will Whalen
Saturday, July 27th at 6 p.m. - Ibby Cline & Michael Walters

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Coalcreekcanyontavern>
Website: <https://canyontavern.com/>

Location: 32138 Highway 72, Coal Creek Canyon
Phone: 303-642-3180

Gold Hill Inn

Friday, June 28 at 8 p.m. - Bottlerocket Hurricane
Saturday, June 29 at 5:30 p.m. - Poorfree
Sunday, June 30 at 6 p.m. - Daniel Rodriguez and His Band
Thursday, July 4 at noon - Fourth of July Twang Fest and Barbecue 2024
Saturday, July 6 at 5:30 p.m. - New Family Dog
Sunday, July 7 at 6 p.m. - Paul MacDonald and the Mourning Doves
Friday, July 12 at 8 p.m. - Bear Hat
Sunday, July 14 at 5:30 p.m. - Damn Tall Buildings
Friday, July 19 at 8 p.m. - Brandywine and the Mighty Fines

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

Website: goldhillinn.com
Location: 401 Main Street, Gold Hill
Phone: 303-443-6461

Music Events

Busey Brews

Sunday, June 30 at 2 p.m. - Troy Yanel
Friday, July 5 at 4 p.m. - The Nippers or The Low Down
Sunday, July 7 at 2 p.m. - Eric Richard Stone
Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m. - S'moreGrass Duo
Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m. - Gratefully Acoustic
Sunday, July 28 at 2 p.m. - Tip of the Spear

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

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1964 28th St, Boulder, 303-442-6868
kathmandurestaurant.us

WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Help and encouragement after the death of
a spouse, child, family member, or friend
Saturdays, 10:15 am to 12:15 pm
Gilpin County Public Library
15131 SH 119, Black Hawk
Sign up: www.griefshare.org
Sponsored by St Paul's Episcopal Church, Central City

Music Events

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Gold Hill Store

Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m. - Dwayne Haggins
 Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m. - Bobby Coe
 Saturday, July 13 at 3 p.m. - Andres Santana
 Saturday, July 13 at 7 p.m. - Something Slight
 Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m. - Ashlei Priest
 Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m. - Queso Ra
 Saturday, July 27 at noon - Queso Ra

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gold-Hill-General-Store/>
 Website: <https://www.goldhill-store.com/>
 Location: 531 Main Street, Gold Hill

Howlin Wind Brewing

Saturday, June 29 at 5 p.m. - 3rd Anniversary Party with Magoo
 Saturday, July 6 at 5 p.m. - High Lonesome
 Saturday, July 13 at 5 p.m. - Riverspell
 Saturday, July 20 at 5 p.m. - Goldie and the Grindstones
 Saturday, July 27 at 5 p.m. - Strangebyrds

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

Jamestown Fourth of July

Thursday, July 4 at 10:30 a.m. - PJ Moon
 Thursday, July 4 at 12:30 p.m. - Katie Farmer (Star-Spangled Banner)
 Thursday, July 4 at 12:45 p.m. - Stellar J
 Thursday, July 4 at 2 p.m. - River Mann

Thursday, July 4 at 3:15 p.m. - Floondog
 Thursday, July 4 at 5:30 p.m. - Foggy Mountain Spaceship
 Thursday, July 4 at 7 p.m. - River Spell
 Thursday, July 4 at 8:30 p.m. - Poorfree

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jamestown4th/>
 Website: <https://jamestownco.org/news/4th-of-july-celebration/>
 Location: Elysian Park, Main Street, Jamestown

Jamestown Mercantile

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
 Wednesday, July 3 at 7 p.m. - Shake it like a Caveman
 Friday, July 5 at 7 p.m. - The Brothers Burn Mountain
 Sunday, July 7 at 12:15 p.m. - Ashlei Kendall Priest
 Wednesday, July 10 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic
 Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m. - Derek Dames Ohl
 Friday, July 12 at 7 p.m. - Zimbira
 Sunday, July 14 at 12:15 p.m. - Steven Hoffman
 Wednesday, July 17 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic
 Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. - Hunter James and the Titanic
 Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m. - Chuck Sitero (of High Lonesome) and Friends
 Sunday, July 21 at 12:15 p.m. - Annie and the Bang Bang
 Wednesday, July 24 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic
 Thursday, July 25 at 7 p.m. - Heavy Diamond Ring
 Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m. - Janestown
 Thursday, July 28 at 12:15 p.m. - Danny Shafer

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jamestown.mercantile/>
 Website: <https://www.jamestown-mercantile.com/>
 Location: 108 Main Street, Jamestown
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Concerns about transportation plan

Dear Editor,

I read with great concern about the recent recommendations by the Transportation Plan. Some mention has been made about some ideas drawing the ire of citizenry. The mayor and the (previous) BOT have received emails from me, expressing my ire concerning speed cameras and paid parking. You can add the redesign of the traffic circle to those.

I lived on First Street 1992-2005, and some readers may recall seeing me run (jog) or walk (hike) along the highway to the dam and back. I continue to do so now, only north of town, during mud season. I occasionally had difficulty with unfriendly, unleashed dogs, but NEVER really have felt threatened by speeding traffic, likewise as a motorist.

I also will venture into town and usually do not have a problem with parking. I have been driving through the traffic circle, and also have no problem. I just pay attention, use defensive driving skills learned in driver education, and it all goes smoothly. I spot occasional drivers slow down, make eye contact and there is no problem; more often I

adjust to other drivers who mistake the circle as a 5 way stop. Perhaps they are distracted by electronic devices, tested the cannabis before getting home or are driving-challenged. But I do not believe that it is the design of the traffic circle at fault.

Speed cameras, parking software and especially an enlargement of the traffic circle are all expensive. I can think of better uses of public funds, how about fire hydrant and sewer line upgrades, police and fire protection, and keeping Town staff salaries competitive. Both the acquisition of and the enforcement of both will cost a lot, probably more than revenue received.

I consider using speed traps and/or parking fees to raise funds, a Sheriff of Nottingham approach. Wikipedia characterizes this Sheriff as "the main antagonist in...Robin Hood..as an unjust tyrant...subjecting (the local people) to unaffordable taxes." Taxing the poor to pay for the greedy parking/speed trap software. If I were a tourist passing through, speed traps and pay to park would just motivate me on to more welcoming venues, like Rollinsville or Ward.

Letter to the Editor



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To me the three above suggestions are solutions in search of an elusive problem, an attempt to fix what is really not broken. Traffic should be allowed to move smoothly, it does not need any more impediments, the sheer volume of traffic slows it down quite a bit already.

There remain some good recommendations, there should be at least 1, preferably 2 more vehicle bridges across Middle Boulder Creek, and then other pedestrian and/or bicycle crossings as well. Widen the exit from the shopping center back onto

CO119 to allow both separate right and left turns.

With much talk of change and growth in Nederland, there are calls to keep the charm and character of a small town. Those who want speed cameras or pay to park might prefer to go to Boulder and feel more at home there. Thank you for reading.

Mark Moll
Nederland

Educational opportunities on forest health

Dear Editor,

The Watershed Center will be having a public St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership All Hands meeting at Highlands Camp on July 31st.

The St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership, coordinated by The Watershed Center, brings together diverse stakeholders and community members to prepare the landscape and community to receive wildland fire as a natural part of the ecosystem. Working across the 625,000 acre St. Vrain Watershed, we collaboratively plan and implement cross-jurisdictional forest management, conduct adaptive management, integrate the best

available science into management, and facilitate community engagement.

At this event, members of the St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership will provide updates on the work they are planning and conducting across the watershed, followed by roundtable discussions where community members can have direct conversations with forest and fire management entities. Prior to the meeting, we will also have an optional tour of the forestry work currently being conducted by the Boulder Valley and Longmont Conservation Districts at Highlands Camp.

Feel free to pick and choose between sections of this event, or attend them all. We can't wait to connect with you!

What: St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership All-Hands Meeting

Where: Highlands Camp and Retreat Center, Allenspark CO

When: July 31st – pre-meeting forestry project tour 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., meeting from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Audience: Residents of the St. Vrain watershed – open to the public

See event details at: <https://watershed.center/event/st-vrain-forest-health-partnership-all-hands-meeting/>.

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The Watershed Center



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Shooting range or bust

Dear Editor,

The good news is that the new shooting center will be opened, and areas of the national forests will be safer with a reduced risk of accidental human ignitions from a careless shooter. It's going to happen and it's going to be the right thing to fund in the long run.

The weird thing is that all gun lovers in Gilpin County should be celebrating that they get a new shooting center close-by plus better management of our forests at a perilous time in trying to preserve them. Any reduction in human activity in our forests should be undertaken so that we give our forests the best possible chance to survive. Exchanging a shooting center for safer forests is the logical thing to do.

Some local gun enthusiasts act like a new shooting center is a bad thing for them. Are you kidding me? You don't want to go someplace where other people go who are also part of the recreational sport shooting culture to discuss their love of guns? You don't want to attend

any of the courses or competitions that the center will make available? Why wouldn't you want to support something that is dedicated to helping you enjoy your sport in a safe and responsible way?

The distance isn't a problem either. It is further for the residents on the south side of the county to get to the Moffat Tunnel than it is to get to the shooting center off of Fall River Road. The location is absolutely within the legal definition of the 2019 M.O.U. with the US Forest Service that it be within a specified distance radius. It is, and the Forest Service is now obligated to enforce shooting restrictions in defined areas in the national forests when the center is operational.

But wait there is more. The shooting center is down by the river off of I-70 so there will be no noise pollution in Gilpin County even when all 45 lanes are being used. The river and the traffic will muffle the sound, so it never gets to Gilpin. The distance actually is a benefit because Clear Creek has to deal with it.

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Because it is right off of I-70, it has a real chance of being successful because they have a much wider demographic to appeal to. A 3rd party vendor will handle operations, so Gilpin doesn't need to contribute anything to the operations of the center. The vendor gets the profits and pays the operating expenses. Building and grounds will probably be leases at something like a dollar a year.

I was hoping for a yearly percentage override on net profits to repay the county for fronting the money but that's not how things work in public financing. It's still a good deal and the cost is really minimal. The \$400k out of \$2.8mil is roughly 14 cents on the dollar for

investment. To get the same restrictions on forest service land if Gilpin went it alone would still be \$1.8mil with the CPW \$1mil grant. You wouldn't get any more areas closed if you spent \$1.8mil instead of \$400k.

It's a great deal plus you get a 21st century shooting range that real recreational sport shooters can enjoy for decades to come and our forests are going to be protected just a little bit better from the follies of humans.

Wes Isenhardt
Black Hawk

Vote "yes" to support more early childhood education

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the overwhelming support from our local organizations in favor of the YES vote in the special election coming up this July. The special election will ask Nederland voters to answer one question. Should TEENS, Inc. be allowed to operate a preschool on town-owned land located at 750 W. 5th St. in Ned. If the majority of voters say "YES" then, TEENS, Inc. will be able to move forward with its initiative to build

a new center that will expand access to year-round early childhood education and care (ECEC) for mountain families.

The benefits of increased access to quality ECEC extend far beyond the immediate support it provides to families. It plays a crucial role in helping parents stay on the job, therefore contributing to the overall economic stability of our community. Moreover, it has a positive impact on property values, supports enrollment in our local schools, and fosters a thriving community for all residents, whether or not they have

children.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the following organizations who have already rallied behind this cause and endorsed a YES vote on the special election ballot.

- Carousel of Happiness
- Emergency Family Assistance Association
- Mountain Coalition for Youth
- Nederland Area Seniors
- Nederland Elementary School PTA
- Nederland Food Pantry
- Nederland MS/HS PTA
- Peak to Peak Housing and Human Services Alliance
- Wild Bear Nature Center

Special election ballots will be sent by mail to registered voters within the Town of Nederland in early to mid July with a due date of July 30th. Please vote if you are registered and please consider voting YES if you support more access to early childhood education now to benefit our community, families, economy, and future.

Sincerely,

Stephen LeFaiver
TEENS, Inc. Executive Director

Betty Joe Porter April 21, 1940 to June 28, 2023

Betty Joe Porter, nee Thompson, died June 28 after a short illness. She was raised in Chicago and Palatine, Illinois. She attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, where she met her husband of 60 years, Dale Porter. While raising a family she also became Director of medical writing with the Upjohn company, later part of Pfizer Pharmaceutical Co. She also acted as a Pfizer envoy to foreign state drug administrations, for which she traveled widely. She and Dale retired to Nederland, Colorado, where she served on the town planning commission and town board, serving twice as mayor pro tem. In 2018 she and Dale moved to Longmont and were among the first members of the Village Co-operative, a senior co-housing community. There she headed the marketing committee and became known for her compulsive knitting and creative quilting. Having lived in Mexico in the '70's, she continued her study of Spanish. which aided her volunteer work as a teacher of immigrants in Michigan and Colorado.



Betty leaves behind her husband Dale; son James Porter of Longmont; Alex Porter of Kentwood, Michigan; and daughter Stephanie Porter, MD, of Gunnison; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was a vital part of her family and community and will be cherished for her remarkable character and spirit.

We would like to invite all people who knew Betty Porter to honor, share stories and celebrate her life this Saturday, June 29, 2024, at the Senior Lunch room in the Nederland Community Center. It will be from 11 to 1 p.m. Please contact Karen Isaac with any questions at 303-475-4511.



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Making the outdoors accessible for all: Camp ACA



MINDY LEARY
CENTRAL CITY

On June 22, 2024, Always Choose Adventures (ACA) held the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for their new camp for disabled, at-risk youth, and LGBTQ individuals. It is the very first off-grid camp of its kind in the nation.

The outdoor educational campground is in unincorporated Gilpin County with a Central City address, but is more accessible from I-70 near Idaho Springs. The roads leading to the 9,300-foot elevation camp are very rough but the group provided shuttles for everyone through the steep area from three locations.

Camp ACA offers free and low-cost



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Outdoor education for all

Left: Camp ACA features a one-of-a-kind Black Canyon of the Gunnison Tipi. Right: Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth attends the grand opening of Camp Always Choose Adventures on June 22.

outdoor recreation clinics to youth, local schools, and recreational users living or traveling to Colorado.

Delicious treats sponsored by TommyKnockers Brewery were served and the event featured therapeutic goat walks with Goat Walkabouts in Camp ACA's aspen meadow. A one-of-a-kind Black Canyon of the Gunnison Tipi was created by Secret Creek Yurts and Tipis, and sponsored by Unique Travel.

Anna Louisa delivered a special blessing of the land ceremony, an ancestral tribute, and a land-gifting ceremony.

Chantelle Shoae, Founder and Director of ACA Adventures, established the nonprofit organization to assist others in engaging with the outdoors. It offers unique programs, clinics, and services designed to be accessible to a wide audience.

ACA features a distinctive gear library where members can borrow outdoor equipment for the nominal fee of \$5 per item, per day. The clinics and programs are structured to be either free or low-cost, ensuring that individuals across various income levels can participate.

Shoae has a specific interest in working with individuals with respiratory illnesses since she herself suffers from hypoxia. Recently, her hypoxia has greatly lessened from a change in diet.

She volunteers full-time at ACA and also works independently as a caregiver for children and adults with disabilities. Many of the clients enjoy

participating in ACA activities, which enhances Shoae's enjoyment and the fulfillment of blending volunteer and personal life.

Gilpin County Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth and Manager of Emergency Management Melissa Lewis attended the event. Lewis asked Shoae if she needed any more emergency supplies. Shoae thanked her, saying that yes, they could use some.

Event Coordinator Bridget Gray spoke with Lewis, saying they have permanent first aid locations that include a medical kit, AED machine, and a fire extinguisher.

She says their current goal is to raise more funding and get more volunteers. They are seeking sponsors for campsites, who will have their name displayed on the site.

"Today marks a significant milestone in the journey of ACA, as we officially open up the gates of Camp ACA. It is a profound honor to stand here with you all who have made this dream a reality. Our mission here at ACA has always been to make the outdoors accessible to everyone, especially those who find barriers between themselves and the natural world. We believe in the transformative power of nature," Shoae said.

She continued to say the camp is designed to cater to all, particularly those who are racially and ethnically diverse, from low-income backgrounds,

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Camp ACA

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those in the LGBTQ community, and disabled individuals.

“Everyone has a place, everyone’s respected, and everyone can thrive,” Shoae said, followed by applause.

Shoae’s realtor spoke of Shoae’s commitment to the project, which she achieved by selling her only asset, the equity in her home.

“We hit every roadblock we could in this process, but it finally worked out,” she said, expressing gratitude for being part of the process.

Anna Louisa said that Shoae will be a steward of the land, as the Arapaho, Cheyenne, and the Kiowa once were. The Native nations were ousted when the gold rush began in the 1860s. She invited everyone to be stewards of the land as she read a poem by Chief Dan George. The group then commenced the ribbon-cutting.

Shoae expressed gratitude to her son for his support and sacrifice, reminiscing about the times their living room doubled as a gear library, and boasting of his recent accomplishment of learning to operate a skid steer in just two weeks.

To raise funds, the group was selling Camp ACA dangle earrings, necklaces, trucker hats, stickers, hoodies, and jewelry. They also sold some camping and outdoor gear at a discount.

The next event to be held at Camp ACA will be outdoor clinics on July 1 and July 2, for youth from the Children’s Home in Denver who would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience the Colorado wilderness.

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A dream realized

Above: Camp ACA hosts a grand opening at 9,300 feet in the mountains outside of Central City. Below: Founder of ACA Chantelle Shoae and her supporters cut the ribbon for Camp ACA, a place for disabled or marginalized groups to gain access to the outdoors.

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Central City Opera now in Hall of Fame

LYNN HIRSHMAN
CENTRAL CITY

Once again, local residents and visitors from afar will have an opportunity to experience grand (and not so grand) opera in an historically significant, elegant performance space.

Recognizing its significance, The Colorado Music Hall of Fame will honor the organization as it inducts the company on opening night, June 29. Also during this ceremony singers Cynthia Lawrence and Keith Miller will be recognized, along with the Opera's



late conductor, John Moriarty.

Opening night's opera will be a new staging of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*, a treat for music lovers, comedy lovers, and wordplayers alike.

The "grand" opera presented this season will be, most appropriately, Puccini's *Girl of the Golden West* (*La fanciulla del West* in the original Italian). Fairly rarely performed these days, this opera is of particular significance to the

community because it is set in a fictional western town of the same period as Central City's and Black Hawk's Gold Rush origins. Central City Opera's President and CEO, Scott Finlay, has said "Where else can you go to watch a show that is about gold miners in an opera house that was built during the Gold Rush?"

The third opera of the season is Kurt Weill's *Street Scene*, with a libretto by Langston Hughes and Elmer Rice. Written in 1947, *Street Scene* has been described as "part traditional opera, part Broadway spectacle." Those who are more familiar with Weill's collaborations with fellow German refugee Bertolt Brecht, like *Threepenny Opera*, are probably aware of the particular haunting harmonies of his music.

Along with the operas, the company is presenting several special performances, lectures, and other treats for its audiences.

Central City Opera's 2024 season runs from June 29-August 4. For tickets and information: 303-292-6700 or centralcityopera.org.

Amplify the Solstice vibes

EMMA QUARTERMAN
PEAK TO PEAK

Chantress Seba is both a woman named Gemini and a musical duo consisting of Gemini and Finn. This rising duo hit YouTube less than a year ago and has numerous videos with over one million views. Those videos each contain inspiring descriptions and the most touching heartfelt comments that you've ever read on the internet.

Aside from the incredibly gorgeous scenic settings where the videos take place, the appeal of Chantress Seba is immediately apparent upon listening. Gemini and Finn create enchanting soundscapes which seem to seep into the body and spirit.

Finn gracefully plays guitar or pan drum while supporting Gemini's elegant and effortless vocal improvisations. They caption one of their live videos with: "Breathe deeply, relax and let go. Allow your mind, body and soul to receive healing. You are connected from your roots in Mama Nature to your branches in the stars above. Give thanks for the opening of your heart and the release of your connections and concerns. You are the light."

Gemini's voice moves through melodic lines that resemble Native American flutes or melodies heard in Middle Eastern music. She sings words of an intuitive light language and plays with aspirate textures like gentle sighs adding to the undeniable feminine magic in her expression.

Chantress Seba's musical offerings seem to be composed of love, heart-centered creative expression, and unobstructed connection with Mama Earth. Mystery comes to mind as well. How does one channel the energy of love through sound?

As a musician and child of the mountains I feel invited to channel my connection with nature (god, source, love, etc.) through my music. Lately, it seems the gentleness and love that I show myself flows into my guitar. My playing and singing result in music that feels both healing to play and pleasant to share.

As musicians, healers, and lovers surrounded by stunning mountain peaks, deep woods, and crystal clear skies, we must learn how our art and our relationships reflect the power of nature. The music of Chantress Seba ignites the powerful connection that led us here in the first place.

Comments on social media from



listeners with anxious animals indicate that, after they started playing this music, the animals fell asleep. Many expressed deep gratitude, as stumbling upon this video greatly turned a challenging time into a hopeful one for them.

Witnessing music like this reaching so many through the internet and having such a positive impact is deeply inspiring and makes me feel a great deal of hope for our healing journey as a species on Earth.

Chantress Seba invites me to channel healing loving energy into my music and my way of being.

Chantress Seba's music is available across listening platforms. I highly recommend watching their videos on Youtube or Instagram.

May this type of content continue to spread like seeds in the wind and fertilize to grow into something that provides us all the deep breath and relaxation that is needed to heal, love, and express more fully.



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Mountain Girl Pickles wins prestigious Good Food Awards

LYNN HIRSHMAN
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Mountain Girl Pickles, founded by “Head Pickle Maker” Laraina James, has been honored with two prestigious Good Food Awards in recognition of its exceptional quality, flavor, and commitment to sustainability.

The awards, presented annually by the Good Food Foundation, celebrate the finest food and drink products from across the United States. Mountain Girl Pickles received the accolades for its signature Pickled Beets and Giardiniera. These two varieties stood out among thousands of entries for their outstanding taste, high-quality ingredients, and artisanal production methods. The company has previously won awards for its Corn Relish in 2022 and Pickled Okra in 2023.

“We are incredibly proud to receive these awards,” James said. “Our team is passionate about creating delicious, hand-crafted pickles using local, sustainably sourced ingredients. This recognition from the Good Food Foundation validates our efforts and inspires us to continue pushing the boundaries of flavor and quality.”

“These pickles are basically the same ones my grandmother made,” James insists. She adds, “My first canning memories are of my Dad making strawberry jam.”

Nine years ago, James was working at the late, lamented Sundance Café. Customers loved the pickles she made for the café’s Bloody Marys so much they asked to buy them. That’s how Mountain Girl Pickles was born.



Since 2014, it has slowly expanded into a nationally distributed artisan product. Mountain Girl Pickles has built a loyal following since its inception, thanks to its dedication to quality and innovation. The company sources its cucumbers and other produce from local farms in Colorado, ensuring the freshest ingredients for its pickles. James combines traditional pickling methods with unique spice blends to create bold, memorable flavors.

The Good Food Awards celebrate products that are not only delicious but also socially responsible and environmentally friendly. Each entry undergoes a rigorous judging process, including blind taste tests by esteemed food experts. The awards highlight producers who prioritize sustainable agriculture, ethical sourcing, and fair labor

practices.

Mountain Girl Pickles are available online and at the Boulder and Longmont Farmers Markets as well in stores across Colorado including McGuckin Hardware, Black Cat Farm Stand, Hazel’s Beverage World, Lucky’s Market, Mountain Fountain, Moxie Bread Company and Natural Grocers.

You will also find James at the Nederland Farmer’s Market all summer.

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Black Hawk

The Z Casino will celebrate July 4th with an outdoor BBQ at 101 Gregory Street from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gilpin County

Tighten your belt buckles and grab your best dancing cowboy/girl boots. Hit the dance floor

during Gilpin County's 4th of July Barn Dance at the Gilpin County Fairgrounds Barn at 250 Norton Drive. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and they close by 9:30 p.m.

Coal Creek Canyon

The Coal Creek Canyon Improvement Association (CCCIA) is hosting its annual 4th of July celebration, presented by United Power. This year's theme is "Canyon Roundup." A parade will showcase

Peak to Peak celebrates July 4th

local individuals and businesses. Prizes for various categories will be given, including Best in Theme.

There will be live music, games for all ages, and a cornhole tournament. Vendors will offer products such as arts & crafts and food, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your enthusiasm and help Coal Creek Canyon residents celebrate the country's independence.

The Coal Creek Canyon Improvement Association is at 31528 Highway 72.

Nederland

Nederland will have its annual parade on Snyder Street at noon, with classic cars, a fire truck, animals, and whoever else decides to show up. The Barker Brass Band will start playing outside Salto Coffee at 11:30 a.m.

Brought to you by the Nederland Public Library, there will be sack races, watermelon eating competitions, and egg spoon races at Chipeta Park, starting at 1 p.m. Prizes will be given out by the library and the visitor's center.

A community potluck at Chipeta Park will begin around 2 p.m. Nederland Public Works will be manning a grill and supplying hot dogs and hamburgers. Attendees are welcome to bring a side dish to share. Lawn games like corn hole and ladder golf will be available for enjoyment.

Gold Hill

The Gold Hill Inn will host a Fourth of July Twang-Fest and Barbeque from 12 to 5 p.m. Musical guests include The Patti Fiasco, Greg Schochet and Little America, and The Poudre Valley Playboys.

Enjoy the music and fun with a menu, featuring Chris' marinated barbeque chicken with all the fixings. Fees are \$25 cash at the door for music and an additional \$20 for food. Kids under twelve get in for half price. The Gold Hill Inn requests for guests to carpool and park responsibly. No dogs, coolers, or outside alcohol or food.

Jamestown

Jamestown celebrates the Fourth of July by 8 a.m., with a pancake breakfast. Music begins at 10:30 a.m. with PJ Moon and the Swappers. Jamestown's Parade begins at noon, followed by additional festivities at Elysian Park, featuring a marching band, dogs, kids, fire trucks, and more!

Residents and visitors can expect a variety of activities at Elysian Park, including food and hot dogs served by Jamestown's Volunteer Fire Department. Feel the patriotic spirit of our nation with a performance of the Star Spangled Banner by Kate Farmer.

Music continues by 12:45 p.m. and continues to 10 p.m.

Allenspark

A flea and farmers market at the Tree Huggers Trading Company will kick off the festivities this July 4th. Live music begins at 10 a.m., followed by the Allenspark 4th of July Parade at 11 a.m.

The Old Gallery will host its 4th of July Picnic until 2 p.m. Hang around the business district for shopping and dining into the evening. Allenspark festivities begin at 7 Washington Street.

JAMES DEWALT
COLD SPRINGS

A few weeks ago, I was invited to a local home to spend some time with a new family of Great Horned Owls in the neighborhood. They had nested nearby, and with the kids now having learned to fly, all (adults and two owlets) had been spending time in the yard in the early stages of hunting lessons. With my busy schedule, it took a couple of days after the invitation to make it over, but I arrived to quite a surprise.

In the interim day, an interesting event occurred – a third, smaller baby showed up on Monday. It is unknown as to whether this one was part of the original brood, late in leaving the nest, or possibly somehow abandoned or had lost its own parents, and was attempting to make itself accepted by this family.

I don't hold enough knowledge of owl behavior to understand which might be the more viable answer, but I don't believe birds in general "adopt" lost or abandoned young as many mammals do. On the contrary, some birds even sacrifice their own "runts" so they can provide more food for the more dominant chicks. My instincts tell me it is the former case: a runt of the brood.

Whichever the case, this little one did its best to fit in with the family, spending all of Monday with the other little ones, hopping about the yard inspecting vole holes and flying about the lower branches and rock outcroppings under the eyes of the watchful parents high in the trees. According to the homeowner, this activity carried on into the evening, and then suddenly the adults gathered up the original pair of littles and all four took wing and headed off into the forest, leaving this smallest one among the pines and rocks in the yard.

When I arrived yesterday evening it was still alone and was once again flitting about the low branches and rock outcroppings, taking in its new world and occasionally scanning the ground as though in search of possible food. Owlets, like most raptor young, are not adept at hunting, and in the case of Great Horned Owls, will spend much of their first summer being fed by the parents. Even after separation, it takes some time before they become proficient in the act. They often begin practicing in the nest, pouncing on sticks and other nest remnants, but a moving target is quite a different and challenging quarry.

By all appearances, the chick looked quite healthy and seemed to have worked out most of the kinks of flight. That said, time spent in lower branches and on the ground as babies learn to

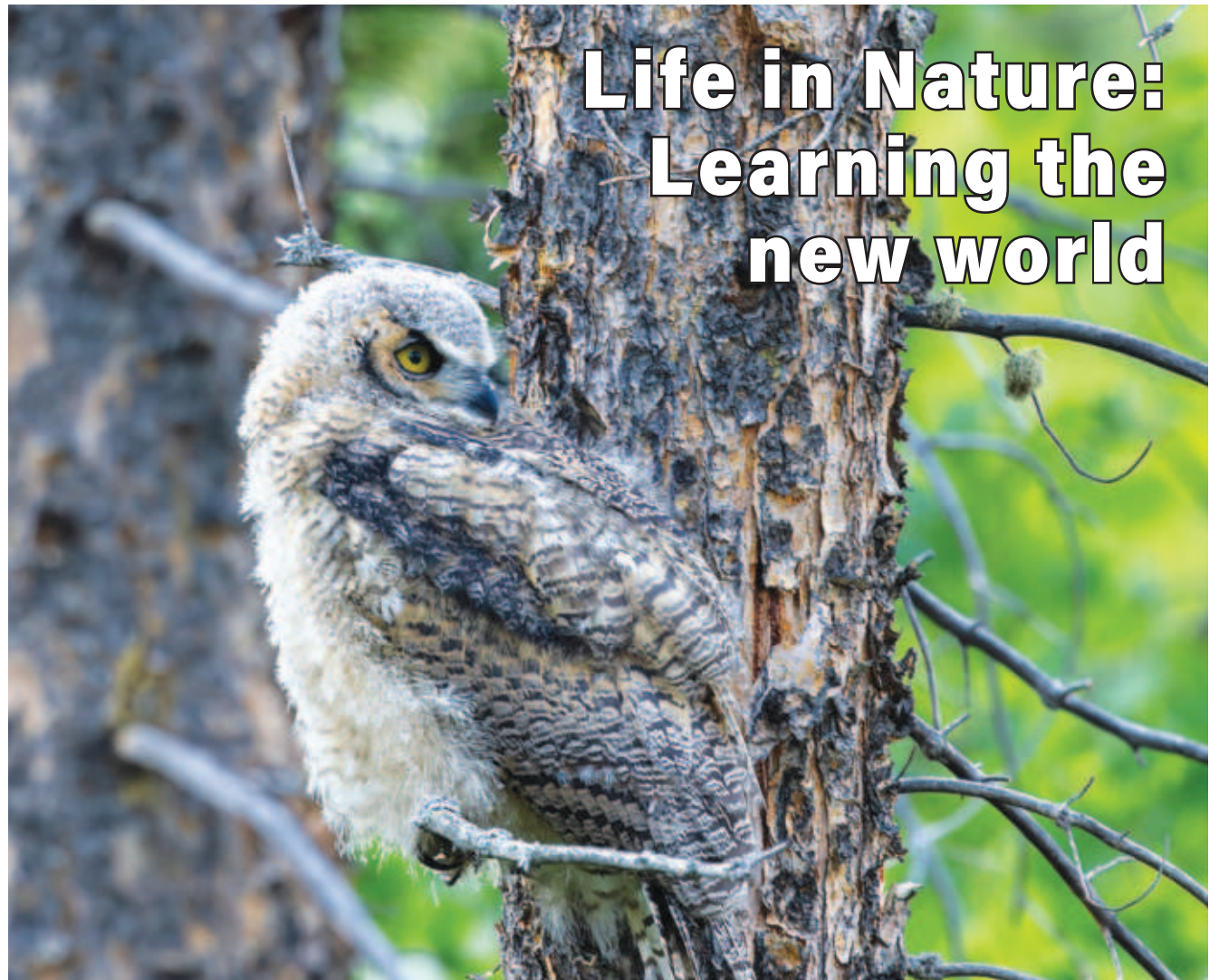


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Life in Nature: Learning the new world

hunt can leave them open to attack from all manner of predators, especially if they are still slow to launch into flight.

Along with predation, they also face the potential of starvation if they are unable to capture prey. With the yard it chose as home and training grounds being rife with an abundant vole population, there is hope it will figure things out on its own, but that hope may be slim.

As the homeowner and I were talking, a large bull moose well known to the neighborhood made his way into the yard and bedded down near where the owlet was perched in low branches.

An all-to-easy slip into anthropomorphism: the almost fairytale-like atmosphere among the

pinus, aspens, and wild raspberry bushes, with the setting and characters seeming to have the trappings of an epic children's story in the making. Before leaving, I implored the moose to keep watch over the little one, and to show it the ways of the forest in the best way it could convey from his permanent place on the ground as a grazer and not a hunter.

An unlikely pair of spirits of the forest: the elder guiding the younger in the ways of wisdom and life in the wild; an age-old allegory unfolding anew.


For additional information about James DeWalt Photography, check out <https://jamesdewaltphotography.com>.

POETRY CORNER

Some words for the week

*Birdsong on night air
sung by birds I can't name
in the meadow
where I cut up a fallen pine
where I came in the snow
and under the stars
with friends
with my lover
with two dogs now gone
by myself
and tonight at sunset
so much has changed
and yet the purple flowers
I've never been able to
identify still bloom
and above me
calling from one tree to
another
a birdsong I've never heard
how much I long to be part of
the world
their world
that of bloom and beak and
beauty
how much I long for it
and yet all I can do
is trample buds
on my way home in the dark*

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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 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
Aug 14	Petr Sklenář	Tropical versus Temperate alpine plant ecology and the Ecuador-Colorado pollination project
Aug 21	Jonathan Henn	Alpine plant responses to global change

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NederDay of Art and sunshine
Top, left: A young Nederland artist works on her masterpiece. Top, right: Wolfy Wolf was all over the NederDay of Art and live painted a new watercolor piece at Kaleidoscope Gallery. Center, right: Custom jewelry created by Joy of enJOYable jewelry. Bottom, right: Artists painted eight new decorative picnic tables to be displayed at different locations around town.



NederDay of Art

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including tantalizing baked goods like giant chocolate chip cookies. Bite Bakery was also there selling their unbelievable and unforgettable Peruvian cookies, as was Healthy Be Me, who were offering enriching herbal teas and flavorful spice blends.

Artist Annie Thayer presented her whimsical watercolor paintings while Matthew Neidenberg showcased his striking yet natural handcrafted woodworking art. Ala of Ala Park Design exhibited her naturally ethereal wax and fishbone artwork and Grace Ventura of Gracious Pathways featured beautiful paintings captured from transformational experiences.

The Hilltop Guild of Allenspark was also present, demonstrating live weaving and selling wonderful pieces, including original handmade dog leashes. The guild members were promoting their Annual Bazaar, taking place at the Kelley House at 18720 Highway 7 in Allenspark, Saturday, August 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Joy of enJOYable offered her colorful and playful jewelry. Rocky Stiers delivered his well-designed medieval gothic ironwork pieces. Kayla of Placing the Pieces showed off her delicate and elegantly

layered glasswork as Donna Eberle of Apron Wings brought her fantastical decorative plates and tableaus. Kim Parker also displayed her fun and playful ceramic mugs, trays, spoons, and bowls.

A Do-It-Yourself Tie-Dye station was set up at the Nederland Visitor's Center. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. passersby stopped to let out their inner artist and create tie-dye masterpieces. Nederland Public Engagement Manager Peter Cacek led the station, providing the improvisational artists with T-shirts and bandanas to tie-dye with several dye colors and tie-dye styles to choose from.

Nederland's streets grew more crowded with curious tourists and excited locals as the day continued, with every corner of town providing some exhibit of local art for visitors to view, such as James DeWalt's stunning nature photography, which was on display on East 1st Street, or Nathan Eigenfeld's fine art photography pieces, stationed outside New Moon Bakery.

Additionally, many of Nederland's local businesses featured artists including John Mattson on display at Augustina's Winery, Brittany Griggs at Knotted Root, and Wolfy Wolf at Kaleidoscope Gallery.

Over on East 2nd Street, young artists worked on painting eight



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

new decorative picnic tables as part of a new Public Art Committee project, funded by the Nederland Downtown Development Authority. The tables, once completed, will be available for use at different locations all around town.

One of the picnic tables was designated as a collaborative piece, with members of the community and passersby asked to take part in its creation. Over at Train Cars Coffee & Kava, artist Kathy Bremers also hosted a live painting demonstration, where local artists were invited to join in and

collaborate on a community mural.

The Train Cars hosted live music during the day, as well as late, late into the night. NoGo Gilbillies played outside in the Train Cars' courtyard from 2 to 4 p.m., drawing the crowd in with their infectious spirit and classic sound. Later in the evening the Train Cars welcomed their Bulas and Beats crew, including Avante Shard, featuring Dis B, Random, Cruxx, Matty Micelli, 639mph, and Iris, and let them rock until 1:30 a.m.

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NederDay of Art



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The Caribou Village Shopping Center hosted several events for the NederDay of Art, including the launch of the Women In Clay Exhibit at Spinning Silica. Spinning Silica owner Brianna Rashbaum offered fellow women who work in the same medium the opportunity to showcase their work at the studio.

Leah DeCapio of Spirit of the Rockies, Tania Corvalan, and Gabrielle Gewirtz each had a dedicated shelf of their work on display at Spinning Silica, as vendors like Ryan LaForge and Mountain Megan Art sold their glasswork and ceramics outside the shop and Evan Cantor again played

his lively acoustic accompaniment.

And across town at the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church, an elegant and relaxed reception was held within their fellowship area, which is their newly reimagined hall and outdoor gardens. Guests gathered and viewed the intimate oil paintings of realist artist Elizabeth Azcarate, and the vibrant interpretations of artist Gretchen Acharya's pastel work.

The NederDay of Art succeeded in celebrating the amazing creativity and artistic expression that can be found up in the mountains. Thank you to all of Nederland's artists for their dedication to their crafts and for sharing their art with the rest of the world.



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Music and art across the town

Top, left: Local artists collaborate on a community mural organized by Kathy Bremers. Top, right: The DIY Tie-Dye station was a huge hit and proved to be incredibly alluring to many artists. Bottom, right: The NoGo Gilbillies rocked out in the sunshine at Train Cars Coffee & Kava. .

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FRIDAY JULY 19, 2024		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00 A	PARADE	CC & BH
12:00 P	4-H OPEN HORSE SHOW	ARENA & BARN
3:00 P	4-H OPEN GYMKHANA	ARENA
3:00 P	4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW	BARN
5:00 P	3RD ANNUAL VBALL TOURNEY	ARENA
5:00 P	S'MORES	GRANDSTANDS

SATURDAY JULY 20, 2024		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00 A	LOG SPLITTING TRIALS START	GRANDSTANDS
11:00 A	WESTERNAIRES INDIAN INTER DANCE	ARENA
11:00 A	CURTIS BROTHERS BAND LIVE	BIG TOP
12:00 P	MUTTON BUSTIN'	ARENA
12:30 P	4-H ARCHERY DEMONSTRATION	ARENA
1:00 P	MOUNTAIN WARRIORS	ARENA
1:00 P	DOG AGILITY	BARN
1:30 P	SHOCKWAVE TRICK RIDERS	ARENA
2:00 P	ROUGH STOCK RODEO & MUTTON BUSTIN'	ARENA
3:30 P	DUSTIN DEVINE LIVE MUSIC	BIG TOP
4:00 P	LOG SPLITTING FINALS	GRANDSTANDS
4:30 P	4-H FASHION SHOW	BIG TOP
5:00 P	BACKYARD BAGS, MUSIC & DANCING	BIG TOP

SUNDAY JULY 21, 2024		
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 A	COWBOY CHURCH	GRANDSTANDS
8:00 A	HCA PANCAKE BREAKFAST	BIG TOP
10:00 A	REDNECK RELAY	ARENA
10:30 A	PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT	COM. CENTER
10:30 A	DEREK HALL LIVE MUSIC	BIG TOP
11:00 A	DOG TALENT SHOW	BARN
12:45 P	RANGERETTES OF THE ROCKIES	ARENA
1:00 P	RANCH RODEO & MUTTON BUSTIN'	ARENA
1:00 P	BIG TOP DANCING	BIG TOP

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Madam Lou Bunch Day's 50-year anniversary



A wink at the past

Left, from left to right: Margaret Keller, LA Dysart, Starr Bella, Scarlett Conrad, and Stephanie Siegrist performing the cancan. Bottom, right: Mayor Jeremy Fey takes one for the team. Bottom, left: Face-painting delighted kids.

“Fever” is always a favorite. Borrowing a page from the Moulin Rouge, the audience roared to the dancers’ leg kicks of their lively cancan.

In between the dancing the Colorado Wild Bunch staged gunfights in the middle of the street. Marshal Curly and Sheriff Chicken Creek had finally caught up to an outlaw they’d been doggedly pursuing. As the lawmen bickered about who would collect the reward, gunfire broke out and all three of them were hit and dropped dead. In another gunbattle, old lady Gracie confronted Big Mike about the deed to a mine he had sold her that turned out to be worthless. Demanding her money back, when he refused, she pumped him full of lead and recouped her cash from his pocket – justice served up Old West style.

Following a parade, the marquee Bed Races commenced at 3 p.m. Fourteen teams, each comprised of two men and a sporting house girl, would wheel down Main Street. The male rider and male bed pusher changed positions after rounding a barrel at the course’s halfway point before heading back uphill. The obligatory changing of a nightshirt between them cost quite a few teams valuable seconds. The beds could at times be unwieldy, with several of the unusual transports crashing into the barriers along the side.

Dostal Alley has dominated the contest in recent years. Taking first place in 2021, 2022, and 2023, their trio of Blake Boulter, Austin Boulter, and Maclaine Drysdale were clearly the class of the field. Blistering down Main Street without veering far from their intended path, they kept

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DAVE GIBSON
CENTRAL CITY

Beginning in the late 1800s until 1914, Pine Street in Central City was home to a red-light district. Although prostitution was never legal in Central City, it was tolerated. With single miners making up a large portion of the population, apparently business was brisk. Madam Lou Bunch became a wealthy woman catering to those miners and even presumably some of

the married ones.

While Bunch’s financial donations to local causes and suspected bribes to authorities kept her in good stead, it was her philanthropy during a tuberculosis epidemic that made her a heroine. Shutting down operations, her brothel was transformed into a makeshift hospital, providing succor for the sick and dying. Many have credited her with saving the city.

For fifty years now, Central City has celebrated her legacy in the form of

Madam Lou Bunch Day. On Saturday, June 22, Jimmy Lewis and his band kicked off the festivities at noon with rockin’ numbers such as “Route 66” and Elmore James’ theme-appropriate “Shake Your Moneymaker.” Ex-Sporting House Girl Candace Davis Giunta sang “Ride Sally Ride.”

Throughout the afternoon the Infamous Backroom Cabaret entertained spectators with somewhat risqué routines. The women’s performance accompanied by Peggy Lee’s steamy

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Lou Bunch Day



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their momentum going until the end, registering a time of 49.3 seconds – a new Madam Lou Bunch Day record.

After the conclusion of the races Central City Mayor Jeremy Fey was bombarded with pies. Anyone who had made a contribution to the Gilpin Arts Association got a crack at him. All in good fun, at the end of the all-out assault, all you could see of his head was the openings of his eyes and mouth. \$400 was raised for the cause.

To wrap up an enjoyable day of festivities, attendees danced away the rest of the afternoon and early evening to live music at the Madams' and Miners' Ball.

2024 Madam Lou Bunch Day Final Results

Bed Races:

1st Place – Dostal Alley (Team Two) for \$500

2nd Place – Dostal Alley (Team One) for \$300

3rd Place – The Famous Bonanza Casino (\$200)

Best Bed Race Costumes: Century Casino (\$100)

Worst in Bed: Gilpin Arts Association

Best Madam: Deb Wightman

Best Dandy Dan: Chuck Fullen

Best Sporting House Girl: Starr Bella



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Top, left, from left to right: Dostal Alley's Blake Boulter, Austin Boulter, and Maclaine Drysdale won the Bed Races in a four-peat. Top, right: Sierra Rodd of the Infamous Backroom Cabaret. Bottom, right: Old lady Gracie gets even. Bottom, left: Mike Keller (left) and Chuck Fullen of the Colorado Wild Bunch. Middle, left: A pretty makeover.

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Even the naming of our roads is as methodical as your home address. There are three kinds of major roads: state highways, US highways, and interstate highways. Each is numbered independently from the other but in relation to their own kind, much like you might see county addressing and city addressing in the same relative area. Odd-numbered roads travel north and south. Even numbered roads go east and west. Interstate and state highway numbers increase "left to right" (west to east) and "down to

up" (south to north) on the map. US highways increase the other way around.

This can be helpful if you know where one highway is and need to make an educated guess for which direction to look for another. The numbering system gets even more complex but very logical with regard to three-digit interstates around metro areas. Knowing these rules before travel can help you navigate a big city more smoothly.

There is one more trick that may help motorists. On every interstate in the country, a white dashed line divides each lane; that line is ten feet long and separated by thirty feet

of paint-free asphalt. In other words, from the beginning of one line to the beginning of the next is forty feet. The next time you travel 75 mph on the interstate and look at those lines, you'll think I'm steering you wrong, but it's true. This can give you an idea of how fast you are moving and how impossible it is to slow down on time and avoid a dangerous collision if you are not providing adequate following distances.

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Jen Leosz, soon to be Chief Integrated Health Officer of the combined organization, adds "By setting up an environment for strong communication among your team of providers, we can accomplish shared goals for improved health much more effectively. In our history of doing this work together, MHP and Clinica have already seen measurable, positive results reported directly by our patients and clients."

According to the press release, the Board of Directors for Clinica Family Health & Wellness will be comprised of CFH and MHP board members. A majority of board members will continue to be patients who receive services.

Come September, Peak to Peak residents will be able to enjoy the new services of the combined organizations. The Nederland office is at 80 Big Springs Drive, Suite 102. The Gilpin office is at 972 Golden Gate Canyon Road, Suite 300.

You can find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ClinicaFamilyHealth> or call them at 303-650-4460.

The beauty of a medical convergence

OMAYRA ACEVEDO
PEAK TO PEAK

Our mountain communities have been extremely fortunate in accessing affordable and inclusive health care. After months of negotiation, Clinica Family Health (CFH) opened offices in both Nederland and mid-Gilpin County two years ago, in June of 2022. Now that important health care for our community has grown more comprehensive.

On Monday, June 10, Mental Health Partners (MHP) and Clinica announced their intention to merge into one health organization.

Mental Health Partners has been serving Boulder County since it opened its doors in 1962, offering services for kids, teens, parents, and senior citizens. Now the merger will bring physical and behavioral services and oral healthcare to our mountain community.

The merger is planned for

September 2024 and will be known as Clinica Family Health & Wellness. MHP and CFH have shared similar missions and have served the same communities for over three decades. Merging MHP and CFH will provide residents with the most comprehensive care possible.

Simon Smith, President & CEO of Clinica, says "More than anything else, this merger is about our patients and clients....When someone is

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Do you have a Cistern? A call to the community



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CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Fire Protection District (NFPD) is asking: do you have a cistern on your property for emergency use in the case of a fire?

If you follow the NFPD on Facebook you may have noticed “Acting Chief Blue Dog” starring in a Public Service Announcement about cisterns, urging anyone with a cistern installed on their property to visit www.nfpd.org/cisterns to fill out a quick form, documenting their cistern and scheduling a time for members of the Nederland Fire Department to inspect it.

These cisterns are tanks buried in residents’ properties for emergency water storage, to be used by firefighters in the case of a fire-related emergency. New fire code requires the size of the cistern to be

determined by the square footage of the property to be protected...but this was not always the case in the past. That is why the NFPD has been diligently documenting cisterns in the area: in order to ensure there is an emergency water supply.

The NFPD is also offering residents to schedule a time for firefighters to test cisterns and validate that they are ready for use. Acting Chief Blue Dog and all members of the NFPD want to be aware of Nederland’s cisterns and to ensure that they’re operable, so that each and every resource at their disposal is utilized when it is needed most.

Residents can visit www.nfpd.org/cisterns to watch Acting Chief Blue Dog’s PSA and fill out the form to help firefighters locate all available cisterns in the Nederland fire protection district.

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A 21-year-old male suspect was located near the scene and subsequently arrested for second degree arson. He has been lodged at the Boulder County Jail. His name and photograph are being withheld pending additional investigation.

Boulder Fire-Rescue, Boulder County Sheriff's Office, Boulder Police Department, and Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks responded to the incident.

The base of Flagstaff Road was temporarily closed during the incident but has since been reopened.

This incident is documented under Boulder County Sheriff's Office case number 24-03083.

As we approach the Fourth of July holiday weekend, the Boulder County Sheriff's Office urges all residents and visitors to be mindful

of the heightened fire danger in our area. Please take extra precautions to minimize potential ignition sources, including:

Avoid using machinery that creates sparks, such as lawnmowers, chainsaws, and welding equipment, especially in dry grassy areas, near wooded regions, and on windy days.

Refrain from using fireworks.

Properly extinguish campfires and dispose of cigarettes.

Additionally, please stay aware of any fire restrictions that may be enacted and keep up-to-date with current conditions, as they can change rapidly.

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A busy month for backcountry rescuers

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Fire Protection District (NFPD) Board of Directors met on Wednesday, June 18, 2024, at 7 p.m. Highlighted were the notable number of calls of significance that occurred since last month, including harrowing backcountry rescues over Father's Day weekend. Chief Charlie Schmidtman's report for late May through early June detailed these calls.

A backcountry skier fell approximately 2,000 feet from Skywalker Couloir. Nederland firefighters and medical personnel transported the man to the hospital after he had been hoisted and flown by helicopter from the scene of the accident to Nederland Middle-Senior High School.

Schmidtman reported that at roughly the same time as the incident with the backcountry skier, a mountain biker suffered a broken arm from a crash at West Magnolia. Captain Nick Faes and Iain Irwin Powell treated and stabilized the patient at the scene and walked them off the trail to the ambulance.

Immediately following that incident, the fire station at 650 West 4th Street received a walk-in suffering chest pains. Schmidtman added that Captain Conor Moran, who was celebrating Father's Day, responded to the call "with kids in tow."

Captain Faes treated an anaphylaxis patient at Mud Lake, who was transported to the hospital by American Medical Response. Captain Moran treated a patient suffering a stroke. The patient's family was traveling on Highway 72 when the condition worsened; Moran met the family in Nederland and continued treating the patient en route to Boulder.

The NFPD responded to a structure fire on Hummer Drive caused by an electrical panel catching fire. The residents had

nearly completely doused the fire using an extinguisher, though firefighters still had to remove the meter to clear any fire behind it.

Firefighters also had to remove some of the trim from the house in order to access the attic, but the home did not suffer any damage from the incident. While on scene, fuses on the utility pole dropped, causing another ignition for firefighters to extinguish.

Captain Glen Wheelock stayed on scene until Xcel Energy arrived; workers from Xcel ascertained that the ground settling ripped the lines from the meter.

Firefighters Scott Papich and Eric Abramson rescued a backcountry adventurer at Rainbow Lakes who had crashed their bike and was impaled by a tree. Firefighters Mandi Papich and Max Schmidtman hiked into Jasper Lake at 6:30 a.m. to assist an individual suffering hypothermia at Jasper Lake; the entire rescue took 10 hours.

NFPD personnel also handled the aftermath of a fight among four people, three of whom went to the fire station for medical attention. Nederland firefighters and paramedics also hoisted a reportedly intoxicated patient out of Boulder Canyon after they had fallen from an elevated deck.

On a calmer note, the Board discussed the most recent draft of the bylaws for the reinstated Pension Board. During their previous meeting on May 15, the NFPD voted to approve the District's lawyer assessing the draft bylaws and making any necessary revisions.

Board members suggested clarifying the language within the bylaws pertaining to the training required to receive pension benefits. The term "standard training" was defined as an organized group training that can be conducted within the district.

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It was decided that the term "standard training" would be clearly defined within the NFPD's existing Standard Operating Procedures, and that the Pension Board's Bylaws would refer to those procedures.

Personnel data from 2013 to 2019 is still being collected in order to ascertain, through review of training hours, which firefighters are eligible for pension benefits.

Chief Schmidtman led the NFPD in a discussion regarding two bids received for the repaving of the Nederland Fire Department's 6,700 square foot parking lot. The quotes for the job, which involves the removal of existing pavement, laying of new asphalt, and grading of the area, are for \$35,000 and \$45,900.

Schmidtman noted that the NFPD will also be requesting bids and scope of work from contractors for replacing existing sidewalks that will be impacted by the paving of the department's parking lot.

The Chief's Report also detailed the repairs and improvements being made to the NFPD's fire station, equipment, and vehicles.

An uninsured driver's parked car did not have its parking brake activated and rolled down the street, hit a light bollard and then hit the fire station. The NFPD received a bid from Hadford Home Construction for repairs to the front door and

entryway for \$8,220.

Schmidtman and Captain Faes finished the installation of the SCBA compressor, with electricians hired to complete the final hookup. Unfortunately, the compressor was found not to be operational, so routine maintenance will need to be performed by a repair person to locate the issue.

The fire station received many repairs and updates, including the reinstallation of a wall, the construction of a new workbench, the installation of heavy duty cabinets worth \$30,000, the installation of several new shelves, and the repair of one of the station's bay doors.

The NFPD's vehicles also received several repairs, including primer pump issues, while other vehicles were reported to be suffering issues with their front struts and suspension. Schmidtman also reported that two of the District's vehicles are having backup cameras installed.

Schmidtman acknowledged the several NFPD volunteers who attended the Town Clean Up Day on June 1, including Firefighters Larissa Briscoombe and Abramson, as well as Captain Moran, who tended an information booth at the sort yard.

It was reported that the District has begun a promotion process for the rank of lieutenant, and that one of three candidates have already been interviewed.

The Chief's Report also listed the specialty training that NFPD personnel had attended or

completed from late May to early June, including a water rescue refresher course with the District's captains, and a swift water rescue course for the entire department. Personnel also completed a Vent-Enter-Isolate-Search training and endocrine emergency training.

The NFPD were also awarded a grant through the State of Colorado for \$2,500 to fund extrication training, called Chop Shop, which will support up to 25 of Nederland's firefighters. The District will be responsible for acquiring and disposing of the vehicles used for the training.

Fire Marshal Andrew Joslin delivered his report, which Schmidtman read to the Board. Joslin's report indicated that multiple businesses had been inspected, with all major issues resolved quickly. Joslin also reported that the District has been "inundated" with permit applications and building plans to be reviewed.

Joslin's report detailed the special projects and events that the District is involved in, including the installation of a bidirectional amplifier at the Nederland Middle-Senior High School to help bolster police and fire radio communications within the building, and the creation of an online payment portal to enable the District to receive fee payments.

Joslin and the NFPD are compiling data regarding cisterns on Nederland residents' properties. The District has been diligently documenting the cisterns installed on private property for the last

three years, but are calling on the community to assist in documenting all existing cisterns, specifically those for emergency water supply, and especially any installed prior to 2020.

All known cisterns are currently being tested as part of their mandated yearly inspection. Residents can visit www.nfpd.org/cisterns or the NFPD's social media to view an informative video starring Acting Chief Blue Dog, and to fill out a form, developed by Joslin and District Administrator Sherry Snyder, to help firefighters locate all available cisterns that they can use in the event of an emergency.

The Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Meetings can be attended online via Microsoft Teams. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 7 p.m. For more information go to: <https://www.nfpd.org>.



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Timberline open house and meeting



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Firefighter in the making

A young boy climbs on the fire truck at the Timberline Station 1 Open House on June 18.

MINDY LEARY
NEDERLAND

At 5 p.m. on June 18, 2024, Timberline Fire Protection District (TFPD) hosted an open house at Station 1 at 5927 Magnolia Road in Nederland.

Visitors mingled with Timberline staff and volunteers, enjoying cheeseburgers, chips, cookies, and Member-at-Large John Carder's famous banana bread. The tone was light-hearted and the weather was agreeable.

High Country Auxiliary and the Timberline Volunteer Foundation were on site, sharing literature and taking donations.

The Open House was followed by a Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m.

At the recent workshop on June 12, the Board met with Holman Capital to discuss a loan and lease terms for the remainder of the cost to build out Station 3, located at 19126 Highway 119, in the

amount of \$700,000. The collateral for the lease would be Station 7, located at 660 Highway 46, Black Hawk.

Two loan options were presented, for 15 and 20 years, with varying interest rates and payment terms.

Carder favored the 15-year term, and expressed concern for the the future Board, 20 years from now, who may face the need to replace fire trucks.

The first payment of \$36,441.27 would be due on January 3, 2025 and every six months thereafter for 15 years. The 15-year term saves the district about \$159,000.

There will also be \$15,000 in document fees and about \$5,000 additional for the filing and title fees. Chief Ondr said this amount could come from overages in the budget.

The Board agreed to adopt the 15-year lease term.

Holman Capital requires a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of

Station 7, since it is the collateral for the lease. President Rick Wenzel suggested using Baseline Engineering because one of Timberline's constituents works for the company. The detailed proposal is for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

The assessment will ensure the collateral is sound, clarified Carder. All were in favor.

Another notable item of discussion during the meeting included the ISO Evaluation, which Ondr said comes around every five years.

ISO is a supplier of data and analytics for the property/casualty insurance industry. ISO's Public Protection Classification Program (PPC) provides an analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system provided in a community.

The PPC program is not intended to analyze all aspects of a comprehensive structural fire suppression delivery system program, nor is it intended to determine compliance with any state or local laws. It can be used to help communities, fire departments, and other public officials as they plan for, budget, and justify improvements.

The PPC is based on a grading scale from 1 to 10. A 1 classification represents superior property fire protection, and a 10 classification indicates that the area's fire protection does not meet ISO's minimum criteria.

Timberline's "Final Community Classification" of 5 and 10 included a summary of factors like Emergency Communications, Fire Department, and Water Supply for areas that are within five miles of TFPD stations versus outside of five miles from TFPD stations.

From Timberline's website: "PPC Rating of 5: This rating applies to all TFPD residents and business owners within five road miles of TFPD stations 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10. PPC Rating of 10: This rating applies to all TFPD residents and business owners outside five road miles of the above mentioned fire stations."

Member-at-Large John Bushey asked how the community would use

this. Administrative Chief Jennifer Hinderman replied that only insurance companies who pay into the system can see the ISO rating. The rating has not changed since the last report in 2018.

Mary Kate McKenna asked about some of the numbers and suggested more information be passed on to homeowners as to how it could affect their insurance rates. Hinderman said that every property is different.

More information can be found at <https://www.isomitigation.com/>.

The ending balance of the Fire and Police Pension Association was \$1,505,574.80

Ondr presented updates on Station 3, including the status of the CDS Grant, and the Historical Grant for the roof installation. He announced that the roof is now 100% complete.

Policies regarding open records, Fire Chief appointment, Fire Chief Project Management, Fire Chief purchasing and grants, and fees were discussed at the previous workshop and were passed unanimously in one motion.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.

The High-Country Auxiliary (HCA) has been in existence for over 50 years. HCA's mission is to aid and support Timberline Fire Protection District (TFPD), Gilpin County Animal Response Team (GCART), and other emergency service organizations within the district. Aid includes providing food and water at scene responses or training sessions, purchasing supplies and equipment for first responders that are outside of their normal budgets, and providing scholarships to assist firefighters and other emergency services personnel to attend training events. Donations are always welcome and can be made at <https://www.coloradogives.org/donate/High-Country-Fire-District-Auxiliary-Incorporated>.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2024, at Station 3, 19126 Highway 119, Black Hawk, CO 80422.

Nederland Community Library is hosting its inaugural Sister Library Exchange with the Netherlands this summer!

Meet our Sister Library Dutch colleagues and students at Chipeta Park after the 4th of July parade OR come by the library on Monday, July 8th at 6PM.

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WES ISENHART
BOULDER COUNTY

The Boulder County commissioners held a town hall meeting at Sunshine Canyon Fire Station 1 on June 18, 2024. As well as updating Sunshine Canyon residents on the status of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), the commissioners got a chance to listen to resident concerns and discuss issues that are familiar to most mountain communities.

Staff from the Wildfire Partners Program, which is part of Boulder County's Community Planning Permit department, started the meeting with a presentation on the program. Wildfire Partners was created in 2014 and is a nationally recognized program that provides assessments to individuals and communities regarding wildfire mitigation and hardening homes.

Wildfire Partners Program Director Jim Webster thanked the residents for all their efforts over the years to mitigate their properties, which he characterized as the model for how to create wildfire resiliency in a community.

Outreach Program Coordinator Abby Silver gave a slide presentation on the Wildfire Partners Program and highlighted the benefits of the wildfire mitigation sales tax, which goes toward funding projects including the Wildfire Partners grant and rebate programs.

Silver said that the community chipping program has been very successful, and free individual home assessments will continue to be offered.

Forest and Grasslands Projects Coordinator Meg Halford gave a short presentation on the Strategic Fuels Mitigation Grants program. The program provides funding for strategic landscape or communitywide projects. It significantly reduces the landowner match that is required for other grant programs.

In the 2023 fall cycle, Wildfire Partners awarded ten fuel mitigation projects and three planning projects, worth a total of \$1.5 million. For the 2024 cycle, the budget will be \$2.4 million.

Halford also gave a brief update on the revisions to the county CWPP. The County plan covers the whole county, while the individual fire districts like Nederland will each have a separate



PHOTOS BY WES ISENHART

Sunshine Canyon hosts town hall



Addressing the crowd
Top: Commissioner Ashley Stolzmann addressing the town hall audience. Stolzmann is flanked by Commissioners Claire Levy and Marta Loachamin. Bottom: Boulder County commissioners at Sunshine Canyon Fire Station 1. Wildfire Partners Program Manager Jim Webster is addressing the town hall audience regarding Wildfire Partners programs that are available this summer.

CWPP tailored to their district. The County and fire district plans will be complementary.

There were eight community engagement meetings around the county in 2023. The initial draft of the CWPP has been reviewed by the core team and is scheduled to be released in July for public comment, which will end July 31. After incorporating the public comments, the final draft will be released in August, with a scheduled vote for approval by the commissioners at their August 20 meeting.

In the public forum part of the meeting, residents spoke about a variety of concerns that are prevalent in mountain communities. There were concerns regarding transients setting up permanent camps on national forest land, the destruction caused by ATV vehicles when they leave established roads, the proliferation of unauthorized trails in the forests, and unattended campfires.

A particular concern raised by multiple residents was the dangerous parking of cars around the Lions Lair trailhead. The road is used by the school bus, and one parent was concerned about the safety of the bus on the road. Another resident said that he had brought up the issue at the last town hall meeting, and it was still unresolved.

Commissioner Ashley Stolzmann spoke about the process of dealing with state and federal entities to resolve these kinds of issues and said that the County was continuing to work with these partners on the problem.

The commissioners ended the town hall with final comments. They pledged to follow up on the issues that had been raised at the meeting. Commissioner Claire Levy thanked the group for their open and honest feedback, and their warm hospitality.

The Wildfire Partners website (wildfirepartners.org) has information on their free wildfire assessment program as well as articles on how to create wildfire-resilient landscapes and homes. The Boulder County CWPP website (bouldercounty.gov/disasters/wildfires/mitigation/community-wildfire-protection-plan) has the link to review and comment on the revised plan along with a wealth of material on wildfire mitigation research.

Pet of the week



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And you don't know how it feels
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Pups will come, pups will go
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A memory and a dream

But let me get to the point, let's stroll
another block
Then roll the window down low, I'll
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Gilpin County awards contract for SOB Study



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SOB Impact Study details
Dr. Tanya Settles of Paradigm Public Affairs LLC presents a proposal to the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting held at the Gilpin County Community Center on June 25.

plan provides high-level strategic planning for the County to reach its digital accessibility goals as required by State law. The plan was first shared with the Board during their June 4 Work Session and was subsequently shared with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) for their review.

Under **Resolution 24-95**, Appointing Veteran Services Officer, Leon Pohl was appointed as Gilpin County's Veteran Services Officer.

Janey Barker, Human Services Director, presented the resolution. Pohl has been the Veteran Services Officer for about six and a half years and has met all the qualifications including the required military service and honorable discharge, ongoing certification, and federal accreditation.

Under the Consent Agenda, Treasurer Mary Lorenz presented her report, as well as the 2024 National Forest Service Money Apportionment. A number of grants were also presented.

During the County Manager's Report, Rears said the next work session will be a joint meeting between the County and the Cities on July 16 and will include a tour of Roworth Heights at 2 p.m. and then a meeting at the courthouse at 3 p.m..

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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

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Staff issued an RFP, and four firms responded with proposals. Of these, three were shortlisted and one was ultimately favored. The agreement specifies a maximum contract value of \$50,000.

Rears said that County staff support the resolution. Commissioners Sandy Hollingsworth, Marie Mornis, and Susan Berumen were all in favor of approving the resolution.

Addressing other business, the Board heard Chanda Johnson, Human Resources Director, present **Resolution 24-89**, Amending the Master Policy & Procedure Manual; P-19, Hiring & Retention Incentive Policy.

Currently, there are numerous essential yet difficult-to-fill positions that are vacant, and also important for community safety. The implementation of this policy aims to attract new team members and also provide rewards to existing employees who are taking on additional responsibilities due to the staffing shortfall.

Hollingsworth asked: If the

resolution passed today, would the changes come into effect soon? Johnson replied that training would need to be done first.

All were in favor of adopting the resolution.

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), specifically Commissioner Rick Ridder, Local Government Liaison Crystal Armendariz, and members from the Region 1 Team, gave an overview of the statistics of the area. Region 1 includes eight counties, including Gilpin, and has a population over 3 million.

The team reviewed the March 13-16 snow event. Over the last winter, several sections of I-70 closed and multiple semi-trucks crashed. Snowplows drove a total of 1,012 miles on Highway 119 alone.

The Board thanked the group for their presentation.

The Board of County Commissioners recessed and reconvened as the Board of Adjustment to hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. on **Resolution BOA-24-3**.

The applicant, Clifford Cutter,

sought a variance from Section 2.3 to allow for the construction of a detached garage upon an existing foundation, with a setback of approximately twenty feet. The required setback is thirty feet from the south lot line of Lot 25.

All were in favor. The public hearing was closed at 10:09 a.m.

Other approved items included:

Resolution 24-96, Extending the Temporary Stay on the Processing of 1041 Permit

Applications, presented by County Attorney Brad Benning,

This resolution extended for an additional 90 days the previous temporary stay of six months on the processing of 1041 Permit Applications, since more time was needed to finalize the regulations.

Administrative Analyst Sam Bower and Community Engagement Officer Melanie Bleyler addressed **Resolution 24-97**, Approving the Gilpin County Digital Accessibility Transition Plan.

This resolution adopted and approved the Gilpin County Digital Accessibility Transition Plan. This

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On July 4 the school will be open from 2 to 4 p.m.; on all other Saturdays the school will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A special day to visit will be Saturday, August 3, which is the annual Bazaar at the Hilltop Guild, a short walk from Bunce School.

The school was built in 1888 and restored by Guild members in 1996. For some years after it was a school, it served as a lending library for local residents.

Bunce School and Museum holds

county, state, and national historic designations. The Guild owns and maintains the school and grounds as a museum of the period when it opened in 1888 through 1945.

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Rink Link trail project paused

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board (PROSAB) met on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. to receive updates regarding the creation of a new trail so that elementary students can travel safely from the school to Nederland's ice rink and tennis courts.

Nederland Parks Manager and Interim Town Administrator Nicki Dunn, along with Trustee Luke Miller, discussed updates regarding the proposal to create a new trail, referred to as the Rink Link, connecting Nederland Elementary School to NedRINK.

The land for the proposed trail is Town-owned land near the elementary school's emergency access and is planned to connect to an existing trail system that provides access to NedRINK. High Performance Earthworks, Peak to Peak Endurance, and the Boulder Mountainbike Alliance plan to volunteer for the development of the Rink Link.

Trustee Liaison Luke Miller has begun researching the history of the plot of land after a public comment was made during a Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting on June 4. The public comment, which has resulted in letters to PROSAB and the BOT, stressed that an adjacent property owner had been promised by previous Town officials that the open space would not be developed.

"The town-owned open space between the private properties on Ridgeview and the private properties on Arikaree Circle and Shoshoni Way was rejected as a route

for a trail because of the negative impact on wildlife moving through the area and because of erosion issues that could impact properties below such a trail," one concerned resident of the impacted neighborhood wrote.

It was claimed within the letter that research on the use of the land had been done by the Town in the early 2000s and that the undeveloped open space was used by wildlife moving from Ridgeview to Mud Lake.

"Because the space has no trails and is a quiet space with little human activity, it is used by moose, elk, and deer for grazing and resting and is frequented by bobcats, coyote, pine martens, Abert's squirrels, black fox, red fox, owls, hawks, magpies, Colorado blue jays, cardinals, eagles, etc.," the letter continues.

"I ask that the town not sacrifice this small but invaluable swath of green space and wildlife habitat to a second trail."

PROSAB also received four letters in support of the creation of the trail, two of which came from Nederland 8th graders.

Miller noted that he had spoken with former PROSAB members, who indicated that there was no specified reason as to why a trail at that location was never completed. Miller also stated that mention of the land has also been found within the Town of Nederland's previous trails master plans.

Any action on the proposed project has been paused for further investigation and public outreach from the BOT and Mayor Billy Giblin.

Dunn presented her staff report to the Board, which included updates on several

projects and initiatives involving the Nederland Parks Department, such as the shot blasting of the NedRINK tennis courts, which will cause the courts to be closed for a short time.

The Summer Concert Series, organized and managed by Time Served Productions and contracted by the Nederland Downtown Development Authority, has held two out of six concerts at Chipeta Park. Dunn expressed concern about the wear and tear on the park's already stressed lawn, especially with a summer-full of events still to come.

The NDDA had decided during their June 12 meeting that three of the four remaining concerts should be held at Chipeta Park, as there was difficulty finding many more viable concert locations for the series.

Since PROSAB was holding this meeting outdoors at Chipeta Park's pavilion, Dunn was able to point out to the Board the bald spots and noted that it takes up to two years to regrow grass on the lawn.

In addition to the Summer Concert Series, Chipeta Park will also host events on the Fourth of July, and will host the Carousel of Happiness Summer Circus on July 27. Some events during the Town's 150th Anniversary Celebration on August 2, 3, and 4 will be held at the park, as well as the Jazz & Wine Festival on August 24.

Balazs Garami, the Lake House Supervisor at Evergreen Lake, discussed the process of managing recreational activities at the lake, from boating and fishing in the summer to ice skating and ice fishing in the winter.

PROSAB Chair Kat Barr indicated that the Board had no position regarding opening Barker Reservoir for recreation, nor did they have any intention of moving forward with any such initiatives. The presentation from Garami was strictly intended as an informational item on PROSAB's agenda.

Garami first briefly described the

Town of Evergreen, located at 7,351 feet with a population of 9,000. Evergreen Lake, which does contain a dam and stores the drinking water for Evergreen, covers approximately 41 acres. The lake sees boating and paddleboarding in the summer, though no motorized watercraft are permitted, and also hosts a summer concert series.

Though Evergreen Lake has several stakeholders, including Denver Parks and Recreation and the Evergreen Metropolitan District, it generates enough revenue to be self-sustainable.

The Lake House is often used for Town events and can also be rented for private events, including weddings. With thousands of visitors on the weekends, and providing recreation year round, the revenue generated from recreation and Lake House rentals covers the cost of offering recreation at the lake. It also provides funds for Evergreen's other parks and recreational facilities.

Garami specified that there is a strong focus on providing safe recreation at the lake, including requiring their seasonal employees participate in extensive training. It was noted that mitigating human/wildlife conflicts and managing safety close to the dam were the biggest concerns at Evergreen Lake.

Board members asked if there were any concerns about contamination and water quality, to which Garami responded that there was not, as the type of recreation on the lake was strictly regulated and the requirements for water quality were meticulously adhered to.

The Board discussed with Erin Fried and Julien Blundell of the Boulder Watershed Collective about the work PROSAB is doing on the creation of a volunteer program, and how the Collective can assist with such endeavors.

The Collective is currently developing a Community Wildfire Action Plan, which is close to being unveiled to the public, with a two-week long plan for outreach where all will be able to read the 200-page plan.

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 Case Number **2024PR030009**

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

Brian Hedberg, Attorney
 Name of Person Giving Notice
9878 W. Belleview Ave., #2387
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Denver, CO 80123
 City, State, Zip Code

Trail

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Through the public outreach already conducted concerning priorities involved with living with the threat of wildfires, the community has expressed a need for a community volunteer network, with leaders for several different volunteer operations to help provide safety and preparedness for wildfires.

The Collective has worked with Gold Hill and Coal Creek and offered them grant writing support to secure funds to hire fire mitigation coordinators. Friend added that the Collective can also host seminars for the public on ecology or emergency preparedness, as they are currently working with Nederland's Emergency Manager Troy Hendricks on creating a preparedness campaign.

PROSAB is in the early stages of creating a volunteer program, starting with devising strategies on attracting volunteers, and compiling a list of regular volunteers from several different sources.

A tentative date has been set for the first Saws and Slaws, a volunteer fire mitigation event to take place at the Town's newest recreational asset, Moose Meadows. The date is currently set for September 14, subject to change.

Barr led a discussion regarding a revised list of PROSAB's 2024 - 2025 goals. She also shared the results of an inter-organization survey that asked each Board member to clarify their thoughts on what the Board's focus should be.

According to the survey results,



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Working for Nederland

The PROSAB Board From left to right; Luke Miller, Nicki Dunn, Kat Barr, Lindsey Ute, Alex Zabierek, Sam Ovett, CT Hutt.

there was a general consensus among the Board to continue focusing on the previously stated goals of updating the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan (PROST), supporting Town staff's priorities, and developing a volunteer program.

Board members were also interested in pursuing trail connectivity and updates to the NedRINK facility, though there was discussion as to how PROSAB could properly assist in the creation of trails. Focusing on trail connectivity was also suggested as an alternative focus from the Pump Track project, which was listed as one of PROSAB's goals.

The Board discussed how they can work to determine the best trail connections and prioritize them, and

map which trails go onto private land. They also discussed how they can provide fire mitigation on existing trails and social trails, clean them up, and post updated signs. There was also mention of focusing on land acquisition, easements, and open space preservation.

The Board decided to keep focusing on PROST, on improvements to NedRINK, and on the creation of a volunteer plan, but removed the Pump Track project from their list of goals for 2024 and 2025, replacing it with pursuing funds to provide an ADA-compliant playground at Chipeta Park.

The Board needed to appoint a new Chair after Barr officially stepped down from the position. Barr will continue to serve on the Board as a regular member.

Vice Chair Sam Ovett and Board member Alex Zabierek both expressed interest in the position. A motion was made to elect Zabierek as PROSAB Chair; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Zabierek's first action as Chair was to call for a vote to adjourn the meeting.

The Nederland Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board meets every third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2024. Meetings can be attended online via WebEx.

For more information go to: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/parks-recreation-open-space-advisory-board>.

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:

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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
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Recording Date of Deed of Trust
August 12, 2019
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
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Outstanding Principal Balance
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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,

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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:

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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/>

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN I, Salary Range: \$58,581 - \$82,014/Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. Provides a variety of skilled and semi-skilled work in the construction, maintenance, repair, inspection, restoration, and cleaning of both city-occupied and leased buildings and facilities. Works varied schedules to limit the disruption to City operations. Responds to calls for maintenance and repair services 24/7. Excellent Benefits package (See Benefits). Apply Now: www.cityofblackhawk.org.

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: THINGS WITH WHEELS

ACROSS

1. Unfledged hawk
5. The ____ Gala, haute couture fundraiser
8. Ballet step
11. Sasquatch's cousin
12. Prefix in levorotary
13. DVD player button
15. What Tylenol and xylenol have in common
16. Seaport in Yemen
17. With ample space
18. *Rumpelstiltskin's ____ wheel
20. Viking writing symbol
21. Musical finales
22. In favor of
23. Source of tapioca
26. Smith, e.g.
30. "Stand and Deliver" singer
31. Live-in helper (2 words)
34. Et alii, abbr.
35. Nephew's sister
37. Tire depression
38. Turkey's southern neighbor
39. Same as ayah
40. Engage in a pursuit (2 words)
42. Bed-and-breakfast, e.g.
43. Tibetan Buddhism
45. Pinched
47. Sing like Public Enemy
48. Mother-of-pearl
50. Cripple
52. *Wheel in Vegas
55. Chocolate substitute
56. Egg on
57. Capri or Catalina
59. Olden days violin maker
60. Croaks
61. "Run Away to Mars" singer
62. Jump key
63. Corncob
64. Gaelic

DOWN

1. *London ____, tourist attraction
2. Hankerings
3. At the summit of
4. Glass ingredient
5. TV and radio
6. Not odds
7. Chinatown gang
8. Low-ranking worker
9. Pinnacle
10. Pig's digs
12. *Royal procession carriage
13. E in baseball box score
14. *"Wheel in the Sky" band
19. Star bursts
22. " ____ Elise"
23. Suez or Panama
24. Carl Jung's inner self
25. *Type of locomotive
26. Surfer's stop
27. Like anchor aweigh
28. Easternmost state
29. Serengeti grazer
32. *Perambulator, for short
33. Black and white sea bird
36. *Ancient Greek ride
38. Top of a steeple
40. Kitchen meas.
41. Reunion attendees
44. Poets' feet
46. Smaller size than small
48. *a.k.a. water wheel
49. Hole-borer
50. Baby's first word?
51. Speedy steed
52. Boorish
53. Russian autocrat
54. 90-degree pipes, e.g.
55. "Peace Train" singer-songwriter
58. Increase

CROSSWORD

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