

Gilpin County Fair enthralls attendees



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Bull riding is always a highlight

With hundreds of onlookers in the stands and his fellow cowboys cheering him on, a rider hopes to stay aboard for eight seconds. See story page 16.

Ned parties through rain and hail



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

Great times at Nederland Farmers Market

Left: Carrie from Gold Dirt Distillery seen getting into the spirit. Right: The chef behind Washoku fries up some of his delicious Japanese fried chicken. See story page 20.

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-QUOTE OF THE WEEK-

"We do not need to go out to find love;
rather we need to be still and let love discover us."

- John O'Donohue

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Friday, July 26

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

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

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

Caribou Village 4th Friday: 5 to 7 p.m. at 20 E. Lakeview Drive, Nederland.

Saturday, July 27

Circus Foundry: A dazzling big top circus and carnival day at Chipeta Park in Nederland to benefit the Carousel of Happiness on Saturday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A family friendly show, *Circus Pirates!*, begins at 1 p.m. A second afternoon show, *Cirque Noir*, begins at 4 p.m. Find more information online at <https://carouselofhappiness.org/circus-fundraiser>.

Monday, July 29

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

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

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

Wednesday, July 31

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 available until they run out.

Lunch Hour Book Discussion: Join us at the Gilpin County Public Library to discuss the July book, Gabrielle Zevin's, *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 15131 Highway 119, Black Hawk. Copies will be available at the Circulation desk. Please contact Jen Matthews at jmatthews@gilpincounty.org with any questions pertaining to this book club.

Cracker BARREL

Get involved in your community

Thursday, August 1

Connection Collective: Come on down to the Music Garden on Guerco Field, Nederland, for an evening of conversation, games, and music at 5:30 p.m. Bring a chair to sit on, a friend to bring along, and a snack to share.

Friday, August 2

Ned 150: Nederland celebrates 150 years! The Town of Nederland will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of its incorporation, which aims to laud Nederland's present and future while honoring its past. Nederland's Public Engagement Manager Peter Cacek, along with volunteers from several non-profit organizations and collaborations with local businesses, have been organizing themed activities for the three-day event. Occurring August 2 - 4.

Nederland Area Senior Pancake Breakfast: Serving as an opportunity for the town to converse with some of Nederland's longest-standing citizens for the 150th celebration. Yearbooks and a slide show, dating back as far as 1939, will be on display. From 8 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, August 3

Nederland Summer Concert Series: Join your community in Chipeta Park for live music. Bring a chair, blanket and snacks! This week will host Diggin' Dirt with the Guerrilla Fanfare Brass Band. 4. - 7 p.m.

Movie Night: Join us for popcorn and a movie as we watch "The Boys in the Boat." Rated PG-13; 2 hours and 4 minutes long. Located at the Gilpin County Library in the Meeting Room. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 4

Nederland Farmers Market: Come and get your fresh fruits, vegetables, baked goods, hot sauces, and pickled products among other artisanal items from over 30 vendors and enjoy live music at 80 East First Street from 10 - 2 p.m.

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



Self Help Meetings

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

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

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

Coal Creek Canyon AA meeting held every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Ed at 303-589-5056. For more information please visit <https://www.coal-creekcanyon.org/calendar>.

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

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

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

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

PEAK PERSPECTIVES: Letters...we get letters....



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Peak to Peak pics

Left: Lexie Armitage and Hayden Hardt-Zeman dance to the beat of the music at Party in the Peaks. Above, Right: The fabric and fiber competition at the Gilpin fair had many entries. This beautiful quilt was the winner.

**LYNN HIRSHMAN
PEAK TO PEAK**

One of the joys of Nederland is that it's made up of people with very strong – and often conflicting – opinions. More than one former BOT member has described serving in that capacity as “herding cats.” Obviously, one of the areas where that disparity of opinion shows up most strongly is in the pages of *The Mountain-Ear*.

In our news coverage, we deal as objectively as possible with the day-to-day issues that inspire and infuriate locals. We cover each government meeting and present the contents of each meeting in the appropriate NEWS story. But, of course that's not enough. Especially when one of the issues we are covering is fairly contentious. I can think of a few recently, but the current controversial issue is that of TEENS, Inc.'s proposed child care center.

We encourage our readers to contribute their own opinions through letters to the editor or “guest opinions.” We publish these as they come in, usually on a first-come-

first-served basis. And we clearly label those letters or guest opinions as such, including a disclaimer noting that those letters are the opinions of the writers, not necessarily of the newspaper.

Putting a newspaper together requires a lot of people dealing with a lot of moving parts – news stories, ads, public notices, and letters. So we are under time and space constraints, asking our letter writers to submit their opinion pieces before 5 p.m. on Friday if they want their piece to be considered for the next week's issue.

Each week, we dedicate two pages for letters. And, as we state every week in the paper, we ask that letters be no longer than 500 words. That's about one single-spaced typed page. Most letters are far shorter, so we can print a whole bunch of them in our two pages. Occasionally – again, especially when we're dealing with a controversial issue – letters run longer. And, when it's necessary for clarity, we just might let one run longer. It all depends, though, on timing. And available space.

We make it very clear – in our pages,

on our Facebook – just how we do this. And still, some people complain that we are “not fair,” or “not presenting all sides of the story.” If we don't publish someone's complaint, we're just printing “opinion, allegations, libel,” as one reader asserted. And while I'm sure we'd edit out any “libel,” opinions and allegations have their place in *The Mountain-Ear* – in the letters pages. NOT in the NEWS stories.

Projecting your own negative aspects onto your opponents seems to be in vogue in today's politics. We're trying hard not to let that show up in our pages. Our news stories portray the actual actions of people and organizations in our area. Our letters indicate the opinions of some of the residents of the area. We try to keep them discrete. We try to keep them fair. We hope you will help. And understand.

To reach us anytime, email info@themountaineer.com or call 303-881-0365. The Mountain-Ear is YOUR community source for news, since 1977.



Gilpin County Seniors

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 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
ALLENSPARK

The woman known in her performances as Shanna in a Dress (you can learn the story of her real name by seeing her live) started her musical journey at the University of Virginia, where she learned how to play guitar for the first time. She says teaching herself guitar was how she procrastinated studying while working towards a kinesiology major with a concentration in exercise physiology. An Ingrid Michaelson concert she saw expanded her horizons as to what a live concert could entail, and the big reveal of her new desire to be a singer-songwriter came as a result of secretly building up a repertoire of original material and finding the right time to perform it live.

In the end, she invited all of the friends and family she could to her university's concert hall, not telling them what she would be doing on stage, but strongly encouraging them to attend. She recalls around 80 people showing up, saying that the first show set up hallmarks of the shows to come: funny songs mixed with heartfelt songs, a variety of instruments, a planned encore, and participation from the audience.

She loves songwriters who can tell stories of their mundane life experiences with their lyrics, recalling poring over her mom's lyric booklets of artists such as Rascal Flatts, Martina McBride, and The Chicks. Her musical stylings are not country-oriented, but much like country musicians, she loves wordplay and storytelling with lyrics being the focal point of her songs. Shanna sees songwriting like a puzzle, a "dance between repetition and surprise," as she learns how to make the feeling and words match and how to make rhymes that feel refreshing.

Primarily, she keeps her performances simple, usually utilizing her own vocals and a guitar. She believes that performing original music is the quickest way for someone to get to know her, as the lyrics she writes end up cutting



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right to the core of what she feels and how she experiences the world.

She says that while some songwriters write stories about others (which she sometimes does as well), she is a songwriter who writes stories about herself to connect with an audience. She hopes that people leave her shows having had fun and felt touched by the human experiences they often push aside.

You can see Shanna in a Dress performing at The Old Gallery, located at 14863 Highway 7 in Allenspark, on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. You can also stream her music wherever you get your music and learn more about her by going to shannainadress.com or checking her out on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

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

Gold Hill Inn

Friday, July 26 at 8 p.m. - Haymakers
Sunday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m. - Patrick Dethlefs Duo
Wednesday, July 31 at 5:30 p.m. - Micki Balder

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

Gold Hill Store

Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m. - Queso Ra
Saturday, July 27 at noon - Queso Ra

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

Gregory Plaza

Saturday, July 27 at 5 p.m. - Duey Weibel

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

Music Events

Busey Brews

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 27 at 6 p.m. - Ibbby Cline & Michael Walters

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Music Events

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Location: 317 Gregory Street, Black Hawk (Mountain Poppy Boutique)
Phone: 720-669-0665 (Mountain Poppy Boutique)

Howlin Wind Brewing

Saturday, July 27 at 5 p.m. - Strangebyrds

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

Jamestown Mercantile

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/jamestownmercantile/>
Website: <https://www.jamestownmercantile.com/>
Location: 108 Main Street, Jamestown
Phone: 303-442-5847

JKQ BBQ

Friday, July 26 at 6 p.m. - Mark Hill

Saturday, July 27 at 5 p.m. - Mark Hill

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/JkqBbq/>
Location: 200 Gregory Street, Black Hawk
Phone: 720-316-1361

Knotted Root Brewing

Saturday, July 27 at 5 p.m. - WHUMPF

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. - Open Mic
Fridays at 7 p.m. - DJ Night
Sundays at 5 p.m. - Jazz Sundays

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

Very Nice Brewing Co. (Gilpin County)

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.verynicebrewing.com/>
Location: 180 Jankowski Drive, Black Hawk
Phone: 303-582-2015

Very Nice Brewing Co. (Nederland)

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.verynicebrewing.com/>



Opening Ceremony of the Paris Olympics
Friday, July 26, 7 - 9 p.m.
Event is free. Donations to Backdoor Theatre to win prizes.

North by Northwest (1959)
Saturday, July 27, 2 - 5 p.m.
Admission is free.

Stop Making Sense (1984)
Saturday, July 27, 7 p.m.
Event is free. Donations to Backdoor Theater to win prizes. 1 hour and 28 minutes.

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

750 Highway 72 North, Nederland Community Center

Location: 20 E. Lakeview Drive, #112, Nederland
Phone: 303-258-3770

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POETRY CORNER

Some words for the week

what does it mean to be a poet
is it waking up before work
and writing until you have to leave
trying to get some words down
between the day and night shift
is it living on nothing
and writing all the time
sleeping in friends couches
in tents in shacks
at your parents house
is it working at a university
or a high school
forcing kids to read books
they'll skim and hate
is it living in love or rejecting it
is it being alone
or with people all the time
is it working hard
or waiting till the magic comes
is it longing
is it longing?
no matter
I'm at work now
and there is a spider
on a scrap piece of wood
I set the corner of the wood
onto the dirt
and coax him off with a finger
and I am glad I didn't kill him

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Preserve this community, vote yes

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to encourage the residents of Nederland to VOTE YES in the special election by July 30th. As a Town of Nederland resident with no children, I am 100% in support of this proposal.

One of the things I love most about Ned is that it's a true community - a town of people of all ages, from all sorts of backgrounds, who know their neighbors (and their neighbors' dogs) by name. And the reality is, we need to be intentional to preserve this community. Pressures from a growing Front Range population and

increasing costs of living mean it's up to us as a community to make decisions that help our town survive and thrive in the years to come. The proposed public/nonprofit partnership with TEENS, Inc. to provide accessible, quality child care to our community - care that is desperately needed to support our town families and local economy - is not only a strategic move, it's also the right thing to do.

VOTE YES in the special election.

Kat Barr
Town of Nederland resident

Letter to the Editor



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

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Childcare and home values in our rural communities

Dear Editor,

I wanted to bring up an important topic that impacts many of us living in rural areas: the availability of childcare and how it might affect home values. It's a bit of a puzzle with lots of pieces, but here's a quick look at how these things might be connected.

Housing Demand:

When there's a lack of childcare options, families with young kids might find our rural areas less appealing. This could mean fewer people wanting to buy homes here, which might keep our home values from growing. Some families might even move to places with better childcare, leaving our community smaller and our home values lower, perhaps.

Economic Vitality:

Without enough childcare, parents, especially moms, might struggle to work as much as they want. This can slow down our local economy and, you guessed it, affect home values. Plus, businesses might think twice about setting up shop in areas where their employees can't find good childcare.

Community Investment:

Good childcare options are a big part of what makes a place feel

like home. When those options are missing, our communities might seem less attractive, which can influence home values. It's also a sign that we might need to invest more in our local infrastructure.

School Enrollment:

Less childcare can mean fewer kids enrolling in local schools. This can lead to schools getting less funding or even closing, which can make our community less attractive to new families and affect home values.

Real Estate Insights:

I reached out to some local real estate brokers, and one mentioned that several clients have sold their homes because there aren't enough childcare options. Even though buyers don't always bring it up, the need to commute to places like Boulder for childcare is a big deal. Families making that daily trek often end up selling their homes after a few years because it's tough on their quality of life and family time. Plus, kids miss out on connecting with local friends.

Challenges in Analysis:

As a certified residential real estate appraiser, I find it very difficult to quantify the impact of childcare availability on home values due to the many unique factors in each community. While there may be

a correlation between lack of childcare and lower home values, establishing direct causation can be challenging because of the multitude of influencing factors.

Special Municipal Election in Nederland:

I also want to remind everyone that the Town of Nederland will conduct a special municipal election on Tuesday, July 30th, 2024. During this election, Nederland residents will be voting on whether to permit TEENS, Inc. to operate a private childcare center on 750 W 5th Street. This is an important opportunity to address our childcare needs and potentially enhance the attractiveness and economic health of our community.

Efforts in Gilpin County:

It's also worth noting that Gilpin County is actively organizing efforts to address childcare needs. They are forming a Childcare Steering Committee to provide recommendations on improving childcare. This initiative highlights the importance of childcare in supporting our communities and local economies. For more information, visit <https://gilpinmtnkids.org/>.

Solutions and Research:

Studies show that areas with better access to services, including

childcare, often see higher property values. For example, research from the Center for American Progress found that areas with higher access to childcare services tend to have higher home values and stronger local economies (Center for American Progress, 2019). Additionally, case studies from the Rural Policy Research Institute highlight how improving childcare infrastructure can lead to enhanced economic development and increased property values in rural communities (Rural Policy Research Institute, 2018).

So, what can we do? Investing in childcare, supporting local providers, and working together as a community can make our rural areas more attractive to families. This can help our local economy and improve our home values.

In short, while it's not the only factor, having good childcare options is pretty important for keeping our rural communities vibrant; and perhaps, our home values healthy. Let's keep this in mind as we look at ways to support and grow our community.

Sincerely,

Casey Saltness
Gilpin County

Clear the path for needed year-round childcare

Dear Editor,

As early childhood educators with a combined 58 years of experience caring for Nederland's children, we have seen firsthand the increasing need for year-round childcare in our community. We are incredibly grateful that TEENS, Inc. stepped up to open the Nederland Early Learning Center (NELC) in 2019, ensuring that

our town continued to have access to licensed, year-round childcare.

While NELC is a special place for our children, its current building can only accommodate about 20 children each day. This limitation leaves many families without the care they desperately need, so once again, TEENS, Inc. is rising to the occasion to address the overwhelming demand for early childhood education and care.

We have taught so many of our residents over the years and there is nothing better than when a child we had in our preschool class returns as an adult with their own children. More childcare will help young families stay in our community and preserve the special place it has always been where children can grow up and choose to stay to raise their own families.

We hope Nederland voters will

Vote Yes in the special election and clear the path for TEENS, Inc. to build a new building and make caring, fun, and educational year-round childcare available to all the families in need as soon as possible.

Karen Campbell and Lisa McCoy
Preschool Directors, NELC

You can help stabilize struggling families

Dear Editor,

I work for EFAA. So all day, every day, I meet with people and families in our mountain community who need help making rent, filling their propane, fixing their car, etc. I have front row tickets to the very real needs of our local families.

100% of the time the families I meet with need to increase their income to achieve any kind of stability. AND they LITERALLY CAN'T without safe affordable childcare. Period.

If I could magic wand one thing that would make the biggest difference for our local families, it would be childcare.

No doubt. Even ahead of affordable housing.

Your vote YES for childcare will stabilize struggling families and strengthen our mountain community in so many ways you'd get bored reading them all.

It is rare when we are given the

opportunity to show up for our community in such a meaningful way. This is our moment, Nederland, to hop off the fence, and change some lives.

Kelly Garcia-Paine
Town of Nederland resident

Vote NO on 1A in Nederland

Dear Editor,

VOTE NO. Read the September 19, 2023 Agenda Info Memorandum Housing Needs Assessment prepared by Miranda Fisher: "Increasing housing stock is beneficial for community sustainability and possible workforce housing."

Did you know, "47% of Households in Nederland spend more than 30% of their annual income on housing." In an Aug 23, 2023 Town of Nederland Housing Needs Assessment completed by Bohannon Huston, they found:

Median Age: 45.4
Household Income: <\$100K: 41.09%; \$100-\$149K: 23.27%; >\$150K: 24.45%
Employment: Remote: 24.66%; In Person: 39.01%; Hybrid: 24.66%; Mobile: 2.24%; Other: 9.42%

Commute: Would you choose to live in Nederland if you were able to find housing that meets your needs? Yes:

50.60%; No: 16.87%; Other: 23.53%

Household: How many children are you a parent or guardian for in your household (aged 17 or younger only)?
None: 76.86%; One: 14.05%; Two: 8.68%; Three: 0.41%

Housing/Community Sentiment: It is important to have a variety of housing types to meet different life-stage needs:

Strongly Agree: 70%~; Agree: 28%~; Disagree: 8%~; Strongly Disagree: 1%~
(Reference: <https://nederlandco.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Id=654>)

Did you read the Adopted, August 15, 2023 "7.2 Town of Nederland 2023-2024 Strategic Plan titled: "THE NEXT 18 MONTHS: STABILIZE, PLAN, GROW REVENUE"

OBJECTIVE #6: Listen to the voices of our workers and residents and implement changes to the Nederland

No vote means better government in Nederland

Dear Editor,

I sympathize with neighbors of the proposed Teens, Inc childcare facility who've been dismissed and/or vilified by some Town officials and Teens, Inc supporters, because they oppose the private use of public land in their neighborhood. Ned's municipal code gives special place to neighbors' views on zoning changes. In January 2023, the Planning Commission rejected a private-property zoning change requested by Ron Mitchell, because neighboring residents objected. Each Commissioner stated they had no choice but to reject the request because of the Town Code language.

Public land is owned by the public—taxpayers/voters in Nederland—and is not the property of Town Government to dispose of as they please. Dyers neighborhood residents have discussed possible uses for the land for years, waiting for the results of toxicity testing, and have their own views of what they want their neighborhood to be.

Two early, questionable decisions by the BoT were: 1) to forego the usual open bidding process for other interested parties, and 2) to encourage the Planning Commission to approve a Special Use Review to permit private schools on public land, a change sought specifically for the Teens, Inc project and which sets a bad precedent.

Rather than holding public meetings with neighbors, the Trustees asked the Teens, Inc Director to gather neighbors' opinions(!). Unsurprisingly and based on a limited sample, the Director reported the majority of neighbors were in favor, which several neighbors contested as untrue.

Unfortunately, the way the town has handled this reflects the considered approach of some Town officials, who believe the way to "get things done" is to get projects

through under the radar. This disinterest in involving the public in governance was evident in the Town's choice to direct the Vision 2030 process themselves, rather than hiring an outside consultant as done previously. The anti-democratic views of Town leadership were evident both in the way they attempted to direct the vision statements and in the discarding—by a subcommittee chaired by the mayor—of Vision 2020 language on the importance of resident involvement in town governance.

Compare: Vision 2020 Statement: In 2020, Nederland's elected leaders are qualified, competent and representative of the entire community. They are committed to open and clear communication with town staff and all citizens. They actively encourage connections between residents, service providers, businesses and government. Critical information is easily accessible to all, and residents feel included and have a sense of responsibility and ownership in the governance process.

Vision 2030 Statement: "In 2030, Nederland's government effectively provides representative, transparent, forward-thinking leadership and administration through dedication, creativity and responsiveness to the needs and goals of the overall community."

The issues here go well beyond whether child-care or affordable housing is a more critical need for tax-paying residents. I hope voters will vote NO on the child-care proposal so that a fully democratic process, which gives proper consideration to neighbors' views and examines fully the various possibilities for use of this public land, can be conducted.

Sincerely,

Susan Wagner
Nederland

Municipal Code from the results of the Housing Needs Assessment.

(Reference: <https://nederlandco.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Id=590>)

Thoughts to ponder:

1) Ned taxpayers already bear the brunt of exorbitant infrastructure costs;

2) Ned taxpayers already handed over one 99 yrs at a \$1/yr prime real estate on Barker Res to Teens Inc;

3) According to Stephen on FB, possibly 20~ Resident Town kiddos out of the 65+ kiddos may attend. I have yet to get an answer regarding attendance projections once building is completed in three+ years. This number could be greatly decreased (or increased) by then. Again, Ned taxpayers footing the bill through indirect costs when they represent not even a third attending;

4) Take a look at your property tax bill, the majority goes to schools. Many

do not have kids; you are already paying.

Did you know there was chatter to place this Teens Inc facility in Old Town? Old Town, the perfect central location for the 20~ Ned residents' kids to easily walk or bicycle to versus the inaccessible outskirts of town on a dangerous curve? Have you seen all the Yes signs in Old Town; they are already on board! Perfect.

Please Vote NO. Send this land use SRU back to the table. Support Town desires reflected in the above study paid for and presented to Town Govt; supported by the Town of Nederland Comprehensive Plan. It is time for affordable housing as was promised in this neighborhood.

Cheers,

Deb DAndrea
Nederland

Bats found in Boulder County tested positive for rabies

GISELLE NOLL
BOULDER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Three bats found in Boulder County have recently tested positive for rabies. The bats were found in separate locations across the county and were submitted for rabies testing by Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) after being discovered by residents. This discovery highlights the importance of avoiding direct contact with wild animals and keeping pets' rabies vaccinations current.

"Exposure to rabies happens most commonly when people or pets interact with wildlife, pick up a bat off the ground or try to remove it from their home or property," said Carly Wilson, Boulder County Public Health Environmental Health Specialist. "Finding a bat hanging under the eaves of a house, under a porch overhang or hidden behind shutters or gutters is normal. However, you should not touch them. If there's any chance that you, your child or your pet has come in contact with a bat, contact us as soon as possible by calling 303-441-1564."

Rabies is an infectious viral disease that affects the nervous system and is almost always fatal unless treated before symptoms appear. Exposure to rabies is generally the result of a bite

or scratch by an infected animal, and it is sometimes practically undetectable, such as a tiny puncture of the skin by a bat. Treatment for rabies exposure involves a series of vaccinations.

Public health officials recommend that the following precautions be taken to reduce the risk of exposure to rabies:

- Do not handle unfamiliar animals, whether wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly. Contact animal control to have the animal collected.

- Thoroughly wash any wound caused by an animal with soap and water and seek medical attention immediately.

- Keep vaccinations current for all dogs, cats and ferrets. Keep cats and ferrets inside and dogs under direct supervision.

- Contact BCPH or animal control if people or pets have been bitten or exposed to a wild animal.

- If a bat has come into contact with a person or domestic animal, place a container over it and call dispatch so an animal control officer can collect it for rabies testing.

On average, about 15 percent of bats submitted for rabies testing test positive for the disease. Other wild animals that may carry rabies include skunks, raccoons and foxes.

Residents who find a bat in their home should call dispatch and ask to be connected to animal control.

For questions about human contact with a bat, call the Colorado Health Information Line at 1-877-462-2911. For general information about rabies, visit www.boco.org/Rabies.

Vote NO to giving away our public land

Dear Editor,

We should support childcare in our community – but as Nederland tax paying residents, we have to vote NO on Ordinance 859 this week.

This ordinance would give our public land to a private business, essentially for free (\$1 a year). First, it's just the wrong thing to do, because this parcel is owned by local taxpayers. Second, our Town simply does not have the financial bandwidth to give away valuable public assets for \$1. If we did, aging infrastructure in need of repair would never be talked about.

There is no other example in Boulder County of a privately run childcare facility being built on public land taken from taxpayers.

To be clear, I absolutely support families and children and additional childcare, but it simply should not happen this way.

Vote NO on Ordinance 859 this week, and let's work together to build additional childcare on a site not taken from taxpayers.

Mandi Papich
Nederland

Set the summer trend.

Ditch your commute
to reduce
ground-level ozone.

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exhaust, ozone is the Front
Range's biggest air quality issue
and a leading cause of
respiratory problems.**



Know when it matters most:
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to sign up for ozone alerts.

Neighborhood Gazette: RAQC / Simple Steps. Better Air.

JAMIE LAMMERS
PEAK TO PEAK

This summer, join your neighbors in taking simple steps for better air.

Join the thousands of local area residents who are taking simple steps to improve their community's air quality and help their neighbors breathe easier!

Ground-level ozone impacts our health and environment in the Colorado Front Range each summer. This pollutant we can't see or smell accumulates the most on hot and sunny blue-sky days, when the air appears clear.

How can that be? Ozone is simply three oxygen atoms stuck together (O₃). High up in the atmosphere, ozone serves an important purpose: it protects us from the sun's ultraviolet radiation. But at ground level, high concentrations of ozone are unhealthy: making it difficult to breathe, increasing our susceptibility to respiratory infections, and exacerbating ailments such as asthma. People most impacted by this air pollution are the elderly, those with respiratory conditions, outdoor workers, outdoor athletes, and especially children, whose lungs are still developing.

Where does this pollution come from? Ground-level ozone forms when two chemicals, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x), react in the sunshine and heat of beautiful Colorado summer days. These emissions come mainly from our gas-powered vehicles, gas-powered lawn equipment, and oil and gas production.

Both colorless and odorless, ozone is different than wildfire smoke, tiny particulate matter called PM_{2.5}, or the infamous "brown cloud" from decades past. Yet while we cannot see it or smell it, we still have the power to reduce ground-level ozone in the Front Range each and every day.

First, sign up for ozone alerts. Visit SimpleStepsBetterAir.org/signup-for-alerts to sign up for emails and/or text "BetterAirCO" to 21000 to receive air quality alerts on your phone. When a high ozone day is anticipated within the next day, the Regional Air Quality Council will send you a text or email to let you know. Protect your health by avoiding outdoor exercise or heavy exertion between noon and 8 p.m. on Ozone Action Day Alert days.

Second, reduce your emissions! Take some Simple Steps for Better Air: Skip two car trips per week by carpooling, combining errands, taking the bus or the light rail to get where you need to go. For shorter distances, consider walking, taking a scooter, or your (e)bike. Roll down the windows and turn the engine off while waiting in parking lots or lines, instead of idling. Work remotely or locally to skip the commute, upgrade your gas lawn mower to electric with a 30% state discount at participating retailers, or upgrade to a high MPG, plug-in hybrid, or electric vehicle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What's happening at Gilpin Parks & Rec

Gilpin County Community Center,
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<http://www.facebook.com/gilpincounty.org/>

games played to 15 points. Registration fee: \$40 per team.

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Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Outdoor gear rentals NOW AVAILABLE at the Community Center made possible by our partnership with ACA! Outdoor gear can be rented Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Prices vary for gear rentals. For more information please visit <https://www.alwayschooseadventures.org/gearlibrary>.

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.

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 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.

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

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: Monday - Thursday, 4:15 - 6 p.m.

Eagles Teen Program Summer Membership. The Eagles teen program is providing a 2-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 Rippy with questions jrippy@gilpincounty.org, 720-677-9770.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Farmer's Market, August 3 Join us for vendors, live music and more at the Farmer's Market, 10 a.m. - 3 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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Gilpin CSU hosts Noxious weeds workshop



PHOTOS BY WES ISENHART

Looking for noxious weeds

Left: CSU Extension Agent Jennifer Cook planning a field trip to identify noxious weeds in the area. Right: Black Hawk Administrative Assistant and workshop host Rebecca Blondo with CSU Extension Agent Jennifer Cook holding up Common Mullein and Cheatgrass as examples of noxious weeds.

WES ISENHART
PEAK TO PEAK

CSU Extension Agent Jennifer Cook identified a number of invasive plants that pose a threat to local ecosystems at a noxious weed workshop on July 9, 2024, at the Black Hawk Public Safety Building on Miners Mesa. The purpose of the meeting was to help residents recognize invasive plants that need to be eradicated or controlled in order to protect pristine landscapes.

Environments are delicate biological habitats that have developed over long periods of time to be in balance and support a complex web of life. Invasive plants and animals upset that delicate balance and permanently degrade the environment.

Officials consider the discovery of Zebra mussels in the Colorado River near Grand Junction to be devastating news. These little bivalves are invasive. The larvae strip plankton from the water, depriving native species of food. The mussels can attach to docks, dams, and other water infrastructures, threatening to damage water supplies that support

40 million people in a seven-state region.

Invasive plants threaten local habitats and can cause lasting damage to wildflower and animal populations. Cook encouraged workshop participants to learn to identify noxious plants on their properties and work to eradicate or control them.

The PowerPoint presentation, with photos of noxious plants and benign lookalikes can be found on the extension website (gilpin.extension.colostate.edu/programs/natu/noxious-weeds) under the "Gilpin County Noxious Weeds (with Lookalikes) Presentation July 2024" link.

Cook is also organizing a field trip to pull Oxeye Daisies at the Moffat Tunnel trailhead on July 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers for this invigorating experience need to register at volunteervoc.org/need/detail/?need_id=906526.

Extension Agent Jennifer Cook (303-582-9106/Jennifer.Cook@colostate.edu) also has materials and information on identifying noxious weeds and plants.

"Sometimes what looks like an obstacle in your path is actually a gift meant to move you in a different direction."
- Jane Lee Logan



In-person worship is happening every Sunday at 10 a.m.

Online sermons are available at <https://www.nederlandpres.org/>

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IN PRINT AND ONLINE AT WWW.THEMTNEAR.COM

Installation of new EV chargers begins



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY



Level 3 Chargers coming soon
Sturgeon Electric work crews use a TRUVAC truck to vacuum out all debris underground before installing new electrical infrastructure.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

On the morning of Monday, July 22, 2024, Sturgeon Electric began to install electrical infrastructure in the Visitor’s Center parking lot to prepare for several new Level 3 EV chargers, to be installed before the end of the summer.

Installing at least two EV chargers a year is listed as one of the top goals of the Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB). The Town of Nederland originally had

estimated that the installation of the Level 3 chargers would not begin until August or September; however the Town’s Sustainability Coordinator, Leah Haney, met with Xcel Energy on July 9 to finalize a plan for installation.

Sturgeon Electric is partnered with Xcel Energy on the EV Supply Infrastructure Plan, through the Transportation Electrification Plan (TEP), to provide Colorado towns with “design, installation of high-voltage infrastructure and electrical

and secondary metered service, and maintenance of the system once functional.”

Xcel’s TEP is expected to help the State of Colorado reach its goal of having 940,000 electric vehicles on the road by 2030, as well as achieve Xcel’s own goal to provide 100 percent carbon-free electricity by 2050.

Level 3 charging stations charge vehicles much more efficiently, and have been rated to charge an EV battery up to 80% capacity within half an hour. Such chargers deliver three to 20 miles’ worth of kilowatts for every minute’s worth of charging time.

The Visitor’s Center parking lot currently has one Level 2 charger which, after the implementation on June 14 to increase the charging fee to 40 cents per kilowatt hour, has not been charging vehicles. The SAB and Sustainability Coordinator Haney were in discussions with charger manufacturer ChargePoint to have the charger repaired.

Additionally, the Nederland Community Library has offered to provide matching funds on a joint grant with the Town to fund one more Level 3 EV charger at another location, possibly within the library’s parking lot.

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Notes on the Nederland Sesquicentennial, part 1

BRIAN ALERS, PGEO
NEDERLAND

The town of Nederland was incorporated 150 years ago, on February 10, 1874. The town was called Nederland as a tribute to the Dutch owners of "The Mining Company Nederland," who had always referred to the small village known as Middle Boulder as Nederland, which means "lower lands" in Dutch.

The history of Nederland is intertwined with a tradition of independence forged from the rich legacy of Nederland's mining heritage. The Great Caribou Silver Lode, west of Nederland, was discovered in 1864. It was not the first silver camp discovered in the Colorado Territory, but for more than a decade, it was the queen of Colorado's silver camps. From 1900 to 1918 Nederland was by far the leading producer of tungsten in the United States. The Eldora Gold-Telluride mining boom, peaking in 1897, disintegrated by 1899.

Around 1680, the Utes (linguistic kin of the Comanche) moved south of Wyoming to avoid the Sioux in the Dakotas. For many years, the Utes lived peacefully in the mountains and foothills of northern Colorado. During the summer they hunted elk in the high country and crossed the Continental Divide over the well-traveled "Ute Trail" to Middle Park, west of Nederland. The Ute Trail began at Sulphide Flats east of Eldora, traversed up the eastern ridge of Spencer Mountain, and traveled along Bryan Mountain across the Eldora ski area to Rollins Pass near the Needles Eye tunnel and then over the Continental Divide to Middle Park.

French fur trappers traded with the Utes in the 1840s and '50s. What would become the town of Nederland was undoubtedly visited by some of the first prospectors to venture into the headwaters of the rivers and creeks of what was known as the "Snowy Range" during the winter of 1859. The first prospectors named what is now western Boulder County the Grand Island Mining District, and the first gold mining claims were filed in 1861. These early prospectors were on the lookout for gold, not silver, telluride, or tungsten.

Placer gold was discovered during the spring of 1859 at what was called the "Jefferson Diggings" in the

gravels along Middle Boulder Creek near present day Nederland. Not much is known about the Jefferson Diggings except that three men were killed by a forest fire there in 1860.

Calvin Ward established Ward in 1861, which soon became the most productive mining camp in Boulder County. The gold-rich oxidized ore treated at the Niwot Mill may have produced close to \$9,000,000.

Only mule or pony packs could travel up Boulder Canyon, so supplies for Ward and the other mining camps in the region had to come from Central City and Black Hawk. A small group of cabins appeared in a meadow along the wagon road between Central City and Ward, adjacent to Middle Boulder Creek. The group of cabins became known as Dayton. The glaciated valley offered level pasture land with abundant water and rich soil where vegetables could be grown and livestock raised to feed the hungry miners and supply local prospectors in the quickly growing mining camps of the area.

Sometime in 1864, Samuel Conger (who many years later discovered the Nederland Tungsten District) was hunting for deer near Arapahoe Peak when he wandered across some interesting looking rocks (legend has it he was shown the rocks by the ghost of a beautiful Arapaho Princess). Samuel Conger decided to show his rock samples to two experienced Gilpin County miners, William Martin and Hugh McCammon. William Martin had worked in the silver mines of the Comstock Lode in Nevada and he recognized immediately that the rocks contained rich silver ore. Conger made a grubstake agreement with William Martin, George Lytle, Hugh McCammon, John Pickel, and Samuel and Harvey Mishler to find the source of the silver-rich rock samples.

As soon as the snow melted in 1869, William Martin and George Lytle followed pieces of silver ore in the creek and later on the ground all the way to the discovery outcrop (blossom rock) at the top of a hill. On the north side of this hill, on August 31, 1869, they discovered the weathered outcroppings of two silver veins. William Martin named one of the veins the Cariboo vein, and, considering his current financial condition, George Lytle named the other vein, the Poor Man vein.

George Lytle decided to name the new camp Caribou, after the famous Caribou mining district in British Columbia. He may have chosen the name because above timberline, Caribou resembles the tundra of the Arctic.

During the fall of 1869 there was no trail up the mountain, and supplies had to be carried mostly by hand over huge snow drifts and downed trees. On the last day of summer, they managed to pack out some rock specimens to Professor Nathaniel Hill's smelter in Black Hawk for assay to verify the value of the ore. They wanted to keep the discovery secret, so they did not file the Cariboo lode claim in the Boulder County Courthouse until December 23, 1869, and they waited until March 26, 1870, to file the Poor Man claim.

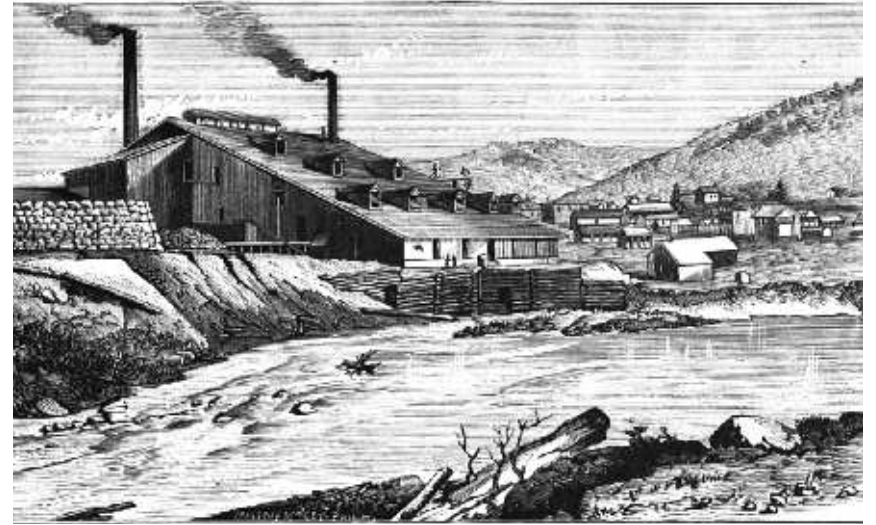
Despite their efforts, word of the discovery spread quickly, and by June of 1870 a stampede began for the new mining district. Soon, 300 to 400 prospectors arrived in

the nickname of "Bolly Brown," probably because he was bald, and rather round in stature. Old Bolly must have been a likable character because Dayton soon became known as Brownsville, Browns Ranch, or Browns Station. John Pickel of Black Hawk erected a hardware and grocery store in Dayton near Brown's hotel. Many other dwellings were erected that summer.

In the fall of 1870, Abel D. Breed, a wealthy capitalist from Cincinnati, purchased the western half of the Caribou lode for \$50,000.

During the following summer, some of the richest lodes were uncovered at Caribou. "Not a day passes but that some fortunate one makes a strike on new veins on northside of Caribou hill. The whole hill seems packed with these parallel veins (Caribou Post, July 8, 1871)." That summer there were multiple fires in the dry grass near Caribou. The July 4th dance was held at Cardinal.

In the summer of 1871, the



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A blast from the past

The Caribou Mill and Nederland Colorado, note bags of silver ore from Caribou stacked on left side of mill.

the meadow below Caribou Hill. They camped under trees, pitched tents, and built brush houses. This camp became the site of the town of Caribou, and by November 1870 it had about 30 houses and 125 voters. The wooded meadow would never be the same, and Caribou would reach a maximum population of 540 later in the decade.

During the fall of 1870, three wagons, each carrying two tons of silver ore, would make the trip from Caribou to Black Hawk every day to be milled, and the wagon road to Black Hawk passed through Dayton.

In 1870, Nathan W. Brown filed for a 40-acre agricultural homestead and built a two-story boarding house in Dayton that he called Brown's Mountain House. He was given

Caribou shaft was 185 feet deep, and the miners sorted the high-grade ore in the shaft house of the mine. This first-class ore contained from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per ton of silver. The Caribou vein expanded from two to six feet thick, and contained mostly silver glance (Argentite, Ag₂S) with very little lead.

A.D. Breed was offered \$1,000,000 for the Caribou Mine by an investor from England, but he refused to sell (Caribou Post, July 22, 1871).

The White River Utes claimed Middle Park and they did not allow any new houses to be built (Caribou Post, August 9, 1871).

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Roy Slaughenhaupt: A life rooted in Nederland



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A look back at Nederland
Roy Slaughenhaupt shares a photo of Nederland from years long past.

BRUNA VILLALON
PEAK TO PEAK

Roy Slaughenhaupt, born in 1927 on the Western Slope, moved to Nederland in 1932 at the tender age of five, following his mother's family who already lived in the area. A fourth generation Coloradan, Roy has seen and contributed significantly to the fabric of this community for the majority of his life.

After returning from Europe following his service in World War II, Roy worked in the local mines, a testament to his hardworking nature. His dedication to public service continued as he took on the roles of a fish and game warden deputy, school bus driver, and eventually the superintendent of the school bus garage. In this last job he ensured the safety and smooth operation of school transportation for countless mountain children over the years.

Together with his wife, Betty, Roy ventured into entrepreneurship, owning and operating several businesses in town. In 1955, they bought a Mobile gas station, a community staple that continues to serve residents today, now as the town's Sinclair gas station. However, it was their ownership of the Pioneer Inn that truly cemented their legacy in Nederland.

The Pioneer Inn, co-named by Betty, became a renowned spot not just locally but internationally. It was a haven for musicians and recording artists, including Joe Walsh, members of Chicago, and Elton John, who found inspiration and recorded iconic albums at the Caribou Ranch. The Inn welcomed all, embracing the long-haired and bearded musicians of the time, creating a home away from home for rock legends like Billy Joel, Rod Stewart, Carole King, Stephen Stills, Waylon Jennings, and Dan Fogelberg. The Pioneer Inn was a place of quality live music and good vibes, breaking societal norms and fostering a welcoming atmosphere.

In April 1989, after the passing of his wife, Roy moved down the canyon. Despite the change in residence, the impact of Nederland and Rollinsville on his life remained profound. Reflecting on his years spent here, Roy fondly asserts, "It was home."

At 97, Roy Slaughenhaupt's life story is interwoven with the history and spirit of Nederland, marking him as a cherished member of the 150-year-old community whose contributions have left a lasting mark.

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Life in Nature: Spreading life



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JAMES DEWALT
THE BACK YARD

Getting a bit up close and personal with the natural world this week and looking at an incredibly important cog in the grand wheel that keeps this whole thing called life on earth going: the bumble bee.

Bees in general have been making the rounds in the news and social media circles for nearly a decade, having faced a devastating possible future with colony collapses wiping out billions of bees worldwide. While they still face danger and colonies are still struggling, the situation, thankfully, is not as much of a threat as

was once purported, and the general population is on the rebound.

Bees and many other insects (and some birds) perform a very necessary task: aiding plant and flower pollination. While plants utilize several techniques, from basic wind dispersal to interactions with all manner of animals, one of the most effective methods is known as “buzz pollinating.”

It is this method that makes bees so very important, and the bumble bee is the master of the craft. Honeybees are typically out and about gathering copious amounts of nectar to make honey, and have evolved specifically for this purpose. Bumbles, on the

other hand, don’t typically produce much honey, usually only enough to get a colony through potential “rough patches” lasting only a few days, and thus have differently specialized anatomy that makes them a better overall pollinator.

You can see in the image a characteristic we know well about these larger members of the bee community: their thick hair, or pile. This feature allows them to gather much more pollen than other species of bees to be carried to other flowers. As they seek out nectar, the pollen collects on the hairs to be distributed to other flowers.

Another feature which sets the bumbles apart from many other wild bees is that they have what are known as pollen baskets. These “baskets,” found on the hind legs, are made of finely woven hairs, and as the bee forages among the flowers, it will scrape pollen off its legs and body, packing it into the baskets using nectar to cement it in place for transportation back to the nest.

Bumbles also differ from other types of bees in that they don’t maintain a colony year-round. In the fall, a queen will leave the nest in search of a mate, but once mated will store the male sperm in a specialized chamber. While she is out looking for a mate, she will consume as much food as possible. Then, once mated, she will head underground for diapause, a type of hibernation, leaving her entire colony to die. As conditions warm up in the spring, she will emerge and find a suitable place for a new nest where she will lay her eggs in wax cells. Some of those eggs she will then fertilize with the stored sperm.

The unfertilized eggs become males and the fertilized eggs become female workers and new queens. The queen will tend to this first brood, providing nectar and pollen to the larvae, but once they have grown into adults, they will continue the tasks of foraging and providing food, as the queen will then stay in the nest to lay eggs and further grow the new colony.

As mentioned at the beginning of the article, while colony collapse has not shown to be quite as disastrous as once imagined, and many species have rebounded quite healthily, the bumbles still exist in a precarious position. The species in general is in decline in Europe, North America and Asia, and while some types (there are over 250 worldwide) are considered stable, many others are listed from “Near Threatened” to “Critically Endangered,” and in some areas the prevalent types have ceased to exist altogether.

While there are certainly fears by humans when it comes to stings and allergic reactions, bumbles are the most placid and gentle of all bee species. While they can sting, they rarely do (typically, only if a nest is threatened), and can even be handled and petted gently. It is in our best interest to take care of these incredibly unique creatures, live by an easy and general rule, and simply “bee” kind to them, let them “bee,” and help continue this beautifully grand and incredibly complex thing we call life!

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

KNOW THE FACTS BEFORE YOU VOTE!

- **Proposed building size cannot exceed 10,000 sq ft. per the approved SRU** and TEENS, Inc. is hoping that the final design has a smaller footprint.
- **Land value is \$270,000 per a commercial property assessment** performed by a 3rd party assessor and submitted into the Town records.
- **TEENS, Inc. is a non-profit organization that is required by law to return any profits to use toward its mission** to support, educate and empower youth and their families to make healthy choices and thrive, which it has been doing since 1997 in service to the Nederland community.
- **Nederland already serves as a mountain hub** to unincorporated Boulder County residents on Ridge Rd, Magnolia, Caribou and families in North Gilpin who choose to send their children to Nederland schools and access activities, entertainment, and shopping in town, contributing to the local economy as locals.
- **The goal of this project is to meet current needs** and help young families already in residence stay in the community so Nederland continues to thrive as a community.
- **The lot at 750 W. 5th Street is located in a mixed use residential neighborhood**, which includes public uses such as the Fire Station. The Old Town Shop lot has stood vacant for about 10 years - unproductive, not generating revenue or providing services. Now, TEENS, Inc. is stepping up to provide a community service with the plan to build a childcare center to benefit the community.
- **A lease will put safeguards in place so the land will always serve a community need.** Included in the lease is language that transfers the ownership of the building to the Town of Nederland if for any reason TEENS, Inc. cannot operate the center.
- **Vote YES and join trusted organizations** who endorse this **project that** benefits families and the community today and into the future.

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Fun at the fair



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Good times and good friends

The Gilpin County Fair was held over 3 days this year. It started Friday with a parade and it ended Sunday a little early with a heavy rainstorm moving in. In the middle, all the fun you see throughout these pages. Top, left: A big check for a big donation from United Power to Axe and Snax. Top, right: High Country Auxiliary hosted their annual pancake breakfast. Bottom, left: Presenting the first and second place winners of the log splitting contest, Tony Zotti in 1st and Adam Pause in 2nd.

Comment on the Draft Nederland & Timberline Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

WHAT: The CWPP is a planning process for addressing wildfire risk in the Nederland and Timberline Fire Protection Districts. Two products of this process are **open for public review:**

- **Full CWPP** detailing overall and neighborhood-specific wildfire risk analyses and recommended actions for community members and wildfire professionals
- **Interactive Story Map** summarizing key contents of the full CWPP

WHERE:

- Full CWPP: <https://tinyurl.com/CWPP2024>
- CWPP Story Map: <https://tinyurl.com/46dn435z>
- Survey link: <https://tinyurl.com/2js5htv5>

HOW: After you have reviewed the full CWPP and/or CWPP Story Map, use the survey link above to submit your comments.

WHEN: These documents will be available for public review and comment from **Tues, July 23rd to Tues, August 6th, 2024**

QUESTIONS? erin@boulderwatershedcollective.org

Gilpin County Fair enthralls attendees



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON

An entertaining exhibition

Top, left: A cowboy scores high in style points. Top, right: A member of the Westernaires cracks four whips at once. Bottom, middle: The Indian Interpretive Dance Team put on quite a show.

DAVE GIBSON
GILPIN COUNTY

According to The International Association of Fairs and Expos, “The concept of the ‘county fair,’ organized by an agricultural society, was initiated by Elkanah Watson, a New England patriot and farmer. He earned the title ‘Father of US agricultural fairs’ by organizing the Berkshire Agricultural Society and creating an event (known then as a Cattle Show) in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in September 1811. It was not a market and was more than just an exhibit of animals – it was a competition, with prize money (\$70) paid for the best exhibits of oxen, cattle, swine, and sheep.

“There are about 2,000 fairs held in North America each year. They provide industrial exhibits, demonstrations, and competitions to advance livestock, horticulture, and



agriculture, emphasizing educational activities such as 4-H, FFA, and similar youth development programs. Most fairs provide exceptional educational activities to help today’s consumer understand the importance of farming and the food source on their plate. While enjoying these high-minded pursuits, fair visitors can also see, hear, touch, smell, and taste the richness and variety of what the world has to offer.”

While Gilpin County’s fair certainly fits the traditional blueprint, every fair has its own unique character and flavor. On July 19, 20, and 21, hundreds of local residents and visitors headed to the Gilpin County Fairgrounds for a taste.

In the fairgrounds’ parking lot, bounce houses had been set up for the kids to play in. New to the fair in 2024, an inflatable boxing ring with oversize gloves was available to hone their pugilistic skills. The mechanical bull

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Top, left: A slobbering bull rids himself of an entrant. Top, right: The horses were also ornery. Bottom, right: The sheep were a little tamer but still spirited. Bottom, left: The Shockwave Trick Riders performed amazing feats of horsemanship.

Gilpin fair

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unmercifully tossed its potential riders to the mat as it had in years past – it was open for anyone brave enough to climb aboard and possessing an unlimited ride wristband.

And where would we be without clown Suz-Q-Z? She cheerfully painted faces all day long. A petting zoo including younger goats without butting inclinations could be found next to The Barn. Some of the numerous food

options included corndogs, barbeque, and corn on the cob on a stick.

Headquartered in Golden and composed of participants 9-19 years old, the Westernaires' Whippers were first to perform in the arena. The cracking sound of their bullwhips could be heard from a great distance. The Ropers followed with an entertaining array of tricks. In a burst of colors, the Indian Interpretive Dance Team showcased Native American dances from tribes of the High Plains. The Fancy Dancers' costumes were fabricated incorporating up to 10,000 feathers. A circle dance that included audience members concluded



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON



the show.

Inside The Barn, the Dog Agility competition was underway. Hilarity ensued as canines completed the course, no two in the same way and never as their owners would have ideally intended. A log spitting contest, axe throwing, and a dunk tank rounded out the fun.

Colorado's Shockwave Trick Riders amazed onlookers with a dazzling display of acrobatics on horseback. All of them expert equestrians, they made hanging by a foot strap upside down off the side of a galloping steed seem routine.

The highlight of any fair is its rodeo. Two rounds of bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riding commenced in front of the overflowing bleachers. In the first round of the bull riding, the disagreeable beasts with flank straps cinched tightly around their lower bellies to induce bucking got the better of the cowboys. The last rider was lucky enough to draw one of the smaller bulls that spun in a circle for the entire eight seconds. The

cowboy may have gotten a little dizzy, but scored a 79.5 and in the money for his efforts.

Most of the riders took their lumps whether they stayed aboard for the required time or not. One downed cowboy had his stomach stepped on by a bull. Another was driven into the dirt by the head and horns of an angry bull while the bullfighters scrambled to distract the animal's attention from the unfortunate entrant. Chaps flapped wildly as bareback and saddle bronc riders streaked across the arena to the cheers of spectators.

Mutton busters fared about the same as the bull riders. Except for a sheep rolling over a determined young cowgirl who refused to let go, their landings were usually soft, receiving only a mild jolt and bruised ego. Some of the littlest busters' fathers ran alongside, lifting their kids off the sheep almost immediately before things got too hairy. Medals were awarded to the kids for their courage.



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Gilpin County Parade and Fair: A community celebration



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Fun competitions

Top: A volleyball player makes a thrilling dive for the ball during the Gilpin County Fair Volleyball Tournament on Friday, July 19.
Bottom: A young equestrian showcases impressive skills in the Gymkhana, expertly weaving around poles on horseback.

MINDY LEARY
GILPIN COUNTY

On Friday, July 19, 2024, the Gilpin County Parade commenced at the T-Lot in Central City, weaving its way down Spring Street and Gregory Street, and culminating at the Z Casino. The parade, a prelude to the county fair, was led by an adorable donkey, followed by a vibrant display of local pride and community spirit.

At the forefront were cowgirls on horseback, proudly representing the Gilpin 4-H Club. Among them were Dannika Sternlicht and Brylee Dyderay, who have been passionate equestrians since before they could walk. Their love for horses was evident as they trotted down the road, flags in hand, embodying the rich equestrian culture of Gilpin County.

The parade saw an impressive turnout from various community groups and local services. The Gilpin County Sheriff's Office led the procession, followed by John Combs, Central City Public Works Director. Emergency services, including Timberline Fire, Gilpin Ambulance, and Central City Fire, showcased their vital role in the community.

The Gilpin County Commissioners rode on a trailer adorned with hay bales, adding a rustic charm to the parade. Political groups engaged with the crowd, throwing candy and treat bags, while local businesses and organizations like

The Mountain-Ear, Christ the King Community Church, and Axe and Snax participated with enthusiasm.

As the clock struck noon, the crowd migrated to the Gilpin County Fairgrounds for the official start of the three-day fair.

Attendees gathered for the 4-H Livestock Show, where young farmers showcased their prized animals, a testament to the county's agricultural heritage.

At 3 p.m. the Gymkhana competition commenced, a term that might be unfamiliar to some, refers to a series of equestrian events designed to test the skills and agility of both horse and rider. These competitions are a staple at many county fairs, offering displays of horsemanship and teamwork.

The Volleyball Tournament drew ten teams, engaging in three concurrent games on the field. The victorious team was awarded an overnight stay at Camp ACA, a recently established local camp known for its outdoor activities and scenic surroundings.

In addition to the various activities, fairgoers were treated to a delightful array of food options. Funnel cakes, curly fries, and loaded baked potatoes were available from vendors. Timberline Fire served up classic fair favorites, including hot dogs and hamburgers, ensuring no one went hungry during the festivities.

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Festive parade

Top: Dannika Sternlicht and Brylee Dyderay, proudly waving flags on horseback, kick off the Gilpin County Fair in style. Bottom: The Gilpin County Commissioners, perched on hay bales, greet the enthusiastic crowd as they parade down Spring Street.

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Local vendors storm-proof

Top, left: The Nederland Farmers Market featured delicious Rainier cherries. Right: Marketeers smile as they find that perfect design from Dusty Rose Boutique. Bottom, left: Ellie from Moussa Hamoosa was in bright spirits, seen here posing with her son.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

Every year Nederland residents are lucky to experience five months worth of market season. Starting in June, just as the heat begins to rise, and ending in October, as a stiff coolness hits the air, the Nederland Farmers Market (NFM) continuously delivers local authenticity, which is all the more amplified during their Party in the Peaks celebration.

On Sunday, July 21, 2024, the market opened at 10 a.m. to a blue sky, but with ominous clouds looming. Locals and visitors gathered and lined up for fresh produce and cuts of meat, as well as for breakfast burritos and fruit-filled danishes.

By noon, the gray clouds were overhead, but the show went on. Emcee Steve Cepek, with his infectious enthusiasm, got the crowd to rally for the first live band of the day. Built To Last filled the air with glorious Grateful Dead covers, as well as Dead-influenced jams, which helped to channel chill vibes as the thunder began to roll and rain began to fall.

A spattering of small rain storms stifled some from continuing to shop. However many vendors took advantage of the precipitation. Local vendors like Mountain Goat Tees

saw a sudden increase in hoodie and sweatshirt sales during the rain and subsequent hail, while others, such as snack maker JAI MIX, reveled in the opportunity to talk with neighbors huddled under their tent, hiding from the storms.

But, as Cepek gleefully pointed out, local vendors and patrons remained tough and steady through the changing weather, and just shook the water off their canopies and kept on rolling through the afternoon. Soon enough, the clouds began to part and a blue sky reigned once again.

Then, once The Alcapones hit the stage with their infectious and eclectic ska-rock fusion, the market became full again with the bustling of excited marketeers, some dancing (or skanking) to the funky grooves, while others continued shopping and enjoying double the vendors than a regular market weekend.

In addition to many of the familiar faces found at the NFM, the Party in the Peaks event was host to several local beer, wine, and liquor vendors, including Augustina's Winery, Busey Brews, Gold Dirt Distillery, Howling Wind, Knotted Root, and Very Nice Brewing Company.

There were also amazing new food vendors, such as FED Boulder, Tip

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Local authenticity amplified

Top, left: Young couples like this one brought the sunshine to a gray day. Top, right: The Bee Hugger was a popular stop with their samples of cinnamon and chocolate honey. Bottom, right: Sunflower Farm offered some fresh and vibrant carrots and beets. Bottom, left: Danielle Crouse continues her live painting demonstrations, showcasing her amazing talent.



Ned parties

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Top Savory Pies, and Washoku, who served alongside market favorites like Susan’s Samosas and Kaleidoscope Kitchen.

The NFM will continue to serve the community and visitors with the perfect variety of arts, crafts, and food every other Sunday, with the best market scheduled for the weekend of Nederland’s 150th anniversary, August 3, 2024.

And not to worry, Party in the Peaks is only the first party to be thrown by the amazing NFM team. Harvest Festival, scheduled for October 6, will deliver just as many great vendors and incredible live musicians, with that signature Nederland style and vibe so perfectly curated by the Nederland Farmers Market.

For more information on upcoming market dates, vendors, sponsors, and to even place an order to be picked up during a future market, please visit: <https://www.nederlandfarmersmarket.org>.

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District sees more illegal campfires

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NEDERLAND

The Nederland Fire Protection District (NFPD) Board of Directors met on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, to vote on whether the District should purchase a new brush truck. The Board was also updated on the recent increase in the number of reports of illegal campfires in the area.

The NFPD Board were tasked with providing Chief Charlie Schmidtman guidance regarding the purchase of a new brush truck, to be used specifically for wildland fires as they can carry up to 1,500 gallons of water. Schmidtman provided Board members with five different quotes on several suitable models, ranging from \$71,500 to \$84,309.

A motion was made to authorize Schmidtman to purchase a RAM 5500 outfitted for use as a brush truck from Christopher's Dodge World for \$71,500.

Chief Schmidtman presented his report covering all calls of significance, vehicle and station repairs, and staff training that have occurred since the middle of June.

The NFPD responded to an individual out in the Caribou area suffering a stroke, and another individual on Fourth of July trails who was experiencing a shortness of breath. Also, at the Fourth of July trailhead, crews responded to a dog locked in a car.

Two construction workers were hit-and-run victims, purposely struck by drivers while working traffic control along the highway. The first victim was not injured enough to be transported to the hospital, while the second victim, who suffered minor injuries, refused transport.

NFPD firefighters assisted Timberline Fire Protection District on a wildland fire; Schmidtman reported that the

fire was contained quickly. It was also reported that firefighters have responded to "lots" of calls of illegal campfires since a stage one fire restriction was enacted on July 1, 2024.

Schmidtman reported that he and firefighter Max Schmidtman participated as safety officials for the NedGravel cycling event that took place in Nederland and throughout the Peak to Peak area on Saturday, July 13. Each led stretches of each race on motorcycles.

There were two total calls of significance made during NedGravel, including an incident where Max Schmidtman assisted Indian Peaks Fire Protection District.

The NFPD received 27 brand new radios, paid for with grant funds to replace outdated equipment. Seven radios were traded in, which resulted in a credit of nearly \$5,000, which covers the cost of one new radio.

The NFPD recently replaced the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) compressor at the 650 West 4th Street station. Though installation of the new compressor awaits the delivery of an inverter, the old compressor was sold for \$4,000.

Chief Schmidtman's report highlighted the NFPD's involvement in the Town of Nederland's Fourth of July parade and barbeque. Five of the NFPD's vehicles participated in the parade. The NFPD supplied food and activities for the barbecue hosted at Chipeta Park, which saw up to 65 attendees, including deputies from Boulder County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), firefighters from Sugarloaf Fire Protection District, and members of the Boulder County Fire Management Team and U.S. Forest Service.

Three NFD firefighters, Mandi and Scott Papich and Bobby Swanson, were

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Congratulations are in order

Firefighters Mandi Papich, Scott Papich (photographed here during the 4th of July parade), and Bobby Swanson were promoted to Lieutenant Candidate.

Illegal campfires

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promoted to Lieutenant Candidates. The NFPD has received applications from six individuals interested in becoming volunteers; these applicants will be subject to background checks and interviews.

It was reported that, as of July 1, members of the NFPD have participated in a total of 1059 documented training hours. Schmidtman added that the NFPD provided training for child abuse cases, drafting, first arrival procedures, and ventilation.

Fire Marshal Andrew Joslin's report for late June/early July detailed the work being done to implement his processes into the District's adopted fire and EMS software, First Due. All of Joslin's business and permit inspections are managed through First Due, which has streamlined the process. Joslin reports that permitting has been busy, so much so that he is averaging two permits processed every day.

The NFPD is also working with BCSO and First Due to implement Computer Aided Dispatch data into the First Due program, which would expedite the process of completing incident reports.

Joslin also reported that printing detailed maps for a wildland planning manual has been delayed due to issues that required \$780 worth of additional edits from the fire management non-profit Ember Alliance.

The Board began finalizing the process of switching banks by voting to remove the permissions of past signatories. Board members were also informed that in order to complete the process with Citywide Bank, all members will need to provide proof of identification in person at the Boulder branch at the same time.

Board members also discussed an upcoming evaluation of Chief Schmidtman's performance, which includes a survey of NFPD members to assess the Chief's performance as a member. Results from the survey will be discussed in an executive session during their next meeting on August 21, with the Chief's evaluation to take place in September.

The Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Meetings can be attended online via Microsoft Teams. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 7 p.m. For more information go to: <https://www.nfpd.org>.



JULY RECIPES



Ingredients

- 1 pound ripe tomatoes, any size and any color, ideally heirloom.
- 3 mini seedless cucumbers (about 8 ounces total), or one English cucumber.
- 1/4 cup fish sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes or 1 teaspoon sliced fresh Thai chile (or any fresh chile)
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped roasted, salted peanuts

Directions

- Cut tomatoes and cucumbers into bite-size pieces.
- In a medium bowl, toss the tomatoes and cucumbers with the fish sauce and chile.
- Let sit for 5 to 10 minutes to marinate, then top with the peanuts before serving. Serve at room temperature.

Thai-Style Marinated Tomatoes and Cucumbers

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-QUOTE OF THE WEEK-

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Septic system replacement loans discussed at BoCC



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Caption: Advocating for septic system loans

Lobbyist Ed Bowditch and Public Health Director Alisa Witt engage in a discussion about advocating for low or no-interest loans to help homeowners afford the expensive replacement of outdated septic systems.

MINDY LEARY
GILPIN COUNTY

The Gilpin County Commissioners (BoCC) convened for their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2024. All commissioners – Susan Berumen (Chair), Marie Mornis, and Sandy Hollingsworth – were in attendance. Key officials including County Attorney Brad Benning, County Clerk Kimberley Kaufman, and

County Manager Ray Rears were also present.

Onsite wastewater systems are multi-stage systems that collect, treat, and disperse wastewater generated by homes or businesses. These systems treat and discharge wastewater to the soil instead of transporting it to a wastewater treatment plant. Most homes in Gilpin County rely on these septic systems to process sewage.

Alisa Witt, Public Health Director,

and Ray Rears, County Manager, discussed possible legislative consideration of septic system replacement expenses with the Commissioners.

Alisa Witt explained that most septic systems are not designed to last the entire lifespan of a typical home. They usually last only 20-30 years. Homeowners can be blindsided by the cost of replacing these systems, which can range from \$40,000 to \$60,000, and state law requires them to replace their old systems with expensive new ones.

Smaller properties, which require higher treatment levels and have less land to work with, often incur higher costs. Additionally, septic systems cannot be placed on the same ground as wells, and must be at least 200 feet away.

Witt mentioned a case in Jefferson County where homeowners were forced to abandon their property because they couldn't afford to replace the septic system.

Lobbyist Ed Bowditch suggested that low- or no-interest loans might be available from the state, but securing these funds could be challenging. Rears asked the commissioners if they would like Bowditch to lobby for a bill to address this issue. Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth replied affirmatively.

Bowditch noted that while developing the loan process would be a significant hurdle, securing

funding would be the biggest challenge. Some states do have grant programs to assist with these costs.

Samuel Bower, Administrative Analyst, presented Resolution 24-105, electing to participate in the State of Colorado's opioid settlement with the Kroger Company. Commissioner Hollingsworth moved to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Mornis seconded, and all were in favor.

Meredith Miller, Director of MGT, joined the BoCC meeting online to review the Cost Allocation Plan. Gilpin County has hired MGT Consulting to work on the Cost Allocation Plan, coordinating with staff. MGT's 2023 Cost Plan indicated an overall cost increase of about 13%, with the highest increases in Parks and Recreation for maintenance, finance, and human resources, equating to a 63% rise. Commissioner Mornis inquired about the cost of the Food Pantry, which Finance Manager Joe Allaire said would be included in the Human Resources Department's allocation.

Finance Director Joe Allaire discussed Resolution 24-107, which involved amending Gilpin County's participation in the United Power Green Power Partners Program. Allaire noted the cost increase to \$804 per month. Hollingsworth proposed an amended resolution to adopt 75% of the program, reducing

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Septic systems

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the cost to \$603 per month. The resolution passed 2-1, with Mornis voting nay.

Paralegal Sarah Baciak and Human Resources Director Chanda Johnson presented Resolution 24-103, which aimed to amend the Master Policy and Procedure Manual's Contract Management Policy. Commissioner Mornis requested a rewrite of Section 7.1. Despite this, the resolution was adopted 2-1, with Mornis voting against.

Rears announced a work session, scheduled for July 30, covering topics like wildfire mitigation on private and county lands, drug-affected properties ordinance, field worker safety policy, dispatch fee structure, and a noxious weed

ordinance. Rears also introduced Kimberly Kaufman as the new Deputy Clerk to the BoCC and mentioned successful outreach efforts at the County Fair.

The consent agenda, including the Treasurer's monthly report for June 2024, Q2 department reports, Resolution 24-106 amending the list of official appointments, meeting minutes from July 9, 2024, and a summary of a legal matter settlement, was unanimously approved. The commissioners adjourned into Executive Session at 10:58 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for August 13, 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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You got me beggin' your love away
'Cause you never give it
Peeling the months away
And I can't relive 'em
Oh, I make you laugh
And you make me cry
I believe it's time for me to fly*



*You said we'd work it out
You said that you had no doubt
That deep down we were really a team
Oh, but I'm tired of holding on
To the hope that I know is gone
I do believe that I've had enough
I've had enough of the falseness
Of an elusive forever home
Enough of the jealousy
And the intolerance
The pups that come and go*

*All make me whine and cry
I believe it's time for me to fly*

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Gilpin County and Central City address housing

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CENTRAL CITY

Diverse Housing and Infrastructure Challenges

The Gilpin County Commissioners convened a joint meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at the Historic Courthouse to address the County's pressing housing and infrastructure challenges. The group met after a tour of Roworth Heights, a new development of five houses in Central City.

Commissioners and attendees discussed the importance of housing diversity, pointing out the current deficiency in varied housing types. The need for infrastructure development to support increased housing density was also noted.

This was the second meeting of its kind, featuring the participation of Central City Mayor Jeremy Fey, Central City Manager Daniel Miera, Gilpin County Manager Ray Rears, and Commissioners Marie Mornis and Susan Berumen.

The conversation covered potential solutions, such as forming a housing authority, and addressed concerns about the financial burden on municipal services due to higher-density housing.

Although both Central City and Black Hawk were invited, Black Hawk declined to join. These quarterly meetings aim to tackle various topics of mutual interest to the parties involved.

Senior Housing and Housing Authority

Senior housing needs took center stage, with discussions referencing a 2011 needs assessment that projected a need for 30 units. The lack of local medical facilities catering to seniors was noted as a significant concern.

Housing Needs Assessment

The meeting began with an in-depth discussion on the ongoing Housing Needs Assessment and potential changes to the land development code. County officials stressed the necessity of understanding demographic trends and addressing the rising demand for workforce housing. The conversation noted a draft interim review document, not yet public, suggesting significant findings that will shape future housing policies.

The meeting concluded that a housing authority might be instrumental in addressing these needs. Rob Gutierrez from Community Development was invited to contribute to the discussion, reflecting the collaborative approach required for effective solutions.

Regional Housing Authority Collaboration

Regional cooperation was seen as essential for addressing housing needs effectively. Participants discussed the funding structure for a potential



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Touring Roworth

From the left: Central City Mayor Jeremy Fey, Gilpin County Commissioner Susan Berumen, Gilpin County Assessor April Nielsen, Gilpin County Commissioner Marie Mornis, and real estate agent Carl Schembri explore the exciting new construction at Roworth Heights, where five stunning houses are available through Vitruvius Properties, priced from \$799,000 to \$850,000.

regional housing authority and the challenges posed by existing high sales tax rates. The decision was made to maintain the economic development plan in Central City and Black Hawk until the completion and staffing of gaming properties.

Roadway Maintenance

The responsibility and maintenance of roadways, particularly Upper Apex Road, were discussed, with a decision to clarify maintenance standards and jurisdiction between the County and City. The commitment to maintaining public safety was reaffirmed, along with plans for ongoing collaboration to address these issues.

Impact Fees and Financial Impacts
A detailed discussion on the limitations of impact fees for emergency services showed the need for alternative funding sources. The financial impact of new development on public services was explored, with the need for sustainable funding structures to maintain service levels.

Quarterly Updates and Future Study

The meeting concluded with a commitment to continue discussions on a quarterly basis and to increase the frequency over time. A meeting is anticipated by fall, with input from various partners on draft reports.

Embracing Density for Affordability Goals

The meeting acknowledged the need for embracing housing density to achieve affordability goals. The importance of planning and collaboration among the County and cities was emphasized, suggesting a focus on underutilized residential properties and historic preservation funds.

This comprehensive meeting reflects the County's proactive approach to tackling complex housing and infrastructure challenges through collaboration, strategic planning, and community engagement.

Public Notice

**NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT SPECIAL ELECTION
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Ballots will be accepted at the following locations from July 8, 2024 through Election Day, July 30, 2024:

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Nederland Community Center Ballot Drop Box – Open 24 hours per day / 7 days per week
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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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Public Notice

NOTICE CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested parties that the necessity has arisen to amend the Timberline Fire Protection District's 2023 General Fund Budget; that a copy of the proposed Amended General Fund 2023 Budget has been filed at 19126 Highway 119, Black Hawk, CO 80422, where the same is open for public inspection; and that adoption of a Resolution to Amend the General Fund 2023 Budget will be considered at a public meeting of the Board of Directors of the District to be held at Station 3, 19126 Highway 119, Black Hawk, Colorado 80422, on July 24, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Any elector within the District may, at any time prior to the final adoption of the Resolution to Amend the General Fund 2023 Budget, inspect and file or register any objections thereto.

TIMBERLINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
By: Jennifer Hinderman
Secretary to the Board

Central City organizations meet together

MINDY LEARY
CENTRAL CITY

In a collaborative effort, the Central City Downtown Development Authority (CCDDA), Central City Business Improvement District (CCBID), Central City Urban Renewal Authority (CCURA), and Main Street Central City held a joint work session on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. The meeting, attended by about 15 people, including Mayor Jeremy Fey, aimed to foster cooperation and avoid redundancy among the organizations.

City Manager Daniel Miera said the purpose of the meeting was for all present to familiarize themselves with one another and discuss potential projects. He stressed the importance of distinguishing the roles and fiscal structures of the different organizations to prevent overlapping efforts. Miera noted the discussions of the DDA and URA boards, acknowledging similarities and distinctions between the two.

Joe Behm, a member of the BID, explained the property taxes collected by the BID, which include an 80-mill levy on commercial properties remitted to bond debt for constructing the Central City Parkway. The cooperation agreements between the City and bondholders stipulate that bondholders have rights to the increment until the City's assessed total value reaches \$70 million. Additionally, the BID collects a 10-mill levy for administration and special events, such as Stills in the Hills and Beerfest, and supports other local events.

Barbara Thielemann, representing Main Street Central City, outlined their mission to diversify and expand businesses while preserving the historic atmosphere. Main Street Central City, a 501(c)(3) organization, celebrates the arts and promotes events like Cleanup Day, Fall Festival, and Tommyknocker holidays. They receive funding from the BID and the City, and recently appointed Mary Ann Yuthas as their new Marketing Manager.

Miera mentioned that the URA and DDA are relatively new and products of collaboration with the City Council and other stakeholders. The URA primarily consists of City Council members, while the DDA levies 5 mills, with collections beginning this year. Miera emphasized the importance of cooperation agreements and respecting Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) to properly situate tax-increment financing (TIF).

Miera distributed an informational sheet on TIF, describing it as a mechanism for funding redevelopment in blighted areas. TIF revenues, generated from property or municipal sales tax, fund redevelopment activities. The urban renewal revenue sunsets after 30 years for a DDA and 25 years for a URA.

The meeting also addressed the



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Joint meeting

Central City's key organizations, including the Central City Downtown Development Authority (CCDDA), Central City Business Improvement District (CCBID), Central City Urban Renewal Authority (CCURA), and Main Street Central City, convened for a joint meeting to strengthen their connections and discuss future collaborative projects.

potential challenges of redeveloping the T-lot, designated as a "Superfund" site due to its pollution and hazardous conditions. Miera suggested leveraging funding from property assessments and future development for such projects.

Thielemann discussed efforts to improve Downtown's appearance and address vacancies. She proposed making Main Street a pedestrian mall with outdoor seating, and ensuring that businesses adhere to posted hours. She also mentioned offering LED lights for businesses to illuminate their storefronts.

Mayor Fey suggested that the URA and DDA focus on future development, while the BID and Main Street engage with existing businesses and events. Fey proposed quarterly meetings between the directors of the organizations to enhance coordination.

During the meeting, various board members raised concerns about clarifying responsibilities and streamlining processes. For instance, DDA Board Member Eric Langan highlighted the exhaustive process for food truck applications, suggesting a packet for potential vendors. The discussion also covered the comprehensive City Calendar on the City's website and its role in managing event schedules and parking constraints.

Yuthas shared her plans for enhancing the City's digital presence, including a digital campaign funded by a \$5,000 BID contribution. She also proposed a monthly newsletter for businesses in order to improve communication.

Thielemann sought clarification on the roles of the URA/DDA and Main Street regarding revitalization. Miera explained that while the URA/DDA have more tools and eventual funding, Main Street, as a nonprofit, plays a crucial role in

community engagement and event planning.

The meeting concluded with plans for the directors of the organizations to collaborate on next

year's calendar. DDA member Steve Boulter thanked everyone for their participation, noting the progress made in laying the groundwork for future cooperation.

PROSAB prioritizes volunteering and land conservation

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board (PROSAB) met on Thursday, July 17, 2024, to finalize their goals for the upcoming year. The Board listed their priorities, including developing a volunteer program to help with fire mitigation and trail building, and pursuing grants for needed upgrades to the town's recreational facilities.

Parks Manager Nicki Dunn delivered her monthly staff report for the Nederland Parks Department, highlighting the success of last month's Town Clean Up, which included over 120 residents. Dunn was just exiting what she referred to as "a long month" as Interim Town Administrator, and noted her excitement for new Town Administrator Jonathan Cain taking over the position.

Dunn also remarked on the condition of Chipeta Park, which has been the site for each event in the Summer Concert Series. Dunn specified that the park lawn is in good condition thanks to a Parks employee's irrigation efforts, and added that she hopes to have Guercio Field be the site for next year's concerts.

PROSAB continued their discussion on the organization's priorities for 2025, narrowing down the projects they wish to focus on over the next 18 months, enlisting teams of Board members to manage each project, and developing measurable goals to monitor the progress of each project.

The Board decided during their last meeting on June 20 to keep focusing on the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan (PROST); on improvements to NedRINK; on the creation of a volunteer plan; and with pursuing funds to provide an ADA-compliant playground at Chipeta Park.

A focus on land acquisition and conservancy was also added to the list of the Board's priorities, with Board Member Kat Barr noting that PROSAB can serve the Town's Community Planner Britt DeMinck and the Board of Trustees (BOT) in an advisory capacity.

Board members discussed many properties throughout Nederland that either already have conservation easements, such as the Wingate property and Moose Meadows; or could be eligible for a conservation easement with more discussion with land owners, such as the AmeriGas property and the parcel behind Nederland's Post Office.

Dunn reiterated to the Board that there was a possibility that some of the Town's "available" land will end up earmarked for housing development.

As for updating PROST, though some preliminary work has already been done on a new draft, it was noted that PROSAB will wait for the Town's Comprehensive Plan update to be completed before continuing to work on the master plan. Cain also suggested that PROSAB wait to finalize their list of priorities until the BOT have completed their own list of Strategic Goals for 2025.

The discussion about a volunteer program divided the desired volunteer efforts into three groups: fire mitigation, trail building and maintenance, and weed pulling. Board members felt that the most efficient approach to a successful program would be to focus independently on the creation of volunteer opportunities and the coordination of those volunteers.

PROSAB Secretary KC Cunilio and Board Member Lindsey Ute were given carte blanche by Dunn to begin scheduling and planning a volunteer weed pulling event. Dunn added that her seasonal staff for the Parks Department are filling up to 10 bags a day with weeds, and that local businesses have been notified that they are responsible for weed mitigation in their own property.

Ute independently has met with Boulder Watershed Collective regarding their possible assistance with the upcoming resurgence of the Saws and Slaws volunteer fire mitigation event. The PROSAB-led event is planned for the new Moose Meadows open space and is tentatively scheduled for September 14, with a community barbecue to follow the event.

The Board officially voted on their listed priorities for 2025, and on which members were to be appointed to oversee those priorities. Cunilio and Ute will continue their work developing the volunteer program, with Sam Ovet and CT Hutt appointed to focus on coordinating volunteers.

Ovet also was appointed to work

alongside Trustee Liaison Luke Miller on advising Town staff and the BOT regarding land acquisition and conservation. Cunilio and PROSAB Chair Alex Zabierek will work on seeking grants for improvements to NedRink; and Barr and Ovet will seek funding for ADA-compliant playground equipment for Chipeta Park.

Board members are expected to return in August with measurable goals for how best to move forward with their respective projects.

The question before the Board on whether members of PROSAB should be required to attend at least 10 monthly meetings per year was tabled due to time constraints. The matter is set to be discussed during their August meeting.

The Board also announced that Kate Yzquierdo was stepping down from her position as alternate member due to a scheduling conflict. The position is currently open, with the term ending June 2026. The Town of Nederland will soon announce the vacancy and begin accepting applications.

The Nederland Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board meets every third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2024. Meetings can be attended online via WebEx.

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



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given for public hearings before the Gilpin County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission and Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners to receive public input regarding a petition for an alteration to a Gilpin County Designated Historic Landmark. Petitioner and owner of the subject property, Timberline Fire Protection District, is seeking to construct a three-bay garage addition onto the existing structure. Any and all documents pertaining to this matter may be viewed between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday at the Old Gilpin County Court House; second floor; 203 Eureka Street; Central City, Colorado. Subject Property: 19126 Colorado Hwy 119 Black Hawk, CO 80422; Public Hearing at Historic Preservation Commission: August 1st, 2024;

at 6:00 p.m. or later; Public Hearing at Board of County Commissioners: August 13th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. or later. The hearings will be held at the Old Gilpin County Court House; Commissioners Meeting Room, Second Floor; 203 Eureka St. Central City, Colorado 80427.

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

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given for a Public Hearing before the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners to receive public input regarding a petition for a plat amendment for the Roosevelt Ridge Subdivision. Petitioner and owner of the subject property, Melvin Thoede, is seeking to move the platted building envelope on Lot 6 in the Roosevelt Ridge Subdivision one-hundred sixty (160) feet to the northeast of the original platted building envelope. Any and all documents pertaining to this matter may be viewed between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday at the Old Gilpin County Court House; second floor; 203 Eureka Street; Central City, Colorado. Meeting Date: August 27th, 2024; Time: 9:30 a.m. or later; Subject

Property: 12 Roosevelt Ridge Black Hawk, CO 80422; Meeting Location: Old Gilpin County Court House; 203 Eureka Street; Commissioners Meeting Room, Second Floor; Central City, Colorado.

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

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203 Eureka St., P.O. Box 366
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Charles Abbott Associates - Prof Svcs 20164.20
Charm-Tex - Supplies 1464.80
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City of Central - Utilities 192.04
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CO Bureau of Investigation - Prof Svcs 222.50
CO Dept of Revenue - Payroll Tax 25816.59
CO Natural Gas - Utilities 4502.29
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Denver Fire Alarm System - Capital Outlay 50878.20
Digital Data Services - Prof Svcs 18830.00
Division of Oil & Public Health - Dues&Subs 30.00
DMA Engineering - R&M 1175.00
Ecolab - Mnt Contract 221.19
Eldorado Artesian - Water 519.80
Employers Council Svcs - Prof Svcs 8493.40
Express Toll - Travel 56.65
First Call of Colorado - Transportation 824.05
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Front Range Occupational - Emp Testing 947.00
FYI Screening - Emp Testing 333.45
Galls - Uniforms 1005.00
Ganz/Crystal - Mileage 15.88
Gilpin Ambulance - Ambulance Svc 51964.72
Gilpin County Parks & Rec - Donation Expense 310.40
Global Equipment Company - R&M 2326.80
Grainger - R&M/Supplies 489.02
Great Plains Communications - Phones 1339.80
Healy/Margaret Anne - Mileage 147.00
Hollingsworth/Sandy - Mileage 121.94
HR Green - Capital Outlay 6957.95

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Xerox - Mnt Contract 1171.64
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CenturyLink - Phones 231.22

Cintas - Uniforms/Supplies 1493.27
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Grainger - R&M 767.94
Indian Peaks Ace Hardware - Supplies 24.99
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MHC Kenworth-Denver - R&M 1134.77
Mitchell 1 - Mnt Contract 2736.00
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CRA - Retirement 1620.44
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Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 103.40

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Xerox - Mnt Contract 301.58
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Eldorado Artesian - Water 18.00
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CEBT - Insurance 100.00
Cintas - Uniforms 261.35
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax 530.11
CRA - Retirement 1157.08
Eldorado Artesian - Water 59.95
IRS - Payroll Tax 3749.86
United Power - Utilities 121.78
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 81.80
FUND #6 TOTAL - 16527.95

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Briggs/Steve - Instructor 2640.00
CEBT - Insurance 623.70
CEM Sales & Svcs - Aquatic Expenditures 65.50
CenturyLink - Phones 105.54
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POLICE OFFICER (LATERAL OR POST-CERTIFIED ONLY), Salary Range: \$78,981 - \$128,003 / Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. The City of Black Hawk is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer (POST certified or laterals). The position is responsible for performing public safety functions and for providing for the enforcement of federal, state, and municipal law. Excellent Benefits package (See Benefits). Apply Now: <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/>

MAINTENANCE WORKER I, Salary Range: \$52,902 - \$74,063 / Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. Operates both light and heavy equipment and performs routine, semi-skilled to skilled work in the maintenance and construction of streets, open space, summer flowers, parks, storm drainage systems, traffic control, signage, striping, landscaping, snow plowing, and City trash operations. Excellent Benefits package (See Benefits). Apply Now: <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/>

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

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

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: WEATHER 101

ACROSS

1. Barbed comments
5. Astern
8. Newspaper piece
12. Light beige
13. Old wound
14. Palate lobe
15. Reposed
16. Needle case
17. Katmandu's land
18. *Natural electrical discharge
20. Fiber source
21. Madison Square Garden, e.g.
22. Anatomical pouch
23. *Like air from north of Canada
26. Same as boric
30. Slang for million dollars
31. Mother-of-pearl, pl.
34. Of a particular kind
35. Exclude or omit
37. Not safe
38. Parallel grooves
39. Campbell of "Scream" fame
40. Morally degraded
42. Lt.'s subordinate
43. Weed a.k.a. dyer's woad
45. Nervous (2 words)
47. Rubber substitute, acr.
48. Broom of twigs
50. Wild plum
52. *Short-lived whirlwind (2 words)
56. Philip Roth's "The Human _____"
57. Additional
58. Driver's spare
59. Church songs
60. Biology lab supply
61. Pac Man's blue ghost
62. *H in HI
63. Slightly insane
64. ____pool or ____pit

DOWN

1. Come together
2. Smoothie bowl flavor
3. Two-masted sailing vessel
4. Broad-brimmed beachwear
5. _____ a play
6. Flora's partner
7. H.S. math class
8. *Not sunny
9. Between larva and adult
10. Enthusiasm
11. Split lentils dish
13. Roman statesman, Nero's advisor
14. Open up
19. Three
22. "Send help!" acronym
23. Make change
24. "Inside Out 2" main character
25. Actor Owen
26. Between Phi and Kappa
27. Like some sausages
28. Cake cover
29. *What storm pursuers do
32. *"____ as Ice" by Foreigner
33. Feel regret
36. *Condensation-starting point (2 words)
38. Church assembly
40. Stock regulator, acr.
41. Herpes _____, a.k.a. shingles
44. Not odds
46. Nauseant
48. Battle of the _____, 1944-1945 German offensive
49. Literary composition
50. Eyelid affliction
51. Tibetan monk
52. Like Beethoven
53. Climbing plant
54. Irritates
55. Grazing lands
56. "Zip it!"

CROSSWORD

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CROSSWORD: JULY 18

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