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Immaculate vibes at the Ned Jazz & Wine Fest



PHOTO BY BRUNA VILLALON

Grooving to the beat

Jazz energized the crowd at the Nederland Jazz and Wine Feat on August 24, 2024. see story page 16

Mountain People's Co-Op: 45th Anniversary



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

Mountain People's Co-Op Celebrates

As soon as the sun came out, so did the instruments! Feel-good music was provided for the Co-Op's 45th Anniversary celebration. see story page 15

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-QUOTE OF THE WEEK-

The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance.

-- Alan Watts

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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.



Peak Perspectives: Working with a winning TEAM



PHOTO BY SARA SANDSTROM

Innovation Award

Sandi Betters accepted the Innovation Award on behalf of Christian Vanek, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

BARBARA HARDT

BLACK HAWK

Today, just a few days after the Colorado Press Association's extraordinary 146th Annual Convention, I write with a renewed sense of purpose and hope for the future of our newspaper. And by "our," I mean all of us.

To every single person who made this happen – thank you. To every single advertiser that supports the paper – thank you. To every single subscriber – thank you. These awards are not about us, they're about all of us: collectively, our community of *The Mountain-Ear*. This is OUR newspaper and we are all in this together.

To our entire staff (past, present and future) – thank you for being part of the TEAM! Check out the awards below.

Innovation: Christian Vanek. This award recognizes an individual or group that has significantly improved its business model in multiple areas to reflect changes in audience, revenue stream, content dissemination, and other applicable areas of change within the industry.

2023 was the year Christian purchased The Mountain-Ear. Thanks to his contributions, a team was formed that would carry the tenets of community journalism forward with integrity and love for the communities that they serve.

General Excellence: *The Mountain-Ear*

Excellence in mixed media/other: *The Mountain-Ear*

College: Best News Story, 1st place - Jessica Boehner. "DYAO and collaborators inspire an audience"

College: Best News Story, 2nd place - Amanda Godfrey. "Tea time and teddy bears at the Gillaspie House Museum"

Best Arts & Entertainment Column, 1st place - Dave Gibson. "A new era: Cirque du Soleil's Kooza"

Best Arts & Entertainment Column, 2nd place - Sara Sandstrom. "NMSHS theater dances their way to *Footloose*"

Best Crime & Public Safety Reporting, 1st place - Omayra Acevedo. "Human trafficking and domestic violence in plain sight"

Best Education Story, 1st place - Sara Sandstrom. "Mentorship Program takes off in Ned schools"

Best Humorous Column Writing, 1st place - Mark Cohen. "Diversions: Replace FDGD with FDQD"

Best Humorous Column Writing, 2nd place - Doug Armitage. "Bluegrass pick etiquette"

Best Opinion Writing, 2nd place - Christopher Kelley. "Do androids dream of bureaucratic permanence?"

Best Public Service Project, 2nd place - Denise Boehler. "Pet of the Week and animal stories"

Best Serious Column Writing - John MacKay. "Mountain Folk Tales: Why are we here?"

Best Feature Photograph, 1st place - Omayra Acevedo. "Honoring Madam Lou Bunch: 49 years and counting"

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TEAM Awards at CPA convention

Above: Back left to right, John MacKay, Jamie Lammers, Christopher Kelley, Doug Armitage. Front left to right, Sara Sandstrom, Babrara Hardt and Sandi Betters. Right: Barbara Hardt accepted the award for General Excellence.

Winning TEAM

Best page design, 2nd place - Barbara Hardt. "Getting the feeling at Blossoms of Light"

Best Photography Portfolio, 1st place - Dave Gibson

Best Photography Portfolio, 2nd place - Omayra Acevedo

Best Sports Photograph, 1st place - Dave Gibson. "Buck for the Badge"

Other/Mixed Media, 1st place - Cynthia Davis, Dango Rose, Jamie Lammers, Maryann Rosen. *The Mountain-Ear* Podcast: "COTREX App explained," "Sugarloaf FD Garage Sale," "Donna the Buffalo"...

Other/Mixed Media, 2nd place - Cynthia Davis, Dango Rose, Jamie Lammers, Maryann Rosen. *The Mountain-Ear* Podcast: "Memoirs of an Intern, part one of three"; Indigenous tribes of Colorado"...

That year brought big changes to how

the newspaper is conceptualized, written, designed, and printed, and this year's CPA awards honored all of that hard work.

In 2023, *The Mountain-Ear* delivered excellence in mixed media, thanks to the team's efforts on our podcast, our website, and our special publications.

Overall, the team was recognized for delivering the best arts and entertainment stories, the best education stories, best humor columns, best serious columns, best opinion articles, best public service articles, best stories from college interns, and best photography.

All of this was the result of a team dedicated to an innovative vision: to embrace the future while remaining true to the foundations that *The Mountain-Ear* was built on.

The Mountain-Ear is OUR community source for news, each of us, together. To reach us anytime, call 303-810-5409 or email info@themountaineear.com.

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Music of the Mountains

Where to be and what to see

Salomé Songbird



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Salome (usually spelled without an accent above the “e”) is a Hebrew name, derived from the word “shalom,” meaning “peace.” It’s a Biblical name given to a disciple, as well as a princess, in the New Testament. With this context, the parents of Dr. Joy Adams considered naming their daughter Salome. However, her dad was afraid of other kids calling her “salami” instead. Ultimately, they changed her name from “peace” to “joy,” but the woman who would grow up with the latter name would keep the former in her mind and heart.

The grown Adams attended graduate school at the University of Miami, writing songs at the same time as another student, Ariele Grace Macadangdang. In 2015, Macadangdang needed someone to join her for a set in a local cafe. She thought of Adams, as they both played in the classical string quartet The Wild. They came up with a name in their first rehearsal – Adams joked that she was Salome and Macadangdang that she

was a songbird. Thus, the name Salomé Songbird (always spelled with the accent) stuck.

Ultimately, Adams moved to Colorado, encouraging Macadangdang to follow, as well as Bryan Dubrow, fellow University of Miami student as well as both Macadangdang’s musical partner (they started writing and performing together as American Darling Valve in late 2016) and her life partner (the two married in January 2021). For years, the three kept in touch and occasionally tried writing and performing long-distance with little to no success.

However, eventually, Dubrow and Macadangdang followed Adams’s requests and moved to Colorado together, and during the summer of 2022, the three found themselves stuck in quarantine at Adams’s house for over a week. After playing songs together on her porch, they all decided to revive Salomé Songbird as a trio, with Adams providing cello, banjo, mandolin, and vocals, Macadangdang providing violin and vocals, and Dubrow providing guitar.

Through American Darling Valve,

the two life partners of the group kept performing Salomé Songbird pieces, so even though arrangements changed, all three easily came together to perform the songs again. Each member has constantly played over the last seven years, also participating in other projects. Adams plays cello for the band Big Richard and provides cello, banjo, and vocals for the duo Half Pelican with her own life/musical partner Andy Reiner (the two married in September 2019).

Meanwhile, Dubrow and Macadangdang have shown off their instrumental skills with The Subtropical String Quartet, Macadangdang as a primary member and Dubrow as a guest. Each member can drop major names as well: just to name a few, Adams has shared the stage with the likes of Ben Folds, Darol Anger, Nathaniel Rateliff, and Gloria Estefan; Macadangdang has performed with Kygo, Disturbed, Flobots, The Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and James Newton Howard; and Dubrow has played with Dave Leibman and opened for the Jon Stickley Trio.

The group finds playing together easy and fulfilling, with each member quickly able to predict the musical and sound choices of the others. Along with their catalog of original songs, they throw in covers of traditional bluegrass tunes, twisted jazz standards, and even some pieces from the acclaimed animated series “Adventure Time.” Adams usually describes their music as fiddle styles meeting jazz, classical, and indie elements and their website’s tagline is “Scathing Lullabies from Colorado.”

The band’s background includes fiddle, free jazz, baroque, bebop, bluegrass, Euro-classical, folk, and even metal and musical theater. Despite their varied backgrounds, the three can come together to create a unified emotional experience, which they are flattered can touch people and allow them to let their hurt out.

Salomé Songbird performs live at the Jamestown Mercantile, 108 Main Street in Jamestown, on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 7 p.m. Each member has a sprawling catalog with various groups across different

platforms, and along with the band’s main website at salomesongbird.com, two of the members have individual websites (bryandubrow.com and arielemacadangdang.com) and two have YouTube channels (Adams @voyagebycello and Dubrow @guitardubrow).

Also, check out the group and its individual members on Facebook and Instagram and watch the group on YouTube, both on their primary channel and in the Artist Session series from Stone Cottage Studios.

Music Events

Busey Brews

Sunday, September 1 at 2 p.m. -

Derek Dames Ohl

Friday, September 6 at 4 p.m. -

Windy Pines

Sunday, September 8 at 2 p.m. -

Jon Picket

Sunday, September 22 at 2 p.m. -

Pineytops Duo

Sunday, September 15 at 2 p.m. -

Ella Wren

Sunday, September 29 at 2 p.m. -

Dan Williams Trio

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

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

Location: 70 E. 1st Street, Nederland

Phone: 1-855-633-2739

Gold Hill Inn

Friday, August 30 at 8 p.m. -

Stomp Street Heist

Saturday, August 31 at 5:30 p.m. -

Kate Farmer Band

Sunday, September 1 at 5:30 p.m. -

Danny Shafer

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Music Events

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Labor Day Cajun Cookout and
Concert 2024

Friday, September 6 at 8 p.m. -
Rob Pate and d'Lovelies

Saturday, September 7 at 5:30 p.m. -
Cup-a-Jo (Joe Oeser Duo)

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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)

Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m. -
Matt Mitchell Music Co.

Friday, September 13 at 8 p.m. -
Ollella

Saturday, September 14 at 7 p.m. -
Silver Steven

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

Saturday, September 14 at 5 p.m. -
The Sisters of Rock

Saturday, September 28 at noon -
Jennifer DeDominici and Jonathon
Hayes

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

Location: 317 Gregory Street,
Black Hawk (Mountain Poppy
Boutique)

Phone: 720-669-0665

Howlin Wind Brewing

Saturday, August 31 at 5 p.m. - Stone-
Hall

Saturday, September 7 at 5 p.m. -
Kind Mountain Band

Saturday, September 14 at 4 p.m. -
Windy Pines

Sunday, September 15 at 3 p.m. -
Matt Mitchell Music Co.

Saturday, September 21 at 4 p.m. -
Steepland String Band

Sunday, September 22 all day -
Pop up with Justin Rice

Saturday, September 28 at 5 p.m. -
NoGo Gilbillies

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/howlinwindbrewing>
Website: <https://www.howlinwindbrewing.com/>

Location: 51 A Main Street,
Rollinsville
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Jamestown Mercantile

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

Sunday, September 1 at 12:15 p.m. -
Mina Reya

Wednesday, September 4 at 5 p.m. -
Open Mic

Thursday, September 5 at 7 p.m. -
Salomé Songbird

Sunday, September 8 at 12:15 p.m. -
John Statz

Wednesday, September 11 at 5 p.m. -
Open Mic

Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m. -
Violet Breeze

Friday, September 13 at 7 p.m. -
Pass the Snakes

Sunday, September 15 at 12:15 p.m. -
Foggy Tops Bluegrass Band

Wednesday, September 18 at 5 p.m. -
Open Mic

Wednesday, September 18 at 6 p.m. -
Mike Clark and The Sugar Sounds
Duo

Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. -
Johnny Blueheart

Wednesday, September 25 at 5 p.m. -
Open Mic

Thursday, September 26 at 7 p.m. -
Unpaid Bills

Friday, September 27 at 7 p.m. -
Fast Floyd

Sunday, September 29 at 12:15 p.m. -
The Matt Katters

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jamestown.mercantile/>
Website: <https://www.jamestown-mercantile.com/>

Location: 108 Main Street,
Jamestown

Phone: 303-442-5847

JKQ BBQ

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

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

Friday, September 6 at 6 p.m. - Duey
Weibel

Saturday, September 7 at 5 p.m. -
Duey Weibel

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

Location: 200 Gregory Street, Black
Hawk

Phone: 720-316-1361

Knotted Root Brewing

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

Saturday, September 7 at 5 p.m. -
Tyler Stuckey

Saturday, September 14 at 5 p.m. -
New Family Dog

Saturday, September 21 at 5 p.m. -
Break Signals

Saturday, September 28 at 5 p.m. -
Gratefully Acoustic

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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

Sunday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m. -
Stellar Jays Duo

Sunday, September 29 at noon -
Kutandara

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

Website: <https://www.nederland-farmersmarket.org/>

Email: nederlandfarmersmarket@gmail.com

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

Nederland Summer

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Saturday, August 31 at 4 p.m. -
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and Jack Cloonan

Website: <https://www.timeserved-productiongroup.com/>

Location: Chipeta Park, 254-306
Lakeview Drive, Nederland

Old Gallery at Allenspark

Friday, September 6 at 6 p.m. -
Chain Station

Friday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. -
Open Mic

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

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

Location: 14863 Highway 7,
Allenspark

Phone: 303-747-2906

The Caribou Room

Saturday, September 7 at 7 p.m. -
THE CARIBOU KICK-OFF Season
Opening Party with Smooth Money
Gesture & River Spell with Bear Hat

Friday, September 13 at 7 p.m. -
George Porter Jr. & Runnin' Pardners
w/ Damon Wood's Harmonious Junk

Saturday, September 21 at 7 p.m. -
White Trash Adult Prom

Friday, September 27 at 7 p.m. -
Tom Hamilton (guitarist for

Joe Russo's Almost Dead &
Billy and the Kids) with full band
with Cole & Eric from Dragondeer

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

Instagram: [thecaribouroom](https://www.instagram.com/thecaribouroom)

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

Location: 55 Indian Peaks Drive,
Nederland

Phone: 303-258-3637

Very Nice Brewing Co. (Gilpin County)

Friday, August 30 at 5 p.m. -

Andreas Boehmer

Saturday, August 31 at 5 p.m. -
Ella Wren

Friday, September 6 at 6 p.m. -
Derek Dames Ohl

Saturday, September 7 at 5 p.m. -
The Lofty Pines

Friday, September 13 at 6 p.m. -
Poorfree

Saturday, September 14 at 5 p.m. -
Tony Crank

Friday, September 20 at 6 p.m. -
David Tilton

Saturday, September 21 at 5 p.m. -
Windy Pines

Friday, September 27 at 6 p.m. -
Ella Wren

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

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

Location: 180 Jankowski Drive,
Black Hawk

Phone: 303-582-2015

Very Nice Brewing Co. (Nederland)

Friday, August 30 at 6 p.m. - Moun-
tain ReVerb

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

Sunday, September 1 at 5 p.m. - Dav-
ellie Band

Friday, September 6 at 6 p.m. - Aar-
on Mitchell

Saturday, September 7 at 5 p.m. -
One Drum

Friday, September 13 at 6 p.m. - Mad
Dog Blues

Saturday, September 21 at 5 p.m. -
Chris Smith

Saturday, September 28 at 5 p.m. -
Mountain ReVerb

Sunday, September 29 at 5 p.m. -
Rick Lobato

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

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

Location: 20 E. Lakeview Drive, #112,
Nederland

Phone: 303-258-3770

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Paws and hope



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Paws and purpose

Top, left: The non-profit group even rescued a lost horse. Read the article to discover Bella's incredible journey. Top, right: Members of the No Animal Left Behind Search and Rescue group celebrate their launch party in Black Hawk on August 25. Bottom, right: Bottom, right: Melissa Lewis is a silent auction winner!

On a sunny afternoon, in the HARD District of Black Hawk, animal lovers gathered for a special cause on August 25, 2024. No Animal Left Behind (NALB), a recently formed 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, held its launch party, with a silent auction, fundraiser, live music, and food.

There was a terrific turnout of approximately 150 people, including animal supporters, volunteers, and local residents. The Coyote Circle Band generously provided live music entertainment, adding to the festive atmosphere. Attendees enjoyed hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs, with all proceeds going to support NALB.

Several Black Hawk businesses contributed items for the silent auction. Mountain Poppy, located at 317 Gregory Street, helped host the event

and their wine slushies were a hit! Hi Heats 'n Sweets donated candy baskets, and Mountain Poppy contributed a selection of accessories and wine.

Well-known companies like Kong, Chewy, and Petco also pitched in with donations of treats, leashes, and toys. The auction featured a variety of gift certificates, for items including skydiving, massages, and even food and beverage vouchers from the Ameristar Casino.

There were art prints and ornaments for sale, as well as Pumpkin Pup Treats and stickers to show NALB pride. A considerable number of press articles lined the table, several published by The Mountain-Ear, laminated for easy handling and reading.

NALB is sponsored by "Tractive," a GPS pet tracker system that lets you track your pet in real time and provides



location history on your phone. Tractive also donated several items for the auction.

An adorable attendee, Bones, a boxer mix, was the star of the show, since his rescue is what prompted the formation of the group. Bones had been used as a fighting ring bait dog. When he was rescued he had many injuries and weighed a meager 60 pounds. Bones was dumped with another boxer who, unfortunately, was never found.

Now just under 90 pounds, Bones is healthy and sociable. His owner said he gets along with 99% of other dogs and has become very attached to him. Bones has been with his owner, NALB board member Alec Baldwin (not the famous actor), since January.

The organization aims to rescue any animal that has been abandoned or lost, not just dogs. Leader Brittanie Dickson has assembled a small but mighty crew of six dedicated animal lovers. Together, they've rescued not only dogs and cats but even a horse!

A horse named Bella was spooked by a bear that had broken some fence and paddock, said owner Dain Carlson, who was in attendance. He and his wife were on vacation when they heard the news that one of their horses had been injured and another was on the loose. Jefferson County Park Rangers said bears had probably smelled the grain in the barn and spooked the horses.

Dickson had been in charge of watching the horses and promptly organized about 50 people to search for the lost animal – some on horseback or mountain bikes, and even operators

of thermal drones. Dickson even employed "glassers," hunters who look from afar 10-15 miles away to sight targets.

They searched for four days, over 1,000 acres. Ironically, they finally found Bella a mile and a half away from home, stuck on a cliffside.

The Carlson family was deeply appreciative of Dickson and her efforts, which included help with meals and veterinary care.

The auction closed at 2:45 p.m. and the several winners were announced. Emergency Manager and NALB board member Melissa Lewis won an all-weather dog suit, which she said will be perfect for skiing with her dog this winter.

The love was apparent for this noble organization, serving a real need in the mountains for lost or abandoned pets, ensuring that no animal is left behind.

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.



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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 to 8:30 p.m. at Nederland Public Library.

Saturday, August 31

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 to 7 p.m. in Chipeta Park.

Sunday, September 1

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

Tuesday, September 3

Quirky Quilters: Bring your quilting supplies and skills of any level to the Nederland Community Library from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Wednesday, September 4

Children's Storytime: Join us every Wednesday morning for our Children's Storytime. Most of our children range from 0-5 years of age but all children are welcome. Enjoy

stories, fingerplays, rhymes, and more. A themed craft will follow every storytime. The previous week's crafts are available while supplies last. Start at 10 a.m. at the Gilpin County Public Library.

Thursday, September 5

Game Night: Bring a game, bring a friend and meet new ones! 6 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday at Very Nice Brewery, 20 Lakeview Drive, Unit 112, Nederland.

Saturday, September 7

Gilpin County Farmers Market: Local food, arts and crafts vendors, and local music! First Friday of every month until October from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gilpin Community Center.

Buck for the Badge Benefit Rodeo: Bull riding, mutton bustin', K-9 and SWAT demonstrations, vendors and more presented by S and S Bucking Bulls. All proceeds benefit critically injured and fallen first responders. Starts at 11 a.m. at the Gilpin County Fairgrounds.

Cracker BARREL

Get involved in your community

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

What's Happening at Gilpin County Parks & Recreation

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

Pool Hours

Please call to confirm prior to coming
Closed on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday
Monday and Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
and 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Building Hours

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

Community Center UPCOMING MAINTENANCE CLOSURE

Facility: Monday, September 9 - Thursday, September, 26
Pool: Monday, September 9 - Tentatively Friday, October 4
The community center will be closed while our roof and pool filters are getting replaced. During the closure: Classes and programs will be postponed; memberships will be extended. If you would prefer a refund, please come to the Community Center before September 9.

After-school Childcare and Eagles Teen programs will move to the Barn during the closure.
Senior Lunch will be held in the Justice Center on September 11, 13, 18, 20, and 25.
Youth Soccer and Adult Volleyball will run as planned at Pete Gones Memorial Park.

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! Daily program is free after \$25/annual registration fee.

Buck for the Badge. Saturday, September 7, at 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 - children 12 and under free. Bull riding, mutton bustin', AirLife. 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. Games are played at Pete Gones Memorial Park. 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 Farmers Market. Join us for vendors, live music and more at the Farmers Market, Saturday, September 7, 10 a.m. - 4 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 Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Prices vary for gear rentals. For more information please visit <https://www.alwayschoosadventures.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, and Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Gilpin Stitchers 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.



Gilpin County Seniors

- 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.

Please RSVP for lunch at least two business days ahead. We ask for a \$2.50 donation for lunch. All transportation is \$2.50 each one-way trip. We are doing door-to-door medical transportation at this time. Please call for details. We accept donations for the Senior Fit exercise classes. Call 303-515-4292 for information.

Nederland Area Seniors

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

tions! Delicious treats provided by Bright Heart Catering!

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.

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.

Self Help Meetings

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

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

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

Coal Creek Canyon AA meeting held every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Ed at 303-589-5056. For more information please visit <https://www.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 Nederland Presbyterian Community Church, 210 North Jefferson Street, Nederland, or online via Zoom (Meeting ID# 893 7194 1883). We hope to see you there sometime.

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

Zane Plsek for Central City Council

Dear Editor,

My name is **Zane Plsek** (pronounced **Plee-sik**) and I am officially running for Central City Council.

I spent 40 plus years as a Retail Professional. I have been married for 41 years to my wife Elizabeth, who is a Construction Inspector and we have one adult child who works for Sony Pictures in Los Angeles. I met my wife while working for a Music and Video Retailer, Warehouse Music, that at the time had stores in Colorado. I spent close to 30 years working for Warehouse Music and Bass Pro Shops in Southern California. We relocated to Bailey, CO in 2014 to be closer to family where I have worked for Lowes, Sears Outlet, Cabela's and finally Kroger/King Soopers. I have held many diverse Senior Management jobs where I have supervised in excess of 100 associates at one time and have controlled payroll and revenue budgets in excess of \$50 million dollars. In August of 2022, my wife and I relocated to Central City, CO. We love it here and this is our forever home!

I retired in July of 2023 and vowed to spend my retirement years staying busy, volunteering my time in the community, reading as many books as possible and becoming an even better cook. I am a

Central City Opera Guild Member and have done extensive volunteer work restoring rooms in the Teller House. I am an Officer at the Central City Elks #557. I was recently appointed as a board member of the Central City/Blackhawk Sanitation District. I also recently accepted a position as an alternate board member for the Gilpin County Historical Society. I stay very busy and I enjoy every hour of volunteer work that I do.

Upon my retirement I committed myself to attending every City Council, Planning Commission, DDA, URA, County Intergovernmental, and Main Street Commission Meeting that I could in an effort to educate myself on how city government works and whether it is adequately servicing the needs of residents and businesses. Recent events have made me become increasingly concerned about the direction of Central City and our quality of life here. I have therefore decided to run for City Council in order to make a constructive difference. I am no career politician, but I am a man of reason, I listen to people and I know I can have a positive impact on this community.

My Five Point Campaign Pledge for City Council is as follows:

1. Be a Strong Advocate and Voice for Residents and Existing Businesses.

I will listen to resident's and existing businesses' concerns and questions and act according to those concerns and find answers to those questions. I will help improve resident's quality of life and help existing businesses to thrive.

2. Promote Responsible Business Development. Actively work on responsible casino development in the Gaming District. Pursue other types of business development that benefits the community as a whole and are attractive to residents, visitors and families. That does not include Sexually Oriented Businesses in the Historic Districts nor OHV Sales and Rentals and Jeep Tours in and around the Boodle Mill area. We need to preserve our history and natural habitat.

3. Improve Infrastructure, Roads and Parking. We cannot expect to attract additional casino and business development if we do not improve our existing infrastructure, roads and parking. We need to make Main Street and the Gaming District more attractive to development, residents and visitors. We can use marketing to attract visitors, but if our parking situation and roads do not improve, the visitors will not return and residents may not stay. Our hiking and trail systems need to be improved to give residents and visitors other options in addition to Gaming.

4. Preserve and Promote Central City's History. We are much more than a Gaming Town. We have a colorful and vibrant history that can attract visitors and families and give them more options during their visit. Residents are proud of

our history, arts and entertainment and we need more events and attractions that champion that pride.

5. Better Open Government. Along with the City Council, our city has many Commissions and Authorities that make decisions affecting the quality of life for residents and businesses. Many residents cannot attend Tuesday 7:00 pm Council Meetings and weekday afternoon Commission and Authority Meetings due to job and family commitments. We need to hold regularly scheduled town hall type meetings on select weekends so all residents and businesses have a chance to express their concerns, ask questions and say anything else on their minds. Every opinion is valuable and we must encourage resident involvement when it comes to decision making. I believe the very best ideas will come from within our own community.

My vow is to continue to learn, listen to the concerns of the residents and businesses and act in the best interest of the wonderful City of Central.

I spend a lot of time in town on Main Street talking with and listening to concerned residents and business owners. I am very approachable and look forward to meeting you. You can message me here on this platform and I can also be reached at plsek4centralcitycouncil@gmail.com for any questions, opinions or concerns.

Let's keep the dialogue open and I look forward to hearing from you!

Zane Plsek
Central City

Letter to the Editor

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Marshall is the way forward

Dear Editor,

Yet another election season is upon us. As an independent constituent, I strive to become familiar with each one of the candidates. While it is true that many have admirable strengths, there is one contender with the exceptional skills needed to carry us forward - Corey Marshall.

Corey is a devoted family man, a savvy businessman, and is keen on keeping our beautiful county a great place to live. He possesses the common-sense approach that we need in our leaders. His background as a very successful business leader shows strength, focus and clarity. Corey deeply understands the complexities of financial management and has demonstrated repeatedly throughout his career his admirable ability to juggle varied interests to achieve successful, mutually beneficial outcomes.

Corey has a vision for this county. One that does not see taxing residents to the point that they can no longer afford to live

here, but rather one that sees encouraging economic development that takes advantage of our unique history of mining, and through continued cooperation with our two cities and the gaming industry. Corey believes in a streamlined government that is less intrusive and more focused on things that matter to all residents.

With a strong belief that bringing a common-sense, business approach to managing our county today, and by setting realistic, achievable goals for the future, Corey is well positioned to lead us successfully forward while protecting the rural, family-focused environment we love.

Corey is very easy to talk to, and attentively listens to what folks have to say. I strongly encourage everyone to take the opportunity to have a conversation with Corey and see for yourself why Corey Marshall is the right choice for Gilpin County.

Tami Archer
Gilpin County

Vote for Marshall, woof



Dear Neighbors,

Woof woof! It's Dixie here, writing to you on behalf of my favorite human, Corey Marshall, my dad. You might know me as the dog who keeps an eye on the horses at our ranch, but today, I'm taking on a new role as my dad's biggest supporter. My dad is not just a great rancher; he's got big plans for our county, and I know he'll do a pawsome job.

My dad has spent years out on the ranch, working hard and taking care of things the right way. He's got a head full of smart ideas that come from real experience. He's all about using common sense, just like when we work together to keep the horses happy and healthy. My dad believes that running the county is a lot like

running our ranch—it takes dedication, a strong work ethic, and a clear vision.

When my dad talks about the county's budget, he's not just barking up the wrong tree. He knows how to stretch a dollar and make smart decisions that keep things running smoothly. He's committed to solving our budget issues through economic development and careful cost management, making sure our county can thrive without wasting a penny.

My dad also understands that our county's charm lies in its small-town feel. He's determined to keep it that

way, defending low taxes and building strong partnerships across the county. With my dad as commissioner, you can count on him to protect what makes our county special while ensuring we grow in the right ways.

So, if you're looking for someone who's ready to craft a fresh and exciting vision for our future, I can tell you from my wagging tail and happy heart—Corey's your guy! He's got the smarts, the dedication, and the love for this community that we all need.

Vote for my dad, and let's keep our county small, rural, and full of opportunities!

Paws and love,
Dixie Marshall
Gilpin County

Let's re-elect Sandy Hollingsworth

Dear Editor,

Sandy Hollingsworth and I met while she was volunteering at the Gilpin County Fair in the summer of 2022. We discovered that we both have connections to Iowa, where I grew up and she lived for some time while her father was stationed in the Army. Growing up in a military family with parents who instilled a strong sense of serving others has made Sandy who she is. I have become increasingly impressed with Sandy's life-long dedication to public service.

Sandy's professional career began while serving as a Social Worker, first as a Case Manager, then promoted to Program Organizer, and finally to the City's Division Manager. Sandy embraced a lifelong commitment to serving her community with an impressive resume of volunteerism. Remember Candy Stripers in local hospitals? This was one of the few ways that young girls (they were always girls then) could volunteer. Sandy, and her cheerful demeanor, would visit patients and help in whatever way she could. I know from experience how welcome these young ladies were, and lonely patients always enjoyed a pleasant visit

from a candy striper. Sandy also helped with school fundraisers and served on student councils. Even during college and while working full time jobs, she continually found time to serve others. Decades later, Sandy remains committed to a high level of community service. She spent the last 25 + years volunteering for numerous non-profits in Gilpin County. She helps people who are underserved to meet basic needs and be safer in their homes. She helps without judgment or expecting anything in return. I have often asked Sandy, "How do you DO all this?" She just shrugs her shoulders and says she just carves out the time. Amazing!

Let me just talk about a few ways that Sandy has been a long-term and invaluable asset to our community. Sandy was on the task force that was able to secure CLINICA Health Care, after being in a health care desert for over 12 years. Sandy is obviously dedicated to our public lands! She participates in monitoring Forest Service visitors, trail work, noxious weed pulls, and trash clean-ups. She was active in her homeowner's association for years including their fire mitigation projects. Many of you know her via her continuing service with High Country

Auxiliary, CSU Extension as a Master Gardener, Peak to Peak Rotary, Axe and Snax, the food pantry, including growing produce for residents, plus food and school supply donation drives. Because Sandy understands the importance of pets to a family, she delivers pet food to the pantry. These are just a few examples of Sandy's dedication to our community.

Sandy lives by putting her community first, which is exemplified in her work as the current longest serving County Commissioner. With her experience in governance, setting policy, and identifying community needs by listening to residents from all walks of life, she is your number one choice for Gilpin County Commissioner.

Let's join together to re-elect Sandy Hollingsworth!

Celia Wilson
Gilpin County

Grateful to be a part of Ned Jazz and Wine Festival

Dear Editor,

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to the community, organizers, vendors, and staff for Nederland Jazz and Wine fest that left such a lasting impression on all of us. The dedication and hard work that went into planning and executing this event were evident, and it truly made for a memorable experience.

From the wonderful musicians to the delicious offerings from food and drinks vendors, every detail contributed to a magical atmosphere. It was inspiring to see so many people come together, fostering connections and celebrating our community. The efforts of the organizers ensured that everything ran smoothly, allowing everyone to enjoy the festivities.

I am so honored to have had the opportunity to support Ned Jazz and Wine fest with pre-event marketing and to be there helping out with the VIP part of the event. We continue to learn and optimize every year, to make for an even better experience in the coming years.

Thank you once again to everyone involved for making this event a success. Your commitment and passion are what make our community truly special.

Kadi Dulude
Black Hawk

Central City residents want to be heard

Dear Editor,

The City Council appears to be on the verge of once again ignoring residents in favor of a zoning change and misguided referendum that could harm our city.

At the August 20 City Council meeting, City Manager Daniel Miera pointed out that the Comprehensive Plan for Central City, which includes numerous boards and commissions staffed by residents, is the most authentic "voice of residents." One of those commissions, the City Planning Commission, voted unanimously to recommend limiting sexually oriented businesses to the industrial zone, and the Council voted to approve that recommendation on the first vote at their last meeting. This is how a fair and transparent process that honors the voice of residents is supposed to work, and the Council should vote to approve the recommendation on second reading at their next meeting. However, a last-minute proposal by Councilman Todd Williams puts that vote at risk.

Without explanation, Councilman Williams proposed an entirely different approach to zoning that would allow sexually oriented businesses in all three zones in the City with the requirement that they not be within 1,000 feet of gathering places and residences. It was further proposed that the acting city attorney create language for a referendum to allow people to vote on a non-binding referendum to voice their support or opposition to having sexually oriented businesses in the City. These recommendations will be presented at the next meeting.

Here's the catch: Any sexually oriented business would be highly motivated to

fund a massive political campaign in support of its position on the referendum. This campaign could include bringing in a large number of canvassers to register people to vote, having people move to the City and register to vote (registering to vote is allowed up to the day before an election), and lobbying any current residents who are indifferent to the issue to vote in their favor. There is no way that residents would have the resources to launch a similar campaign to educate the public about how sexually oriented businesses result in an "increase in crime and a decrease in property values" (from the original ordinance).

The Council should not approve a referendum for the ballot that would only create chaos and division between now and the November election. Councilman Williams has repeatedly stated that he believes there are many people who support sexually oriented businesses, but who have not spoken out. If that is the case, those people should collect signatures to put the referendum on the ballot, which would be their right.

Councilman Williams's proposed approach to zoning is opposed to how residents' voices are guaranteed through the Comprehensive Plan for Central City. As someone who has dedicated years of volunteer service serving on two separate commissions, I find his lack of respect for the many people serving on these commissions to be offensive. It is clear that his proposal could benefit sexually oriented businesses against the direction of residents and should be rejected by other council members.

Peter Droege
Central City resident

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Bull riding for first responders

Dear Readers,

Mark it on your calendars, September 7, at 11 a.m., the 8th annual Buck for the Badge Benefit Rodeo presented by S and S Bucking Bulls will thunder into the Gilpin County Fairgrounds, Black Hawk. Buck for the Badge benefits critically injured and fallen first responder families. This will be a unique afternoon. First responder's day, swat demonstration, K-9 demonstration, AirLife, ride in a fire truck, mutton bustin', vendors, and bull riding, all raise money for these heroes.

During the bull riding, a silent auction open to everyone will take place featuring one-of-a-kind autographed shirts, football, hats, pictures, and more donated by champion cowboys from both the PBR (Professional Bull Riders) and PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) organizations, the Denver Broncos, and the Colorado Avalanche.

There will also be entertainment by rodeo clown and funny man Eric Myrick.

Regular tickets available at the gate: \$10 adults, \$5 children, 7 and under are free of charge. The Gilpin County Fairgrounds is located at 230 Norton Drive, Black Hawk, Colorado 80422.

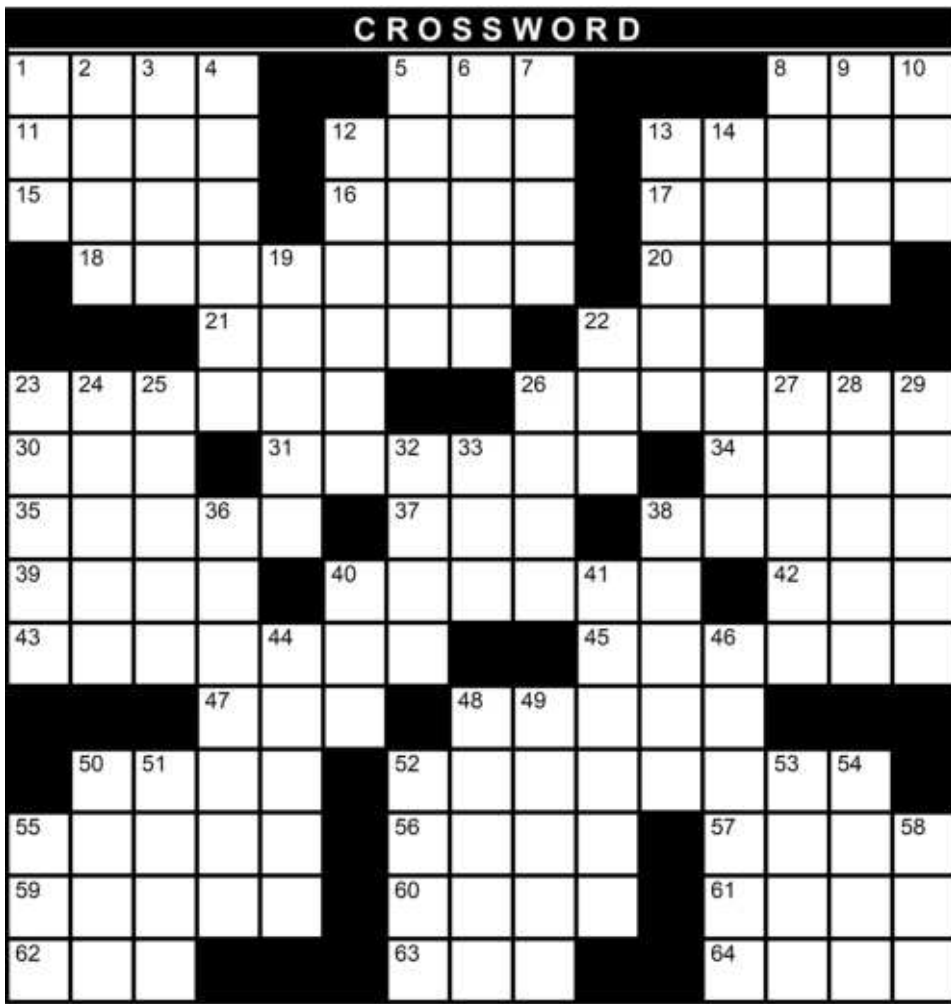
About Buck for the Badge

Our Mission started eight years ago in February of 2016 when three deputies of the Park County Sheriff's Office were involved in a shooting. All three were injured. One with non-life, threatening injuries, one was critically injured, and one was fatally wounded. Buck for the Badge works diligently to help raise funds for our fallen hero's families during tragedies like this.

Buck for the Fallen is here to celebrate Colorado's heroes that are still with us and honor those that we have lost. We are here to ensure our first responders and families know that their service and sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Please visit www.buckforthefallen.org for more information.

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- 38. Fender bender consequences
- 39. Light beige
- 40. *First white chocolate manufacturer
- 42. Grasp
- 43. Elbow room, to a ship (2 words)
- 45. Teenagers' emotions
- 47. Belly

- 24. East Indian pepper
- 50. Buzzing pest
- 52. *Prairie crisis (2 words)
- 55. Change, as in U.S. Constitution
- 56. "If all ____ fails..."
- 57. Solomon-like
- 59. Boatload
- 60. Lab gel
- 61. Enthusiasm
- 62. Finale
- 63. Grazing land
- 64. Blood vessel network

DOWN

- 1. Blue Angel
- 2. In a frenzy
- 3. Calf-length skirt
- 4. Ford option
- 5. Two-footed mortar support
- 6. Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.
- 7. *Al Capone's Chicago Outfit, e.g.
- 8. Mend, healthwise
- 9. Small island
- 10. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
- 12. *Shenyang (China) in 1931
- 13. O in B.O., pl.
- 14. *Cole Porter's "Begin the ____"
- 19. Dashboard windows

Empowering parents and kids through nurturing parenting



BETSY EPP
NEDERLAND

In the heart of our mountain community, where serene landscapes constantly remind us of nature's nurturing power, another kind of nurturing takes place—nurturing the heart, mind, and family bonds. This year, as the leaves begin to change and students rush to the bus stop, TEENS, Inc. invites parents to embark on a journey that promises to strengthen family ties, empower children, and foster emotional resilience.

TEENS, Inc., a nonprofit based in Nederland, Colorado, has a long history of supporting youth development. The Mountain Strong Families series, a part of TEENS, Inc. programming, returns this fall to offer parents practical strategies for nurturing their children. The curriculum emphasizes empathy, open communication, and positive discipline, helping parents navigate the challenges of raising children.

What sets the Nurturing Parenting curriculum apart is its unique adaptability. Recognizing that every family is unique, it provides tailored strategies to meet specific needs. This understanding and customization make parents feel seen and heard. They learn to set boundaries with love, manage stress, and foster emotional intelligence, equipping them with tools to guide their families through life's ups and downs.

Emotional intelligence is a cornerstone of the series. In a society that prioritizes academic achievement, emotional intelligence is sometimes overlooked. Yet research shows it is a critical predictor of personal and professional success. By helping parents nurture this skill in their

children, the Mountain Strong Families series aims to create a future where young people are compassionate, resilient, and emotionally aware. Mountain Strong Families doesn't just support individual families - it's strengthening the entire community. The knowledge and skills parents gain in this series will positively influence their families and the broader community.

Mountain Strong Families also strives to foster a sense of community within our parent community. Parents will find a supportive environment where they can connect, share experiences, and support one another. This communal aspect is invaluable, reminding parents that they are not alone in their journey and fostering a sense of belonging and connection.

If you're a parent in our community, we hope you join the Mountain Strong Families series, held on the first Tuesday of each month from September to April, at Nederland Elementary School. To ensure accessibility, TEENS, Inc. offers this series free of charge, with dinner and childcare provided. Whether you face specific parenting challenges or want to deepen your family connections, this series offers something. The nurturing parenting approach is practical, compassionate, and adaptable to your family's unique dynamics.

By participating, you'll take an important step toward creating a positive and supportive environment for your family. You'll also have a community of like-minded parents dedicated to raising the next generation of emotionally intelligent, resilient, and compassionate human beings. This goal of creating a positive future for our children should fill you with hope and optimism.

For more information or to register for this year's Mountain Strong Families series, please contact Betsy Epp, the Social-Emotional Learning Coordinator at TEENS, Inc., at betsy@teensinc.org.

"Machine Gun" Kelly

51. Smart but awkward one

52. *FDR's New ____

53. ____ E. Coyote

54. Law school test acronym

55. Expert

58. Compass point between NE and E

Puzzle Solution

5	3	1	4	2	8	7	6	9
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Crossword solution August 22

Nederland mountain bike team starts out strong



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NICOLE HARKNESS



Riding for Nederland High School

Left: Sam Harkness reaching the top of the hill and still smiling. Right: Codi Waldron working hard on her freshman time trial.

JOELLE WISLER NEDERLAND

The Nederland High School Mountain Bike team had their first race in Frisco last weekend, battling rain and start-of-season nerves to come out third in Division Two. With a record number of fourteen riders this year, Nederland was bumped up from Division Three.

Codi Waldron grabbed ninth for freshman girls, Amika Begin took fourth in sophomore girls, and Junior Halle Peiffer came in thirteenth for JV girls. Our varsity riders, Laila Waldron, who was just off the podium,

and Grayson Shurr, had very strong showings in this highly competitive league. Seventh grader Nora Shurr even managed to win the Yeti Skills Course.

This year, Grayson Shurr helped design team jerseys as his senior gift, receiving generous donations from local businesses. A huge shout out to Eldora, Justin's, Rudi's, Peak to Peak Endurance, and Reboot Mindfulness for supporting the mountain bike team and making the fast-looking new jerseys materialize!

The team's next race is the Showdown in the Boat in Steamboat Springs on September 8.

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Celebrating Fall at NES



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Refreshing on a hot day

The Boba Teas were irresistible to drink as the kids and parents celebrated coming back to Nederland Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.

SARA SANDSTROM NEDERLAND

Nederland Elementary School (NES) held their 3rd annual fall festival on August 23. On the school's playground, families gathered to socialize and enjoy the outstanding end-of-summer weather.

The school's PTA presents the event for fun and community building as school returns. This year Boba T's food truck was serving up some delicious food. Their menu included

Boba Tea, hot dogs, French fries, and donut holes. Big Wheel Beverages attended again, so kids could make their own shaved ice while running in the big wheel.

Everyone loved the jolly music provided by NES music teacher Mr. Kirk and Shakina Ma.

It was an exciting and enjoyable way to start the new school year, as students played with their friends and parents chatted among themselves. And you could not go wrong with the good food and fun drinks. Raise your Boba Tea for NES!



Gilpin & Nederland School Calendars

Gilpin County School

Thursday, August 29 at 4:15 p.m. - MS Volleyball: Home Round Robin Tournament
 Friday, August 30 at Noon - HS Volleyball at West Grand High School (Tournament)
 Friday, August 30 at 7 p.m. - HS Football at St. Mary's High School
 Saturday, August 31 at 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. HS Volleyball at West Grand High School (Tournament)
 Monday, September 2 at 8 a.m. - Labor Day, No School
 Tuesday, September 3 at 4 p.m. - MS Football at Byers Middle School
 Tuesday, September 3 at 7 p.m. - BOE Meeting in the Board Room
 Wednesday, September 4 at 4:15 p.m. - MS Volleyball: Home vs East Grande TBA
 Thursday, September 5 at 8 a.m. - Picture Day - All Students
 Thursday, September 5 at 4:15 p.m. - MS Volleyball: Home vs Kiowa
 Saturday, September 7 All Day - MS Volleyball at Summit County - Tournament TBA
 Saturday, September 7 at 10 a.m. - HS JV Volleyball at Strasburg - Tournament
 Tuesday, September 10 at 4 p.m. - MS Volleyball at Clear Creek
 Tuesday, September 10 at 4 p.m. - HS Volleyball: Home vs Byers
 Wednesday, September 11 at 4 p.m. - MS Football at Clear Creek
 Thursday, September 12 at 4 p.m. - HS Volleyball: Home vs Lyons HS
 Friday, September 13 at 7 p.m. - HS Football: Home vs. Lake County (Homecoming)
 Saturday, September 14 at 10 a.m. - MS Volleyball at South Park

Nederland High School

Friday, August 30 at 4 p.m. - Fall Play - Auditions
 Friday, August 30 at 4:30 p.m. - HS Boys' soccer team photos
 Monday, September 2 - No School, Labor Day
 Tuesday, September 3 at 11:45 a.m. - Pop-Up Library at Lunch
 Tuesday, September 3 at 4 p.m. - Fall Play - Rehearsals Begin
 Wednesday, September 4 at 4:30 p.m. - JV Volleyball vs Ascent Northern Colorado
 Wednesday, September 4 at 5:30 p.m. - V Volleyball vs Ascent Northern Colorado
 Thursday, September 5 at 4 p.m. - V Boys' soccer vs Windsor Charter
 Thursday, September 5 at 6 p.m. - PTA Meeting
 Friday, September 6 at 4 p.m. - HS Cross Country Team Photos
 Friday, September 6 at 4 p.m. - Mountain Bike Team Photos
 Friday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. - Movie on the Field
 Sunday, September 8, All Day - Mt Bike Race at Steamboat Springs



PHOTO BY SARA SANDSTROM

Gathering with friends at NES

Parents enjoying the time together to catch up after the summer vacation. It was a lovely August afternoon in Nederland, the food was tasty, and the kids had a great time on the playgrounds. The NES PTA knows how to start the school year off right.



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Central City's Beer Fest brings life to the party



PHOTOS BY MINDY LEARY

Where there's a beer, there's a way

Top, left: Central City Fire Department invites the community to volunteer at their family-friendly station. Bottom, right: The Colorado Farm Brewery serves beer made with 100% farm-grown ingredients from their land near Alamosa. Bottom, left: Crowds fill the streets to sample beer from 20 different Colorado breweries.

**MINDY LEARY
CENTRAL CITY**

Central City's love affair with beer, stretching back over 160 years, was in full swing this past Saturday, August 24, 2024, as the Great Central City Beer Fest took over the town.

Starting around 1 p.m., this year's event, organized by Dostal Alley and the Central City Business Improvement District, was all about boosting local businesses while keeping the community spirit alive – one cold beer at a time.

Foodies weren't left out in the cold either, thanks to the Bombshells and JKQ BBQ food trucks, dishing out everything from juicy burgers to crispy fries.

Meanwhile, the Central City Volunteer Fire Department had a booth that was equal parts educational and

inspiring, reminding everyone why fire safety (and maybe volunteering) is cool.

The BID's Joe Behm, a key player in the I-70 Coalition and the I-70 Floyd Hill Project, happily reported that over 100 tickets were sold online, with even more folks grabbing theirs on the day of the event. With a turnout like that, it's safe to say the festival was a hit.

For those who were able to get their hands on a general admission ticket (a solid deal at \$50 in advance, \$55 on the day), the 1 p.m. entry meant a tasting cup, live tunes, and more beer samples than you could count.

VIPs, however, got the royal treatment, with early entry at noon, access to a private lounge featuring full-sized pours, appetizers, and a live show by the legendary Jimmy Lewis Showband.

A shout-out goes to Dave Thomas,

former Coors Master Brewer, and Buddy Schmalz of Dostal Alley, who were the masterminds behind the festival's success, now in its 12th year.

Even COVID-19 couldn't keep them down, although 2020 was the year of no Fest. Thomas also stuck around to sign copies of his book, *Of Mines and Beer!: 150 Years of Brewing History in Gilpin County, Colorado, and Beyond*.

With around 20 Colorado breweries showcasing their best brews, there was a beer for every taste – yes, even non-alcoholic options were on hand! The event's setting, combined with the mild weather, gave the festival an inviting, cozy vibe that both brewers and browsers just loved.

Two stages pumped out live music throughout the day, with several acts keeping the crowd moving. A particular highlight was Aoxomoxoa, a Grateful Dead cover band hailing from the Front Range.

One brewery that stole the spotlight was The Colorado Farm Brewery. This unique spot is the only brewery in the nation where every single ingredient – from the hops to the barley and even the yeast – is harvested on their estate in Alamosa, Colorado. No mass production here – just farm-to-glass freshness.

The brewery is steeped in history, with roots going back over 80 years when Ray Coody settled in the San Luis Valley. Now, four generations later, his descendants have taken the family's farming legacy to a whole new level, brewing beer like no one else in the world.

Another local gem, Barrels and Bottles, from Golden, also keeps it

fresh by skipping distribution. Their Blue Corn Cream Ale was a crowd favorite, offering a smooth, slightly sweet sip of corn goodness. They're a rare sight at festivals, so catching them here was a treat.

Mountain Toad Brewery brought an impressive lineup with an IPA, a Belgian, a Blueberry Kolsch, and a Golden Stout that played tricks on the eyes – it looked like a golden ale but delivered the rich flavors of a stout, thanks to coffee beans and cacao nibs soaked in bourbon. Their NatterJack Irish Red, named after Ireland's only native toad, offered a smooth, caramel-kissed finish.


For a lighter option, Our Mutual Friend Brewery from Denver served up "The Fizz," a crisp pilsner brewed with 100% Colorado-grown ingredients, packing a refreshing punch at 4.7% ABV.

Ratio Brewing out of Denver wowed the crowd with their saison brewed with carrot juice and elderflower, which snagged a Gold Medal at the 2023 Great American Beer Festival. This brew had a unique sweetness, with a hint of root vegetable bitterness. Fun fact: Vice President Kamala Harris herself once gave this beer her seal of approval, even grabbing a six-pack to go!

The festival wrapped up by 6 p.m., leaving attendees with full bellies, happy hearts, and a head full of memories. But don't worry – the party's not over. The next big event from the BID is a spooky Halloween bash, happening on October 19, 26, and 31, from 5-9 p.m. Expect pop-up bars, crystal ball readings, DJs, and plenty of fun. Admission is free!



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Mountain People's Co-Op: 45th Anniversary

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
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The Mountain People's Co-Op celebrated 45 years in business with a party by the creek, where joyous music was played, a delicious variety of food was served, and the dedicated Co-Op crew, and founders, were honored.

Though the clouds grew dark and a light pattering of rain fell, it didn't scare away any attendees of the festivities, many of whom conversed and laughed with each other out in the rain. Many more, however, huddled together under the canopies, by the tables of food provided by the Co-Op, as well as by locals who brought their favorite dishes to share.

There was food available for everyone to enjoy, from the Co-Op's own Sloppy Joes, to amazing vegan chocolate and peanut butter cupcakes. There were also donated kegs of Knotted Root's tasty beverages, and cold-brew coffee from Melt.

As soon as the clouds parted and blue sky reigned again, members of the community broke out their mandolins and dulcimers and played beautiful, toe-tappin' music under the sun.

The hard working crew of the Co-Op sat together on the deck, enjoying one another's company, cheering after every song. Though the anniversary party was open to the public, and to all of the Co-Op's members, special recognition is owed to the founding partners, to General Manager Lisa Reinhart, and to all of the staff at the Co-Op for helping to forge such a strong sense of community.

Here's to 45 more years of success for The Mountain People's Co-Op.

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.



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

More than just a local market

Top: Staff of the Mountain People's Co-Op enjoyed one another's company while waiting out the rain. Bottom, right: The anniversary celebration welcomed all, from locals to visitors, members and non-members alike, and even our furrier friends. Bottom, left: A live bluegrass pick is not just for atmosphere, but it represents the same open, welcoming, community spirit that the Co-Op cultivates.



Pet of the week

Don't know when I've been so blue
Don't know what's come over you
You've found someone new and
Don't it make my brown eyes blue

I can't be fine cuz now you're gone
I've been crying all night long
Say it isn't true and
Don't it make my brown eyes blue

Tell me no secrets, tell me some lies
Give me no reasons, nor alibies
Tell me you love me and don't let
me cry
Say anything but don't say goodbye

I didn't mean to treat you bad
Didn't know just what I had
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And don't it make my brown eyes
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Immaculate vibes at the Ned Jazz & Wine Fest



PHOTOS BY BRUNA VILLALON

Grooving to the beat

Above: Jazz energized the crowd at the Nederland Jazz and Wine Feat on August 24th. Top right: Joyful dancing to the rhythm of Jazz at the Nederland Jazz and Wine Festival.

BRUNA VILLALON NEDERLAND

The Ned Jazz and Wine Festival, held on August 24 in Nederland, Colorado, was a resounding success, attracting visitors from all over the country. Showcased in Chipeta Park by Boulder Creek, the festival had thrilling energy and a picturesque charm that felt straight out of a Hallmark movie, making it the perfect way to celebrate the end of summer.

Set against the stunning backdrop of Old Baldy and Kiowa Peak, the event aimed

to promote Colorado's vibrant wineries and local artists while raising funds for the Nederland Area Seniors, Inc. (NAS). The festival brought the community together with flowing wine, delicious food, and incredible art, all in support of the town's senior population.

Attendees arrived on a rainy and cold Saturday, but the sun soon showed up, brightening the atmosphere just in time for the festivities. As the day warmed, visitors mingled with neighbors and met new friends, sampling a wide array

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of wines from across the Rockies. The festival's relaxed and friendly atmosphere enabled everyone to connect over their shared appreciation of jazz, fine wine, and beautiful art, making the festival a highlight of the town's summer calendar.

Folks had the opportunity to purchase unique paintings and pottery from local artists, including Brent Collin Bishop, who has called Nederland home for the past 23 years. His stunning contemporary landscapes, painted in acrylic on canvas, beautifully capture the essence of the area's natural beauty.

One of the vinous highlights of the festival

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was the Blood Orange Wine from Denver-based Deep Roots Winery. The sweet Cabernet Franc, infused with the unique flavor profile of Blood Orange, captured the essence of the region's innovative winemaking. The wine's popularity was a testament to the quality of the products highlighted at the event.

The success of the Ned Jazz and Wine Festival has set the stage for it to become a beloved annual tradition, celebrating community, music, and the rich offerings of Colorado's wine industry, all while supporting the Peak to Peak community.

Jazz & Wine



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Tasty wine for a very fine time

Top left: Joyful dancing to the rhythm of Jazz at the Nederland Jazz and Wine Festival. Above: Mingling with neighbors and meeting new friends at the Jazz and Wine fest.

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Whispers from the past: The 35th Annual Cemetery Crawl



PHOTOS BY MINDY LEARY

Voices of the past
 Top: A Wild Bunch actor portrays William Martin, a miner born in 1839, known for his kindness. He tragically passed away from black lung disease in 1912.
 Bottom: Robert C. Aduddell, born in Denmark in 1861, shares his life story from beyond the grave, though his exact birth date remains unknown.

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Cemetery Crawl

MINDY LEARY
CENTRAL CITY

The spirits of Gilpin County came alive once again in Central City on Saturday, August 24, 2024, as the 35th Annual Cemetery Crawl took center stage. Hosted by the Gilpin County Historical Society, this event transported attendees into the past, where tales of miners, brewmasters, and other colorful characters echoed through the mountain air.

Every year, one of Gilpin County's 11 historic cemeteries plays host to this eerie and enlightening event, and this time, it was the Rocky Mountain Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery #2 that opened its gates.

Central City may be small, but its collection of cemeteries is anything but ordinary. Located at the north end of Eureka Street, the Odd Fellows Cemetery is the smallest of four burial grounds clustered near Bald Mountain

Road. The remains of a quaint stone chapel greet visitors at the entrance, setting the tone for the historical journey ahead.

With shuttle transportation from the Teller Lot to the cemetery, the adventure began around 11 a.m. as 200 eager participants arrived, ready to hear the spooky stories that awaited them. The Odd Fellows, true to their mission of caring for the sick, distressed, and departed, have left behind a legacy that continues to captivate the living.

Situated at a breathtaking 9,324 feet above sea level, the cemetery offers a portal to another time, with over 250 gravesites, at least half of which are still intact. And on this day, the spirits of Gilpin County had plenty to say.

Dressed in period attire, complete with parasols and bonnets, guides led small groups of 20 up a winding path through the cemetery. Along the way, they paused at ten different graves, where volunteers, fully in character, recounted the life stories of the individuals buried there.

The weather played its part beautifully, offering a mix of sun and clouds with a gentle breeze.

At one stop, the group gathered around the grave of William Lehmkuhl, a brewer who was known for offering free beer with meals at his bed and breakfast.

With 350 tons of ice on hand to keep his beer cold, Lehmkuhl's most popular brew featured wild-grown hops from Gilpin County and crisp "mountain water."

He was said to have passed away in 1893, sitting up in bed after enjoying a hearty breakfast – a fitting end for a man who lived life to the fullest.

Central City's cemetery holds many stories, but few are as intriguing as those connected to the unique gravesites and the historical figures they commemorate. Among these is the Walter family plot, marked by a small limestone cabin known as the Walter Cabin. This distinctive marker was crafted by Mary Rauh, a notable character in Colorado's history.

At the Walter gravesite, a woman dressed in an elegant Victorian gown portrayed Mary Rauh, bringing her

story to life.

Rauh was the second wife of Adolf Rauh, and though history often credits him with the success of their Denver marbleworks business, it was Mary who was the true mastermind behind it.

After Adolf faced bankruptcy, Mary founded the marbleworks and ran it successfully, despite the gender biases of the time that kept her from receiving the recognition she deserved.

In a twist of fate, she eventually sold everything back to Adolf for just \$1. Before his death in 1914, Adolf ensured that all his assets were in Mary's name. Mary Rauh passed away from pneumonia in 1922, but her legacy, symbolized by the Walter Cabin, endures.

Nearby, the spirit of Robert C. Aduddell sat nonchalantly on his grave, legs crossed, sipping from a large brown bottle.

Aduddell, whose birth year is uncertain (estimated between 1815 and 1820), was a physician with a storied past. He served in the military, providing surgical services, but his most infamous involvement came in the 1860s when he was implicated in the death of Mariah Casey following a botched abortion.

At the time, abortion was a crime punishable by three years in prison, and certain doctors, including Aduddell, were rumored to perform these procedures in secret, using herbal abortifacients like pennyroyal and tansy.

Despite the scandal, Aduddell was acquitted by the jury and continued his practice until his death on February 12, 1886.

Another captivating figure was Thorvald Crook, born in Denmark in 1861. Crook was the proprietor of Crooks' Saloon in Black Hawk, later renamed Crooks' Palace during Prohibition.

The character portraying Crook shared with the group some wild-grown Gilpin hops, a key ingredient in many local brews, present and past.

Crook's tombstone is engraved with three interlocking rings, a symbol used by the Odd Fellows to represent friendship, love, and truth. He passed away on November 25, 1902, leaving behind a legacy infused with the rich brewing history of the region.

Charles Zueger, born in 1849, was a hard-rock miner known for helping build the iconic Cornish walls in Central City. The area once boasted 38 bars, providing much-needed respite for miners after grueling workdays.

A unique tradition saw silver dollars placed on the ceiling planks of these

bars, reserved for the funeral expenses of miners who passed away. Zueger himself met a tragic end in 1882 when he was caught in a cave-in, succumbing to his injuries five days later.

The tour emphasized the dangers faced by miners, including black lung disease, which claimed many lives. One such miner was William Martin, portrayed by a member of the Wild Bunch.

Martin's wife, Sarah, bore nine children, though three tragically died before him. The harsh realities of mining life were starkly evident throughout the cemetery.

Lastly, the story of Louisa Eva, wife of Thomas Eva, was recounted. Born into what was said to be "good stock," Louisa was reputed to have healing powers, able to stop bleeding and cure burns with the help of two charms and some Bible pages.

Her life, like many others in the cemetery, was marked by both hardship and resilience. Louisa's two grandchildren, who preceded her in death, are buried beside her on a slight hill, a quiet testament to the family's enduring presence.

As the tour concluded, the rich tapestry of Central City's mining and brewing history came into full view, woven through the lives – and deaths – of those who once called this rugged land home.

Special thanks were given by Gilpin County Historical Society Board Member Deb Wray to the "spirits," the dedicated volunteers from the community, and members of the Wild Bunch, a local performance group known for reenacting Old West shows and shootouts.

If the idea of bringing history to life intrigues you, the Gilpin County Historical Society (GHS) is always looking for new volunteers. Whether you'd like to be a docent, help in the archives, or even play a spirit or guide at one of their events, there's a place for you. Contact the museum at gilpinhistory@live.com to get involved.

Mark your calendars for the GHS's next spine-tingling event, the 15th Annual Creepy Crawl, happening on October 11, 12, 18, and 19.

During this event, you'll explore historic buildings in Central City and hear chilling tales of murders, ghostly encounters, and other gruesome events from Gilpin County's past.

Tickets will be available online in September, and they tend to sell out quickly – don't miss your chance to be part of the eerie fun!



PHOTOS BY MINDY LEARY

Echoes from the grave

Top, left: William Lehmkuhl is depicted as a brewer who offered free beer with meals at his bed and breakfast during the Gilpin Historical Society's 35th Annual Cemetery Crawl. Bottom, right: Gilpin Historical Society members volunteer their time and passion to bring spirits to life on August 24. Bottom, left: Attendees are captivated by the tale of Mary Rauh, who owned a marbleworks and created the Walter Family plot log cabin monument.



Broncos embark on 2024 season



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON

Entering the year with Mile High expectations

Top, left: The Broncos Cheerleaders. Top, right: Brandon Johnson hauls in a 46-yard touchdown pass from Zach Wilson in the Broncos' final preseason game against the Cardinals.

DAVE GIBSON
DENVER

The Russell Wilson experiment is now but an ill-advised bad dream. Desperate for a quality veteran quarterback, management acted with their hearts and pocketbook when they brought him to Denver, not seeing what Seattle already knew – that Wilson's greatness was already in decline. Disappointing fans again during an eight-year span after winning Super Bowl 50 that included 13 different starting quarterbacks and zero playoff appearances, it depleted draft picks and financial resources under league salary cap restrictions. Strong safety Justin Simmons and wide receiver Jerry Jeudy were released or traded earlier this year as the Broncos and head coach Sean Payton scrambled to find enough money to rebuild with.

A steal compared to the Wilson deal, the Broncos are banking heavily upon quarterback Bo Nix, their first-round draft pick (chosen 12th). With three years spent playing at Auburn and his last two at Oregon, he is the most experienced quarterback selected in the 2024 draft. A competent field general with quick feet, good instincts, and a 74.9 career completion percentage, Nix will be the Broncos' starting quarterback when the team opens the regular season against the Seahawks on September 8. The last time the Broncos began their season with a rookie quarterback at the helm was 1983. His name was John Elway. Jarrett

Stidham will be Nix's backup with Zach Wilson in reserve.

Denver's leading wide receiver Courtland Sutton is back to ease Nix's transition into the Pros as are Josh Reynolds and Marvin Mimms Jr. Tight ends Adam Trautman and Greg Dulcich will also see their share of passes.

Running back Javonte Williams seeks to regain his form as a dominant power runner with Jaleel McLaughlin and rookie fifth-round pick Audric Estime sharing time in the backfield.

Anchored by center Luke Wattenberg and flanked by eight-year veteran All-Pro left tackle Garrett Bowles and right tackle Mike McGlinchey, the Broncos' offensive line has yet to fully prove itself. Their play this year will be an integral factor in determining the team's success.

The loss of standout Pro-Bowler Justin Simmons was a big blow to a defense that ranked 29th in the NFL last year. Safeties P.J. Locke and Brandon Jones will attempt to take up the slack. The good news is that perennial Pro Bowl cornerback Pat Surtain II should again shut down opponents' receivers on the left side with Ja'Quan McMillian or Riley Moss on the right. The front three of D.J. Jones, Zach Allen, and John-Franklin Meyers appear relatively strong. Behind them, inside linebacker Alex Singleton is solid in the middle. 2023 sack leader Jonathon Cooper heads up the outside linebackers who hope to turn up the heat on opposing quarterbacks this year.

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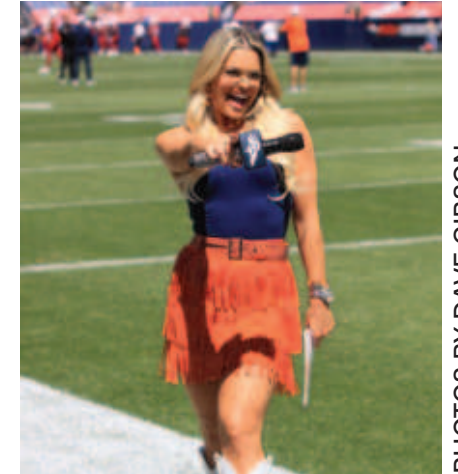
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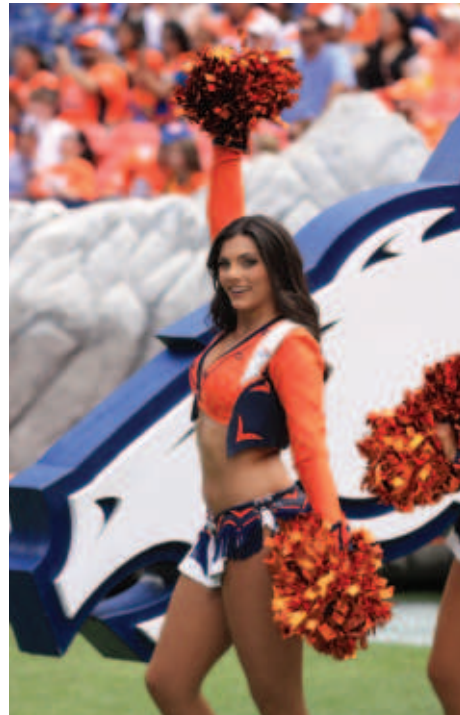
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A 38-12 victory to build on
Top, left: A Nate Atkins receiving touchdown. Top, middle: Miles the Mascot is pumped. Top, right: A Broncos announcer. Middle: Cheering Denver on. Bottom, left: Positive yardage



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON



Denver Broncos 2024 Schedule

- September 8 at Seattle Seahawks
- September 15 vs. Pittsburgh Steelers
- September 22 at Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- September 29 at New York Jets
- October 6 vs. Las Vegas Raiders
- October 13 vs. Los Angeles Chargers
- October 17 at New Orleans Saints
- October 27 vs. Carolina Panthers
- November 3 at Baltimore Ravens
- November 10 at Kansas City Chiefs
- November 17 vs. Atlanta Falcons
- November 24 at Las Vegas Raiders
- December 2 vs. Cleveland Browns
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- December 15 vs. Indianapolis Colts
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Gilpin Dems Art Gallery Fundraiser



PHOTOS BY WES ISENHART

For the people

Left: Congressman Joe Neguse and retired Judge Gary Jackson at the Gilpin Dems Art Gallery Fundraiser. Neguse credited Jackson with encouraging him to apply to the CU Law School, which led to him running for elective office. Right: Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth speaking to the attendees at the Gilpin Dems Art Gallery Fundraiser.

**WES ISENHART
GILPIN COUNTY**

Congressman Joe Neguse was the keynote speaker at the 16th Gilpin Democratic Party Art Gallery Fundraiser on August 25, 2024, at the Gilpin County Arts Association Gallery in Central City.

Neguse, who spoke about education at the Democratic National Convention, was warmly greeted by his old friend and mentor, retired Judge Gary Jackson.

Jackson, whose family has owned property in Gilpin County since the 1920s, was a surprise guest speaker. Jackson was inducted into the National Bar Association Fred David Gray Hall of Fame for his professional achievements and work on behalf of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the legal profession.

In his presentation, Neguse singled out Jackson as one of the people who encouraged him to go to CU Law School, which ultimately led to his career in politics. The two are personal friends. Neguse referred to Jackson as a trailblazer who broke barriers for him in the legal profession.

Neguse also expressed how there is a place for Americans of good faith who want to work together to solve problems regardless of their world view, where they came from, or their zip code.

Other speakers at the event included Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth;

Central City Alderman and County Commissioner candidate Jeff Aiken; Colorado House District 49 candidate Lesley Smith; Colorado State Board of Education candidate Kathy Gebhardt; 1st Judicial District Attorney Alexis King; and Colorado Democratic Party 2nd Vice Chair Scott Mangino.

The event drew elected officials from Clear Creek County and former two-term Gilpin County Commissioners Buddy Schmalz, Gail Watson, Linda Isenhardt, and Jeanne Nicholson.

The fundraiser also featured food and drink, the band Quatro Burros, and a silent auction.

District Attorney King noted how excited she is about the nomination of a former prosecutor, Kamala Harris, for president. King added that she also starts her day reiterating that she is in court to serve the people of Colorado, and reflected on what it means to serve in public office.

It was an afternoon of greeting old friends, hearing words of encouragement, and feeling the excitement again of participating in big and small ways in another consequential election.

Contact information for the Gilpin County Democratic Party: email: gilpindemschair@gmail.com, website: gilpincountydems.org, Facebook Name: [Gilpin County Democrats](#).

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Rural mail faces more delays



LYNN HIRSHMAN
PEAK TO PEAK

It's happening again. According to the National News Association, the United States Postal Service, which has been handicapped by the forces of "cost cutting" and "efficiency" for a number of

years now, is telling us that the USPS has filed a petition with the Postal Regulatory Commission that indicates that "if a newspaper is further than 50 miles from a new Regional Processing and Distribution Center, an additional day would likely be added to expected delivery times for any mail that entered into the newspaper's local post office."

This means that any mail dropped into a local mailbox or post office will be sent to the regional center in Denver before it gets sent back up here. Mail from Rollinsville to Nederland now already takes two to three days because of this; now it may take another day.

It's annoying enough for us as individuals, but it's devastating for us as a newspaper that depends on mail delivery to reach most of our subscribers. Events posted in the paper may be missed. Ads

with deadlines will be made irrelevant. Interested in a house advertised in the paper, in our current market? You may be too late.

In general, this new "service standard" once again emphasizes that Americans who live outside our bustling cities are still second-class citizens as far as the USPS is concerned.

Under its current Postmaster General, the postal service has made a number of changes in "service standards" designed to "increase efficiency" that have done nothing but the opposite. Remember, a few years ago, when regional centers were consolidated, closing many and slowing down our service?

Meanwhile, the cost of mail – from the letters and packages you send, to the newspapers we send you – has been going up on a regular basis, drastically above the rate of inflation.

There has been an approach taken by some politicians assuming that the USPS

is a business, and must make a profit in order to be "successful." This approach is epitomized by our current Postmaster General, who also recently ordered hundreds of new fossil-fuel powered trucks because they are more "cost efficient" than the electric trucks that had been planned for.

But the Post Office is possibly the oldest service offered by this country. It is actually older than our country: it was founded by Benjamin Franklin and the Second Continental Congress in 1775. It is one of the few government agencies explicitly authorized by the Constitution. It was never intended to be a business; it is a service, like police and fire departments. No one expects them to make a profit.

Perhaps the Postal Regulatory Commission will reject this petition, encouraging the USPS to improve its delivery times. More likely, the NNA states, "At some point, Congress has to step in to protect rural America."

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Sudoku solution August 22



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Government Meetings

Black Hawk City Council meetings occur at 3 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in Council Chambers located upstairs at City Hall, 211 Church Street, Black Hawk. For more information check online at <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Town of Nederland, Colorado will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. regarding Ordinance No. 866 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, 2023 EDITION, AND AMENDING SECTION 18-1(a)(6) OF THE NEDERLAND MUNICIPAL CODE. The public hearing will be held virtually, via the Town's website at: www.nederlandco.org. Copies of Ordinance No. 866 are available for inspection by the public on the Town's website: www.nederlandco.org. Copies of the proposed codes for adoption are available for public inspection at Town Hall.

The 2023 edition of the National Electrical Code is published by the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169. The subject matter of 2023 edition of the National Electrical Code includes provisions and standards considered necessary for safety related to electrical design, installation, and inspection, and which standards will result in electrical installations, essentially free from hazards. The purpose of the Ordinance and the Code adopted therein is to provide standards for safe electrical design, installation, and inspection.

Citizens wishing to speak during the Public Hearing, may access the virtual meeting via instructions published on the September 17, 2024, Agenda at: <https://nederlandco.civicweb.net/Portal/>

PROSAB bringing back Saws and Slaws

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board (PROSAB) met on Thursday, August 15, 2024, to discuss their goals for 2025. The Board also discussed the action plans for upcoming projects, including details on the Saws and Slaws volunteer mitigation project taking place in September.

First, Parks Department Manager Nicki Dunn provided the Board with her staff report for the month of July.

Dunn updated PROSAB on her meeting with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regarding the recycled asphalt used in the Chipeta Park parking lot. CDPHE evaluated the site as a result of a complaint filed with the Environmental Protection Agency; CDPHE determined that the Town was not in violation and that the anonymous complaint was not valid.

The Parks Department hired two new temporary employees at the beginning of July to focus primarily on weed mitigation and trash cleanup in the downtown area. Dunn remarked that "their contributions have been vital."

The NedRink tennis courts have undergone shot blasting treatment and have been freshly painted. Dunn noted that the next steps regarding NedRink improvements, involving staining the court concrete, will be to secure grant funding.

Dunn reported success in negotiations with the City of Boulder concerning the culvert repair required at an area of Barker Meadows Park prone to flooding. The culvert repair is expected to begin in September.

The Parks Department is currently working on widening the creekside trail, running behind the Boulder Creek Lodge to Chipeta Park, as part of a River Walk project proposed by the Nederland Downtown Development Authority.

Dunn added that her crew is also undergoing preliminary tree and weed mitigation work at Moose Meadows to prepare for the Saws and Slaws event and a youth-oriented volunteer effort to be coming through that area in the fall.

Board members discussed the measurable goals for the next 18 months within the action plans for the organization's projects. PROSAB previously prioritized instituting

a volunteer program, researching land acquisition and conservation opportunities, improving NedRink, and updating Chipeta Park with ADA-compliant playground equipment.

The action plans for both the playground equipment and NedRink improvements projects involve drafting a list of possible funding sources, reviewing and discussing those sources, and choosing the best options – all by the end of the year. It was also suggested that a part-time or volunteer grant writer be found to pursue grant funding.

CT Hutt updated fellow Board members on the September 14 Saws and Slaws event, a volunteer forest mitigation effort aimed at the Moose Meadows open space, previously known as the South Mud Lake Open Space, located between the Caribou Room and Tejas Lane.

Hutt will be meeting with some volunteers and forest mitigation experts prior to the scheduled event in order to develop a plan of execution. The Nederland Fire Protection District will also be consulted regarding the use of chainsaws during Stage 2 Fire Restrictions.

The event is estimated to require 20 to 40 volunteers for cutting and hauling dry and unhealthy wood off the trails. Hutt is actively recruiting volunteers and requesting that they contribute equipment, especially trailers or trucks, to help with hauling to the sort yard any wood which has not been donated or taken.

Hutt specified that the event is tentatively planned to begin at 9 a.m. and last through the day to 4 p.m., at which time a cookout is planned nearby at a private residence, which will offer plenty of food and drink to the hardworking volunteers.

To contact PROSAB about volunteering, visit: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/contact-a-board-or-commission>

The Board was tasked with voting whether to amend the PROSAB bylaws to institute an attendance policy requiring board members to attend, either in person or virtually, at least 10 of the organization's monthly meetings every year of their term.

PROSAB Chair Alex Zabierek tabled the matter until more discussion can be had on the reliability of virtual meetings. Town Administrator Jonathan Cain noted that the Town was working on solutions for more stability in the online realm, including purchasing new software and equipment.

The Nederland Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board meets every third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2024. Meetings can be attended online via WebEx. For more information go to: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/parks-recreation-open-space-advisory-board>.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance. - Alan Watts

Public Notice

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

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

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

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

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

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.

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

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

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

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

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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.

Mayor's ambition sparks controversy



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Mayor Fey's dual run

Central City Mayor Jeremy Fey expresses gratitude that Black Hawk and Gilpin County are finally aligned on an issue, even if it is against his idea of holding two offices. The Mayor announced his candidacy for commissioner in July 2024 and intends to keep his seat as Mayor of Central City.

MINDY LEARY
CENTRAL CITY

Central City Mayor Jeremy Fey's decision to run for Gilpin County Commissioner while retaining his mayoral office has ignited a debate that spans the municipalities in Gilpin County and evokes both the principles of governance and potential conflicts of interest.

The Gilpin County Commissioners convened for their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. All commissioners – Susan Berumen (Chair), Marie Mornis, and Sandy Hollingsworth – were in attendance. Key officials including County Attorney Brad Benning, Deputy Clerk Kimberly Kaufman, and County Manager Ray Rears were also present.

Addressing the Gilpin County Commissioners on August 27, Fey asserted that his candidacy was not only legal but justified by precedent, citing a similar situation that occurred in Baca County. However, the response from Black Hawk and the broader Gilpin community has been less than supportive.

Fey said there is no state statute or law that prevents someone from holding both the commissioner and mayor positions.

He also said he thought Mornis, as his opposing candidate, might have a political agenda concerning the resolution. He said Berumen and Hollingsworth, who have endorsed his Democratic opponent Jeff Aiken, also have a conflict.

He asked the commissioners to attend the September intergovernmental meeting to discuss the matter.

He ended by saying, "I am very happy, just as a potential candidate, I'm able to bring Black Hawk and the County together to agree on something."

The crux of the controversy with Fey involves Resolution 24-121, a joint resolution by Black Hawk and Gilpin County, which argues that holding the dual offices of Mayor and County Commissioner would inherently create conflicts of interest, thus violating the Doctrine of Incompatible Offices.

Benning said this doctrine, rooted in common law, suggests that the responsibilities of the two roles could conflict, undermining public trust in the impartiality and efficiency of governance.

He pointed out that, while no state law expressly forbids dual office-holding, the ethical implications cannot be ignored.

He argued that public officials should avoid even the appearance of impropriety, ensuring that their decisions are made without divided loyalties. This argument is

bolstered by historical precedents, where officials in similar situations, including former Central City mayors, stepped down from one role upon election to another.

Rears said the Black Hawk City Council will vote on the matter at their meeting on August 28.

As the debate unfolds, the residents of Gilpin County are left to ponder whether Fey's ambition is a commendable pursuit of public service or a potential overreach that could destabilize the local political landscape.

During public comment, resident Phil Gibbs also spoke, saying that "it doesn't seem right," that one commissioner stood in public support of the proposed intergovernmental agreement to fund the Community Center at the last Black Hawk City Council meeting. He added that the IGA may not be motivated to help the County, but rather the casinos. He asked Mornis to recuse herself from any further decisions regarding the IGA.

The rest of the Gilpin County Commissioners' meeting covered a range of important County business:

Resolution 24-112: Amendment to Platted Building Envelope for Lot 6, Roosevelt Ridge Subdivision – Rob Gutierrez, Community Development Director, and Planner Rachel Vigil presented a request from petitioner Melvin Thoede to move the platted building envelope 160 feet northeast from its original position.

Concerns were raised about the impact on conservation easements, specifically around Roosevelt Ridge.

Attorney Megan Christensen, representing local resident Kip Lagorin, emphasized the need to enforce these easements strictly.

Lagorin said the only allowable changes to conservation easements are for fire mitigation. He said lots have been split up and roadways changed, and suggested the Board read the original covenants.

Hollingsworth asked for more information on conservation easements.

Gutierrez said there is nothing in the application that violates the conservation easement. He said the easements apply to everything outside the building envelopes.

Hollingsworth asked when changes were approved. Gutierrez said he would check the minutes from a BoCC meeting in September 2021. She asked if the applicants will be allowed to continue their building. Rears suggested an internal dialogue about that.

There will be a continuance until

October 22, which will include the public hearing on the issue.

Resolution 24-116: 1st Judicial District Competency Docket MOU and Confidentiality Agreement – Undersheriff Greg Demo and Paralegal Sarah Baciak introduced a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the 1st Judicial District's Competency Court, designed to assist mentally ill or developmentally disabled defendants. The resolution, aimed at managing these cases cooperatively, was unanimously approved.

Human Resources Director Chanda Johnson introduced Nancy Larson, who retired from Road and Bridge after 21 years of service. Larson was honored with a framed certificate, and her colleagues gathered to bid her farewell.

Resolution BLA 24-2: Boundary Line Adjustment for 565 Bald Mountain Drive. Vigil explained that the applicant mistakenly built a house on the Gladness Lode Mine due to an incorrect survey. An agreement was reached to adjust the boundary line, and the resolution was approved without opposition.

Resolution BLE 24-2: Boundary Line Elimination for 678 La Chula Road. The

Board approved a request to eliminate the boundary line between two parcels in the Brickley Highlands Subdivision, as it complied with zoning regulations for subdivision exemptions.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda included the July 2024 Treasurer's Monthly Report, meeting minutes from recent sessions, and Resolution 24-115, authorizing the execution of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Personal Identifying Information Certification.

Executive Session The board recessed into an Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss potential real estate transactions under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(a). Upon returning at 12:20 p.m., the Board authorized the County Manager to enter into contract negotiations for the possible purchase of real estate, with the motion passing unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned promptly after the session.

Rears said there will be a work session on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 that will address the following: GIS/Surveyor Update, NoCo – Conservation and Recreation Vision; OWTS – Public Health; and Recruitment and Retention Incentive update.

The next regular meeting of the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners is scheduled for September 10, 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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Inkhaus: a different kind of art studio

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
NEDERLAND

There are so many unique and talented artists across the Peak to Peak, many of whom show their art at galleries, sell their art at farmers markets and sidewalk sales, or display their entire collection at their own studios. But there's another type of studio where the art can transcend beyond the artists themselves and can become a pure statement of expression to be worn on someone else's body.

Tattooing doesn't usually get mentioned with other art forms, like painting, photography, and watercolors, but the medium deserves more recognition as it requires just as much patience, talent, and technique as those other art forms, and also elicits much of the same emotion.

Tattoo parlors are not often equated with art studios, but in many ways they function as such: tattoo artists display their talent on the walls. But the professional service provided by the artist, and the intimate nature of the act itself, elevates a tattoo parlor into more than just a studio – it's a place where memories are immortalized.

Everett Nielsen, the owner of Inkhaus Tattoo Studio in Nederland (located

at 150 North Jefferson Street) knew from the get-go that his shop should be as distinctive as the town itself, and should celebrate the true artistic expression that tattooing represents.

"This is my home town. I grew up here, so I want it to be more than just a normal, everyday, walk-in tattoo shop – I want it to be unique," Nielsen said, standing in the middle of Inkhaus's studio floor, surrounded by bright and poppy art, framed concert posters and other music memorabilia, and a long display of body jewelry.

Nielsen became interested in tattoos at a young age when he met a friend of his parents who was in a motorcycle club. He zeroed in on the tattoo on his arm and immediately thought, "That's cool!"

As soon as he turned 18, Nielsen got his first tattoo. His next tattoo would be a matching design that he got with his mom, which he states he'll never have removed and will always keep touched up and refreshed.

Despite working in a demanding career with the Colorado Department of Transportation, and his time as a dedicated husband and father, Nielsen has carried his passion for tattoos, for music, and for the art of tattooing through his entire life.

His work encompasses many different styles, but Nielsen is mostly drawn to the macabre.

"Anything that's dark and creepy, that's my favorite thing to tattoo – like ghouls and zombies. I mean, think about it: zombies are pretty cool," Nielsen said, admiring the iconic horror of their non-stop, insatiable appetite for brains.

Though Nielsen has his own artistic preferences, part of being a tattoo artist requires versatility and the ability to ink a range of styles to accommodate clients and their preferences.

"It's about you. It's not just about the art or how I see it, it's about what you want. It's something special to you that I need to make happen," Nielsen said, explaining how the artist/client interactions are his favorite part of the business.

"What I like about it the most is getting to meet people and getting to hear what's going on in their lives. We get stuck in our little bubbles, so getting to hear about people's lives kind of reminds you that there's a lot more going on out there than what you see on the daily."

Nielsen details how he sees folks of all walks of life come into Inkhaus, from tattoo aficionados to tentative newbies; from locals to out-of-towners looking to commemorate their visit to the mountains.

"There are times when someone wants something that they've drawn themselves, or something their niece drew, and they want it exact because it's really meaningful to them, and that's really cool."

The sentimentality and emotion involved in nearly every tattoo adds to the fulfillment that the artist feels, not

just from the satisfaction of their work, but from being able to witness the joy on the clients' faces. In addition to having artistic skill, a tattoo artist must also be empathetic to their client's needs, must possess customer service skills, and sometimes even a "bedside manner."

"I'm always checking up on my clients. It's always the client that comes first," tattoo artist Zahra Craig said.

Craig has worked at Inkhaus as an apprentice under Nielsen for over half a year, and explained how attending to a client's physical needs, and educating them on the importance of tattoo after-care are huge parts of the job.

"I go heavy into after-care. I explain to them, 'This is how you take care of it, this is how you wash it,' because you can easily mess up your tattoo by not taking care of it properly."

Craig has been an artist for all of her young life, with a love for painting animal portraits and a passion for tattooing that has propelled her into a career. She designed her first tattoo when she was 16, and that design would not only become the first tattoo to be etched onto her body, but was also the first tattoo she ever inked on someone else, with her father proudly volunteering to be her first test subject.

"I've been wanting to be a tattoo artist for years, I just never knew how," Craig said, as she noted the rocky road she had to navigate when deciding to work in the field rather than attend art school.

"I'd go into other places and show them my work and ask if they were looking for an apprentice, and I'd get turned down, which is totally fine; but I continued on and eventually took a shot and went to Everett and the rest



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An art studio by a different name

Above, left: Just one example of Everett Nielsen's forays into more macabre tattoo designs. Center: Owner of Inkhaus and featured tattoo artist Everett Nielsen poses in front of his wall of musical inspiration. Right: Inkhaus apprentice Zahra Craig already has years of experience under her name.

Beginnings are usually scary, and endings are usually sad, but it's everything in between that makes it all worth living. - Bob Marley

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is history.”

Nielsen stated that his dream is for Inkhaus to be an art studio for several practicing artists, not just himself.

“Ultimately, I want it to be a collective of artists. It’s not just my shop; everybody who’s an artist and tattoos out of here has a say in their own stake. My name may be on the paperwork but I want them to feel like it’s their home too,” Nielsen said.

Inkhaus features the talents not only of Craig and Nielsen, but also of 20-year tattooing veteran Adam Pause. However, Craig is Nielsen’s first apprentice, who, after learning coloring, shading, and developing her own style, is nearly finished with her training.

“There’s just a few more things I have to learn and I’ll be a full-fledged tattoo artist. At first it was difficult because you don’t realize how much really goes into tattooing, and not just the tattooing aspect but also the business.” Craig added that she’s learned a lot from Nielsen, including how to run a tattoo shop.

“He’s been an amazing teacher; he’s taught me literally everything I know. It’s awesome just coming in here and hanging out in the shop, and he has full trust in me, which is amazing,” As Craig explained the positive mentor/apprentice relationship she shares with Nielsen, she works on a design of an old punk logo from Nielsen’s adolescent days, which she’ll be inking onto him.

“She’s really good, man, and super cool, super personable, and just a sweet soul,” Nielsen said, complimenting Craig’s skill as an artist, as well as

her open and caring demeanor, which fits perfectly with the environment Inkhaus strives to create.

“I have a lot of people come in who just want to talk about their lives, and it’s one of my favorite parts about this job,” Craig said. “To really get in depth into who people are – there really is a personal connection that I get to make with people through my art.”

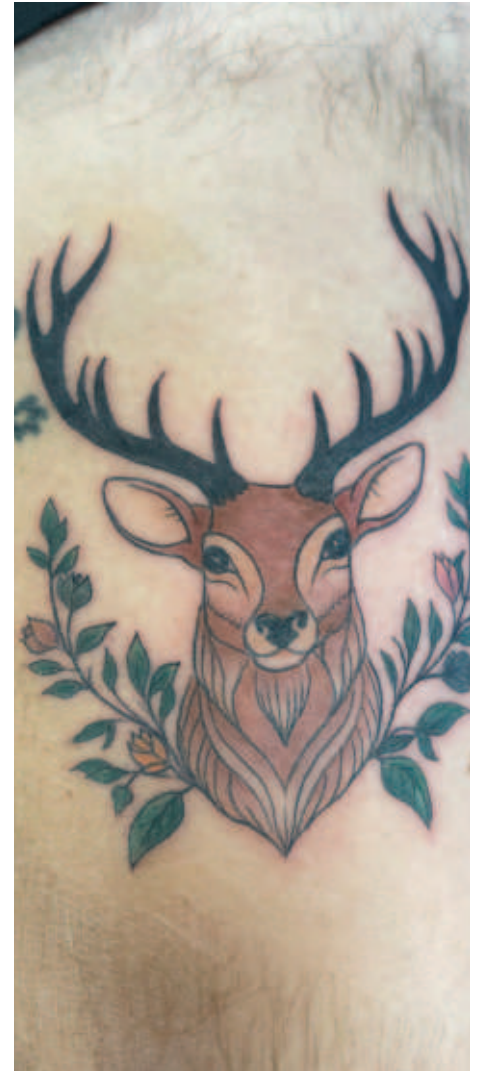
She explained how, through her work as a tattoo artist she’s honored the memories of grandparents and pets who have passed on, as well as created matching tattoos for families and friends.

“It’s really cool to do tattoos like that because it’s a combination of their tastes and my tastes, and it’s something that you’ll never see on someone else’s body. It’s also awesome getting people who just walk in, not knowing me and my art, and then end up absolutely loving me in the end,” Craig smiled, as she prepared for a client about to come in.

Her ritual of preparation includes the procedural cleaning and sterilization of the studio space and of the instruments, as well as printing many stencil sizes of the client’s tattoo, in order to pick the very best configuration.

Craig also listens to music in order to get herself mentally into the zone, which is a place that she admits is easier to get to since she entered in her apprenticeship at Inkhaus.

“After becoming a tattoo artist this is the most confident I’ve been in myself ever in my life. I’m really proud of where I am right now and what I’ve accomplished; it’s been an amazing



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journey and I’m really excited and happy to keep going with it.”

Truly original and meaningful art
Left: Sometimes what’s most logical is what feels right in our hearts. Right: Just one of tattoo artist Zahra Craig’s many accomplishments working at Inkhaus.

Inkhaus is located at 150 North Jefferson Street. They are open for walk-ins, and appointments can be made by calling 720-361-7675.



AUGUST RECIPES



Cowboy Pasta Salad

I take this recipe as more of a suggestion than direction. You can vary any of the ingredients to meet your tastes. (I’d add more garlic and chili powder and less of the peppers and beans, but that’s me.) Just keep the ratio of pasta to vinaigrette about the same – you can adapt as you go. And taste as you go.

Prep time: 35 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes to 15 minutes
Makes 11 cups; serves 10 to 12

INGREDIENTS FOR THE VINAIGRETTE:

- 3 cloves garlic
- 3 medium limes
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp kosher salt, plus more as needed
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp each chili powder and freshly ground black pepper

FOR THE PASTA SALAD:

- 1/2 medium red onion
- 12 ounces dried short pasta

- 1 pint grape or cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 1 medium orange bell pepper, diced
- 1 medium jalapeño pepper, minced
- 1 can each black-eyed peas and black beans
- 1 1/2 cups corn kernels (fresh, frozen, or canned)
- 1/2 bunch fresh cilantro or parsley leaves, chopped.

Bring a large pot of heavily salted water to a boil. Meanwhile, make the vinaigrette:

Finely grate garlic and zest limes (about 1 1/2 Tbsp) into a small bowl or jar. Juice the limes until you have 1/4 cup, and add. Add olive oil, ground cumin, 1 tsp kosher salt, oregano, chili powder, and black pepper. Seal the jar and shake well to combine and emulsify, or whisk if using a bowl.

Transfer about half of the vinaigrette (about 1/3 cup) to a large bowl. Dice onion (about 3/4 cup). Add to the bowl and stir to coat with the vinaigrette.

Cook pasta according to package directions until al dente. Meanwhile, prepare the following, adding each to the vinaigrette in the large bowl as you go:

Add diced bell pepper (about 1 1/4 cups) and minced jalapeño pepper (about 2 Tbsp). Drain and rinse black-eyed peas and black beans. Add corn kernels. Stir to coat with dressing.

Drain and rinse cooked pasta with cold water. Add the pasta to the bowl and toss to coat. When ready to serve, add 1/4 cup chopped cilantro or parsley, add with reserved vinaigrette to the salad, and toss to coat. Taste and season with more kosher salt as needed. Serve.

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Station 83 report referred to executive committee

JOHN SCARFFE
GOLDEN GATE CANYON

The Golden Gate Fire Protection District Board discussed the engineer's report for Station 83 drainage during a regular meeting on August 22 at the Grange. All Board members were present: President Deb Curlee, Vice-President and Treasurer Niffy Ovuworie, Secretary Marith Reheis, Dave Primmer, and Steve Green.

Regarding the Engineer's report, Ovuworie said that it is online under Resources and Board of Directors. He moved to accept two of the recommended corrections in the report, and to have the executive committee work with the engineer as necessary.

The engineer, Drew Schneider with Insight Engineering, Inc., inspected property adjacent to the station and found a culvert that is flooding on the adjacent property. Steve Green is the property owner, so the executive committee should talk with the County and have them contact Green.

According to the report, "The purpose of this letter is to provide our professional opinion on drainage affecting this unmanned fire station at the above location, and recommend upgrades to prevent continual sediment nuisance conditions and periodic building flooding. "The site is located off Golden Gate

Canyon Road and consists of a two-bay wood/metal framed garage structure with bathroom addition. There is a private shared driveway located on the west side of the building, along with a natural drainage between the private drive and the building from the valley above.

"The hillside behind the building is steep and has a private driveway serving a residence that cuts across behind the building approximately 200 feet uphill. Evidence of drainage from the property above enters onto the fire station property behind the structure, carrying sediment and debris, which deposits out in the parking area, behind and along the east side of the building, and periodically floods the building through the east side access door and under the rear wall framing."

Recommended Corrections:

"1. The obvious and easiest correction is to have the property owner above remove the cross culvert that was installed ... and grade the roadside ditch past the gate to direct all drainage into the existing natural drainage collection system that parallels the private drive adjacent to the fire station. This corrects the problem of the added culvert and restores the historical drainage pattern.

"2. Should this not be allowed due to property lines or other potential conflicts, the property owner above could be directed to install an armored rip-rap lined

cut-off swale in the hillside above the fire station below the culvert point source discharge and graded to direct all flows to the west ... above the fire station before the drainage crosses onto fire department property. A design can be provided upon request. This would effectively allow the driveway cross culvert to remain, but correct the issues"

The third recommended correction was not included in the motion.

Ovuworie said Green is sending the water on the property. No lawyer is involved with this, Curlee said, adding that Jefferson County will deal with this. The motion was approved.

Green introduced a motion about the bookkeeper position, saying that "we don't need a firefighter doing our books." Nor, he said, should Mr. Creech do the books. Curlee said that the books were all done electronically and that Creech didn't write any checks.

Ovuworie said that this issue should be discussed in executive session. Primmer and Green voted in favor of the motion, but the rest of the Board voted it down.

Curlee brought up the 2025 Budget, saying that the Board should talk about a budget committee to get it started. Deadlines are in October and November. The budget will be complicated this year, he added.

The Board needs to reform the committee, he said, with two Board members and the Chief. When asked, Primmer said he didn't want to serve on the committee, so the Board approved Ovuworie, Reheis, and the Chief for the committee.

Green moved to overturn the executive

committee. He voted for it, but the rest of the Board were opposed.

Green asked how the agenda is developed, to which Curlee replied that Board members have three opportunities to add to the agenda before the meeting and twice during each Board meeting. Green then left the meeting before it was over.

During Public Comment, Chris Creech said he was appointed to the Treasurer's position while on the Board and now is bookkeeper. He cannot make a single decision. He volunteers to post transactions in the books for five hours per week at zero cost.

Chief Kyle Benson left the meeting for an urgent telephone call, but came back at the end of the meeting. He reported that during the last 30 days there have been a lot of wildfires.

At the time of the meeting, there was 100 percent containment of the Goltra Fire west of Golden on Highway 6. It took thousands of hours of work, including the work of Golden Gate. He is proud of the firefighters; there were no injuries and no evacuations. The District also worked on the Quarry fire, spending a week on that fire.

The District received a grant to update the website. Benson needed Board authorization to receive the grant, which the Board approved.

The next regular board meeting will be on September 26, at 7 p.m., at the Grange, 25231 Golden Gate Canyon Road, Golden. For more information, go to [https://MAIN - Golden Gate Fire Protection District](https://MAIN-GoldenGateFireProtectionDistrict.com).



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Tensions rise during fire restrictions



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Focusing on emergency prevention
 Chief Schmidtmann and Fire Marshal Joslin (left) speak with a Boulder County Ranger and Mayor Giblin about egress route feasibility.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY
 NEDERLAND

The Nederland Fire Protection District (NFPD) Board of Directors met on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, to review the efforts by firefighters to enforce the Boulder County Stage 2 Fire Restrictions. The Board also discussed the prospect of a joint Mitigation Authority with members of the NFPD together with Timberline Fire Protection District.

NFPD Chief Charlie Schmidtmann provided the Board his monthly report, starting with details on many of the 67 calls of significance that occurred in the district since July 17.

Crews responded to two rollover accidents: one occurring on route 505 on the Eldora side, and the other occurring after midnight near Barker Reservoir. At both scenes, the vehicles were found to be abandoned.

The vehicle off 505 did not have any license plates. The vehicle by Barker Reservoir was still on and in gear when found, with crews searching along the shore all the way to the post office. The crash victim was never found.

Injured and lost hikers were rescued from popular trails such as Hessie and 4th of July, as well as a climber in Boulder Canyon who had injured his ankle.

There were many calls of significance within the Town of Nederland as well, including responses to a patient suffering a stroke, a patient who had fallen in town and had broken their leg, and a customer of a local business who suffered a seizure.

Crews also responded to a flood of

several thousand gallons of water at TEENS, Inc.; a gas leak, caused by a dog, in an Old Town residence; and an assault on BCSO deputies at the Nederland Middle-Senior High School.

Since the enactment of Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, firefighters have extinguished a smoldering mulch pile at the sort yard and, in addition to responding to more than 11 calls of illegal campfires, many of which Schmidtmann called “egregious cases,” have also patrolled camping areas to keep the number of illegal campfires down.

Fire Marshal Andrew Joslin, Captain Nick Faes, and others circulated information on the fire restrictions to local businesses, requested local businesses to stop selling firewood, and posted signs on the fire rings at West Magnolia.

Schmidtmann reported that many of the signs posted at West Magnolia were found to be removed or destroyed when crews were responding to calls of illegal campfires. He stated that the campfire situation was creating tension, as BCSO deputies are not issuing citations to those in violation of the fire ban.

The Chief’s report also noted that NFPD crews, including Joslin and Firefighters Larissa Briscoombe, Adam Cotner, and Prasun Rovtar, assisted on the Stone Canyon Fire.

Joslin and Schmidtmann also attended the Nederland Board of Trustees (BOT) Work Session on Tuesday, August 20, offering their expertise and guidance during a walkthrough of three possible emergency egress routes for the Big Springs neighborhood. Both the Marshal

and Chief attended the BOT’s meeting on that same night to answer questions from Trustees pertaining to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Joslin presented his monthly report to the Board, which included a review of permitting and inspections conducted, as well as the continued progress on providing the District with Wildland Operations education and planning.

Special event permits have been approved for the Buff Classic taking place on September 8, and the NedNed Trail Fest, a TEENS, Inc. fundraising event to be held on September 14. Joslin also reported that he will be scheduling business inspections along with the District’s three newest Lieutenant Candidates, Mandi and Scott Papich and Bobby Swanson, for training purposes.

Joslin reported that the Wildland Operations job aid, to be used in training and simulated wildland scenarios, had been completed. He gave thanks to “the countless amount of helpful input from a collection of experienced firefighters with an accumulated experience of over 200 years.”

Thoroughly reviewed and edited wildland maps were also completed and have been submitted to a printer, with a plan underway for extensive digital versions of the maps.

The Board discussed Schmidtmann’s proposal to create a joint Mitigation Authority with the Timberline Fire Protection District (TFPD). The Authority would support the tenets within the CWPP by managing and overseeing mitigation efforts for homeowners.

The Authority would consist of its own board, composed of members of both Districts, would carry its own insurance, including logging insurance, and would offer mitigation services for a fee, which would cover the cost of the Authority’s insurance and the salaries of the mitigation staff, who would only be paid when deployed.

“The Fire Department isn’t here to make money,” Schmidtmann continued, addressing concerns about stretching the District’s resources too thin. “The purpose of the department is to protect the citizens, so I want to make sure that we have the right amount of people going out [to mitigate] when the fire risk is very low. But when it’s high they’re here working in District to support firefighters if and when we do have a fire.”

Schmidtmann noted that creating the Authority would be effective in ensuring that the CWPP can be successfully enacted, and added that mitigation work falls under the NFPD’s purview of fire prevention.

The majority of Board members were in agreement that the District should create a joint Mitigation Authority with TFPD. The matter will be discussed further during a future meeting; continue reading *The Mountain-Ear* for the latest updates.

The Nederland Fire Protection District Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday of every month. Meetings can be attended online via Microsoft Teams. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 7 p.m. For more information go to: <https://www.nfpd.org>.



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because I want to feel the water
soak my clothes
it's been a long day
in a long week
in a year that has
gone way too fast
and I'm afraid my life
will never break free
or this endless yet slipping cycle
but it's trash day tomorrow
and so I drag out the can
and the rain dots my clothes
and I look up at the sky
and there is a rainbow there
perfectly defined
a miracle of light and color
and water and sun
all it took was pausing
for a second
and looking up

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