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Central tackles SOB ordinances



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Here to stay

"We're here. We're not going anywhere," said Eric Langan, owner and CEO of RCI Hospitality Holdings, during the public comment portion of the August 20 Central City Council meeting. Langan has invested millions of dollars into 130 Main Street to open Rick's Cabaret, which classifies as a sexually oriented business. See story page 17

NES Begins 2024 -25 School Year



PHOTO BY SARA SANDSTROM

Fifth grade here we come

Nederland Elementary teacher Ms. Corrie Beauvineau leads her class into the school on the first day of school. For the fifth graders this is their last first day at NES. See story page 9.

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-QUOTE OF THE WEEK-

Listen to the people who have ideas about how to fix things, not the ones who just blame others.

– Molly Ivins

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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.



Friday, August 23

LEGO Build It!: Drop in to create and
play! Kids can let their imaginations
run free while they construct their own
creations using LEGO bricks. Duplo and
Knex kits are also included. Children
under 8 years old must be accompanied
by an adult. All materials are provided.
1 - 4 p.m. in the Community Room at the
Gilpin Public Library.

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.

Caribou Village 4th Fridays: Spinning Silica and Kaleidoscope
Fine Arts Gallery are hosting artists who set up their work for
viewing. Kaleidoscope is offering 10% off all art in the Gallery.
4 - 7 p.m. in the Caribou Village, located at 20 Lakeview Drive. 10
a.m. - 12 p.m. near Rainbow Lakes.

Sunday, August 25

Wild Blueberry Walk: An opportunity to find and identify wild
blueberries as well as many other native plants. A jacket, backpack
with snacks and water, camera, bird/flower/wild food books, and
your authentic self are recommended. Call Ella at 720-412-8826
for more information and parking instructions. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
near Rainbow Lakes.

Monday, August 26

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

The Mountain Meditation Circle is a free and open group that
has been meeting every Monday evening at 6 p.m. for the last
four years at the Gilpin County Public Library. New participants
are always welcome. New members will need to provide their

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Get involved in your community

contact information prior to attending their
first meeting. Please email Alisa Witt at
wittalisa@gmail.com or 847-890-5262 to
provide your contact information.

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

Wednesday, August 28

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. Starts at 10
a.m. at the Gilpin County Public Library.

Lunch Hour Book Discussion: August's book is Sara Nović's True
Biz. Copies will be available at the Circulation desk. Please contact
Jen Matthews at jmatthews@gilpincounty.org with any questions
about this book club. 12 - 1 p.m. at the Gilpin Public Library.

Thursday, August 29

The Story of Ghost Town Caribou Book Release: Join us for stories
and photos. All book sales will benefit the Nederland Area Historical
Society. 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Nederland Public Library.

Saturday, August 30

Nederland Summer Concert Series: Bring a chair and a cooler and
sit back with your community to enjoy some live music from Silas
Herman with Jack Cloonan and The River Arkansas. 4 - 7 p.m. in
Chipeta Park.

*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
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Self Help Meetings

Tuesday Night Nederland Cross Talk Meeting A Big Book meet-
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
St. Rita's Catholic Church at 326 Highway 119, Nederland, and online
via Zoom. For more information visit <https://bouldercountyaa.com/meetings/nederland-group>.

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

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

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

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

PEAK PERSPECTIVES: News of the Newspaper

Barbara Hardt
Black Hawk

It's that time of year, our annual trek with kids going back to school. Well, sort of. A lot of our staff have kids going back to school, but mine doesn't start school for a month. He is however working on his resume to find a part-time job in his new home in Pullman, Washington. His question to me, as we worked through the process, "Mom, why didn't they teach us this in school?" Indeed, why didn't they? What life skills courses are offered in school these days that prepare kids for the next chapter of life? I'm asking, honestly, what do your kids take in school to have a good start in life? Typing, checkbook balancing, meal preparation, sewing, laundry, how to build a resume? I'm curious what local schools have life skill courses to prepare them for the day they move out. I'd love to write a column about that in the future.

The Mountain-Ear is now searching for interns. We will hire a senior intern from Nederland, Gilpin and Chinook (if they apply) in the next month. As well as other ages to work for the paper. We work with the interns to teach them about what we do here. I have this theory that teaching the kids about the importance of journalism, and specifically about small town news, is the best way to keep students engaged in the future of reporting. Interns can be expected to investigate, research, and fact-check information, propose and write local interesting stories, and basically, yeah, report the news. Our interns may also work on our podcast, work on video projects, social media and more!

If you are a high school senior (or any grade in high school), looking for a paid intern position, email info@themountaineear.com for more info.

This week, some of *The Mountain-Ear* staff and family will trek down to Thornton to attend the Colorado Press Association Convention. During the three day event, we will learn all about innovative ideas in journalism. We will

share meals, share ideas, collaborate with other TEAMS and we will pick up a few awards at the CPA Better News and Hall of Fame Awards. News about that in next week's paper!

Have you read about *The Mountain-Ear* archive? The archived paper is available online here, to read articles from 1977 through part of 2010. We plan to also have these files on our website in the future. But for now, you can check it out on the Colorado Historical Newspaper Collection website here: <https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/?a=cl&cl=CL1&sp=MNE&e=----en-20--1--img-txIN%7ctxCO%7ctxTA-----0----->

Our Studio Tour is closed to artists and sponsors at this time. The guide will hit stands before the end of August. Check back with us for more details!

Our Everybody's Listening podcast is shared online every Monday. The latest is right here: <https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/1583656.rss>.

This week, we are launching a new Keep it Local campaign for the business of Nederland. To find out more, email info@themountaineear.com or submit your info here to be included (must be in town limits): <https://www.themtnear.com/business-short-takes/>

Don't forget to check out all of our event calendars, from local library events to community events, to government meetings, self help meetings, music of the entire Peak to Peak, senior luncheons, what's happening at our local Rec center and more! You'll notice we have expanded our calendar listings throughout the paper. We've always had the only print and online music listing that covers the Peak to Peak. Now, you'll be able to find more local events, government meetings, self help meetings, and more. Stick with us, we'll let you know everywhere you need to be and what you'll want to see. And it's also all online on our online calendar. Submit your event here: <https://www.themtnear.com/events-submission/>.

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the editor here: <https://www.themtnear.com/submit-letter-or-guest-opinion/>.

And you can always submit an obituary here: <https://www.themtnear.com/submit-obituary/>.

You can find the latest police reports here: <https://www.themtnear.com/category/police-reports/>.

And local government is always right here: <https://www.themtnear.com/category/government/>.

And you can always find our latest music stories here: <https://www.themtnear.com/category/mountain-columns/music-of-the-mountains/>.

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Gilpin County Seniors

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.

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.

September 4 - Chair Massage with Bonnie, 9 - 11 a.m. in the Senior Lounge.

Sign up for our next massage on October 2! Email info@mountainpeaklife.org for availability.

September 4 - Sit and Stretch Yoga. 11 - 11:30 a.m. in the Senior Lounge, located at the Nederland Community Center.

September 4 - Lunch: Eggplant parmesan with sausage, whole wheat spaghetti, tossed salad with Italian dressing, and pineapple

September 4 - Disaster Preparedness Presentation with Boulder County Disaster Management, 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Senior Lounge.

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

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



The River Arkansas, Jack Cloonan, and Silas Herman

Jamie Lammers
Nederland

The River Arkansas initially formed when frontman Mike Clark (guitar, banjo, and singer-songwriter) and Macon Terry (bass) met as members of other bands in 2014, and realized soon after that they both lived in Colorado Springs. Clark and Terry ended up performing in the studio together and releasing the band's debut album, *Golden Light*.

Terry then brought players from his own band Clouds and Mountains, Robin Chestnut (drums) and Rachel Sliker (violin), and toured the West Coast for a month before releasing the second River Arkansas album, *You Animal*. They've since released a third album, *Any Kind of Weather*, and three EPs, "Damn Good Dog," "Waiting on the Rain," and "Green Bridge".

Before Clark became a musician, he started as a semi-professional trials bike rider, taking his first big road trip across the West Coast at the age of 27 with a friend of his to ride their bikes and meet other riders to compete with. Clark's friend, Patrick, would play his

guitar many times throughout the trip (Clark didn't know he had a guitar before this trip), and Patrick's playing inspired Clark enough that he bought a harmonica during a stop at a Seattle music shop. He practiced during the rest of the trip, and that was his first venture into music.

As a Christmas gift, Patrick gave Clark his first acoustic guitar, and over the next six months, he started playing with other musicians, including his cousin, and learning many more instruments, dedicating his time to learning how to be a musician. Now, for The River Arkansas, Clark writes most of the songs and the band contributes to arrangements. He loves being able to understand himself more through his songwriting, and he ultimately hopes that everyone who comes to the shows likes the music the band provides.

Jack Cloonan's grandfather and father played accordion, and his father also played tenor banjo. Cloonan started playing accordion at seven years old and violin at nine, focusing on traditional Irish jigs. Around the age of fourteen, he picked up a guitar and started playing more contemporary rock tunes, such as

those by Led Zeppelin. He picked up a mandolin for the first time during high school, and eventually, he found bands such as Leftover Salmon and String Cheese Incident, who took Irish tunes and fused them with American stylings. At around nineteen, he started writing his own songs, with some of his guitar influences including Doc Watson, Clarence White, Tony Rice, Larry Keel, and Jake Workman.

Cloonan has also been able to spend time with banjo influence Andy Thorn from Leftover Salmon, as well as perform many times with Silas Herman, son of Vince Herman, founding member of the iconic band. Silas Herman, while also performing many times with his dad, has performed in dozens of music festivals and has shared the stage and recorded with groups and individuals such as Drunken Hearts, Terrapin Family Band with Peter Rowan, Sam Bush, Chris Thile of Nickel Creek and Punch Brothers, and The Kitchen Dwellers (just within the last couple of months).

Along with the inspirations mentioned earlier, Cloonan says that he and Silas have both been heavily inspired by The David Grisman Quintet. Cloonan loves being able to perform with other musicians as well, especially once they're locked into the feeling of the music and are able to feel like they're flying.

You can see a two-set performance with The River Arkansas and with Jack Cloonan and Silas Herman as the final show of the Nederland Summer Concert Series 2024, which will take place in Chipeta Park, 158 E 1st St. in Nederland, on Saturday, August 31, 2024, starting at 4 p.m. For more information, head to www.timeservedproductiongroup.com.

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Gold Hill Inn

Friday, August 23 at 8 p.m. -
Pass the Snakes
Sunday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m. -
Ojo de Luna
Wednesday, August 28 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
Location: 401 Main Street, Gold Hill
Phone: 303-443-6461

Gold Hill Store

Friday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m. -
Young and the Dead
Saturday, August 31 at 6 p.m. - Hundred
Pound Housecat (with Special Guest)

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

Music Events

Busey Brews

Sunday, August 25 at 2 p.m. - Melt and
the Family Band Duo - Darin and Ryan

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Music Events

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Howlin Wind Brewing

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 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

Wednesday, August 28 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic

Thursday, August 29 at 7 p.m. - Lost Bobcat

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

Website: <https://www.jamestownmercantile.com/>

Location: 108 Main Street, Jamestown
Phone: 303-442-5847

JKQ BBQ

Friday, August 23 at 6 p.m. - Robby Wicks

Saturday, August 24 at 5 p.m. - Robby Wicks

Friday, August 30 at 6 p.m. - Jon Ridnell

Saturday, August 31 at 5 p.m. - Jon Ridnell

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

Location: 200 Gregory Street, Black Hawk
Phone: 720-316-1361

Knotted Root Brewing

Saturday, August 24 at 5 p.m. - Sophia Eliana

Saturday, August 31 at 2 p.m. - Tober and the Sound Ideal

Fridays at 7 p.m. - DJ Night

Every Second Friday at 7:30 p.m. - Reggae DJ Night

Sundays at 5 p.m. - Jazz Sundays

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

Website: <https://www.knottedrootbrewing.com/home>

Location: 250 N. Caribou Street, Nederland
Phone: 720-248-7129

Nederland Farmers Market

Sunday, September 1 at 10:30 a.m. - Gratefully Acoustic

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

Website: <https://www.nederlandfarmersmarket.org/>

Email: nederlandfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Location: 85 E. 1st Street, Nederland and 80 E. 2nd Street, Nederland

Nederland Jazz and Wine Festival 2024

Saturday, August 24 at 11 a.m. - Jeremy Mohny Trio

Saturday, August 24 at noon - Halle Tomlinson Band

Saturday, August 24 at 2 p.m. - Jeremy Mohny Trio

Saturday, August 24 at 3 p.m. - Medianoche Honorado with Special Guest Steve Wilson

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

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

Location: Chipeta Park, 158 E 1st St, Nederland

Nederland Summer Concert Series

Saturday, August 31 at 4 p.m. - The River Arkansas/Silas Herman and Jack Cloonan

Website: <https://www.timeservedproductiongroup.com/>

Location: Chipeta Park, 158 E 1st St, Nederland

Old Gallery at Allenspark

Saturday, August 24 at 6 p.m. - Beth Gadbar Trio

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

Website: <https://www.theoldgallery.org/>

Location: 14863 Highway 7, Allenspark

Phone: 303-747-2906

Very Nice Brewing Co. (Gilpin County)

Friday, August 23 at 6 p.m. - Eric Stone
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/verynicebeer>

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Sunday, August 25 at 5 p.m. - Ella Wren

Friday, August 30 at 6 p.m. - Mountain ReVerb

Saturday, August 31 at 7 p.m. - Whumpf

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Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Eagles Teen Program - After School Monday-Thursday 4:15 - 7:15 p.m.

We'll be providing transportation from Gilpin County School and will be running an after-school program from 4 - 7:15 p.m., Monday - Thursday! Our Leadership Team has come up with many activities for the next two weeks. Daily program is free after \$25/annual registration fee.

First Responders Day / Buck for the Badge

Saturday, September 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10, children 12 and under are free. Bull Riding, Mutton Bustin', Air Life. For questions and sponsorships 720-934-0297 or 303-589-0682.

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. Four players per team. Each team must have at least one female. Double elimination, games played to 15 points. Registration fee: \$40 per team.

Gilpin County Farmer's Market

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

Shred-a-Thon

Saturday, September 7, 10 a.m. - noon at the Gilpin County Fairgrounds Parking Lot. Each household can bring up to four large boxes for free.

High Country Auxiliary Flea Market

Friday, September 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, September 7, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., benefiting the first responders of Gilpin County.

Outdoor gear rentals NOW AVAILABLE

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

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

Youth Camp (Licensed Child Care):

Monday-Thursday, 4 - 6 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Eagles Teen Program: Monday - Thursday, 4:15 - 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Letter to the Editor



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

Here is our Letter Policy: We welcome thoughtful, local letters to the editor. You can submit online on our website or by email to info@themountainear.com. Letters may be edited for length (less than 500 words) and content (rude, vulgar or obscene). Letters must include local name and address, to be considered for publication in the next available edition. We reserve the right to refuse to print letters.

From the Editors: We will not publish letters that are part of a local smear campaign or contain unsubstantiated information. Letters will be sent back to the author with an option to rewrite following our letter policy. Questions? Email info@themountainear.com.

Awesome Mountain-Ear Sesquicentennial coverage

Dear Editor,

Thank you Chris Kelley and *The Mountain-Ear* for great coverage of Nederland's Sesquicentennial.

Chris managed to be everywhere taking photos and also helped put together the Nederland Sesquicentennial "Gone But Not Forgotten" brochure. The brochure

was free and given out at the pancake breakfast.

Chris and *The Mountain-Ear* did a wonderful job thanking all who made the events possible.

Thank you Chris. You and Natalie are a wonderful addition to Nederland!

Lee Tillotson
Nederland

Human connection is a life-or-death issue

Dear Editor,

Human connection is among our most basic needs. Infants deprived of regular nurturing physical contact have an exponentially higher mortality rate than those given enough physical affection. Chronic social isolation correlates with a dramatically increased death rate among adults. Put simply, lack of connection is a survival threat.

We are hard-wired for connection and interdependence, and the epidemic-level prevalence of loneliness and isolation among Americans is fueling what many public health experts are calling our number one public health crisis. Yet the average individual experiencing these feelings tends to blame themselves.

I work as a nature-based psychotherapist in Nederland. I find that for most of the people I work with, lack of connection is at the core of their struggles. And my clients are lovely human beings- through my work with them, I am an absolute believer in the goodness of humanity. Yet almost without exception, they believe that the reason they feel disconnected is because something is wrong with them.

All of the existential threats we face today are the result of disconnection: with each other, with ourselves, with the earth. The illusion that we are separate from each other is what fuels the vast majority of human suffering, and leads to the destruction of our planet. Author Tara Brach calls this "the trance of separation," we mistakenly believe that we are separate, that we are unworthy, and that we don't belong.

Many of us are waiting for someone

to reach their hand through the curtain and convince us of our belonging and worthiness before we are willing to tiptoe into the vulnerability required to relate to others in a real way. No one will do that work for us. We must become the ones offering connection. Yes, it's vulnerable and risky- but it's our moral imperative.

Each one of us must become an agent for social change. Start by assuming that most people with whom you cross paths share a longing for connection, a sense of its lacking, and a belief that their absence of a real "tribe" is somehow indicative of their own unworthiness. Remind yourself that your own feelings of disconnection are not a reflection of your worth. Instead of worrying about how others are judging you, ask yourself: how can I reassure this person in front of me that they belong? This is a gift you can offer to the world. Create opportunities for people to connect with you and with each other, even if this idea scares you. Our developmental task is to overcome our own insecurities and grow into the largest-possible version of ourselves so that we can help others start to recognize their own belonging.

The battles playing out in society are reflected inside each of us on a smaller scale. It is essential for us to orient toward social connection in order to solve the problems we face. This involves remembering our belonging - and finding ways to deliver that sense of belonging to others.

Zoe Lewis
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Re-elect Commissioner Hollingsworth

Letter to the editor and fellow residents,

This is a letter of support to re-elect Gilpin County Commissioner, Sandy Hollingsworth. I had the honor to serve with Commissioner Hollingsworth and the late Commissioner Sill during the years of 2021 and 2022. The three of us tackled the continuing pandemic fallout and challenges as well as running the county during that transitional time. We didn't always agree with each other, but we were able to come together with solution-oriented decisions and approved the 2023 budget. We also found light-hearted moments where party lines didn't interfere. Each of us had unique experiences to share as we planned for better days for our little county.

As the pandemic began to recede with vaccinations and ongoing precautions, Gilpin County was able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The county's revenues were returning as businesses and casinos re-opened. More meetings were held in person and more counties were coming together to work towards what would be our new normal. Commissioner Hollingsworth embraced every challenge that came her way with a dedication to gaining understanding

and researching every topic that was on our lengthy agendas.

Sandy has met with local business owners regarding the county's economic development plan. Main Street Rollinsville, the hub of District 3, is a favorite place for both residents and tourists to enjoy a great pizza, cold beer or distilled adult beverage while enjoying the breathtaking views west to the Continental Divide. Commissioner Hollingsworth continues to open doors to other economic development opportunities throughout the county.

When other people are asleep, you can rest assured that Sandy Hollingsworth is burning the midnight oil as she prepares for the sunrise only hours away. Gilpin County is truly fortunate to have a county commissioner of her caliber and dedication. This is not the right time for someone to learn the ropes of being a commissioner or compromise the sovereignty of Gilpin County's voters. You can place your winning bet on Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth to do the right thing, every time.

Sincerely,

Linda Isenhart
Gilpin County

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Gilpin RE-1 Back to School Night



All aboard

Children enjoying a train ride around the track at the Gilpin County RE-1 Back to School Night. Students, parents and staff got a chance to get reacquainted with each other and get ready for the new school year. This year's Back to School Night had a carnival atmosphere with a food stand, booths, and games.



PHOTOS BY SARA SANDSTROM

Academic huddle

High School students huddling with their teacher at the Gilpin RE-1 Back to School Night. The open house format allowed for opportunities for parents and students to meet their teachers for the coming year and learn more about each other.

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Back to school night at NMSHS



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Back to School excitement
Students, families, and staff filled the halls of NMSHS on Back to School Night 2024 with excitement and positive energy.

**SARA SANDSTROM
NEDERLAND**

Students and parents were warmly welcomed by the Panther Parents (PTA) when they came through the doors at Nederland Middle-Senior High School (NMSHS) at Back to School Night 2024 on August 19. Panther Parents prepared a joyous repast of pizza, appetizers, and desserts for everyone.

There was a buzz in the room as parents greeted each other after the summer holiday. In this small community, many families already knew each other, and were ready to engage in an exciting new year. The parents were encouraged to join the PTA and become involved in the school community in some way.

NMSHS Principal Gavan Goodrich

met with the middle school families before he met with high school families. He stressed the importance of the whole family being involved: it is important for the students, the parents, and the community as a whole. In a small school, being involved is vital to its success.

Parents then followed their students' schedule and met with their kids' teachers in their classrooms. Each teacher gave a brief synopsis of the work to be expected in the semester or year ahead.

There was a bright and positive energy coming from the students, staff, and parents at NMSHS. It looks to be a very exciting start to the 2024-2025 school year!

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NES begins 2024 - 25 school year



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Cheers for Nederland Elementary

Above, left: Second graders head into NES on the first day of school. Above, right: Mr. Sloat talks to one of his former students and gives a few words of encouragement to start off the year. Bottom, left: First graders are ready to start the 2024-25 school year!

SARA SANDSTROM NEDERLAND


The first day of school is always filled with excitement and a bit of nervousness. At Nederland Elementary School (NES), parents started to drop off their kids a little after 8 a.m. on August 14, 2024. These students found their teachers, who were eagerly awaiting them outside.

Then the big buses pulled up and the excitement elevated, as many more kids joined the classes. Old friends greeted


each other while teachers made sure new students were introduced so they could feel included into older, more established groups. There would be no strangers here after the first few minutes.

The little ones were wide-eyed and a little tentative, hesitant. On the other hand, the oldest ones had it down, and strode confidently into their last year at NES.

Good luck, Nederland Elementary Panthers, in the adventure of the school year ahead.



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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:

- Join community members in-person at the Idaho Springs City Hall (1711 Miner Street, Idaho Springs, CO 80452).
- Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851289063?pwd=Rd11ak1L4yNWBLWM0bk09rxsPaPjZk1> (password: 743195)
 - To participate by phone (no video): 1-719-359-4580, pin 88639942552#, password 743195#

General information about the Site and access to resources related to health safety can be found at: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/hm/central-city-clear-creek>.

To sign up for email notifications about the Site, including public notices and upcoming public meetings, go to <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/hm/sign-up-hm-updates> and select "Remediation - Superfund - Clear Creek" at the bottom of the page.

If you have technical issues connecting to Zoom or prefer not to ask your questions publicly, please contact Branden Ingersoll at 720.810.7912 or Branden.Ingersoll@state.co.us.



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Gilpin School sewer connection
Crew from ESCO Construction ready to start the Gilpin School sewer project. The project will connect the school with the Black Hawk Central City Sanitation District. Construction will take place Monday through Friday with potential five minute waits for single lane traffic.

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Advisory Board & Commission Vacancies

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Macy Caligaris, Town Clerk



NOTICE

The Town of Nederland is seeking applications for the following boards:

- **Parks Recreation and Open Space Advisory Board (PROSAB)**
 - PROSAB (1 alternate board position available)
 - PROSAB advises the Board of Trustees on all issues pertaining to parks, recreational areas and facilities, open space, trails, and promoting healthy local ecosystems.
 - PROSAB members serve for 3-year terms.
- **Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB)**
 - SAB (1 alternate board position available)
 - SAB advises the Board of Trustees to effectuate improvements to Town codes, operations and facilities on matters regarding sustainable practices, resource conservation, renewable energy, waste reduction, public outreach and education.
 - SAB members serve for 3-year terms.
- **Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA)**
 - BZA (1 alternate board position available)
 - BZA reviews zoning variance requests. Board members must be residents of the Town of Nederland.
 - The term of an alternate is 2 years.

Applications for the available positions are due by 6pm on Friday, August 30, 2024.
Applications are available at: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/board-vacancies>
Interested parties should complete an application and return to Macy Caligaris, Town Clerk.
Applications can be submitted via email at townclerk@nederlandco.org, in person at Town Hall, 45 West First St., or through postal mail at P.O. Box 396, Nederland, CO 80466.

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
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Recording Date of Deed of Trust
June 26, 2023
Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)
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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

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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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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
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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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: THOMAS M. MILLER, also known as THOMAS MAC MILLER, and as THOMAS MILLER, and as TOM M. MILLER, and as TOM MILLER	▲ Court Use Only ▲
Deceased Attorneys for the Applicant: FLANDERS, ELSBERG, HERBER & DUNN, LLC Elizabeth A. Montague Atty. Reg. No. 35699 401 Main St., Suite 1, Longmont, CO 80501 Phone: 303-776-5380 Fax: 303-776-8102 email: beth@flanderslaw.com	Case Number: 2024PR30010 Division: Courtroom:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.	
NOTICE TO CREDITORS* Estate of Thomas M. Miller, also known as Thomas Mac Miller, and as Thomas Miller, and as Tom M. Miller, and as Tom Miller, Deceased Case No. 2024PR30010	
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Gilpin County, Colorado, on or before December 23, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.	
Personal Representative: Nancy D. Miller % Flanders, Elsberg, Herber & Dunn, LLC 401 Main St., Ste. 1 Longmont, CO 80501	

Mountain Spirit Astrology: Virgo



The serene sign of Virgo calms all of the creatures of the zodiac. Leo represented the lion heart of summer and adventures with children. Now Virgo calls the children to the halls of education, proclaiming a place for everyone and everyone in their place. Mercury started his retrograde in Virgo on August 4, allowing us to bring order to our past. The messenger moves our lives forward on the 28th.

The new moon occurs on the second on Labor Day as we start the harvest from our labors. The Harvest Moon on September 17 is a Super Moon and a lunar eclipse, with the Sun in Virgo and the Moon in Pisces. Virgo enjoins us to apply discernment to what we do, as we prune our lives after the harvest. Pisces brings the element of joy into our lives.

Aries - Harvest season gives you perspective on all that you have accomplished over the summer. Your ruler Mars is in hyperactive Gemini, so you are everywhere doing everything at once. Remember to keep an eye on exercise, health and diet as you race through your busy life.

Taurus - Both the Sun and your guide Venus are in Virgo and they are leading you into the garden of earthly delights. Mercury, the symbol of the mind, moves forward at the beginning of September, with creativity flowing profusely into both your art projects and your life.

Gemini - Mercury the messenger of the gods started reversing on the fourth of August in exacting Virgo. He continued backward into

adventurous Leo. You and your guide zoom ahead on the 28th. In October the Harvest Moon will shine on your accomplishments from the summer.

Cancer - The Moon Children feel a harmony with the lunation cycles ahead. Your ruler, la luna, hosts the new moon in Virgo on Labor Day Monday, starting the theme of harvest. The famous Harvest Moon, lauded in song and poetry, shines on your friends and family on September 17.

Leo - Leo, the big hearted lion, led the royal court in celebrating the heart of summer. Now you hand the crown to gentle Virgo, who proclaims order throughout the land. Mercury had reversed into your sign over August, and you backtracked in order to pounce ahead in September.

Virgo - Happy Birthday! Artistic Venus joins the Sun in your sign, presaging a creative year ahead. Mercury, the symbol of the thought process, reversed in your sign in August, as you decided what you what to keep and what to prune, approaching your big Harvest Moon

Libra - Virgo, the sign who precedes you, is now in the center of the stars. Mercury has been retrograding in August, working well with your avowed task of reviewing your past year. Harvests are featured now as you plan what you want to keep or give away in the year ahead.

Scorpio - Clear rational Virgo allows you to have ideas about what you want to do in your future. First, you need to have harvest

celebrations! You have negotiated challenges at certain points in your life. Now you find that you are moving into delight as you walk through the garden of life.

Sagittarius - Sagittarius is the popular sign this harvest season. Your work has the opportunity to blossom with clients clamoring for you. Partners have plans for parties and social events. Virgo is asking that you bring your home into order but first the full moon wants to deliver joy.

Capricorn - Virgo brings in the harvest season. Mercury, the symbol of the neural network of our prefrontal cortex, has been reversing, and you have been backtracking and attempting to bring everything in order. The Harvest Super Moon eclipse on September 17 will be your ally.

Aquarius - The Labor Day new moon in fastidious Virgo alerts you to your ongoing process of bringing the corners of your life and work place into order. The giant Harvest Moon lighting up the sky on September 17 will reveal the insights that you need for the next few months.

Pisces - The annual full moon in Pisces is spectacular this year. Labor Day is the precise new moon in your opposite sign of partnership, Virgo. On September the 17th your Harvest Moon is a Super Moon as well as an eclipse, changing your life with its infusion of knowledge and joy.

Karen Anderson is available for readings at 303-258-7258.

Public Notice

GILPIN COUNTY SEMI ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 30, 2024

Account Name	Beginning Balance	Current Year Tax Collections	Prior Year Tax Collections	Specific Ownership Taxes	Other Collections	Disbursements	Treasurer's Fees	Transfers Out	Ending Balance
9000 WORKING FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
0100 COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$27,018,659.23	\$3,870,280.37	\$132.79	\$120,816.90	\$5,084,634.19	(\$16,634,483.97)	(\$151,541.62)	\$0.00	\$19,308,497.89
0120 COUNTY ABATEMENT	\$0.00	\$534.18	\$0.49	\$17.83	\$4.80	\$0.00	(\$16.06)	\$0.00	\$541.24
0200 PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,945,572.90	\$478,469.02	\$22.37	\$15,104.33	\$2,506,515.32	(\$2,016,533.43)	(\$19,078.12)	\$0.00	\$3,910,072.39
0300 COUNTY LIBRARY FUND	\$570,464.13	\$592,509.93	\$7.74	\$19,526.85	\$21,176.11	(\$273,166.21)	(\$17,875.78)	\$0.00	\$912,642.77
0400 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERV	\$1,643,910.35	\$249,120.37	\$7.36	\$7,864.25	\$799,311.72	(\$514,664.12)	(\$268.44)	\$0.00	\$2,185,281.49
0500 PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY	\$422,726.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$171,853.59	(\$243,174.00)	(\$764.43)	\$0.00	\$350,641.29
0600 SOLID WASTE	\$581,445.15	\$159,300.76	\$4.72	\$5,028.82	\$148,605.92	(\$239,301.70)	(\$6,177.41)	\$0.00	\$648,906.26
0700 CONSERVATION TRUST	\$115,957.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,156.88	\$0.00	(\$333.92)	\$0.00	\$151,780.91
0800 PARKS & RECREATION FUND	\$695,481.57	\$0.00	\$10.12	\$0.00	\$1,881,973.24	(\$1,221,474.60)	(\$2,212.91)	\$0.00	\$1,353,777.42
0900 FREI CASH BOND	\$144,540.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,107.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$147,648.21
1200 LODGING TAX	\$110,797.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81,626.53	(\$7,883.22)	(\$2,386.28)	\$0.00	\$182,154.25
1400 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3100 COAL CREEK CANYON FIRE G	\$545.39	\$73,689.89	\$0.00	\$2,244.44	\$34.51	(\$55,394.16)	(\$2,138.94)	\$0.00	\$18,981.13
5400 TIMBERLINE FIRE GEN	\$10,077.78	\$1,400,497.32	\$103.90	\$43,411.10	\$630.97	(\$1,152,007.47)	(\$40,560.60)	\$0.00	\$262,153.00
5500 TIMBERLINE CAP EXP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23.34	\$0.00	\$2.56	(\$25.70)	(\$0.20)	\$0.00	\$0.00
5600 TIMBERLINE FIRE PROTECTI	\$237.99	\$71,394.16	\$0.42	\$2,466.67	\$34.59	(\$57,097.19)	(\$2,140.88)	\$0.00	\$14,895.76
7100 RE-1 SCHOOL GENERAL FUND	\$22,813.38	\$3,016,880.97	\$0.00	\$100,259.39	\$10,504.43	(\$3,122,589.13)	(\$7,539.81)	\$0.00	\$20,329.23
7310 GILPIN COUNTY RE-1 MILL	\$9,253.03	\$1,117,665.61	\$0.00	\$37,143.15	\$123.02	(\$1,153,860.15)	(\$2,793.29)	\$0.00	\$7,531.37
7320 GILPIN COUNTY RE-1 ABATE	\$26.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$26.29)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7330 GILPIN COUNTY RE-1 TRANS	\$1,370.68	\$164,202.44	\$0.00	\$5,456.91	\$18.06	(\$169,531.26)	(\$410.36)	\$0.00	\$1,106.47
8100 RE-2 SCHOOL GENERAL FUND	\$18,318.06	\$2,183,339.51	\$422.05	\$74,477.28	\$5,956.32	(\$2,258,058.55)	(\$5,455.42)	\$0.00	\$18,999.25
8200 RE-2 SCHOOL DIST BOND	\$0.00	\$623,545.87	\$126.36	\$0.00	\$286.99	(\$622,370.71)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,588.51
8310 RE-2 SCHOOL DIST MILL LE	\$6,207.79	\$679,422.83	\$184.36	\$23,176.23	\$317.44	(\$701,698.66)	(\$1,697.70)	\$0.00	\$5,912.29
8320 RE-2 SCHOOL DIST ABATEME	\$120.76	\$11,806.46	\$5.58	\$402.73	\$6.00	(\$12,209.31)	(\$29.49)	\$0.00	\$102.73
8330 RE-2 SCHOOL DIST TRANSP	\$635.70	\$61,861.46	\$20.41	\$2,110.20	\$29.25	(\$63,964.16)	(\$154.53)	\$0.00	\$538.33
8340 RE-2 SCHOOL SP BLDG TECH	\$2,713.79	\$323,457.22	\$32.19	\$11,033.66	\$146.87	(\$333,760.81)	(\$808.22)	\$0.00	\$2,814.70
6000 CITY OF BLACK HAWK	\$1,492.39	\$12,985.43	\$0.00	\$410.91	\$8,571.28	(\$19,114.92)	(\$345.37)	\$0.00	\$3,999.72
6001 CITY OF BLACK HAWK RD &	\$12.93	\$152,935.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$48,579.56)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$104,368.63
6100 CITY OF CENTRAL	\$25,364.17	\$502,847.77	\$0.00	\$9,160.49	\$61,740.24	(\$546,360.88)	(\$10,664.85)	\$0.00	\$42,086.94
6101 CITY OF CENTRAL RD & BRI	\$280.58	\$6,089.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,566.09)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,804.07
6105 CITY OF CENTRAL FEES, FI	\$0.00	\$9,912.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,956.17)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,956.17
6110 CITY OF CENTRAL ABATEMEN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6155 CITY OF CENTRAL DOWNTOWN	\$0.00	\$95,519.13	\$0.00	\$3,234.78	\$8.19	(\$91,217.42)	(\$1,910.55)	\$0.00	\$5,634.13
5900 BHCC SANITATION	\$529.42	\$58,520.53	\$3.89	\$1,845.87	\$0.89	(\$42,489.52)	(\$1,731.09)	\$0.00	\$16,679.99
6025 MINERS MESA COMMERCIAL M	\$104.97	\$14,669.84	\$0.00	\$460.89	\$9.96	(\$14,727.50)	(\$434.92)	\$0.00	\$83.24
6026 MINERS MESA COMMERCIAL M	\$769.76	\$103,561.15	\$0.00	\$3,379.87	\$73.01	(\$104,064.37)	(\$3,109.00)	\$0.00	\$610.42
6040 SILVER DOLLAR METRO GENE	\$2,819.20	\$851,386.47	\$0.00	\$27,517.54	\$0.00	(\$591,901.08)	(\$25,414.47)	\$0.00	\$264,407.66
6041 SILVER DOLLAR METRO BOND	\$11,775.81	\$1,402,098.01	\$0.00	\$45,976.32	\$0.00	(\$976,023.32)	(\$42,054.50)	\$0.00	\$441,772.32
6050 BLACK HAWK SPECIAL IMPRO	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6119 CENTRAL CITY BUSINESS I	\$823.21	\$188,405.00	\$0.00	\$6,197.62	\$13.12	(\$181,120.50)	(\$3,758.45)	\$0.00	\$10,560.00
6120 CENTRAL CITY BUSINESS IM	\$13,191.14	\$1,469,396.85	\$0.00	\$49,659.17	\$104.95	(\$1,417,373.12)	(\$29,310.83)	\$0.00	\$85,668.16
GRAND TOTAL	\$34,379,039.73	\$19,851,354.95	\$1,108.12	\$615,149.42	\$10,823,570.10	(\$34,804,836.05)	(\$381,207.89)	\$0.00	\$30,484,178.38



I, Mary R Lorenz, County Treasurer in and for the County of Gilpin in the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the above is a true statement of the condition of the various funds as they appear from the records in my office at the close of business on June 30, 2024.

Mary R Lorenz
Gilpin County Treasurer, Mary R Lorenz

Received and examined by the Board of Gilpin County Commissioners this 13th day of August 2024

Susan Berumen
Chair Commissioner, Susan Berumen

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County Clerk to the Board

Life in Nature



PHOTO BY JAMES DEWALT

**JAMES DEWALT
ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK**

It's a special time of year for our male neighbors in the deer family – the great unveiling! With antlers having reached their peak growth for the season, it is time for the velvet to come off and reveal the year's rack that may make or break a bull's chance to be found acceptable by the cows and possibly carry on his lineage.

An afternoon last mid-August found me on the alpine tundra in one of my favorite locations to observe the high country elk, and one of the bachelor herds who call the area home. Upon my arrival I hadn't seen any signs of elk, so I decided to wander a bit among the Krumholtz in hopes of an encounter. It didn't take long before I heard a distinct thrashing among the thick pines.

As antlers form, they are enshrouded by a fuzzy membrane commonly known as velvet. This membrane is full of blood vessels which feed the spongy bone structure as it grows. Antlers are the fastest growing bone in the known world, with rates of up to two inches per day when elk are in peak season. This blood flow also acts as a de facto cooling system for the animal. As it flows through the velvet, the antlers act as a radiator to help cool the blood before it is pumped back into the body.

Once the antlers have fully developed, the velvet isn't necessary anymore and begins to dry up and shed like the old, dead skin of a reptile. It is thought that the process is a bit itchy, irritating the animal and causing him to rub it off vigorously on trees and rocks – hence the thrashing

about in the Krumholtz pines that initially caught my attention. The velvet is high in protein, so bulls in bachelor herds have been witnessed eating the strips off each other, and in the case of this young bull, he couldn't help but try to pull some bites of his own off during his incessant attempts to rid himself of the bothersome dead skin.

When I first heard the commotion in the pines, I wasn't able to see any bulls, but my gut told me that not only had I found at least one, he was very likely shedding. Not wanting to happen upon him or others too closely, I decided to take a different direction and opted to head high on the mountainside to gain a better view. Sure enough, as I gained ground, I saw that there were a total of six bulls of varying age, the four largest already nearly completely shed, one youngster still in full velvet, and the one I'd heard, seen in this week's image, being the culprit deep in the brush.

It was late in the afternoon, so they were mostly bedded down, taking a rest and chewing their cud, with only the poor soul in the midst of his shed and the youngest up and about. After an hour, the elders finally decided to arise and continue their graze. Since they had already shed, it wasn't long before two of them, likely a father and son pair, squared off and began their first sparring session with the newly shorn racks.

Bulls do not spar or otherwise use their antlers as they grow, so as not to damage the velvet which could potentially malfom the final "product." That said, with the velvet off, these bulls were quite ready for some action.

As the two squared off and began to

practice gentle head placement, the others took turns ceasing their graze to watch. It didn't take long for the other two bulls who'd shed to get involved in their own practice. There seemed to be a feeling of giddy excitement about finally being able to get back to sparring – so much so that the younger two began to prance about, the poor soul in tatters becoming a bit more frantic in his attempts to rid himself of the remaining shreds and join in the fun.

As the group frolicked about, they drew the attention of another massive bull who'd been hidden from my sight during the entire encounter. He came bounding up the hill to see what the commotion was about. When he saw the activity, he began prancing around everyone else as though joining in the reverie. Shed himself, he then began thrashing his own antlers among the pines, and using them and his hooves to dig a shallow wallow and roll in the mud, squealing and grunting with delight.

The excitement lasted for about another half hour or so as the sun began to sink behind the mountains and clouds. As the light waned and a gentle rain moved in, they all eventually returned to their simple graze. I packed my gear with a full heart, incredibly awed and thankful to have been able to witness such a "private" and special moment with these majestic creatures as they reveled in an early celebration of the monumental rut season to come.

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Listen to the people who have ideas about how to fix things, not the ones who just blame others.
– Molly Ivins

NEDERLAND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

SAT JUNE 1	ROLLING HARVEST & BONNIE AND TAYLOR SIMS BAND
SAT JUNE 15	WIREWOOD STATION W/ BEAR HAT
SAT JULY 6	BANSHEE TREE W/ BEN SPROUL
SAT AUG 3	DIGGIN' DIRT W/ THE GUERRILLA FANFARE BRASS BAND
SAT AUG 17	ATOMGA W/ SELASSEE & FAFA FAMILY
SAT AUG 31	THE RIVER ARKANSAS & SILAS HERMAN AND JACK CLOONAN

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Celebrating 45 years with Mountain People's Co-Op

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

This Sunday, August 25, 2024, be sure to follow the creek behind East 1st Street businesses and make your way toward the community garden. You may hear the sound of music and laughter as you approach, as well as the aroma of delicious homemade food, for the Mountain People's Co-Op will be celebrating its 45th anniversary.

As one of Nederland's oldest businesses still in operation, the Co-Op has continuously provided the town with a community market that celebrates and sells locally-sourced natural foods, and caters to all diets and lifestyles.

"I want us to be here for another 45 years," Co-Op General Manager Lisa Reinhart told The Mountain-Ear. Reinhart has been working for the Co-Op for 11 years, having started as kitchen staff and working her way up to kitchen manager and then assistant manager, before becoming general manager last year.

"It's an honor. It feels like a legacy, and it's really important to me," Reinhart said, speaking of the importance of the Co-Op's mission, which is to provide healthy and affordable food to the community. She noted her efforts and the Co-Op's in joining the Independent Natural Food Retailers

Association (INFRA).

"They're basically the co-op of co-ops. They help us to keep providing healthy, affordable food. Larger grocery stores can buy things in mass and get these bigger discounts that we can't get, so INFRA supports smaller grocery stores in being able to get some of these discounts so we're able to bring in some of these fresh brands that are more affordable."

The spirit of the Co-Op fits in perfectly with the spirit of Nederland, as it operates in a sustainable and cyclical business model that invites its customers to be owners, holding shares and having a say in the success of the market.

"Anyone who is a member can come to a meeting and actually participate in how the employee manual is put together, or the general daily operations," Reinhart explained. "And all the money we make, all the contributions, goes back into the community."

"I think it's ideal, especially because we're providing natural and healthy foods and that's really important."

Since 1979, the Co-Op has been an important fixture in Nederland, a positive boon to the neighborhood that is locally-minded, while also presenting local culture to tourists with a picture-perfect, Norman Rockwell-esque storefront.

"Our regular customers feel like part of



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

Providing healthy, affordable food since 1979

The Co-Op treats its local customers like family, and provides visitors with authentic Nederland goods and hospitality.

our family, but we really appreciate visitors as well," Reinhart said, before giving props to her team at the Co-Op who all help to create and nurture that special, home-away-from-home atmosphere.

"We have a really good staff, I just want to shout out every single one of them. Everybody's a moving part of a whole and I couldn't do this job without them."

The anniversary celebration, taking place behind the Co-Op from 3 to 6 p.m., will feature a traditional bluegrass pick and a potluck dinner, with the Co-Op offering varieties of their classic Sloppy-Joes,

including a Vegan-Joe.

"Knotted Root is donating beer and Melt is donating cold brew," Reinhart said.

"We're encouraging all members to bring an instrument and play along. Definitely bring a blanket or a camp chair, and everybody bring a dish to share, come and have a good time at our party!"

The Mountain People's Co-Op is located at 30 East 1st Street. For more information, including on how to become a member, visit: <https://www.mountainpeoplescoopned.org/home> or call 303-258-7500.

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Let's talk trash

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- Food scraps:** Nederland transfer station
- Household hazardous waste:** Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility accepts these for FREE:
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 - Household cleaners
 - Mercury containing bulbs
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**CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND**

At 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning, August 20, Trustees and members of the Planning Commission met for a work session to discuss three new proposed routes for a Big Springs Emergency Egress Route. Attendees walked the Big Springs subdivision in order to fully assess the ecological concerns and geological considerations for each route.

Members of Nederland’s engineering consultants JVA led the meeting, including Project Manager Nathan Skalak, Senior Project Engineer Matt Gardner, and Senior Designer John Jordan. JVA has been the principal consultant on this project since 2016; the Town has been pursuing an emergency egress route for Big Springs for more than 20 years.

The meeting began at the Nederland Community Center, with Skalak providing a presentation on the history of the project, the previously studied routes, and the three new routes.

Skalak explained that a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was awarded to the Town to fund either the construction of an emergency egress route or the planning for the route.

As none of the six routes previously studied by JVA were accepted, the result of many complications including geography, environmental factors, concerns over fire behavior, and private property issues, the grant was used to fund planning for three new routes.

JVA’s guiding principles for the route state that it should be a 12-foot-wide gravel surface with a two-foot shoulder on either side and a maximum longitudinal slope of 12%. The route should include pull-outs for fire engines every 400 feet and provide a 30-foot minimum turning radius.

The principles also state that construction of the route should involve a minimal amount of earthwork, and should avoid impacting any wetland and riparian environments, as well as any wildlife and residents.

The three new routes, named East Route 1, East Route 2, and the Boulder Canyon Route, focus on an eastern trajectory, considering that Big Springs has two access points on the west end. Each route was rated by JVA based on its safety, feasibility, projected cost, and impact on the environment and on the community.

Members of the Board of Trustees, the Planning Commission, the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board, the Nederland Downtown Development Authority, and the Nederland Fire Protection District, as well as Town staff and rangers from Boulder County, carpooled to Doe Trail to walk the potential routes.

These routes have not yet been finalized or approved; intensive community engagement is planned once JVA and fire professionals have completed their assessments and provided data on the ideal route. After

community input, once a route is approved the Town will expedite securing funding for the construction of that route.

Residents of Doe Trail were also present and allowed the group to enter the forest on their property in order to access the potential entry point of all three routes. Skalak discussed with Fire Marshal Andrew Joslin and Fire Chief Charlie Schmidtman the angle and incline necessary for a 30-foot utility truck at the entry point.

East Route 1 begins at Doe Trail and travels a 303-foot elevation gain to end at Magnolia Road. The route has several steep inclines and would require tight turns and travels through dry, unhealthy Boulder County forest, greatly in need of mitigation.

Walking the route led to a conversation about the project requiring an agreement with the County and/or with the U.S. Forest Service to fund mitigation efforts by a third party.

East Route 2 also begins at Doe Trail, but does not have as intense an elevation gain, having a maximum grade of 8.83%. The route was noted to be longer than Route 1 and traveled through healthier forest.

This route was not considered ideal as it is longer, and because it is lower down on the ridge, which would not only make it difficult for firefighters to keep an eye on fire behavior, but could potentially lead to a “chimney effect,” causing high heats and thick smoke. Concern was also raised about the route possibly affecting the popular Star Wars trail.

Originally, JVA had rated the Boulder Canyon Route low in terms of its viability, mostly because of the difficulty in its engineering. The route begins at Doe Trail and is planned to curve further east around the reservoir to connect to the access road at the bottom of Barker Dam, bringing those evacuating to Boulder Canyon Drive.

Joslin and Schmidtman, though offering general support to the Town for constructing a route, were most in support of the Boulder Canyon Route.

Though constructing the route would be an engineering challenge, JVA was in agreement with the representatives of the NFPD that the egress route having a downhill trajectory and connecting to a paved highway would be ideal. Rangers from Boulder County also agreed that the Boulder Canyon Route was best as it involves less mitigation effort.

The route would potentially travel through a ravine, with culverts to be installed for natural draining. Other challenges include the final stretch of the route, which is steep and would run through City of Boulder property as well as private property.

No decisions were made during the work session, though JVA received useful feedback and gained important data in order to move forward with a final determination on the three routes. One route will be chosen and will be presented to the community for reaction. Follow *The Mountain-Ear* for more updates as this project progresses.

Groundwork for Big Springs egress begins



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

Renewed energy for a longtime issue

Left; Nathan Skalak of JVA directs a group of community experts and stakeholders through the Big Springs forest to assess each route. Right; Fire Chief Charlie Schmidtman takes a moment to soak in the view.

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"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." —Mahatma Gandhi

No Animal Left Behind



PHOTOS BY MINDY LEARY

Rescuing furry friends

Above: Brittanie Dickson holds a kitten that was lost. Her new non-profit, No Animal Left Behind, aims to rescue animals in emergency situations. Below: Dickson and a group of friends have been working in the Peak to Peak region, helping owners locate missing pets.

MINDY LEARY GILPIN COUNTY

Brittanie Dickson's love for animals has turned into a life-saving mission. What began as a simple pet-sitting business has blossomed into an important rescue organization, driven by a commitment to ensure that no animal is left behind.

Dickson has worked with her mother for the past seven years, rescuing more than 50 animals before building a team of volunteers to assist her, eventually leading to the launch in 2024 of No Animal Left Behind Search & Rescue.

She has always had a deep affection for animals, but when she was introduced to search and rescue, she discovered a whole new passion.

Her unexpected journey into this field started with a chance opportunity. "Katie Albright, a former Nederland local, saw my dedication to animals through my pet-sitting business," Dickson recalled. "She asked if I would be interested in learning how to rescue lost animals since she was no longer in the county. She walked me through my very first rescue and has been a mentor ever since."

The first rescue took place in 2024 and involved two abandoned boxers near South Beaver. The community quickly rallied around Dickson, and together, they managed to trap one of the boxers, later named Bones.

Sadly, the second boxer was never found. "Bones was emaciated and had wounds from being a bait dog," Dickson

remembers. "He's the reason we're here today."

Motivated by the success of that first rescue, Dickson gathered a small but dedicated team. "Including myself, there are six of us now," she said proudly. Together, they've helped rescue not just dogs and cats but even a horse.

One of the most challenging rescues Dickson recalls was for a dog named Dobby, who was ejected from a rollover car accident.

"He traveled multiple miles over the course of eight days," Dickson said. "His owners lived with me for those eight days, and we tracked him every single day until he was hand-captured by his owner."

For the team, the most daunting rescue involved a horse that had been spooked and escaped from her paddock. It took four days and the help of 25 community members to find her. "She was stuck on a cliff next to a rock face and a tree," Dickson explained. The effort was immense, but the outcome was worth it – a safe rescue.

Dickson's commitment to animal rescue has culminated in the creation of No Animal Left Behind Search & Rescue, a registered 501(c)(3) organization serving Gilpin and Boulder Counties.

To celebrate this milestone, the group

is hosting a launch event on August 25 in Black Hawk at the Mountain Poppy Boutique & Gift. The event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature live music, a silent auction, and food.

"We are incredibly excited to officially launch our group and continue our mission to help animals in need," said Dickson. "I'd like to invite everyone to join us at the event and support our cause by liking and following our Facebook page and checking out our website," she said.

As Dickson and her team prepare for the launch event, they remain focused on their mission: to ensure that no animal is left behind. "This work is my passion," Dickson says. "Once I commit to a rescue, I persevere until all resources and skills have been exhausted."

Dickson's dedication to animal rescue is not just inspiring; it's a testament to what can be accomplished when a community comes together for a common cause. Her story reminds us all of the importance of compassion, determination, and the power of collective action.

For more information on No Animal Left Behind Search & Rescue, and to support their efforts, visit their Facebook page or their website at www.nalbrescue.com.



There will be a Celebration of Life for "Big Dave" Lindberg on Saturday, September 7, starting at 2 PM at Roy's Last Shot in Black Hawk, CO. Please join our family to share stories and memories of a beautiful soul who loved life, friends, and family.

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Central's work session outlines SOB ballot question



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Locked Out
Several people were locked out of the 5:30 p.m. public work session held by Central City at City Hall. They were finally let in at approximately 5:45 p.m.

MINDY LEARY
CENTRAL CIT

During Central City Council's work session on August 20, Mayor Jeremy Fey and Councilmembers Jeff Aiken, Todd Williams, and Marcia Enloe focused on discussions regarding Sexually-Oriented Businesses (SOBs). The session covered the following items:

Ordinance No. 24-02: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado, amending Chapter 16 of the City of Central Municipal Code relating to the permissible locations of sexually oriented businesses.

Ordinance No. 24-03: An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado, amending Chapter 6 and Sections 10-7-20 and 10-7-30 of the City of Central Municipal Code concerning Sexually Oriented Business Licenses.

Ballot Question Referral/Referendum Options: Relating to Sexually Oriented Business Locations.

Mayor Pro-tem Kara Tinucci recused herself from the session due to her husband's past association with RCI Hospitality Holdings, the sole applicant for an SOB license in Central City.

There was discussion as to whether industrial zoning was an option for

SOBs.

Erin King, an attorney assisting City Attorney Marcus McCaskin, reviewed the ordinance details and proposed test ballot question. King explained that the test ballot question aims to gather voter input on the presence of SOBs in the downtown area. The proposed ballot question wording included three options:

"Shall the City of Central, Colorado permit the operation of a limited number of sexually oriented businesses within the historic downtown area of the City, specifically in one or more of the HDG, GGG, and TSL zone districts, subject to and commencing upon the adoption of local regulations by City Council, which will establish specific time, place, and manner restrictions for such businesses and which regulations will also lower the current 1,000-foot spacing requirement set forth in Section 16-3-303(b)(15) of the Land Development Code as applied to one or more of the HDG, GGG, and TSL zone districts?"

"Shall the City of Central, Colorado lower the distance requirements of the permissible locations of sexually oriented businesses to allow for the operation of a limited number of such businesses within the historic downtown area of the City?"

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TEENS, Inc. childcare lease in process

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Board of Trustees (BOT) met on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, to discuss the lease agreement with TEENS, Inc. for their approved child care center. The BOT also received an update from the Boulder Watershed Collective on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Maya MacHamer, Director of the Boulder Watershed Collective (BWC), Applied Social Scientist Erin Fried, and BWC Consultant Julien Blundell discussed the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. BWC offered recommendations on the major tenets of a National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy, including creating a fire-adapted community, safe and effective wildfire response, and resilient landscapes.

The CWPP has been in development for two years, with BWC the overall facilitator responsible for acquiring funding, hiring consultants, and gathering the different partners.

The Town of Nederland, Boulder County, City of Boulder, and Colorado and U.S. Forest Services have worked together with the Nederland and

Timberline Fire Protection Districts, United Power, The Ember Alliance, and Coalitions and Collaborations Inc. to offer their collective expertise in drafting the plan.

BWC's recommendations that focus on creating fire-adapted communities include outreach specific to the community, increased fire ban signage, implementation of a Community Leader Program, requiring fuel treatments along public roadways, and expanding the sort yard's availability.

Recommendations for providing a safe and effective wildfire response include mitigating evacuation routes, improving ingress and egress routes, offering training for local emergency response agencies, and funding a Type 3 engine for the Nederland Fire Protection District.

Recommendations for creating resilient landscapes include "cross-boundary forest management," planning fuel treatments, and drafting a Nederland-specific recovery plan that outlines the Town's plan for rebuilding after a wildfire.

The presentation led Trustees to recognize the need to include in the 2025 budget an amount for mitigating the Town's roads, and to reach out to CDOT about mitigating the highway.

After the Nederland electorate voted to approve the Special Review Use application from TEENS, Inc for the development of a child care center on 750 West 5th Street, the Town must now complete a lot consolidation process and complete a ground lease agreement.

The Board discussed the lease, focusing particularly on financial considerations requested by TEENS, Inc., including the \$1 per year lease for 99 years; waiving building permit, inspection, and plan review fees; and waiving water and sewer tap fees.

TEENS, Inc.'s Executive Director, Stephen LeFaiver, answered questions regarding the draft lease agreement. He also provided information pertaining to two Memoranda of Understanding that TEENS, Inc. has agreed to draft.

These documents, to be approved in conjunction with the lease agreement, state that the child care center will prioritize Nederland families, as well as provide tuition discounts to Town of Nederland employees.

LeFaiver noted that TEENS, Inc. is hoping to receive an \$800,000 grant to fund part of the construction of the roughly \$6.2 million project, though an update concerning the Town's position on the lease agreement was being requested before approval.

He added that TEENS, Inc. only requested to have the water and sewer tap fees waived because of the assumption that the cost would greatly affect the project's construction timeline. He said that the goal for completion of the center was August, 2026.

Trustees estimated that the tap fees would not amount to more than \$150,000, after which LeFaiver agreed that TEENS, Inc. would accept responsibility for paying them, as well as the building permit, inspection, and plan review fees.

With TEENS, Inc. agreeing to cover all associated fees, as well as for the studies required for the completion of the lot consolidation process, the Board approved the lease conditions at \$1 a year for 99 years.

Utilities Department Manager Andrew Bliss requested direction from the Board regarding the Town complying with new regulations required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule. The EPA now requires municipalities to inventory their water service lines to ensure that none remain that are made of lead.

Because Nederland has fewer than 1,500 service lines, the Town only has to inventory and verify 20% of its lines installed before 1960. The Town would be required to expose lines in two different places at 50 addresses, and would need to do so before the EPA deadline of October 16, 2024.

Bliss reiterated that, from reviewing the Town's history and from water tests that the Utilities Department completes regularly, there has been no record of lead lines existing, nor have there been any traces of lead found in the Town's water.

Bids from contractors totalling over \$200,000 have already been received

for the project. Bliss suggested that \$85,000 could be accessed within the Utilities Department's water budget, and asked if the BOT would consider funding the remainder from reserves.

Trustees approved Bliss moving forward with hiring a contractor to complete the service line verification project before October 16.

The BOT was tasked with voting to appoint either Solana Kaercher or Tom Mahowald to an open position on the Planning Commission, left vacant by Stephanie Herring, who resigned in June.

Kaercher has been a Nederland resident for three years, studied urban planning and environmental policy in college, and currently works in the field of soil biology. Kaercher expressed an interest in the creation of affordable housing to help provide a stable workforce for Nederland's businesses.

Mahowald previously served as the BOT Liaison to the Commission and has served, and still serves, on many other volunteer boards, including the Nederland Food Pantry. Mahowald stated his belief that his grasp of the history and data involved with many projects expected to come before the Planning Commission will serve as a benefit.

Though many Trustees felt that Kaercher's youth and perspective would fit well on the Commission, Mahowald was appointed to the position because of his previous experience and the recommendations of the Commission's Chair, Vice Chair, and current BOT Liaison.

Town Administrator Jonathan Cain updated Trustees on the \$160,000 Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) grant awarded to the Towns of Lyons and Nederland to fund the salary and benefits for a Housing Coordinator for two years.

Once committing to the agreement, which is expected to be finalized the week of the August 20 meeting, the Town will have seven days to draft the Housing Coordinator job description for DOLA review. Upon approval from DOLA, the Town will expeditiously begin the hiring process.

The Nederland Board of Trustees meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 7 p.m. and can be attended either online or in person at the Nederland Community Center. For more information go to: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>.

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Gilpin County Commissioners discuss key issues



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More help

Michael Dubrava and Laura Farina from the Solid Waste Department tell the Gilpin County Commissioners about the current situation at the Gilpin Transfer Station, and how they are understaffed.

**MINDY LEARY
CENTRAL CITY**

The Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners held a work session on August 20, 2024, to address a range of topics outside their regular meetings. Although no formal decisions are made during these work sessions, the discussions provide critical insights into the challenges and plans for the county.

Commissioners Susan Berumen (Chair), Sandy Hollingsworth, and Marie Mornis were in attendance, along with County Manager Ray Rears and several department heads.

The work session opened with a presentation by Chanda Johnson, Director of Human Resources, on the County Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) 5-year loss analysis. Berumen inquired whether the County's trend was higher in relation to the overall pool. Johnson confirmed this, noting that while Gilpin County's claims were higher, they were still lower than those of the Road and Bridge and Law Enforcement

departments.

"Overall, it is good," Johnson reassured the commissioners, indicating that the County's position was stable despite the upward trend.

Melissa Lewis, Director of the OEM, provided an update on the department's priorities, with a focus on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

"So far, everything is going well and is on track," Lewis reported, highlighting the progress made in this critical area.

Lewis stressed the importance of community outreach and preparedness, noting that she is planning an event in September as part of National Preparedness Month. She encouraged residents to visit <https://www.ready.gov> for more information.

Additionally, Lewis shared that the state had agreed to install additional wildfire sensors in the county, particularly around United Power electricity poles, critical infrastructure, and densely populated areas.

She also commended the dedication of the Gilpin County Animal Rescue

Team, with whom she plans to continue holding monthly meetings.

Rears asked if the OEM had had a presence at the recent County Fair. Lewis explained that she was unable to attend due to engagements scheduled before her hiring, but assured the Board that OEM would have a booth at next year's fair.

The session then moved to a discussion led by Michael Dubrava and Laura Farina from the Solid Waste Department, regarding the County's solid waste management and fee structure.

Rears noted that recent changes in neighboring Clear Creek County and Nederland had led to a significant increase in solid waste being brought to Gilpin County. He proposed hiring an additional full-time employee, which would cost approximately \$70,000 to \$80,000 for an experienced CDL driver.

The Solid Waste Department's three-person staff has experienced a turnover of 14 people in the past six years, raising concerns about employee retention. Mornis asked how to mitigate this trend, to which Dubrava suggested varying the routine to encourage retention.

Rears reminded the commissioners that any adjustments to the fee structure cannot be profit-driven, per State statute, and recommended an analysis to ensure the county was breaking even on waste disposal costs.

Hollingsworth suggested raising fees for non-residents to offset the increased costs. Berumen noted that the landfill fees amounted to \$40,000 for the past six months.

Finance Director Joe Allaire added that, while Public Works has been covering the Solid Waste Department's needs, proper staffing in Solid Waste would reduce costs compared to Public Works' higher rate of pay. The need for a fourth full-time employee was confirmed by a recent staffing study, but the position remains unbudgeted.

Janey Barker, Director of Human Services, brought up a concerning issue regarding the Volunteers of America. Barker reported that the VOA had requested to renegotiate their contract, unfortunately for less funding.

This change could result in the loss of the new Pacifica van used for Senior Services and a reduction in the number of congregate meals served.

Barker explained that this year, the VOA would only reimburse 1,500 congregate meals, down from 2,200 meals last year. This shortfall amounts to \$6,600, which Human Services believes will impact services in 2025 unless the County provides additional funding. The issue is expected to be on

the August 27 agenda.

Joe Allaire and County Assessor April Nielsen provided a legislative update on Initiatives 50 and 108. Initiative 50 proposes a 4 percent annual limit on total statewide property tax revenues in Colorado and requires a statewide vote for any local district that wishes to exceed this cap. This initiative has qualified for the November 2024 ballot and needs a 55 percent majority to pass.

Initiative 108 aims to reduce residential property assessment rates to 5.7 percent and non-residential rates to 24 percent, with the General Fund covering the shortfall for local districts. This initiative is currently gathering signatures and would need a 50 percent majority to pass.

Allaire noted that the impact on Gilpin County would be less severe than in counties with higher property taxes. The commissioners discussed the possibility of a special session and a newer, third option that would also reduce rates. Hollingsworth said if the special session passes, it would result in more tax reduction than Senate Bill 233; if not, Initiatives 50 and 108 will remain on the ballot. [Editor's note: a special session has been called for August 26, 2024, to deal with property taxes.]

The session concluded with a discussion on digital accessibility led by Community Engagement Officer Melanie Bleyler and Administrative Analyst Sam Bower.

In 2021, Colorado enacted HB21-1110, also known as the Colorado Laws for Persons with Disabilities, which aims to eliminate access barriers and prevent discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Bower mentioned that he, Bleyler, IT, and possibly someone from the Sheriff's Office might assume the roles of Accessibility Coordinators. Bleyler added that training would be offered for these roles. Rears emphasized the importance of proper training, noting that errors in providing accessibility could lead to fines.

This work session focused on several important issues facing Gilpin County, from emergency preparedness and solid waste management to legislative updates and digital accessibility. The discussions will likely inform future decisions as the County continues to address these challenges.

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.



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Central tackles SOB ordinances and Boodle Mill zoning

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CENTRAL CITY

The Central City Council meeting on August 20 was packed with significant discussions, beginning with a work session at 5:30 p.m. that focused on Sexually-Oriented Businesses (SOBs). Following this, Mayor Jeremy Fey opened the regular council meeting at 6:31 p.m., though not without some initial controversy.

The meeting started with a debate over whether Mayor Fey should recuse himself from an Executive Session, which was held to provide legal advice concerning a lawsuit filed by RCI Industries against the city. After deliberation, the Council decided to heed legal counsel's advice, allowing both Fey and Mayor Pro-tem Kara Tinucci to participate in the session, as it was intended solely for receiving legal guidance.

The Council then excused themselves for the Executive Session, which included discussions on insurance coverage issues related to the lawsuit (case number 24-CV-02189) filed in U.S. District Court. The regular meeting resumed at 7:14 p.m.

Fey proposed reordering the agenda to prioritize the ordinances concerning SOBs, aiming to maintain momentum from the Executive Session. The council agreed, and Fey also added an action item concerning the Central City Opera, which City Manager Daniel Miera described as informational.

Fey, acknowledging potential conflicts

of interest, announced he would recuse himself from public hearings related to amendments to the Municipal Code concerning SOBs, and asked Tinucci to conduct those hearings.

The first public comment session opened at 7:19 p.m. Zane Plsek, a resident, addressed the Boodle Mill zoning ordinances, emphasizing that any commercial development should benefit the community. He also praised Assistant City Attorney Erin King for providing comprehensive case law references in the meeting's supplemental materials.

Rebecca Blondo, another resident, expressed gratitude to the Council for listening to residents and offering an alternative to SOBs through the upcoming vote.

The Council then moved to discuss Ordinance No. 24-02, which seeks to amend Chapter 16 of the City of Central Municipal Code, specifically relating to the permissible locations for SOBs.

On its first reading, King explained that if the ordinance is approved, SOBs would be restricted from operating in the HDG, GGG, and TSL zone districts, moving them instead to the industrial zone. (Note: see August 20 work session article)

She added that if SOBs are entirely prohibited in those districts, the issue of distance requirements becomes irrelevant.

City Manager Miera mentioned that the Planning Commission had recommended the changes in the ordinance.

Fey, questioning whether he should recuse himself from the discussion, was

advised by King that since the ordinance was a legislative change affecting the city at large, there was no conflict of interest. Despite this, Fey offered to recuse himself, but the Council and legal counsel agreed he could stay for the discussion.

Alderman Jeff Aiken moved to approve the ordinance, which would restrict SOBs to the industrial zones.

Alderman Marcia Enloe seconded the motion. However, Alderman Todd Williams suggested an amendment to include the three districts where SOBs are currently allowed, alongside the industrial zones, to allow voters to weigh in on the distance requirements if SOBs were permitted in the downtown district.

Miera explained that there are several areas within the three districts where SOBs could potentially operate if the 1,000-foot distance requirement was reduced. However, without a second, Williams' amendment died.

The Council then unanimously approved the ordinance as initially proposed, with the possibility of amendments during the second reading on September 3.

The council then moved to Ordinance No. 24-03, which amends Chapter 6 and Sections 10-7-20 and 10-7-30 of the City's Municipal Code concerning SOB licenses.

King asked for direction on specific provisions within the ordinance, such as the requirement for a peace officer presence, tip boxes, and stage requirements. She recommended including a peace officer requirement, noting that while some municipalities, like Black Hawk, Centennial, and Buena Vista, have tip box requirements, while others do not.

Williams moved to approve the ordinance, with Enloe seconding. Fey mentioned that the current ordinance includes comprehensive regulations—"the kitchen sink"—and noted that it

would be easier to scale down regulations later rather than scale them up.

Aiken expressed a desire to lessen the burden on businesses operating in the industrial zone.

The Council unanimously passed the ordinance on its first reading, with a second reading set for September 3. King agreed to research more examples of successful SOB legislation in other cities in order to inform potential future amendments.

Tinucci rejoined the meeting after recusing herself from the SOB discussions.

Scott Finlay, President and CEO of the Central City Opera, thanked the Council for their continued support, including a \$25,000 grant. Fey assured Finlay that the check for this year was forthcoming and had been budgeted for.

The Council also approved the Central City Promise request, awarding a \$5,000 scholarship to Juan Madrigal-Garcia.

Enloe recused herself from the next item, which involved approving a Historic Preservation Restoration Reimbursement Grant for her residence. The council unanimously approved the application for window replacements, totaling \$5,457.

Tinucci then led the second reading and public hearing of Ordinance No. 24-04, which involved the annexation of City-owned property known as the Boodle Mill.

Fey recused himself from this vote but did not specify the reason.

King explained that annexation is the first step in developing land, with the next step being initial zoning. She emphasized that the current discussion was not about specific uses for the property.

Miera added that the annexation was overdue, as the land is an unincorporated parcel surrounded by city property.

King also noted that with additional

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Black Hawk moves forward with Community Center IGA

MINDY LEARY
BLACK HAWK

In a pivotal session on August 14, 2024, the Black Hawk City Council addressed significant issues that will shape the city's future. The meeting opened with a ring of the bell by Charles Culp, the new Water Utility Operator III, signaling the start of a packed agenda.

Culp, recently returned to Colorado after years in Cheyenne, Wyoming, brings extensive experience in water treatment and a deep connection to his Silver Plume roots.

Mayor David Spellman set a positive tone by praising the city's pristine condition, attributing it to the dedicated departments working behind the scenes. "Black Hawk is just operating on all cylinders at this point," he remarked.

Aldermen Paul Bennet, Jim Johnson, Greg Moates, Benito Torres, and Hal Midcap were present. Linda Armbright's absence was excused.

The central focus of the meeting was the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Black Hawk and Gilpin County, designed to support the Gilpin County Community Center.

In the IGA, Gilpin County must use Black Hawk's funds to restore the Community Center's pre-pandemic hours, provide free memberships to Black Hawk residents, and ensure youth access to activities. The County must also adhere to specific financial and operational conditions, such as not raising taxes within Black Hawk on penalty of termination of the agreement.

During the public comment portion, District 1 Commissioner Marie Mornis passionately advocated for the IGA, stressing its potential to restore the Community Center's services and operating hours to pre-pandemic levels.

She said, "The terms presented in the IGA are very similar to Black Hawk's school enhancement IGA that has been in place since 2008. The other positive is that the Community Center IGA can be terminated by any future Board at any time." Mornis also applauded that the IGA

would not raise taxes.

District 3 candidate Corey Marshall expressed similar sentiments, showing gratitude for the IGA's availability.

"I think it's the role of the County to make sure the statutory services that are required for the County are put in place, as well as the obligations we committed to historically," Marshall said.

Spellman noted that the IGA offer remains valid until March 31, 2025, and if Mornis is returned to her position as commissioner and Marshall wins his seat, the future board is likely to approve the IGA.

City Attorney Corey Hoffman explained that the IGA would enable a coordinated special election on November 5, 2024, allowing Black Hawk to present critical ballot questions to its voters.

These include a proposal to increase the city's lodging tax to fund tourism and development projects, as well as a multi-year financial commitment to keep the Community Center fully operational.

Torres clarified that the typical \$25,000 allocation to the Community Center would end if voters approve the \$1 million contribution outlined in the IGA. The Council unanimously supported both the ordinance and the IGA, ensuring these questions could be on the November ballot.

Other notable actions included a zoning amendment to clarify the use of public rights-of-way, particularly benefiting Bally's expansion plans, and the approval of a resolution correcting water rate assessments for specific commercial properties.

The meeting wrapped up with the approval of a \$72,240 purchase of the Treasury 477 Mining Claim, intended for future development into a City park or open space.

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

The next regular meeting of the Black Hawk City Council is scheduled for August 28, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 211 Church Street, Black Hawk, Colorado.



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Speaking up during public comment

District 1 Commissioner Marie Mornis and District 3 Candidate Corey Marshall speak in favor of the IGA between Black Hawk and Gilpin County to fund the Gilpin County Community Center during the Black Hawk City Council meeting on August 14, 2024.

Pet of the week

You never close your eyes anymore when I lick your face
And there's no tenderness like before in your cold embrace
You're trying hard not to show it
But mama, mama, I know it

You lost that lovin' feelin'
Whoa, that lovin' feelin'
You lost that lovin' feelin'
Now it's gone, gone, gone, whoa-oh

Now there's no welcome look in your eyes when I reach for you
And now you're starting to criticize little things I do
It makes me just feel like whining
'Cause mama, something beautiful's dyin'

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Budget season for the NDDA

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
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The Nederland Downtown Development Authority (NDDA) met on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, for their second meeting devoted to drafting the organization's 2025 Budget. Board members focused on potentially implementing a new paid position for the Authority, as well as what projects are to be funded in 2025.

The NDDA were scheduled to discuss many questions pertaining to their 2025 Draft Budget, which is expected to appear on their agenda for approval in September. The discussion was aimed to address which projects the Authority should fund in the coming year, and revolved mainly around the future of the Outdoor Performance Space project.

The first budget question pertained to whether the Authority should fund the salary of a Secretary position. The Secretary would be responsible for bookkeeping and data entry, in order to allow NDDA Executive Director Kate Masingale time to focus on Board and project management.

Masingale stated that her expertise would be better utilized in project development rather than in Quickbooks. It was also hypothesized that the incumbent of the new position would create the ability to support web development, district outreach, and hands-on help with events.

The position was pitched for five to eight hours a week at \$20 an hour. Though it was

noted that staffing such a limited position could be difficult, and that creating limited roles could encumber the Authority's processes, most Board members agreed that the position would be a benefit to the organization and suggested budgeting a salary of up to 20 hours a week.

Board members then addressed the question as to whether the Authority should fund the Outdoor Performance Space project in 2025.

Chair Andrew Dewart and Board of Trustees (BOT) Liaison Tania Corvalan, as members of the Performance Space subcommittee, suggested that the project continue to be funded through 2025. It was also suggested that a landscape architect be hired, as well as a sound engineer, in order to maximize the potential of the location.

The proposed location, which is a section of Barker Meadows Park between the AmeriGas propane tanks and the Town Shop, was questioned by some members. The land is partially in a floodplain, which presents some difficulties but, according to Parks Manager Nicki Dunn and JVA, Nederland's engineering consultants, this can be rectified.

Those against the location felt it was a compromise to attempt to build on the land, with Guercio Field noted as being a more ideal location. It was reiterated, however, that Guercio Field is not an option as an event space because of the Great Outdoors Colorado grant which

funded its reseeded.

It was discussed how the NDDA has already spent money on projects and studies assessing the viability of that area, and has named that location in project specifications on grant applications. Some Board members felt there still was not enough hard data and consideration for the logistics of how the performance space will be used to support the Authority's mission.

Masingale and Town Administrator Jonathan Cain explained how the discussion concerning the applicability of the performance space is important in setting a precedent for how the NDDA should operate in collaboration with the Town of Nederland.

It was noted that the Authority should begin to update its own Plan of Development, and to ensure that it is coordinated with the Town's Comprehensive and Sub Area plans, which are currently being drafted and expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Cain classified a performance space as a big boon to economic development.

"It's one of the tools that you can use not only to control a crowd that comes but also to make sure that a crowd comes," Cain said. "The way that you can align and program it really has a direct impact on how people stop and spend money in your community."

It was agreed that a work session should be scheduled at the proposed location, as Masingale stated that it would be helpful for Board members to walk the site.

Dewart wished for the group to consider the recommendations from consultants

Downtown Colorado Inc. regarding how the NDDA can collaborate with the BOT on fulfilling certain needs within the business community, before returning to further discuss what projects will be funded for 2025.

Cain noted that the Authority is empowered by state statutes to provide light infrastructure needs, such as lighting, ADA compliance, and sidewalks for the downtown area. He also stated that the NDDA and Town of Nederland can collaborate on providing matching funds on big grants to help fix the sewer concerns below East 1st Street and offer better water and sewer service to downtown businesses.

With the Authority's recent change in leadership, Board members were tasked with voting to approve signatory changes in bank accounts with Citywide and Sunflower Banks.

A motion was made to approve the change, which was seconded. Board members voted unanimously to approve having the previous NDDA Chair's name removed from all banking documents, and to have the name added of the new Vice Chair, Barbara Hardt.

The Nederland Downtown Development Authority meets the second Wednesday of every month. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 6 p.m. and will be held online as well as in person at the Nederland Community Center.

For more information go to: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/downtown-development-authority>.



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“Shall the City Council of the City of Central, Colorado amend the City’s Land Development Code to allow for a limited number of sexually oriented businesses to operate in the HDG, GGG, and TSL zone districts?”

King suggested simplifying the ballot question to ensure clarity for voters. City Manager Daniel Miera noted that the existing infrastructure in areas where other adult businesses are located, such as gaming, liquor, and marijuana establishments, might be more suitable for SOBs.

Williams asked if they could amend the second ballot question to include the HDG (Historic Downtown Gaming), GGG (Gregory Gulch Gaming), and TSL (Transitional) zones. King said the public may be confused by the zones.

The Transitional Zone is a mixed-use zone that is established to accommodate a limited range of residential and low-intensity commercial uses deemed to be generally compatible, offering a transition between more intense zones.

The Industrial Zone is established to allow for a range of industrial, resource extraction and processing, recycling, and primary employment uses, as well as other uses that tend to

have material external impacts.

Aiken asked whether they even need a ballot question. He asked how it would be delivered to the public. King replied that it would go out as part of the general election ballot, when and if it gets certified at the next meeting.

Miera mentioned that certain groups may not feel comfortable voicing their opinions in public and that the ballot would give them a voice.

Williams stressed the fact that the council of five has been reduced to a council of three, due to conflicts of interest of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-tem, and this issue warrants input from the voters.

King asked for direction on the ballot question and resolution. Aiken said to simplify it; Williams suggested number two, with more specifics. King agreed and said she would put the actual names of districts in the language, rather than using just initials.

The work session concluded at about 6:09 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Central City Council is scheduled for September 3, 2024, and will be held at Central City Hall, 141 Nevada Street, second floor; or online via Zoom. Information can be found on the City website, centralcity.colorado.gov/meetings.




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AUGUST RECIPES



Zucchini-Basil Soup

It's that time of year when zucchini takes over our gardens and farmers' markets. Here's one more way to make delicious use of that bounty. Yield: 2 servings

Ingredients

1 tablespoon avocado or extra-virgin olive oil

1 onion, finely chopped
 2 zucchinis, chopped
 2 cups vegetable stock
 1/4 cup basil leaves
 1 clove garlic, minced (or more, if you love garlic)
 Fine sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Preparation

In a saucepan, heat the oil and onion over medium-high heat. When hot, add the zucchini and sauté until the vegetables are soft. Add the garlic for the last 2 minutes. Do not let garlic or onion brown.

Set aside and let cool for 5 minutes.

Place the zucchini and onion, stock, basil, garlic, salt, and pepper in a food processor or powerful blender. Blend until combined. Add the olive oil and pulse until combined. Return the soup to the saucepan and reheat. Divide soup between two bowls and serve.

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GILPIN COUNTY SALARY INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.R.S. 30-25-111 as amended Gilpin County's average percentage of salary paid in addition to regular wages as fringe benefits is 41%. Employees indicated with *do not receive additional compensation in the form of fringe benefits.
 June 2024

GENERAL FUND

Commissioner \$6,266.54
 Commissioner \$5,991.08
 Commissioner \$5,991.08
 Office Assistant * \$1,787.52
 Grant Writer and Manager \$4,842.12
 Grant Writer and Manager \$5,803.26
 County Manager \$13,885.56
 Community Engagement Officer \$4,632.46
 County Attorney \$13,211.58
 Paralegal \$5,293.00
 Finance Director \$10,400.00
 Staff Accountant \$6,796.00
 Accounts Payable Specialist \$4,275.61
 Financial Analyst \$5,385.60
 Finance Clerk * \$2,144.80
 HRIS Specialist \$5,076.81
 Human Resources Specialist \$4,062.37
 Human Resources Director \$10,836.00
 Office Assistant * \$1,898.33
 Surveyor \$353.46
 Chief Deputy - Clerk and Recorder \$5,744.00
 Deputy Clerk (Motor Vehicle Technician) \$3,298.23
 Deputy Clerk (Recording Specialist) * \$1,995.11
 Motor Vehicle Technician and Recording Specialist \$3,964.60
 Deputy Clerk (Motor Vehicle Technician) * \$2,171.67
 Clerk & Recorder \$6,266.54
 Tax Representative \$3,748.69
 Office Assistant * \$1,786.90
 Chief Deputy Treasurer/Deputy Public Trustee \$6,896.00
 Treasurer/Public Trustee \$6,266.54
 Chief Appraiser \$7,900.04
 Chief Deputy - Assessor \$5,744.00
 Property Transfer Clerk \$4,622.40
 Appraisal Associate \$4,200.00
 Assessor \$6,266.54
 Custodian II \$3,753.62
 Custodian I \$2,937.60
 Facilities Maintenance Technician II \$5,377.61
 Facilities Maintenance Supervisor \$7,184.00
 Facilities Maintenance Director \$8,716.00
 Records Specialist \$3,597.21
 Administrative Manager \$7,184.00

Office Assistant * \$5,582.87
 Undersheriff \$11,935.96
 Sheriff \$8,141.08
 Emergency Management Director \$8,461.54
 Property and Evidence Manager \$6,484.80
 Digital Media Technician \$4,185.60
 Investigator \$8,420.80
 Investigator \$8,560.80
 Investigator \$8,502.77
 Patrol Deputy \$5,959.81
 Patrol Deputy \$6,240.25
 Patrol Deputy \$8,203.74
 Patrol Deputy \$7,913.23
 Patrol Deputy \$6,879.60
 Patrol Deputy \$5,117.11
 Patrol Deputy \$6,719.56
 Patrol Deputy \$6,959.21
 Patrol Deputy \$4,834.05
 Patrol Deputy \$7,138.52
 Division Chief \$10,655.98
 Patrol Deputy \$5,117.11
 Patrol Deputy \$4,711.68
 SRO Deputy \$6,968.01
 Detentions Deputy \$7,746.46
 Community Services Officer \$4,572.52
 Detentions Officer \$5,624.19
 Detentions Officer \$6,702.21
 Sergeant \$10,798.53
 Detentions Officer \$5,615.10
 Detentions Deputy \$7,414.39
 Detentions Officer \$4,906.88
 Detentions Officer \$4,851.12
 Corporal \$7,643.48
 Sergeant \$14,859.08
 Sergeant \$10,408.20
 Community Services Officer \$5,288.79
 Community Services Officer \$5,852.05
 Division Chief \$9,830.00
 Detentions Deputy \$5,346.72
 Detentions Deputy \$6,862.43
 Deputy Court Security \$7,332.74
 Community Services Officer \$4,385.61
 Sergeant \$9,411.27
 Detentions Officer \$5,881.30
 Corporal \$8,898.12
 Sergeant \$8,736.00
 Sergeant \$8,885.21
 Detentions Officer \$5,599.80
 Deputy Court Security * \$1,567.80
 Deputy Coroner * \$240.00
 Deputy Coroner * \$1,319.00
 Deputy Coroner * \$1,557.00
 Coroner \$6,266.54
 Victim Services Coordinator \$5,781.78
 Victim Advocate \$4,492.00
 Victim Advocate \$4,712.00
 Communications Specialist I \$4,177.20
 Communications Specialist II \$6,475.00

Communications Specialist II \$5,951.58
 Communications Specialist I \$4,807.46
 Communication Director \$8,630.42
 Communications Specialist II \$5,710.96
 Communications Specialist I \$5,343.21
 Office Assistant & Permit Technician \$4,390.40
 Community Development Director \$9,676.00
 Code Enforcement Officer \$4,200.00
 Senior Services & Transportation Driver I \$0.00
 Senior Services & Transportation Driver II \$3,250.37
 Senior Services/Transportation Supervisor \$4,629.64
 Veterans Services Officer * \$1,052.85

PUBLIC WORKS

Office Assistant \$3,966.41
 Director of Public Works \$9,676.00
 Office Assistant \$3,264.00
 Road & Bridge Worker \$3,046.15
 Equipment Operator I \$3,848.00
 Equipment Operator I \$4,715.45
 Right-of-Way Specialist \$5,147.17
 Equipment Operator I \$4,537.64
 Equipment Operator I \$2,827.84
 Equipment Operator II \$5,631.26
 Public Works Road Supervisor \$6,320.00
 Equipment Operator II \$5,485.60
 Mechanic \$6,301.42
 Equipment Operator I \$3,672.95
 Mechanic \$6,833.63
 Equipment Operator II \$4,881.86
 Equipment Operator II \$5,249.60
 Team Leader - Road and Bridge \$6,260.17
 Equipment Operator II \$5,780.01
 Equipment Operator II \$4,664.01
 Equipment Operator I \$4,876.84

LIBRARY

Librarian - Adult Services \$3,996.80
 Library Circulation Clerk * \$2,039.31
 Library Director \$8,509.62
 Librarian - Youth Services \$3,697.93
 Library Circulation Clerk * \$1,293.77
 Library Specialist - Youth Services * \$1,971.06

HUMAN SERVICES

Caseworker II - Prevention Specialist \$4,067.09
 Child and Adult Protection Program Manager \$5,429.96
 Human Services Director \$7,920.00
 Caseworker II \$4,161.07
 Case Manager - Adult Programs \$3,854.02
 Caseworker II \$4,129.74
 Human Services & Public Health Administrator \$3,531.22

Food Pantry Volunteer Coordinator * \$1,574.75
 Community Benefits Program Manager \$5,278.26
 Account Specialist \$4,076.80
 Case Manager - Adult Programs \$4,195.21

PUBLIC HEALTH

Community Health Specialist \$4,238.46
 Environmental Health Specialist \$5,748.00
 Public Health Coordinator \$8,380.76

SOLID WASTE

Transfer Station Attendant \$4,247.64
 Transfer Station Attendant \$1,497.55
 Slash/Mulch Site Attendant * \$2,724.03
 Team Leader - Solid Waste \$5,076.81

PARK & REC

Parks & Recreation Director \$8,716.00
 Lifeguard * \$681.60
 Lifeguard * \$2,020.14
 Lifeguard * \$1,505.19
 Head Lifeguard * \$2,034.33
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 Aquatics Coordinator \$4,235.20
 Lifeguard * \$485.45
 Lifeguard * \$444.13
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 Special Events Coordinator * \$3,040.88
 Recreation Generalist I \$3,601.44
 Recreation Supervisor \$5,803.24
 Guest Services Representative * \$1,704.63
 Recreation Generalist II * \$896.76
 Guest Services Representative * \$516.46
 Guest Services Representative * \$1,870.20
 Sports Official * \$210.38
 Sports Official * \$10.32
 Recreation Coordinator \$4,369.48
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 Youth Camp Program Leader * \$809.76
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 Child Programs Coordinator \$4,323.07
 Youth Programs Grant Coordinator \$5,209.68
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Central City Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, as needed. Join the next meeting in the City Council Chambers, 141 Nevada Street. Visit online, <https://centralcity.colorado.gov/meetings> for the 2024 schedule.

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

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

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

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

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

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Combs/John - Emp Recognition 159.41
CRA - Retirement 13834.55
Eaton Sales & Service - R&M 2524.40
Eldorado Artesian - Water 64.95
Envirotech Svcs - Dust Suppressant 22420.16
Goodyear Commercial Tire - Tires/R&M 679.71
Grainger - R&M 124.64
Home Depot Credit Service - Supplies 212.79
Hyatt's Graphic Supply - Equipment 4999.00

Intermountain Safety Shoes - Safety 550.42
IRS - Payroll Tax 25398.86
MHC Kenworth-Denver - R&M 862.35
Mitchell 1 - Mnt Contract 360.00
Napa Auto Parts - R&M 1166.11
Presentation Solutions - Traffic Mtls 566.22
Rush Truck Centers of CO - R&M 760.00
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 1513.98
Syn-Tech Systems - Mnt Contract/R&M 4103.00
Teryx - Computer Items 1883.70
United Power - Utilities 1641.04
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 349.20
Utility Notification Center of CO - Prof Svcs 30.96
Vendor - State Disbursement 1197.11
Wagner Equipment - Communications/R&M 1223.58
Xerox - Mnt Contract 234.02
FUND #2 TOTAL - 104668.63

LIBRARY (FUND #3) -
Amazon - Programming/Supplies/Op Mtls/R&M 230.78
CEBT - Insurance 254.35
CenturyLink - Phones 0.12
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax 859.49
CO Natural Gas - Utilities 95.70
CRA - Retirement 1620.44
Eldorado Artesian - Water 49.90
Gapter Septic Pumping - Mnt Contract 825.00
Ingram Library Svcs - Op Mtls 1989.41
IRS - Payroll Tax 5230.60
Kanopy Inc - Op Mtls 117.00
Lowe/Lance - Cleaning 730.00
McDonald Farms Enterprises - Water 2533.50
Meridian Fire & Security - Mnt Contract 155.00
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Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 245.46
United Power - Utilities 542.03
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 54.20
Vendor - State Disbursements 336.00
Vonage - Phones 156.29
Wells Fargo - Programming/Supplies/Postage/ Hotel/Conference/R&M/Dues&Subs 638.11
Xerox - Mnt Contract/Lease 185.38
FUND #3 TOTAL - 17248.21

HUMAN SERVICES (FUND #4) -
Amazon - Donation Expense/Supplies/Computer Items 236.74
AT&T Mobility - Phones 392.24
Axiom - Mnt Contract 55.00
Bowman Consulting Grp - Capital Outlay 5777.50
CEBT - Insurance 869.90
CGHSFOA - Dues&Subs 75.00
Clear Creek County - Child Support Svcs 2408.22
CO Dept Revenue - Payroll Tax 1870.44
CO Human Svcs Directors Assn - Dues&Subs 1667.00
CRA - Retirement 5744.46
Eldorado Artesian - Water 27.95
IRS - Payroll Tax 10798.47
Law Office of Jeffrey Timlin - Prof Svcs 186.10
Roberts HVAC-R - Donation Expense 550.00
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 750.58
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 103.40
Wells Fargo - Phones/Hotel/Emp Recognition/ Supplies 3396.89
Xerox - Mnt Contract 316.10
FUND #4 TOTAL - 35225.99

PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (FUND # 5) -
Amazon - Supplies 736.57
AT&T Mobility - Phones 93.02
CEBT - Insurance 294.45
CO Dept Revenue - Payroll Tax 732.74
CRA - Retirement 1963.88
Eldorado Artesian - Water 15.00
Idexx Distribution - Supplies 253.19

IRS - Payroll Tax 4732.34
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 329.10
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 61.33
Wells Fargo - Computer Items/ 915.80
FUND #5 TOTAL - 10127.42

SOLID WASTE (FUND #6) -
3R Technology Solutions - Electronics Disposal 456.80
Air-O-Pure - Portables 225.00
All Recycling North - Landfill Fees 202.48
ATTP - R&M 72.89
BFI- Foothills - Landfill Fees/Recycling Rev/SS Recycling 3212.86
CEBT - Insurance 100.00
Cintas - Uniforms 175.27
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax 658.91
CRA - Retirement 1477.72
Eldorado Artesian - Water 41.95
Goodyear Commercial Tire - Tires 6235.04
Indian Peaks Ace Hardware - Supplies 65.16
Intermountain Safety Shoes - Safety 250.00
IRS - Payroll Tax 4406.55
Napa Auto Parts - R&M 140.02
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 125.85
United Power - Utilities 54.24
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 89.00
FUND #6 TOTAL - 17989.74

PARKS & REC (FUND #8) -
Air-O-Pure - Portables 110.00
Amazon - Ball Fields/Trails/Fair/Youth Grant 2124.24
Blaster Bouncer - Fair 2552.28
Bowman Consulting Grp - Capital Outlay 35188.87
Briggs/Steve - Instructor 686.00
Bright Heart Catering - Fair 200.00
Brose/Portius - Fair 450.00
Buckner/Susan - Fair 800.00
CEBT - Insurance 623.70
CenturyLink - Phones 105.99
CO Dept Rev - Payroll Tax/Sales Tax 2382.47
CO Natural Gas - Utilities 6641.35
CO State Forest Service - Ball Fields/Trails 140.88
CPRA - Conference 625.00
CRA - Retirement 4388.52
Curtis/Phillip - Fair 400.00
Douglas/Linza - Instructor 340.80
Eldorado Artesian - Water 32.50
Ford/Jerry D. - Fair 16000.00
Gibbs/Lynn Rae - Instructor 146.40
Holistic Homestead - OBH Youth Grant 24.88
Indian Peaks Ace Hardware - Ball Fields/Trails 69.47
IRS - Payroll Tax 13584.45
Jefferson County Livestock - Fair 2000.00
Meyer/Krystal - Fair 74.11
Oline/Tabatha - Fair/Youth Grant 336.82
Pikes Peak Rangerettes - Fair 415.92
Schwettman/Steven - Instructor 403.20
Standard Insurance Company - Insurance 564.50
The Mountain-Ear - Ads/Legal Notices 100.00
United Power - Utilities 4655.85
Unum Life Insurance - Insurance 39.20
Wells Fargo - Youth Grant/Supplies/Fair/ R&M/Dues&Subs/Emp Recognition/League Expenditures/Special Prog 6599.36
Xerox - Mnt Contract 299.31
Zinner/Dania - Instructor 79.20
Zuni Signs - League Expenditures 115.03
FUND #8 TOTAL - 103300.30

TOTAL ALL FUNDS 1554334.40

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POETRY CORNER

Some words for the week

I wake in infant light
walk to the bathroom
and brush my teeth
I face myself
in the mirror
I look into my own eyes
at the shape of my jaw
at the slight curl of my beard
I think of my grandfathers
neither of whom I really knew
I wonder if I had known them
if I could pick out
the pieces of me
that come from them
I wish this was the case
but they've been dead
longer than I've been alive
still I wonder
if a lifetime ago
when they would wake for work
and stumble to the bathroom
and shave or whatever else
who they thought they looked like
who they longed for

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What should candidates be talking about as they compete for your vote?



Statepoint Crossword and Sudoku Puzzles

THEME: MUSIC 101

ACROSS

1. Meat chunks
6. Calendar square
9. * ___ signature, or notation that describes #34 Down
13. Hiya or howdy
14. Down Under runner
15. West Point student
16. At full speed
17. Big Apple
18. Flounder's domain
19. *Complementary notes sung simultaneously
21. *Not sonata
23. Debate position
24. Painter Chagall
25. Munchhausen's story
28. Casino chip
30. *R in R&B
35. Spanish earthen pot
37. Lobed organs
39. Nest for an eagle
40. Bona fide
41. *Adagio or moderato, e.g.
43. What a willow did?
44. *Type of piano technician
46. Flock member description
47. Fill beyond full
48. Masters of ceremonies, colloquially speaking
50. Jon Krakauer's book "___ the Wild"
52. High craggy hill
53. Church congregation
55. Hole punching tool
57. *A ___, or without accompaniment
61. *Fast
65. Not asleep
66. 2000 lbs.
68. Acquisition through marriage
69. Rubber tree product
70. Director's cry
71. *Five lines
72. Potassium hydroxide solution, pl.
73. 168 in 1 week
74. Housed

DOWN

1. Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's title
2. Dharma teacher
3. Resembling wings
4. Good Year balloon, e.g.
5. Mexico City state
6. Say it isn't so
7. Winehouse or Schumer
8. New Mexico's state flower
9. Diplomat's asset
10. It comes to mind
11. Not in Impossible Burger
12. European erupter
15. Shell-like anatomical structure
20. *Nine instruments, e.g.
22. Bobby of hockey
24. Halle Bailey's 2023 role
25. *Loud or strong
26. Part of small intestine
27. Sometimes follows sauvignon
29. 1.3 ounces, in Asia
31. Coniferous trees
32. October 31 option
33. On top of trends (2 words)
34. *Strong-weak-strong-weak, e.g.
36. Sheltered, nautically speaking
38. "Wheel of Fortune" move
42. Based on number 8
45. Automatic reaction
49. *Fa follower
51. Solemn and wise?
54. Gate holder
56. *Slow
57. Pay a visit
58. Not home
59. Goose liver dish
60. Augments, usually with effort
61. Social insects
62. Air of allure, slangily
63. Five-star review
64. Was in the hole
67. Possessive pronoun

CROSSWORD

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Sudoku solution August 8

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Boodle Mill

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work, the Boodle Mill could be designated as a National Landmark. During the public hearing, no one spoke against the annexation, and the council approved the ordinance.

Following this, Ordinance No. 24-05 was introduced, which establishes initial zoning for the Boodle Mine property as Limited Community Commercial (LCC) under the city's Land Development Code.

Miera mentioned that the Comprehensive Plan identifies LCC use for the area. King reiterated that the Council would have the opportunity to review specific uses for the property later.

During public comments, one resident urged the Council to prioritize community benefits and suggested leasing the property rather than selling it to a commercial business.

Aiken suggested that the area would be better suited for non-commercial use, such as a park or dog area. The Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

During the general public comment section, nearly ten residents spoke on various issues. One resident was thankful for the communication regarding the reopening of Exit 7, while others praised the success of the "Night of Good Fortune" event but pointed out the ongoing need for better parking solutions.

One resident questioned why Fey recused himself from the Boodle Mill discussions but not from the SOB issue,

suggesting inconsistency.

Another resident urged the council to make the SOB ballot question simple and understandable, expressing confusion over the ordinance. He encouraged the town to focus on improving the community rather than being bogged down by the SOB issue.

Eric Langan, head of RCI, reminded the audience that most of the buildings they have purchased have been vacant for 20+ years. "We're here. We're not going anywhere. We will figure out a way to operate within the laws, like we do in many other states." He does not believe a vote from the people will cause a lot of change at 130 Main Street.

One resident asked for clarification on the ballot defining SOBs and zoning districts. She encouraged the Council to decisively restrict SOBs to the industrial district.

Additional items addressed during the meeting included the approval of the Consent Agenda, which covered the regular bill lists through August 16, the City Council minutes from August 6, and the ratification of HPC Grants, such as a paint grant for 330 Casey.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Central City Council is scheduled for September 3, 2024, and will be held at Central City Hall, 141 Nevada Street, second floor; or online via Zoom. Information can be found on the City website, centralcity.colorado.gov/meetings.

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