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Good times at Stills in the Hills

A sampling of Colorado libations

Located in Littleton using fresh Colorado ingredients, Rocker's high-octane offerings will put a tiger in your tank. See story page 14.

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Gold Hill hosts Pride Parade

BARBARA HARDT
GOLD HILL

The sun hung high in the sky and the warmth of a summer day crept across the town of Gold Hill on Sunday, June 30. About forty inspired people gathered to walk in the Gold Hill Pride Parade.

The parade boasted more participants than the last few years. Organizer Mary Claire Mulligan said, "We started our parade a few years ago, and this year was our biggest and best yet. We're happy to celebrate and support our LGBTQ+ family and friends."

Gold Hill Store is always the starting place. Winding their way through town for about 20 minutes the energetic group walked, twirled and held hands. The feelings of love, kindness, and acceptance radiated from the participants. The parade ended where it started, back at the Gold Hill Store for a community gathering.



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Peak to Peak Pride

Gold Hill loves to hold a parade. This one was to celebrate and support LGBTQ+ family and friends on the last day of Pride month.

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-QUOTE OF THE WEEK-

"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." – The Talmud

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The Mountain-Ear is made up of 50 contrib-
utors per month. Each staff member is one
spoke in a very large wheel. Without one
spoke, the wheel does not turn effectively.
We welcome community journalists and
personify homegrown journalism.



Thursday, July 4

Nederland 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 Nederland Public
Works—They 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.

Coal Creek Canyon 4th festivities: 4th of July "Canyon
Roundup," Thursday, July 4, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast: 7– 10 a.m.

Vendor Booths: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Parade: begins at 10 a.m. Gross Dam Road between
Tunnel 19 Road and United Power

Lunch & Beer Garden: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. All American
lunch with options for vegetarians. Free popcorn!

Live Music: 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. National Anthem by
Ken Fisher and raising of the flag by Scout Troop 51.
Live music duo - The Pigstickers - playing from 12 – 2
p.m.

Games and Activities: 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sign up for
the cornhole tournament!

Parking: There is no parking at the Hall. Please park
on the north side of Gross Dam Road and Whispering
Pines church parking lot.

Event is free. Cash or credit card for goodies. Lots of
details on the website: coalcreekcanyon.org. Ques-
tions to cccia80403@gmail.com

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 Nederland Communi-
ty 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 Ban-
shee Tree with Ben Sproul Trio at Chipeta Park from
4 to 7 p.m. Find more information at <https://www.timeservedproductiongroup.com/nederlands-summer-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.

Cracker BARREL

Get involved in your community

Monday, July 8

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 9

Understanding Home Burial: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the
Gilpin County Public Library Meeting Room, Highway
119, Black Hawk. Did you know you have the right to
be buried on your own property? We will be watch-
ing excerpts from the documentary film "A Family
Undertaking" followed by a Q&A session led by
County Coroner Zane Laubhan. Join us as we explore
this growing new trend. www.gilpinlibrary.org.

Wednesday, July 10

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.

Saturday, July 13

Ned Gravel 2024: This gravel bike race is put on by
Peak to Peak Endurance. This year it is on July 13
from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ned Gravel believes everyone
should feel welcomed to participate, regardless of
experience, gender, race or sexual identity/orienta-
tion. The community is invited to attend and cheer
on the participants. For more information visit www.nedgravel.com.

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



Self Help Meetings

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

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

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

Coal Creek Canyon AA 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.coal-creekcanyon.org/calendar>.

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

https://findrecovery.com/aa_meeting/gilpin-county-h.a.l.t.-central-city/.

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

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/> and for meetings in Gilpin, Black Hawk, Central City, and nearby areas visit https://findrecovery.com/aa_meetings/co/black-hawk/. For help finding meetings or recovery support for you or a loved one please call: 866-641-9190.

PEAK PERSPECTIVES: The future of print publishing, is it in peril?

BARBARA HARDT
SARA SANDSTROM
LYNN HIRSHMAN
DOUG ARMITAGE

Last Thursday we were at an online staff meeting when one of our TEAM asked if we had seen the news of the upcoming closure of the printing press in Berthoud. Before opening the story in the Denver Post, I think each of our collective hearts skipped a beat and there was an overwhelming sense of dread. Clicking on the story, we confirmed that it is the printing press that prints us, The Mountain-Ear, every week. We finished the meeting feeling in a bit of a daze.

Barb texted our press contact to get info and a bit later he called us and gave us the bad news. He said he had been on the phone since 6:30 a.m., answering questions for publications like ours. He had been told at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, and the rest of the staff was told the news at 4 p.m.

First, before asking our own questions, Barb thanked him for the thirteen plus years we have had the privilege of working with him and his entire TEAM. She told him she was so sorry for the loss of his job. He confirmed the news we had seen that over 40 full-time and part-time employees will lose their jobs on August 12, when the press closes for good. We cannot even fathom the thoughts going through each of their heads as we race towards the looming deadline of the closure.

In 2022, the press in Burlington, Colorado, owned by Prairie Mountain Publishing closed. And the Signature Offset in the Denver Area closed. Then in 2023, the Pueblo Chieftain printing press closed down their operations. With that closure, more publications were printed at the Berthoud press.

The printing press was installed in 2009. The original owner was Lehman Communications, and then the press was bought out by Prairie Mountain Publishing in 2011. Prairie Mountain Publishing is owned by Media News Group.

The papers published by Prairie Mountain Media include: Longmont Times-Call, Loveland Reporter Herald, Boulder Daily Camera, Greeley Tribune,

Fort Morgan Times, Sterling Journal Advocate, Canyon City Daily Record, Broomfield Enterprise, Colorado Daily, Burlington Record, Brush News Tribune, Akron News-Reporter, Julesburg Advocate, Lamar Ledger, Estes Park Trail Gazette, Loveland Weekly and Colorado Hometown Weekly.

They also print local privately owned jobs including The Mountain-Ear and Weekly Register Call, as well around 70 other publications.

The rising cost of equipment repairs, paper, ink, shipping and more have been passed along to the customers with increases every six months for the last several years.

The rising cost of mailing for the last 4 years hasn't helped either. Every six months publications have an increase that makes it more cost prohibitive to continue printing the news.

Why is what we do important, as a community newspaper? Newspapers provide news, features, public notices and advertisements, political coverage, sports, school coverage, entertainment and more. Our job is to inform our readers and to keep government in check, as well as provide reliable, trusted news to our community. As well, visitors still like to come to a small town and pick up a local paper where they are visiting and see what is happening. We provide weekly schedules of events for the entire Peak to Peak region.

Most of us still believe print is an integral part of the news we produce. And, we also have a digital presence that we have had for a couple decades. You can find our website at www.themtnear.com.

Sara shared her thoughts: Printing changed the world and I am not convinced that it is something that should go away. I don't think our world would be better off without print. I love newspapers and books...the smell, the feel of a book...the quietness of a bookstore and library full of books.

But how does it stay relevant, sustainable with the environment... the system needs to be looked at and improved.

Lynn: It's easy to say that it would be easier and much cheaper to go to an all online newspaper. And for many of us,

that's a fine solution. But there are a few – especially in our community – who, for one reason or another prefer reading a paper that is actually paper – that can actually be held, creased, folded, torn, used for cat litter or puppy training – and read, underlined, cut out when there's the photo of a treasured child or pet.

Some of us are old enough to prefer "hard copy." Some of us just don't like reading online. And they – we – are willing to pay the price for it. I'm a pretty strong environmentalist, but even I can see that in the greater scheme of things, our use of natural resources in putting out a newsPAPER is fairly limited.

The question I have, though, is: can we find another printer who can work with our schedule (or a schedule we can work with)? I have no answers there.

Doug Armitage responds: Barb had asked me to tell you why I think that The Mountain-Ear is important to our community and why small press in small towns is important for the people. Of course, the most important thing for me as a businessman in THE MOUNTAINS is to be able to advertise my store and make it available so people know what is available to them and more importantly what's available to them that is not on the internet.

How do people get their information locally? What is important to the local community? The Internet seems to be the answer for a lot of people. I'm not sure, however, that complaining on Facebook media is as valid or as effective as having a local newspaper that is dedicated to presenting an informed and researched reporting to us.

"All news is local." that the phrase is meant to express the importance of localizing news and issues – of making them meaningful to smaller, specific readerships. That is why we live and work in a smaller community. We want to have a more nuanced view of the local and world news than we get from the bigger new organizations and address our needs better.

Please consider taking our brief survey here, to help us better understand your news needs: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MTNEARsurvey>

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Gilpin County Seniors

July 8 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m.
July 10 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Social time
July 11 - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart
July 12 - Free Senior Fit class 11a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo
July 15 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m.
July 17 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Birthday Party!
July 18 - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park King Soopers
July 19 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Social Time
July 22 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m.
July 24 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo

July 25 - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart

July 26 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Colorado Center for The Blind

July 29 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

July 31 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Social Time

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 10 - Chicken with avocado cream sauce,

cilantro lime quinoa, marinated vegetables, grapes

July 17 - Meatloaf, baked potato and sour cream, glazed beets, fresh peach

July 17 - Purple Art event - Art class for seniors! Suggested donation is \$5.

July 24 - Eggplant parmesan, sausage, whole wheat spaghetti, tossed salad with Italian dressing, pineapple

July 31 - Sweet and sour meatballs, rice noodles, broccoli, apricots

July 31 - July Birthday Celebrations! Delicious treats provided by Bright Heart Catering.

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

Music of the Mountains

Where to be and what to see

JAMIE LAMMERS
IDAHO SPRINGS

Guitarist and songwriter Noah Gose started playing piano with his siblings at a young age, and he was the only sibling who gravitated toward music. He taught himself how to play guitar after finding his father's guitar under a bed. He has a wide-ranging musical taste, listening to artists from John Prine to Radiohead and Weezer.

Violin player Chloe Gose grew up with a musical mother and brother, the latter of whom inspired her to start playing her instrument of choice for the first time. Bass player Andrew Vaggalis didn't learn how to play his first instrument until he was 14, as he was primarily into sports before picking up a guitar.

Noah and Chloe met each other in eighth grade. While Chloe had already been playing with her brother (also named Noah), she started playing with her now-husband in a youth program in Nebraska called the Academy of Rock, where they formed a band called Rabbits with Gas Masks.

After leaving the program, they started their own folk group called The Wildwoods, which they played in through high school and college. Even though they had met Andrew during high school, he didn't join the band until after college. The lineup has changed many times over the years, with the band focusing on being a duo after COVID before eventually adding Andrew.

The band is primarily folk-centered, but they occasionally delve into jazz and bluegrass elements. They love artists such as Nickel Creek, Gillian Welch, The Beatles, and Joni Mitchell, who have influenced the band throughout its run. Noah is the primary songwriter of the group, bringing his songs as a blueprint and allowing the other two members to add their own elements to each song.

The band loves being able to hear how their stylings have changed over the years they've performed, as Chloe feels they were more



The Wildwoods

bluegrass-centered early on and have now shifted into folk and Americana stylings. The band primarily focuses on their original music throughout the course of their shows, although they will occasionally throw in covers.

The band has recently been recognized as a finalist at the FreshGrass Music Festival Band competition, as well as the Gems on VHS "Gems in the Rough" competition (both in 2023), they were awarded "Best Band" by the Lincoln Journal Star's Lincoln Choice Awards in 2022, and they even more recently received third place at the 2024 Rocky Mountain Songwriter's Contest for their song "Sweet Niobrara."

The band believes their reputation has ramped up over the last couple of years because of their newfound focus on social media, and they are incredibly excited now that they get to perform more sold-out shows.

You can see The Wildwoods performing live at the United Center, 1440 Colorado Boulevard

in Idaho Springs, on Sunday, July 14, 2024, starting at 6 p.m. You can listen to their releases wherever you listen to music and check them out on Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and YouTube, and be sure to keep an eye out for their newest single "Cherry Pickin," which drops on Friday, July 12.

Music Events

Busey Brews

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

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/Coalcreekcanyon-tavern>

Website: <https://canyontavern.com/>

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

Gold Hill Inn

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 Mourn-
ing 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

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Business Spotlight

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

Gold Hill Store

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.goldhillstore.com/>
 Location: 531 Main Street, Gold Hill

Howlin Wind Brewing

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

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

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 Sunday, July 21 at 10:30 a.m. - Built to Last/Al Capones

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 Saturday, July 13 at 5 p.m. - David Tilmon
 Friday, July 19 at 6 p.m. - Johnny Blueheart
 Saturday, July 20 at 5 p.m. - Stone-Hall
 Friday, July 26 at 6 p.m. - Daniel C. Jones
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 Saturday, July 27 at 5 p.m. - Andreas Boehmer
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Support for more quality, affordable childcare in Ned

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA), I would like to express EFAA's full support for the "YES" vote on the July 30th, 2024, special election, to allow TEENS, Inc. to lease town-owned land to build a new childcare facility in Nederland. This new facility would begin to address an important need in the mountain communities: Expanding access to affordable, year-round, early childhood education and care (ECEC) for families with children.

Currently, there is only one, year-round preschool (New Explorers Learning Center operated by TEENS, Inc.) with capacity for 20 children aged 2.5 - 7 years old. No infant care (under 2.5 years of age) exists throughout the Peak-to-Peak region and the existing preschool has a long wait list. Nederland Elementary School offers a preschool program for 3- and 4-year-olds but it only runs during regular school hours and is not available during the summer months.

As a core non-profit providing basic needs support in the Nederland

community, EFAA sees this need firsthand. The families we support with rental assistance, housing, and other vital resources, are struggling to make ends meet. Providing access to quality, affordable childcare is key to their ability to work outside the home. Without childcare, parents are not able to work, or must cut their hours, further impacting their financial security. Quality childcare can also play an important part in early childhood development, by promoting school readiness to prepare children for kindergarten. In addition to the benefits childcare provides for families - it also helps stabilize the local workforce and future school populations, which benefits the broader community.

Rising costs and shrinking access to childcare are impacting the wellbeing of low-income families with children and the communities in which they live. TEENS, Inc. new childcare facility will begin to address this childcare gap which is particularly acute in our mountain communities. EFAA has worked with TEENS, Inc. for years within the Peak-to-Peak Housing and Human Service Alliance. The

Thank you from Marie Mornis

Dear Editor,

I wish to express my deepest gratitude for everyone who supported me throughout the recent County Commissioner District One primary race. Your generous donations of money, time, energy and encouragement was unwavering. The letters-to-the-editor were heartfelt and sincere, your yards proudly displaced my signs, the sign waving was enthusiastic and the fundraising was successful. I was the only incumbent on the ticket who faced a challenger, so staying focused on my voting record and goals for Gilpin County with your constant encouragement won the

day!

While the primary race may be over, the fight for you continues and I am committed to win in the November general election to serve the citizens of Gilpin County as Commissioner. I would love to stay connected with you. Please visit ElectMarieMornis.org to receive information about me, my stance on county issues and sign up for event notices.

Thank you once again for your invaluable contributions. Your belief in me truly made and continues to make a difference.

Sincerely,
Marie A. Mornis

Letter to the Editor



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agency is a solid partner with deep roots in Nederland and a proven record of successfully providing this kind of service.

If you are a registered voter in the Town of Nederland, please consider voting YES to help increase access to affordable, quality childcare for the benefit of the children and those

who call the mountain communities their home.

Thank you for your consideration,

Julie Van Domelen
Executive Director
Emergency Family Assistance
Association (EFAA)

Stop paid parking in Ned now!

Dear Editor,

The rather quiet announcement given us by the Nederland Board of Trustees about the paid parking issue is telling. It hints that they know how unpopular it would be. Many local residents are just now beginning to find out the negative impact of the Board's decision.

This is the first week of the "trial period" for Interstate Parking to begin collecting fees on our cars. Those of us who drive to Nederland to earn a paycheck, shop for groceries or eat at a restaurant now have to pay an extra \$2.50 an hour to Interstate Parking. Tourists who want to shop, eat, and walk around, will have to pay another \$2.50 an hour to Interstate Parking. As a result some long standing Nederland businesses plan to close in anticipation of the decline in sales from customers deterred by Interstate Parking's unfriendly fees.

I can't guess why the NBOT is still attempting to push this bad idea. I don't know why Interstate Parking has been

granted such a stranglehold on the people of this community.

No one has explained where this revenue would go or who it would benefit.

Along with whoever might be getting a sweet contract, Interstate Parking looks like the winner. And it's crystal clear that the money will come directly from our pockets.

It is an abuse of power to impose an arbitrary expense upon an entire community of people who can't afford to pay it. So why should this bully be allowed to take our lunch money, threaten our vehicles, and shake down our cash registers?

Interstate Parking doesn't need or deserve our hard earned money. The NBOT should listen to the public instead of catering to a big corporation.

It's time to stop this project now, before any more damage is done to our town.

Ruth Nielsen
Gilpin County

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Unpacking the slogan “No New Taxes”

Dear Editor,

“Read my lips, no new taxes” – George H. W. Bush at the 1988 Republican National Convention. Economic reality subsequently ensued, Mr. Bush was forced to raise taxes and lost the election to Bill Clinton in 1992.

The two Republican candidates for Gilpin County Commissioner, Ms. Mornis and Mr. Marshall, have both committed themselves to this slogan. Their thinking seems to be: “The voters turned down the mill levy for the Community Center by a large margin so this must be the most important issue in the County. Let’s run on that!”

Here are some problems with it:

The Board of County Commissioners doesn’t raise taxes, it only asks voters to do so. By refusing to even ask the

voters, these candidates are giving up one of their primary responsibilities, i.e., when required, to address the health and safety of the citizens and the efficient operation of the services of the County.

As a County Commissioner if you have promised to never ask the voters to raise taxes, what do you do when it is imperative that you do so? How about these circumstances:

A wildfire sets the slash pile, the transfer station, and the Human Services building alight leading to their complete destruction. Anyone paying attention to the weather knows that this is not a far-fetched scenario.

Another pandemic or summer-long wildfire emergencies cause gaming revenue to fall off a cliff.

The State Legislature passes an unfunded mandate that breaks the County budget.

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A ballot measure passes that negatively impacts property taxes, causing a funding crisis in the County. See Initiative 50 this year.

A major flood wipes out numerous roads in the County.

The “last mile” of broadband buildout requires new funds.

And so on...

As a side note, both these candidates say they will vote for the City of Black Hawk Intergovernmental Agreement which will blow a \$1 million hole in the Community Center budget if taxes are raised.

To say you will never raise taxes is a rhetorical phrase that serves a

political purpose but is meaningless and deceptive. Hopefully the voters of the County will see it for what it is.

On the other hand, the Democratic Commissioner candidates, contrary to the rumors spread by the supporters of Ms. Mornis and Mr. Marshall, have no tax increases on their agenda but are realistic enough to know there are situations where the voters may need to be asked to raise taxes.

Sincerely,

Eric Douglas
Chair, Gilpin County Democrats

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Gilpin County Republicans announcement
Due to the 4th of July holiday the Gilpin County Republicans July meeting will be held Thursday, July 11, at the Gilpin County Arts Gallery at 117 Eureka Street in Central City. Contact the secretary for more information at GCRCGilpin@gmail.com.

Inside Out 2

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Girls make Ned proud at State track



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Setting records

Nederland High School freshman River LeMaster works hard during track and field practice. LeMaster set school records this season and went to the State Championship in May.

SARA SANDSTROM
NEDERLAND

The Nederland High School Track and Field team had another fantastic season in 2024. "The size of the team continues to grow and the level of our athletes continues to improve," shared Coach Gavin Coombs.

This season athletes competed in the 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters, 1600 meters, 3200 meters, hurdles, high jump, long jump, and shot put. Meet after meet, the athletes were setting personal records and continued to improve throughout the season.

Coombs said, "There were four athletes who qualified for post-season races: Eric Thurston, Abby Hess, Amika Begin, and River LeMaster.

For the first time in several years we had two girls qualify for the State Meet, with Amika Begin qualifying in the 3200 and River LeMaster in the high jump. River was also named as the Foothill League Track Athlete of the Year for winning the 300 meter hurdles and the high jump at the Foothill League Championship and set school records in both events."

Begin and LeMaster were both freshmen at Nederland High School this year. As the school year was ending they were gearing up for the Colorado High School Track and Field State Championships at Jefferson County Stadium in Lakewood.

Both athletes had to get through some nerves on the day of their event.

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Boulder County fire restrictions



Boulder County Sheriff Curtis Johnson has enacted Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, effective immediately, Monday, July 1, for unincorporated areas of western Boulder County. For more information on fire restrictions on USFS land within Boulder County, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/arp/alerts-notices/?aid=57718>.



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Constantly learning and growing

Top: The Nederland High School Track and Field team (from left to right) Coach Gavin Coombs, Eliza Brundege, Amika Begin, Leo Filippello, River LeMaster, Liam Robertson, Lukey Mahorski, Simon Schlosser, Micah LeFaiver. Not pictured are Landon Frank, Brandon Beaber, Abigail Hess, Enzo Shows, and Eric Thurston. Bottom: Freshman Amika Begin represents Nederland at the State Championship and runs the 3200 meter race.

Ned track

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Though the meet was not far from home physically, as isolated young athletes from a small school in a pool of mostly older representatives of much larger schools, they faced daunting competition. Nonetheless, they stayed focused and driven, and they showed grit.

When talking about running the 3200, Begin shared, “During warmups I was smiling the whole time because it was pretty cool to be on this big track with lots of people in the stands...I just had to focus on staying with the girls ahead of me. The race was very tough because it was very hot and all the girls split up right in the beginning so I was by myself for most of the race, which

meant I had to push myself and be in my own head rather than relying on other people.”

She said that during the first mile she felt very strong. While running the second mile, Begin said it was getting hot and she was getting tired. She added, “I must have been doing something right though because I managed to pass three girls.”

Begin stated, “Overall I am so happy to have had the experience.”

LeMaster finished 13th in high jump and Begin finished 14th in the State in the 2A division – fantastic achievements to be proud of.

Both LeMaster and Begin believe this experience will make them better prepared for next year.

Coombs is excited about the freshman coming onto the team next season, and the experience and consistency that is continuing to make up the Nederland High School Track and Field team.



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

The Community Center will be closed July 1st - July 5th for Independence Week

Summer Day Camp Enrollment Now Open

Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. \$45/day per resident child, \$54/day/per non-resident child (+\$10 for field trips).

Farmer's Market

Saturday, July 6, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Join us for vendors, live music and more at the Farmer's Market.

2024 Gilpin County Fair: Friday, July 19 - Sunday, July 21. Sign up now for Volleyball & Pickleball Tournaments, Redneck Relay Team Entries, Mutton Bustin' and Early Bird Pricing on Wristbands for Ax Throwing, Mechanical Bull, Inflatable Boxing, Bounce House & Obstacle Course!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

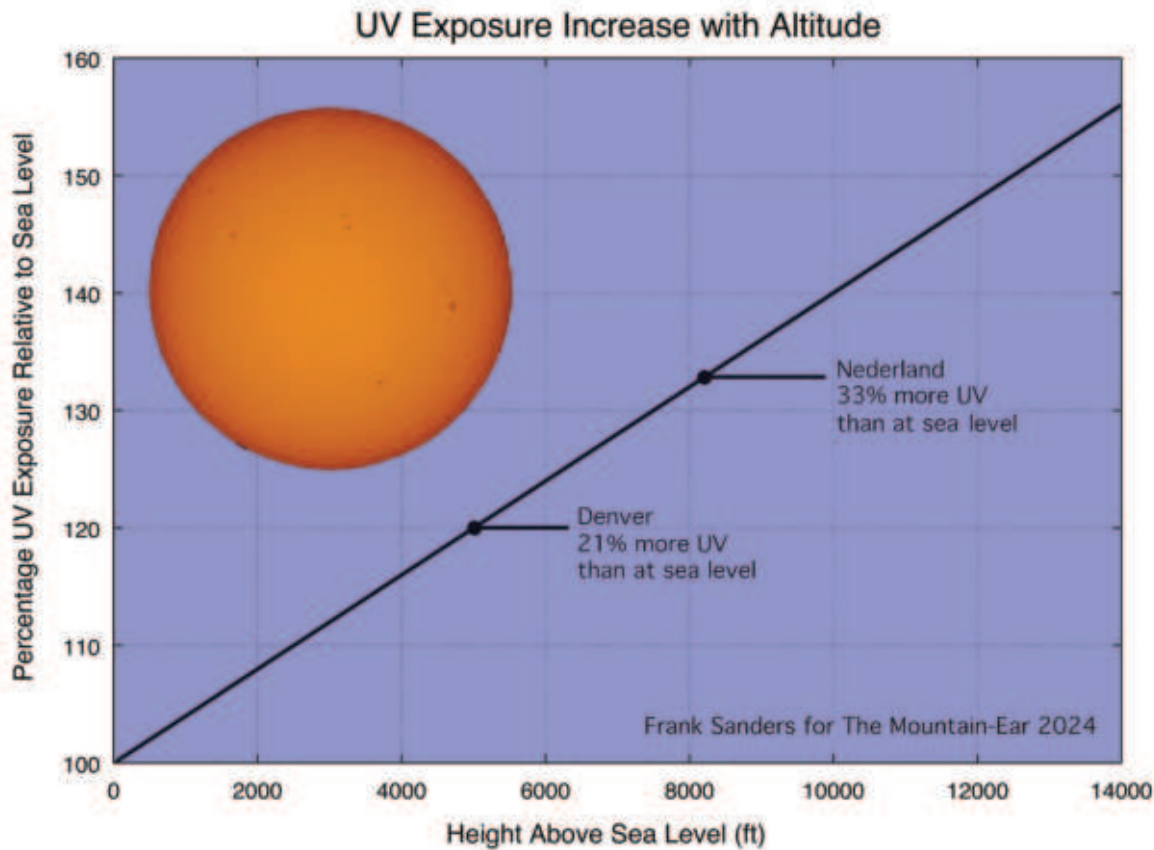
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Aquafit: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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



Nederland July Night Skies

FRANK SANDERS
TUNGSTEN VALLEY

Under the brilliant summer sun, is there such a thing as a safe, healthful suntan? Let's take a look, starting with the sun's mechanics.

Our nearest star, eight light-minutes away, is 330,000 times earth's mass. Its immense self-gravity tries to crush it down to a hyper-dense neutron star, but the hydrogen from which it's primarily made resists that compression with the gigantic outward-pushing thermal pressure of a four-and-a-half-billion-year-old thermonuclear fusion reaction. Our solar ball is sized precisely at the balance-point between gravity and the heat of fusion.

In fusion, four protons crush together to become helium. If you were to use a very, very tiny scale to weigh an output helium particle against the four input protons, you'd find the helium weighs slightly less than the original particles. That delta-mass (Δm) weight loss, multiplied by the speed of light squared, becomes pure energy: $E = \Delta mc^2$.

Thus does our star shine.

It takes 100,000 years for the energy released in the core to reach the sun's surface and radiate earth. This radiation is a mixed blessing. On the one hand, earth's life depends on the sun. If its rays were to fail, the only life remaining after a few weeks would be

some bacteria in thermal springs and ocean floor volcanic vents.

On the other hand, the sun is a blazing nuclear reactor that emits copious quantities of radiation that can break molecular bonds in things like, oh, cellular DNA. Our earth's magnetic field and atmosphere filter out lethal solar particles and X-rays. But DNA-damaging ultraviolet (UV) radiation gets through.

(By the way, Martian astronauts will need shielding from ionizing solar radiation, as Mars' absent magnetic field and thin atmosphere filter out nothing. Caves, anyone?)

The higher you go in altitude, the worse your UV exposure. In Nederland, we see a third more UV than at sea level.

UV damages skin. Full stop. No arguing. People with darker skin are less susceptible than lighter-skinned compatriots, but everybody experiences some damage. All people are adversely affected by UV radiation.

A suntan is the skin's radiation-damage response. It might seem cool, but a tan says, "I've been hanging out in an ionizing radiation bath from a nuclear shot." Which is not cool. Plus, tanning ages your skin prematurely, potentially giving you a gnarly look later in life.

And a sunburn? Well, that says, "I just got nuked by a radiation bomb." It was not good at Bikini Atoll and it's not good now.

Suntans and sunburns yield mutated DNA that can turn cancerous, even decades after exposure. Cancer is uncontrolled cellular growth; skin cancer can easily spread into the rest of the body. The result can range from difficult treatments to an unwanted meeting with The Grim Reaper.

Bottom line: There's no "good" suntan.

Fry now, pay later.

When you're in the sun, slather SPF-30 (or higher) sun-blocker. Remember your ears—I knew a paleontologist whose cancer started inside an ear where he'd habitually skipped sunblock. Wear a brimmed hat, collared shirt with long sleeves, and long trousers. Plus, get an annual dermatological exam.

Sunscreen safety note: UV blockers do not cause cancer; people who promote that ridiculous urban myth should be ashamed of themselves. As for Vitamin D, it's in fortified food and over-the-counter capsules, if you think you're short on it.

Now, get some happening sunglasses and have a great rest of your summer.

In July Skies:

The sun begins the month in Gemini, entering Cancer on July 20. At mid-month, days and nights are 14 and 10 hours long, respectively. On July 5, we are at our maximum (not minimum!) yearly distance from the sun, called aphelion.

The moon's dates are: New July 5; First Quarter July 15; Full (Buck or Thunder) Moon July 21; Last Quarter July 27.

July Meteor Showers: The Piscis Austrinids (parent unknown), Southern delta-Aquariids (parent, Jupiter-family comet P/2008 Y12), and alpha-Capricornids (parent, Jupiter-family Comet 169P/NEAT) peak on July 29 and 30. The Piscis Austrinids are best seen between midnight to dawn. The Aquariids peak around 4 a.m., and the Capricornids are best around 2 a.m.

Best Sky Viewing Nights (Minimal Moon): July 1-14.

Sunset (Mid-Month): Altair is rising in the east and Deneb is low in the northeast. Hercules with the beautiful

UV hits hard at high altitudes

The higher you go, the worse your exposure. *Drawing by Frank Sanders.*

M-13 globular cluster is nearly overhead. Libra (twin bright stars Zubeneschamali and Zubenelgenubi) is low in the south with brilliant Spica to the right. The box of Corvus is low in the southwest. The Big Dipper is high in the northwest, and Arcturus is high in the south. Distinctive Scorpius with red Antares is rising in the southeast

Midnight (Mid-Month): Sagittarius, marking the center of the Milky Way, our home galaxy, glows in the south. Scan its varied wonders with tripod-mounted binoculars or a wide-angle telescope.

Sunrise (Mid-Month): Orion is rising while the bright Pleiades cluster glints high in the east. Our nearest neighbor galaxy, M-31 Andromeda, is perfect for binocular viewing directly overhead.

Mercury reaches its highest altitude above the horizon in the evening sky on July 12. Look for it from the western end of Barker Reservoir.

Venus is very low in the western evening sky, barely visible after sunset.

Mars rises around 2 a.m., and is low in the east at dawn. For a challenge, train a pair of binoculars on July 15 and spot Uranus above and to the left, about a full moon's width away.

Jupiter rises just before 3 a.m. and is low in the east at sunrise.

Saturn rises around 11 p.m.; it is high in the south at dawn.

Notable Space Missions: This month we remember Apollo astronaut Bill Anders, who passed away in June at age 90. He flew to the moon with Frank Borman and Jim Lovell in the historic, first-people-to-the-moon Apollo 8 mission in December 1968. In lunar orbit, the crew saw the earth rising above the lunar horizon. Grabbing their color-film camera with seconds to spare as the earth rose higher and higher, Anders took some on-the-fly photos while he had the shot. One of those became Earthrise, arguably the most famous and impactful photograph ever taken. It showed the earth as a blue-and-white speck in the vastness of space, in stark contrast to the lifelessly grey lunar surface in the foreground. Earthrise started the environmental movement, with the first Earth Day in 1970.

We will miss you, Bill, and your heroic cohort. Thank you for going to the moon, so that we could finally see our fragile paradise for what it is, a blue and white gem in the universe's dark vastness.

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PEAK TO PEAK REGION

The Missouri Lakes 1 wildfire is the kind of emergency situation that triggers evacuation notices from the sheriff's departments. Those kinds of situations can trigger a pre-evacuation or an immediate evacuation notification for residents who are signed up on the Hyper-Reach system. Both situations require assembling assets for transport, but the time frames and items to take can be different. The grab-and-go bag technique is a popular method of assembling needed items in a hurry.

The basic concept of creating a grab-and-go bag is to put in one bag things that you would need if you were going to be out of the house for several days or longer. If the notification is for an immediate evacuation, the bag needs already to be full so that all you have to do is put in some last-minute things like extra car keys or the watch charger before walking out the door with the kids and pets.

The key to a quality grab-and-go bag is a list of items that you need to remember to take with you – besides the kids and pets. The list can be on a clipboard in the bag or taped to the lid if you are using a box.

The list enumerates all the items that need to be in the bag and tasks that need to be accomplished for an orderly evacuation from the premises. In the rush of evacuating, the list will be reminders of things that aren't in the bag but can be collected quickly. In a crisis you are likely to forget something

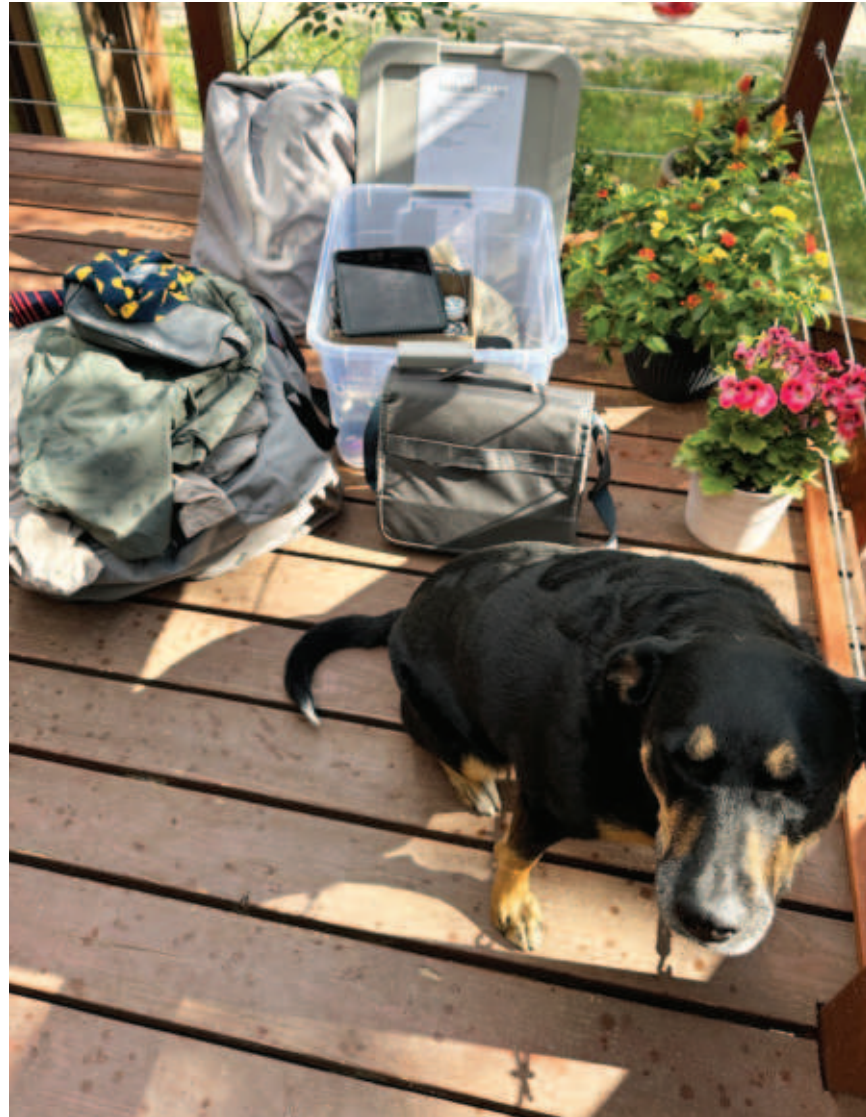


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How to grab-and-go

Pets and people are at the top of the Grab-and-Go checklist. Plastic tub lid has the Grab-and-Go checklist taped to it. The duffel bag is for clothes and the gray case is for medical equipment which is also on the checklist.

important, like your medications or little Kenny's blanket, if you try to keep the list in your head. Keep the list current and mark off the items that are actually in the bag.

Items that are often included in a grab-and-go bag are family documents (birth certificates/passports), rare coins, electronics (cables and laptops), flashlights, batteries, clothing, medicines, pet food, family photos. The

list of items will be different for each family or individual. The important point is to make a list and set it aside someplace in the house where the items on the list can be stored.

For pre-evacuation notices, the process of checking your grab-and-go bag for all the items on the list can be more thorough. The list might include additional things to do, like disconnecting the TV equipment or leaving rakes and

shovels out for the firefighters.

Since the wildfire season will go well into the fall, it is a good idea to take pre-emptive actions – like storing snowmobiles or a trailer at an offsite storage lot to alleviate the risk of trying to tow them out during emergency evacuation.

Plastic tubs with family photo albums or family heirlooms can be stored in the garage of a relative. If something is vitally important to the legacy of your family, then store it somewhere out of the fire zone until fire season is over. Uploading photos and documents to a cloud server is also effective backup.

If the pre-evacuation notification is early, then additional items like a favorite pillow or pet toys can also be added to the bags if there is enough room in the car. Favorite plants need to be boxed (which is a good reason for keeping cardboard boxes around) so they aren't rolling around loose in the car.

The majority of the emergency kit websites list water and non-perishable food items, but if the meet up place is in Denver, then are those items really necessary? A decent first aid kit is required on all of them. Pets need leashes, cages and food in their kit.

Realistically, you could easily have more than one bag to fit all the items that you want to take with you. The key is having a list and knowing where to look for everything on it in a hurry.

Living in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas requires a readiness to leave at any time and being ready to leave successfully requires preparation and creativity to execute.

For more information on assembling a grab-and-go bag, use the Internet search term Build an emergency kit and grab-and-go bag. CSU Extension Agent Jennifer Cook (303-582-9106/ Jennifer.Cook@colostate.edu) also has materials and information on preparing for an emergency.

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up the winding roads
overlooking the aspen valleys
carved by one great glaciers
now reduced to near dry
creeks
feeling the early summer heat
stronger in June
than it used to be in August
I get a sense of cycles eons
long
the great melting
the great freezing
the great melting again
how many times
has that happened
and how many more
will it repeat
and here we are
working our days away
praying eating trying to sleep
getting gas falling in love
waiting in traffic
imagining great mountains
of ice
deep oceans full of things
dead
for thousands of times longer
than the farthest reaches
of human time
it's sort of a miracle
I come to think
how much damage we have
done
in our blip of a moment
in the great spinning
of days and centuries
there are cycles yes
but we've helped to speed
them
helped to make the coming
flood
that much sooner
and when these valleys
are carved anew
by future ice age glaciers
melting into rivers once again
all that will be left of us
will be plastic pieces
stuck frozen in water
and nothing else
in all we hurt and hoped for
only plastic will remain
all the good poems
the great loves
the perfect summer evenings
the genius ideas
all this will fade long before
the Coke bottle
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on a motorcycle
just littered onto
the side of the road

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BLACK HAWK
JUST \$200 TO DENVER AIRPORT

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Going to the airport?

MINDY LEARY
BLACK HAWK

Need a ride to the airport from the casinos in Black Hawk and Central City? A new transportation business based out of Denver is offering reliable and convenient airport shuttle services to Denver International Airport from Black Hawk and the surrounding area.

Founded by a seasoned tour and transportation professional, this venture is poised to make a significant impact in the area.

The founder, Erich Roeseler, who began working in tours and transportation at the age of 19, brings over 26 years of industry experience.

His career started in Alaska, selling tours to cruise ship passengers, and

took him around the globe before settling in New Orleans to sell tours on Bourbon Street. This extensive background laid the groundwork for his latest endeavor in Colorado.

"I moved here to start this business because I saw an opportunity to provide a much-needed transportation service," Roeseler explained.

There is not much in the way of transportation in many remote mountainous areas of Colorado and Roeseler is banking on it. Black Hawk is among Aspen, Vail, and Breckenridge as pickup locations for shuttle services.

Before making the move, he created a website, which quickly gained traction. "Two days later, I was ranking on the first page, and I moved here to start this business."

The company initially focused on airport pickups with stops at cannabis dispensaries and has since expanded to offer a variety of services, including trips to Red Rocks Amphitheater and ski towns. However, their primary focus remains on providing dependable airport transportation.

Currently, the company offers year-round service, with a fleet of eight Suburbans and two vans. For the Black Hawk area, they offer a \$200 one-way trip to Denver International Airport. The private vehicle service can accommodate up to six passengers, although the cost remains the same for solo travelers.

The business has grown to employ a dozen individuals, providing reliable and comfortable transportation options. For those interested in booking a ride, more information can be found at <https://gosno.co/> or by calling 720-369-6292.

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- Hunting with valid and current hunting license
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- Charcoal Barbecue grills (3 foot non combustible perimeter)
- Welding and cutting torches no closer than 30 foot from non combustible perimeter with a fire extinguisher



DISCOVER COLORADO

Wheeling and dealing with cars and future



PHOTO BY Omayra Acevedo

OMAYRA ACEVEDO LAFAYETTE

If I were to tell you everything that’s happened in the past three months, you’d wonder how I’m still functioning. The details are boring, honestly. The most important thing is the result after the challenges of the past 13 weeks.

I was in the midst of a breakdown after experiencing the worst heart palpitations and my very first panic attack. Throw in a couple of deaths on top of everything else, and I knew it was time for change. I just didn’t know what or how.

Concerned friends invited me to join them at Lafayette’s Cars & Coffee, hosted by Adam Polishes. The car show is considered one of the biggest events in the nation. After witnessing the number of people who showed up, that statement gets no argument from me.

Despite my misery, I convinced myself that attending was a good idea. If nothing else, I’d have another “Discover Colorado” story in the books. I learned later that it was more than a good idea.

During a gloomy Saturday in May, I drove to Lafayette. I parked far away from the auto show, intending to leave before the crowds got too hectic. I waited for the drizzle to end, grabbed my cameras, and jumped out of my truck to embark on the unknown.

As I walked up and down the parking lot, marveling at the various vehicles from classic to modern, a sense of self-reflection naturally occurred. I stopped to admire a 1920 Ford Model T and started comparing its parts to my life.

I considered the miles it had traveled and how often it needed its oil replaced. I thought about how the vintage car would feel if it had emotions: It must be tired. It’s spent so many years and hundreds and thousands of miles being driven, cleaned, and broken down just to have its parts replaced.

I envied it. I wanted some of my parts replaced, certainly my brain and heart.

I continued strolling when I set my sights on one of the sexiest cars I’d ever seen in person. Though I’m not a fan of supercars, I drooled over a silver McLaren 765LT, built with carbon fiber body panels, a titanium exhaust system, and lightweight dual-spring suspension.

I thought to myself, “I need one.” Then I chuckled, because I’m a truck girl more than anything. I think the idea of the McLaren’s power became appealing to me. I was craving change and I was craving it fast.

Facing a row of McLarens, I knew I needed new shiny parts. So, the entire way home, I began devising a plan to change my luck and started by changing my narrative.

Today, I realize if it were not for the terrible things of the past 91 days and stepping away from my problems for a couple of hours, I’d still be stuck living a life that didn’t suit me.

Cars & Coffee takes place on the first Saturday of every month during summer, at the Flatirons Church, 355 W South Boulder Road, Lafayette. You can find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/adampolishes> or call them at 866-965-0400.

The beautiful and strange

Left: An hour after Cars & Coffee begins, a line of McLaren sports cars show off their elegance. Right: A row of parking spots is reserved for electric cars during Lafayette’s Cars & Coffee show.

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CENTRAL CITY

One thing I've noticed about Central City over the years is that the people are friendly and they know how to have fun.

From Madam Lou Bunch Day to The Great Central City Beer Festival in August to Tommyknockers ringing in the Christmas holidays, gaming is but one of your options. Taking in an opera or just strolling along the cobblestoned Main Street and checking out historic buildings is an enjoyable experience that immerses you in the past.

On Saturday, June 29, the 10th Annual Stills in the Hills offered up more good times. Beginning at noon, the band Aoxomoxoa played nothing but Grateful Dead tunes including "Friend of the Devil" and "Sugaree." Antique automobiles added to

the ambiance.

On the other end of Main Street, local legend Jimmy Lewis and his band performed for VIPs who had paid \$20 extra to enter the event an hour earlier than other ticket holders. Not only did they get an exclusive front row seat for Lewis' great music, VIPs were treated to delicious food and an open bar.

At 1:00, everyone was allowed in. Of course, if you want to have a really good time you need people, and there were plenty of them. Sampling libations from numerous craft distillers hailing from Colorado, the potent potables were served in a small commemorative mug received at the door.

Pacing oneself throughout the afternoon was recommended in order to taste as many different liquors and liqueurs as possible without getting too schnocked.



Good times at Stills in the Hills

With friendly people

Left: Jim Huff drove his 1929 Ford pickup to the event wearing his finest herringbone three-piece suit and cap. Top, right: Legend Jimmy Lewis performs in the VIP area. Bottom, right: Mariana Rojo (left) and Sandra Arias of Denver also dressed up.



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Chocolate milk shots at Colorado Vodka Company's booth was the logical place to start before moving on to the hard stuff.

Cranking things up a notch, Spirit Hound Distillers from Lyons has won several awards over the years, including a gold medal at the 2024 Denver International Spirits Competition for their Café Colorado Coffee Liqueur. They incorporate Rocky Mountain snowmelt water, hand-picked juniper berries from the St. Vrain Valley for their gin, and honey sourced from a neighboring apiary. Their creations are flavorful and go down smooth.

At the Rick Thomas Distillery, located in Black Hawk, their corn whiskey and vodka are manufactured in copper stills

purchased from Scotland. The same style of still has been used for hundreds of years and brings Old World authenticity. Based in Castle Rock, Mystic Mountain Distillery's Outlaw Whiskey White Peach and Peanut Butter Cup varieties are tasty blends out of the ordinary.

Molly Brown Spirits in Denver is as bold and unapologetic as its namesake. The High Rye and Spiced Bourbons are favorite staples that facilitate social gatherings. If you are prepared for a stronger kick that could survive the sinking of the Titanic, try the 125-proof cask strength Single Barrel Select Straight Bourbon Whiskey.

Based in Littleton, the Rocker Spirits display was hard to miss.

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Stills in the Hills

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As they poured drinks out of an old pickup truck through the folded-down windshield that made a convenient bar, flames shot out of the truck's skyward-pointing exhaust pipes that represented their spirits' potency. The mash they use to distill their bourbon consists of 70% corn and 30% wheat. The

wheat is grown in Burlington and Loveland. Their rum has a distinctive molasses overtone with a hint of oak, vanilla, and tropical fruit.

The distilleries mentioned above represent a fraction of those at Stills in the Hills. It would take decades to sample all of their products at the rate of one day a year. As this was merely the second time I've attended the popular event, more research is warranted next year.

In Central City

Top, left: Down the hatch. Top, right: A windshield made a great surface for socializing. Bottom, right: Don't let the labels scare you.

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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10:00 A	PARADE	CC & BH
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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 ITERP 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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4th Friday highlights local talent



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

Art's future

A young artist contributes a piece infused with his own unique style.

and ink and colored pencil drawings. Local artist Kathy Bremers displayed her gentle and elegant watercolor paintings outside Wild Bear Nature Center, and Brightwood Music hosted The Mountain-Ear, handing out the latest edition of the newspaper and the special Peak to Peak Visitor's Guide.

Peace Love and Cake was set up right outside of VNBC, serving delectable macarons, "Magic Bars," and vegan lemon sugar cookies. Blue Spruce Studio, a true family of artists, displayed their original creations, crafted through different mediums and styles, including quilting, sewing, and crochet, as well as beautiful and striking paintings by Ruby.

And just outside Dam Liquor, Rachel Thurber presented her brilliant textile weavings, featuring bright and earthy colors made from hand-dyed yarn to match the natural texture of each piece.

From 6 to 8 p.m. VNBC also hosted the loud and soulful music of Mountain ReVerb, whose hard rock sound echoed throughout the taproom and amplified through the brewery's open doors, filling the shopping center's parking lot.

Every fourth Friday of the month, all summer long and into September, the shopping center will host special vendors and live attractions. So even though June 28 has come and gone, there are still three more chances to check out the festivities.

The next 4th Friday Art Walk events will take place on July 26, August 23, and September 27.

A special thanks to Susan Green of VNBC, who organized the event, and to all those participating businesses in the Caribou Village Shopping Center and the amazing artists, artisans, musicians, and bakers who helped make the event special.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY NEDERLAND

On Friday, June 28, 2024, several businesses within the Caribou Village Shopping Center hosted local vendors and celebrated their talents with the 4th Friday Art Walk. Many artists, each skilled in unique mediums, displayed their talents, while local shops provided special attractions, including Tarot card readings and live music.

The first event in the series began at 4 p.m. on Friday evening, just as adventurers were coming down from the mountains and as nine-to-fivers were counting down the minutes before the start of their weekend.


As the bars at Backcountry Pizza and Tres Gringos and the taproom at Very Nice Brewing Company (VNBC) started to fill up, and the restaurants prepared for the dinner rush, patrons were able to browse the many vendors set up on the sidewalk on the lower

level of the shopping center.

Augustina's Winery, while offering complimentary cheese, fruit, and crackers, also hosted Tarot card readings by Ela M., all which pair nicely with wine.

The Shop hosted The Baked Broad, serving delicious brownies and blondies, "Monsta" chocolate chip cookies, and banana bread. Artist Mona Crowe was also set up outside The Shop and showcased her majestic and spiritual oil and pastel paintings,

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Weavers, rockers, painters, and bakers

Top, left: Vendors like Peace Love and Cake provided attendees to 4th Friday the opportunity to indulge their sweet tooth. Top, right: Rachel Thurber displayed her bright and earthy textile weavings, made from hand-dyed yarn. Bottom, right: Mountain ReVerb rocked Very Nice with classic covers of Fleetwood Mac and Led Zeppelin. Bottom, left: Ruby of Blue Spruce Studio debuted their newest dynamic painting. Center, left: Mona Crowe showcased her colorful, majestic, and spiritual paintings.

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Working toward success

Nederland Public Engagement Manager Peter Cacek (left) and Nederland Area Historical Society President Jessie Ansari (right) listening to one of the many event updates.

Nederland 150th update

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

finalized; the times and details of every event are subject to change.

Friday, August 2

While the summer days have been rolling by, a committee of volunteers have been periodically gathering, toiling away, preparing for the first big weekend in August, when the Town of Nederland celebrates its 150th anniversary.

Members of the Nederland Area Historical Society, Nederland Area Seniors, Nederland Lions Club, and the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church, along with representatives of Wild Bear Nature Center and the Town's Parks Department, Community Library, and Community Center, met on Thursday, June 27, 2024, to finalize plans for each event to take place during the sesquicentennial celebration.

Town's Public Engagement Manager Peter Cacek led the meeting, allowing each organizational lead to present to the group any updates, questions, or concerns regarding their specific event. Currently there are countless informational and interactive booths and ten major events planned to take place across three days.

The following plans are not yet

The Nederland Community Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Community Dinner on Friday evening. The church is offering their space for the serving of a potluck style dinner, with attendees free to enjoy sitting out in the garden or inside the church's newly revamped Fellowship Hall.

A custom Nederland 150th themed cake, designed by Natalie Duplessy of Peace Love and Cake will also be served at the dinner.

Parking will be available at the Visitor's Center, the RTD lot, and behind the church on West 3rd Street. Cacek indicated that the current plan is to close North Jefferson Street for the entire day, starting at 9 a.m.

The committee discussed running the potluck similarly to the Thanksgiving potluck held every year at the community center, and asking attendees to bring their own dishes and utensils, to cut down on waste and dishwashing labor.

A Barn Dance, hosted by the Peak

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Ned 150

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to Peak Chamber of Commerce, will immediately follow the dinner. Mary Joyce and the Sesquicentennial String Band are scheduled to play. Their caller will lead the crowd through the steps.

The Chamber will be reaching out to Time Served Productions for the stage and equipment needed for the band.

Saturday, August 3

Nederland Area Seniors and Nederland Area Historical Society are collaborating with the Nederland Lions Club, who are organizing and hosting a Pancake Breakfast for Saturday morning.

The breakfast aims to serve those who are a part of Nederland history, and honor those still with us and those who will never be forgotten. There will be yearbooks from 1938 to the 2000s on display, as well as other historical memorabilia.

Historic maps will be displayed as part of an interactive exhibit, allowing people to highlight places and memories on them. The maps will then be preserved and buried in a time capsule.

Lions Club President Ann Marie Morgan noted that volunteers are needed for Friday and Saturday. Eight volunteers are requested to help setup for the Pancake Breakfast on Friday night, 3 to 5 p.m. 12 volunteers are required on Saturday, from 7 to 11:45 a.m., for kitchen and food service duty, as well as for cleanup after the event.

For those who wish to volunteer, contact by email: INFO@mountainpeaklife.org or NEDERLANDLIONSCLUB@gmail.com, or call Nederland Area Seniors at 303-258-0799, or Morgan at 303-653-4327.

A parade is scheduled for noon, which will follow the same route around downtown Nederland as the July 4 parade. Longtime resident Jeanette Smith has been nominated as the grand marshal, and those participating in the parade are encouraged to wear historic costumes from their favorite era of time in Nederland's history.

There will be many small events and activities hosted all through the Town on Saturday. An Ugly Truck Contest

will take place, with the trucks to be featured in the parade and stationed along East Street, by Guercio Field.

The Gillaspie House Museum at 363-449 North Bridge Street plans to host a bake sale and will be open for extended hours. The Nederland Mining Museum at 200 North Bridge Street will have many attractions, including merchandise booths and a blacksmithing demonstration.

The Bucyrus Model 50-B steam shovel will also be operating and blowing its whistle throughout the day.

The Nederland Middle-Senior High School eighth grade class's Local Legends and Landmarks presentations will be available to view at the Nederland Community Library.

The Indian Peaks Radio Club will also be setting up a live demonstration of ham radio operations in front of the Visitor's Center on Saturday. Additionally, a chalk art contest is planned at the Nathan Lazarus Skate Park, as well as more art themed activities to be hosted at the Carousel of Happiness.

Parks Manager Nicki Dunn is planning to have East 1st Street closed to vehicle traffic all day Saturday, and into the night for a live concert. The concert is part of the Nederland Downtown Development Authority's Summer Concert Series, organized by Time Served Productions. The exact location of the concert has yet to be determined.

Sunday, August 4

The Nederland Community Presbyterian Church, Calvary Church, and St. Rita Catholic Church, will be holding a joint service in Chipeta Park on Sunday morning. A time has yet to be set for this event.

A car show is being planned for Sunday, tentatively scheduled to take place in the north side of the Caribou Village Shopping Center, though the venue is not yet cemented. Participants are currently being invited to showcase their vehicles; one community member suggested reaching out to Stephen Tebo, as he is a known car enthusiast.

The final event planned for Sunday is the ceremonial burial of a Time Capsule, to be buried in front of Nederland Town Hall. The original draft of the 150th logo, designed by eighth grader Lucy Budde, will be included in the capsule, as well as the interactive maps displayed at the pancake breakfast.



Promotions for Ned 150

Above, left: Dawn Baumhover (left) and Ann Marie Morgan (right) of the volunteer committee finalizing the promotional materials for the Ned 150. Above, right: Eighth grader Lucy Budde's winning design for the 150th logo will be on stickers, as well as t-shirts and hoodies.

Brian Biggs of the Parks Department addressed the committee about the current plan for the capsule, stating that it should be a waterproof metal cylinder capable of withstanding pressure. The cylinder would be threaded so it could be easily sealed and reopened, and Biggs suggested having the exterior painted.

Keep a lookout after this 4th of July holiday for posters, fliers, and other promotional materials about the Nederland 150th Anniversary to begin circulating. And keep reading *The Mountain-Ear* for the latest updates on all the hard work happening behind the scenes.

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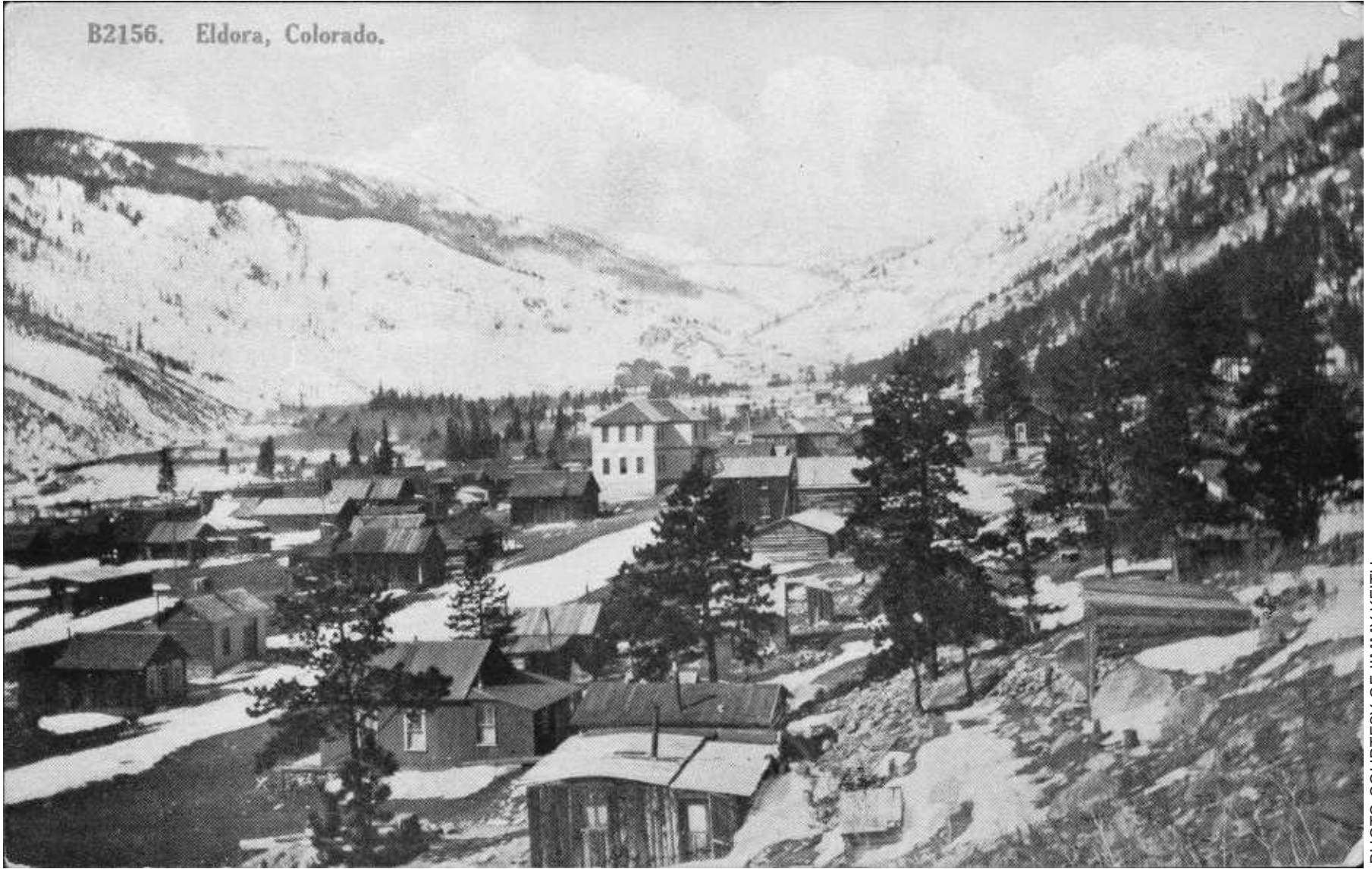


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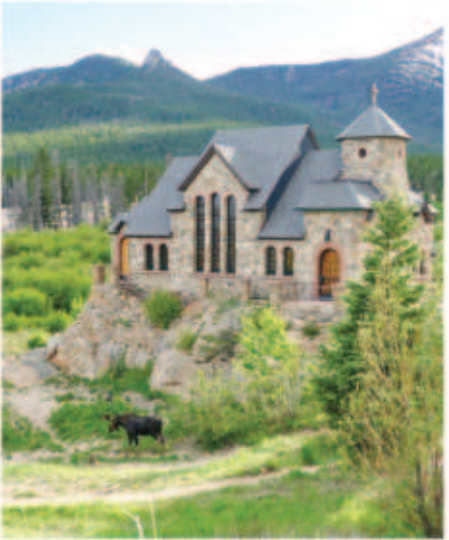
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Missouri Lakes Fire contained quickly

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On June 26, 2024, a fire broke out in the Missouri Lakes 1 subdivision, affecting approximately one acre. Initially, Evergreen Road was closed to traffic, but it has since reopened along with all other roads in the area.

Pre-evacuation orders were issued for surrounding areas, including Lakeview Subdivision, Paradise Valley, Foxtail Circle/Drive, Lodgepole Lane, and Juniper Road.

These orders were lifted on the same day as the fire was brought under control. Fire companies from Clear Creek County, Golden Gate Canyon, Clear Creek Canyon, Nederland, and Timberline were all involved in the effort.

The Gilpin County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) reported that the fire had a forward spread that was quickly halted. By 11:57 a.m., it was 60% contained, and by 12:41 p.m., it was fully contained. Fortunately, no structures were involved in the fire,

and there were no injuries reported.

An active investigation into the cause of the fire is underway, and further information is currently unavailable. Residents are advised to stay updated by following the Gilpin County Sheriff's Facebook page and to be mindful of emergency vehicles and equipment during fire events.

In light of recent events, Gilpin County will implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions effective July 2, 2024, at 5 p.m. These restrictions aim to prevent future fires and ensure the

safety of the community.

The GCSO encourages residents to remain vigilant and prepared for any future emergencies. The cooperation and swift response of the community played a significant role in managing and containing the Missouri Lakes 1 fire.

For the latest updates and information, residents should continue to monitor official communication channels and adhere to any advisories issued by local authorities.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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District pursues TAK integration



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GOLDEN GATE ROAD

The Golden Gate Fire Protection District Board met on June 27, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Grange and online. Board members present were Deb Curlee, President; Niffy Ovuworie, Vice-President and Treasurer, and Marith Reheis, Secretary; Dave Primmer was excused and Steve Green was not present.

There was discussion of the May 23 meeting minutes regarding their format. A motion to change that was defeated and the minutes were approved.

The Station 83 drainage engineer report and action will be presented next month because no quote had been received.

TAK (Team Awareness Kit) integration and FirstNet activation had been presented at the May 23 meeting. Since then, Chief Kyle Benson said he and Assistant Chief Chris Enright went back to FirstNet

and requested a trial. He and Enright now have the equipment and are testing it.

The equipment receives data from “all the way up the canyon,” Benson said. Homes show as higher points, and there is good enough reception to run TAK. They are now looking at future emergency services. Much of the satellite data can go directly to phones.

Next year, with Starlink, they will be better able to communicate. Enright said they have a relatively good signal in parks. They have reliable reception in most of the district. They have a good depth of network.

At the previous meeting, Enright reported that the District can join the Wildland fire server system with the state of Colorado at no cost. District firefighters have been able to collect and bring the messages from that system into their regular phones.

The District can get tablets that are agency-specific on which they can write and get real-time communication. It is a federally mandated program for first responders nationwide.

Theoretically, FirstNet can order a cell tower on wheels at no cost. Not every firefighter would have a tablet, but the tablets would have mobile hot spots, and everyone in the area could likely hear the data.

The District will need nine tablets. At this point, First Net is offering the tablets free to the District.

The FirstNet Authority plans to invest \$6.3 billion through its network contract with AT&T and anticipates an additional \$2 billion for ongoing investments in coverage enhancements for public safety, currently under discussion by the parties. These strategic investments will expand and evolve FirstNet so public safety stays at the forefront of innovative, lifesaving technologies, according to their website.

Ovuworie said the District has discretionary funds and would add it to the communications budget.

Benson said he will put together a one-page document about TAK and present it next month, to which the Board agreed.

Chief Benson introduced review and approval of the Jeffco All Hazards IGA. He said they will have multiple IGAs, all of which are “pretty standard.” This particular IGA outlines mutual aid and assistance and puts guidelines around what is mutual aid for all fire departments in Jefferson County.

Signing this agreement needs approval from the Board. Ovuworie asked, “If every time Timberline shows up, are we paying for that?” Benson responded that “when we go into expanded periods beyond 24 hours it becomes billable.”

According to the agreement, “The Parties intend to authorize and provide the terms for their mutual assistance in an Emergency which requires

resources in addition to those that can be provided by the Party in whose jurisdiction the Emergency occurs. Mutual assistance will be provided at the sole discretion of a responding party; this Agreement does not create an obligation to provide mutual assistance.”

The Board approved the IGA.

The Board approved authorization for fire insurance research and presentation. Ovuworie said he would like to put together a panel of insurance agents to provide questions and answers for homeowners and the district on how to keep their insurance. They could schedule a community meeting in the next few months.

The Board approved authorization for a FEMA grant application for battery energy storage (BESS) and to work with the chief and others on designs and estimates for BESS.

This would be for power backup, Ovuworie said. It can back up all or parts of the system, and the District could get a grant of \$1 million in funding. It would cover rewiring the stations.

It would require a 25 percent match, but the IRS has an elective pay program that allows nonprofit agencies to get a direct payment that they can use for the match. This would not currently encumber any funds.

The next regular Board meeting will be July 25, 2024, at 7 p.m., at the Grange, 25231 Golden Gate Canyon Road, Golden CO, 80403. For more information, go to [https://MAIN - Golden Gate Fire Protection District](https://MAIN-GoldenGateFireProtectionDistrict).

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SAB forms Natural Environment Delegates Subcommittee

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The Nederland Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, June 27. After brief introductions, SAB Co-Chair Melody Baumhover launched into the discussion items with a recap of the Rights of Nature (RoN) discussion from the May SAB meeting.

Baumhover introduced the proposed Natural Environment Delegates (NED) Subcommittee, which is a re-envisioning of a monitoring and reporting body that will function similarly to the Guardians: to keep the community up to date and connecting to state and county water departments and entities.

SAB Co-Chair Rich Orman summarized the minutes from the first ad hoc NED meeting, which explored the need for and direction of the proposed subcommittee. "It was our consensus

this was something that can keep going with monitoring the environment in our area, the watershed, and more," Orman explained. "This is also something that will take into account the concerns the BOT raised when they repealed the Rights of Nature resolution and the appointment of the Guardians," Orman added.

The proposed NED subcommittee is like RoN but is not limited to the health and welfare of the watershed and includes all natural environmental concerns.

Baumhover pointed out that the SAB has the authority to create this subcommittee. She explained that the Caribou Mine is looking to ramp up operations again and this is one thing that the NED could look at as a priority, for example.

After clarifying operational logistics and a general scope for the subcommittee, the SAB created the new NED Subcommittee to examine,

and if it deems it appropriate, report to the SAB regarding any issues related to the natural environment in or affecting the Town of Nederland.

The first task of the subcommittee is to establish its scope and the scope of the annual subcommittee report. Rab Lachance, Baumhover, and Board member Jack Kerby-Miller volunteered and were appointed as delegates to the subcommittee. Orman moved and the SAB unanimously approved that the NED look at an issue of asphalt left at Chipeta Park and prepare a statement for the BOT on this issue.

Sustainability Coordinator Leah Haney provided the SAB with the Xcel/Partners in Energy 2023 Community Data Dashboard. This report summarizes energy sources and uses in the Town of Nederland and residents' participation in renewable energy programs. Haney gathered questions from SAB for her next meeting with Partners in Energy.

Haney gave a brief update on the EV chargers at the Visitor's Center parking lot. The current level 2 charger has not been charging and it is being repaired. A fee structure of 40 cents per kilowatt hour and excess parking time had been implemented. However, during implementation, the charging stations did not come back online. SAB and Haney will be working with

manufacturer ChargePoint to resolve this issue.

Haney will be meeting with Xcel representatives on July 9 for a preconstruction meeting to develop an installation plan for the new Level 3 chargers. Haney updated the SAB on the next round of ChargeAhead Colorado funding to open this fall.

The Nederland Community Library has offered to match the grant to help the Town get the necessary funding and location for a new EV charger. There was consensus that the library is a great location for EV charging, and the group remains open to exploring additional locations for the next charging station.

Lastly, the SAB agreed that the new polystyrene ban ordinance is to go into effect on July 1. The SAB and Nederland staff will work together to educate local businesses and the public on this ban, with a plan for penalties for any violations to go into place in six months to one year.

Nederland Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024. For more information go to: townofnederland.colorado.gov/sustainability-advisory-board.

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Pet of the week



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*I tell you every day, the sun goes down
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*The bone-shaped beef treat messes with my mind
 Don't ask me why, the bone-shaped beef treat
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*I like to play, the whole livelong day
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Planning Commission vacates right-of-way, incorporates road



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NEDERLAND

The Nederland Planning Commission met on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 7 p.m. to discuss the viability of allowing housing on industrial lots. Commissioners were also tasked with voting on whether the Town of Nederland should be permitted to incorporate West 5th Street into the land parcel at 750 West 5th Street to accommodate a proposal for a childcare facility.

On May 21, the Nederland Board of Trustees (BOT) approved Resolution 2024 - 26, authorizing the Town Administrator to apply for a right-of-way vacation of West 5th Street. If the application is approved, the property will become part of the Town-owned lot at 750 West 5th Street, pending the filing of a quitclaim for their portion of the right-of-way by the owner of the single abutting property.

The request, governed by Nederland’s Disposal of Public Land policy and Colorado State Law, is evaluated based on “the value of the land; the current use of the land; and any potential future use of the land, including the ability at some future time to exchange or dispose of the land in a manner that might benefit the public.”

Other criteria include evaluating the public benefit of retaining the land, as well as the benefit in disposing of the land. It is also to be determined whether the manner of land disposition proposed is consistent with Nederland’s Comprehensive Plan, which is currently in the process of being updated.

The sentiments of nearby property owners who will be impacted by the right-of-way vacation are also to be considered in the decision making process.

Commissioners were tasked with

voting on Ordinance 865, which permits the BOT to vacate the right-of-way. The action, if approved, is dictated by certain conditions that, as written in the ordinance, “must be satisfied prior to recordation of this Ordinance, or at such time as determined by Town staff.”

The Town of Nederland is required to have the subdivision process approved by the Zoning Administrator and Town Attorney, to ensure that lot lines are properly adjusted.

The Town, which is defined as the “petitioner” in this scenario, is responsible for all fees and costs that may be incurred during the application process, and must be compliant with any additional requirements that the BOT may add as they approve Ordinance 865.

Commissioners asked whether Nederland’s Streets Department had any concerns about the vacation of right-of-way, to which Community

Out with the old! In with the new? Commissioners discussed whether new housing developments should be allowed on Industrial-zoned land.

Planner Britt DeMinck stated that there were no concerns at this time.

DeMinck also clarified for the Commission that there was only one adjacent property, owned by longtime resident Jeanette Smith, and that the process for Smith to file a quitclaim would begin once Ordinance 865 has passed.

In a letter to Town officials, Smith stated her intention to deny any claim of ownership to a portion of West 5th Street.

“I have no interest in this land. So, if the BOT approves the vacation of West 5th Street, I do intend to donate this property to the Town,” Smith wrote.

Commissioners voted to recommend approval of Ordinance 865. The ordinance will go before Trustees for a final vote during their next meeting on Tuesday, July 2.

The Commission discussed a proposal to change the Use Group Table within Nederland Municipal Code (NMC) to allow residential uses on land parcels zoned as Industrial. Commissioners discussed what residential use groups they would consider for Industrial-zoned property, and which would be classified as use-by-right and which would require applying for a Special Review Use.

The proposal was first discussed by the BOT on June 4, 2024, presented by Jesse Seavers, resident and owner of High Performance Earthworks, who, with a business partner, expressed interest in purchasing 19 West 1st Street. The

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SAT AUG 3	DIGGIN' DIRT W/ THE GUERRILLA FANFARE BRASS BAND	FIRST STREET
SAT AUG 17	ATOMGA W/ SELASSE & FAFA FAMILY	TBD
SAT AUG 31	THE RIVER ARKANSAS & SILAS HERMAN AND JACK CLOONAN	CHIPETA PARK

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Planning

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home currently on the land was destroyed by a fire last summer and Seavers wishes to demolish it and build new housing.

As the single-family home was a non-conforming use for an Industrial-zoned lot, and was not restored within six months, as is stipulated by NMC 16-185, housing is not permitted to be built on the lot.

Seavers requested to the BOT that the timeline stated in NMC 16-185 be removed or amended, and that the Use Group Table within NMC 16-32 be changed to allow residential uses in Industrial zones. The BOT sent the discussion to the Planning Commission to review as it is a matter of changing Town code.

The Commission reviewed a map of Nederland's Industrial area, primarily the Wolf Tongue Mill area, to determine the residential zoning types closest to the land in question, being mainly Neighborhood Commercial with some Mountain Residential.

DeMinck was asked if SE Group, the firm responsible for the Comprehensive Plan update, would be able to provide feedback on this matter. DeMinck noted that SE Group wanted to hear the general feedback from the Planning Commission before providing their opinion and engaging in further

discussion on the issue during an upcoming July meeting.

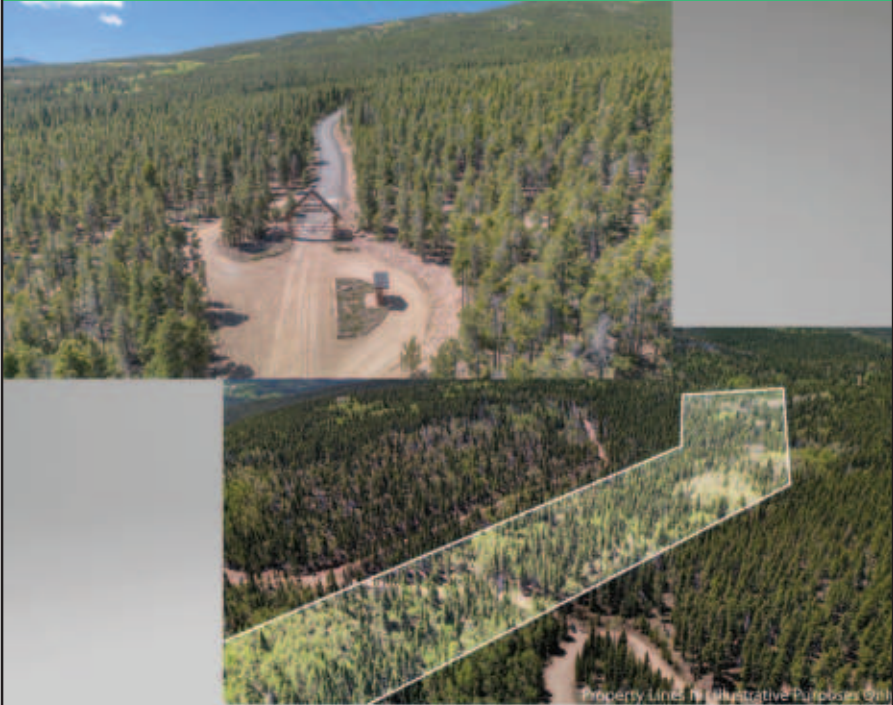
Trustee Liaison Nichole Sterling requested that Town staff and SE Group provide information regarding how the Town can best utilize its Industrial-zoned property in the future. Her desire is to ascertain whether housing development on that land would be detrimental to any potential economic development.

Commissioners discussed whether it would be more sensible to rezone each of the four parcels in the industrial area that has residential properties on them, rather than change the Use Group Table, affecting all property zoned as Industrial.

Town Attorney Jennifer Madsen reiterated that the Town has the power to change the zoning definitions of those non-conforming properties within the Industrial area without the property owners having to initiate the process.

This matter will return to the Planning Commission in late July, with the BOT expected to discuss the issues of Industrial land use with SE Group during their meeting on July 16.

The Nederland Planning Commission meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24 at 7 p.m. Meetings can be attended online via WebEx. For more information: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/planning-commission>.



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JULY RECIPES



Grilled Fruit Kabobs

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Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup salted butter or margarine (use a vegan butter to make it dairy free)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 3 fresh peaches, pitted and quartered
- 3 fresh plums, pitted and quartered
- 3 bananas, cut into 4 pieces each
- 12 strawberries, hulled
- 12 skewers
- More fruit options: Mango, pineapple, pear

Directions:

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium heat and place a large sheet of foil onto the grate.

Melt butter and honey together in a small saucepan over medium heat. Reduce heat to low and cook gently, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Add a little vanilla if you like and stir into the mixture. Do not let the sauce boil.

Thread a peach quarter, a plum quarter, a banana piece, and a strawberry onto each skewer. Place the skewers onto the foil on the preheated grill; spoon honey mixture over each skewer.

Grill until the fruit is softened and the sauce has thickened and cooked onto the fruit, about 5 minutes.

Flip the skewers, spoon more butter-honey sauce over each, and grill for about 5 more minutes on the other side.

Tips:

Use the remaining honey mixture as a dip or as ice cream topping.

Black Hawk plans for a tourist railroad

MINDY LEARY
BLACK HAWK

Mayor David Spellman and the Black Hawk City Council asked for an update from Fire Chief Christopher Woolley regarding the Missouri Lakes Fire that occurred earlier that day during their meeting on June 26, 2024.

“Earlier this morning, we responded with resources to Timberline; we were one of the first resources on that scene. The fire right now is about an acre or a little bit more and is fully contained as of 12:35 [p.m.]. We sent resources in from Clear Creek County, Golden Gate Canyon, Clear Creek Canyon, Nederland, and Timberline,” said Woolley.

Spellman asked if all the evacuation notices had been lifted, to which Woolley responded in the affirmative. Woolley said the cause of the fire is still under investigation. He reported they had excellent assistance from law enforcement.

During the Public Comment period, District 1 County Commissioner Marie A. Mornis thanked voters for her nomination as the 2025 Republican candidate for District 1 Commissioner. She went on to say “But I also want to note that there is some division in the party. As a former vice chair and present chair of the Republican Party, my goal for the past two years is to make the Republican Party relevant and cohesive. So that is my goal, besides running for commissioner again...”

The Council discussed **Resolution 57-2024**, A Resolution Approving the Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Black Hawk and 360 Rail Services, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$77,974.68 for Design Services on the Black Hawk Rail Line Project

Project Manager Matt Reed said,

“The contract before you is really an opportunity for the City of Black Hawk to participate in the preliminary design of this project, which includes taking a survey of the affected area and establishing the best alignment for the tracks.”

Spellman chimed in, “And I guess what I would like to point out is, although it is in the grand scheme – the plan to have a railroad running between Central and Black Hawk; this is truly a standalone project.”

The meeting’s Agenda Packet provided detailed information: “A local developer has identified a potential tourism rail route that would begin on Spring Street in Central City and terminate on Gregory Hill in Black Hawk, near Artisan’s Point. Where possible, the route would follow historic benches that were cut into hillsides during the City’s mining era.

“Roughly 75% of the conceptual route is located within Black Hawk city limits. This contract would authorize 360 Rail Services, LLC to survey the railroad corridor within Black Hawk and determine the best alignment for the railroad.”

All were in favor.

The Council held three public hearings, for the following resolutions, during which there was no public comments:

Resolution 54-2024, a Resolution Approving the Certificate of Architectural Compatibility for the Property Located at 311 High Street.

The staff presented details about the historical significance of the property at 311 High Street, its construction history, and the proposed rehabilitation work including roofing, siding, paint, and other improvements.

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Public Notice

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 or
 Parent/Petitioner:
 for Minor Child:
 For a Change of Name to: Angela Lea Fowler

▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
 Case Number: 24C10
 Division Courtroom

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Public Notice is given on June 17, 2024 (date) that a Petition for a Change of Name of a
 Minor Child or Adult has been filed with the Gilpin Court.

The Petition requests that the name of
Angela Lea Zachman
 First Name Middle Name Last Name
 be changed to
Angela Lea Fowler
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

By [Signature]
 Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

Black Hawk

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Resolution 59-2024, A Resolution Establishing Water Rates Pursuant to Section 13-23 of the Black Hawk Municipal Code.

The City has not raised water rates in years, but due to increased costs in labor, chemicals, and electricity for water treatment, staff have proposed a 2.5% rate increase.

Resolution 60-2024, A Resolution Establishing Water Rates Pursuant to Section 13-23 of the Black Hawk Municipal Code, Effective January 1, 2025.

Water Resources Engineer Brad Dallam said the development of new businesses, specifically in the Commercial Business Service District, which is up by Public Works, were not envisioned in the last set of water rights.

An additional category has been added to the rate structure to accommodate these businesses. The addition is for the sprinkler feed for facilities under 20,000 square feet.

The fee will be based on the gross square footage of the facility. No other fees will be modified at this time.

All the resolutions were approved unanimously.

All Action Items on the agenda were approved unanimously.

Resolution 55-2024, A Resolution Acknowledging the Legal Non-Conforming Structure Located at 311 High Street;

Resolution 56-2024, A Resolution Approving Certain Service Agreements



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for Calendar Year 2024;

Resolution 58-2024, A Resolution Approving a Trade Contractor Agreement with Kubat Equipment for Repairs and Maintenance to the Fleet Shop Vehicle Wash Bay in the Amount Not to Exceed \$87,795.24;

Resolution 61-2024, A Resolution Approving the Acquisition of Certain Real Estate Known as the West Fisk Mining Claim Within the City of Black Hawk;

Resolution 62-2024, A Resolution

Accepting the City of Black Hawk 2023 Audit ;

Resolution 63-2024, A Resolution Setting Forth the Fees that may be Charged for Open Records Requests Under the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-200.1, et seq. K.;

Resolution 64-2024, A Resolution Approving the City of Black Hawk Fee Schedule, as Amended.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 3:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Black Hawk City Council is scheduled for July 10, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 211 Church Street, Black Hawk, Colorado.

Updating the Council

Fire Chief Christopher Woolley updates the Black Hawk City Council on the Missouri Lakes Fire, which was contained quickly on June 26 by Timberline Fire and supporting agencies.

Public Notice

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

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

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

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

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN. SEE ATTACHED LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00a.m. on Thursday, 08/01/2024, at The Office of the Gilpin County Public Trustee, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

First Publication 6/6/2024
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Name of Publication
The Mountain Ear

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DATE: 04/04/2024

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

The name, address, business telephone number and bar registration number of the attorney(s) representing the legal holder of the indebtedness is:

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Attorney File # 24-032061

The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.

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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 or Lot A-1; thence N 89°17'30" W (S 89°17'45" E), 623.77 (624.00) feet along the Southerly line of Lots A-1, D-4, and G-7; thence N 00°00'26" E, 416.86 (416.00) feet along the Westerly line of Lots G-7 and H-8 to the True Point of Beginning; thence N 64°18'11" E (S 63°53'51" W), 234.73 (232.35) feet; thence N 27°46'32" E (S 27°58'53" W), 225.63 (224.34) feet; thence S 88°25'54" E (N 89°30'45" W), 103.88 (104.00) feet; thence S 00°29'26" W (N 00°21'45" W), 302.90 (303.00) feet; thence S 45°17'52" W, 293.28 feet; thence N 89°17'56" W, 52.00 feet; thence N 00°24'49" E, 208.63 feet; thence N 89°30'20" W, 158.96 feet to the True Point of Beginning,

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

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

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

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

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

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Statepoint Crossword and Sudoku Puzzles

THEME: THE 1910s

ACROSS

1. UPS competitor
5. Banking convenience
8. Shape with an axe
11. Arctic floater
12. Court bargain
13. Dashboard window
15. *Claude Monet's "Water Lilies," e.g.
16. Petri dish gel
17. Noble gas
18. *Post-1919 drinking establishment
20. Not hit
21. More than a scuffle
22. "That is to say"
23. Jewish village
26. One's full DNA sequence, pl.
30. Interesting person, acr.
31. Cord made from animal intestines
34. Type of tide
35. No such thing as a free one?
37. Credit card rate
38. Boatload
39. St. Louis' Gateway, e.g.
40. Cast-off skin
42. U.N. working-conditions agcy.
43. **"Unsinkable"?
45. Violent protester
47. Golfer's goal
48. Puts behind bars
50. Samoan money
52. *Armed conflict (3 words)
56. *Famous Bolshevik
57. Storm centers
58. Bob ____ of boxing world
59. Neural transmitters
60. High school breakout
61. Speech defect
62. 1968 hit "Harper Valley ____"
63. Grassland
64. Trousers

DOWN

1. They're often described as disc-shaped
2. Freudian error
3. *Roald Amundsen's southern destination
4. The Muppets' street
5. Lake scum
6. Razz
7. * ____ Pickford, "America's Sweetheart" of silent film era
8. Comforting gestures
9. Prima donna problems
10. Skin cyst
12. Saffron-flavored rice dish
13. Street urchin
14. *48th State
19. Sailing vessel with two masts
22. Animal doctor, for short
23. Water balloon sound
24. Alluring maiden
25. Add a touch of color
26. Spiritual leader
27. *Boy Scout's ____ badge
28. Two under par on a hole
29. Animal trail
32. After-bath powder
33. General Post Office
36. **"Little Tramp" portrayer
38. Chef Julia ____
40. Address for a man
41. Salmon at a certain stage
44. Indian breads
46. Lee Harvey ____
48. **"A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" author James ____
49. Circus venue
50. Modern message
51. Dwarf buffalo
52. Lash mark
53. **"Dulcin e!" of Massenet's "Don Quichotte," e.g.
54. Dry biscuit
55. Mischievous sprites
56. Spot for luxury?

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