

## Ribbon cut on library event space



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

### New Library Reading Garden opens

New Board President Scarlett Ponton de Dutton (left) and Board member Scott Papich (right) use all tools at their disposal to cut the ribbon. See story page 14.

## TeamWorks 2024 celebration



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### Youth's hard work celebrated

The young members of a TeamWorks crew resting on their latest feat of triumph, after mitigating hundreds of feet of natural corridor. See story page 9.

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### Saturday, August 17

#### Nederland Summer Concert Series:

Bring a chair, a cooler and a blanket  
and sit back and enjoy some live  
music from Atomga and Selassee  
& Fafa Family. 4-7 p.m. at Chipeta  
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an unforgettable night filled with vibrant  
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### Sunday, August 18

**Nederland Farmers Market:** Enjoy a multitude of artisan  
food and craft vendors accompanied by live music right in  
town. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 80 E. Second Street, Nederland.

### Monday, August 19

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

**The Mountain Meditation Circle** is a free and open group  
that has been meeting every Monday evening at 6 p.m. for  
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# Cracker BARREL

Get involved in your community

### Wednesday, August 21

**Children's Storytime:** Join us  
every Wednesday morning for our  
Children's Storytime. Most of our  
children range from 0-5 years of age  
but all children are welcome. Enjoy  
stories, fingerplays, rhymes, and  
more. A themed craft will follow every  
storytime. The previous week's crafts are  
available while supplies last. Start at 10  
a.m. at the Gilpin County Public Library.

### Thursday, August 22

**Human Services Fair:** Every 4th Thursday of the month,  
agencies and organizations who provide services and  
assistance to the Peak to Peak region are on hand to answer  
questions and help with applications and eligibility. 10 a.m.  
to 12 p.m. at the Nederland Community Center.

**Sci-Fi Book Club Presents:** "Starship Troopers." Free  
movie event at the Backdoor Theater. There will be a raffle  
fundraising for Nederland Library Programs and Backdoor  
Theater fundraiser. 7 - 9 p.m.

### Friday, August 23

**Family Movie Matinee:** Bring the kids for free popcorn  
and a movie as we watch a family-friendly film in the  
meeting room. PG, 1 hour and 34 minutes, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
at the Gilpin County Public Library.

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ing at 7 p.m. online via Zoom. For more information visit <https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/tuesday-night-nederland-cross-talk-meeting>.

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

**Nederland Group** A hybrid meeting every Friday night at 7 p.m. at  
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**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  
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**Narcotics Anonymous 12 Step Meeting** This is an open hybrid  
meeting - anyone can attend - on Sundays from 6 to 7 p.m. at Ned-  
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hope to see you there sometime.

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# PEAK PERSPECTIVES: Flowers for Ned 150 volunteers

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

The last two weeks have felt like one big winding down from the amazing fun that was had over the weekend of Nederland's Sesquicentennial Celebration. The 150th was a great success, and all because of the grand efforts of some thoughtful, caring, and hardworking volunteers. This is to give them all a special thanks.

Thanks to the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church, to Margie DeFord Yansura, and all those who helped to make the community potluck dinner such a special event.

Yansura thanked her friends Debbie Stevens and Kathy Kelley "who teamed up to prepare baked ziti for 300 people," as well as everyone who helped set up the event and who cleaned up afterwards, including Jeff Yansura, Jim Reis, Mark Haynes and Paula Gipp.

Thanks to the Peak to Peak Chamber of Commerce for hosting the Barn Dance, and to High Performance Earthworks and the Sesquicentennial String Band.

Thanks to Natalie Duplessy of Peace, Love and Cake for Nederland's beautiful 150th birthday cake. Duplessy thanked all those who provided images for the scrapbook-inspired design of the cake, including the Nederland Area Historical Society, Jessie Ansari, Margie DeFord Yansura, Ann Marie Morgan, Kat Barr, Lisa Ezra, Jill Dreves, Tom Ritter, Lynette St John, Stephanie Andelman, Jeanette Smith, Lee Tillotson, and James DeWalt.

"You all helped to make this project extra special and I appreciate you all," Duplessy said.

Thanks to the Nederland Area Seniors and to the Map and Memories Committee, for their behind-the-scenes work in gathering many of the old timers for the Pancake Breakfast, as well as for providing yearbooks and other historic memorabilia for attendees of the breakfast to enjoy.

The committee consists of Lee Tillotson, Linda and Danny Glasser, Sue Leto, George Blevins, Jessie Ansari, Jeanette Smith, Sheila Ranegar, and Kay Turnbaugh, with special thanks to the *Nederland Bugle*.

Thanks to the Nederland Lions Club for their work organizing and managing the Pancake Breakfast. Co-chairs Anne Marie Morgan, Susan Kelly, and Margaret Freeman worked with a committee consisting of Reba Mitchell, Dawn Baumhover, Emily Sielski, and Serene Karplus.

"We had so many great volunteers! Some of whom really went above and beyond to make the breakfast a success," Morgan said. "There were too many folks to mention who stepped up and were helpful and flexible as the day evolved."

Morgan thanked Arden Buck, Betsy Buck, Barbara Davis, Beth David, Brent Warren, David Freeman, Diana Suich, Emily Sielski, Eugene D'Alessandro, Guy Falsetti, Harry Jacobson, Jane Curtus, Janna Butler, Jeanne Barrett, Ray Barrett, Jeff Yansura, Jim Hubbard, Jim Morgan, Jim Navratil, JoAnn Baker, John Mattson, Karen Siefer, Laura Pezley, Lauren Pfister, Mirasy Pfister, Lynn Abrams, Margaret Freeman, Mary Meyer-Scully, Natalie Duplessy, Nate James, Pat Ottum, Pat Whited, Paula Gipp, Randy Baker, Roger Shepherd, Ron Banecks, Rose True, Roy True, Scully Scully, Serene Karplus, Stephanie Andelman, Susan Kelly, and Tom Simmons.

Thanks to all of the volunteers from the Nederland Area Historical Society (NAHS), including Jessie Ansari, Emmitt Hoyle, Rebecca Wickre and many more, for delivering historical authenticity, connecting the residents of Nederland to its storied history.

A special thanks as well to Kay Turnbaugh and those volunteers at the Nederland Mining Museum and Gillaspie House.

Shoutouts are deserved as well to those from Wild Bear Nature Center, to the Town's three churches, (St.

Rita's Catholic Church, Nederland Community Presbyterian Church, and Calvary Chapel), to Time Served Productions and the Nederland Downtown Development Authority for the Summer Concert Series, to all those who organized and participated in the Chalk Art Contest, as well as the Class of 1974 High School Reunion, and to James Navratil for organizing and hosting the car show.

And a very special thank you to Nederland's Public Engagement Manager Peter Cacek for all of his work in making the 150th a successful locals-focused event.

"I just coordinated the things that the different groups wanted to do, made sure they had the resources they needed, and I think they all knocked it out of the park," Cacek said, following up after the event-packed weekend.

"I'm glad it wasn't tourism-based and that it really was focused on 'This Is Ned.' But the people who did visit, they got to see and learn about what we were and about what we are now as a town, and they got to just have fun with it."

In addition to Cacek, thanks are due to many Town of Nederland employees, including Brian Biggs and the entire Parks and Streets Department crews, for their help in managing the logistics of the jam-packed weekend.

Also, thanks to Nicki Dunn, not just for her work as Parks Department Manager, but for stepping in and honoring the Town and its citizens with a great speech to kick off the celebration.

Jeanette Smith, one of Nederland's cherished citizens, who was honored as the Grand Marshal of the parade and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the NAHS, reached out to *The Mountain-Ear* to extend her heartfelt thanks to all those volunteers who made the 150th into such a beautiful memory for her.

"I personally had friends come from all over the country, from Utah, Oregon, and even New York," Smith said. "It was just one big homecoming to everyone who went to Nederland High School."

"It was so much fun to see all those people that I hadn't seen in years."

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### Gilpin County Seniors

**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 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 cole-slaw, 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



Jeremy Mohney

JAMIE LAMMERS  
NEDERLAND

Boulder resident Jeremy Mohney has always had a passion for swing music. His grandfather often drove him around playing tapes of swing bands led by the likes of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, and Artie Shaw. He played in his school's jazz band, and he wanted to keep playing that music style once he left school. He's been gigging since his high school days in Boulder High, and he started The Jeremy Mohney Band over a decade ago as an outlet to consistently play.

Among the people who have been involved in the band over the years are guitarist Chris Herbst, bass player Conner Hollingsworth, drummer Chris Carland, trumpet player Sonya Walker, guitarist, upright bassist, and vocalist Andrew Bonnis (currently based in Cleveland with his own solo career), bassist Hunter Roberts, guitarist and vocalist Greg Schochet (he and Mohney have played in each other's bands), Gypsy Swing Revue lead Elliot Reed, guitarist Dan Buller, drummer Greg Corcione, bassist and trombonist Gary Sloan, guitarist Alex Heffron, and bassist Will Kuepper, many of whom have been featured on Mohney's previous musical releases. The current lineup consists of Mohney, Cantor, Hollingsworth, and Carland.

The band primarily focuses on swing music, especially stylings from the 1920s to the 1940s, with artists such as Louis Armstrong, Django Reinhardt, and Count Basie influencing their sound. Mohney loves when inspiration hits for originals and they pop into his head quickly, and his biggest driving force is trying to emulate the styles of the artists he grew up listening to. The band plays originals as well as covers or "standards," with the primary intention behind every song (especially his originals) being to convey a sense of joy.

Mohney primarily writes optimistic and uplifting songs, as even though we've all experienced pain in our lives, he wants to focus on the other primary universal human experience of happiness and positivity, rising above the hurt and finding a way to focus on the good. For him, there's nothing quite like performing with a group of people and seeing an audience connect to the music they play on stage. If the audience walks away happy at the end of his performances, Mohney knows he's achieved his goal.

You can stream Jeremy Mohney's newest releases, the EP *Mohney in Chicago* and the album *I'll Sing My Song*, as well as plenty of other releases, wherever you get your music. If you want to "Help Jeremy Mohney Start A Nine-Piece Dance Orchestra," then be sure to support that campaign on GoFundMe now.

He'll be performing in the Jeremy Mohney Trio at the Nederland Jazz and Wine Festival in Chipeta Park on Saturday, August 24, 2024. His sets with guitarist Elliot Reed and bassist Conner Hollingsworth are between 11 a.m. and noon and 2 and 4 p.m., and the entire festival lasts from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you want to learn more about the festival, who else is performing, and how to get tickets, be sure to head to nedjazzwine.com.

Also be sure to check out Mohney's musical efforts on Instagram (@jeremymohneymusic), Facebook (Jeremy Mohney), and YouTube (@jeremymohneymusic) and support those efforts on Patreon (Jeremy Mohney).

### Music Events

#### Busey Brews

Saturday, August 17 at 6 p.m. - Magenta Sunshine  
 Sunday, August 18 at 2 p.m. - Chris Myth  
 Sunday, August 25 at 2 p.m. - Melt and the Family Band Duo - 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 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  
 Thursday, August 29 at 5:30 p.m. - Ostevetto  
 Friday, August 30 at 8 p.m. - Stomp Street Heist  
 Saturday, August 31 at 5:30 p.m. - Kate Farmer Band

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

#### Gold Hill Store

Saturday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m. - Hundred Pound Housecat  
 Sunday, August 18 at 3 p.m. - Harriman Family Band  
 Friday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m. - Young and the Dead

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 31 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 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 15 at 7 p.m. - Ryan Dart  
 Friday, August 16 at 7 p.m. - Sturtz  
 Sunday, August 18 at 12:15 p.m. - David Tilton  
 Wednesday, August 21 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic  
 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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 Thursday, August 29 at 7 p.m. - Lost Bobcat

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 Friday, August 30 at 6 p.m. - Jon Ridnell  
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nedjazzwine>  
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## Dementia Summit in Allenspark

Dear Editor,

The Allenspark Community Church invites the public to the first annual Dementia Summit entitled: Navigating The Dementia Journey: Nurturing The Spirit. This seminar will provide information, education, and inspiration to those people living with dementia, caregivers, and anyone who has been affected by or is interested in this grave and timely topic. It will be held at the Allenspark Community Church, 16 Washington Street on Saturday, September 7 from 9 a.m. to noon. There is no cost to attend.

Ralph Patrick, pastor of Allenspark Community Church and former Regional Director of the Colorado Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will be joined by renowned author Rebecca Chopp for a presentation entitled, Living with Wonder and Awe. They will cover a broad range of topics, from the diagnosis process, to stages of the disease, to helpful hints for living with joy on the journey. They will also allow ample time to address questions you have.

Rebecca Chopp is the author of *Still Me: Accepting Alzheimer's without Losing Yourself*, which chronicles her diagnosis and journey with dementia. She is an Alzheimer's advocate and educator. Formerly the Chancellor of DU, she is a theologian and UMC minister. Now retired,

she hikes, paints, knits and reads. Most of all, she abides in awe.

Rounding out the program will be Teresa McGuinness who has a wide variety of expertise in the world of dementia. She has served as a caregiver professionally and also personally for her mother.

Through her presentation entitled Soul Collaging, Teresa guides participants to use images, intuition, creativity and reflection to produce a unique reflection of the soul that reveals your true inner beauty.

In addition to working with those living with dementia and their care partners, Teresa is a florist and a Spiritual Director. Her hobbies include hiking, thrift store shopping, movies, and reading.

Pastor Ralph has recently launched Cardinal Crossroads, in honor of his mother, that provides dementia coaching, consulting and companionship for those living with dementia and their care partners.

Everyone is warmly welcomed and encouraged to attend this invaluable summit. There is no cost to attend and no reservations are required. Please call the church at 303-747-2821 with any questions you may have. Allenspark Community Church is located at 16 Washington Street, Allenspark, CO 80510.

Cindy Rockett  
Lyons

## Marchman town hall postponed in Nederland

The town hall with State Senator Janice Marchman, originally scheduled for August 27 at the Nederland Community Library, has been postponed. The event will now be held later this fall.

We apologize for any inconvenience

and look forward to gathering with the community at a later date. Stay tuned for the new date and details.

For more information, please contact Senator Marchman's office at [sam@janiceforcolorado.com](mailto:sam@janiceforcolorado.com).

## What's happening at Gilpin Parks & Rec

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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.

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# A response to Alderman Midcap's letter

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter from Black Hawk City Alderman Midcap supporting Mr. Marshall and slighting Sandy Hollingsworth.

According to its 2023 Audited financial report, the City of Black Hawk collected over \$28 million dollars in revenue for the year. Less than 1% of this revenue was collected from property taxes which impact the casinos.

From the agreement the City of Black Hawk has with the local school district (RE-1) to its latest non-negotiable proposal for Gilpin County to give up taxing authority in exchange for financial support of the Community Center, it's obvious the City's primary concern is to protect its casinos from taxes in every way possible with no concern for the financial health of

Gilpin County.

That's where Mr. Marshall comes in. He has been promoted by the City from the beginning, has publicly committed himself to the City's "novel" approach and will give them what they want.

On the other hand, Sandy Hollingsworth is a seasoned Commissioner whose work since 2022 has resulted in a debt-free County with new dedicated reserves of \$6M for emergencies such as wildfire (\$4M) and water acquisition (\$2M). She also has over 20 years of public sector budget experience and private sector management experience and will continue to make the County's interests her top priority.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Douglas  
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# Supporting Corey Marshall

Dear Editor,

Have you ever met Corey Marshall? My husband and I moved to Gilpin County in November of 2021. At that time, our son, Joe, had recently graduated from college and was living with us. Joe had always had an interest in horses and reached out to Debbie and Corey Marshall to see if he could help them at Rudolph Ranch. With open arms, Corey and Debbie taught Joe all he needed to learn to be an effective helper at their ranch, while also making

us feel welcomed to the community. We began seeing them at church and running into them at the Elks Lodge, and now... well, now we are friends. They have helped us with our adjustment to mountain living, embraced our adult children, and have made Gilpin County truly feel like home.

Fast forward to 2024, Corey is running for Gilpin County Commissioner, District three. When we moved to Gilpin County I was registered as an unaffiliated voter, wanting the space to choose who felt like the right choice in my heart. Having become

friends with Corey and Debbie; witnessing their business acumen, experiencing their genuine kindness, hearing their desires for our county's future, has made me confident with my decision to vote for Corey in the upcoming election. I know that if Corey is one of our elected commissioners, all will be solid and good, both now and in the future for our beloved Gilpin County.

Please make an effort to have a conversation with Corey at one of his upcoming published events. I think you too will enjoy meeting him and hearing his

healthy perspective on creating a thriving rural county for us all.

Happy to live in Gilpin,

Kim Perhats  
Gilpin County

# What? No rock and roll history?

Dear Editor,

I was eagerly looking forward to reading about the Ned Sesquicentennial celebrations, since I really miss Ned after having to leave five years ago. And the article was thorough and fascinating. But the party seems to have missed a HUGE part of Ned history – the music scene of the 60s and 70s.

Not a mention of the historic recordings made at Caribou Studios by the A-Class list of artists who recorded there. Or of the famous jam sessions at the Pioneer Inn. In

fact, the only historic music reference I've seen recently in *The Mountain-Ear* was in an article a few weeks ago about Ned churches, mentioning rock legend Richie Furay as a church founder, with barely a mention of his musical status.

I'm just plain old dismayed at the neglect of this vital part of Ned history during such a terrific celebration of that history.

John Clower  
Denton, Texas



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# Back to school for Gilpin school board

WES ISENHART  
GILPIN COUNTY

Returning from summer break, the Gilpin County RE-1 School District Board of Education met on August 6, 2024, to start the 2024/2025 school year.

The meeting was a "Meet and Confer" with staff to discuss changes to insurance offerings for staff and their families. Also discussed was the implementation of a new student information system called Powerschool to replace the old ALMA system.

Britton Barrett from Gilpin County Parks and Recreation introduced himself as the new coordinator for the Eagles Teens program before the meeting started. He spoke briefly about the after-school programs available at the Community Center running from 4 to 7:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Board member Tami Velasquez was the only member absent from the meeting, which was chaired by Board president Sarah Swanson. Superintendent David MacKenzie gave the presentation on the insurance situation for 2024/2025. After the

Meet and Confer segment with staff, MacKenzie gave a superintendent report on the capital improvement projects.

The District chose to stay with Aetna as their insurance provider for the new school year with minimum tweaks to policies and co-pays. The continuity in providers allowed for a passive enrollment for all staff going into the new year. Employees will be capable of making changes or adjustments to their policies when they report back the week before school starts.

MacKenzie said that the District pays the monthly premiums for the employee alone for health, dental, vision, life, accidental death and dismemberment, and long-term disability insurance totaling \$699.64 a month and about \$504,000 annually for all employees.

The display of neighboring school districts showed that RE-1 benefits are comparable to other school districts of their size on scope and flexibility.

Discussion between the Board and the staff in attendance showed support for the insurance benefits for the 2024/2025 school year, with positive comments about the ease with which staff could make adjustments during the enrollment period.

MacKenzie started his superintendent report by stating that the elementary playground would be ready for use when school opened. There are a few items on the construction punch list like railings, but they won't interfere with the use of the playground.

The sewer project is slated to start on August 19, starting in Black Hawk and working up towards the school. Since the pipe will be laid in the northbound lane, there will be traffic stops of up to five minutes each way. Construction is projected to continue with one-way

traffic into November, when it gets too cold to lay down asphalt.

MacKenzie and the Board discussed possible capital improvement projects after the completion of the new sewer line. Possible projects include the elevators, which are 20-25 years old; maintenance on the roofs; carpets; and repainting the inside of the school.

Powerschool is the new student information system to be used for the 2024/2025 school year, replacing the ALMA system. MacKenzie said that Powerschool trainers will be available to help staff, students, and parents learn how to use the new system, which tracks schedules, grades, and notifications.

The Board recognized the VFW for contributing school supplies to the district. There was a brief discussion of the school supplies needed for elementary and middle school students, and how teachers who pay out of pocket for some supplies can be compensated.

MacKenzie concluded his report by stating that educators will report on August 12 for orientation and training in the new student information system. Students will report on August 19 for the start of the new school year. A Back to School night will be held at the school on Thursday, August 15, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The agenda for this meeting is on the RE-1 website ([gilpin.k12.co.us](http://gilpin.k12.co.us)) under the Board of Education Agendas. Click on the August 6, 2024, date. There is a video of August 6, 2024, meeting on the RE-1 YouTube channel.

*The next Gilpin County RE-1 Board of Education meeting will be on August 20, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the school board room.*

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#### Fostering friendship and environmental conservancy

Top: TeamWorks members are between the ages of 16 and 20 and are paid hourly for their hard work all over the mountains and Front Range throughout the summer. Bottom: Sumehra Alexander (front) poses with her fellow crew members after working to remove weeds, rocks, and tree limbs while building trails.

## TeamWorks 2024 celebration

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

On Thursday, August 8, 2024, the Nederland Community Center auditorium was packed with kids donning neon blue, yellow, and orange shirts. They wore their loud TeamWorks uniforms with pride, as they gleefully gathered together to celebrate the end of another successful season.

TeamWorks is a collaborative program between TEENS, Inc. and Lincoln Hills Cares, which organizes crews of youth from rural and urban environments and puts the teams to work on various nature conservation-based projects, like fire mitigation, weeding, planting, and building new trails.

The Lincoln Hills Cares Foundation (LHC) is a charitable organization aimed at providing younger generations with outdoor recreation, cultural history exploration, and workforce advancement.

“Last year when I came in here I didn’t know too many of you,” LHC CEO Jeanette Patterson said to the crowd. “But this year when I came in I feel like I was greeted by millions.”

“Our purpose at LHC is to build community, to promote outdoor equity, and to support environmental stewardships; and all of you here at TEENS, Inc. and TeamWorks have checked all the boxes.”

In addition to working on the LHC ranch, building horse trails to expand their equestrian program, this season had crews cleaning up forests all over the mountains and on the Front Range, throughout Boulder, Gilpin, and Jefferson Counties.

The TeamWorks crews of young people aged 16 to 20 maintained and constructed

over four miles of trails, clearing out 340 feet of natural corridor, which included the removal of 120 rocks, building 16 rock steps and 76 feet of rock wall, burying eight timbers, cleaning 25 drains, and transplanting six plants.

60 cords of firewood were moved as part of TeamWorks’ fire mitigation efforts. 23 slash piles were removed, 25 burn piles were built, and 34 trees were cut down. Over 9.75 acres of land was also denuded of noxious weeds, with crews filling over 80 bags with removed weeds.

“This summer has been a season of growth, connection, and discovery,” TeamWorks Program Director Allison Ohringer said to the crowd, opening the celebration ceremony with a heartfelt speech.

“Many of you took on challenges that were new and unfamiliar, from tackling difficult projects to working alongside people you’ve never met before, but every single one of you embraced that with open minds and your efforts have made a lasting impact not only on the trails, parks and natural spaces that you cared for but also the communities that you served and the relationships that you all have built.

“I hope that some of you have developed a passion for conservation and a commitment to making a difference and I hope that the friendships that you’ve made here will carry on past the season and that all of these things will continue to shape your journey long after this season is over.”

Ohringer’s words definitely rang true with many of the TeamWorks participants, as building lasting friendships and becoming passionate about the environment were noted by members

of the crew as the major benefits to the program.

“Best decision in my life up to this point,” 20-year-old Key Gradoz said about joining TeamWorks four years ago, after his mother forced him to get a summer job.

“I came in with a lot of anxiety and fear that I’d be in a boring corporate job where I’d be hating myself the entire time, but it is so enjoyable. It’s hard work but it’s also community.

“I also had a fascination with the environment as a kid and TeamWorks has helped me understand that the environment is a passion of mine,” Gradoz noted that he has switched his college major over to environmental science.

Guest speaker and former TeamWorks Program Director Melissa Elbert also touched upon the lasting benefits that the TeamWorks program has on those who take part in it.

“TeamWorks was a very formative program in my life, and I see the effects that it has had on me as I continue to move forward,” Elbert said.

“I deeply believe that the same is true for all of you sitting in this room today. You may already clearly see the gifts that this program has given you or those realizations may unravel slowly over time, but there are truly fewer things more special than being in an environment where we can be our whole unique, weird, and silly selves and feel really seen and appreciated.”

Those members of the TeamWorks crew who are high school graduates and who complete the program are rewarded with a scholarship for post-secondary education. Also, all TeamWorks workers are compensated with an hourly wage.

Every year one crew member is picked by the managing team of TeamWorks to receive the Osprey award and scholarship. Crew members must be high school graduates who have completed the program and embody the core tenets of the program. The crew member must also write an essay, detailing the work that they have done within the program on those core tenets.

This year the Osprey award and scholarship goes to Sumehra Alexander, who wrote an impactful essay about her personal growth through TeamWorks, especially through the core tenets of healthy risk taking and inclusion.

“Joining teamworks has probably been

the most healthy risk I’ve taken. I was in one of the darkest times in my life and the only way for me to make change was to do something different,” Alexander said, as her speech touched upon how learning to take healthy risks coached her through the difficult decision to separate from her college career.

“I noticed my physical rejection to my environment and it took a lot of mental determination to acknowledge the feeling that I was just not supposed to be there. It’s hard to let yourself free sometimes, it feels like you’re going against your mind, but when taking risks all there is to do is the exact thing that changes your perspective.”

Alexander added that the life lessons she has learned through TeamWorks have helped to strengthen her sense of self, which has made her feel more grounded and centered in her life.

“I have been judged a lot in my life, whether that be for the way that I look or the way that I carry myself. I never expected to be included and eventually gave up on trying to let my voice be heard.

“But I saw that my actions were making me small and that I could do so much more than make myself feel bad. I realize that my voice is a tool and that speaking up can change the way you think about yourself.”

Alexander’s speech elicited cheers from the crowd, as well as tears, as the camaraderie that is formed by those TeamWorks crews who work alongside each other all summer long, becomes bittersweet at the end of the season, when friends have to say goodbye to each other.

“I’m new to TeamWorks; this is my first year, and [Sumehra] has helped me so much in the field, in understanding Colorado and understanding the work,” Fiona Farrer said, tearing up as she hugged Alexander. “That just scratches the surface of all the things she’s done for me this summer and how she’s made this place a home for me. It’s really meant a lot to start and end my day with her.”

The cheers, laughter, and joyful tears continued as the crowd soaked up every memory that came onto the screen during the slideshow. Their smiles that much bigger, their laughter made all the more exuberant by the feeling of a job well done, the feeling of becoming a strong, unified force in order to accomplish something bigger than themselves.





# Discover Colorado

# The undiscovered places of familiar areas



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**Unveiling experiences**  
A moth enjoys a Rudbeckia flower outside El Pacifico Pho in Grand Lake.

OMAYRA ACEVEDO  
GRAND LAKE

Life is a whirlwind, and as it rapidly moves around and around in what feels like a funnel, I catch myself losing control for a brief moment. Luckily, the uncontrollable moments don't last long and before I know it, I compose myself and everything feels manageable again.

So much has happened since I graduated from school, again. Fortunately, it has all led to unimaginable opportunities, yet somehow, I knew they were coming. I've been working hard to improve my situation so it's no surprise that a better life is finally upon me.

Walking through Downtown Grand Lake, I contemplated where to eat and the pros and cons of all my decisions since December. As scary as some of those decisions seemed, I knew the risks would be worth it.

How did I know? Because I stopped questioning the feeling in my gut. I began to trust the process of every step I took. I also kept asking myself, "What am I good at?" and "What makes me happy?" Then, I asked myself, "How can I do both?"

The answers were easy. The challenge was the "How?" Every day I took one baby step toward turning the answers

into fruition. Everywhere I went, I brainstormed until I found the path to the "How?"

I was hungry and made my choice. As I sat in El Pacifico Pho, waiting for my order, I daydreamed about everything I wanted. I envisioned every detail, from my health and happiness to finances and location. Living my life now, makes my recent past feel surreal, in the best way possible.

I had never been to El Pacifico Pho. I took a walk around to admire the decor and peoplewatch. The restaurant's menu is simple but offers many options for vegetarians and meat eaters.

Though it's primarily a Vietnamese restaurant, guests can enjoy an array of "Latino Specialties." They also offer desserts and adult beverages. It's a cozy place, and though it's big, it's easy to find a quiet corner, making it easier to enjoy a peaceful meal.

I also like that the restaurant is a hidden gem in plain sight; perfect for my thoughts and me. And perfect for discovery. Much like so many life experiences, the more I explore different areas of my favorite places, the more I learn about them and myself.









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# Coal Creek Park and Rec hosts Mountain Fest



PHOTOS BY ANNE SCARFFE



## Mountain Fest

The Coal Creek Canyon Park and Recreation District hosted the annual Mountain Fest on Saturday, August 10, from noon to 4 p.m. Left: Participants could play an outdoor checkers game. Right: One of nine vendors, Musette Young brought her mugs and pottery.

## JOHN SCARFFE COAL CREEK CANYON

The Coal Creek Canyon Park and Recreation District hosted the annual Mountain Fest on Saturday, August 10, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Coal Creek Canyon Improvement Association Hall, 31528 Highway 72. This event was full of fun with a Dragon slide for the kids, mountain games, Hybre Thorne's Soap Whittlin' Contest, and Frozen Flannel. Hoodies, hats and tees were on sale at the ticket tent.

Rachel Vermeal, president of the District Board for four years, has lived in Coal Creek Canyon for 13 years. She reminded all that the Coal Creek Canyon Park and Recreation District was founded in 2009.

The District helps Coal Creek residents and families access recreational opportunities. They helped build soccer and ball fields at the Coal Creek school and just constructed a pavilion on the school campus in conjunction with Jefferson County Open Spaces. The District also offers recreational programs, a summer soccer camp, and a middle school sports program.

Vermeal said Mountain Fest is the

District's major fundraiser, starting in 2011. It has run every year since except for one during COVID.

On Saturday, the Fest had nine vendors, a food truck, DJ on the Fly providing karaoke, and live music with Steep Land String Band. New Terrain Brewery provided the beer.

The main activity was Mountain Olympics. It featured teams of three participating in seven events with signups starting at noon. These free events combined mind, strength, and flair with log splitting, sheer pin hunt, knot tying, disc golf, nature ID, team trekkers and hobby moose dressage!

Among the vendors were Michelle Powell with crocheted goods and candles, her husband Bruce Powell with his knives and blacksmith skills, and Musette Young with mugs and other pottery. The Cub Scouts were there with leader Karen Dropps displaying scout literature.

Dropps said they will have an enrollment day at the Hall for Cub Scouts on September 4 at 6:30 p.m. for Kindergarten students through fifth grade. Regular meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30

p.m. at the Hall.

"Mountain Fest 2024 was full of shenanigans, laughs, and amazing support for CCCPRD," their website reported. "Thanks to the community, volunteers, sponsors and vendors for a great day."

### Winners were:

Soap Whittlin' Champ: Efung Yee

Soap Whittlin' Kids Champ: Roman  
Frozen Flannel Champ: Charles Hirtz  
Mountain Olympics Gold: Hilltop Hooligand.

For more information about the Coal Creek Canyon Park and Recreation District go to <https://www.cccparkandrec.org/>.

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## A thrilling Boulder County Fair



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### A smorgasbord of fun

Top: The Dumbo ride turned at just the right speed. Bottom: The big slide.

### DAVE GIBSON LONGMONT

Starting at 5,000 feet elevation in the agricultural High Plains and reaching over 14,000 feet in elevation on the Continental Divide, Boulder County's varied landscape is home to 326,000 residents. Its 726 square miles include the cities and towns of Boulder, Longmont, Lafayette, Louisville, Lyons, Nederland, and Jamestown. Every summer, the Boulder County Fair attracts thousands of those within its borders and beyond to celebrate its people, beauty and diversity.

Held this year between July 30 and August 11 at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont, the fair offers a fun place for folks to gather while enjoying livestock exhibitions and animal showings (including cats and dogs), sample carnival food, and listen to music. Bullfighters – not to be confused with rodeo clowns – test their nimbleness in the arena against Mexican and American bulls that would like nothing better than to trample and grind them into the dirt with their horns. The perpetually popular demolition derby always packs the grandstand.

The midway at the Boulder County

Fair is spectacular. Games that involve tossing rings or balls might win you a stuffed animal or other desirable prize. There is an ornate and festively lighted horse carousel for the little ones. Tame-ish rides that rotate fast enough to excite them yet low enough to the ground not to scare them delighted riders. A couple of slides and a funhouse wheel kept the children joyfully entertained.

Older kids were often braver than adults when it came to the big rides. Intimidating names such as the Hurricane, Kamikaze, and Alien Abduction warned of the looming thrills that awaited even the most intrepid. On a ride simply called "Pirate," fairgoers boarded a ship that rocked back and forth on a semicircle track. Half of the passengers faced one way and the other half in the opposite direction so everyone could experience its full effects. The imposing Fireball was as high as the Ferris wheel. It sent passengers around a vertical loop until at its apex, they found themselves upside down. The process was then repeated in reverse accompanied by another round of screams.

Eat, play, and experience Hurricane highs or bullfighter bravery – the Boulder County Fair gave visitors the full range of entertainment.





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**Served up for everyone**

Top, left: Step right up and try your luck. Right: Only for the brave, the Orbiter was out of this world. Bottom, left: Safety restraints kept squirmy children aboard.



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An advertisement for a game show called "Connect More". The background is light blue with a pattern of small white dots. At the top left is the "FORWARD TOGETHER" logo. At the top right is the "GILPIN COUNTY COLORADO" logo. The main text "CONNECT MORE" is in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Below this is a black archway with white dots, resembling a game show set. Inside the archway, three people (two women and one man) are smiling and talking. At the bottom, a yellow arrow-shaped box contains the text: "The game show that turns awkward parenting talks into winning connections". At the very bottom, it says "Watch and play along at ForwardTogetherCO.com" and includes a QR code.



# Ribbon cut on library event space

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

As the rain tapered off on the airy afternoon of Saturday, August 10, 2024, and the sun came out again, the bright green grass of the Nederland Community Library's (NCL) brand new Reading Garden became warm, inviting bare feet to run across it for the first time, as the garden's grand opening was being celebrated.

The Reading Garden is a project that had been in the works for over a year, with NCL Board of Directors members, NCL Foundation members, and NCL Volunteers having focused together on its development by hosting several successful fundraising efforts, fueling the project to completion.

The completely ADA-compliant garden is cozy and intimate, with a covered seating deck, perfect for reading in the fresh air. The lawn is also open, with enough room for comfortable lounging or, in the case of the children present for the grand opening, rolling around rambunctiously.

A raised stone terrace at the far end of the garden works perfectly as an event stage, where educational and entertaining presentations can take place. Nick of Time plugged in and performed his acoustic, energetic folk, which got the kids out and playing in the grass, while adults sat and mingled and enjoyed conversation over

cake and root beer floats.

New NCL Board President Scarlett Ponton de Dutton and Board member Scott Papich said a few words to the crowd before cutting the ribbon to the Reading Garden.

"I've been on this Board for many years and it's rare that we all agree on something," Papich said. "This was the one thing that everybody on the Board unanimously agreed that we should do."

"I want to thank the Board of Directors and this Foundation for the community that we have built around this library," Papich added, addressing the crowd directly. "You all have been very supportive and it just makes me so happy to see this garden become a reality."

"This day has been a long time coming," Ponton de Dutton said. "We as a Board of course want to thank the library staff who have worked tirelessly to make this day happen, so it is my happiness and joy to cut this ribbon!"

The Reading Garden is now open to be the ideal location for seasonal activities at the library, from group meetings and community gatherings, to youth-focused reading sessions and hands-on crafting classes. It will be exciting to see what special events the NCL have planned to take place in their garden, under that big, Colorado sky.



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

**A cozy, communal commodity**

Nick of Time became the first musician to entertain a crowd at the library's newest event space, and got the younger attendees groovin' on the grass.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world. – Lucille Ball*

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# Brewing compassion: supporting animal welfare



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## Old Souls for adoption

Left: Meet Pringle, a sweet Chihuahua mix with a heart as big as her ears! After some serious dental work and a nasal repair, this little survivor is ready to snuggle into a loving forever home. Thanks to Old Soul's compassionate care, she's been thriving in a foster home in the beautiful Peak to Peak region, eagerly awaiting her new family. Right: Here we have Cooper, a gentle Chocolate Lab with a tender soul. If you're ready to give these adorable pups the love they deserve, visit [OldSoulCanineRescue.org](http://OldSoulCanineRescue.org) to make them part of your family.

MINDY LEARY  
GILPIN COUNTY

In a heartwarming show of community spirit, Very Nice Brewing in Gilpin recently hosted fundraisers for two nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping dogs and cats. The event featured live music by Adam Pause of Nederland Feed and Pet.

One of the benefiting organizations, Old Soul Canine Rescue, is a local 501(c)(3) founded last December. Their mission is to help senior dogs in shelters find foster homes and, ideally, forever homes.

These older dogs often face euthanasia or extended stays in shelters due to medical or behavioral issues. With only a 25% adoption rate for senior dogs, Old Soul aims to change that by connecting with mountain residents willing to share their time, energy, and resources.

Jen McLaughlin, one of Old Soul's founders, explained that they work closely with humane societies and shelters in the Front Range and Foothills areas to help dogs that might be considered "unadoptable."

Their motto, "We honor senior dogs by giving them our best, for the rest of their

lives," encapsulates their dedication.

Although Old Soul currently lacks a physical location or shelter, co-founder Jasper Webb shared that they rely on community members to foster these animals until they can find permanent homes.

Their long-term goal is to establish a "fospice" – a foster-hospice sanctuary where senior dogs can live out their lives in comfort. Webb herself has adopted two senior dogs, including one that her previous family was unable to care for, abandoned because of the dog's benign lumps.

At the August 11 event, two senior dogs attended with their foster parents, donning bandanas that read, "Adopt me!" Cooper, a large chocolate Labrador, was a bit shy but eager for treats, while Pringle, a Chihuahua-Beagle mix, had recently undergone dental surgery and nasal repair funded by Old Soul. The organization is actively seeking donations to cover such veterinary expenses and build a medical fund to support future fosters.

Rachel Schaub, a Nederland resident and one of the nonprofit's early planners, noted that they had been working on the concept for about two years before officially



launching.

"We wanted to do something bigger than ourselves. A lot of dogs get dropped off at shelters because they are seniors," Schaub said.

The small group managing Old Soul is eager for more fosters and donors and plans to hold another event in October to celebrate their anniversary.

Mountain Paws Pet Care Fund, another nonprofit featured at the event, is also looking for volunteers and donations.

They need help staffing the Nederland Farmers Markets, which they attend every other market, and are seeking a grant writer.

Established in 2019, their first fundraiser at Knotted Root was a huge success, but the Covid pandemic in 2020 significantly impacted their revenue and participation.

Mountain Paws raises funds to cover emergency pet care when owners cannot afford the necessary treatment, preventing unnecessary euthanasia.

They work directly with veterinarians, and the pet must meet specific criteria for

emergency aid, including being up-to-date on vaccinations, spayed/neutered, and having a positive prognosis.

The owners must demonstrate financial hardship and reside in Boulder County mountain areas, Gilpin County, or Coal Creek Canyon. However, they do not cover ongoing chronic conditions, cancer, or heart problems.

At the event, homemade dog treats made from spent grain and peanut butter were available, along with gluten-free pumpkin treats. Ginger Baer mentioned that Mountain Paws hopes to hold another fundraiser in the fall. For more information or to get involved, visit [www.mtnpaws.org](http://www.mtnpaws.org).

Thanks goes to Very Nice Brewing, located at 180 Jankowski Drive in Gilpin County, for the opportunity to host these community fundraising events!

To get involved, visit [OldSoulCanineRescue.org](http://OldSoulCanineRescue.org) or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

## Pet of the week

If Dog had a name what would it be?  
And would you call it to his face?  
If you were faced with Him in all His glory  
What would you ask if you had just one question?

... And yeah, yeah, Dog is great  
Yeah, yeah, Dog is good  
Yeah, yeah, yeah-yeah-yeah

... What if Dog was one of us?  
Just a slob like one of us  
Just a stranger on the bus  
Lookin' for forever home?

If Dog had a face, what would it look like?  
And would you want to see  
If seeing meant that you would have to believe  
In things like heaven and in Jesus and the Saints  
And all the prophets?

... And yeah, yeah, Dog is great  
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# Central City Council denies SOB license...for now

WES ISENHART  
GILPIN COUNTY

The Central City Council had a busy agenda at their August 6, 2024, meeting. There was a Central City Urban Renewal Authority meeting, a city council work session, and the formal city county meeting which included a crucial vote by the Board of Adjustments whether to affirm an administrative staff decision to deny a sexually oriented business (SOB) license for 130 Main Street that is owned by RCI Hospitality.

Mayor Jeremy Fey presided over the council meeting and work session but recused himself from several votes because of a potential conflict of interest. Mayor Pro-Tem Kara Tinucci recused herself from the Board of Adjustments vote. Aldermen Jeff Aiken, Marcia Enloe, and Todd Williams voted on all the ordinances and resolutions including the Board of Adjustments vote.

The evening started with a Central City Urban Renewal Authority (CCURA) board meeting, which approved a resolution for authorizing negotiations for the acquisition of 331 Gregory Street and the use of eminent domain in accordance with Urban Renewal law to deal with blight and historic preservation.

Afterwards, a short work session was held to consider options for the location of sexually oriented businesses within the city limits. The discussion resulted in directions to the City Attorney to develop language

for a ballot issue to present to voters in the November general election. Council will review the ballot language at the August 20 meeting.

Mary Ann Youthas from Main Street Central City spoke during the work session about a new event called Central City Spooktacular that will be held on Main Street in October leading up to Halloween. They will be family-oriented affairs with events and treats for all ages.

The main meeting started with a unanimous vote to approve Resolution 24-24, an IGA with Gilpin County for a coordinated election for the November election.

The Council unanimously approved Central City Promise Program requests from Sarah Lovett and Ashley Blondo for secondary education assistance. Both Lovett and Blondo were at the meeting and thanked them for the financial assistance.

The meeting proceeded to consideration of Ordinance 24-04, annexing about eight acres of City-owned real property commonly known as the Boodle Mill. Annexation and zoning of this property should have been done earlier, as it is surrounded by land that has already been annexed. The ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading with Fey recusing himself.

Ordinance 24-05 allowed for the zoning of 13 acres around the Boodle Mine as Limited Community Commercial. Fey also recused himself from this vote. The ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading.



PHOTO BY WES ISENHART

**A promise kept**  
Central City Promise Program recipient Ashley Blondo thanking council for approving a \$5,000 scholarship request.

Both ordinances will be on the August 20 agenda for a second reading and final approval pending recommendations from the Central City Planning Commission, which met on August 7 to consider the matter.

Resolution No 24-25 ratified the use of eminent domain by the City of Central City Urban Renewal Authority. City Manager Daniel Miera stated that the resolution would help with controlling blighted and abandoned properties.

The Board of Adjustments was convened to consider an appeal by RCI Hospitality regarding a decision by administrative staff to deny an SOB license to RCI for their property at 130 Main Street. Both Fey and Tinucci recused themselves from this proceeding. The license was denied based on the property failing to meet distance criteria regarding residences and places of assembly.

The Adjustment Board had the option to affirm, reverse, or modify the decision by administrative staff.

During public comments before the vote, Eric Langan, the President and CEO of RCI Hospitality, commented on his investments in Central City and his efforts to revive long vacant properties.

The many public comments for affirming the decision to deny the license stressed that they didn't want an SOB on Main Street

because it didn't fit with the character of the historic district or the town. It was inappropriate to locate such a business so close to nearby places of assembly and would attract an undesirable clientele.

The few public comments to reverse the decision had concerns about costly litigation, economic stagnation, and the exaggerations about the consequences of allowing a NASDAQ-listed company to operate in town.

Council, after listening to all the public comments, voted unanimously to affirm the decision to deny the license based on the distance criteria.

Mayor Fey wrapped up the meeting by thanking the residents for their passion and participation. Alderman Williams said that the council was listening to the citizens. Alderman Aiken said that it was not an easy night and asked that everyone be civil with one another.

*The next Council meeting will be on August 20, 2024, when they will consider the recommendations by the Planning Commission on changing zoning regulations for SOB's and zoning recommendations for the Boodle property. Visit the city website (centralcity.colorado.gov) for more information about the next meeting.*

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# Central City Planning Commission makes big decisions

WES ISENHART  
CENTRAL CITY

After unlimited public comment and lengthy discussions, the Central City Planning Commission on August 7, 2024, approved two resolutions for consideration by the City Council at their next meeting on August 20.

All members of the Planning Commission were present, with Chair Lisa Leben presiding over the meeting. Central City staff were represented by City Manager Daniel Miera and Community Development Planners Alison Lueck and Cara Castellow.

The first resolution (2024-PC-02) recommended that sexually oriented businesses (SOB) stay confined to properties zoned Industrial while maintaining the existing restrictions including the 1,000-foot distance from identified locations.

Public comments were entirely in favor of maintaining the current zoning classification for SOBs and for maintaining the current restrictions including the 1,000-foot buffer to residential areas and places of assembly like churches and schools. The resolution passed unanimously.

The second resolution (2024-PC-03) dealt with zoning 13 acres of City-owned property on the west side of town that is known as the Boodle Mine. City staff recommended zoning the area as Limited Community Commercial (LCC).

Public comment regarding the new zoning designation was concerned about subsequent development within the LCC status. Residents who live in Prospector Run and along Eureka Street commented on the increase in activity by off-road enthusiasts at the National Forest Service Columbine Campground.

The popular recreation area negatively impacts residents with lights, noise, trash, and recreational sport shooting. Wildlife in the area is also impacted, and the wildfire risks increase when off-road vehicles are used during fire restrictions. Residents were concerned that zoning the Boodle property as LCC would lead to more development that would just exacerbate these existing problems.

Additionally, about six acres of the land in the zoning request are designated wetlands and residents voiced concerns about protecting that part of the parcel.

Miera stated that the wetlands, as City property, would be protected. The City is currently studying using some of the land to expand the water treatment plant, but no decision has been made at this time. He said that any sale of property including development of a portion of this land would have to go through standard City applications and reviews.

During discussion on the resolution, questions to staff included asking if there was a better zoning status than LCC. Miera stated that LCC was suitable for the location and allowed for protection of the land with future possibilities.

The resolution passed 4-1 and will be sent to City Council for consideration and second reading at their August 20 meeting.

*The Central City Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month as needed. Please check their website for any future meetings. Minutes for the August 7 Planning Commission meeting can be reviewed at the Central City Planning Commission website (centralcity.colorado.gov/planning-commission) under the Minutes submenu.*



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# Timberline hosts Open House, awards Black Hat

MINDY LEARY  
GILPIN COUNTY

The scent of hot dogs filled the air during the Open House at Timberline Fire Protection District's Station 8, located at 4611 Smith Hill Road in Gilpin County. The event featured grilled hot dogs, snacks, fire hats, and informational booklets for the public, aiming to introduce residents to the fire station serving the Golden Gate Canyon area.

Following the Open House, President Rick Wenzel called the monthly board meeting to order at 7 p.m.

During the public comment period, Vice Chairman John Bushey expressed gratitude to Gilpin Ambulance and Timberline for their quick response to an emergency at his home. His daughter had fainted while he was isolated due to COVID-19. Fortunately, his daughter recovered.

Fire Chief Paul Ondr provided updates on ongoing capital projects at Stations 1, 3, and 5.

The generator for Station 1 has been delivered, and concrete will be poured for the generator pad this week.

A building permit application for the garage bays at Station 3 is

expected to be submitted by the end of the month.

Station 5 recently received a new concrete floor, which was sealed earlier today.

Ondr also recognized Firefighter Johnny May, presenting him with his "Black Hat" to mark the completion of three training modules: EMR, Wildland, and Firefighter 1. The board applauded May, and Fire Chief Schimanskey gifted him a practice stethoscope and p-cuff (performed cuff for taking blood pressure) that once belonged to the late Firefighter Tony Snow, to whom Station 8 is dedicated.

In his Chief's Report, Ondr noted that response times in July were longer than usual due to an increase in unattended campfires near the service area's boundaries, including Columbine Campground and the end of Tolland Road.

### Operations Report:

The district responded to 80 calls in July, nearly double the usual number due to dry, hot weather. Staff members have stepped up during this busy period, with paid staff taking on overtime during deployments.

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### Presentation of Black Hat

Firefighter Johnny May beams with pride as he receives his Black Hat, a symbol of his commitment and achievement in completing basic firefighting training. This special moment was honored during the TFPD board meeting on August 13, 2024.



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# Timberline

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Engine 55 is currently out of service due to a failed weld on the intake side of the pump, which is covered by a 10-year warranty.

### Wildland/Mitigation Report:

Stage 2 fire restrictions are in place. Brush 52 was deployed to the Limepoint Fire in Oregon, with their last workday scheduled for the 18th. Brush 57 is also in Oregon, assigned to the Lane 1 Fire.

The mitigation phone line remains busy, with bookings until mid-November. The mitigation crew quickly responded to a small fire off Central City Parkway last week.

Fifty home assessments are currently in the queue, and CWPP neighborhood assessments are nearly complete. Last week's meeting at the Historic Courthouse was well-attended, with several residents requesting assessments.

### Administration Report:

The lease-purchase was completed, and funds are now in escrow. Administrative Chief Hinderman is preparing to submit the first draw for the architect.

A DOLA EIAF grant application for Station 3 has been submitted, with a meeting scheduled with the representative on August 30.

The district received a \$35,000 FEMA AFG grant for a new fire alarm system at Station 5, with a \$1,666 match required.

As part of a Boulder County grant, the district received 10 dual-band Bendix King radios valued at \$44,950.

All Century Link accounts have been canceled, resulting in approximately \$1,000 monthly savings. Emergency phones will be removed due to improved cell phone service and rising costs.

The new website has launched, with ongoing improvements. Online payments can now be made for fire plan reviews and mitigation fees.

Minor injuries can now be treated at Clinica in Nederland or Gilpin.

The district is exploring partnerships with Nederland Fire for mitigation, deployments, and sharing a department mechanic.

### Recruitment and Retention Report:

Twelve people are planning to attend the September onboarding, with six from within the district.

Ondr emphasized the need for more volunteers to handle the increasing workload.

Wenzel adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

*The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2024, at 6 p.m. at Station 3, located at 19126 Highway 119, Black Hawk, CO 80422.*

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# CWPP update on track

WES ISENHART  
GILPIN COUNTY

Gilpin County held another well attended CWPP open house on August 8, 2024, at the County Courthouse in Central City. The meeting followed the pattern of the first open house in June, with presentations by several speakers followed by individual conversations with experts at three stations concerning fire-adapted communities, resilient landscapes, and effective wildfire responses.

Christian Testerman from SWCA consulting was the moderator for the meeting. He gave an update on the progress of the updates to the Gilpin County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Testerman said that the timeline of completing the plan by the end of the year was on schedule.

Milessa Lewis, Gilpin County Director of Emergency Management, spoke about the need for a CWPP plan to promote resilient landscapes through wildfire mitigation and fire-adapted communities that engage in home hardening and evacuation preparedness.

Lewis said that the landscape has changed significantly in the last fifteen years since the first CWPP was produced in 2009. Lewis emphasized the need for residents to get involved in mitigating their individual properties and working with their neighbors to create safe neighborhoods.

Gilpin County Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth spoke about a variety of things that the County is doing to foster fire-adapted communities.

The County has instituted annual specified funding for mitigation, which

includes working with Timberline Fire Protection District (TFPD). The funding helps Timberline mitigate rights of way and focus on protecting County structures like the Courthouse, the Community Center, and communication towers.

The County also gave Timberline funds for a chipper and a truck for mobile chipping events around the county. The goal is to rotate through all the subdivisions with chipping events every two years.

To deal with the costs of a wildfire in the county, the commissioners passed a resolution to put a percentage aside each year to build up their reserve for emergency situations. This fund currently sits at around \$4 million.

The County also established an acquisition fund of about \$2 million to purchase water rights and critical watershed property.

After the presentations, attendees were given the opportunity to visit the stations and speak with experts on the different subject matter.

A number of organizations were also in attendance, including the Boulder Watershed Collective (boulderwatershedcollective.com), the Clear Creek Watershed and Forest Health Partnership (clearcreekpartnership.org), and the High County Auxiliary, which was selling reflective address signs.

For information on getting a reflective address sign, contact Diane Anderson at 720-839-4783. Signs are \$15 and include the mounting bracket.

Residents are encouraged to take the CWPP survey to help the core team identify issues and concerns in the community. The link to the survey can be found on the County CWPP webpage. From the main webpage (gilpincounty.colorado.gov), click on the elected officials/commissioners/CWPP.

*For more information about the 2024 update to the Gilpin County CWPP plan, contact Sheriff Armstrong (karmstrong@gilpincounty.org) or SWCA Project Manager Rob Fenwick (Robert.Fenwick@swca.com).*



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### Good turnout

Top: Gilpin County residents turned out for a public meeting on CWPP updates. Bottom: Gilpin County Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth speaking at CWPP meeting. Director of Emergency Management Melissa Lewis and CSU Extension Agent Jennifer Cook also spoke at the meeting.

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# CDOT presents update on I-70 Floyd Hill Project

MINDY LEARY  
CENTRAL CITY

Gilpin Commissioner Chair Susan Berumen began the August 13 BOCC meeting with a moment of silence for Undersheriff Tonia Kapke, who recently lost her battle with cancer. In her memory, several County offices will be closed on Wednesday, August 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kurt Kionka, CDOT Floyd Hill Project Director, along with Stasia Sellers and Crystal Armendariz, provided an update on the I-70 Floyd Hill Construction Project.

The project aims to improve eight miles of the I-70 Mountain Corridor from west of Evergreen to eastern Idaho Springs. Key improvements include addressing the bottleneck at Floyd Hill, rebuilding bridges, and constructing a frontage road between US 6 and Hidden Valley/Central City Parkway.

Work on Early Projects began in fall 2022, including roundabouts on US 40, a wildlife underpass at I-70 and Genesee, and a wildlife overpass at US 40 at Empire. Major project improvements will add a third westbound lane on I-70, rebuild worn bridges, and extend the on-ramp from US 6 to eastbound I-70, among other improvements. Environmental mitigation efforts will enhance wildlife connectivity, air and water quality, and recreation.

Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth confirmed that the new frontage road would be permanent, with plans for a roundabout.

As part of The Colorado Department of Transportation's I-70 Floyd Hill Project, rock scaling and blasting will be necessary in the West and Central Sections (between the middle of Floyd Hill to Idaho Springs) of the Project to widen I-70, rebuild and replace bridges over I-70, and flatten I-70 curves to improve safety. Rock scaling is estimated to begin in the West Section after Labor Day. Rock blasting in the West and Central Sections is expected to begin in fall 2024 after the completion of rock scaling.

The Floyd Hill Project's public information team will ensure the scaling schedule is available to the public. In addition to overhead message boards, here is how you can stay informed.

- Visit the Project website: [codot.gov/projects/i70floydhill](https://codot.gov/projects/i70floydhill)
- Call the hotline: 720-994-2368 (CDOT)
- Email The Project and receive email updates at [cdot\\_floydhillproject@state.co.us](mailto:cdot_floydhillproject@state.co.us)
- Sign Up For text alerts: Text floydhill to 21000
- Real-time traffic information: Visit [COTrip.org](https://cotrip.org)
- Check NextDoor before you hit the road

Follow CDOT on Facebook and Twitter. Kionka said they will be mindful of timed tickets to events like the opera and that they may put ads on the hotel televisions to keep casino guests informed. The commissioners listened intently.

It is important to note that there will be traffic holds of up to 45 minutes during the off-peak hours, which are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. Travel is encouraged outside of these hours; or alternate routes are suggested, such as Highway 119 to

Highway 6 or Highway 46.

A public hearing was held with the board sitting as the Local Liquor Licensing Authority about the Special Event Liquor License permit for First Responders Day.

Krystal Meyer filed an application for a Special Event Liquor License for Gilpin County First Responders Day to be held at the fairgrounds on September 7, 2024. Public Notice will appear in The Mountain-Ear on August 1 and a public hearing sign will be posted at 250 Norton Drive on or before August 1.

Meyer said there will be a charge to watch the bull-riding event, which will go towards the donations for first responders.

The public hearing was closed at 9:45 a.m. and all were in favor of approving the permit.

Sheriff Kevin Armstrong presented Resolution 24-111, Imposing Temporary Stage 2 Fire Restrictions in Gilpin County. This move comes after a conflagration of fires around the US and Canada that are spreading resources thin.

A Stage 2 Fire Ban means no open fires, no shooting except with a valid hunting license, no smoking unless in a vehicle or building, and no chainsaws without the necessary fire prevention methods.

Commissioner Marie Mornis asked whether the Board would have to rescind the motion when the fire ban is lifted. Armstrong replied in the affirmative. All were in favor of approving the restrictions.

The Gilpin County Community Center has gained two new employees, one of whom, Halle Peiffer, will now be the first third-generation Gilpin employee. Congratulations to the Peiffer family for their legacy of service to the community.

Other items covered included the Consent Agenda (with minor edits), a liquor license renewal for Coyote Liquors, approving Intergovernmental Agreements for the November 5, 2024, Coordinated Election with the City of Central and Special Election with City of Black Hawk, a gaming impact grant application, an approved field worker safety policy, and an updated IGA with Gilpin Ambulance Authority.

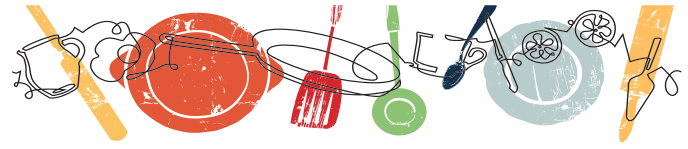
During the County Manager's Report, Ray Rears reminded everyone of the next work session, scheduled for August 20 at 9 a.m., during which the Board plans to cover several topics, including but not limited to:

- CTSI 5-year loss analysis
- Office of Emergency Management
- OWTS Regulations – Public Health
- Digital Content Policy (Accessibility Policy / Updated Website Policy / social media policy)
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There was also a significant discussion regarding the next steps to be taken about establishing childcare in Gilpin, namely approving a lease with a new organization, Mountain Kids, which is in the process of getting their IRS approval. Rears said he will bring them before the Board for a formal introduction in the coming months.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at approximately 11:50 p.m.

*The next regular meeting of the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for August 27, 2024, at 9 a.m. and will be held in person at the Historic Courthouse, 203 Eureka Street, Central City and online via Zoom.*



## AUGUST RECIPES



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Combine the mint simple syrup, the rest of the mint leaves, and the fresh lemon juice.

In a blender, blend until well mixed. Add the ice and blend until the ice is thoroughly crushed. Pour into glasses and serve immediately.

Or mix the lemon-mint mixture with about 2 cups of cold water, stir, and pour over lots of ice. Still delicious, and less chance of brain freeze.



### PUBLIC NOTICE: COMMUNITY MEETING FOR CENTRAL-CITY CLEAR CREEK SUPERFUND SITE

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Environmental Protection Agency will be hosting a public meeting on **Wednesday, August 28 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** at the Idaho Springs City Hall to provide an update on the status of the Central City-Clear Creek Superfund Site. The meeting will also provide a forum for community members to ask questions about the Site.

There are several ways to participate:

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- Join via Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851289063?pwd=Rd1lak1L4yNWBLWM0bk09rxsPaYZR\\_1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851289063?pwd=Rd1lak1L4yNWBLWM0bk09rxsPaYZR_1) (password: 743195)
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Boulder County has received a notice of intent to acquire a permanent easement by Xcel Energy over the Adler-Fingru Open Space Property located on the north side of Empire Road in Lafayette. This demand will be considered at a Boulder County Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee public meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. and at a Boulder County Board of Commissioners public hearing on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Both events will occur in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the 3rd Floor of the Boulder County Courthouse, 1325 Pearl Street, Boulder, Colorado. The public is invited to attend and comment at either or both events. For more information or to comment on this issue, contact Don Durso, 720-864-6694, [ddurso@bouldercounty.gov](mailto:ddurso@bouldercounty.gov).



# Statepoint Crossword and Sudoku Puzzles

THEME: FOOTBALL

**ACROSS**

1. Command to Fido
6. Sheep not yet sheared
9. Cap and gown accessory
13. Blood line
14. Ancient Chinese dynasty
15. Ringworm
16. Driver's license notation
17. Not outs
18. Like Cheerios
19. \*Piece of football equipment required since 1943
21. \*Peyton or Eli
23. Napkin spot
24. Eminem's 2002 hit "\_\_\_\_ Yourself"
25. Embargo
28. Feed storage cylinder
30. Like house from a kit
35. Greek god of love
37. Smokes
39. \*Super Bowl I M.V.P. Bart \_\_\_\_
40. Taj Mahal locale
41. \*Career rushing yards record holder
43. Equals s squared
44. Regretting
46. \*Highest college football level: \_\_\_\_ Division I
47. Extend credit
48. \*Seventeen games in NFL
50. Somewhat (2 words)
52. "Whatever Will Be, Will Be" singer
53. Mare's baby
55. Not a friend
57. \*55 of them
61. \*Home of the NFL Hall of Fame
64. Hole-borer
65. For every
67. Color red on coat of arms
69. Birds of ill omen
70. Outrage
71. \_\_\_\_\_ shopping cart
72. Party barrels
73. Sound from one of #69 Across
74. Homes for #69 Across

**DOWN**

1. Down in the dumps
2. Cry of contempt
3. Marine eagle
4. Wake Island, e.g.
5. Kismet, pl.
6. Foolish one
7. Even, poetic
8. Useful contraption
9. Lamborghini model
10. Unfavorable prefix
11. "As \_\_\_\_ on TV"
12. Suspend
15. Astringents
20. "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," e.g.
22. Venomous Egyptian snake
24. Deducible
25. \*One of 2 NFL founding teams still in league
26. Lock horns
27. Waterwheel
29. Outline
31. Et alii, abbr.
32. Got along
33. \*Like indoor eight-men football
34. \*Career NFL passing yards record holder
36. Without
38. Wild guess
42. Israelian port
45. Errand-runners
49. Neither's partner
51. Nuku'alofa language
54. Meat jelly dish
56. Musician's exercise
57. "\*\*Go \_\_\_\_ Go!"
58. Fishing decoy
59. Awestruck
60. Archery wood
61. "Ship, Captain, \_\_\_\_"
62. Cutlass or Delta 88, for short
63. Remaining after deductions
66. \_\_\_\_ of Good Feelings
68. Lusitania's last call

**CROSSWORD**

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| 3 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| 6 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
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Sudoku solution August 8

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# Great times at the Gilpin County Fair



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There's no better way to bring a community together than with a County Fair- and boy did we gather A LOT of folks at the Gilpin County Fair this year! Some longtime residents have said that the 2024 Fair is the biggest they've ever seen!

We kicked things off with our 2nd Annual Fair Parade on Friday. The lineup was led by Sheriff Kevin Armstrong and Grand Marshal Kay Lorenz. Kay was selected as Grand Marshal this year to honor her longtime Gilpin County residency and commitment to and involvement in our community. Other participants included local high school students with their horses and donkey, the Parks & Recreation float with staff, Fair Ambassadors and our Gilpin County Board of Commissioners, Gilpin Archwood 4-H, Buck for the Badge, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7563, Christ the King Church, Friends of the Gilpin County Community Center, Gilpin County Public Works, Golden Gate Canyon State Park, Timberline Fire Department, Axe & Snacks, Gilpin County Republicans, Black Hawk Fire Department, Gilpin Ambulance, local business Elevated Impressions, Central City Fire Department, Gilpin County Democrats, the Mountain Ear newspaper and the Gilpin County Food Pantry. The Fair Parade has become a great way to showcase our local community groups, businesses, first responders and county departments.

After the Parade, the 4-H competitions started with the Cody & Shelby Allen Memorial Horse Show and Gymkhana followed by the 2nd Annual Livestock show. Other 4-H events included an archery demonstration where the young archers explained range and bow safety and then demonstrated how a proper archery shoot takes place; a fashion show that displayed items made by the 4-H youth using upcycled articles of clothing; and the 4-H youth also

had a booth to fundraise for club vests for members and awards for the competitions.

Every year the Fair has community competitions including the time-honored offerings of Fiber and Fabric Arts, Log Splitting and Dog Agility. This year was our 3rd Annual Volleyball Tournament, 2nd Annual Cornhole competition and NEW this year were our Pickleball Tournament and Redneck Relay.

**Winners of our competitions were:**

- Fiber and Fabric Arts First Place Ribbon Winners:
  - Ruth Briggs – traditional quilts
  - Dana Jones – art quilts
  - Zach Meyer – art projects
  - Tabatha Oline - crochet
  - Log Splitting: Tony Zotti
  - Volleyball: Dad's & Daughters (Len, Steve, Molly and Katie)
  - Pickleball: Dinking Buddies
  - Redneck Relay: Mountain Mayhem (Chris, David, Amy & Mandy)

What was your favorite attraction at the Fair this year? Was it the musical ballads of the Curtis Brothers Band, Dustin Devine or Derek Hall? Or did you love the Westernaires Indian Interpretive Dancers & Ropes and Whips groups the most? What about the bounce house, boxing, mechanical bull and new this year Axe Whooping axe throwing cage? Did you win a special prize at the carnival games put on by the Parks & Rec team? Or did you get a chance to show your strength in the arm-wrestling contest or fling fruits and veggies in the arena with the Mountain Warriors? Was getting to pet the furry critters at the Jefferson County 4-H Petting Zoo a top attraction for you? And how about the food and vendor variety? Don't forget the time-honored Sunday morning Cowboy Church and High Country Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast. We had it all at our Fair this year!

The Saturday rodeo included saddle bronc, bare back and bull riding. Not only were the

grandstands packed with spectators, but the bull riding participants had a showing of 24 riders, which is a 110% increase from previous years. The rodeo was opened with Peak to Peak chorale's beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled banner and the exciting Shockwave Trick Riders. There were three Mutton Bustin' opportunities for our littlest cowboys and cowgirls to show us their sheep riding skills.

**Rodeo Results:**

**SADDLE BRONCS**

- 1st Colton Williams 81.5 pts. \$630
- 2nd Caden Grysdale 67 pts. \$420

**BAREBACK**

- 1st Tyler Ferguson 76 pts. \$570
- 2nd Dalton Williams 73.5 pts. \$380

**BULLS**

- 1st KR Mitchell 79.5 pts. \$1700
- 2nd Homero Martinez 72.5 pts. \$1020
- 3rd Wyatt Cooper 68 pts. \$680

Our Fair Ambassadors this year were Freshman Ezekiel Bloom, Sophomore Elise Vincent and Senior Rayna Durnen. These three did an exceptional job of representing the youth of our community with their hard work and dedication in helping to plan and execute our awesome Fair. The Ambassador Program provides each chosen applicant unique and valuable experience, volunteer hours and a scholarship to further their educational endeavors. Look for applications for the 2025 Fair Ambassador program on our website this Fall.

We would like give a great big THANK YOU to our Fair Committee and Volunteers,

the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7563, Axe & Snacks, Friends of the Gilpin County Community Center, the Blue Knights CO-1, Gilpin Archwood 4-H, Gilpin County Public Works and the Gilpin County Parks & Recreation Staff. Without their hard work and support, Fair would not happen! And we need more help! If you are interested in being on our Fair Committee or just giving a few hours of your time to make YOUR Fair great, email kmeyer@gilpincounty.org and let us know! It's a lot of fun, plus volunteers get a cool commemorative t-shirt, food vouchers for our fabulous fair food vendors AND a free one-day pass to the Community Center! Join us next year!

Another HUGE shout out to our 2024 Fair Sponsors: Grapes & Sons Excavating, Black Hawk Silver Dollar Metropolitan District, United Power, Friends of the Gilpin County Community Center, Always Choose Adventures, Red Dolly Casino, The B&C: the Black Hawk Bean & Cream, Big R of Evergreen, Realtor Lise Friisbaastad, KOA Campground Central City, Ameristar Casino, Meyers Excavating, JKQ BBQ, Basecamp @ Golden Gate Canyon, Kona Ice, Mc2 Ice Cream, Black Hawk Realty and The Mountain-Ear. Without these generous sponsors all the fun fair extras would not be possible! Do YOU want to be a Fair Hero by being a sponsor? Email Krystal @kmeyer@gilpincounty.org and let her know!

Unfortunately, due to a wild lightning storm on Sunday afternoon our first ever Ranch Rodeo and performance by the Rangerettes of the Rockies had to be cancelled for the safety of spectators and competitors. Look forward to this fun new event at next year's Fair July 11 – 13. We'll see you there!

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