

## The greatest show in Nederland



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### Circus brings bright smiles

The second annual Carousel of Happiness Summer Circus was great fun for all ages. See story page 16.

## Inaugural library exchange a success



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### Learning, laughter, and friendships

The inaugural library student exchange program between the Nederland Community Library and the ZB Library of Zeeland, The Netherlands, was a success. Here the American and Dutch students explore the mountains in Boulder County. See story page 11.

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– Charles De Lint



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tors per month. Each staff member is one  
spoke in a very large wheel. Without one  
spoke, the wheel does not turn effectively.  
We welcome community journalists and  
personify homegrown journalism.



### Thursday, August 1

**Connection Collective:** Come  
on down to the Music Garden  
on Guercio 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 celebrat-  
ing the 150th anniversary of its incorporation, lauding  
Nederland's present and future while honoring its past.  
Nederland's Public Engagement Manager Peter Cacek,  
along with volunteers from several non-profit organi-  
zations, and collaborations with local businesses, have  
been organizing themed activities for the three-day  
event. Occurring August 2 - 4. There is a full schedule  
posted on the back page of this week's Mountain-Ear.

**Nederland Area Seniors' Pancake Breakfast:** Serv-  
ing 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 a.m. to 11  
a.m.

### Saturday, August 3

**Holistiv Homestead Farmers Market:** The Holistic  
Homestead hosts several events throughout the year  
as part of their mission to "build healthy communities  
through outreach." The next First Saturday Farmers  
Market will be on August 3, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
More information can be found at [https://theholistic-  
homestead.org/](https://theholistic-homestead.org/)

**Nederland Summer Concert Series:** Join your com-  
munity on 1st Street for live music. Bring a chair, blan-  
ket, and snacks! This week will host Diggin' Dirt with  
the Guerrilla Fanfare Brass Band. 4 p.m. - 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 Li-  
brary 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 pick-  
led products among other artisanal items from over  
30 vendors and enjoy live music at 80 East First Street  
from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

### Monday, August 5

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

# Cracker BARREL

Get involved in your community

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

**Meditation and Mindfulness:** Practice medita-  
tion, explore readings, and join discussions in this free  
program at the Nederland Community Library, every  
Monday at 5:30 p.m. No meditation experience neces-  
sary! Please email Eric at [davis.eric.alan@gmail.com](mailto:davis.eric.alan@gmail.com)  
with any questions.

### Tuesday, August 6

**Quirky Quilters:** Join us at the Nederland Community  
Library for a quilting party! No expertise needed. 10:30  
a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Community Room.

**Adult Pick-Up Basketball:** Meet us in the Community  
Center Gymnasium for some fun exercise! 5 to 8 p.m.

### Wednesday, August 7

**Puppet Tales:** Join us for the Summer Reading Finale!  
Magic Dave delights audience members with aston-  
ishing illusions, but he always needs the help of his  
puppet friends. Join us for a puppet and magic show  
that is geared toward kids ages 3 to 10. The show will  
be followed by ice cream and the Grand Prize drawings  
for our Summer Reading Program participants. Begins  
at 10 a.m.

### Saturday, August 10

**Reading Garden Ribbon Cutting:** Help us celebrate  
the opening of our newly renovated Reading Garden!  
Music, games, activities, a book sale and more! 5 to 7  
p.m. in the Library Open Areas at Nederland Commu-  
nity Public Library.

**Mountain Fest:** This event is full of fun with moun-  
tain games, karaoke, live music, Hybre Thorne's Soap  
Whittlin' Contest, Frozen Flannel, and more! Show your  
strength and speed with Mountain Olympics! We'll  
be adding more event details over on our Coal Creek  
Canyon Parks and Rec Facebook and Instagram pages  
- so swing on over and follow us for more details. 12 to  
4 p.m. at the CCCIA Hall, located at 31528 Highway 72,  
Golden.

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



## Self Help Meetings

**Tuesday Night Nederland Cross Talk Meeting** A Big Book  
meeting at 7 p.m. online via Zoom. For more information visit  
[https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/tuesday-night-neder-  
land-cross-talk-meeting](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](https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/the-morning-group).

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

**Coal Creek Canyon** AA meeting held every Wednesday  
evening from 7 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Ed at 303-589-5056.  
For more information please visit [https://www.coalcreekcan-  
yon.org/calendar](https://www.coalcreekcanyon.org/calendar).

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

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

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

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

*For additional meetings in Boulder County visit [https://boulder-  
countyaa.com/meetings/](https://boulder-countyaa.com/meetings/) and for meetings in Gilpin, Black Hawk,  
Central City, and nearby areas visit [https://findrecovery.com/aa\\_  
meetings/co/black-hawk/](https://findrecovery.com/aa_meetings/co/black-hawk/). For help finding meetings or recovery  
support for you or a loved one please call: 866-641-9190.*



# PEAK PERSPECTIVES: Help available for evacuees



PHOTO BY BARBARA HARDT

BARBARA HARDT  
BLACK HAWK

I lay awake tonight, thinking of the evacuations around our foothill communities. We have many friends all across Colorado and the current fires have displaced a lot of people.

This takes me back to the Cold Springs fire when our friends and family lost their homes. And I imagine brings a sense of panic to everyone that has been through this type of disaster. It makes me panic anyway.

Right now, our area is safe. We have two extra bedrooms available. We have a large enough driveway to park 2 RVs in. We have a garage and side barn for storage (instruments, personal items, etc). We have animal fencing if small to medium farm animals need a safe place. We have food, drinks, friendship and love to share. If you are displaced and need a safe space, reach out to me at 303-881-0365 or my husband Doug at 720-369-9494. We are here to offer what we can.  
*Barb & Doug*

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# Nederland's unofficial elections results, YES wins

SARA SANDSTROM  
NEDERLAND

The Town of Nederland held a special election on July 30, 2024, to decide if the town would permit TEENS, Inc. to operate a private child care center on 750 W. 5th

Street in Nederland, a lot that is zoned public and which is owned by the town.

After much discussion and public debate, the unofficial election results, which *The Mountain-Ear* has obtained at the time of going to press, has 418 "YES" votes and

162 "NO" votes. "Yes" means the voter is in support of TEENS, Inc. building a child care center at 750 W. 5th Street, while "No" means the voter does not support TEENS, Inc. building a child care center at 750 W. 5th Street.



### Gilpin County Seniors

- August 1** - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart
- August 2** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Social Time
- August 5** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m.
- August 7** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Social Time
- August 8** - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart
- August 9** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Bingo
- August 12** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m.
- August 14** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo, Senior Living update
- August 15** - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park King Soopers
- August 16** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m. Six week caregiver class, 1:30 - 3 p.m. Call for details.
- August 19** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m.
- August 21** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m. Birthday Party!
- August 22** - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart
- August 23** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m. Six week caregiver class, 1:30-3 p.m. Call for details.

**August 26** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

**August 28** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m. Lunch at 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo

**August 29** - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart

**August 30** - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m. Lunch at 12:15 p.m. Six week caregiver class, 1:30-3 p.m. Call for details.

*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

**August 3** - Pancake Breakfast! Nederland Community Center from 8 -11 a.m. Proceeds benefit Nederland Area Seniors and Nederland Lions Club.

**August 5** - Chair Massage with Bonnie, 9 - 11 a.m. in the Senior Lounge. Sign up for our next massage on September 4! Email info@mountainpeaklife.org for availability.

**August 7** - Sit and Stretch Yoga, 11 - 11:30 a.m. in the Senior Lounge at the Nederland Community Center

**August 7** - Lunch, Sweet potato tacos with pico de gallo, sour cream, Mexican slaw, and cuties

**August 14** - Sit and Stretch Yoga, 11 - 11:30 a.m. in Senior Lounge.

**August 14** - Lunch, Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, California veggie blend, and pineapple

**August 21** - Sit and Stretch Yoga, 11 - 11:30 a.m. in the Senior Lounge.

**August 21** - Lunch, Pulled pork sliders, black beans, pico de gallo, creamy coleslaw, and fresh peaches.

**August 21** - Purple Art- Art Class for Seniors! 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Senior Lounge located at the Nederland Community Center. Suggested donation is \$5. Email info@mountainpeaklife.org for more information and to RSVP!

**August 24** - Ned Jazz Wine Festival 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Chipeta Park. Visit nedjazzwine.com for tickets and more information.

**August 28** - Sit and Stretch Yoga. 11 - 11:30 a.m. in the Senior Lounge.

**August 28** - Lunch, BBQ chicken, macaroni salad, spinach salad with pine nuts & strawberries, and peaches

**August 28** - August Birthday Celebrations! Delicious treats provided by Bright Heart Catering!

*Lunch is served from 12 -1 p.m. at the Nederland Community Center. Suggested donation for senior lunch is \$5 for guests 60+ and \$12 for all other guests (Sliding scale available!). RSVP by calling 303-258-0799 or at info@mountainpeaklife.org. Check out our website calendar for the latest activities and updates www.mountainpeaklife.org.*



## Music of the Mountains

# Where to be and what to see



### Jake Leg

PHOTO COURTESY OF GRACE CLARK

#### JAMIE LAMMERS GOLD HILL

Everyone in the Denver-made bluegrass band Jake Leg (guitarist and vocalist Eric Wiggs, mandolin player and vocalist Dylan McCarthy, and brothers Justin and Aaron Hoffenberg respectively on fiddle and bass) knew each other before forming the group. They played together in jams and occasionally in pickup gigs and other informal performances.

They started playing more structured performances as the tribute project All Wheel Drive, learning every song from the 1988 Béla Fleck instrumental album *Drive*. This project also featured Sam Armstrong-Zickefoose on banjo, Justin Konrad on dobro, and the original Jake Leg bass player Troy

Robey. Jake Leg resulted from the group's wishes to continue performing together, shifting the focus towards original, lyrical bluegrass music. The current lineup solidified recently, with Aaron Hoffenberg replacing Robey on bass in August 2023.

McCarthy started playing music at age six or seven. He took piano lessons for several years before moving to his mom's acoustic guitar at around ten years old, teaching himself songs from his mom's acoustic songbook. He says his true passion for music sparked in middle school, listening to classic rock artists such as The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, and Jimi Hendrix.

McCarthy started a rock band with friends going into high school, playing electric bass and singing. Here, he considered pursuing music for the first time. At around eighteen, he went to

the Telluride Bluegrass Festival with his brother, exposing him to the genre for the first time. He immediately fell in love, buying a mandolin, an instrument he has now played for thirteen years.

McCarthy remembers first trying to write a song at around age nine, not revisiting the process until high school. He often figured out lyrics to match the music his band's guitar player created. He believes these rock origins continue bleeding into his songwriting, with songs from Jake Leg's debut record *Fire on the Prairie* incorporating rock and bluegrass elements. He loves illustrating themes of his songs through a story or driving action prevalent through the lyrics.

McCarthy prefers playing in a group, mainly because of the creative input every member can give and how everyone feeds off each other while performing. He loves the freedom of live performances because the band members can make each song feel new every time they perform. He hopes that audiences enjoy themselves while also connecting to a deeper layer of their material than just the exciting musicality.

Jake Leg has gained momentum within the last few years, finding particular attention in 2024. In February, they were listed as one of "Ten of the Top Colorado Bluegrass Bands" by Denver *Westword*. Later, in July, the band was nominated for the Momentum Band of the Year Award by the International Bluegrass Music Association, with McCarthy receiving his own nomination for Momentum Instrumentalist of the Year (the winners will be announced on September 25 at the 2024 World of Bluegrass Convention). With this momentum, it's clear that Jake Leg has a lot more in store.

*Be sure to check out Jake Leg at the Gold Hill Inn, 401 Main Street in Gold Hill, on Friday, August 9, 2024, starting at 8 p.m. Check out their debut record, Fire on the Prairie, wherever you get your music, and check out their Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, or website at [jakelegmusic.com](http://jakelegmusic.com).*

## Music Events

### Busey Brews

Friday, August 2 at 4 p.m. -  
The Sweet Lilies Duo  
Saturday, August 3 at 3 p.m. -  
PJ Moon (Nederland 150th)  
Sunday, August 4 at 2 p.m. -  
Stellar Jays Duo  
Sunday, August 11 at 2 p.m. -  
Brandywine Duo  
Sunday, August 18 at 2 p.m. -  
Chris Myth  
Sunday, August 25 at 2 p.m. -  
Melt Family's Darin and Ryan

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

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

### Gold Hill Inn

Friday, August 2 at 8 p.m. -  
The Alcapones  
Saturday, August 3 at 5:30 p.m. -  
Many Mountains  
Sunday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m. -  
Robin Davis Duo  
Wednesday, August 7 at 5:30 p.m. -  
John Statz  
Friday, August 9 at 8 p.m. - Jake Leg  
Sunday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m. -  
Thunder and Rain  
Friday, August 16 at 8 p.m. -  
Blue Canyon Boys  
Saturday, August 17 at 6 p.m. -  
Johnny Blueheart Band  
Sunday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. -  
Benjamin Sproul Duo  
Wednesday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. -  
David Miner Trio  
Sunday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m. -  
Ojo de Luna

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

Website: [goldhillinn.com](http://goldhillinn.com)  
Location: 401 Main Street, Gold Hill  
Phone: 303-443-6461

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[kathmandurestaurant.us](http://kathmandurestaurant.us)

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



**Music Events**

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**Gold Hill Store**

Saturday, August 10 at 7 p.m. - Goldie and the Grindstones  
 Saturday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m. - Hundred Pound Housecat

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

**Gregory Plaza**

Saturday, August 3 at 5 p.m. - The Jimmy Lewis Band  
 Saturday, August 17 at 5 p.m. - The Kind Mountain Band

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

**Howlin Wind Brewing**

Saturday, August 3 at 5 p.m. - Shakedown Strings  
 Saturday, August 10 at 5 p.m. - Violet Breeze  
 Saturday, August 17 at 5 p.m. - Moonstone Quill  
 Saturday, August 24 at 5 p.m. - Solvera  
 Saturday, August 31 at 5 p.m. - Stone-Hall

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

**Jamestown Mercantile**

Thursday, August 1 at 7 p.m. - New Family Dog  
 Friday, August 2 at 7 p.m. - Rolling Harvest  
 Sunday, August 4 at 12:15 p.m. - Haley Harkins  
 Thursday, August 8 at 7 p.m. - Wind-Up Birds  
 Friday, August 9 at 7 p.m. - Poorfree

Sunday, August 11 at 12:15 p.m. - Eli Lev  
 Thursday, August 15 at 7 p.m. - Ryan Dart  
 Friday, August 16 at 7 p.m. - Sturtz  
 Sunday, August 18 at 12:15 p.m. - David Tilmon  
 Thursday, August 22 at 7 p.m. - Mighty Holler  
 Friday, August 23 at 7 p.m. - Gas Pops Duo  
 Sunday, August 25 at 12:15 p.m. - Lost Penny  
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## Nederland wildfire plan sidesteps science and participatory democracy

Dear Editor,

How much credible science backs up the draft Nederland and Timberline Fire Protection District “Community Wildfire Protection Plan” (CWPP), with its priority of logging thousands of acres of publicly owned, biodiverse, carbon-storing forests?

To my knowledge, not a single member of the core team drawing up the plan is an independent (meaning no conflict of interest) wildfire scientist. And of the 21 references in the 263-page document, zero independent peer reviewed studies on “fuel reduction” are cited (only U.S. Forest Service findings, the federal agency that gets billions in taxpayer funding to do this logging).

Meanwhile, a large and growing body of peer-reviewed science demonstrates that not only won’t “fuel reduction” logging protect communities from wildfire—only home hardening is proven to do that—tree-cutting can make flames burn hotter and spread faster by opening forests to sunlight and wind.

What’s more, the narrative of “overgrown” forests coupled with “unusual” high-severity wildfire upon

which the CWPP is built is refuted by studies finding that, even prior to fire suppression, western dry forests—including in Boulder County and across the Front Range—did grow densely and did routinely experience high-severity wildfire, especially in Nederland’s montane zone.

In 2014, when I was working as a journalist, I wrote an article for *Boulder Weekly* in the aftermath of “fuel reduction” in West Magnolia in the Arapaho National Forest. This June I revisited the area and found that many of the clearcut lodgepole pine stands have grown back even more densely than what’s left of the unlogged forest, defeating the project’s (unscientific) premise in the first place.

Not only is this local, on-the-ground, easily verified case study ignored by the CWPP, but the document sneaks in a proposal to log units already dropped by the Forest Service after public outcry. Ongoing community concerns within the proposed 581-acre “West Boulder Canyon Phase 1” outside Big Springs include logging opening the forest to the drying and heating effects of sunlight and wind—thereby more

### Letter to the Editor



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rapidly spreading any potential wildfire to homes—as well as exacerbating flooding issues for residences. Yet the CWPP seems intent on spitting in the face of such participatory democracy by local citizens in its attempt to reverse the previous decision and rush through cutting of this area as a “first priority.” This cannot stand.

Thankfully, the CWPP also contains excellent sections backed by unanimous science. Most crucial, the desperate need for universal home hardening and preparedness, making structures and their immediate surroundings (studies suggest 15-60 feet and no more than 100) fire-resistant, on which the County’s

Wildfire Partners has made some small but promising headway.

The problem is, the CWPP still wants to route the vast majority of time, effort, and taxpayer funding to its main goal of unproven “fuels” logging—increasing rather than reducing the risk to communities and firefighters—instead of exclusively towards proven home hardening for lower-income residents, retirees, and those with disabilities, along with more effective prevention of human-caused wildfires.

Josh Schlossberg  
Nederland

## Showing gratitude for the Nederland community

Dear Editor,

It’s midsummer, I am filled with gratitude for so many gifts we take for granted ...

- We have a brand-new Food Pantry & Clothing Closet campus, through the kindness of a very generous benefactor. THANK YOU Christian Vanek – your support means so much to so many of us.
- Our healthcare safety net is secure with the merger of Clinica and Mental Health Partners. We have responsive, affordable, top-quality care anyone can walk to.
- We have free public transportation, with Eco Passes for all, to Boulder, Denver, DIA, the P2P region, and beyond. Thank you RTD, Mountain Rides and Via Mobility Services.
- I love our Summer Concert

Series in Chipeta Park – thank you DDA!

- I am so delighted with our murals and public art. Again, thank you DDA and Danielle Crouse.
- Our lovely library is so special and am deeply grateful to Elektra and her entire team.
- Despite differences around siting, we seem to have solid support for increased childcare in Nederland, including infant care.
- We are surrounded by so much natural beauty, wildlife, and recreation opportunities for all ages and all 4 seasons.
- I love our Backdoor Theatre and its fearless leader, Kayla Evans.
- I’m delighted to have an electric 4WD Subaru at our disposal, through Colorado Carshare, when I need a set of wheels that’s affordable.
- I love our community’s sense of

volunteerism and neighbor-helping neighbor support.

- We are so lucky to have a paper like *The Mountain-Ear* keeping us informed.
- I am grateful for such an exceptionally prepared and dedicated fire department, especially as our community is aging and surrounded by dry forests.
- I love our formal and “informal” trails around town – thank you PROSAB!
- Nothing better on a summer afternoon than fishing in our reservoir and watching families have fun.
- Chipeta Park is such a great multi-purpose haven for so many activities. Thank you Nicki Dunn and staff!
- We are so lucky to have such great venues for live music. Especially the world-class Caribou Room. Thank you, Peter!

- We have competent and responsive government. Thank you town boards. And welcome Jon Cain; so glad you’re here.
- I love our local eateries, especially the creekside ones – Crosscut and the new Busey Brews back porch. And the gorgeous community gardens down below.
- Our families are so lucky to have a resource like Wild Bear and its visionary leader, Jill Dreves. If you haven’t seen their new home at Mud Lake, peek through the fence and prepare to be blown away.

There’s so much more, but I committed to keep this short. Think about your own list and thank your lucky stars for what we all share as a community.

Tom Mahowald  
Nederland

# Anniversary weekend kicks off Community Potluck and Barn Dance

PETER CACEK  
NEDERLAND

The entire community is invited to the kickoff event of Nederland’s 150th Anniversary celebration weekend! Join friends and family as the town hosts a Community Potluck and Barn Dance on Friday, August 2.

The Community Potluck will take place on the grounds of the Nederland Community Presbyterian

Church – located at North Jefferson and West 2nd Street – from 5 - 7 p.m. To help make this a zero-waste event, the town is asking attendees to bring their own plates and eating utensils.

This is a free event, with the town providing the main course – baked ziti – and beverages. We ask that attendees provide a side dish if they are able. At 6 p.m., we’ll be cutting into the 150th birthday cake, provided by Peace, Love & Cake.

North Jefferson Street will be closed between West 2nd and W 3rd Streets starting at 8 a.m. on August 2. Parking will be available behind the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church and in other nearby lots. Folks may want to bring their own portable chairs as seating will be available, but may not be enough to accommodate all who attend.

After the potluck, stick around for the Barn Dance from 7 - 9 p.m. on

North Jefferson Street adjacent to the church, sponsored by the Peak to Peak Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy the music of the Sesquicentennial String Band and join in for some square dancing!

See everything happening that weekend online at <https://nederdays.com/ned150>



# Run Like the Wind in Allenspark

Dear Editor,

Join us this Labor Day weekend for the 12th Allenspark Run Like the Wind on Saturday August 31, 2024. Sponsored by The Old Gallery, Allenspark's community center and art gallery; the 5k race / dog jog and 2k noncompetitive walk / dog walk will be held in the heart of Allenspark, Colorado. The 5k starts at 9 a.m. and the noncompetitive 2k walk starts at 9:10 a.m.

This scenic, high-altitude, rolling course is run on mostly dirt roads amid the pine forests near Rocky Mountain National Park with stunning views of the high mountain peaks and expansive vistas. The family friendly event will

also feature Nacho Mama Taco's food truck, amazing door prizes including a 2-night stay at the YMCA of the Rockies, and live music featuring "The Reckless Ramblers." Stick around for the post-race whimsical dog show and pet photo booth. Pet photos provided by Elena's Barking Lot. Check out the race website for all the details at <https://www.theoldgallery.org/run-like-the-wind/>.

Registration is available online at [GetMeRegistered.com](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=139463) - [https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=139463](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=139463).

Race day registration will open at 7 a.m. at the Old Gallery. Race packet includes a commemorative cap with

race logo, refreshments, awards and prizes for the top 3 male/female/non-binary in age categories in addition to the top 3 overall winners.

Thank you to our fabulous sponsors – Sunshine Mountain Lodge and Trailblazer Broadband and many local businesses for their support of and donations to our event. There are opportunities for individuals and companies alike to be included as sponsors with publicity and promotion. Please contact Events Coordinator Brittini Hamilton at [brittini@theoldgallery.org](mailto:brittini@theoldgallery.org) for sponsorship opportunities.

More information and previous year's race photos can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RunLikeTheWind5K/>.

Brad Martin  
Allenspark

## AstroDay is Coming! Save the Date for this Free Event!

Want to know more about the stars, planets, and galaxies? Interested in checking out some sunspots? Well, Gilpin AstroDay is your chance to do all that and more on August 10, 2024, at the Gilpin County Community Center, 250 Norton Drive. Friends of Gilpin County Community Center and the Parks & Recreation Department are offering an afternoon and evening of astronomy-related events. "We're really excited about working with Friends to have this happen at the Center," said Parks & Recreation Director Gabrielle Chisholm. "The team is bringing some very cool activities for you to enjoy."

The event includes "What's Up Tonight" shows at the Center in a traveling inflatable dome operated by the University of Colorado's Fiske Planetarium. Shows start at 1 p.m. and will run every 30 minutes until around 4 p.m. The presentations in the dome are first come, first-serve (the dome seats up to 25) and are a great way to learn more about the night sky. Please note: they're most appropriate for those aged 5 and up. (The dome gets dark and that sometimes frightens the littlest kiddos.)

Fiske is also bringing a special telescope so people can safely check out the Sun. This year it's at its most active in the 11-year solar cycle, so viewers may be able to catch a glimpse of sunspots, according to Friends President Carolyn Collins Petersen.

"We hope there'll be some solar activity that people can see through the solar scope," she said. "In addition to the solar viewing and dome shows, we've also arranged a series of short talks about the latest space and astronomy news. I know a lot of people up here are interested in stars and planets, so those talks are informal ways to learn more. They'll be starting around 1:30 p.m. and people can come in and enjoy them while walking to get into the dome or checking out the Sun through the solar scope. We also welcome any amateur astronomers or astrophotographers to attend and share their hobby with others!"

Later that night, Petersen will give a talk at 8 p.m. at Reverend Ridge Amphitheater in Golden Gate Canyon State Park in cooperation with the Park. That will be followed by stargazing until about 10:30 or 11 at Panorama Point (WEATHER permitting). Attendees are welcome to bring binoculars or a telescope to the evening event (although there's no power at Panorama Point). Those planning to attend the star party should also wear warm clothes and bring a red flashlight to aid in getting around in the dark.

The best part of this: it's all FREE and open to everyone! Friends is sponsoring the event thanks to a generous grant from the Alan Green Memorial Foundation.

*The Friends of Gilpin County Community Center (FGCCC) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation and Colorado Charitable Corporation that provides Gilpin County Parks & Recreation department members with research and community feedback, and raise money for programs, equipment, and the Heart of the Community charitable fund. Visit our Website at [GilpinCommunityCenter.org](http://GilpinCommunityCenter.org) for more information about our group and activities.*

# Love Your Neighbor Cereal Drive benefits Nederland Food Pantry



Dear Editor,

The community is invited to join in the Love Your Neighbor Cereal Drive during the month of August to benefit the Nederland Food Pantry. It is being organized by the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church. Residents, businesses, civic and philanthropic organizations are encouraged to join the drive to meet or exceed the goal of collecting 100 boxes of nutritious cereal to help feed those in need in the Nederland community.

"The commandment 'Love thy neighbor' is a well-known principle found in all Abrahamic religions, including Judaism (Leviticus 19:18), Christianity (Mark 12:31), and Islam (Quran 5:32)," said Nederland Community Presbyterian Church Pastor Rev. Zach Hancock. "We hope everyone will join us in this effort as we show a little love to our neighbors."

During the month of August, donations of boxes of cereal will be accepted at the Nederland Community

Presbyterian Church, located on North Jefferson Street at the Peak to Peak Highway, during Sunday worship and fellowship from 10 a.m. to noon, at the B&F Mountain Market where customers can purchase cereal and deposit in a bin at the front of the store, and at the Nederland Community Library. The cereal will be donated to the Nederland Food Pantry for distribution to those in need in our community.

In addition to providing a cereal collection point, B&F Mountain Market is also helping to sponsor the drive through a donation. "We recognize that there are many families in our community who are in need, and we are happy to help this drive to make sure that residents, especially our local kids, get a good breakfast to start their day, which is particularly important when school resumes in August," said B&F Mountain Market owner Dan Ball. The market features a sale on different brands of cereal each week, making it easy for customers to save money and donate one or more boxes of cereal at the same time.


"Your support in the cereal drive will help the Nederland Food Pantry in our ability to provide for our community members in need," shared Nederland Food Pantry Executive Director Betty Abel. "By removing the need to purchase cereal, we can refocus on purchasing a wider variety of nutritious

foods for our community. Your kindness directly impacts the lives of individuals and families who rely on our food pantry. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!"

At the end of the drive, the donated cereal boxes will be lined up domino-style and the public will be invited to witness the celebration as the boxes cascade in a river of compassion, demonstrating the community's devotion to the Love Your Neighbor concept.

If your organization or business would like to join the Love Your Neighbor Food Drive, contact Margie Yansura at [mywordsmith@bellsouth.net](mailto:mywordsmith@bellsouth.net).

Margie Yansura  
Nederland



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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.

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Nederland Community Center**

**CORRECTION:** In last week's paper, in the article "Gilpin County and cities address housing," we failed to mention that Gilpin County Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth not only attended the meeting virtually, it was she who asked about senior housing being included in the needs assessment, as well as other questions.



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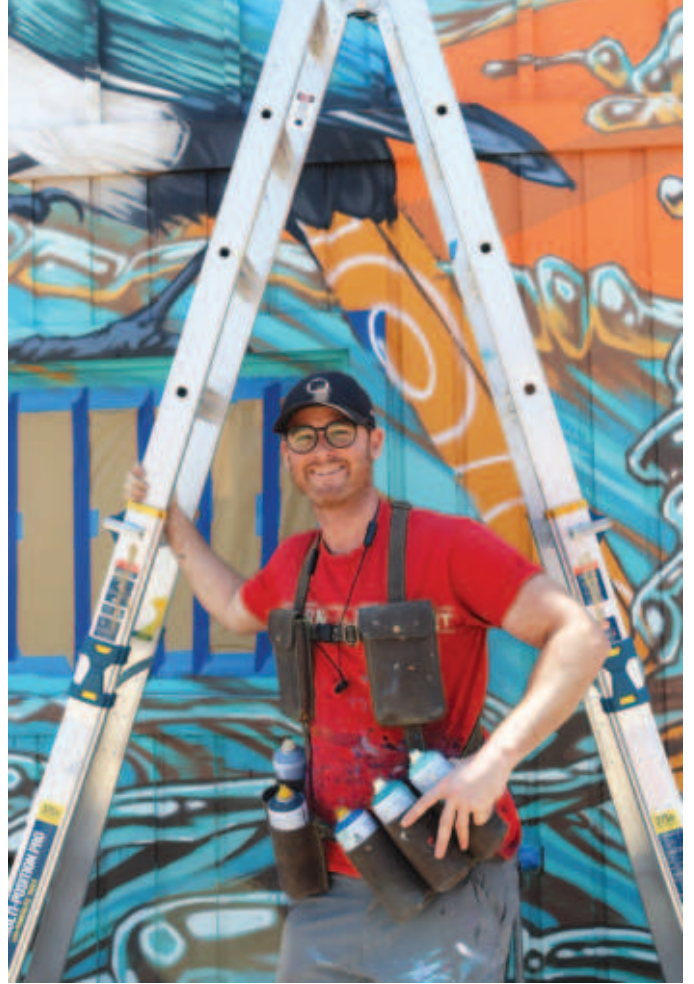
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# New addition to brighten up Ned



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## Choosing colors that pop

Top, left: A technique called a "doodle grid" contains graffiti-like lettering and images to form guide points for the artist. Top, right: Artist David Swartz has traveled across the U.S. painting murals. Bottom, left: Thanks to Swartz, the NDDA, and the Public Art Committee for their work in creating such a bright and beautiful piece of art.

## 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:** **The public comment period has been extended:** These documents will be available for public review and comment from **Tues, July 23rd to Wed, August 21st, 2024**

**QUESTIONS?** [erin@boulderwatershedcollective.org](mailto:erin@boulderwatershedcollective.org)



# Notes on the Nederland Sesquicentennial, part 2

BRIAN ALERS, PGEO  
NEDERLAND

The original settlers of Dayton formed it as mostly a farming community producing hay, potatoes, strawberries, and grapes. They proposed to prohibit liquor traffic within its borders and had the honor of founding a mountain town on temperance principles even though the eldest children were "said not yet hardly up to the a-b-c age (*Caribou Post*, August 19, 1871)."

Grace Greenwood visited Caribou in 1871, staying at the Planter House. She wrote: "Mining life here is sober and laborers and law abiding—we at least saw no gambling, no drunkenness, no rudeness, no idleness." She was shown the Caribou mine by Ulysses Pugh, an old prospector, miner, bear and elk hunter (whose wife is buried at the Caribou Cemetery) and Samuel Conger a "miner and Indian hunter (*Caribou Post*, October 7, 1871)."

The temperance movement at Nederland and Caribou may have been a response to Denver's reputation as a whiskey town. "There is more drinking and gambling here in one day than in Kansas City in six, in fact one-half of the population do nothing else but drink whiskey and play cards," wrote G. N. Woodward on April 3, 1859. "Inhabitants are Indians, Mexicans, and white people – about equally divided – all hard cases. Drinking and fighting all the while, someone killed nearly every week – now and then one hung," reported an unsigned letter on April 17, 1859.

It was not until 1871, when the Boulder Canyon Wagon Road was built as a one-way toll road with 33 bridges, that Brownsville was connected to Boulder. In 1871 a post office was established, and Brownsville was renamed Middle Boulder after the creek that ran through town. Middle Boulder had a population of 200.

Walter Smith of the Colorado Stage Company ran a stage from Erie to Caribou that stopped at Boulder City, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, returning the next day. Lee Smith was the driver, and it cost \$8.00. A six-horse coach to Central City left Caribou at 9:30 on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday for \$2.50 and arrived in Central City at 3:00 or 8:00 p.m. (*Caribou Post*, July 22, 1871)

The Crevice of shipping ore at the bottom of the Caribou shaft, at 200 feet deep, "is five feet thick and improving per fathom of depth.... The vein is so true and perfect, the ore so continuous and so easily mined that the expenses amount to, but a small percent of the gross amount realized on any market (*Caribou Post*, September 9, 1871)."

Forty-five miners worked at the Caribou mine and were paid \$3.25 per day. At most mines, sinking the shaft does not make a profit, but the Caribou shaft paid for itself. At 212 feet deep the mine had three levels and the vein was seven feet wide (*Caribou Post*, October 7, 1871).

By October 7, 1871, two more hotels had been built in Middle Boulder. Mr. Pickel built "the nicest stable we have seen in the county (*Caribou Post*, November 11, 1871)."

In December the wind blew all the snow away and a fire started on the hillside opposite Caribou hill, but it was put out before it reached the town (*Caribou Post*, December 16, 1871).

During the winter, and depending on snow level, the wheels on wagons were quickly fixed with sled runners for the trip to Middle Boulder. The road in and out of Middle Boulder was



Wolf Tongue Mill (Authors Collection)

drifted in with snow. Many families and prospectors from Caribou decided to spend the winter at the lower altitudes of Middle Boulder during the "season of wind and snow." In 1871, the Christmas ball and the New Year's Eve party with the Caribou band was held at Brown's hotel in Middle Boulder.

"There is less prospecting, fewer idlers than during the summer, but more men working for wages, more legitimate mining and consequently more money made. Shaft houses continue to operate so there is no decrease of business in Grand Island (*Caribou Post*, December 23, 1871)."

A.D. Breed, and D.B. Cutter decided to locate their state-of-the-art reduction mill (with 15 stamps, and five floors) close to the abundant timber and water in Middle Boulder (Nederland), away from the weather at Caribou. This decision was contrary to the typical practices of the time, when the mill was usually built adjacent to the mine. Their choice allowed the Caribou Mill in Middle Boulder to become the largest and most successful silver mill in the Colorado Territory by 1872. The Breed and Cutter Mill in Middle Boulder opened on January 27, 1872. Five teams of horses would haul two tons per day down from the mine at great expense due to the snow.

"An immense body of snow" covered most of the miner's cabins in Middle Boulder, leaving the miners to shovel out the stove pipes (*Caribou Post*, February 10, 1872).

"The Breed and Cutter mill was producing 100 pounds of silver every 24 hours, and about 1 ton of silver every 20 days and it expected to produce 100 tons of silver per year (*Caribou Post*, February 17, 1872)."

"Browns Ranch in Middle Boulder, which started as a boarding house 6 months ago was expanded into a hotel. Major Buttles who constructed and maintained the road down Boulder Canyon built a hotel in Middle Boulder (*Caribou Post*, February 26, 1872).

That winter everything in Caribou was buried in snow and access was by sleigh. Prospecting ground to a halt but the town, businesses, and most mines were still open. "In the ore sorting room at the Caribou mine shaft house, a fire is blazing in a big open fireplace, after the style of an old time New England farmhouse (*Caribou Post*, March 20, 1872)."

Major Buttles and his lady ran the Middle Boulder House hotel in Middle Boulder. On May 4, 1872, they sold the hotel to the long-time cook, Stephen Green. Oscar Savery and Green agreed to run the hotel and Oscar married Mary Goyer. "The snow is 6 feet deep in Caribou and the town was threatened by an avalanche from Caribou Hill (*Caribou Post*, May 4, 1872)."

Middle Boulder raised \$2500 to build a schoolhouse and a new sawmill in Middle Boulder was opened by Mr. Walling (*Caribou Post*, May 18, 1872).

Five teams of wagons hauled 20 tons of ore per day down to Middle Boulder from Caribou at "great expense" due to the snow drifts. Depending on snow levels, ore wagons were fixed with removable sled runners. The Breed and Cutter mill in Middle Boulder shut down for a few days while the road to Caribou was shoveled out and a new road to Caribou was begun on the north side of Coon Trail Creek. (*Caribou Post*, May 18, 1872). The mill hired 40 men to clear the road to Middle Boulder. In March, the mill treated 30 to 40 tons of silver ore from Caribou per day, and the mill produced 6,000 ounces of silver in four bars (*Caribou Post*, March 30, 1872).

Thirty bricks of silver poured at the Breed and Cutter Mill in Middle Boulder paved the front of the Teller House in Central City for the visit of Ulysses S. Grant in 1873. The silver bars weighed from 725 to 1306 ounces each, and varied in value from \$15,000 to \$27,000. Helped by the international publicity generated by Grant's visit to Central city, Abel Breed was able to sell the Caribou mine and mill in the spring of 1873, to "The Mining Company Nederland" for \$3,000,000. (Although the actual cash payment was less than one half of that sum, Breed walked away with \$1,000,000.)

It was said that there was a "large quantity of good ore" left in the mine when the agents from Holland examined it before the sale. But by the time the mine was turned over, Breed had stripped the mine of most of the richest ore. Between 70 and 90 men were employed at the Caribou mine, and even though it had some of its most productive years in 1874 (\$130,000) and 1875 (\$204,703), conflict, contentions, mismanagement, and debts reduced production to \$25,000 by 1876. The mine closed in November of 1876. The Caribou mine was sold at tax sale in October of 1876 to Jerome B. Chaffee for \$70,100. At this point the mine was 470 feet deep.

By 1889, only seven families lived in Nederland. Unfortunately, three of Nathan Brown's four children died of diphtheria in a single week and his wife of 20 years, Catherine, filed for a divorce soon afterwards. After trouble with bill collectors, and repeated brushes with the law for disturbing the peace, Nathan W. Brown eventually lost his property and moved to Boulder vowing never to return. Nathan Brown died in Boulder and was buried with his wife Virginia and three-year-old son Roy in the Nederland Cemetery in 1889. In 1895, Nederland's original cemetery's 29 residents were removed to a new location northwest of

town to make room for the expansion of St. Rita's church.

In 1891, John Kemp founded Happy Valley Camp (later Eldora), and in 1892 many gold-silver telluride veins were discovered in the nearby hills south and west of town. In 1892, Nederland's population was 100, and Happy Valley camp had two log cabins and a population of 10.

In February 1897, Happy Valley Camp was renamed Eldorado, and the post office was established. After the postmistress found out that mail was being routed to Eldorado, California, the town's name was shortened to Eldora. The new town boasted five saloons, a bank, a newspaper, and a red light district across the stream from town that was referred to as "Monte Carlo." It is said that five or six houses were started every day during the summer of 1897. Nederland's population was 200 and Eldora's population was 1300.

Things started to disintegrate in 1899, when the Enterprise mill could not successfully treat the gold-telluride ore. When the mill manager, Neil Bailey, missed a payday, the employees set his house on fire and fatally shot him in the arm. No amount of promotion could cover up the fact that the mines near Eldora had not produced significant amounts of gold, silver, or copper. Many of the Eldora mines burned in 1901, but the main part of town was spared. Only one saloon was left in Eldora by 1904. By the time the railroad finally reached Eldora in 1905 many of the mines were closed. In 1900, Nederland's population was 200, and Caribou's population was 44.

Gold and silver prospecting began in the Nederland area around 1859, but the heavy black mineral (called barren silver, heavy iron, and black iron by the miners) was not recognized as tungsten ore, or ferberite (FeWO<sub>3</sub>), until 1900 by H.H. Wanamaker and Samuel Conger. The Wolf Tongue Mining Company was named after a combination of the words tungsten and wolframite (MnWO<sub>4</sub>), a common tungsten mineral rarely found in Nederland.

Nederland became by far the leading producer of tungsten in the United States from 1900-1918. The Nederland Tungsten District produced \$23,000,000 worth of tungsten from 1900-1945. Tungsten can withstand very high temperatures and was needed for the high-speed steel cutting tools used to manufacture weapons during both World Wars. From 1909-16, the Primos Mining and Milling Company was the largest tungsten mining company in the world and ran the world's largest tungsten mill in Lakewood, a company town northwest of Nederland. They owned the Conger Mine, the world's deepest tungsten mine at 991 feet deep. In 1912, an overhead electric tramway was completed from the Conger mine to the mill in Lakewood.

The tungsten boom reached its peak in 1915 when the tungsten price rose from \$5.60 per unit to \$45 per unit and the price peaked at \$90-\$100 per unit in 1916. In 1915, Nederland's population was over 3,000, including several hundred people living in Lakewood, Ferberite, Stevens Camp (later Tungsten), and many scattered tent settlements surrounding Nederland proper. During the winter of 1915 much of Nederland's downtown was rebuilt after a series of fires, and many of the buildings that were erected during this period still stand today. During 1918, the Spanish flu epidemic brought tungsten production to a standstill in Nederland.



# Nederland churches to combine for Community Church Service

MARGIE YANSURA  
NEDERLAND

The public is invited to a Community Church Service on Sunday, August 4 at 10 a.m. in the pavilion at Chipeta Park in Nederland.

This event is part of the Nederland 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration and is presented by the three churches in Nederland: Nederland Community Presbyterian Church, Calvary Chapel, and St. Rita Catholic Church. The service is in recognition of the part that spiritual communities have contributed to the vitality of Nederland over the years.

"Everyone is welcome to attend this service, intended for the entire community, including those who typically do not normally attend church or participate in organized religion," said Rev. Zach Hancock of the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church.

Worship leaders from all three congregations will be participating in the service. There is free parking at the park, and greeters will assist anyone needing help walking to the pavilion.

In lieu of an offering, donations will be accepted to the Nederland Food Pantry.

## History of the churches in Nederland

**Nederland Community Presbyterian Church (NCPC)** was founded to serve the community that had grown between the Caribou silver boom of the 1870s and the tungsten boom that began about 1910. At the turn of the 20th century, Nederland was a tiny crossroad that sat at the west end of a large meadow owned by Hannah Barker. Ranches, mines, and mills comprised the local economy.

The town's postmistress, Mrs. C.M. Edwards, started a Sunday School in 1899 which met in homes, the local school, and the town hall, since there was not yet a church building. The Presbyterian Church assigned William H. Schuremann as a missionary to the

area and Mrs. Edwards served as the Sunday School Superintendent.

From 1908 to 1910 the Barker Dam and reservoir were built as part of a hydroelectric project, and a spur of the Switzerland Trail of America railroad was built between Eldora and Nederland to supply equipment and materials for the dam. At the same time, the tungsten mining boom occurred in Nederland. This vital mineral that hardens steel was used in planes and equipment in the first World War. These developments swelled the town's population to some 3,000 to 5,000 residents. The need for a local church was evident.

The Nederland Presbyterian Church was formally organized on August 19, 1912. Its 17 members were served by Wayne Shoddy, a ministerial student at McCormick Seminary. In 1914, Reverend Currens was called to pastor the young church. He built the sanctuary with labor and materials donated by the members. The bell in the bell tower was donated by the Boulder Fire Department.

Rev. Currens helped address the housing shortage in town, and helped fill the church's coffers, by renting sleeping space to miners in the pews and on the floor of the church – the same one where the congregation worships today. The story goes that that custom ended when some of the miners smoked in the building and the risk of a fire was deemed too great.

*Family and dog-friendly worship services are on Sundays at 10 a.m. For more information visit <http://www.nederlandpres.org>.*

**Calvary Chapel** started as a Bible study in 1980. Famed guitarist Richie Furay led the group in the Word of God until he moved down Boulder Canyon to Boulder, where he pioneered a Calvary Chapel church. Six hippies without a guitar continued to meet in Nederland. An advertisement in The Mountain-Ear newspaper brought a couple from Texas, Johnny and Anna Smith, to the Thursday evening meeting. The group felt they were an answer to prayer and that God had sent them to the mountains to get a church up and going.



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

### A place to gather

The community will come here to Chipeta Park in Nederland to worship at the Community Worship Service on August 4, at 10 a.m. This is part of Nederland's Sesquicentennial celebration.

In August, 1981, the church held its first Sunday service. They moved to the old elementary school the next Sunday. In the spring of 1982, the church bought the A-frame on Highway 72 that was in foreclosure. The body had grown to about 75 adults and lots of kids. Within two years, the new sanctuary was built. The Smiths returned to Texas and Jim Scott assumed the position as pastor and Doug Gibney was the adult Bible study teacher. In the fall of 1986, Scott stepped down from his position as pastor, and Gibney was called to serve as the pastor.

The log cabin next to the church was purchased in 1989 and was used as a safe house, a home of ROW (Reaching Out to Women), classrooms, and is now remodeled for the ministry. In 1991, Calvary completed the third sanctuary. Soon, another addition was done to provide more classroom space.

In the summer of 2003, the church took over and moved into the beautiful space known as Poppy Plaza, situated across the creek. It provides more classrooms, offices, and the Caring Pregnancy Center.

*Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. with adult Sunday school, followed by worship at 11 a.m. and nursery and children's church at 11:15 a.m. For more information visit [calvarychapelinnederland.org](http://calvarychapelinnederland.org).*

**St. Rita's Catholic Church.** The year was 1932 when a Dominican Priest stationed at St. Dominic's Parish in Denver, Fr. James Reagan, proposed that the Catholic Daughters of America purchase The Antlers Hotel in Nederland to use as a summer camp for girls. Over the next three years Fr. Reagan offered mass at the camp for all the campers and the many faithful Catholics from the surrounding areas from Rollinsville to Ward. "If you put enough green stuff in the collection," he told his congregation one day, "I will build you a chapel."

By 1935 the money was raised and Fr. Reagan purchased the timbers that would lay the foundations for a Catholic chapel in Nederland. Parishioners of St. Dominic's and from the mountain communities joined together and had soon constructed a modest structure which Fr. Reagan christened St. Rita's Chapel.

For many years the summer camp thrived in the old Antlers Hotel. The summer camp was operational from 1932 to 1954, but as the '60s dawned the camp was shuttered and Nederland and the surrounding mountain communities were ready for a church all their own. So in 1961 The Antlers was demolished and in its place St. Rita's Catholic Church was built.

*Sunday mass is held weekly at 9:30 a.m. For more information visit <http://www.saintrita-church.com>.*

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# Inaugural library exchange a success



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## Adventure in The Netherlands

The library exchange program culminated in The Netherlands. The participants agreed that the time in Colorado and in The Netherlands was a time of growth and great cultural learning.

### SARA SANDSTROM NEDERLAND

Traveling abroad can be exciting and daunting. Will I understand the language and be able to speak some of it? What will the food be like? Will the experience and people live up to my expectations?

A wide variety of questions and opportunities filled the minds of the participants in the inaugural library exchange program between the Nederland Community Library and the ZB Library in Zeeland in The Netherlands. In fact, these two libraries launched a Sister City Library partnership in 2022.

Nederland Library Director Elektra Greer shared that they wanted to partner with a library in The Netherlands “since it’s our town’s namesake and it’s a leading global powerhouse in sustainability initiatives, something of great interest to our mountain community.”

Greer continued, “The Nederland Community Library’s International Sister Library student exchange was designed to provide our library youth with a global learning experience culminating in an overseas homestay program in The Netherlands. We believe it gives our Nederland-area youth the opportunity to be ambassadors for our community and to develop 21st century skills necessary to take on today’s global challenges.”

Greer admitted that there were quite a few bumps in rolling out a new program. Many libraries in Europe facilitate student exchange programs throughout Europe, so they have experience and knowledge of such programs. In the US, while there are many opportunities for international student exchange programs, public libraries rarely take the lead. “Our Nederland Library team wanted to try to change that,” said Greer. She added, “Our Nederland and Dutch families were amazing hosts and were key to the program being a success.”

The primary goal of this student exchange was for Nederland library youth to have a global educational and leadership experience. The American

and Dutch students worked together remotely for months on how to educate youth and families about how global misinformation and disinformation affects climate policies. The summer travel and exchange portion was the culmination of a year of the students’ working together.

Students in the Nederland area were selected for the program in the Fall of 2023 through an application and interview process. Eleventh, twelfth and gap year students could apply. From July 1 to July 11, 2024, Nederland hosted seven Dutch students and four library chaperones. From July 11 to July 21, Dutch families hosted seven Nederland students and two library chaperones.

The seven Nederland students were Eliza Brundege, Ben Weber, Ezekiel Fitzer, Maeve Dufton, Olive Strum, Evie Gustafson, and Ruby Gustafson. The two travel chaperones from Nederland were Shayna Beckham and Austin O’Pry.

The seven Dutch students were: Jed Cimanez, Isis Heijens, Victoria Liplijn, Maya van Es, Aiden Simon, Ivana van der Wilt, Roel Verstraeten. The Dutch chaperones were Bjorn de Nooijer and Shammie Ritoe and the Team Leads were Jeanine Naerebout and Danielle Dominicus.

Jeanine Naerebout feels the experience has been a great success. “We look back at a very successful project and unforgettable experience for the kids in both Nederland and The Netherlands, I think. It was really amazing that we could organize this as sister libraries.”

Shayna Beckman shared, “Adventure awaits, go find it! I made memories that will last a lifetime. What a truly eye-opening experience. I saw pretty things, learned a bunch, and met beautiful people. Remember not all classrooms have four walls. Definitely left my heart in The Netherlands.”

Eliza Brundege thought it was amazing to spend time with Dutch students and learn about their culture. She added, “I am also glad that we got the chance to see presentations about important issues about climate change and misinformation.”

Olive Strum said that through the library exchange program she got to travel and live with a Dutch family and experience Dutch culture first hand. “I made lifelong friendships and connections, and now I will always have a Dutch sister!”

Maeve Dufton remembered the sense of excitement and adventure they all felt when their plane landed in Amsterdam. “One of my favorite memories is riding down cobblestone streets lined with houses from the 1600s to buy fresh pastries at the market. Dutch and American teenagers have a few things in common – a love for good pastries and a frustration with politics. I will never forget the friendships and memories we formed in both Colorado and The Netherlands.”

Austin O’Pry said that he was very impressed with the friendships that developed with the students. “They had been in contact for roughly six months prior to the exchange through texting and Zoom, but when they finally got to meet they became fast friends. Something I will never forget was, during the first day together we were having a BBQ and without any prompting they all had gotten together and started playing slamball. From the smiles, laughter, and just general happiness in being together, I knew then that the exchange was going to be a success. Playing a part in fostering these lifelong friendships made my involvement in this program very rewarding not only for myself but for everyone involved.”

Scarlett Ponton de Dutton is a

Nederland Community Library board member. She believes that this was a learning experience “truly extraordinary and exquisitely crafted, programmed, and executed by Elektra and her staff and our partners in The Netherlands.”

Ponton de Dutton adds, “Students participated in so many immersive events and the whole town of Nederland opened up their hearts and homes to welcome our visitors and share all of the unique cultural events, food, and activities that are a beautiful part of our community! This unique program provided amazing international learning opportunities for our community and specifically for our students who expanded their learning and growth on a global scale.”

This program could not have been possible without financial support. There were several private sponsors, as well as ZB Bibliotheek van Zeeland, Nederland Community Library Foundation, Lions Club, Mountain Forum for Peace, Peak to Peak Endurance, *The Mountain-Ear*, and the Nederland-America Foundation.

Greer concluded by saying, “This exchange has been a long and somewhat quixotic and chaotic dream of mine and I’m so thrilled and, frankly, relieved, it went so well. The level of maturity, curiosity, and inquiry displayed by all the students and families far exceeded my expectations. My faith was reaffirmed in our collective global futures.”

And with a wink she said, “Now, who’s in on building a Nederland-Netherlands windmill on our new Library Reading Garden property??”

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# Nederland August Night Skies

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A sweet thing about seeing the night sky here, at high altitude: There's less atmosphere to mess up your view. In Nederland, at 8236 feet (8.236 kilofeet; we'll use kft this week), we're looking through only three-fourths of the air of sea-level people.

For smokers and vapers, that's bad, because at 8 kft they only have as much blood oxygen as non-users at 12 kft. (Carbon monoxide from cigarettes and vaping pens displaces oxygen in the blood's hemoglobin, starving body tissues of oxygen.) But for seeing the sky, that missing quarter of air translates to sharper, clearer, brighter sky views.

Our reduced atmosphere is a notable privilege, seeing as how 99 percent of all people on earth, including nearly all Americans, live well below our height. In fact, most Americans live below 1 kft, with over half of the population living within 50 miles of a shoreline.

A special effect we get at 8 kft is, our water boils at 195 Fahrenheit, as compared to 212 degrees at sea level. (Take it from me, I've measured it.) This is because boiling occurs when the vapor pressure of a liquid equals the pressure of the atmosphere above its surface. That equivalence is what boiling bubbles are, shuttling up and down between the atmosphere and the liquid. Lower atmospheric pressure above the liquid equals lower boiling temperature within the liquid.

Which is why I hit my forehead with the palm of my hand when I realized why some "hard boiled" eggs I had steamed according to sea level instructions were under-done: The steam temperature here is 17 degrees less than at sea level. Sea-level boiling or steaming for 15 minutes at 212 degrees translates to about 25 minutes up here, at 195 degrees.

By the way, Marco Polo noted seven centuries ago that when his caravan set a dinner fire at 12 to 15 kft, up in the Pamirs of the Himalayas, the flames were cool and the food didn't cook. Reduced oxygen starves fires, reducing their heat output rate.

Similarly, wood-burning stoves (such as our family heats our home with) here in Nederland put out about 25 percent less heat per unit time than they would

at sea level, because they're gasping along on 25 percent less oxygen. On the upside, the wood lasts about 25 percent longer.

A pleasant thing about life at 8 kft, in a warming climate, is what's called the adiabatic lapse rate. That's the automatic reduction in atmospheric temperature as altitude increases. Due to that effect, our temperature up here in Nederland is consistently about 14 degrees lower than in Boulder. It's not always exactly that difference, but I watch my car's digital thermometer every time I go up and down the canyon, and generally that predicted shift is a good fit.

Since it's 15 miles between the bottom of the canyon and Nederland, that equates to about one degree of temperature change for every mile you

A lesson I learned the hard way in an unheated military KC-135 aerial tanker that I once hitched a ride in, from Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. Flying an equatorial route to Singapore, it hadn't occurred to me that shorts and a T-shirt might be inadequate in the aircraft's unheated hold at 40 kft. Luckily, the navigator invited me into the heated cockpit to take star shots for him, saving my butt from being, literally, frozen off.

**In August skies:** The sun begins the month in Cancer, entering Leo on August 10. At mid-month, days and nights are 13.5 and 10.5 hours long, respectively.

**The moon's dates are:** New August 4; First Quarter August 12; Full (Sturgeon or Corn Moon) August 19; Last Quarter August 26.

**August Meteor Showers:** The Perseids (parent Comet Swift-Tuttle) and kappa-Cygnids (parent possibly Asteroid 2001 MG1) peak on August 13 and 18. The famous Perseids are best seen shortly before dawn. The kappa-Cygnids peak around 11 p.m.

**Sunrise (Mid-Month):** The Gemini twins are low in the east. Our nearest neighbor galaxy, M-31 Andromeda, gives great binocular viewing directly overhead.

Mercury is lost in the sun, transitioning from evening to morning sky this month.

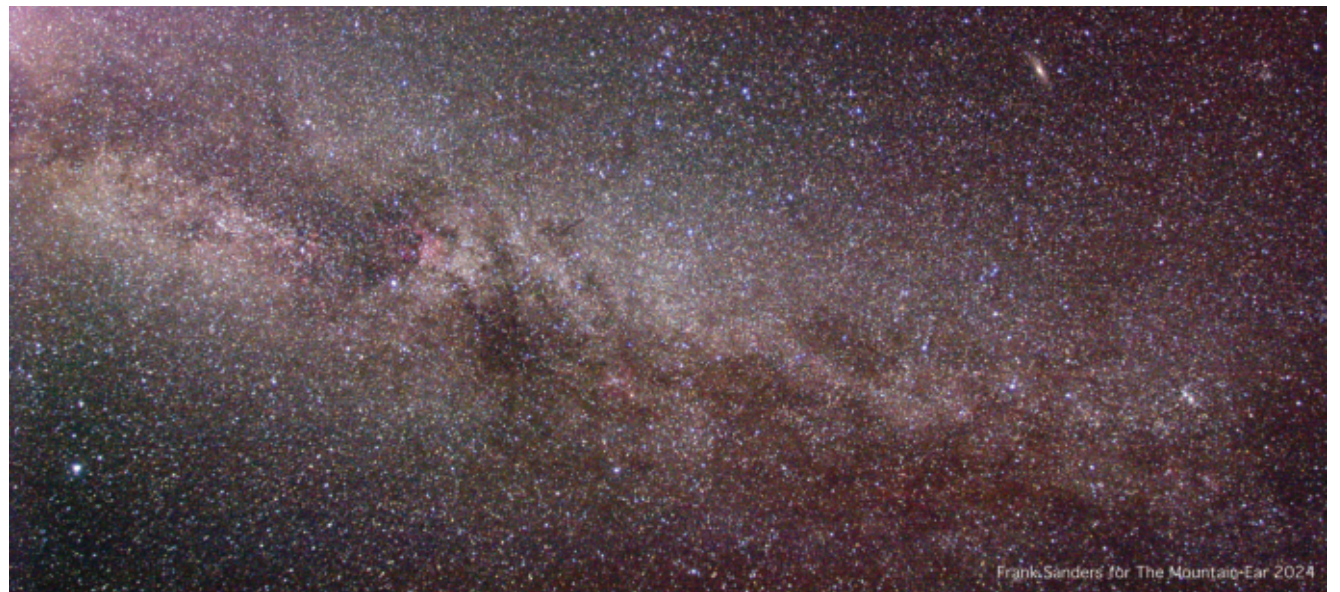
Venus is nearly impossible to spot, low in the west within the first few minutes after sunset.

Mars rises at 1 a.m., low in the east at sunrise. It conjuncts with Jupiter on August 14.

Jupiter rises around 1 a.m., low in the east at sunrise.

Saturn rises around 9 p.m. and is high in the south at dawn.

**Notable Space Missions:** Flaunting the grotesque way that billionaires now grip most of this country's wealth, a privately-funded spacewalk is scheduled this month. Two people will try to reprise the feats of Alexei Leonov and Ed White in their Voskhod and Gemini missions of 1965, for their billionaire's bragging rights. This exemplifies how trillion-dollar tax



**Fisheye Milky Way View from Nederland**

Our sky views are enhanced by thin air, a quarter less than at sea level. The Andromeda Galaxy is the fuzzball at upper right.

drive in the canyon. You don't have to use your odometer to see how far you've come up or down—just watch your thermometer for the number of degrees of temperature shift, and that's about how many miles you've driven.

One last item on that topic. No matter where you go on our planet, you're never more than four miles from where temperatures are well below freezing. Why? Because even on the equator, if you go vertically up to 20 kft (four miles) altitude, the adiabatic shift makes the air perpetually sub-freezing.

**Best Sky Viewing Nights (Minimal Moon):** August 1-11 and 26-31.

**Sunset (Mid-Month):** Deneb is high in the east; Vega is nearly overhead; and Altair is mid-sky in the northeast. Hercules with its striking M-13 globular cluster is overhead. Libra (twin bright stars Zubeneschamali and Zubenelgenubi) is low in the southwest. Antares is due south in Scorpius.

**Midnight (Mid-Month):** The Teapot in Sagittarius, marking the center of the Milky Way, glows in the south-southwest. Scan its wonders with binoculars or a telescope.

cuts for the hyper-wealthy are used, to buy expensive toys. The mission was delayed for two years while planners struggled to re-invent the functionality of Gemini and Apollo pressure suits. No useful results appear to be in the offing, that haven't already been accomplished by hundreds of other spacewalks in the last sixty years.

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*There is a sound from gospel music that doesn't come from anything else. It is a sound of peace. It is a sound of, 'I'm going to make it through all this.' - Yolanda Adams*



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# 20th annual Moffat Tunnel weed pull



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## Teamwork to control noxious plants

Left: Gilpin County CSU Extension Agent Jennifer Cook holding an Oxeye Daisy plant. The standard practice is to pull off the flowers and buds and leave the plant stems. Top, right: Participants from Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado picking Oxeye Daisies by the Moffat Tunnel trailhead. Bottom, right: The registration and refreshments tent set up for the 20th Moffat Tunnel weed pull. The event was organized by Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado and Gilpin County CSU Extension Agent Jennifer Cook.



WES ISENHART  
GILPIN COUNTY

Legend has it that the noxious plant Oxeye Daisy was introduced to the Moffat Tunnel region by a wedding party that had brought bouquets of flowers to an outdoor wedding. It didn't take long before the plants took root from the discarded bouquets, and soon the meadows near the tunnel trailhead were being overwhelmed by them.

Twenty years ago, Gilpin County CSU Extension Agent Irene Shonle teamed up with the non-profit organization Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) and the National Forest Service (NFS) to try to keep this noxious plant from invading the James Peak Wilderness. They organized a volunteer workday to pick Oxeye Daisies at the Moffat Tunnel trailhead.

On Friday, July 26, 2024, another team of 30 volunteers assembled at the Moffat Tunnel trailhead to continue the effort to control the spread of this invasive species and protect the native wildflowers in the wilderness area. There were volunteers in the group who were at the first weed pull in 2004, along with Gilpin County residents and newcomers to Colorado.

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado was established in 1984 to provide a volunteer workforce for outdoor stewardship projects. The goal was to enable people to become active stewards of Colorado's natural resources. VOC organizes events and provides leadership for a range of activities including trail maintenance and construction, fire mitigation, habitat restoration, and urban gardening.

VOC Project Leader Anna Zawisza said that the organization has about 3,500 volunteers and is gaining members again after the pandemic. The weed pull is scheduled for late July when the flowers

are out but haven't yet gone to seed. One plant can produce up to 26,000 seeds over a multi-year life cycle.

The volunteers were divided into three crews, each assigned to a different area around the trailhead to pick and bag the flowers and buds and then pull the plant since it is a perennial (multi-year) plant. The flowers and buds were put in 5-gallon buckets for disposal and the plant stems were left to decompose.

The volunteers performed over 100 hours of work for the project, which NFS Ranger Amy Britwistle said was of immense help in controlling the spread of noxious plants. She is the only full-time ranger dealing with noxious plants in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, and usually has a summer crew of about three to deal with 1.5 million acres of public lands.

Gilpin County CSU Extension Agent Jennifer Cook was grateful for the turnout and said that these projects really are making a difference. Twenty years ago, some of the meadows near the trailhead were completely covered with daisies. This year those same meadows just had clumps, which the volunteers were able to completely pick and bag.

Oxeye Daisy is still commonly sold in wildflower seed mixes, so avoid any mixes that include *leucanthemum vulgare*.

*Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (voc.org; 303-715-1010) are always recruiting people who enjoy the outdoors and want to give back to help with the stewardship of Colorado's natural resources. For more information on controlling noxious plants in Gilpin County, contact Jennifer Cook (303-582-9106; Jennifer.Cook@colostate.edu) or visit their website (gilpin.extension.colostate.edu/programs/natu/noxious-weeds).*





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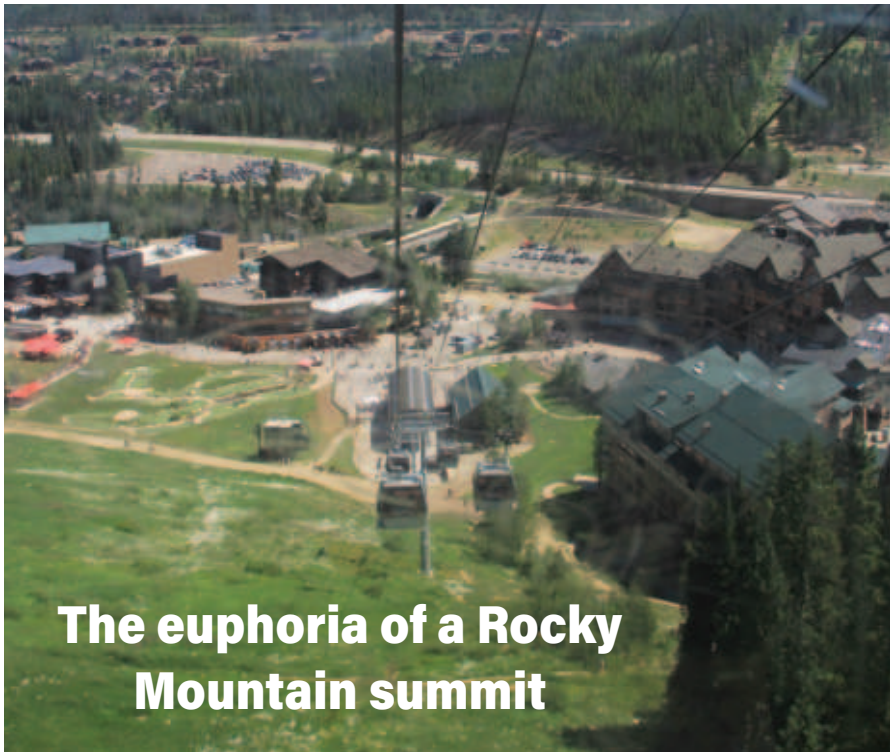
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**The euphoria of a Rocky Mountain summit**

OMAYRA ACEVEDO  
WINTER PARK

My tires pushed against the ground as my heart raced. The rhythm of my breath outmatched the cadence of my legs. I could see the top of the hill in the distance. My mood could only be described as blissful agony.

I kept telling myself to fight because giving up is never an option. So, I fought like my life depended on it, and for a few moments, I was almost

convinced it did. I don't know how long it took, I didn't care.

The most important thing to me was saying, "I did it." Feeling a bit delusional and, perhaps delirious, I summited. After catching my breath and chugging a liter of electrolytes, I leaned my bike on the ground to look at the 360-degree view of the Rocky Mountains.

As I took in the scenery, I wasn't sure when my heart beat the most out of control, while mountain biking uphill



PHOTO BY Omayra Acevedo

**Summit success**

Left: A rewarding gondola ride provides the perfect ending to a euphoric experience. Right: Winter Park Resort visitors enjoy drinks and food at the Sunsport Mountaintop Lodge

or witnessing the breathtaking beauty before me. I couldn't stop smiling. It felt like I had made it to heaven.

The Winter Park Resort (WPR) opened on January 28, 1940. Since then it has been a year-round mecca for outdoor adventurers. During winter, skiers and snowboarders enjoy dancing with the Colorado snow.

The fun isn't over at the end of ski season. Residents and summer tourists crowd the resort for mountain biking, downhill riding, hiking, and summer events. The WPR also offers uphill biking opportunities.

Uphill biking access to Winter Park Resort and Trestle Bike Park is available on designated routes with a free uphill pass. Riders must sign a summer waiver by visiting the Guest Services in Balcony House at the Winter Park Resort base. Yes, you can rent a bike.

One of the many things I appreciate about the WPR is their respect for nature

and Colorado's history. The resort has written a land acknowledgment statement as a "foundational step toward recognizing the role Native and Indigenous people play in our past, present, and future connection to the land and water." I love this!

At my age, I should probably just stick to hiking, but if a small knee injury is all I suffered this day, I'll take it. Besides, my new narrative tells me that I'm unstoppable and worthy of all the beauty life has to offer.

So, I spent a few hours in a euphoric state in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, experiencing what the late John Denver described as "Rocky Mountain High."

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# David "Big Dave" Lindberg June 19, 1961 - July 16, 2024



liked to hunt, grow his veggie garden, loved welding and making his art. He loved riding dirt bikes and his Harley, and he absolutely loved the Green Bay Packers. Dave also loved his dogs and his cats. Dave loved his family and friends and would do anything to make their world a little better.

When Dave married Tracy, he took in her three children as if they were his own, creating a bond with them and making many memories and teachable moments. He adored his granddaughter, Axel Gale; they had an unbreakable bond. Dave was all about family, he called his mom every day and loved his sisters very much. Dave believed in a good handshake to close a deal. Dave was loved by many; he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Dave is survived by his wife Tracy (Spaid) Lindberg, three children Carrie Gale, Samantha Williams, Jenna Williams, and two grandchildren Axel Gale, Oliver Palm. He is also survived by his mother Jean Lindberg, siblings Jan Lindberg, Kären Lindberg, a nephew Abe Schrupp, and nieces Hannah Ring, Hallie Petta and Lily Petta. He is preceded in death by his father George Lindberg.

A Celebration of Life will be held for David "Big Dave" Lindberg at a future date.

David "Big Dave" Lindberg of Black Hawk, Colorado, died on July 16, 2024. He was born in Ironwood, Michigan, on June 19, 1961, to George David Lindberg and Jean Marie (Goldsworthy) Lindberg.

Dave was a loving and generous man who loved the outdoors, he

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# The greatest show in Nederland



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### A pirate's life for all

Top, left: Circus Foundry professionally performed a perfect pirate-themed production. Top, right: The pose right before an outrageous sword juggling act. Bottom: Chipeta Park was full of winged fairies, ready to dance and play with everyone at the circus.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

While rambling around Nederland on Saturday, July 27, 2024, you may have noticed the white peaks of a Big Top tent poking above the tree line at Chipeta Park. The second annual Carousel of Happiness Summer Circus returned to bring an unforgettable, authentic Big Top experience to the kids and fun-loving adults of our small town.

On the basketball court and front lawn of Chipeta Park, carnival games of varying levels of difficulty were set up, incentivizing kids to try their luck at tossing rings, or hatchets, to win some candy. The carnival games themselves were manned by local volunteers, many of whom built the games in their own backyards.

As carnival goers waited in line



to get their faces painted or to get a custom balloon sword, performers entertained throughout, including stilt-walkers and fairy dancers gracefully posing with the young, enthusiastic crowd.

Under the pavilion, hot dogs, popcorn, and similar carnival fare was served, as well as milkshakes, smoothies, and vodka lemonade for the more grown up fans of the carnival.

Wild Bear Nature Center hosted more games on Chipeta Park's main field, right in front of the Big Top, with a chance to win a variety of prizes. As a line for the main show started to form in front of the tent, a magician wowed audiences with flawless card and coin tricks, and a fortune teller offered his sagely advice.

The afternoon performance by the

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**Masters of their craft**

Top, left: Young circus goers carefully watch the magician's hands as he performs a card trick. Top, right: A pirate with one-eye and two long peg legs; they nicknamed her Peggy. Upper, middle, right: The circus contained many classic games of skill and luck, and in this case patience. Lower, middle, right: A damsel found to not be in distress at all. Bottom, right: The expertise of Circus Foundry thrilled and delighted the audience. Bottom, left: A performer balances a rose above her head for the Captain to aim for when showing his skills with a whip.



# Circus

in their craft to wow and entice audiences.

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contemporary performance troupe Circus Foundry was pirate-themed and featured a perfect combination of deck-swabbing humor and swashbuckling stunt work.

The agile and athletic performers stretched, balanced, toppled, and twirled through a variety of acts and sketches, including a hair-raising sword juggling performance, a rousing plank walk competition, and an elegant dance high above the ground.

The second annual Carousel of Happiness Summer Circus was an event run by volunteers and sponsored by Ace Hardware, B&F Mountain Market, Boulder County Kids, Bowyer D'Alessandro and Associates, Distinct Real Estate LLC, Knotted Root, and *The Mountain-Ear*. All proceeds earned from the circus goes to the continued operation and maintenance of The Carousel of Happiness.

A big thanks to all those who dedicated their time and effort to make this event a successful extension of the Carousel of Happiness in its mission to bring a smile to the faces of the community. And thanks to the amazing performers at Circus Foundry, who have trained hard

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# Fjallraven Classic USA



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### End of the trail

Top: Two trekkers finishing the Fjallraven Classic. The hike covered 30 miles in three days with camping at two high altitude lakes. Middle: Finish tent for the Fjallraven Classic USA trek at the start of Rollins Pass. Bottom: Fjallraven Classic hikers checking in at the finish tent at the start of Rollins Pass. Hikers from around the world participated in the three-day trek.

WES ISENHART  
PEAK TO PEAK

Lake and the second night at Jenny Lake. The weather was dry but the views were smoky.

Hikers from around the world enjoyed three days of high alpine trekking across Rollins Pass from July 24 to 26, at the Fjallraven Classic USA. The trekkers hiked 30 miles in three days while traversing the Continental Divide and learning about environmentally friendly ways to enjoy the outdoors.

The Classic was cancelled during the pandemic but started up again last year and was completely filled this year. Hikers came from as far away as South Korea and from the flatlands of Nebraska. One common theme at the finish area was the sense of community in the group.

Fjallraven (fjallraven.com) is an outdoor sporting goods company that is based in Sweden and also offers group outdoor activities. It is similar to REI in the US. The Fjallraven emblem is an Arctic fox, and their brands are known for being durable. They promote a sustainable future by building products that are so durable that they can be passed on to the next generation.

Fjallraven has an extensive presence on YouTube and helped hikers get ready for their trek with videos on what and what not to pack, how to avoid sore feet, how to train for high altitude hiking and how to handle the mental challenges of pushing one's limits.

The first Fjallraven Classic trek was in Sweden in 2005 and became so popular that Fjallraven expanded into the US in 2016. Gilpin County and Rollins Pass were chosen for the beauty of the area and the ability to support the trekkers.

Their Facebook page (Fjallraven Classic Official) chronicled hiker experiences on the trek. Their Facebook page indicates that the Fjallraven Classic is more than just a trek – it's a celebration of the outdoors: "We've been trekking for more than 50 years; I hope we never get there."

Hikers spent the first night at Corona Rollins Pass echoed that sentiment.

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# Local Olympian: Grant Koontz



CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
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On August 8, at 9 a.m., be sure to tune into the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics to catch a local competing as a first-time Olympian.

Professional cyclist and Nederland resident Grant Koontz will be competing alongside some of the world's greatest athletes in the Men's Omnium event.

The Omnium is a track cycling event made up of six individual races, starting with a scratch race, then an individual pursuit, an elimination race, a time trial, a lap against the clock, and a points race.

30-year-old Koontz has plenty of experience in the Omnium event and in the professional cycling world, having competed internationally

and ranked 6th place in the 2022 UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) World Championships.

He took home two bronze medals and four gold medals in the 2023 PanAmerican Games in Santiago, Chile, a bronze medal in the 2024 UCI Track Nations Cup, and five gold medals in the USA Cycling Track National Championships.

Koontz has ridden for many legendary cycling teams over the years, including Texas A&M University from 2012 to 2016, DNA Racing in 2019, Rodeo Labs Pro Gravel from 2020 to 2021, Star Track UCI from 2021 to today, as well as the USA National Track Team from 2022 to today.

His biography on the official website for the 2024 Olympics notes that he began cycling

professionally when his parents gave him a bike instead of a car for his 16th birthday. Koontz's father was also a cyclist and introduced him to the sport.

During his formative years, from 16 to 22, Koontz fell in love with cycling and with competing as an athlete. For four years he competed in the professional road circuit, until he was introduced to track cycling in 2019. It was then that his sights became focused on working his way to the Olympics.

Koontz still competes in road cycling events, as does his partner Daphne Karagianis, who has raced with Team Illuminate and DNA Pro Cycling, and is currently with the Denver Disruptors.

Karagianis is also a fierce competitor in her own right, Placing 12th in the 2017 Grand Prix Cycliste Gatineau, 9th in the 2019 Tour of Zhoushan Island, and 4th in the 2022 Tour of the Gila. She also is a

successful designer in the branding and UI/UX (User Experience/User Interface) worlds.

Hopefully all cycling enthusiasts, fans of the Olympics and Team USA, and those who want to support an Olympian from Nederland will rally behind Koontz and cheer him on through to the finish line.

The Paris 2024 Summer Olympics can be viewed live on NBC and on the Peacock app. The Men's Omnium event is expected to take place on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 9 a.m. but please follow the official 2024 Olympics schedule, located here, for the latest updates: <https://olympics.com/en/paris-2024/schedule/grid>

Follow Grant Koontz at: <https://www.grantkoontz.com> or @rakooontz on Instagram.

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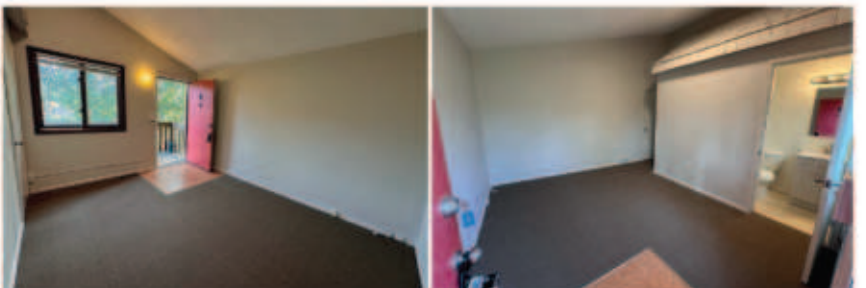
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# Bear necessities at Brooks Falls



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### A convergence of wildlife

Top, left: An immature bald eagle comes in for a landing to scavenge salmon carcasses. Right: Young cubs climbing a tree for safety while their mother fishes. Bottom, left: A brown bear as seen from the elevated boardwalk that crosses the Brooks River.

DAVE GIBSON  
KATMAI NATIONAL PARK,  
ALASKA

Brooks Falls in Katmai National Park & Preserve is one of the finest locations in the world to view bears in the wild. Established in 1918, approximately 2200 brown bears reside within its boundaries. Every year beginning in July, scores of the ursine gather there at Brooks River to feast on spawning sockeye salmon.

Once you've made your way to Anchorage, a 45-minute flight on Alaska Airlines will take you to King Salmon in the northern section of the Alaska Peninsula where you'll begin your bear viewing adventure. Short of winning a spot through the Brooks Lodge lottery for accommodations at a rate of \$1,250 per night for a small rustic cabin with two bunk beds, or securing a hard-to-attain camping permit, King Salmon Lodge is your best bet to be your base of operations.

The rooms and cabins are clean and comfortable at a cost of \$450 for a single and \$600 for a double. The food at King Salmon Lodge is the best in town and the staff can schedule roundtrip transportation to Brooks Camp via water taxi or floatplane for \$450 per person. No one ever said that premier bear viewing comes cheaply.

It is best to reserve two nights for every day of planned bear viewing,

since inclement weather sometimes scrubs flights and cancels taxis. To kill time if that happens, wetting a line in the Naknek River is a worthwhile alternative.

On my first morning the lodge hooked me up with a group who would be boating across Naknek Lake to Brooks Camp for some river fishing. They stayed clumped together and slowly headed to the shoreline every time a bear got too close. Much of their excursion was spent dodging bears.


Upon arrival at Brooks Camp, first-timers are required to complete "bear school" at the visitor center, which consists of a short film and briefing on proper bear viewing etiquette. After storing any food you might have, it is an easy 1.5-mile hike to the main viewing platforms.

The elevated boardwalk spanning the Brooks River is secured at both ends with a heavy metal door to keep the bears out. While crossing it, I spotted a red-breasted merganser hen and her fifteen ducklings resting on a partially submerged log. I'd watched them grow up over the last two weeks on the webcam at [www.explore.org](http://www.explore.org). They were now nearly as big as their mother.

In a prelude of what was to come, a brown bear sow and her two yearlings stood on an island in the distance.

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#### Fattening up for winter

Left: This bear at The Riffles consumed over a half dozen fish per hour. Right: A bear looks on as another is about to snag a sockeye salmon from atop Brooks Falls.

## Bears

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Another bear swam in search of salmon.

Hiking the greenery-lined trail, we spotted a rather large bear headed in our direction. Right of way never an issue, we stepped 50 feet to the side and let him pass. Not much farther along, another bear approached, so we repeated what we'd done before – only this time, the bear angled off the trail straight towards us. Trying not to panic, we moved again and the big boar ambled by.

Another door and boardwalk led to where you sign up for a half-hour session on the Falls Platform. Only 40 people are allowed there at a time. On busy days during July, you might have to wait up to two hours for your turn. In the meantime, situated just downriver of the falls is the Riffles Platform where you wait until your name is called.

The action at the Riffles Platform was often better than at the falls. One female bear was particularly adept at catching fish in the salmon-packed river and would consume around seven an hour. With such an abundance of food available the bears didn't bother eating the entire fish, instead, pinning the salmon's head to a convenient surface, stripping the fatty skin off with its teeth, downing the tail and nearly boneless back half of the fish, and

letting the rest drift downstream for the bald eagles and seagulls.

A beautiful blonde sow and her two dark brown cubs born during the winter showed up by the platform all three days that I was there. They would mill about until she'd lead them to a nearby tree for the cubs to climb while she was fishing. After getting her fill, she'd bring them back a few scraps.

The bears mostly respected each other's space according to dominance, but occasionally between evenly matched bears a fight would erupt to settle their differences. The skirmishes could be fierce yet short lived, establishing new limits.



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON

The same bears claimed the same choice spots every day at the falls. Well known to some of the visitors, they had names like 747, 32 Chunk, and 164 Bucky. Growing fatter by the hour, they'd sometimes sit chest-deep in the river grasping a salmon in their front paws while downing their catch. The Park Service estimates that between 200,000 and 400,000 sockeyes make it past the gauntlet of brown bears and over the six-foot high waterfall to their Brooks Lake spawning grounds each year. The river is backed up with fish as they repeatedly attempt to clear the obstacle.

As different waves of fish come in, there can be a dozen salmon per second launching themselves for hours at the waterfall, or just a few. On my second day my water taxi was the first to arrive and since I'd already graduated "bear school," I proceeded directly to the lower Falls Platform with no waiting time. Two bears were perched atop the falls where most of the sockeye pass. There were long lulls between salmon within the bears' reach. Not fond of sharing a confined area rich in protein, they barely tolerated each other, growling and trading harmless swipes back and forth, not giving an inch.

Thomas D. Mendelson's iconic photograph titled "Catch of the Day" of a sockeye salmon about to enter a

bear's mouth is the picture most people associate with Brooks Falls. It is the shot many photographers, including me, try to emulate. With that in mind, I set my camera at its highest speed possible with a reasonable ISO, shallow depth of field, and good exposure. I would also need luck.

Patiently focused on the bears and the falls at the same time, whenever a salmon appeared in the bottom right corner of my viewfinder I began firing at six frames per second. I attained some nice images that way but no great ones when everything suddenly aligned perfectly. While reviewing my pictures on the LCD screen I noticed an airborne fish frozen in time near the gaping jaws of a hungry bear that would make a meal of it. While no two action shots will ever be the same, the picture was similar to Mendelson's photo and satisfying to have captured.

The days of bear viewing had come to an end with too many encounters to describe or remember in detail: over 30 bears were observed on every visit. Bidding farewell to Brooks Camp, I boarded my floatplane as a mother bear and her cubs raced along the beach behind us.

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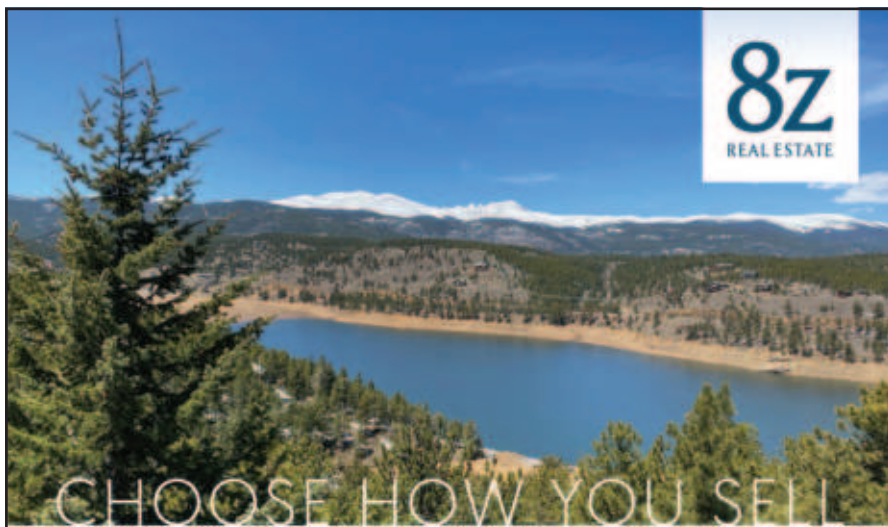
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**Timberline moving on bay addition**



PHOTO BY MINDY LEARY

**New faces at Timberline Fire**

Jen Lomeli joins the team, attending the monthly Timberline Fire Protection District board meeting.

MINDY LEARY  
GILPIN COUNTY

The Timberline Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on July 24, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Station 3, 19126 Highway 119. Key topics included an upcoming bay addition to Station 3, budget approvals, and administrative updates.

Vincent Barlock, a Certified Professional Geologist from Baseline Engineering, presented on the preparations needed for the planned bay addition at Station 3, which will include a 30,000-gallon cistern. Baseline Engineering, specializing in civil engineering services, may prepare an environmental report addressing drainage, aesthetics, parking, and landscaping.

Fire Chief Paul Ondr noted that Station 3 is recognized as a historical landmark by the county but not at the state level. President Rick Wenzel mentioned further discussions would be held regarding the environmental report, including consultations with their USDA representative, and thanked Barlock for his presentation.

During a public hearing, the 2023 Amended Budget, prepared by the Adams Group, LLC, was reviewed. With no public comments, Member at Large John Carder explained that the additional \$1.5 million in the budget resulted from funds received for the change in the starting date for the lease of five trucks. The Amended 2023 Budget was approved unanimously.

Jen Lomeli was introduced as the new Administrative Assistant, along with her corgi, Rosie.

In ongoing business, updates on capital projects for stations 1, 3, and 5 were provided. Ondr reported that the generator for Station 1 has been ordered and the deposit paid.

Station 3's CDS/USDA Grant for the garage bays is pending the preliminary architectural report. Additionally, Station 3 received a historical grant for roof installation, and the building permit process has been completed.

A letter from the Timberline Volunteer Firefighter Foundation was read, thanking the Board of Directors, Chief Paul Ondr, and the firefighters and their families for their support during the Gilpin County Fair. The foundation raised over \$7,000 during the event.

**Chief's Report**

**Operations:**

- 52 calls were responded to in June
- A notable response to a 1-acre wildfire in Missouri Lakes 1.
- All trucks are currently in service.

**Wildland/Mitigation:**

- Stage 1 fire restrictions are in place.
- Brush 56 was deployed to Louisiana for a 14-day severity assignment, with additional work completed. The truck is expected back soon.
- A busy mitigation phone line.
- A quick response to a call in Corona Heights, thanks to the mitigation crew.
- Upcoming core team CWPP meeting at Station 3 on July 31.
- A significant mitigation project in Pinecliffe is planned to take about a month.
- Roadside work in Aspen Springs and private work continues.
- Dakota Tower has been approved.

**Administration:**

- The Gilpin County Fair was a huge success.
- Efforts continue to finalize the lease purchase.
- Working on completing the DOLA EIAF grant for Station 3, due on August 1.
- The Chief has been involved in plan reviews for fire alarm systems and residential driveways in Gilpin County.

**Recruitment & Retention:**

- Three new in-district, three shifts, and five more interviewing.
- A new resident at Station 5 is also working with the mitigation team.
- Two shift volunteers have resigned.
- Onboarding of new volunteers will begin in September.

Administrative Chief Jen Hinderman said they received many thanks from residents at the Gilpin County Fair booth for the fast response to the Missouri Lakes Fire.

*The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. The Board of Directors' meeting concluded with the next regular meeting scheduled for August 13, 2024, at 7 p.m. at Station 8, 4611 Highway 46, Black Hawk. An open house will precede the meeting at 5 p.m.*



# District approves Jeffco Wildland Fire Management IGA



JOHN SCARFFE  
GOLDEN GATE

The Golden Gate Fire Protection District Board approved the Jeffco Wildland Fire Management IGA during a regular meeting on July 25, 2024 at the Grange. Board members present were Niffy Ovuworie, Vice-President and Treasurer, and Marith Reheis, Secretary. President Deb Curlee attended online, so Ovuworie ran the meeting. Dave Primmer and Steve Green arrived late.

Green asked that the question be added to the agenda as to whether a firefighter should be doing the books for the District.

Ovuworie opened the review and approval of the Jeffco Wildland Fire Management IGA and moved to approve the IGA. It had not been ready at the last meeting.

At the June meeting, Chief Kyle Benson introduced the Jeffco All Hazards IGA. This IGA outlines mutual aid and assistance and puts guidelines around what is mutual aid for all fire departments in Jefferson County. It needs approval by the Board.

According to the agreement, "This Agreement is intended to allow for mutual aid between the Parties whenever there is an urgent or potentially significant situation that threatens the general welfare and good order of the public, public health, public safety, or property, including but not limited to 'Disasters,' 'State of Emergency,' or 'Local Emergency' as those terms are defined.

"The Parties intend to authorize and provide the terms for their mutual assistance in an Emergency which requires resources in addition to those that can be provided by the Party in whose jurisdiction the Emergency occurs. Mutual assistance will be provided at the sole discretion of a responding party; this Agreement does not create an obligation to provide mutual assistance."

On July 25, Green said that the IGA is not something you sit down and understand right away. Reheis said the County can approve it, and the Sheriff has operational command.

The Board approved the IGA with Green and Primmer voting nay.

Primmer introduced a contact for the Volunteer Firefighter Pension Fund.

Ovuworie said not being represented at the state meeting is a large concern to him. Primmer noted they have three people listed but GGFPD doesn't qualify for the state match. It is self-funding.

Regarding Green's question as to whether a firefighter should be doing the books, Ovuworie said that issue should be discussed in an executive session.

Ovuworie gave the Treasurer's report. For the period covering June 2024, the District's total expenditures were \$17,284.81. A noted item was \$2,000 for Artisan Custom Hardwood Floors.

For the period covering April 2024, the District collected revenue of \$36,657. Total Bank Accounts came to \$475,387.72.

Chief Benson reported that there have been several significant wildland fire events in Jefferson County in the last month. GGFPD is actively participating in mutual aid call availability through Jeffcom as well as the regional coordination group.

This system is still relatively new for our region; however, it is proving to be very efficient in coordinating available assets in events that have the possibility of rapid growth.

Lutheran Hospital is still on track

to move into its new location at Clear Creek Crossing on August 3.

A new non-profit, free smartphone application called "firewatch" has been made available to the public for tracking wildland fires. It has proven to be a great public resource and is a great solution for anyone who is interested in receiving the most up to date information regarding wildland fires in our area.

ESO has gone live for the officers. We are currently running with both ESO and Emergency Reporting live as we go through the training phase with all officers and firefighters. The TAK (Team Awareness Kit) integration project hit a roadblock this month when discussing hardware compatibility with Firstnet/ATT and Jeffcom.

The hardware that was originally quoted for the project is not directly compatible with the Tritech CAD interface. Further quotes for compatible hardware are not within the capability of the budget.

Chief Enright is currently researching a CAD interface work-around with Jeffcom to be able to utilize hardware that is more reasonably priced or offset by Firstnet. "We want to ensure that any solution we move forward with is both 100 percent capable across all of our software systems and is also financially reasonable for the district's budget," Benson said.

Regarding grant updates, the BLM Community fire assistance grant with a 50 percent match on CWPP is awaiting decision. The SIPA grant for \$5500 to fund a website update and ADA compliance is awaiting a decision in August or September.

The Firehouse Sub grant for \$38,000 to fund the Hurst battery extrication tools is awaiting decision in October or November. DFPC Direct Distribution grant for full replacement of outdated Scott SCBAs/Bottles & Face pieces is awaiting decision in August or September.

Call volume has picked up significantly in July, with 55 incidents

to date. One incident represents two simultaneous calls regarding lighting strikes in Robinson Hill and Guy Hill.

Two fire stops were within the district in July. One was a car fire on Golden Gate Canyon Road that was stopped before it became fully involved and spread to the wildland interface. The other was a small fire started by a lightning strike to a tree in the area of Guy Hill. GGFPD firefighters have also gone on standby for two expanding incidents within Jeffco. However, we were not deployed in that situation.

The District currently has 23 operational members and four support services members on the roster. Once the 2024 Academy is complete in August, the department will look at actively recruiting for 2025.

The Station 81 renovation is functionally complete. A few small finishes became more complicated than expected. However, the station quarters, training room, and office are fully operational. The final items should be completed by the end of the month, and the station will be ready to share with the community.

Station 82's exterior doors have been repainted to match both station 81 and 83. All the exterior facades of the stations are now cohesive and shine with GGFPD pride. "A huge thank you to our volunteer painting crew who has put in countless days to help us with this project!"

Station 83's drainage issues and potential resolution are being drafted by the engineer after their site visit. We will have the full engineer report at the August board meeting.

*The next regular Board meeting and Pension Board will be on August 22 at 6:30 p.m. for the Pension Board and at 7 p.m. for the Board meeting at the Grange, 25231 Golden Gate Canyon Rd., Golden. For more information, go to [https://MAIN - Golden Gate Fire Protection District](https://MAIN-Golden Gate Fire Protection District).*



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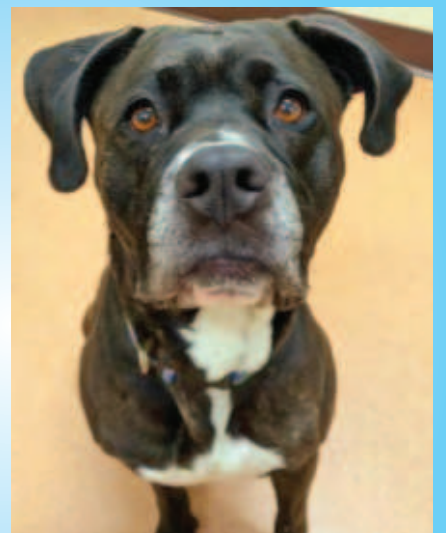
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# Gilpin commissioners tour the Belvidere



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## A history lesson

Eric Chinn discussing the history of the Belvidere theater and the progress on renovating it for future events. All three Gilpin commissioners were on the tour along with Central City Alderman Jeff Aiken, Meg Graves from Central City Opera and reps from ZIM consulting.

WES ISENHART  
GILPIN COUNTY

Gilpin County commissioners were able to see the progress being made to renovate the Belvidere Theater as they toured the historic building on July 27, 2024. The public tour was led by Eric Chinn, a board member of both the Belvidere Theater Foundation and the Gilpin County Historical Society.

Chinn spoke about the history of the theater dating back to the 1870s, when it was the Shoofly Bar and dancehall. The building was also used as a bottling plant for cure-all elixirs in the 1890s and as an armory for the Colorado National Guard in the early 1900s.

The renovation began after Gilpin County transferred the property to Central City in 2015 and forgave the back taxes. Since then, Central City has used Historical Preservation Funds for planning and design and established the Belvidere Foundation in 2020 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to spearhead fund raising for the project.

The project was slowed because of the pandemic but fundraising continued with grants and donations. Peter Droege of the Belvidere Foundation explained that the Belvidere has received \$4.1 million to date in combined grants from DOLA, Gates Foundation, Boettcher Foundation, State Historic Preservation funds, Central City, Gilpin County, plus Preservation Tax Credits which have helped stretch the funding.

Renovation work began in earnest in 2022 and current plans are to open the restaurant area in 2026 in time for Colorado's Sesquicentennial celebrations. When completed, the renovated community events space will be able to host concerts, plays, and other community events.

*The Belvidere Theater Foundation (theBelvidere.org) has rolled out a new dedicated capital funds campaign for interested donors. The foundation maintains a Facebook page and can be contacted by mail at 139 Nevada Street, Central City, Colorado 80427.*

# Body found in Wyoming identified as Black Hawk resident

MINDY LEARY  
GILPIN COUNTY

The body of a man previously referred to as "John Doe," found wrapped in a tarp near Mirror Lake on the Snowy Range summit off Wyoming Highway 130, has been identified as 56-year-old James Bitner from Black Hawk, Colorado.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office confirmed that Bitner's death is being investigated as a homicide.

The discovery of Bitner's body over the Fourth of July weekend led to the temporary closure of the popular Snowy Range picnic and fishing site as law enforcement conducted their investigation.

James Eugene Bitner (born 1967) is listed at 380 Sierra Timber Road, Black Hawk, and is affiliated with the Colorado Republican Party. He is registered to vote in Gilpin County. (Retrieved from <https://voterrecords.com/voter/2850483/james-bitner>.)

The investigation is a joint effort involving multiple agencies, including the Albany County Sheriff's Office,

Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, Gilpin County Sheriff's Office, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and the Colorado 1st Judicial District Attorney Investigators' Office.

Bitner, whose LinkedIn profile indicates he had a professional background in Colorado, was identified through fingerprint analysis. His sudden and tragic death has raised concerns among the local community and authorities, who are working diligently to uncover the circumstances surrounding the case.

The Gilpin County Sheriff's Office declined making a statement since the investigation is active and ongoing.

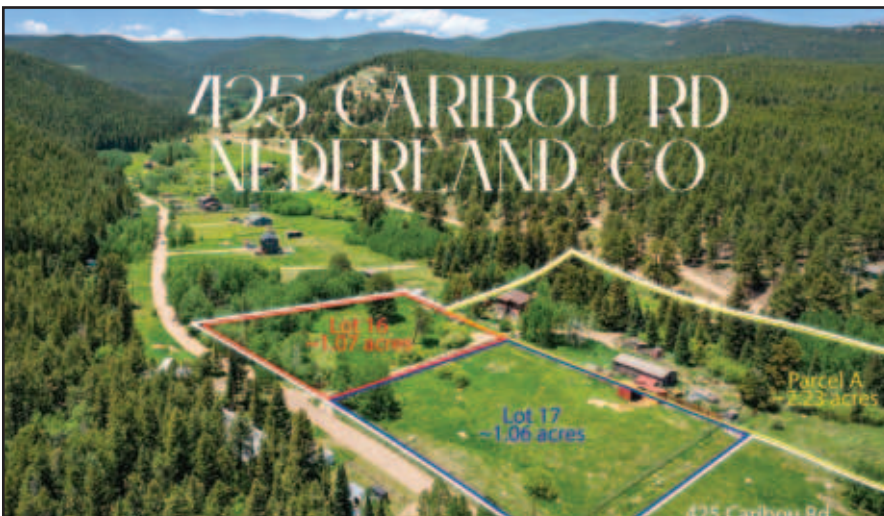
Law enforcement remains committed to resolving the case and providing closure to Bitner's family.

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# BoCC discusses grant application



PHOTO BY MINDY LEARY

### Discussing Rollinsville

Community Development Director Rob Gutierrez and Planner Rachel Vigil discuss the REDI grant with the commissioners at a special meeting on July 30, 2024.

MINDY LEARY  
CENTRAL CITY

A special meeting of the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners was convened at 9 a.m. on July 30, 2024, to address a REDI grant. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Sandy Hollingsworth, Marie Mornis, and Susan Berumen, along with County Manager Ray Rears. County Attorney Brad Benning was absent.

Rob Gutierrez, the Community Development Director, presented **Resolution 24-108**, which involves authorizing staff to apply for a grant under the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Program offered by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

Gutierrez outlined that preliminary design work is a prerequisite for the grant application. The resolution focuses on addressing infrastructure deficits in Rollinsville, particularly the absence of public water and firefighting

systems. It also explores the feasibility of establishing a Mountain Rail Line station in the area.

The resolution addresses several key objectives:

**Infrastructure Improvement:** Evaluating options for enhancing water storage for firefighting and developing public water and wastewater systems. The resolution proposes considering various models, including independent systems and partnerships with neighboring jurisdictions.

**Mountain Rail Line Feasibility:** Assessing the potential for a passenger rail station in Rollinsville, including identifying potential sites, estimating development costs, and determining local preferences.

**Identifying Additional Needs:** Highlighting other public infrastructure deficits that impact economic development and safety, such as roadway conditions, stormwater management, and pedestrian facilities.

**Development Planning:** Crafting an area-specific development plan to align with the County's Comprehensive Plan. This includes promoting economic growth through local businesses, supporting affordable housing, and considering potential government mechanisms to finance infrastructure improvements.

Gutierrez emphasized the potential for Rollinsville to become a vibrant community hub. He noted that even if the Mountain Rail Line does not materialize, existing transportation options like Amtrak could still benefit the area.

Hollingsworth mentioned that the Mountain Rail program would not have another meeting until September. The program has specific requirements such as ADA compliance for any proposed stops.

The commissioners debated the grant's scope and funding. Mornis expressed concerns that the proposed grant amount of \$300,000, including a \$150,000 local match, might be excessive.

Hollingsworth proposed reducing the request to \$250,000 with a \$125,000 local match. This revised proposal was approved with a 2-1 vote, Mornis voting against it.

After the grant discussion, the commissioners addressed additional agenda items. They reviewed the property value protest process but did not receive any protests. They then continued their work session.

Paul Ondr, Timberline Fire Chief, provided an update on wildfire mitigation efforts. He reported a backlog of 20-30 mitigation jobs, with

work booked through November.

Recent efforts include completing wildfire mitigation around Corona Heights and the first phase of work at the Recreation Center. A roadside chipping event is scheduled for August 18 at Missouri Lakes. Ondr noted the need for an additional \$5,000 for this event and indicated that future projects, including Aspen Springs and Dory Hill, might require similar funding.

Administrative Analyst Sam Bower presented the Dispatch Fee Formula, showing an average call cost of \$58.62 under Formula 1, with projected 2025 revenue of approximately \$220,000. He noted that Formula 2 would result in a fee of \$68.10 per call. The board decided to drop the formula but further investigate fee structures and review Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with involved agencies.

Bower also discussed the Field Worker Safety Policy, outlining existing policies and who is covered. A resolution on this policy will be presented at the next regular Board meeting on August 13.

Jennifer Cook from CSU Extension and Sarah Baciak, Paralegal, introduced Ordinance No. 24-01, which repeals the previous weed management ordinance and adopts a new Gilpin County Weed Management Plan.

Cook presented brochures and discussed potential changes to the bylaws of the Noxious Weed Advisory Board. The new ordinance, driven by recent legislative changes, includes a graduated fee schedule for non-

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# New BHPD employees welcomed

MINDY LEARY  
BLACK HAWK

At the start of the City Council meeting on July 24, 2024, a special moment was set aside for the new Black Hawk Police Department employees to ring the Black Hawk City Council chambers' big old bell – a beloved tradition that marks the beginning of the meeting.

Each of the new hires took a turn ringing the bell once. This ringing of the bell not only marked the beginning of their journey with the city but also celebrated their official welcome into the Black Hawk community.

Black Hawk Chief of Police Michelle Moriarty introduced the new employees to the City Council: Emily Perhats, Police Records Specialist; Jewelysa O'Brien, Communications Officer I; and Tayler Innis,



PHOTO BY MINDY LEARY

### Welcome to the force!

Black Hawk Chief of Police Moriarty introduces and welcomes three new team members at the Black Hawk City Council meeting on July 24, 2024.

Communications Officer. Each new employee was welcomed warmly by the council members, shaking their hands as they went around the room.

After the introductions, Alderman Paul Bennett, who has served on the Black Hawk City Council for two decades, joked that the new hires should commit to at least five years before considering any changes in their employment.

Alderman Linda Armbricht was noted as absent but excused from the meeting.

The council then moved on to the consideration of **Ordinance 2024-10**, which addressed the issue of residential water rates. Originally, **Ordinance 2002-40** eliminated the base charge for residential water taps of 0.75 inches. However, subsequent amendments to Section 13-23 of the municipal code inadvertently removed this provision. The newly proposed **Ordinance 2024-10** aims to reinstate the exemption, ensuring that the City does not impose a monthly base charge for these smaller residential water taps.

Next, the council reviewed **Ordinance 2024-11**, which proposed an amendment to Section 13-3 of the City of Black Hawk Municipal Code. This ordinance seeks to prohibit the construction and drilling of private water wells within city limits.

The rationale behind this ordinance is to control development within the City, particularly concerning single mining claims, and to ensure that

all premises are connected to the municipal water and sanitary sewer services.

The council then acted as the local liquor licensing authority to consider a special event liquor permit for evo Denver. The event, known as the evo Trailgate party, is a celebration of mountain biking and a fundraiser for the Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COMBA).

It is scheduled to take place on August 24, featuring community group rides on the Maryland Mountain trails, followed by refreshments at the Hidden Treasure Trailhead.

Deputy City Clerk Michele Martin explained, "They plan to have beer after their bike ride event on Saturday, August 24, at the Hidden Treasure Parking Lot and trails. No objections were received by today's deadline, so technically there's really no need for the public hearing."

During the discussion, Mayor David Spellman asked for a motion to approve the permit. Alderman Hal Midcap expressed his desire for further discussion, questioning why the event could not be held at the plaza or Rick Thomas Distillery.

Alderman Jim Johnson responded, "I thought we already agreed that we weren't going to put that in the plaza."

Mayor Spellman clarified that the plaza is currently under construction, and Alderman Benito Torres added that it could pose a safety issue.

Despite Midcap's concern that the event would be more appropriately

placed at a different venue, the council approved the permit with a 5-1 vote.

The council also considered several resolutions related to construction projects within the city. **Resolution 66-2024** and **Resolution 67-2024** authorized temporary construction easements to ESCO Construction Company for the staging and depositing of materials.

These resolutions support the Gilpin County School District's project to install a new sanitary sewer line from Black Hawk to the Gilpin School along Highway 119. The City approved the use of 7630 and 7670 Black Hawk Boulevard as a construction staging area and the Country World site for depositing unneeded materials, provided they meet City requirements.

Lastly, **Resolution 68-2024** authorized the Mayor to execute Quitclaim Deeds on behalf of the City to three new members of the Silver Dollar Metropolitan District Board: Steve Peate, Jeannie Magdefrau, and Amanda Hansen. These new board members replace previous members and are granted a one percent interest as joint tenants with right of survivorship.

*The council meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 3:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Black Hawk City Council is scheduled for August 14, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 211 Church Street, Black Hawk, Colorado.*

## POETRY CORNER

Some words for the week

my mechanic says  
that my poetry  
either laments the fiery end  
of our mountain homes  
or praises the nature  
which still remains  
he asks which is it  
how do I see the world?  
burning or beautiful  
and I take a moment  
and look out over the reservoir  
and over the mountains  
rippled and green and soft  
all blurred by smoke  
from smoldering northern forests  
and I reply  
that there is no choosing anymore  
the world is burning  
the world is beautiful  
red paintbrush  
and purple columbine  
poke up between aspens  
but the blossoms  
and all else we know  
will eventually fall into ashes  
but there will always be  
the blooming  
of flame and flowers  
not separate from each other  
but one feeding the next  
the flowers and then the flame  
and then the flowers  
all perfect and yellow and bright  
miraculously again

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Never forget – no one else sees the world as you do, so no one else can tell the stories that you have to tell.”*  
~Charles De Lint



# Commissioners consider industrial land uses



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

## Residential space on Industrial land?

The Commission discussed the possibility of changing the Use Group Table to allow for housing in Industrial zones.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

The Planning Commission met on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, together with representatives from SE Group. SE Group has been contracted by the Town of Nederland to draft a new Comprehensive Plan, a guiding document meant to provide policy recommendations pertaining to annexation, economic development, land use, recreation, and tourism.

Ayden Eickhoff and Gabby Voeller of SE Group led Commissioners in a discussion regarding the drafting of the Comprehensive Plan, specifically the creation of a Three-Mile Plan and determining the permitted uses for land zoned as Industrial.

According to SE Group, each chapter within the plan will contain an overall vision statement pertaining to that chapter's topic. These vision statements are expected to include the sentiments of statements on similar topics drafted for Envision 2030 and other guiding documents.

Each chapter will include a vision statement, high level bullet points about current issues and notes from relevant discussions, a recapitulation of public engagement made by SE Group regarding the chapter's topic, and then recommended goals, policies, and next steps towards resolving the stated issues.

The land use chapter, the focus for the Commission's discussion, is expected to contain more direct data, such as a Three-Mile Plan, a land use map, and

targeted recommendations for changes to land zoning and to municipal code.

The many different chapters of the plan will be shaped considering the four pillars of Resiliency: leadership and strategy, health and wellbeing, economy and society, and infrastructure and ecosystems.

SE Group specified that they were utilizing "resiliency framework that seemed tangible at the municipal level." Resiliency measures are intended to be used in conjunction with Sustainability measures in order to promote natural conservation and healthy development.

Commissioners discussed the development of Nederland's Three-Mile Plan by analyzing a map of properties within three miles of the municipal border. The properties on the map were flagged for the possibility of annexation into the Town as a result of information SE Group had gathered from research and public outreach.

A Three-Mile Plan provides municipalities with a framework from which to determine the viability of land to be annexed into the Town, including listing which properties are most eligible for annexation and stating how the Town could efficiently provide services to the new property while continuing to maintain services to the entire municipality.

The Commission considered the location of each property or subdivision; whether they were on unincorporated land, Boulder County open space, or U.S. Forest Service land; and analyzed the distance to any floodplains, to the

watershed, or to any wildlife corridors.

Regarding determining the criteria to be used by the Commission and Board of Trustees (BOT) while considering an application for annexation from a property or subdivision, SE Group asked for access to a cost analysis which would include the net benefit or net cost for annexing the neighborhoods in question.

Town Administrator Jonathan Cain suggested looking into the Utilities budget for that information, and added that any properties in the three miles outside of Nederland that are holding ground water rights should be considered a benefit to the Town.

There was some discussion about educating the public about annexation, as some Commissioners stated concern that many residents believe it is a "land grab" by the Town. In fact, an annexation is applied for by a property owner who desires their property or properties to be encompassed into the whole of the municipality, becoming connected to the Town's infrastructure and services.

The concern was raised as to whether a referendum petition by the public could result in an approved annexation being rescinded, as was the case in Steamboat Springs, which rejected the annexation of Brown Ranch for affordable housing. Town Attorney Jennifer Madsen reiterated that an annexation is a legislative decision, with the BOT having the ultimate say.

Nederland's annexation policy specifies that annexation applications go through a public process. Mayor Pro Tem Nichole Sterling noted that the process was added into Town code because it was assumed that most annexation applications would be dealt with by a public vote via petition.

Sterling also noted that Nederland's Intergovernmental Agreement with Boulder County was up for renegotiation and that it was unknown whether the County would want to have any say in Nederland's annexations. Sterling added that if the County wanted such control then there were some concessions that the Town of Nederland might request.

Commissioners also discussed the potential of rezoning lots classified as Industrial or changing the Use Group Table in Nederland Municipal Code (NMC) to allow for other uses, ideally housing, to be built on Industrial-zoned property. Sterling expressed a desire to hear feedback on this issue from SE Group, since language in Chapter 16 of NMC prohibits housing being built on Industrial-zoned lots.

SE Group offered their initial analysis

of Nederland's Industrial zone, the Wolf Tongue Mill and five properties currently operating as non-conforming residential use, and stated their belief that it was underutilized. The importance of a municipality maintaining an Industrial zone was mentioned, though it was added that, because of Nederland's need for housing, some rezoning could be considered appropriate.

Cain also added that industrial zones create opportunities for distilleries and recreation-related businesses to operate.

SE Group agreed to include language within the Comprehensive Plan that states the Town's interest in further exploring changes to the uses allowed on Industrial-zoned land. Commissioners Mike Dye and Linda Glasser both expressed that the owners of the five properties operating as residential should be notified if and when the Town discusses such land use rules.

Sterling spoke to her view that Mining should be removed from the Use Group Table as an allowable use on Industrial-zoned properties, due to her belief that any mining operation so close to the creek would be met with immediate ire from the community.

SE Group noted that Leadville was currently experiencing some of their historic mines reopening due to a surge in the price of minerals, and that there was the potential of a mining company bidding to set up a new operation if the Wolf Tongue Mill property were to ever be put on the market.

Though the Commission made no final decision or recommendation regarding removing mining as an allowable use for Industrial-zoned properties, there was consensus among Commissioners that mining operations were no longer desired in Town and that the discussion should be revisited.

SE Group expects to have a draft of the Comprehensive Plan deliverable by late September or early October, with a presentation and final opportunity for community feedback to take place in mid to late October. Two rounds of edits on the plan are expected to take place in November and December, with adoption of the Plan scheduled for December.

*The Nederland Planning Commission meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28 at 7 p.m. Meetings can be attended online via WebEx. For more information: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/planning-commission>.*





# AUGUST RECIPES



## Avocado Turmeric-Garlic Sizzle

**For this delightful summer treat:**

Pour a few generous glugs (about 1/4 to 1/3 cup) of extra-virgin olive oil into a small skillet.

Add 2 thinly sliced cloves of garlic and 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric.

Place the skillet over medium heat. Cook, giving it the occasional stir, until the garlic starts to sizzle and turns golden and toasty. Don't let the garlic burn! This should take about 4 to 5 minutes.

Turn off the heat and sprinkle in some chile flakes or black pepper. The amount really depends on the type of heat you want. If you're using crushed red pepper flakes, a small pinch should do the trick. If you're using something a little

milder, like gochugaru, Aleppo-style pepper, or urfa biber, add 1/2 teaspoon to up to 1 teaspoon. Season the sizzle with a bit of salt.

Split a couple of perfectly ripe, buttery avocados, and remove the pit. Scoop out the flesh in big pieces or cut the halves into slices. Arrange on a plate.

If you have some fresh herbs—mint, cilantro, basil, chives all work well—scatter them over top. Sprinkle with some salt. Squeeze 1 lime or 1 lemon over the herbed avocado. Pour the garlic and turmeric sizzle over—you'll immediately see a golden pool forming around the pieces of avocado.

Enjoy this as is, or add some sliced citrus for contrast. Or make it even simpler: mash the avocado up with the sizzle.

You can also try experimenting: Add grated ginger or other ground spices, like cumin or coriander, to the mix. Sesame seeds will add a nice crunch. You may find you want to make more, to have enough to use throughout the week for dressing smashed cucumbers, steamed rice, or cooked chickpeas or white beans.

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compliance, allowing for fines of up to \$500 for first offenses.

The Board decided to move the ordinance forward to the next meeting.

The work session concluded around 1:30 p.m., with the commissioners having addressed a range of important

issues, including infrastructure improvements, wildfire mitigation, and policy updates.

*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.*

## Public Notice

### County Designation of Areas of State Interest and Adoption of Revised 1041 Regulations

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County ("Board") will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 10th at 9:30 AM at the Historic Gilpin County Courthouse, Second Floor, Commissioners Meeting Room, 203 Eureka St. Central City, CO 80427 to consider:

1. Designating the following areas of state interest pursuant to Title 24, Article 65.1, Colorado Revised Statutes ("Areas and Activities of State Interest Act" or "the Act"):

Areas containing or having significant impact upon natural resources of statewide importance as designated on the "Wildlife Areas" map adopted by the County and as may be amended.

Areas around interchanges involving arterial highways as designated on the "Areas Around Interchanges" map adopted by the County and as may be amended.

2. Restating and confirming as an activity of state interest "the efficient utilization of municipal or industrial water projects."

3. Adopting revised guidelines and

regulations under the Act, which are currently Article 12 of the County Zoning Regulations.

4. Ending the current temporary stay on the processing of 1041 permit applications pursuant to Resolution 24-96.

A copy of the revised Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest in Gilpin County, including all proposed designations, is available on the County's website (<https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/news-notices/public-notices>) and at the office of the County Clerk & Recorder 203 Eureka St. Central City, CO 80427.

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: [kkaufman@gilpincounty.org](mailto:kkaufman@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 Deputy Clerk Kimberly Kaufman at (303)582-5214.

## Public Notice

### COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 24-03PT

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

On May 29, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Gilpin records.

Original Grantor(s)  
GS Mining Company, LLC,  
a Delaware Limited Liability Company  
Original Beneficiary(ies)  
Lonn and Connie Waddell  
Current Holder of Evidence of Debt  
Connie Waddell  
Date of Deed of Trust  
June 26, 2023  
County of Recording  
Gilpin  
Recording Date of Deed of Trust  
June 26, 2023  
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)  
174635  
Original Principal Amount  
\$34,000.00  
Outstanding Principal Balance  
\$29,898.03

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

EXHIBIT A  
LOTS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 AND THE NORTH 29 FEET OF LOT 10 AS DESCRIBED IN THE DOCUMENT RECORDED IN BOOK 60 AT PAGE 264 OF THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF GILPIN COUNTY, BLOCK 46, CITY OF CENTRAL, AND THE LOT ON THE EAST SIDE OF PACKARD GULCH AS DESCRIBED IN THE DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 86, PAGE 529 OF THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER OF GILPIN COUNTY, COUNTY OF GILPIN, STATE OF COLORADO.

Purported common address: 00 Packard St, Central City, CO 80427.

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

### NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice Is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00a.m. on Thursday, 09/26/2024, at The Office of the Gilpin County Public Trustee, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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Last Publication 8/29/2024

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IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED;  
DATE: 05/29/2024

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

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

Nathan L Andersohn #12000  
Andersohn Law Office, PC 11971 Quay Street, Broomfield, CO 80020 (303) 650-6414 Attorney File #  
The Attorney above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.  
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## Public Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given for a public hearing before the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners—sitting as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority—on August 13, 2024, at 9:30 AM or later, at 203 Eureka Street, Central City, Colorado. The Authority will receive public input regarding an application for a Special Event Liquor Permit for Gilpin County First Responders Day, to be held at 250 Norton Drive, Gilpin County, Colorado

on September 7, 2024. Said application was filed on July 9, 2024, in the Authority's office by Krystal Meyer, Event Coordinator. Public comment may be submitted in person at the hearing or in writing to: Gilpin County Commissioners, Attn: Clerk and Recorder Sahari McCormick, PO Box 429, Central City, CO, 80427, or via email to [smccormick@gilpincounty.org](mailto:smccormick@gilpincounty.org). Written comments must be received by August 12, 2024, in order to be considered.

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303-582-1453  
<http://www.facebook.com/gilpincounty.org/>

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

### Pool Hours - SUMMER

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

**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 Rippey with questions [jrippy@gilpincounty.org](mailto:jrippy@gilpincounty.org), 720-677-9770.

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

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

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

**4th Annual Shelby Allen Memorial Scholarship Volleyball Tournament.** Saturday, September 7, Games start at 9 a.m. Registration fees contribute to the scholarship fund. Other donations accepted at [www.shelbyallen.org](http://www.shelbyallen.org). Four players per team. Each team must have at least one female. Double elimination,

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

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

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

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

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**Community Center:**  
Child Camp Program Leader:  
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**Public Works:**  
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Senior Services & Transportation:  
Volunteer - Meals on Wheels Program:  
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12. Gaelic language
13. Big-ticket \_\_\_\_
14. Flowerbed cover
15. Western Samoan money
16. Agrippina's slayer
17. Literature class homework
18. \*"The Curious Case of \_\_\_\_ Button"
20. God of thunder
21. Tight or rigid
22. Blunder
23. \* \_\_\_\_ control
26. \*Alarm clock delay
29. Edible tuber
30. Racecourses
33. Crew propellers
35. Often follows dark or back
37. \_\_\_\_-Town, or Chicago
38. Friend, south of the border
39. Singular of #25 Down
40. Containing uranium
42. Rip off
43. Sleeping sickness vector
45. Che Guevara's hat, pl.
47. Roman road
48. "And Then \_\_\_\_ Were None"
50. Hillside, in Scotland
52. \*Home ringer
55. Raccoon's South American cousin
56. Debate side
57. Spring in a mattress
59. Ar, atomic number 18
60. Black-tie occasion
61. Golfer's aim
62. Group with pressure
63. Stallone
64. Semiprecious variety of agate

**DOWN**

1. Collector's goal
2. Kuwaiti, e.g.
3. \_\_\_\_ of Man
4. Shanty
5. Flower trunks
6. American Eagle's intimates brand
7. "Oh ' \_\_\_\_!"
8. \*Edible button
9. "The Sun \_\_\_\_ Rises"
10. "The Lion King" villain
11. Olden day "your"
13. More asinine
14. City area
19. Bulwark
22. Ems follower
23. Aimless walk
24. "Bravo! Bravo!", e.g.
25. Pall \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ of America
26. Largest organ of human body
27. Mobutu Sese Seko's nation
28. Cereal killer
31. Land measure
32. \_\_\_\_-cha-cha
34. Wails
36. \*Tall building people-mover
38. Of sour taste
40. All 50 states
41. Spanish airline
44. Make a logical connection (2 words)
46. Repeat an echo
48. Opposite of atonal
49. In a heated manner
50. Dull one
51. Angry display
52. Entertainingly eccentric people, Down Under
53. "On Golden Pond" bird
54. \_\_\_\_ of the valley
55. \*A baseball one has a button on top
58. Lexington airport code

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# NEDERLAND 150

AUGUST 2ND, 3RD, & 4TH



## THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST

7:00 - 9:00  
PM PM

Nederland Mining Museum  
200 N Bridge Street, Nederland, CO 80466

## GOLDIE, LAST OF THE WILD WEST GIRLS

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND

### COMMUNITY POTLUCK

5:00 - 7:00  
PM PM

Nederland Presbyterian Church  
210 N Jefferson Street, Nederland, CO 80466

### BARN DANCE

7:00 - 9:00  
PM PM

Steam Shovel Lot  
35 w 2nd Street, Nederland, CO 80466

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:00 - 11:00  
AM AM

Nederland Community Center  
750 CO-72, Nederland, CO 80466

### WILD BEAR ONION RINGS

8:00 - 9:00  
AM PM

The Covered Wagon  
15 e 1st Street, Nederland, CO 80466

### GILLASPIE HOUSE TOURS

10:00 - 4:00  
AM PM

Gillaspie House  
2 e 4th Street, Nederland, CO 80466

### STEAM SHOVEL DEMOS

10:00 - 4:00  
AM PM

Steam Shovel Lot  
35 w 2nd Street, Nederland, CO 80466

### PEAK-TO-PEAK RADIO CLUB DEMOS

10:00 - 4:00  
AM PM

Nederland Visitors Center  
4 w 1st Street, Nederland, CO 80466

### 150 PARADE

12:00 - 12:30  
PM PM

Snyder to East Street  
112 e 2nd Street, Nederland, CO 80466

### HOTDOGS & WATERMELON

12:30 - 2:00  
PM PM

Calvary Chapel  
275 CO-72, Nederland, CO 80466

### BLACKSMITHING DEMOS

1:00 - 3:00  
PM PM

Steam Shovel Lot  
35 w 2nd Street, Nederland, CO 80466

### UGLY TRUCK CONTEST

1:00 - 3:00  
PM PM

East Street  
Nederland, CO 80466

### CHALK ART CONTEST

1:00 - 4:00  
PM PM

Nathan Lazarus Skate Park  
155 East Street, Nederland, CO 80466

### SUMMER CONCERT

4:00 - 7:00  
PM PM

Downtown  
92 e 1st Street, Nederland, CO 80466

### MAGNOLIA CHILDREN THEATER: MACBETH

2:00  
PM

Backdoor Theater  
750 CO-72, Nederland, CO 80466

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

### COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE

10:00 - 12:00  
AM PM

Chipeta Park  
254 Lakeview Drive, CO 80466

### CLASSIC CAR SHOW

1:00 - 4:00  
PM PM

Caribou Village  
20 Lakeview Drive, Nederland, CO 80466

### TIME CAPSULE SEALING

3:00 - 4:00  
PM PM

Nederland Town Hall  
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