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Celebrating around the Peak to Peak

The Fourth of July was celebrated with music, parades, food, family, and friends. Communities came together and held annual summer celebrations remembering the country's declaration of freedom.

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-QUOTE OF THE WEEK-

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." – Desmond Tutu

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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 11

Mountain People's Co-op Board

Meeting: The Mountain Peo-
ple's Co-op Board meets on the
second Thursday of each month
at 5:30 p.m. in the Nederland
Community Library Communi-
ty Room, 200 Highway 72. Find
more information on social media
at [www.facebook.com/nederland-
coop](http://www.facebook.com/nederland-
coop).

Friday, July 12

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

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, gen-
der, race or sexual identity/orientation. The community
is invited to attend and cheer on the participants. For
more information visit www.nedgravel.com.

Monday, July 15

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 16

Meet Your NEW Local Veterinarians: Veterinarians
Cory Meirs and Nate Siegel are the proud owners of



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-neder-
land-cross-talk-meeting](https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/tuesday-night-neder-
land-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](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](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](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/](https://findrecovery.com/aa_meeting/gilpin-county-h.a.l.t.-
central-city/).

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

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

For additional meetings in Boulder County visit [https://boulder-
countyaa.com/meetings/](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/](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.

Cracker BARREL

Get involved in your community

Nederland Veterinary Hospital! Come
by the Gilpin Public Library to say
hello and learn about some of their
services as they continue the
legacies of the Nederland Veter-
inary Hospital and Peak to Peak
Hospital. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17

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.gilpinli-
brary.org](http://www.gilpinli-
brary.org).

CU Mountain Research Station: 2024 Summer Sem-
inars: Mike Moore discusses the ecological limits of
species on a changing planet. 7 p.m. at 818 County
Road 116, Nederland.

**Nederland EcoPass Public Improvement District
Advisory Committee (NEPPIDAC) Meeting:** The
NEPPIDAC Public Meetings are typically convened in
a hybrid format where attendees can join through Mic-
rosoft Teams or in person at the Nederland Community
Library, 200 Highway 72 North, Nederland, CO 80406. 5
p.m. - 7 p.m.

Rocky Mountain Puppets: Award-winning ventrilo-
quist, Meghan Casey, presents "Expedition Under-
ground." "After months of preparation, Meghan and
Aidan are finally embarking on their quest to uncover
rare fossils in a mysterious cave but they got more than
they bargained for after an earthquake hit, trapping
them inside! Everyone involved must work together
and harness their Indiana Jones alter-ego to make it
out alive during this Expedition Underground." Gilpin
County Library, 10 - 11 a.m.

Victory Gardens Farmstand: Take home some local
produce at the Victory Gardens Farmstand. In Ned-
erland from 4 to 6 p.m. at 133 West 3rd Street every
Wednesday till October.

Friday, July 19

Gilpin County Fair Parade: Come out to enjoy the Gilpin
County Fair Parade with floats driving down Gregory
Street from Central City to the Z Casino parking lot!
Starts at 10 a.m.

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

PEAK PERSPECTIVES: Change is in the air



PHOTO BY BARBARA HARDT

BARBARA HARDT
BLACK HAWK

Some of you may have read the headline and thought, oh no, something big is happening at the paper. Well, you're not wrong. But we just don't have much news to share yet. We are actively searching for a printing press to take us on as a customer. With over 70 other publications in Colorado looking for the same thing, you can imagine it is a hurry-up-and-wait, scenario. *The Denver Post* has said they can't take on a small print job. This leads me to wonder how many newspapers will go out of business in the next sixty days, because there just are not enough print spaces to go around. That doesn't leave us out, it just means we have to keep calling, emailing and connecting until we find the right place. We have found a few printers that could take us on if we go down in pages (fine) and down in size (also fine). It's all in the details.

In the meantime our entire TEAM is

working on what this will look like for us, as a publication. We are looking at expanding our online presence. We have been talking about this for over a year. I thought this would happen around December. Now it looks like a good time to make it happen sooner. We'll let you in on all of that exciting news soon!

I want to sincerely thank everyone on our TEAM for being part of the plan and helping to find solutions, with little notice, and a lot of scrambling. We'll get this. And hey, as a reader, can you take a moment to fill out or survey about print and online news? It's an important part of our process right now and can help guide us. It's right here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MTNEARsurvey>

Last, the thing I'm thinking a lot about today is my youngest son. I know, I know, but it can't always be newspaper stuff friends. My youngest has been working to enroll in community college and is planning to leave in just two weeks, to head towards his next destination. This means sometime between now and

August 10, I'll also head out there for a few days to help secure what's needed for him to be successful. This wasn't part of our plan at graduation, but I'm so excited for the plan now. I just have to figure out how to make it all fall into place (I used to be the puzzle master, but now the pieces don't always fit together and it takes me longer to find the right ones). Whatever happens, we're working hard to make this a reality (the newspaper, the website, and for me- sending my son to school).

The Mountain-Ear is *YOUR* community source for news. If you LOVE what we do (heck if you even like it a little), consider subscribing. Check out our 50 in 50 deal (we're aiming to get 50 new online subscribers in 50 days). Use this link: <https://www.themtnear.com/register/1-year-online-access/> and make sure to use coupon code SUMMER2024. Questions? Call us at 303-810-5409 or email info@themountainear.com

GIANT Garage Sale this weekend!

Plants and plant accessories, books, clothes, furniture, horse tack, kayak and more. Everything goes towards helping the kid raise money to head to college in 2 weeks.

Stop by Friday, July 12, to Sunday, July 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 245 Apollo Drive Black Hawk. **Cash only.**



Gilpin County Seniors

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 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.mountain-peaklife.org.

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Music of the Mountains

Where to be and what to see

JAMIE LAMMERS
ROLLINSVILLE

Vocalist Chris Fogler moved to Colorado when the COVID-19 pandemic started, and he had many friends in the area. One of these friend's partners lived with guitarist Dan Thurnhoffer, and Thurnhoffer, Fogler, and their mutual friend made a point to get together and play music every week. Ultimately, they formed the group Sycamore Porch Pickers, with the mutual friend eventually dropping out and being replaced by bass player Dave Keller. Fogler also played guitar and mandolin, and Thurnhoffer also contributed to vocals.

The group felt like their name didn't fit with their sound, which covers the gambit of rock-and-roll, blues, and jazz, but not bluegrass, which they felt their name was reminiscent of. They took the first part of their new name from their guitarist's truck Goldie, and they took their second name from feeling ground down from life and music, and thus, Goldie and the Grindstones was born.

Ultimately, Thurnhoffer's wife got the opportunity to work in Costa Rica, and it was harder for Keller and Fogler to play their music as a duo, so they brought in saxophone player Quin Jackson, drummer (and Thurnhoffer's brother-in-law) Sam Krause, and vocalist Chelsea Hackett. Thurnhoffer will be returning to play upcoming summer shows as well.

The band members come from various backgrounds. Fogler played jazz and listened to cowboy country growing up, Keller played in a polka band with his mom, Jackson was a jazz instrumentalist from Kansas State, Krause played rock-and-roll, and Hackett has been able to help train her and Fogler's voices with her musical theater background, also bringing more of a pop sensibility to the group.

Fogler says that generally, in the songwriting process, one person brings in half to three-quarters of a finished song and the band finishes



Goldie and the Grindstones

the structure and/or the words of the song together. The band also throws in many covers, and Fogler says the split of covers and originals is currently 50/50.

Fogler grew up playing band in high school, but he never truly planned on being in his own band. Now that he's in one, it's fun to be able to inspire interactions between the band and the audience and to let the audience have fun in their shows.

To Fogler, playing music is not about getting the performance right, it's about expressing their music in a certain way and expressing themselves as a band. Hackett loves it when people who have come to various shows can sing the lyrics of certain songs back and when the band is able to connect with each other and with the audience, and ultimately, both of them hope that the audience enjoys hearing the music as much as the band enjoys making it.

You can see Goldie and the Grindstones performing at Howlin Wind Brewing, located at 51 A Main Street in Rollinsville,

on Saturday, July 20, 2024, starting at 5 p.m. Be sure to check them out on Instagram @goldieandthegrindstones, and if you miss this show, you can also check them out at the Gold Hill General Store, 531 Main Street in Gold Hill, on Saturday, August 10 at 8 p.m.

Music Events

Busey Brews

Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m. -
S'moreGrass Duo
Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m. -
Mike Lamitola
Sunday, July 28 at 2 p.m. -
Mina Reya

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

Canyon Tavern

Saturday, July 13 at 6 p.m. -
Howard Dlugasch
Sunday, July 21 at 3 p.m. -
Will Whalen
Saturday, July 27 at 6 p.m. -
Ibby Cline & Michael Walters

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

Gold Hill Inn

Friday, July 12 at 8 p.m. - Bear Hat
Sunday, July 14 at 5:30 p.m. - Damn Tall Buildings
Wednesday, July 17 at 5 p.m. -
Moors and McCumber
Friday, July 19 at 8 p.m. -
Brandywine and the Mighty Fines
Sunday, July 21 at noon -
KGNU Charles Sawtelle Memorial Mountain Jam 2024
Sunday, July 21 at 5:30 p.m. -
Laurie Dameron Duo
Wednesday, July 24 at 6 p.m. -
Off the Rails

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GoldHillInn/>
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. -
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kathmandurestaurant.us

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

Music Events

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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

Gregory Plaza

Saturday, July 13 at 5 p.m. - Nicholas Fennel of The HUCKLeBEARerS
Saturday, July 27 at 5 p.m. - Duey Weibel

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/blackhawksharddistrict/
Website: https://blackhawkhard-district.com/
Location: 317 Gregory Street, Black Hawk
(Mountain Poppy Boutique)
Phone: 720-669-0665
(Mountain Poppy Boutique)

Howlin Wind Brewing

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.howlinwind-brewing.com/
Location: 51 A Main Street, Rollinsville
Phone: 309-825-5245

Jamestown Mercantile

Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m. - Derek Dames Ohl
Friday, July 12 at 7 p.m. - Zimbira

Sunday, July 14 at 12:15 p.m. - Steven Hoffman
Wednesday, July 17 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic
Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. - Hunter James and the Titanic
Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m. - Chuck Sitero (of High Lonesome) and Friends
Sunday, July 21 at 12:15 p.m. - Annie and the Bang Bang
Wednesday, July 24 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic
Thursday, July 25 at 7 p.m. - Heavy Diamond Ring
Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m. - Janestown
Thursday, July 28 at 12:15 p.m. - Danny Shafer

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jamestown.mercantile/
Website: https://www.jamestown-mercantile.com/
Location: 108 Main Street, Jamestown
Phone: 303-442-5847

Knotted Root Brewing

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. - Open Mic
Sundays at 5 p.m. - Jazz Sundays

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/knottedrootbrewing/
Website: https://www.knottedroot-brewing.com/home
Location: 250 N. Caribou Street, Nederland
Phone: 720-248-7129

Nederland Farmers Market

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

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NederlandFarmersMarket/
Website: https://www.nederland-farmersmarket.org/
Email: nederlandfarmersmarket@gmail.com
Location: 85 E. 1st Street, Nederland

Old Gallery at Allenspark

Wednesday, July 10 at 2 p.m. - Summer Porch Series
Friday, July 19 at 6 p.m. - Open Mic with Tim Merkle

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/TheAOldGallery
Website: https://www.theoldgallery.org/
Location: 14863 Highway 7, Allenspark
Phone: 303-747-2906

United Center

Sunday, July 14 at 6 p.m. - The Wildwoods

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/UnitedCenterInc/
Website: http://www.unitedcenter-inc.com/
Location: 1440 Colorado Boulevard, Idaho Springs
Phone: 303-900-8689

Very Nice Brewing Co. (Gilpin County)

Friday, July 12 at 6 p.m. - Nicholas Fennel of The HUCKLeBEARerS
Friday, July 19 at 6 p.m. - Eric Stone
Saturday, July 20 at 5 p.m. - Tony Crank
Friday, July 26 at 6 p.m. - Windy Pines
Saturday, July 27 at 2 p.m. - The Tater Spliffs
Saturday, July 27 at 6 p.m. - Mountain ReVerb
Sunday, July 28 at 4 p.m. - Blue Moose Jazz

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/verynicebeer

Website: https://www.verynice-brewing.com/
Location: 180 Jankowski Drive, Black Hawk
Phone: 303-582-2015

Very Nice Brewing Co. (Nederland)

Thursday, July 11 at 6 p.m. - John Meerts
Friday, July 12 at 6 p.m. - Magnum Mike
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
Saturday, July 27 at 5 p.m. - Andreas Boehmer
Sunday, July 28 at 4 p.m. - The CBDs

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/verynicebeer
Website: https://www.verynice-brewing.com/
Location: 20 E. Lakeview Drive, #112, Nederland
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Vote yes for the families who need our support

Dear Editor,

As a resident of Nederland, I am writing to express my strong support for the upcoming special ballot measure to establish a childcare center on town land. This initiative is not just a matter of convenience but a crucial step towards supporting access to early childhood education as well as the economic success of our local families and community.

Recently, I had the pleasure of leading yoga story time at the Nederland Community Library, a hub of social support for young families. There, I met several Nederland parents who are deeply concerned about their childcare options in an area where little options exist. My conversations with them highlight a significant issue: many of these parents reside within the Nederland library district and within our local school district but, unfortunately, do not live within the town limits, rendering them unable to vote in favor of the childcare center. Their voices, while not directly heard in this Town ballot vote, reflect a profound need that spans beyond the borders of our town.

Nederland has a proud history of providing essential social services on town property which benefit a wider community beyond our town borders. The Nederland Community Center which houses a food pantry, senior services, a collective commercial kitchen, fitness facilities and classes, and our beloved

Nederland Community Library which serves mountain residents all across the peak to peak region are just a few examples of how we, as a small town, have extended our resources to support those living outside our immediate town boundaries. These services have become vital lifelines for many, demonstrating our community's collective commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment.

By advocating for this childcare center to move forward on Town land, we are continuing this tradition of service and support. As Maya Angelou once said, "I speak not for myself, but for those without voice... those who have fought for their rights... their right to live in peace, their right to be treated with dignity, their right to equality of opportunity, their right to be educated."

By voting in favor of the childcare center, we are choosing to be advocates for those who cannot vote themselves on this July's ballot, ensuring that all families within our mountain community have access to the support and early childhood education they need to thrive.

I urge my fellow Nederland residents to VOTE YES in this month's special ballot issue to allow a childcare center on town land. Let us continue to be a community that believes in standing together, supporting one another, and investing in the future of our children.

Angie Seavers
Nederland

Registered voters and citizens of Nederland beware

Dear Editor,

The Nederland Board of Trustees and Mayor voted to use your tax dollars to give away your public land for free to a corporate business. Worse, they didn't want you to know about it.

On February 20, 2024, the Nederland Board of Trustees voted to adopt Ordinance 859, giving away free public Land valued at approximately \$640,000 to a private corporation known as "Teens Inc" with the intent of building a childcare center at 750 W. 5th St., Nederland. The Nederland Board and Mayor deliberately chose this route rather than to send the issue to a public vote, disenfranchising Nederland voters from making their own decision, ultimately bypassing our democratic process. Why would they do this? The board felt that a public vote wouldn't go in their favor, so they decided to make the choice for you. In April, a group of petitioners circulated a petition around various Nederland neighborhoods acquiring close to 100 signatures to force the town to send this matter to a public vote. As one of the petitioners, I can tell you that we were greatly disturbed by the board's eagerness to bypass the democratic process, ultimately designed to disenfranchise the registered voters of our town. Unfortunately, we're at a time in our history where our governments feel as though they can make our decisions for us if it benefits their political agendas or personal career aspirations. We must

send a message to our local politicians that they cannot cut us out of making our own decisions about our public land.

1) The referendum petition required that the town send this matter to a public vote, which is currently scheduled to occur on July 30th. The petition language, that was printed in Resolution 2024-21, linked below was intentionally misworded to confuse voters.

2) The Resolution states: "Whereas, the Board of Trustees determines that it is in the best interest of the Town to promote voter participation and cost efficiency in the special municipal election and finds that conducting a special election as a mail ballot election will advance these goals." Dear readers, please know that this is completely false. Not only did the Board choose not to move this issue to a vote in February, we had to force them to hold a special election vote by circulating a legal petition, approved by the town. They didn't want you to vote!

If you haven't heard about this proposal, Teens Inc. is asking the Town to provide more free land to their corporation so they can build a 14,000 sq. ft. commercial building on .44 of an acre of land in a small, residential neighborhood. Voting against this measure secures your rights as Nederland taxpayers for the Town to be more fiscally responsible, and to secure the democratic process.

Jon Allen
Nederland

Letter to the Editor

Submit your letter to the editor by emailing the newspaper at info@themountaineear.com, scanning the QR code here, or on our website at <https://www.themtneear.com/submit-letter-or-guest-opinion/>. Letters are the opinion of the author and do not reflect the opinion of *The Mountain-Ear*.



Vote YES to expand childcare

Dear Editor,

I am writing to encourage all Nederland voters to vote YES in the special election this month. This is a special election asking if TEENS, Inc. should be allowed to operate a childcare center on the property located at 750 W. 5th St.

Voting YES would allow TEENS, Inc. to move forward with their project to expand access to early childhood education and care in our mountain

community.

Adequate childcare is lacking in our community and who better to provide it than TEENS, Inc.

Since 1997 TEENS, Inc. has been successfully providing a multitude of services to our youth. There is no better organization to provide access to our children than TEENS, Inc.

Please vote Yes in this special election.

Claudia Schaffler
Nederland Business Owner

Nederland paid parking details lacking

Dear Editor,

As noted recently in *The Mountain-Ear*, the Town is abruptly embarking on an experiment in paid parking (PP). Critically important details have been lacking, including: the PP implementation zones; contract terms with the (ruthless) management company; the company's income percentages versus what Town reaps; penalties Town may incur for backing out of the deal; new Town infrastructure requirements and impacts; maintenance impacts and costs; criteria for who is a "Town resident"; methodology for Town residents to indicate exempt vehicles (everybody in Town has to get digital vehicle registrations? Or register for (God help us) window stickers? Or what?).

Those are the minor issues. Here are two big ones. First, the point of PP is not normally to raise cash for a municipality. The point is to force more rapid turnover in areas where people are otherwise leaving their vehicles all day. We've seen no evidence that there is a turnover problem with parking in Nederland.

If the Town thinks this is a problem, concrete evidence needs to be presented for that. Second, PP automatically pushes vehicles outward from the pay zones to public, and even non-public, areas that are non-pay.

So, if Main Street and the parking lot across from the Visitor Center were to become PP (we'll suppose), then parkers will automatically put their vehicles into B&F spaces, Lakeview spaces, Feed Store and Kathmandu spaces, Ubon spaces, and adjacent residential streets. This in turn creates financial hardship, headaches and enforcement issues for people responsible for those adjacent parking areas—problems they never signed up for, never agreed to, and don't deserve.

If the Town wants to approach PP responsibly and professionally, first do the requisite homework to demonstrate that there is a need. If there is, work out how to implement a scheme that doesn't hurt innocents.

Frank Sanders
Tungsten Valley

Perspective of a long time resident: Vote YES on the new childcare facility

Dear Editor,

My name is Jeannette Smith, I live on Caribou Road. I have lived here for 70 winters (year round) and 8 summers before that. I was also a Teacher's Aid at Nederland Elementary School for 29 years and love children.

I would like to express my full support for the "YES" vote on the July 30, 2024, special election to allow TEENS, Inc. to lease town-owned land to build a new childcare facility in Nederland. Daycare in Nederland is essential because it promotes higher enrollment in Nederland Elementary School and Nederland Middle-Senior High School.

The article "Support for more quality, affordable childcare in Ned" on page 6 of the July 4, 2024, edition of *The Mountain Ear* highlights many other reasons why this is essential.

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 not only our families with small children, but our entire community.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Smith
Nederland

Message from Timberline Fire Chief

Dear Editor,

As most of you are aware, there was a wildfire in the Missouri Lakes Subdivision on Wednesday, June 26th, at approximately 10:30 a.m. I wanted to take a few minutes to share my thoughts.

It is an understatement to say how incredibly proud I am of everyone who responded to this incident. Their swift, brave, and decisive actions prevented this fire, which had significant potential to devastate the area, from spreading and turned it into a few-hour event. Absolutely amazing work!!! I also want to thank the community for following evacuation orders and doing so quickly and carefully; this allows the responders to focus on the fire instead of traffic jams, crazy driving, and chasing people out of their houses.

There are many factors that account for the success of this fire. Below are a few:

- The fire was in a location that could be quickly accessed.
- The fire was in a location where many people called 911 EARLY.
- The weather, while hot and dry, was not extremely windy.
- The fire was on relatively flat ground.
- All the emergency response agencies came together with a common goal.

Timberline Fire works every day to be ready to serve the community in any way possible. In recent years, we have upgraded fire trucks, added fire trucks, upgraded stations, opened new stations, updated equipment, hired additional firefighters, recruited new volunteers, added a new mitigation team, and so on.

Canadian Thistle eradication

Dear Editor,

You may have seen me with shovel in hand along the Summer Road (at the east of St. Anton Highlands that goes down to Boulder Canyon). During the summer over the past couple of decades, I have been working to eradicate the nasty Canadian Thistle that was thriving on this sunny southern exposure with water drain-off - and have pretty

I would like to elaborate on the mitigation team; many of you have seen our advertisements, received a free assessment, or even hired us for work. While the obvious benefit to this program is increasing mitigation throughout the district, the secondary and equally important benefit is those mitigation crew members are all wildland firefighters! Yesterday, when the fire started, they were performing mitigation work in the Dory Lakes Subdivision. They heard the call, stopped what they were doing, and responded. The mitigation program enabled us to quickly get four additional certified firefighters on-scene seconds after the first arriving personnel. In the very near future, when you see the mitigation crew out working, they will have a wildland fire truck with them, ready to handle a similar situation if it arises.

Contact our Mitigation Team today for your free assessment, 720-398-1972.

Now onto the not-so-good. I hope this fire is a wakeup call to everyone! It is no secret that Gilpin County has gotten hotter, drier, busier, and windier. We will see more fires as time goes on, and you need to be prepared, as we might not always be so lucky!

- Be ready to evacuate with little or no notice.
 1. If you look outside and it looks bad, **LEAVE!** Don't wait for someone to tell you to evacuate.
 2. Know two ways to evacuate your location. Many places in Gilpin only have one road out. Be aware of a second option that you can take, even if it's on foot.

much cleared the area except for one section at the bottom that is too steep for me to access by foot.

I have noticed a couple of Canadian Thistle "hot spots" up at the top along the east end of Ridge Road. Instead of me knocking on doors and asking for permission to dig up this invasive weed on private property, I thought I would just ask via this letter to the editor that if you see this weed growing on your property along

- Mitigate-Mitigate-Mitigate. The house closest to this fire had a beautiful aspen tree grove buffer between it and the fire. The fire stopped when it got to the aspen. If you need advice, **CALL US!** We have many ways to help. Our main office line is 303-582-5768.
 1. Remove pine trees near your house.
 2. Add non-combustible ground cover around your house.
 3. Limb up trees.
 4. Clean out your gutters.
 5. Check our website for more tips and keep your home healthy and clean.
- Remove that pile of slash you cut 10 years ago but never hauled away. Remove that decaying pile of firewood that is never going to make it into the fireplace. Remove that other pile of flammable "stuff" in your yard. These things ARE a problem. They cause fires to burn significantly hotter and spread the fire faster.
- Sign up for reverse-911 notification via Hyper-Reach. Go to timberlinefire.com for the link. Weather notifications can be turned off, if needed. Please do not turn off the reverse 911 notifications.

Lastly, Timberline has a small number of career firefighters on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but the majority of your firefighting force are **VOLUNTEERS!!** Some of them live outside the district and volunteer time in the fire station, working alongside the career staff, but many of your firefighters are neighbors and friends who live in the community. These

Ridge Road, could you dig it up (or at least chop off the heads where the seeds grow).

Now is the perfect time before these plants seed and spread in July/August.

Thank You!

Wayne Bailey
St. Anton Highlands

volunteer firefighters are notified of an incident through a pager, radio, or their cell phone. When this happens, they go to the nearest fire station, grab their personal protective equipment and a fire truck, and respond to the scene to assist. Timberline volunteers do so for many different reasons, including a desire to become a career firefighter, a desire to help the community, and a desire to protect their home and property, and some do it for the challenge, comradery, and fun.

Your community needs more volunteer firefighters. If you are interested in more information, please go to www.timberlinefire.com and click the "Volunteer Today" tab. We have a new group of volunteers joining soon, so please don't delay.

Paul Ondr
Fire Chief, Timberline Fire
www.timberlinefire.com

Thank you from Commissioner Hollingsworth

Dear Editor,

My thanks for all who voted in the Gilpin County primary up and down the ballot. Voting is your voice in the future of our local community and state. Special thanks to those who are supporting my re-election campaign for County Commissioner.

If you displayed a campaign sign and volunteers missed picking it up, please contact me at SandyforGilpin.org or SandyforGilpin@gmail.com I look forward to continued conversations about Gilpin County and meeting you if I have not had the pleasure.

Warm regards,

Commissioner Sandy
Hollingsworth
Gilpin County

The need for childcare is critical

Dear Editor,

I was raised in the Nederland community, my parents moved to the area in 1971 and I am a proud graduate of both Nederland Elementary and Nederland High School. In 2020 I had the incredible good fortune to return to my home community to be the principal of Nederland Elementary. My love for the area and community and my commitment to ensure the long term viability of our vibrant community is, simply, my north star.

With this in mind I see no greater need for our town and community than the preschool and early childhood education center proposed by TEENS, Inc.

Without affordable, available, and year round child care our beloved community will "age out" and lose its long term thriving culture. Our community will, for lack of better words, wither away. Another way of looking at this is, the Nederland community desperately needs to attract young families, with young children to ensure the long term viability of our town and the greater Peak to Peak region.

As the principal of Nederland Elementary School I hear almost daily regarding the need for sustainable and affordable early child care. This is a critical need in our community for at least two reasons. First, I hear regularly from employees or prospective

employees that they need early child care for their children. This need has caused us to lose high quality employees. The second need is to stem the declining enrollment at Nederland Elementary School.

While affordable housing remains a challenge for young families, the more significant need is access to available and affordable year round childcare. Young parents or prospective parents are required to either find nannies (near impossible), have one caregiver stay home (also nearly impossible due to the lack of affordable housing) or move to the front range where there are more daycare options (the most likely option). This has a direct through

line to the declining enrollment we see at Nederland Elementary School and to the long term sustainability of our lively community.

Fortunately, TEENS, Inc. has a plan, funding, and an organizational commitment to addressing this most critical need. If you are a registered voter in the Town of Nederland please vote YES by July 30th during the special election to allow TEENS, Inc. to lease town owned land to build and operate a child care facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

Caleb Melamed
Nederland

Ballots mailed for childcare special election

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

Residents who visited the Nederland Farmers Market this past Sunday, July 7, 2024, may have seen a young activist standing atop a picnic bench. The toddler wore a frog-shaped cap and brandished a sign that read, "Vote Yes by July 30." The vote refers to the contentious matter of a proposal by TEENS, Inc. to build and manage a two-floor childcare center on Town-owned property, zoned as Public land.

The Mountain-Ear has followed the matter since childcare was proposed for 750 West 5th Street in October, 2023, as well as has reported on other proposals for that same plot of land, referred to as the Old Town Shop Site, since 2021 and earlier.

This article is a recapitulation of all discussions and actions made by the Nederland Planning Commission and Board of Trustees (BOT) regarding the proposal by TEENS, Inc. to serve as an informational index for the electorate as the matter goes to public vote.

"High Demand, Limited Space"

Published by *The Mountain-Ear*, June 2, 2022.

The attention that has been given the Old Town Shop Site, located in the Dyers neighborhood at 750 West 5th Street, from Town officials and local organizations has been a nuisance to area residents for many years. The Town-owned land has been proposed for a parking lot, for affordable housing, and for a Health and Human Services building.

Every iteration of use for the land has been denied by the residents of the medium density residential-zoned neighborhood for various reasons. Neighborhood residents who are

opposed to the TEENS, Inc. proposal for childcare on the land state that they would prefer the land be used for affordable housing, as it has been designated by an administration of Nederland's past.

However, in 2022, some residents of the Dyer's neighborhood were opposed to affordable housing when the BOT began discussing such a prospect for the Old Town Shop Site. Those residents were instead in favor of a small pocket park to be constructed on the land, though there was never a proposal made to the BOT or Planning Commission for such a use.

For the full article, please go to: <https://www.themtneer.com/articles/high-demand-limited-space/>

"Old Town Shop Site Center Of Debate"

Published by *The Mountain-Ear*, November 30, 2023.

The TEENS, Inc. proposal is for a 99 year lease at the cost of \$1 a year; the same private/public partnership that resulted in the teen center and high school at 151 East Street. TEENS, Inc. would be responsible for raising the, at least, five million dollars in funds to build the facility, which is planned to be a 5,000 square foot, two-floor building, with the capacity to serve 60 or more children and 10 infants.

Over the years the Old Town Shop Site, while being proposed for so many different uses, has fallen under the purview of several of the Town of Nederland's guiding documents, resolutions, and agreements, from the original 2013 Comprehensive Plan and Envision 2030, to the Housing Needs Assessment, completed last year.

Letters from the public in support or in opposition of the childcare proposal began reaching Town officials immediately, with those in support stating that a childcare crisis dissuades young families from moving to Nederland, which puts the Town at risk of losing its elementary school.

Those opposed feel that a childcare center does not fit with the neighborhood's aesthetic, and have raised concerns about light and noise pollution, increased traffic, and conditions in the neighborhood, and on the land itself, being seemingly unsafe for children.

For the full article, please go to: <https://www.themtneer.com/articles/old-town-shop-site-center-of-debate/>

On November 29, 2023, the Planning Commission approved Ordinance 854, recommending to the BOT an amendment to Nederland Municipal Code Chapter 16, Section 16-32, to change the Use Group Table to allow a Special Review Process (SRU) for proposals that involve private businesses building and operating on a Public-zoned lot.

Commissioners felt that a school or childcare was a sensible use of Public land, and that the SRU process, being a quasi-judicial system undergone by the Commission and BOT, was adequate for such private/public partnerships due to the transparency of the process.

On December 5, 2023, the BOT voted to approve Ordinance 854.

"Public Vote For Public Space"

Published by *The Mountain-Ear* on February 29, 2024

While TEENS, Inc. engages in the SRU process, a petition to allow the question of support for the childcare center to go to public vote was officially received by Town Clerk Macy Caligaris on February 1, 2024. However, the petition was rejected for not meeting the requirement of proposing municipal legislation, as there was yet no ordinance or legislation pertaining to the childcare proposal to have been approved and adopted.

The BOT was legally restricted from discussing the quasi-judicial matter before the date of the public hearing, despite members of the public expecting to hear more about what other uses could be considered for 750 West 5th Street.

For the full article, please go to: <https://www.themtneer.com/articles/public-vote-for-public-space/>

"TEENS, Inc. Childcare Proposal Approved"

Published by *The Mountain-Ear* on February 29, 2024

On February 20, 2024, during a meeting intense with civil discourse, the BOT approved Ordinance 859, approving the SRU application from TEENS, Inc.

More information about the childcare center and the logistics of its operation was discussed, including the pick-up and drop-off schedule, the placement of pathways and landscaping, and the location of fencing and a trash enclosure. TEENS, Inc. also provided solutions to concerns raised by the Town's Public Works departments.

An extensive portion of the meeting was dedicated to public comment on the matter, which resulted in the two sides of the debate growing more contentious and passionate. Those in support of childcare characterized those in opposition as "NIMBY" and even resorted to ageist insults, while those on the other side stated their belief that the proposal was a "land grab" by TEENS, Inc.

For the full article, please go to: <https://www.themtneer.com/articles/teens-inc-childcare-proposal-approved/>

"Childcare To Town Vote; Rights of Nature Repealed"

Published by *The Mountain-Ear* on May 9, 2024.

A referendum petition, created and circulated by residents from the Dyers neighborhood, asking to repeal the approval of Ordinance 859 was submitted to the Town on March 22, 2024, and was declared sufficient by Caligaris on April 16.

Despite some public comment claiming that petitioners illegitimately gained signatures by intentionally misleading the public from the true purpose of the petition, it was specified that the petition was declared sufficient and that no protest petition was filed to challenge that official declaration.

The BOT denied a proposed Ordinance 861, which would have fully repealed their decision to approve Ordinance 859, and instead voted for Resolution 2024-21, sending the matter of the TEENS, Inc. SRU to public vote, with ballots to be turned in by July 30.

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For the full article, please go to: <https://www.themtnear.com/articles/child-care-to-town-vote-rights-of-nature-repealed/>

Due to the referendum petition and upcoming special election halting TEENS, Inc. being able to claim any rights to the property, their submitted application for a right-of-way vacation of 5th Street could not be completed. The vacation of the street and incorporation of it into the lot at 750 West 5th Street had been requested by TEENS, Inc. within their SRU application.

As a work-around, the BOT approved Resolution 2024-26 on May 21, authorizing the Town Administrator to apply for a right-of-way vacation of West 5th Street. The matter was referred to the Planning Commission, who ultimately approved the application on June 26.

The Town of Nederland is now finally facing the crucial question. The official "Referred Measure Ballot Question #1" was posted outside of Nederland Town Hall early in July.

The announcement reads: "Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, the Town of Nederland, Colorado, will conduct a mail ballot special election. Voting will take place by mail ballot, with ballots mailed by the Town Clerk to all registered electors between July 8 and July 12, 2024.

"Ballots must be returned in the official return envelope provided, the back of the envelope must be signed, and ballots must be received by the Town Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 (Special Election Day) in order for your vote to be counted. Ballots may be mailed in the return envelope or deposited at the Office of the Town Clerk. Ballots received after 7:00 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted."

Ballots can be dropped off at Town Hall, 45 West 1st Street, Monday



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TEENS, INC.

The debate to be settled

Top: The center will be open five days a week, closed on weekends, with drop-off from 8 to 9 a.m., and pick-up between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Center: Student drop-off is planned on the east side, with greenery on the west and south sides, and a trail on the north side. Bottom: The center is designed to have a second floor which would stand on nearly half of the building's complete footprint.

through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and at the Nederland Community Center ballot drop box, 750 Highway 72, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Ballots can be mailed to PO Box 396, Nederland, Colorado, 80466.

The question before the public asks: **"DO YOU SUPPORT THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND PERMITTING TEENS, INCORPORATED TO OPERATE A PRIVATE CHILD CARE CENTER ON 750 W. 5TH STREET, NEDERLAND, A LOT WHICH IS ZONED PUBLIC AND WHICH IS OWNED BY THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 859, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO, APPROVING A SPECIAL REVIEW USE OF THE OPERATION OF A PRIVATE CHILD CARE CENTER?"**

However, there has been concern raised by a member of the public about the language of the ballot being misleading, as the question is presented as supporting the project, in accordance with Ordinance 859; as opposed to being a question about repealing Ordinance 859, which is what the referendum petition directly asked for.

Colorado Revised Statutes 31-11-111(3) state, "the ballot title shall correctly and fairly express the true intent and meaning of the measure," which, according to the referendum petition, is to repeal Ordinance 859.

This matter is currently being reviewed by the Town Administrator, Town Attorney, and BOT. If the concern is found to be legit, the language in the ballot title may be changed, meaning a vote of "yes" would support repealing Ordinance 859, and therefore would be a vote against a childcare center on 750 West 5th Street.

The Mountain-Ear will continue to cover this important issue as it develops.

What's happening at Gilpin Parks & Rec

Gilpin County Community Center
250 Norton Drive, Black Hawk
bit.ly/gilpinparksandrec
303-582-1453
<http://www.facebook.com/gilpincounty.org>

Pool Hours - SUMMER

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

Building Hours

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

*Summer Day Camp Enrollment Now Open
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.,
\$45/day per resident child, \$54/day per
non-resident child (+\$10 for field trips).

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!

Youth Co-Ed Soccer - Registration now open! Season starts August 12, games on Saturdays August 24 - October 5, Ages 5-13, \$70/residents, \$78/non-residents.

Outdoor Adult Volleyball Grass League - Wednesdays August 14 - September 18, 6 - 8 p.m., Ages 14+, \$150/team, tournament is September 18.

Eagles Teen Program Summer Membership - The Eagles teen program is providing a two-month membership from June 26 - August 3 at the Gilpin County Community Center for all teens ages 12-17 registered in the Eagles program. Contact Jacob Rippey with questions: jrippy@gilpincounty.org, 720-677-9770.

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 info and to apply.

Youth Camp (Licensed Child Care): Monday - Thursday, 4 - 6 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Eagles Teen Program: Monday - Thursday, 4:15 - 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Pickleball: (First 30 minutes is for instruction/practice; no games at this time). Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Friday, 1 - 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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



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Summertime vibes

Top: Mason Seidling, sales representative for Happy Lucky's Teas, vends loose teas and handmade tea-infused soaps at the Holistic Homestead Farmers Market. Bottom: Julia Ziobro of Dory Dozens Delights showcases her homemade jams, jellies, salsas, and mustards, which are also available for online purchase.

Holistic Homestead hosts vibrant Gilpin County farmers market



MINDY LEARY
GILPIN COUNTY

Community Center. The market featured local vendors, live music, and a gift basket drawing.

The Holistic Homestead organized the Gilpin County Farmers Market on July 6, 2024, held at the Gilpin County

Vendors sold items like baked goods, unique jewelry, colorful tie-dyes, aromatic teas, soaps, honey,

jellies, jams, and pottery made in the Community Center Clay Studio.

Despite the unpredictable nature of the wind – a notorious phenomenon in the region – the day remained pleasant and conducive to outdoor activities. Organizers and attendees alike were grateful that the wind (often referred to in hushed tones to avoid tempting fate) was relatively mild, allowing everyone to enjoy the market without disruption.

Among the vendors was Dory Dozens Delights from Central City, offering eggs, homemade jams, marmalades, salsas, and mustards in glass jars, with over 35 different products.

Owner Julia Ziobro shared that her best sellers are banana butter, sweet and spicy bourbon mustard, and anything raspberry. Her Arwen's Wimpy salsa was named after Arwen Ek, founder of the Holistic Homestead, who requested a milder salsa.

Ziobro, who picks most of her berries by hand, learned canning from her grandmother and started the practice as a child. She explained that canned goods don't expire unless air gets inside, which can be tested by pressing on the lid. More information and online shopping are available at Dory Dozens Delights.

Evelyn Blodgett showcased her handmade jewelry, specializing in malas – beaded necklaces used for meditation – and leather earrings. She has been crafting earrings for eight years and malas for about four years after attending a workshop.

Blodgett will host a mala bracelet-making workshop on July 13 at Chipeta Park in Nederland, featuring a guided meditation, a giant bubble

station, and a bubbly water bar with essential oils.

Jake Kaiser displayed his tie-dye clothing, including a new black series with tie-dye on black clothing. He has been professionally tie-dyeing for about five years, creating items such as pillowcases, curtains, tapestries, baby clothes, pants, and t-shirts, and he also takes custom orders.

Mason Seidling vended Happy Lucky's Teas and handmade, tea-infused soaps, offering samples of Chocolate Chai and Madam Grey teas. Seidling's favorite tea is the Rooibos Chocolate Raspberry, which he makes using a tea strainer. Seidling will also be at the Gilpin County Fair from July 19-21 with his teas and soaps.

The Holistic Homestead had a booth with cherries for \$3 a bag, fresh lettuce, carrots, beets, apples, oranges, and various healthy, organic snacks. The gift basket drawing included Organic Raspberry Jam by Dory Dozens, a tea strainer by Happy Lucky's, banana bread by Burro Ears Bakery, coffee mugs by the Gilpin Clay Studio, and copies of *Taste of the Peaks* and the *Visitor's Guide*, published by *The Mountain-Ear* newspaper.

Burro Ears Bakery's Dutch Oven Bread and pretzel buns were so popular they sold out before noon. Fresh cinnamon rolls are made each morning before an event, and pre-orders can be picked up on Fridays at the Homestead or at First-Saturday Gilpin Farmers Markets. Online order forms are available at the Homestead.

"Grill Your Face," a food booth specializing in vegetarian and vegan entrees and snacks, was also a hit. Owner Chance Richter, who lives locally, is available for private parties, festivals, breweries, and farmers markets and can be reached at grillyourface.food@gmail.com.

The Holistic Homestead hosts several events throughout the year as part of their mission to "build healthy communities through outreach." The next First Saturday Farmers Market will be on August 3, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information can be found at The Holistic Homestead.

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Wienermobile rolls into Central City KOA



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CENTRAL CITY

The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile made an appearance at the Denver West/Central City KOA Holiday Campground located at 605 Lake Gulch Road, Central City, on Saturday, July 6, 2024.

The humorous hot dog car was there from 12 to 6 p.m. and the Oscar Mayer ambassadors said they came so people could take pictures with the iconic vehicle, take a look inside, and receive coveted wiener whistles shaped like hot dogs, which are not sold in stores.

Owner Chuck Webster said he and his family were one of many KOA campgrounds to apply for the honor.

“KOA Corporation sent us an email to sign up to randomly get picked and we got picked,” Webster said.

Webster said they sold over 350 hot dogs and were out by 2 p.m. A large crowd attended with locals and tourists alike, including Central City Mayor Jeremy Fey.

The campground offers a gift shop,



PHOTOS BY MINDY LEARY

Rolling hot dog visits Central City

Left: Ambassadors of the Wienermobile hand out coveted wiener whistles and educate the public on the history of the unique vehicle. Middle: The staff at the Denver West/Central City Holiday KOA pose for a picture with the Wienermobile. Right: A sandwich sign displays the Wienermobile through the ages. Though times have changed, the concept of the Wienermobile stays the same: a hot dog automobile will get people excited.

snack bar, pan mining, and oversize games like Jenga, Connect 4, and checkers. They also feature Hunt Brothers Pizza and Wings nightly.

One of the Oscar Mayer ambassadors said the vehicle is one of the oldest models on the road and is slated for decommission in December, meaning this is one of the last chances to witness the rolling hot dog.

He said that the ambassadors travel

in pairs for one full year piloting the hot dog. They drive throughout one region of the United States for six months and then switch partners and regions for the remaining half of the year. Bringing smiles and joy along the way, the ambassadors travel throughout the continental United States receiving waves and honks on the roadways.

“It is somewhere between confusion and absolute elation and nothing in

between,” said one of the ambassadors when asked how people react when they see the rolling hot dog.

The space-age door opens up toward the sky to reveal a posh interior. Orange leather seats and carpet adorn the inside.

Oscar Mayer dates back to 1873, when Oscar F. Mayer moved from Bavaria to the U.S. at the age of 14. He got a job as a butcher boy and eventually opened his first hot dog shop in 1883 with overwhelming success.

Over the years, the Wienermobile has changed style and shape to suit the times. In 1936, the company crafted the unique vehicle as a means of advertising.

In 1988, the company’s fleet of six 23-foot-long Wienermobiles made their way across America, crisscrossing major cities and tourist destinations. They continue to spread the joy and love of meat year-round.

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Timberline/Axe & Snax unite to help neighbor



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PHOTOS BY AXE AND SNAX



WES ISENHART GILPIN COUNTY

Seven members of the Timberline Fire Mitigation team partnered with eleven volunteers from the Axe and Snax non-profit on July 1, 2024, to perform fire mitigation for a neighbor in need in the Aspen Springs subdivision.

Timberline Fire Chief Paul Ondr said that it was the first time that the two organizations worked together on a project.

Timberline provided a seasoned crew to do the cutting and chipping while the Axe and Snax volunteers did the hauling and salvaging. Axe and Snax maintain a wood supply for emergency heating situations in the winter. They try to salvage usable logs when on a summer project.

The crews worked through the morning and made progress on

removing dangerous trees and slash from the location. Axe and Snax Coordinator Julia Shaw said that the joint project worked out really well and thanked everyone for showing up. Volunteer Tony Zotti said that he thought it was fulfilling work and satisfied his sense of service to his community.

Jan Headrick made a delicious lunch of grilled burgers, salads, baked beans, and brownies for the crews after they had finished working for the day. It is an Axe and Snax tradition to share a meal together after the work is done – the “Snax” part.

Ondr said that the Timberline Fire Mitigation crews are busy with scheduled mitigation projects into August. Andrew Steffe does the assessments for the team. For more information about wildfire risk assessments in Gilpin County,

contact Andrew at 720-398-1972 or ASteffe@timberlinefire.com. Timberline’s main website is timberlinefpd.colorado.gov.

The Timberline Fire Mitigation department has been approved by Gilpin County for road right-of-way clearing in the Aspen Springs subdivision. The work will thin the road right-of-way for 25 feet on either side of the center line so that in an emergency situation fire trucks can get in while residents get out. Ondr said that letters will be sent to affected property owners when plans have been finalized.

Axe and Snax will have another volunteer mitigation event on July 12 in Wedgewood. They can be contacted at 303-642-023 or axeandsnacks@gmail.com. They also maintain a Facebook group and post regularly.

Working together

Above, left: Axe and Snax volunteers assisted by Timberline Fire Mitigation crew members hauling slash up to the road to be chipped. Above, right: Jen Lomeli of Timberline Fire Mitigation ready to help out on the joint project with Axe and Snax. Middle: Timberline Fire Mitigation crew members feed the chipper while Axe and Snax volunteers pile slash from the yard so it can get chipped. Bottom, left: Mabel in safety gear watches the Timberline Fire Mitigation crew go to work.

Life in Nature:

The salad days



PHOTO BY JAMES DEWALT

JAMES DEWALT
ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL
PARK

The snow is mostly melted and life is in full swing in the high country! A few recent visits have shown that the full-time dwellers of the alpine tundra such as the pika and marmots are out either gathering their stores for the next winter or eating their way towards a solid hibernation.

Along with them, the larger species such as the elk and bighorn

sheep have made their way up and are happily enjoying the abundance of summer life above treeline.

Heavy snows and persistent summer rains bring a rich summer life to those who call this oft harsh environment home. Winter is a very long and treacherous season, but the idyllic paradise that emerges as temperatures finally begin to rise makes it all worthwhile. While plant life is stunted in growth due to the lack of oxygen, the ground that isn't the bare rock of talus fields

becomes a thick and lush carpet of green dotted with a rainbow of colorful, tiny wildflowers.

Blooms of Phlox, Moss Campion and Alpine Avens provide a speckled blanket from which sprouts of taller Old Man of the Mountain and the occasional cluster of our state flower, the Columbine, burst upwards as though a grand finale of fireworks has exploded across the land.

Even when the snows on the surface have melted off, ice still melts from pockets of boulders deep under the thin veneer of grassy dirt, joining natural springs to send gouts of water flowing directly out of the ground to help nourish plentiful Saxifraga and Marsh Marigolds. The land takes on a completely different aura as life returns to the long-barren terrain.

Babies of all species frolic about in play as they begin to learn the lessons of life that will carry them into adulthood. Even the adults seem to have an air of joy and relief as the warmer days of summer settle onto the mountains.

A few years ago, I was enjoying an overnight stay on one of our local mountains. During an early morning stroll up to a high snow field, I came across moose tracks that were likely only a few days old.

While moose tend to prefer life at lower elevations, the richness of life and food in the high country can sometimes tempt them higher. Cool springs and snowmelt provide for large swaths of short willows among the Krumholtz pines, a delectable favorite of the giants.

As I climbed the high snowbank,

I noticed that the tracks, definitely of a larger adult moose, led to the top of the snow field then streaked down the mountainside as though delightfully sliding down in revelry. Either there were a couple of moose enjoying this recreation, or a loner had taken multiple laps, as there were a handful of sets of lines "skied" into the snow.

Even the birds are in joyous abundance, with rock wrens, finches, and larks flitting about in song. Ravens and crows head to the high country as well, as the crows can often be seen in playful dance as they wheel and dive about in pairs or larger groups in the often-blustery wind currents over the peaks. The predators, too, join in the upward migration, with the occasional hawk or Northern Harrier patrolling the skies above the grassy tundra, a hunting ground with sparse cover to hide their prey.

It is truly amazing to witness such an abundance of life in what would seem to be, at a quick glance, an incredibly barren and harsh landscape. Whether escaping the heat below as the migratory animals do, or living on top of the world all year long like the marmot and pika, those living their summer life on the mountain are truly enjoying the high life. As always, nature finds ways not only to survive and persist, but to thrive with great vigor.

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

POETRY CORNER

Some words for the week

jolly ranchers like hard candy rain
falling from fire truck height
short shorts and sunburns
flag colored popsicles
ankle thick grass and grilling
beer and soda and cold water
sky without clouds
a day without work
in the middle of the summer
everybody is outside all day
preparing for just after dark
a hush over the hills
the lake glass still
reflecting stars
and soon booming colored fire
picnic blankets popcorn ooh aah
first kisses burnt air barefoot toes
sleeping kids buzzed adults
sugar stained mouths
I'm not sure if everything changed
or if this is just getting older
this used to feel so special

there used to be a magic here
at least until right after
the grand finale
when they let it all good
and lit the mountains up
with momentary man made suns
but now the fire ban is back
and the road is full of Texas plates
and I run a bunch of errands
and put gas in the car
and get ready for work tomorrow
and as the night falls
I see no lights at all
but the one in my kitchen
which I shut off
and go to bed

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Gilpin 4th of July Barn Dance

Sweet music

Top, left: Adam Pause picking. Top, right: Becca Bisque on viola. Bottom, right: Rob Savoye hands Missy Evers a check benefitting Gilpin Schools Music Program. Bottom, left: A participant absorbed in the music.



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON



DAVE GIBSON
GILPIN COUNTY

Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness were evident on the Fourth of July at the Community Center's Barn in Gilpin County. Following a five-year hiatus, the Barn Dance was back, bigger and better than ever. Featuring familiar favorite music acts and some new ones, locals gathered to celebrate their independence with good music and dancing. Attendees took their seats on hay bales that had been placed throughout the arena. Banjoist Adam Pause and the NoGo Gilbillies appeared on stage first with their homespun brand of bluegrass. Dave "Pump" Solzberg's vigorous stand-up bass playing kept the rhythm and Dave Pullins' smokin' mandolin solos

engaged the audience. Bob Dylan's "Any Day Now" struck a chord.

For lunch, JKQ BBQ offered lip-smacking smoked brisket and pulled pork sandwiches. Less traditional fare from Kaleidoscope Kitchen in the way of coconut-fried shrimp, lobster rolls, jerk chicken skewers, and gyro pitas satisfied the palate. Beer was for sale to wash it down with.

The Sweet Lillies were next on the main stage inside the Barn. Their music has been all too conveniently categorized as Americana/bluegrass, but is much more than that as the band continually evolves. They may have invented an original genre which could be described as "rapgrass." The fresh urban energy it brought along with Becca Bisque's lively viola playing got people dancing.

Tweener acts played outside. Maggie Moore, Ricky G. Fox, and Andrea Hensler of Maggie and the Farmcats traveled all the way from Huntington, West Virginia, to perform. Authentic Appalachian bluegrass kept everyone entertained. Windy Pine's Doug Armitage belted out vocals and ripped on mandolin.

Before critically acclaimed Rapidgrass took the indoor stage, a big check derived from event profits in the amount of \$1,000 was presented to music teacher Missy Evers in support of the Gilpin County School Music Department.

Each one successful in the music industry and with huge local followings, Bridget Law, Dango Rose, and Silas Herman and friends jammed away the rest of the early evening.

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Ned 4th of July: A celebration worth seeing twice



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Nederland shines under cloudless sky

Top, left: Public Works offered locals a party in Chipeta Park after the parade. Top, right: A young rider in the parade concentrates on the route ahead. Center: Local businesses and nonprofit organizations marched alongside yaks, puppies, and curious goats. Bottom: Four friends get ready to ride, dressed in their most patriotic fineries.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY NEDERLAND

Thanks to the dedication of the Town of Nederland’s municipal staff, the 4th of July Parade and Potluck was a great success.

While the Barker Dam Brass Band bombastically blared perfect patriotic fanfare for their 33rd year, members of the Peak to Peak community, dressed and adorned in red, white, and blue, came equipped with folding chairs so as to fully enjoy the spectacle.

Local firefighter Steve Cepek emceed for his second year, introducing each group marching in the parade and entertaining the crowd. Goats, yaks, dogs, and even fish marched in the parade. Nederland youth rode their decorated bikes and waved to the cheering crowd, followed by Nederland’s honored veterans, waving from a retired military vehicle.

There were all sorts of vehicles in the parade, from beautifully restored rustic and antique tractors, jeeps, minibuses, and even a motorcycle

with a sidecar, to big utility vehicles from the Nederland and Timberline Fire Protection Districts, Sugarloaf Fire Department, and the US Forest Service, as well as from local excavator High Performance Earthworks.

Local businesses and non-profit organizations were presented in the parade, waved to the crowd and tossed them candy. Ace Hardware, Boogie Records, the Nederland Food Pantry, Nederland Mountain Movers, and Dutch exchange students and librarians representing Nederland’s sister library were the candy suppliers.

The skies stayed clear and the breeze remained calm as the Independence Day celebration continued into Chipeta Park, where the staff from the Town’s Parks, Streets, and Utilities departments held a potluck BBQ. The Nederland Community Library hosted games and events, including a watermelon-eating contest.

This old-fashioned Fourth perfectly matched the spirit of contemporary Nederland.



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A Rocky Mountain July 4th celebration



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Happy 4th of July

Allenspark celebrated the Fourth of July with a parade in their beautiful mountain town. People came dressed for the occasion and some came dressed to make you hungry for a snack after the parade.

OMAYRA ACEVEDO ALLENSPARK

Allenspark may be a small mountain town, but its rich history, dating back to the Colorado Gold Rush of 1859, and its colorful display of traditions make it one of the most magical towns in Colorado!

Farmers and ranchers populated the town before tourism made Allenspark a must-see attraction by the late 19th century. Allenspark is named after Alonzo Nelson Allen, who built the first cabin in the area.

On January 7, 1895, George Mack was granted a homestead patent for 160 acres that later became the village of Allenspark. By May 1896, Allenspark's first post office was established. Skiing was also once popular in Allenspark during the 1920s and 30s.



On Thursday, July 4, 2024, Allenspark threw an Independence Day celebration unlike any other. A craft fair took over parts of the Tree Huggers Trading Company site, entertaining guests with outdoor market shopping and live music. Tree Huggers served espressos as visitors gawked at the eclectic

collection of art and merchandise.

Around 11 a.m., Allenspark firefighters and Boulder County sheriffs led a parade filled with cheer. Onlookers caught candy flying from floats, and music vibrating from vehicles inspired more cheering and dancing.

Rock Creek Tavern and Ferncliff


Food & Fuel were among the local businesses represented during the parade. The fuel station, Ferncliff Fine Liquors, Maxson's Designs, and Allenspark's newest restaurant, The Grill Guy remained open during the festivities.

Other businesses in the Allenspark area include the Allenspark Lodge B&B, Meadow Mountain Cafe, Meeker Park Lodge, and Tahosa Coffee House near the Chapel on the Rocks. There are also laundromat services.

Today, Allenspark remains a small mountain town, maintaining its historical charm and outdoor appeal. The post office still stands and businesses along Business Route 7 add to the town's unique ambiance.


When the late John Denver sang about nature's ability to heighten your senses and being Rocky Mountain high, or as local cowboy Brad Fitch sings his songs about living in paradise and watching the mountains turn pink, the town of Allenspark always comes to mind.

To learn more, visit <https://www.visitallenspark.com/>.

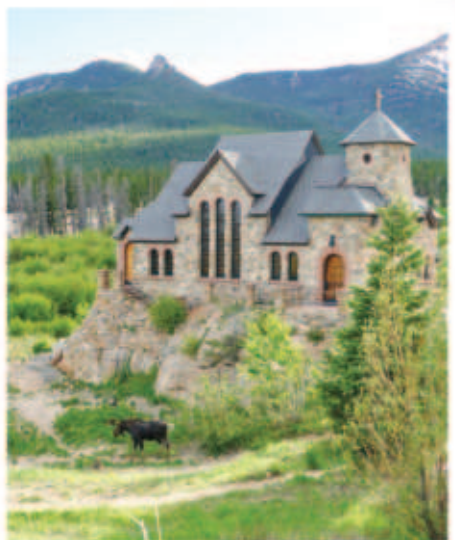


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Coal Creek Canyon celebrates 4th of July

JOHN SCARFFE
COAL CREEK CANYON

Presented by United Power and the Coal Creek Canyon Improvement Association, Coal Creek Canyon residents celebrated the Fourth Annual Fourth of July event at the Coal Creek Hall from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event started bright and early for pancakes, followed by a parade

The rest of the day featured live music, games, delicious all-American lunch, beers, and sodas. More than 10 local vendors sold their art, crafts, and wellness products.

The pancake breakfast ran from 7 to 10 a.m. and included pancakes, sausage, and eggs with coffee and orange juice. Members paid \$10, non-members \$12, and kids \$5. By 9 a.m., the hall was packed with people with a line at the breakfast counter.

Bruce Goodwin, chief chef and bottle washer, helped organize the event. He said that all the proceeds from the event go to scholarships. This past month, the Association has given out \$6,000 in scholarships to five students.

Other servers at the event included Ann Marie Maryou, Norma Cassin, Steve Shelton cooking the sausages, Tammy, Moe and Chuck Drouillard, Caron Huffman, Jeannie Ney and Cub Scouts from Pack 51. Treasurer Chuck Bergerinc took in the cash with Ashley Roberts.

Vendor Booths opened at 9 a.m. selling artwork, baked goods, and crafts.

The Parade began at 10 a.m. from

Tunnel 19 Road, then went along Gross Dam Road to the CCCIA Hall. It started with individual walkers and marchers who came pouring down the road, followed by the Cub Scouts carrying the U.S. Flag. The Parade Marshal followed waving to the crowd from a convertible.

Several antique cars showed their beauty and mini horses trotted by. The fire engines astounded the crowd and threw candy. One sprayed the crowd with its powerful water hose.

Lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. offered an All-American meal with options for vegetarians. Refreshing beer was sold with water and soda.

Following the national anthem and raising of the flag by the Cub Scouts, live music ran from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event featured games and activities for all ages, along with the Cornhole tournament.

Sponsors were United Power, Advantage Self Storage, Denver Water, Worth Clark Realty, Whispering Pines Church, Locavore Delivery, Attorney at Law Tamra K. Waltemath, Canyon Liquors, Mountain Aire Hair Salon, Canyon Tavern, Wondervu Café, Benchmark Land Care, Mountain Messenger, Golden Chamber of Commerce, Columbia Sanitary & Columbia Potties for the Rockies, Hands Hoofs & Paws, Busey Brews, Intuition Massage, Canyon Coffee and Strong Water.

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Celebration in the canyon

Coal Creek Canyon residents celebrated the annual Fourth of July event on July 4 at the Coal Creek Hall at 31528 Highway 72, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Top: During the parade, an antique car was full of riders. Center: Cub Scouts with Pack 51 started the parade and carried the colors. Bottom: A fire engine demonstrates the power of its water hose.

Jamestown 4th of July festivities

WES ISENHART
BOULDER COUNTY

Jamestown residents held their traditional Fourth of July parade under clear blue skies, celebrating the day with festivities and music at the town park that lasted into the night.

While fireworks and the anvil toss (putting a stick of dynamite under an anvil and seeing how high it would go) are events of the past, there was no shortage of fun and entertainment for the town residents and visitors.

The Jamestown Fourth of July parade has a long history going back at least to the 1960s. At that time, horses and kids were the big participants in the parade. The Fourth brings back a lot of former residents to reconnect with the town and catch up with old neighbors.

This year's celebration included fire trucks from the Jamestown Volunteer

Fire Department and Lefthand Fire Protection District. The two departments work closely with each other to protect the canyon. Antique cars and kids' go-karts were also part of the parade.

Music for the parade came in the form of the Jamestown Kazoo band, led by Laura Williams, with a newly formed marching band of ten instruments. Joe Howlett, who died in the 2013 Jamestown flood, used to lead the kazoo band in the parade. It is a Jamestown tradition that continues with lots of sliding notes and enthusiasm.

The parade started at noon and ended at the town park. There was live music at the park bandstand, with a variety of local bands taking turns playing until 10 p.m. The games, food, and celebrations fit the occasion perfectly.



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Gold Hill celebrates with 4th of July parade

HAYDEN HARDT-ZEMAN & POLINA SAVICH
GOLD HILL

Horses, cars, trucks, oh my! Gold Hill hosted their annual 4th of July parade once again. Before the parade rolled out, people were stopping at the elementary school and the Gold Hill Store for pancakes, hotdogs, burgers, and even vegan quesadillas!

Once the parade began, the donation boot led fire trucks, show cars, the new chair, and even a parade of horses through the streets of Gold Hill. They went around twice whilst spraying people with water guns and throwing candy to the onlookers.

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Restaurants and breweries face new regulations

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

As the Town of Nederland attempts to secure water rights and plans to expand its water storage with a new reservoir, it also begins to enforce the protection of its assets through the drafting of new ordinances.

Just as the creation of a Watershed Protection Ordinance aims to regulate specific operations on and around the watershed to protect it, a new Wastewater Pretreatment Ordinance aims to regulate how, to protect the Town's wastewater facilities, businesses such as restaurants and breweries operate.

On April 18, 2023, the Board of Trustees voted to approve Town Attorney Jennifer Madsen drafting changes to Nederland Municipal Code (NMC) Chapter 13, Article II. The Town's contracted engineering firm, JVA, and the Operator in Responsible Charge, Direct Discharge LLC, were to consult in the drafting of the code changes.

According to the information provided by JVA and Town staff, the code changes were intended to bring the Town into compliance with its wastewater effluent discharge permit, administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and in adherence with the Clean Water Act.

Protection of the wastewater treatment facility by removing harmful waste prior to reaching it was stated as a goal of drafting the new regulations, and that compliance with the regulations will help to delay an expansion of the facility.

It was stated during the April 2023 meeting that JVA and Direct Discharge LLC were expecting to begin public outreach that summer, engaging in one-on-one meetings with business owners to discuss how the proposed code changes would affect their businesses.

"We definitely want to make sure that we don't run businesses out of town," Dave Lewis of Direct Discharge LLC said. "We want to make sure that revenue is still there and just be good stewards of our wastewater treatment process."

"I think a lot of that goes into training; going out to these breweries, making contact and making sure they understand who we are and what we're trying to do."

He added, "This is something new for the whole town and we certainly don't want to come out of the gates looking like the bad guys."

Lewis did mention that Direct Discharge assisted the Town of Lyons in the drafting of a similar ordinance, which, because of Lyons' developing situation with their wastewater facility approaching capacity, was written with rather strict regulations.

Lewis stated that some businesses did leave Lyons as a result, but that he did not think Nederland's situation with its wastewater infrastructure was as dire.

Trustee Tania Corvalan asked directly if many of Nederland's businesses would be greatly affected by these new regulations and how much it could cost them to be compliant.

"In terms of what I know of Nederland, this is not going to cost businesses a lot of money. If we play this right nobody

goes out of town," Lewis answered, noting that transparency and outreach were essential and how he has had success meeting with business owners in person and explaining the ordinance.

The BOT did not discuss the ordinance again until over a year later, on June 18, 2024. Utilities Manager Andrew Bliss introduced Ordinance 864 for Trustees to discuss; the Agenda Information Memorandum (AIM) prepared by Bliss mentioned that JVA had drafted the changes to NMC and stated that outreach to businesses, through an email chain, would begin before the ordinance goes to final vote on July 16, 2024.

There was no mention in the AIM or discussion between Bliss and the BOT about the in-person outreach with local impacted businesses that was planned for last summer.

Bliss was asked if the regulations stipulated within the ordinance were common for other municipalities, to which he replied that such protections for wastewater facilities are being administered in most municipalities for better compliance with regulatory standards, and that Nederland's ordinance was much more moderate than others that he has researched.

In addition to providing the latest draft of Ordinance 864 for Trustees to analyze, the only change to the ordinance addressed since the April 2023 discussion was the scheduled effective date of the ordinance being changed from January 2025 to June 2025.

Ordinance 864 includes the repeal and replacing of several sections of

NMC, starting with Section 13-30, which lists wastes that are prohibited from being discharged by a business into the Town's sewer infrastructure.

Such wastes include any poisonous waste that may be harmful to humans or animals, any waste laden with concentrated chemicals, and any noxious pollutants that may create public nuisance or employee health concerns.

Gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, gas, oil or grease, and distilled alcohol are all prohibited from being dumped down the drain, as are "ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastic, wood, paunch manure, or any other solid or viscous substance capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers."

Other prohibited wastes include any liquid with a pH level lower than 5.0 or higher than 9.0; any garbage not shredded to less than one-half inch; any water with more than 100 mg/L of animal or vegetable fat, oil, or grease; and any liquid with a temperature above 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

Many business owners, once having received their informational email from the Town of Nederland, reacted on social media with strong feedback to such regulations within the ordinance. Concerns were raised about the discarding of liquids with pH levels lower than 5.0, as this regulation could pertain to some liquors, beers, wines, sodas, and coffee blends.

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Regulations

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As for the regulation against discharging any liquid above 104 degrees Fahrenheit, some restaurant owners questioned whether that was in compliance with food handling regulations. National regulations dictate that dishwashers run at 150 to 160 degrees, with a final rinse of 165 up to 180 degrees for the proper sanitation of the dishes and silverware used by customers.

Section 13-32 has been repealed and replaced to implement Best Management Practices, which are guidelines for businesses to follow in order to comply with the new regulations stated in Section 13-30.

These practices include placing screens over drains for the collection of unsafe waste, disconnecting garbage disposals and instead throwing waste material into the trash or compost, and

collecting oil and grease into a separate receptacle when cleaning.

It is also regulated that restaurants should use “dry methods” of cleaning oil, grease, and other food waste, and specifies that paper towels be used for such work, as well as for cleaning plates and utensils before being washed, and for cleaning surfaces and any spills.

The ordinance clarifies that paper towels should be discarded in the trash and never into the garbage disposal, and that restaurants promote proper grease-cleaning methods by hanging “Protect the Environment” signs in the kitchen.

Section 13-33 has been repealed and replaced to include requirements for restaurants and other related facilities to install grease interceptors. The impacted facilities are “every commercial food service establishment, all food courts, all other generators discharging grease, and any other facility deemed by the Utilities Manager to require a grease interceptor.”

Whether a business will be required to install an above- or below-ground grease interceptor depends on the flow rate of water produced by the facility.

The ordinance dictates “the volume of a grease interceptor shall be determined by multiplying the total rate of flow in gallons per minute (GPM) from each fixture required to be connected to the interceptor times a minimum retention time of not less than 15 minutes, the resulting volume expressed in gallons.”

A building with over 100 GPM of flow from all fixtures will be required to install a below-ground interceptor, to be located outside of the facility but away from any drive-through lanes or main entryways to the building.

Ordinance 864 also requires parking garages, repair garages, and warehouses to install oil and sand interceptors, with the volume of the interceptor dictated by the 2018 International Plumbing Code. The ordinance also includes many Best Management Practices pertaining to the maintenance of the

grease and oil and sand interceptors.

These changes to NMC include how businesses will be expected to keep three years’ worth of records of their Best Management Practices, and that these records and other data pertaining to wastewater pretreatment shall be available at the Town’s request.

The Town may also require from businesses their wastewater discharge peak rate and volume over a specific time period, a chemical analysis of their wastewater, and a plan or blueprint indicating the business’s sewer and pretreatment facility locations. Monitoring equipment for a business’s wastewater pretreatment may also be required at the Utilities Manager’s discretion.

The 20-page ordinance will be brought to the BOT’s agenda on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, as an action item, meaning the Board intends to either approve or deny Ordinance 864. Please continue to follow *The Mountain-Ear* for further updates.

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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>.

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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/>.

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Nederland paid parking pilot approved

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Board of Trustees (BOT) met on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 7 p.m. to vote on contracting with Interstate Parking for a two-month trial of paid parking downtown. The BOT also discussed prohibiting impactful activities within the Town's watershed, to be dictated by a potential Watershed Protection Ordinance.

The Board revisited Revolution 2024-33, regarding a cost-shared Parking Management Agreement with Interstate Parking, which is slated to provide paid parking implementation and enforcement in downtown Nederland for a trial period. All Town-owned parking spaces at the Visitor's Center lot and on East 1st Street are expected to cost \$2.50 an hour, after an initial free 20 minutes.

Interstate will install kiosks and QR codes at the specific locations, as well as incorporating residents' passes for free parking. Previously, Trustees had stipulated that Interstate would collect and report to the Town any data pertinent to turnover and lot usage.

According to the draft contract: "Interstate agrees to share information and data with the Town Administrator related to parking activities." Such activities include "information on length of time that vehicles are parked, customer address information, parking turnover information, number of customers paying, and number of Gratis Parking."

Interstate will report such data weekly, as well as provide a monthly record of all customer complaints. All other data can be requested by the Town of Nederland, which Interstate will provide to the Town Administrator within five days of receiving the request.

The Town will be responsible for maintaining all sidewalks around the paid parking spaces, for snow and trash removal, and for paying Interstate a "management fee." The fee totals 50% of all net revenue, "calculated and paid to Interstate on a monthly basis based upon the prior month's net revenue for each calendar month during the operating year."

Interstate is responsible for all "operating expenses" and for maintaining their signage and equipment. Such expenses include: all personnel wages and insurance costs; the hardware, software and processing costs of Interstate's "license plate recognition based enforcement system"; development, management, and maintenance costs of the ParkNederland.com website and app; the monthly fees for processing credit card payments online; and the costs of equipment maintenance, repair, or replacement.

Trustees discussed the prospect of providing free parking for Town staff and for employees of Nederland's local businesses. Town Administrator Jonathan Cain recommended, from his experience working with Interstate developing paid parking for Idaho Springs, that the Town require an itemized report of all fees associated with Interstate's operations, for auditing purposes and transparency.

Cain also suggested including within the contract an appeals process for customers who have received parking violations, and also that Interstate provide an account of how many violations occur within a specific period of time, as the Town shares the revenue collection from violations with Interstate.

After seeking clarification from Community Planner Britt DeMinck and from Town Attorney Jennifer Madsen, the BOT proceeded to vote on whether the Town should provide free parking after a specific time or on specific days, whether to change the dates for the trial period, and whether the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) boundaries should be used when considering who is eligible for a resident pass.

According to www.bvdsd.org, the district encompasses "Boulder, Gold Hill, Jamestown, Lafayette, Louisville, Nederland, Superior, and parts of Broomfield and Erie." The northern half of Gilpin County also falls within BVSD boundaries.

The Board approved providing free parking for all of Town's paid parking spaces from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m.; to follow the BVSD boundaries when issuing resident passes; and for the paid parking

trial period with Interstate to begin August 15 and to end on October 15.

Trustees then appointed two candidates for available positions on the Nederland Downtown Development Authority (NDDA). Ron Mitchell and Catherine Valen, whose terms ended after June 30, both applied for reappointment. Everett Nielsen and Nathan Smallwood also applied for four year terms on the NDDA.

During their meeting on June 12, NDDA Board members officially recommended Mitchell and Smallwood for the two available seats. The BOT voted differently, with Mayor Billy Giblin stating his belief that the NDDA would benefit from a change in leadership and some new voices on their Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Nichole Sterling moved to appoint Mitchell. That, however, was not seconded and did not go to a vote. It was noted that Trustee Tania Corvalan, who is the BOT liaison to the NDDA but was not present for the July 2 meeting, had written to Trustees expressing her support for the NDDA's recommendation to appoint Mitchell.

Trustee Kristopher Larsen moved to appoint Valen, which was seconded. The motion was denied. Giblin made a motion to appoint Smallwood, which was seconded and passed, as was Giblin's motion to appoint Nielsen.

The BOT also voted on Resolution 2024 - 29, regarding the proposal by Caribou Ridge property owners for the Town of Nederland to acquire three private roadways, Ridge View Road, Caribou Ridge Drive, and Juneau Circle. Town staff is unsure of the cost to maintain the roads, though Public Works departments claim no issues as they already service roads in that subdivision.

Parks Department Manager and Interim Town Administrator Nicki Dunn specified that the Town would not be responsible for anything more than routine maintenance of the roads, which the Town already provides as they already operate in that area.

The BOT voted to approve Resolution 2024 - 29.

The Board discussed how best to allocate the remaining \$25,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds, which has been dedicated to support non-profit organizations that serve the area. Trustees discussed different approaches to allocating the funds, including providing fixed amount or needs-based grants, providing funding or match funding specifically for projects, or providing funds for "capacity building."

With only four members of the BOT present during the discussion, they were generally in agreement that providing funding or match funding for projects was the best method for allocating the funds to non-profit organizations.

Trustees discussed the potential creation of a Watershed Protection Ordinance, and stated which activities should be prohibited because of their potential impact to Nederland's watershed. Such activities include: sewage system construction; the storage of hazardous materials; drilling operations; the use of pesticides and herbicides; wildfire mitigation; and post-fire rehabilitation.

Per the Watershed Protection Map, developed by Ashley Bembek who was contracted by the Town in July of 2022, Nederland's watershed crosses into both Boulder and Gilpin Counties. Both entities have requested the opportunity to give their feedback on the BOT's decisions regarding the protection ordinance and prohibited activities.

Mayor Giblin added that Eldora Mountain Ski Resort is also interested in being involved in both the conversation and the process of crafting such an ordinance.

The BOT were provided with watershed protection ordinances for The City of Victor and the Town of Crested Butte. Town Attorney Madsen noted that Crested Butte's ordinance is significantly more robust than Victor's, requiring property owners to apply for permits for certain watershed activities, particularly related to mining operations.

Madsen said that often such

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ordinances are created by municipalities as a defensive measure, and cited as an example the attempt by Grand Island Resources, LLC to earn Designated Mining Operation status for the Caribou and Cross Mines. Madsen stated that drafting the ordinance, as well as enforcing it, will be an “administrative burden.”

As Trustees Corvalan, Larsen, and Tierney Maris were absent, the Board decided to table the discussion until all seven Trustees were present.

The BOT also approved leases

for several tenants to rent the Nederland Community Center’s commercial kitchen, and approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Denver Regional Council of Governments for the development of a Peak-to-Peak volunteer driver program.

The Nederland Board of Trustees meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 7 p.m. and can be attended either online or in person at the Nederland Community Center. For more information go to: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>.

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Commissioners disagree on Mountain Rail Coalition Appointment

MINDY LEARY
GILPIN COUNTY

The Gilpin County Commissioners convened for their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. All commissioners – Susan Berumen (Chair), Marie Mornis, and Sandy Hollingsworth – were in attendance. Key officials including County Attorney Brad Benning, County Clerk Melanie Bleyler, and County Manager Ray Rears were also present.

Mountain Rail Coalition Appointment:

A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to discussing the Mountain Rail Coalition. The commissioners approved Resolution 24-104, amending the list of official committee and board appointments to include the Mountain Rail Coalition.

The commissioners are in agreement that the residents of Gilpin County want a passenger railway; the argument is about which commissioner will have the most involvement if that eventually comes to pass.

Rears explained the importance of the coalition, stating, “The Mountain Rail Coalition Kick-Off meeting highlighted next steps for the formation of the broad Mountain Rail Coalition. This formation included creating a stakeholder working group made up of elected officials from communities along the mountain rail corridor.”

Hollingsworth and Berumen had previously been involved in related activities, with Hollingsworth having established contacts since 2021. Berumen has worked on the Moffat Lease Tunnel Agreement. However, a disagreement arose over the appointment.

Mornis proposed a delay in the decision until Routt County Commissioner Macys returns from out of town, suggesting two commissioners could attend the meetings.

Hollingsworth countered, saying Macys did not wish the meetings

to be made public, emphasizing compliance with the Open Meeting Law, which restricts such attendance to one commissioner.

“These are not our meetings, we are being invited to participate in these meetings,” Hollingsworth said.

The debate continued with Mornis nominating herself and Hollingsworth as alternate. The motion died without a second.

Mornis voiced concerns about communication and representation, prompting Hollingsworth to assure the Board of her commitment to transparency and information sharing.

The discussion took a contentious turn when Mornis questioned Hollingsworth’s negotiation skills and business experience, referencing a past negotiation with the Forest Service over a shooting range.

Hollingsworth responded by saying, “Now you want to go into attack mode.” She defended her record, clarifying her limited involvement in that negotiation and stressing that the shooting range issue was unrelated to the railway.

“I don’t appreciate your accusations that I’m not able to negotiate,” said Hollingsworth. She then defended her business experience saying that she has managed a restaurant before her election as commissioner.

Berumen offered a compromise, suggesting Hollingsworth amend the motion to appoint Mornis as the alternate. This motion passed 2-1, with Mornis opposed.

Hollingsworth concluded with a call for cooperation, stating, “I think it’s really unfortunate that we have a commissioner that feels like they need to go to negativity to try to make a point. Our goal is to work in cooperation with respect to each other as parts of the Board.”

Public comment from Corey Marshall echoed this sentiment, encouraging full involvement and communication among the commissioners.

On whether more than one

commissioner can attend the meetings, he said, “Is that a real requirement for a third-party meeting where we have a lot of government entities involved? It would seem we have got an Open Records issue already, and simply having another commissioner [there], does it really change the dynamic of a meeting like that?”

He also said that citizens might question whether “this is the first time this was discussed. Let’s make sure all things are discussed here in an open forum and everyone is included in the decision making.”

Gilpin Ambulance Authority:

The commissioners unanimously approved Resolution 24-94, authorizing ambulance services and mutual aid agreements. This resolution allows the Gilpin Ambulance Authority to operate within the county and collaborate with other jurisdictions and providers.

Timberline Fire Protection District Variance:

The Board also approved Resolution BOA-24-4, granting a variance to Timberline Fire Protection District. The variance allows a 13-foot setback from the front property line, facilitating the construction of an addition to an existing non-conforming structure.

Rob Gutierrez, Community Development Director, explained the need for the variance, citing exceptional topography and slope challenges that would otherwise require extensive excavation. A letter from Timberline Fire highlighted the increased costs and logistical difficulties of relocating the addition.

Stage 1 Fire Ban:

In response to dry conditions and heightened fire risk, the commissioners approved Resolution 24-101, imposing temporary Stage 1 Fire Restrictions. Division Chief Greg Demo and Sheriff Kevin Armstrong presented data from the Northern Front Range Wildland Fire Cooperators, supporting the decision.

Prohibited activities under the

Stage 1 Fire Ban include open fires, charcoal barbecues in dispersed camping areas, and use of fireworks. Allowed activities include recreational fires in permanent pits, hunting with a valid license, and using mechanical stoves with control valves.

Other Approvals and Reports:

Clerk & Recorder’s June 2024 Report; 2024 Valuation Assessment Report; Resolution 24-100, continuing Secure Rural Schools funding allocation; approval of meeting minutes from June 25, 2024; Resolution 24-102, designating the Historic Courthouse as the Voting Service and Polling Center for the November 5, 2024 General Election.

New Hires:

Mason Wittenbaugh has been brought on as equipment operator in the solid waste division. Sara Osteboe is a new Prevention Specialist in Human Services. There are four new hires in the Sheriff’s Office: Molly McMahon, Taylor Hoffman, Drew Oliver, and Kyla Crawford.

During the County Manager’s Report, Rears reminded everyone there will be a joint meeting on July 16, 2024, between the County and the Cities, though Black Hawk has declined to join, to be held at the Historic Courthouse at 3 p.m. The meeting will be preceded with a tour of Roworth Heights in Central City at 2 p.m.

He also said that Gilpin County residents will have access to the Clear Creek Shooting Range but the County is waiting for a concessionaire to get on board and finalize the details.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for July 23, 2024, at 9 a.m. and will be held in person at the Historic Courthouse, 203 Eureka Street, Central City and online via Zoom.

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Central City Fire Chief honored with award

MINDY LEARY
CENTRAL CITY

In a heartfelt tribute at the Central City Council meeting on July 2, 2024, Mayor Jeremy Fey played a video honoring Chief Gary Allen for receiving the prestigious Sam Mamet Good Governance Award.

Chief Allen was one of the esteemed recipients of the award at the welcome luncheon, sponsored by Xcel Energy, held on June 19 during the Colorado Municipal League's (CML) Annual Conference. Sharing this honor with former City of Lone Tree Mayor Jackie Millet, Allen was recognized for his nearly 50 years of public service and dedication to the community of Central City.

The Sam Mamet Good Governance Award, established in 2019, commemorates the legacy of retired CML Executive Director Sam Mamet. The award honors up to three individuals annually who exemplify principles of good governance, including efficiency, responsiveness, transparency, respect for the rule of law, accountability, inclusivity, ethical behavior, innovation, representation of all constituencies, and fiscal accountability.

Fey emphasized Allen's significant contributions to Central City, saying, "For his commitment of nearly 50 years of public service and all of the great things he has done for the wonderful community



PHOTO BY MINDY LEARY

Awarding excellence

Central City Fire Chief Gary Allen received the Colorado Municipal League's Sam Mamet Good Governance Award and was honored at the recent Central City Council Meeting on July 2, 2024.

of Central City, we honor him today."

The video, which showcased Allen's award, featured his reflections on his service: "I was born and raised here. It's my home. I'm a poor country boy that wants to do the right thing. My dad instilled in me to do the right thing."

City Manager Daniel Miera also praised Allen in the video, stating, "His dedication to public service and specifically to the city and our community over 50 years is admirable and worthy of showcasing." Fey highlighted Allen's leadership and exemplary service to the community.

The video received generous applause from the audience, and Allen was invited to speak. Expressing his humility, Allen said, "I am honored and humbled at the same time."

When asked if he sees retirement in the future, Allen said he would like to stay on to see a new fire station for the Central City Fire Department.

Fey shared that Allen received the award in a hotel ballroom in Loveland before a crowd of at least 1,000 people, adding that it was a well-deserved honor. Fey thanked Miera for nominating Allen for the award.

Alderman Marcia Enloe, who attended the luncheon, remarked on the emotional impact of witnessing Allen receive the award. "You are very respected in this community, and I know we all appreciate you very much. Thank you for all you do," she said.

This year, the CML received 20 nominations for the award, submitted by CML members and voted on by the CML Executive Board.

The tribute video can be viewed on the CML website at <https://www.cml.org/utility-pages/about-cml/sam-mamet-good-governance-award>. The Central City Fire Department is always looking for volunteers and information on applying can be found at <https://www.centralcityfire.com/contact>.

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Ingredients:

- 1 medium lemon
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- 1/4 cup tahini
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus

- more as needed
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 to 2 tablespoons cold water, as needed
- 4 tablespoons finely chopped herbs of your choice, preferably fresh

Instructions:

Grate the zest of 1 medium lemon into a medium bowl. Juice the lemon into the bowl (this should be about 3 tablespoons).

Add 1/4 cup buttermilk, 1/4 cup tahini, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, 1 teaspoon maple syrup, 1/2 teaspoon onion powder, 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, and a small pinch of black pepper. Whisk to combine.

If the dressing is too thick, whisk in 1 to 2 tablespoons cold water as needed to thin out.

Finely chop the herbs and add them to the dressing. Stir to combine. Taste and add more salt and pepper as needed.

Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to 3 days. Thin out with cold water if needed before serving.

Mayor recuses himself on SOB ordinances

MINDY LEARY
CENTRAL CITY

A proposal to amend city ordinances to potentially allow an adult cabaret with an accompanying restaurant at the entrance to the city's Main Street has sparked significant debate in Central City. Enough so as to draw the attention of major news outlets such as Denver's Channel 9 News, who attended the recent City Council meeting on July 2, 2024.

A room full of citizens and press promised a night of relative excitement for the aldermen, including Mayor Jeremy Fey, Mayor Pro-tem Kara Tinucci; and Aldermen Jeff Aiken, Todd Williams, and Marcia Enloe.

Brought to the City Council by the Planning Commission months ago, a proposed amendment to City Ordinances from earlier this year aims to ease restrictions on Sexually Oriented Businesses (SOBs) and was a key topic of discussion (though not on the Agenda) at the July 2 City Council meeting.

Central's current code and its restrictions on SOBs effectively prohibits their existence. Under the First Amendment, ordinances regulating SOBs cannot completely ban those with an expressive element. Municipalities must provide adequate alternative avenues of communication in order for these businesses to operate.

Fey has voiced his advocacy for the plan. He said this move would stimulate the local economy and spur further development projects.

Despite these arguments, many residents expressed concerns about the appropriateness of such establishments on Main Street. They feared a potential increase in crime and the type of crowd an adult cabaret might attract.

Fey said the history of the area, once

known for its red light district, is not an argument for SOBs, as some have accused him of claiming, but that "there is definitely an irony there."

Donna Okray-Parman, Gilpin County resident, voiced her concerns during the public comment session, asking, "Why a strip club? If you want to have a fine dining experience, I understand, but I'm just curious - why a strip club?"

Eric Langan, a Central City resident, is in the business of strip clubs and other types of adult entertainment. He is CEO and president of RCI Hospitality Holdings, and spoke during public comment.

He asserted that an adult cabaret is the only viable option to draw tourists to Central City from the nearby gambling hub of Black Hawk. If approved, it would be the first SOB in any Colorado gambling district.

Background and Previous Meetings

At the May 21 Central City Council meeting, a large turnout of residents expressed strong opposition to SOBs within the city. Concerns included the potential negative effect on future development, increased crime rates, damage to Central City's reputation, decreased property values, and strained law enforcement resources.

During that meeting, Ordinance Numbers 24-02 and 24-03, aimed at amending the Municipal Code regarding SOB locations and licensing, were tabled pending further legal guidance.

Fey emphasized the need for additional legal insight due to the significant implications of these ordinances, stating, "With the gravity of what we are discussing tonight, I have spoken with some council members, and we believe that we need some

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 First Name Middle Name Last Name
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Angela Lea Fowler
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

By [Signature]
 Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

SOB continued

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further legal guidance on what our full options are, where we stand in the matter. We are still going to let everyone speak tonight.”

Eric Langan, representing RCI, was the sole voice in favor of “Rick’s Cabaret,” planned for a location across from Annie Oakley’s on Main Street. He assured the Council that the establishment would operate exclusively from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m., Thursday through Sunday, with windows entirely blacked out to ensure no public visibility.

Langan’s initial plans included a casino at the location of 130 Main Street, but delays and obstacles in the gaming license process caused him to withdraw the application.

At a special meeting on June 13, Mayor Fey addressed concerns regarding his potential conflict of interest due to his association with RCI Hospitality. Fey operates a retail location in a building owned by RCI, where he pays sales percentage-based rent. He also confirmed taking a trip on the RCI private jet and attending an event in Texas with RCI officials.

During that meeting, some citizens suggested Fey should recuse himself from discussions, votes, and executive sessions on SOB regulations.

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

Assistant City Attorney Erin King clarified, “Legally, a conflict of interest arises when there’s a financial gain. Here, we are talking about legislative changes, city-wide changes not affecting just one person.” Fey also emphasized that voting does not occur during executive sessions.

Tinucci indicated she might need to recuse herself due to her husband’s termination from RCI, suggesting both she and Fey recuse themselves when it comes time to vote.

Over the past several weeks, Fey has held meetings at the local Elks Lodge to hear residents’ concerns on the matter.

Gilpin County issued an RFP for an SOB Impact study and has granted a \$50,000 contract to Paradigm Public Affairs LLC, to be completed by November of this year.

July 2 City Council Meeting

During the Public Forum session, Central City resident Zane Plsek read excerpts from a Denver Gazette article, where he quoted Langan during an interview: “They can’t stop me from opening. I’m going to open, we’ll just cover up. They can control the level of nudity but they can’t stop me.”

Resident Peter Droege, who serves on two city commissions, raised concerns about Fey’s conflict of interest, citing the Municipal Code and suggesting the council should also vote on Fey’s recusal. He said Fey’s recusal restores the people’s confidence in the City.

Several people spoke out against having SOBs on Main Street, and one spoke in favor, quoting RCI’s success nationwide. She said that Main Street would provide the necessary security and infrastructure to support such a business and that this is an opportunity for the town to tailor some compromise.



PHOTO BY MINDY LEARY

Debate in Central City

Citizens of Central City discuss a sexually oriented business coming to town at a city council meeting.

Eric Langan addressed the room, emphasizing his efforts to avoid a legal battle with the City, which he believes is not in anyone’s best interests.

He spoke of the deferred liability and infrastructure repairs that need to be addressed in Central City, asking where that funding will originate. He said that several years ago, a realtor and a previous City Council asked him if he could get a strip club here to help the financial situation.

He said he will put a package together for the Council’s next meeting, with letters of recommendation from various officials in the areas where RCI’s businesses operate. He offered to provide studies showing that property values have actually increased in these areas. He argued that crime statistics at other SOB locations in Denver were influenced by economic factors and homelessness.

The recent meeting saw both Fey and Tinucci recuse themselves from the Executive Session due to their connections with RCI. Fey said he had to recuse himself not because of an actual conflict of interest, but because of the public perception there is one.

“I am going to recuse myself [from the Executive Session] to avoid the appearance of a conflict,” he explained at the beginning of the meeting.

Fey said this will leave three council members, ensuring a quorum for future votes on the matter.

Tinucci recused herself from the Executive Session since her husband used to work with RCI and because she “is currently utilizing their space.”

The Council’s agenda featured routine items such as approving the Regular Bill Lists through June 25, ratifying Historic Preservation Grant Program recipients, and approving resolutions for special events like the Great Central City Beer Festival and the Night of Good Fortune.

New business items included a request for the Central City Promise program; and various appointments and resolutions, such as approving an intergovernmental agreement for reimbursement costs and amending a professional services agreement with Safebuilt Colorado, LLC.

Staff updates included congratulations to Fire Chief Gary Allen for receiving the 2024 CML (Colorado Municipal

League) Sam Mamet Good Governance Award and a request from the Central City Opera for a right-of-way permit.

Division Chief Greg Demo informed everyone that Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are now in place.

County Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth spoke during public comment and encouraged landowners to opt into the Colorado Natural Heritage Program, which seeks to conserve Colorado’s native ecosystems. She also thanked the City for the planned Joint Meeting between the County and its cities on July 16.

In his closing comments, Fey expressed his dedication to the community, stating, “I am a good man; I’m a good mayor. I’m not perfect. I can get better and I will get better through this. I am out there,

and in here, working diligently and honestly, to do all that I can do to make this city wonderful. I love you all and I appreciate this opportunity to sit up here. I’ve got two and a half years left [as Mayor] and I’m committed to furthering the City in all ways.”

Tinucci and Fey recused themselves and the Council adjourned into Executive Session for legal advice on specific legal questions related to Section 16-8-106 and Section 16-8-502 of the Land Development Code.

The next regular meeting of the Central City Council is scheduled for July 16, 2024, at Central City Hall and online via Zoom. More information can be found on the City’s website: centralcity.colorado.gov/meetings.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT SPECIAL ELECTION TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, the Town of Nederland, Colorado, will conduct a mail ballot special election. Voting will take place by mail ballot, with ballots mailed by the Town Clerk to all registered electors between July 8 and July 12, 2024.

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On Election Day, July 30, 2024, ballots will also be accepted at the following locations:

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Yes

No

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WATER UTILITY OPERATOR I, II, III or IV, Salary Range: \$55,518 - \$89,977 / Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. Operator I: Colorado Class "D" Water Plant Operator and Class 1 Distribution Systems Certifications required within one (1) year of employment. Operator II: Colorado Class "C" Water Plant Operator and Class 2 Distribution Systems Certifications required. Operator III: Colorado Class "B" Water Plant Operator and Class 3 Distribution Systems Certifications required. Operator IV: Colorado Class "A" Water Plant Operator and Class 4 Distribution

Systems Certifications required. A Water Utility Operator III will operate and maintain the water treatment plants, distribution system, raw water system, maintain and repair water mains, service lines, valves, pumps, and water-related appurtenances. This is the journey-level class in the Utility Operator series and is expected to perform a full range of all duties with minimal instruction and assistance. Excellent Benefits package (See Benefits). Apply Now: <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/>

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

City of Black Hawk Benefits:

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

Statepoint Crossword and Sudoku Puzzles

THEME: FAMOUS FIRSTS

ACROSS

1. Croat or Moravian, e.g.
5. Paid player
8. Not Miss or Ms.
11. First-rate
12. Mattress with memory?
13. Be of use
15. "It's time!" signal
16. ____-de-camp
17. Like an unhealthy dog
18. *First one to circumnavigate globe, almost
20. March Madness org.
21. Bring upon
22. Orange Lavaburst drink
23. *Rita ____, first Latina to win Academy Award
26. Winter rides, in Russia
30. Brewery order
31. Unties or unbuttons
34. Nearly
35. One born to Japanese immigrants
37. Good times
38. Rheumy
39. Tel ____, Israel
40. Bequeath
42. Once known as
43. West African country
45. *Chuck ____, first to break speed of sound
47. Genetic info carrier, acr.
48. City near D,sseldorf
50. Short for Dorothea
52. *First artificial satellite (2 words)
55. Clay and silt deposit
56. Marine eagle
57. Mercantile establishment
59. Singer Piaf
60. Concert series
61. Indian nursemaid
62. Craggy peak
63. Little troublemaker
64. Solitary

DOWN

1. Give in to gravity
2. Weaver's apparatus
3. The "I" in "The King and I"
4. Carrots or peas, slangily
5. French soldier in WWI
6. Speed gun
7. *First horror film about Damien Thorn, with The
8. Supernatural life force
9. Capital of Latvia
10. Canny
12. Han Solo's "Millennium ____"
13. Prenatal test, for short
14. *The first one helped combat smallpox
19. Tedium
22. 120 mins.
23. #8 Down, pl.
24. Martini garnish
25. Pine product
26. Midterm, e.g.
27. a.k.a. Tibetan wild ass
28. Feel the same
29. Timider
32. Deadly challenge
33. Military moves
36. *Mount first conquered by Hillary and Norgay
38. 10 to 12-year-old
40. Ewe's cry
41. Half-shell delicacy
44. Grind with teeth
46. Fauna member
48. Erasable programmable read only memory
49. Break of day
50. List of chores
51. Prince of Wales to King
52. Searching for E.T. org.
53. Boxer's last blow
54. Azerbaijan's southern neighbor
55. " ____ the wild rumpus begin!"
58. " ____ one and only"

CROSSWORD

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CROSSWORD: JULY 4

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