

# THE MOUNTAIN EAR

Volume 47, Issue 46

32 Pages

Thursday, September 5, 2024

\$1.50

Nederland, Colorado

ALLENSPARK | BLACK HAWK | CENTRAL CITY | COAL CREEK CANYON | FERNCLIFF | GOLD HILL | JAMESTOWN | NEDERLAND | PINECLIFFE | ROLLINSVILLE | WARD

## Gold Hill Cajun Cookout and Concert

DAVE GIBSON  
GOLD HILL

Every year on Labor Day the Gold Hill Inn bids summer adieu with its Cajun Cookout and Concert. Dating back so many years that longtime owners Brian and Chris Finn aren't exactly sure when it started. Family-owned since 1961 and both having grown up on the historic property, regardless of its inception, the cookout and concert is now a firmly established Gold Hill tradition where great food and a good time is "gar-on-teed."

Chris Finn manned the iron skillets where he fried the perfectly seasoned breaded catfish. 125 pounds of filets that equated to 400 servings were purchased and prepared for the event. Through a window at the Gold Hill Inn, tray loads of side dishes to compliment the fish were shuttled outside from the kitchen. Jambalaya, beans, coleslaw, corn muffins, and watermelon filled the rest of your plate.

Kicking off five hours of music was The Vipers. Featuring the southern vibes of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, their playlist included songs like "Zydeco King," "Voodoo," "Bayou Blood," "Texas Jumbo Shrimp," and "Hot Sauce." Frontman Rich "Papamo" Johnson ripped on accordion while Dave Gunders accompanied on guitar. Chicken Coop Willaye sat in on washboard.

New Family Dog took the stage next with Jon Ridnell's

*continued on page 16*



PHOTO BY DAVE GIBSON

**A family tradition**

"Papamo" and The Vipers brought authentic Cajun and Creole sounds to the well-attended event.

## Music alive and well in Nederland



PHOTO BY MINDY LEARY

**Silas Herman and the Tone Unit debut**

Silas Herman and the Tone Unit light up the stage with their debut performance at the Nederland Summer Concert Series. The crowd at Chipeta Park on Saturday, August 31, couldn't get enough of their infectious energy and fresh sound.

MINDY LEARY  
NEDERLAND

The Nederland days of old seemed revived this past Saturday afternoon, August 31, 2024, at Chipeta Park as Silas Herman and the Tone Unit played to a huge crowd of residents and visitors.

Concertgoers set up on the grassy field with lawn chairs, blankets, and beverages, while children played in the park. Kaleidoscope Kitchen food truck dished out fried plantains, crab cake sliders, and chicken skewers for hungry mouths. The festive affair was the final in a series of summer concerts sponsored by the Nederland Downtown Development Authority and the Town of Nederland.

The stage, sound, and engineering were orchestrated by Time Served Production Ltd., an employee-owned company that has been producing music in the Front Range for 35 years.

Peter Fiori, owner of The Caribou Room and employee-owner of Time

Served Production, said that attendees have been very respectful of the park, cleaning up after themselves and their pets. Good job, Nederland!

Silas Herman, also an employee-owner of Time Served Production, is the son of Vince Herman, lead musician and singer of the progressive bluegrass band, Leftover Salmon, and who has been playing for 30 years as a nationally touring act.

Silas has graced the stages of Nederland since he was a teenager, honing his skills, musicianship, and dexterity on the mandolin. He has appeared on stage alongside notable artists such as Del McCoury, Sam Bush, Billy Strings, The Infamous Stringdusters, Leftover Salmon, Yonder Mountain String Band, Greensky Bluegrass, Railroad Earth, Elephant Revival, The Kitchen Dwellers and The Lil Smokies...to name a few.

He was joined by Matt Cantor, Ricky Miera, and Jack Cloonan, collectively

*continued on page 14*

New Undersheriff - page 2	Allenspark News - page 18, 19
Peak Perspectives - page 3	Discover Colorado - page 20
Music - page 4, 5, 14 to 17	Keep it Local - page 21
Letters - page 6, 7, 8	Government - page 22 to 29
Puzzles page - 10	Police & Fire - page 26
School Zone - page 11	Classifieds - page 30
Community News - page 12, 13 to 17, 22	Ned Night Skies - page 32

**-QUOTE OF THE WEEK-**  
*When we love, we always strive to become better than we are. When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.*  
 – Paulo Coelho

**THE MOUNTAIN-EAR**

98 W 1st Street  
Nederland, CO 80466  
430 Lawrence Street, Unit C  
Central City, CO 80427

office: 303-810-5409  
website: [www.themtnear.com](http://www.themtnear.com)  
email: [info@themountainear.com](mailto:info@themountainear.com)

(usps 548530) is publishing weekly for \$75 per year by Mountain Vale Media, Inc, P.O. Box 99, Nederland, CO 80466

Print ISSN: 1543-6071  
Website ISSN: 2834-099X

**Postmaster**

Send address changes to:  
The Mountain-Ear  
P.O. Box 99, Nederland, CO 80466

**Hours**

Nederland: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.  
Central City: By appointment Monday to Friday.  
Call or text us at 303-810-5409 or email [info@themountainear.com](mailto:info@themountainear.com).

**Advertising**

CLASSIFIEDS, DISPLAY and Public Notices are due by Monday at 5 p.m. (Friday at 5 p.m. if design is required)  
DISPLAY ADS can be placed by emailing [marketing@themountainear.com](mailto:marketing@themountainear.com) or online at [themtnear.com](http://themtnear.com) and click on advertise.  
CLASSIFIEDS are placed online at [themtnear.com](http://themtnear.com) and click on classifieds.  
ONLINE BUSINESS DIRECTORY ads are placed online at [themtnear.com](http://themtnear.com) and click on Business Directory.  
FOR ADDITIONAL PRICING, custom packages or non-profit discount information email us at [marketing@themountainear.com](mailto:marketing@themountainear.com).

**Subscriptions**

Subscribe online at [themtnear.com/subscribe/](http://themtnear.com/subscribe/)  
\$6 per month  
\$50 per year: Online only  
\$70 per year: Senior In-State  
\$75 per year: Regular In-State  
\$100 per year: Out of State  
Back issues \$4.50 through US Mail.

**Letters**

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

**Ownership**

The Mountain-Ear is the ONLY Independently owned newspaper covering all of western Boulder County and all of Gilpin County. We also cover western Jefferson County and north Clear Creek County.

**Copyright**

Any and all content published in The Mountain-Ear is owned by Mountain Vale Media, Inc. It may not be copied, printed or reproduced in any way, without express written consent of the Publisher.  
©Mountain Vale Media, Inc.

**Staff**

The Mountain-Ear is made up of 50 contributors 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.



# A Message from Gilpin County Sheriff Kevin Armstrong



PHOTO CREDIT GILPIN COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

**KEVIN ARMSTRONG  
GILPIN COUNTY SHERIFF**

As I'm sure our community is aware, our admired Undersheriff, Tonia Kapke, lost her battle with cancer on August 6. In light of this, I'm statutorily required to appoint a new Undersheriff.

I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Greg Demo as the new Undersheriff, effective August 15. Greg brings 37 years of combined military and Colorado law enforcement service, more than 25 years of which were in supervision. He also brings a deep understanding of our office core values and our mission.

Greg has been with the Sheriff's Office for over 27 years, serving in various capacities, including deputy, corporal, sergeant, and division chief. He is well-prepared to lead our team and our community through this transition and into the future. I am confident Greg will continue the legacy of excellence and service he has already established in this role.

Greg has said, "It is with a heavy heart that I accept this honor to serve the citizens of Gilpin County and the members of the Gilpin County Sheriff's Office. You have my promise that I will do my best to honor the position and continue serving with integrity, honesty, and excellence. Thank you, Sheriff Armstrong, for placing your confidence in me."

*Please join the Sheriff's Office in congratulating Greg and welcoming him to this vital position.*

**Caribou Painting**

- Interior/Exterior
- Residential/Commercial
- Insured

**Ray Restaino**  
720-318-0317  
[restainoray@gmail.com](mailto:restainoray@gmail.com)

**GOOD PEOPLE TREE SERVICE**  
Est. 2009

- Tree removals
- Stump grinding
- Fine pruning
- Fire mitigation
- Wood chipping
- Lot clearing

Land beautification  
Residential & commercial services  
No job too big or small

**303-847-5221**  
[goodpeopletreeservice.com](http://goodpeopletreeservice.com)

*Specializing in the Peak to Peak Region:  
Gilpin, Jefferson, Boulder Counties in the mountains*

**JPAR MODERN REAL ESTATE**

**Lise Friisbaastad**  
**(720) 514-9727**  
[RealtorLiseColorado@gmail.com](mailto:RealtorLiseColorado@gmail.com)

**JUST LISTED**

**19411 Highway 119**  
**Black Hawk, CO (Rollinsville)**  
**\$1.05M**

**Professionally Representing YOU!**

[RealtorLiseColorado](https://www.facebook.com/RealtorLiseColorado) <https://lisefriis.jpar.com>

# Peak Perspectives: Back to business



PHOTO BY BARBARA HARDT

**BARBARA HARDT  
BLACK HAWK**

Alright, it's been a beautiful week floating on the awards ceremony and the general recognition from many in our community for the hard work we do every week as a TEAM. But this week, it's back to business. So here we go!

There are a lot of things going on right now. The first, this weekend, there are at least a dozen events happening on Saturday. Literally. Here are a few I know I will be at. I'll be at our booth hosting a News & Brews (come talk to me about ANYTHING newspaper) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holistic Homestead Farmers Market. I'm also gonna try to get three boxes of papers to the shred event. I'm gonna try to make it to Big Dave's Memorial for a bit.

Others on the TEAM will be covering the 75th Anniversary at Colorado Mountain Ranch, Coal Creek Canyon cleanup, Buck for the Badge, Shelby Allen Memorial Volleyball Tournament, High Country Auxiliary Yard Sale, and more.

Beyond just one weekend of event coverage, we have at least a dozen other stories that are school, government, features and more. That's the joy of having a large TEAM and working hard to be at everything.

I wanted to get in a quick word about the upcoming Studio Tour. The tour winds across the Peak to Peak from Allenspark to

Central City, with all of the communities in between. The Studio Tour Guide can be found here on our website: <https://www.themountainear.com/pageview/viewer/studiotour2024> as well as on stands across the region.

Another upcoming event I want to mention is the Gilpin County Commissioner Candidate Forum. This event is planned for Friday, September 20, 2024, at 6 p.m. and we will have more information about it in next week's edition, as well as online.

Anyways, I'll wrap up with a Thank you. This paper wouldn't be here for you all to read, without the incredible people who make it happen every week. I'm thankful for our amazing TEAM. Every day.

Thank you to our advertisers and subscribers. We do this for you. Literally. If you're not an advertiser or subscriber, ask us how to change that. That's over 5,000 weekly newspaper readers and even more online. Our guides reach over 75,000 readers combined. That's right. We reach more people in the Peak to Peak region.. every single week..and year..than any other print publication in the region. Hands down.

The Mountain-Ear is YOUR community source for news, covering what you want to read, and what you need to know, since 1977. Reach us anytime by phone at 303-810-5409 or email at [info@themountainear.com](mailto:info@themountainear.com). For advertising call 720-960-2900 or email [marketing@themountainear.com](mailto:marketing@themountainear.com).

## Meet our team!

**Publisher**  
Mountain Vale Media, llc

**Managing Editor**  
Barbara Hardt  
[info@themountainear.com](mailto:info@themountainear.com)

**Editors**  
Sara Sandstrom  
[editor@themountainear.com](mailto:editor@themountainear.com)  
Lynn Hirshman  
[copy@themountainear.com](mailto:copy@themountainear.com)

**Senior Journalists**  
Christopher Kelley  
[CKelley@themountainear.com](mailto:CKelley@themountainear.com)  
Mindy Leary  
[MLEary@themountainear.com](mailto:MLEary@themountainear.com)

**Graphic Design**  
Jessica LaFone  
[JLaFone@themountainear.com](mailto:JLaFone@themountainear.com)

**Multimedia**  
Jamie Lammers  
[media@themountainear.com](mailto:media@themountainear.com)

**Marketing & Advertising**  
Bethany Haas  
[marketing@themountainear.com](mailto:marketing@themountainear.com)

**Front Desk**  
Brittney Wagner  
[frontdesk@themountainear.com](mailto:frontdesk@themountainear.com)

**Accounting**  
Terri Vernon  
[accounting@themountainear.com](mailto:accounting@themountainear.com)

**Circulation**  
Tim Dillon

**Journalists**  
Omayra Acevedo  
Brian Alers  
James DeWalt  
Dave Gibson  
Curt Halsted  
Wes Isenhardt  
Alexander Joseph  
Jamie Lammers  
Patrice LeBlanc  
John MacKay  
Anne Scarffe  
John Scarffe

**Interns**  
The Mountain-Ear is hiring fall high school interns. We hire up to 5 interns per year from Gilpin, Nederland, Chinook and Coal Creek school (or home schools). To apply, send letter of interest to [info@themountainear.com](mailto:info@themountainear.com)

**Volunteers**  
Karen Anderson  
Doug Armitage  
Denise Boehler  
Richard Brandon  
Mark Cohen  
Lorena DeSanta  
Rick Rudstrom  
Amy Skinner  
Frank Sanders

**THE BACKDOOR THEATRE**

### Alien: Romulus

September 6 and 7  
Friday and Saturday  
Evenings at 7 p.m.  
Saturday Matinee at 2 p.m.

While scavenging the deep ends of a derelict space station a group of young space colonists come face to face with the most terrifying life form in the universe. Director: Fede Alvarez. Writers: Fede Alvarez, Rodo Sayagues, Dan O'Bannon. Stars: Cailee Spaeny, David Jonsson, Archie Renaux. Rated: R. Time: 1 hour and 59 minutes. Genre: Sci-Fi, Thriller, Horror.

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

**750 Highway 72 North,  
Nederland Community Center**

**eldora** **NOW HIRING**

**for the 2024-2025 winter season**

**Join the Eldora family this winter!**

Get a FREE Eldora season pass along with FREE skiing and riding at 16 other Colorado mountains, and tons of other great benefits!

Positions start at \$18/hour, with a minimum of \$20/hour for all returning employees. Work with awesome people, enjoy sweet perks, beautiful views, and have fun while doing it!

Eldora Mountain Resort is located just 21 miles west of Boulder, outside of the awesome mountain town of Nederland, Colorado.

- Free Eldora Season Pass
- Dependent Discounts
- Up to 40% discount in our Tune and Retail Shops
- 50% off food at Eldora's restaurants
- Free & discounted RTD tickets
- Full and part time positions available
- Free group beginner ski & ride lessons
- Free season rentals

Apply Online [eldora.com/jobs](http://eldora.com/jobs)

# Music of the Mountains Where to be and what to see



**Sisters of Rock**

PHOTO COURTESY OF SISTERS OF ROCK

## JAMIE LAMMERS BLACK HAWK

Vocalist Sonya Leigh Surret played piano and drums as a kid. As an adult, she wondered one night how musicians joined bands. By chance, a band clocked her at a karaoke night singing “Dog and Butterfly” by the rock group Heart. She talked to the guitar player, mentioned she had bought a new electronic drum set, and received an offer to play drums for the group. They liked her enough to bring her into a gig a few months later, for which she learned 40 songs on drums in a couple of weeks.

Bassist Scott “Scottie Blue Sky” Rogers, meanwhile, was told by his father that he wasn’t smart enough to be a musician. It wasn’t until his adult years, recovering from a knee injury, that his first wife bought him a short scale bass, and during recovery, his friends came over and taught him how to play. Eventually, a group he played with was signed to a major label, and they started touring. Once touring wrapped up, Rogers moved to Denver, a place that stuck out to him during the tour.

Rogers worked on Surret’s sprinklers after moving there, and after a while, it became clear there was more to their connection. They ultimately married in December of 2012, having discovered their mutual love of music. After playing together for a while, a connection in McCarthy’s Pub in Longmont asked the two to put together an all-stars show. Gathering friends and creating a setlist, they formed a lineup ultimately dubbed Sisters of Rock.

The name came from two of the original members, who were actually sisters. It has

nothing to do with a lesser-known 90s song by Little Sister titled “Sisters of Rock,” but was rather inspired by the majority of the lineup consisting of women and the desire to make the band feel like a family. However, Sisters of Rock is an offshoot of the Heart tribute group Dreamboat Annie, which lifted its name from Heart’s 1975 album.

From Dreamboat Annie came Sisters of Rock, and from Sisters of Rock came another offshoot group, The Ladies of the 80s. The Ladies formed to allow the members to emphasize family-friendly performances. The members even perform in a rock/funk/dance group called The Corporation. Through all of these variations, the members have expanded their list of songs from female legends of the time to 80s hits in general to a wide range of artists across six decades.

Just to name a few, Sisters of Rock now includes songs from Journey, Maroon 5, Blondie, Stevie Nicks, Tina Turner, Adele, and Dua Lipa in their setlist. In a lot of ways, it’s a complete 180 for Surret as a musician. She’s written original material inspired by singer-songwriters such as Sarah McLachlan and Jewel, and only more recently has she fallen in love with the heavier side of music, such as rock-and-roll and country.

Rogers says the biggest hit of their lineup is usually Dreamboat Annie’s “Heart of Zeppelin” shows, which combine hits from Heart as well as from Led Zeppelin. This is because Surret has found a way to completely embody the style of Heart’s vocalist Ann Wilson in those shows. Surret would say that if you had asked her about

her singing when she was younger, she would have said she couldn’t sing heavier material. Now, those heavier styles are her primary focus.

The lineup also consists of drummer David Harms, keyboard player Michael Taggart, and guitar player Robb Warnke, all of who are prominent Denver musicians and the last of whom has been with Sisters since its inception. The lineup of women changes every show, but often includes Lizzie Sneed and Ryan Smiley. Rogers has also shared bass duties with Greg Blankenship, and Robin Jones has sometimes contributed vocals, particularly in The Corporation.

Rogers loves seeing the happy reactions of their crowds, and Surret loves how every show feels unique and allows audiences to create memories of the time they spend there. Rogers hopes people are able to appreciate the band’s work ethic and the renditions of the songs they choose, and he and Surret both love the feeling of knowing they’ve made their audience happy, no matter the venue’s size.

*You can see the Sisters of Rock performing at the Gregory Plaza, near 317 Gregory Street in Black Hawk (the address of the Mountain Poppy Boutique), as part of a series of shows sponsored by the Black Hawk HARD District. They’ll be performing on Saturday, September 14, 2024, starting at 5 p.m. To learn more about each iteration of the group, be sure to head to the band’s websites at thecorporationband.com and at dreamboatanniedenver.com, and be sure to check out Sisters of Rock on Facebook.*

## Music Events

### Busey Brews

- 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, September 6 at 8 p.m. - Rob Pate and d’Lovelles
- Saturday, September 7 at 5:30 p.m. - Cup-a-Jo (Joe Oeser Duo)

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

### Gold Hill Store

- 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

*Continued on page 5*



*Forget Me Not Skin Care*  
 A NATURAL BEAUTY BOUTIQUE  
 Gift Certificates available  
 Pattie Sabel, 720-899-8992  
 Licensed Esthetician  
 and Nail Technician  
[forgetmenotskincare.com](http://forgetmenotskincare.com)

NEDERLAND  
 CHIROPRACTIC  
 &  
 WELLNESS CENTER  
 303-258-7730

VERY NICE  
 Brewing Company  
 LOCATED IN THE CARIBOU VILLAGE  
 SHOPPING CENTER IN NEDERLAND  
 303-258-3770

Will Hackett  
 Chimneys  
 303-440-0820

Kaleidoscope  
 Fine Arts Gallery  
 20 Lakeview Dr., Suite 210  
 Nederland, CO  
 303-949-3590  
[k.gallery.ned@gmail.com](mailto:k.gallery.ned@gmail.com)  
[kaleidoscope-finearts.com](http://kaleidoscope-finearts.com)  
 Local Art and printing services  
 open Thurs. thru Mon. 11am-5pm

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT  
 LUNCH BUFFET!  
 Every day from 11am to 4pm  
 Kathmandu Restaurant  
 Nepali and Indian Cuisine  
 110 N Jefferson St, Nederland, 303-258-1169  
 1964 28th St, Boulder, 303-442-6868  
[kathmandurestaurant.us](http://kathmandurestaurant.us)

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

## Music Events

*Continued from page 4*

### Gregory Plaza

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, 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

Phone: 309-825-5245

### Jamestown Mercantile

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/jamestownmercantile/>

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

Location: 108 Main Street, Jamestown

Phone: 303-442-5847

### JKQ BBQ

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, 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

Fridays at 7 p.m. - DJ Night

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

Sundays at 5 p.m. - Jazz Sundays

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

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

Location: 250 N. Caribou Street, Nederland

Phone: 720-248-7129

### Nederland Farmers Market

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

Sunday, September 29 at noon - Kutandara

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

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

Email: [nederlandfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:nederlandfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

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

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

Location: 55 Indian Peaks Drive, Nederland

Phone: 303-258-3637

### Very Nice Brewing Co. (Gilpin County)

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 Tilmon

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, September 6 at 6 p.m. - Aaron 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

*Did we miss you? Want to submit your music listing in the Peak to Peak area? Do you have updates to your business? Please call 303-810-5409 or email [info@themountaineer.com](mailto:info@themountaineer.com) to be included in the next edition.*

## Bonus music: Rolling Harvest



PHOTO CREDIT LISA SICILIANO

### JAMIE LAMMERS GOLD HILL

The tribute band Rolling Harvest is coming to the Gold Hill Inn for the third year in a row, once again celebrating the songbook of Bob Dylan and Neil Young. The band, named from a combination of the Dylan song "Like a Rolling Stone" and the Young song "Harvest," focuses solely on performing these two artists, with both

of their catalogs being so immense that even multiple shows wouldn't allow the band to perform them all. The chosen songs, though, bring a sense of fun to each show, as everybody can sing along and enjoy new interpretations of these classics.

*You can see Rolling Harvest perform at the Gold Hill Inn, 401 Main Street in Gold Hill, on Friday, September 13, 2024, starting at 8 p.m.*

## Thank you and congratulations to Nederland Jazz & Wine

Dear Editor,

I wanted to write to say how much my family enjoyed the Nederland Jazz & Wine Festival held at Chipeta Park in Nederland, Colorado, last Saturday.

We arrived about 15 minutes after the first band had started, and noted that the music was well-contained within the park and not audible on our walk in. What a great gathering of friendly folks, enjoying the music together and visiting with a variety of vendors. It was nice to see the Nederland Area Seniors at a table too, sharing information about their organization and local community services. I was so pleased

to learn that the Jazz & Wine Festival organizers make a substantial financial donation to the seniors group each year! I'm planning to bring my dad in to visit the new Seniors Lounge at the Nederland Community Center, funded by donations from last year's Ned Jazz & Wine event. I really enjoy these types of community-friendly music events.

Congratulations to the festival organizers for another successful event!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Lundberg  
mid-Gilpin resident

## Mornis for Gilpin Commissioner

Dear Editor,

We are writing in support of Marie Mornis for Gilpin County Commissioner in District 1. We have known Marie for 40 years and have the utmost confidence that she will represent us and the people of Gilpin County effectively.

She has been active in the community for all the years we have known her. She was involved with us in PTO/PTA at the Gilpin school, as well as Booster Club, throughout her three children's education years. She has also always been active in her church and the Republican Party.

She is hard-working, dedicated, smart, persistent, honest and trustworthy; with exceptionally high moral values and

ethics. If Marie volunteers, or says he is going to do something, it will be done efficiently, correctly and in a timely manner.

Marie Mornis will diligently research the issues so that she is confident that she is voting in the best interests of her constituents. She will constantly vote for the good of the People and Gilpin County.

If you want a Gilpin County Commissioner that will vote in your best interest and not to serve her own agenda, then join us in voting for Marie Mornis.

Thank You,

Dominic and Eileen Salerno  
Gilpin County

## Sandy Hollingsworth: A commissioner for the people

Dear Editor,

I have known Sandy for four years and have worked closely with her during this time. I have witnessed her commitment to serving the public on a regular and frequent basis; serving the public comes naturally to her. Through decades of experience, primarily in the public sector, she leads in a quiet and straightforward way. She has always made herself available to the people in addition to her long standing commitments to work with state legislators, neighboring county officials and volunteering to support several local organizations.

One of Sandy's most admirable qualities is her willingness to make difficult decisions that may not be popular. I was talking with a friend recently who said, "They should stop building new things and fix the old broken stuff".

I replied, "Yes, they're planning to build a new and functional food pantry but, they got a grant to secure a major portion of the funding. And more to your point, they are committing around \$7 million to repair and upgrade existing facilities and equipment." Sandy was a leader in the effort to secure the grant

and a staunch advocate of the capital improvement plan.

While others support taking the easy route to funding Community Center operations, she recognizes the flaws in Black Hawk's so-called "generous offer". Subordinating the County's sovereignty and the will of the voters for a sum of money that is "attractive at a glance" but woefully inadequate for the intended purpose, is not truly in the interests of the public at large.

Other fiscally responsible and forward-looking leadership actions include prioritizing broadband, implementing a contingency reserve fund for natural disaster relief (currently \$4 million), a water rights acquisition fund of \$2 million, and advocating for economic and capital improvement plans.

Sandy's years as a social worker have led her to support initiatives such as childcare, senior housing, access to local healthcare and providing meals to those who are less fortunate. She has the training and governing experience to get the jobs done.

Phil Gibbs  
Vice Chair, Gilpin County  
Democratic Party

## Letter to the Editor

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



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

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

## Let's Rise Against Hunger in October



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARGIE YANSURA

### Gathering together to feed communities

Residents of all ages helped packaged 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger at last year's event in Nederland.

Dear Editor,

Residents of all ages throughout the Peak to Peak region are invited to join the fun as we "Rise Against Hunger." Volunteers will meet at TEENS, Inc., 151 East Street in Nederland on Thursday, October 3 from 6 - 8 p.m. to package 10,000 meals. The meals will be provided to the international organization Rise Against Hunger which will distribute them internationally to alleviate hunger.

The meal packaging is organized along an assembly line format, with volunteers scooping the food, weighing it, placing it in sanitary plastic bags and packing the meals in boxes for shipping. Individuals can join the effort, along with families, and teams from businesses, civic and religious organizations. If a volunteer needs to be seated while packaging the food, this can be easily accommodated. Students will be provided a letter documenting their community service.

Rise Against Hunger is an international organization that has been working to end world hunger since 1998. The organization has facilitated the volunteer packaging of more than 600 million meals distributed to the

hungry in countries around the world.

Nederland Community Presbyterian Church is organizing the event for the ninth year. To fund the project, the church will sell fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths for \$35 each from October 3 - November 1 with delivery beginning Nov. 21. Funding has also been received through grants from the Lions Club of Nederland and Peak to Peak Rotary. Additional sponsorships by local businesses will be welcomed and recognized at the event.

"We are inviting everyone of all ages to join in this community effort to help alleviate hunger," said Nederland Community Presbyterian Church Mission Elder Paula Gipp, who is leading the project. "We are grateful to the Lions Club of Nederland and Peak to Peak Rotary for their support and encourage others to provide financial support for this program so that we can continue it into the future."

To register yourself or a team, or to become a sponsor, please contact Paula Gipp via email at [gipp.paula@gmail.com](mailto:gipp.paula@gmail.com) or at 303-328-5863. There is no fee to participate.

Margie Yansura  
Nederland

## News from Eldora Mountain

*Dear Eldora Mountain Community,*

You've most likely heard the news that our parent company, POWDR, is selling several resorts, including Eldora. Having personally received a lot of questions, I wanted to provide our devoted community of skiers and riders with some insight and clarity.

On Thursday, August 22, POWDR announced that it had signed an agreement to sell Killington Resort in Vermont and that it also intends to sell Eldora, SilverStar Mountain Resort in British Columbia, and Mt. Bachelor in Oregon. POWDR will retain ownership of Copper Mountain and Snowbird, Utah. Aside from Killington, new owners have not yet been identified for the other three mountains, and JP Morgan will be managing the sale process. POWDR is selling these resorts to balance its ski business with new ventures in

the National Parks sector and with its Woodward action-sports brand, in alignment with its founder's and stakeholders' goals.

While feelings of uncertainty always accompany change, there is no cause for alarm. I want to assure you that Eldora will conduct business as usual this winter, with no changes to the upcoming season. Eldora will remain on the IKON Pass and continue providing access through its own passes and day tickets. Eldora's hardworking staff will continue to serve the community with the same dedication we always have, and Eldora will remain the same backyard winter playground for Nederland, greater Boulder, and Colorado's northern Front Range.

Nine years ago, I was hired by the previous owners of Eldora and the local community welcomed me warmly. I've since developed a deep appreciation for our special community of guests and employees. Eldora is a unique and authentic place I love very much, and I intend to continue as president and general manager.

Personally, I have been through three different sales in my long career in ski-resort management, the most recent being the purchase of Eldora by POWDR in 2016. In every case, the new owners brought positive change and financial investment. Eldora itself has had several different owners since it was founded in 1962, and every owner invested heavily in Eldora's infrastructure and guest experience. The bottom line? While a new owner has yet to be identified, I am very optimistic that the next stewards of this special place will inject excitement and a new wave of capital investment.

Eldora is profitable—with strong visitation, an amazing community of staff and guests, and great potential—and should be a very attractive purchase. Even in the past year POWDR's investment in Eldora has been significant, and includes the new Caribou Lodge, which will open this winter and serve as our new children's learning center and the headquarters

for Ignite Adaptive Sports. Caribou Lodge will also provide new restrooms and food-and-beverage facilities and serve as a hub for our lower-mountain area. Other new investments include major snowmaking upgrades across the mountain, a new trail connecting lower Around The Horn to Indian Peaks chairlift, a renovated kitchen in Indian Peaks Lodge, and numerous other capital and maintenance projects.

We will keep the community informed as much as possible as the sale process unfolds. In the meantime, we'll be hard at work up here preparing for Opening Day on November 15—or earlier!

I look forward to seeing you on snow very soon.

*Sincerely,*

*Brent Tregaskis  
President & General Manager  
Eldora*

## Appreciation and respect for Corey Marshall

*Dear Gilpin County,*

I wanted to take a moment to share my profound appreciation for someone who has made a significant impact on my professional and personal life Corey Marshall.

When I first joined Rudolph Ranch I was new to ranching and had limited experience in the intricacies of horsemanship. Despite my lack of background, Corey saw potential in me and offered me a position to work at on the ranch. This initial opportunity turned out to be a transformative experience for me. Corey taught me horsemanship, which takes trust, respect, empathy, and a whole lot of patience.

What sets Corey apart is not just his impressive business acumen, but his remarkable ability to teach and lead with genuine compassion. His approach to mentoring was both patient and inspiring. He took the time to show me the ropes, offering clear explanations and practical insights that helped me quickly get up to speed. His hands-on teaching style and willingness to share his extensive knowledge made learning not only effective but enjoyable.

Beyond his professional skills, Corey possesses an innate empathy that resonates deeply with those around him. He genuinely cares about the people he works with, understanding that the well-being of his team directly influences the success of the business. His compassionate leadership fostered a supportive and motivating work environment.

I know from working with Corey his leadership will make him an effective commissioner. Corey is primed to make an immediate and powerful impact for our county. He does not need anyone to show him the ropes, he will be setting the new standard and driving change.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked at Rudolph Ranch, it was truly a blessing. I know when looking back at my life both Corey and Debbie will be the first MENTORS I always think of!

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope it conveys just how much Corey has positively impacted my professional and personal journey.

*Warm regards,*

*Joe Perhats  
Gilpin County*

## Fey comments on Black Hawk Resolution

*Dear Editor,*

I have always stated, and continue to believe, that Black Hawk is a remarkable city with a highly efficient economic system that benefits all of Gilpin County. As Mayor of Central City, while my ability to directly support Black Hawk is limited, I have always worked hard to reduce tension between our cities and successfully minimize costly legal disputes.

Legally speaking, there is no statutory basis in Colorado law that prohibits holding dual offices such as Mayor and County Commissioner. In fact, there is precedent within Colorado where individuals have successfully served in both capacities, such as in Two Buttes, Baca County. These roles can coexist when the official remains impartial and transparent, which is entirely feasible and in the best interest of all residents of Gilpin County. The rushed resolution appears more as a politically motivated tactic rather than a necessity rooted in law or governance.

However, let's be clear: the recent resolution passed by Black Hawk under the guise of "good governance" is far from it. This action feels like an attempt to assert control without genuine democratic engagement. It's ironic to see this resolution coming from a city government that lacks term limits, avoids elections, has

no turnover in office or opinion, suppresses residential voter growth, restricts public comments, avoids recording meetings, and stifles dissent. Is this their idea of good governance?

I fully acknowledge that the Mayor and Council of Black Hawk may genuinely believe that the offices of Mayor and County Commissioner are incompatible. But this belief seems narrow-minded and fails to see the bigger picture: it is possible—and necessary—to strive for what is best for all residents of Gilpin County, Central City and Black Hawk at the same time. Unlike Black Hawk's approach, I am not constrained by a desire to hoard resources while neighboring communities struggle.

I am committed to improving the quality of life for all residents of Gilpin County. The well-being of our entire community is interconnected: what benefits one part of Gilpin County ultimately benefits us all. In the coming weeks, I will present a platform that demonstrates my capacity to think beyond conventional boundaries and develop strategies to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community. And in November, the residents of Gilpin County will have the opportunity to vote for these initiatives and provide a mandate for real growth and prosperity.

*Jeremy Fey  
Central City*

## Keep Sandy Hollingsworth as Gilpin County Commissioner

*Dear Editor,*

I am writing to express my support for Sandy Hollingsworth for Gilpin County District 3 Commissioner. Sandy has experience. As current Commissioner she knows county work. Decades in governance and public service have taught her how government differs from a business, and where profitability and social value may overlap.

Sandy has foundational understanding of political processes and economics. She is working now to conserve our watersheds and our

natural resources. She is engaged with legislation to improve train safety and establish potential local service. She has the networking in place to make our county "the richest" again for all citizens who live here. But what do we want to be rich in, gambling money?

Sandy has moral fiber. Have you seen those commissioner candidates with dollar signs lighting up their eyes ("I'll take the million dollars!"). They parrot "no new taxes" but would give Black Hawk the ability to raise my business tax up to 10%. You don't save money by borrowing it while surrendering yourself into servitude, or

building on the cheap, putting lipstick on the pig to cover you short-term for political points. Unlike the poor limping Community Center which has needed constant maintenance from the get-go (Sandy has ensured the county is funding delayed capital improvements), what we build should last 40 years into the future.

Sandy has empathy. She is responsive, available to answer questions. When I have e-mailed her with a bit of disconcerting county gossip, she gives me unbiased, balanced information. One of Sandy's priorities is the safety net of the food bank, modernized to

last, for people needing food for their families.

Politics that divide us with rude jokes and distorted facts belong in our colorful historical past, along with those harmful mining activities which left the earth in shambles, and that pesky white male privilege which is entwined in the Romantic myth of a Western way of life. Why would we go back to them? Let us vote to keep Sandy Hollingsworth County Commissioner and continue the way forward.

*Jane Wyss  
North Gilpin County*

# Fey's vision for Gilpin County

JEREMY FEY  
CENTRAL CITY

I, Jeremy Fey, am running to be your next Gilpin County District 1 Commissioner. Serving as Mayor of Central City has been the most fulfilling work of my life, and now, I am ready to serve all of Gilpin County with the same dedication and passion. I humbly and respectfully ask for your confidence and your vote.

## My Vision for Gilpin County

Gilpin County is rich in historical and cultural heritage, blessed with a beautiful mountain environment, and sustained by our vibrant hospitality and entertainment enterprises. My vision is to build on these strengths to create a community that fosters an exceptional quality of life for all residents. This means ensuring that our local government is transparent, accountable, and responsive to the needs and aspirations of the people.

## Transparency and Accountability

Transparency and accountability are the cornerstones of my platform. I believe that trust between the electorate and their elected officials must be restored, starting with me. To achieve this, I propose a comprehensive approach to government transparency that goes beyond what has been done before.

I will hold virtual town halls every Monday before Commissioners' meetings at 6:00 pm. During these town halls, we will discuss the exact agenda items, and everyone will have the opportunity to speak. This is not just about hearing your voices; it's about making sure your voices guide the decisions we make.

I will also conduct in-person community outreach meetings for at least two hours per month in each of the three districts, ensuring that no matter where you live in Gilpin County, your concerns and ideas will be heard and addressed.

To ensure transparency, I will fully disclose all meetings, including participants and agendas. Every meeting

will be announced upon scheduling, and the proceedings will be shared live or recorded for public review. For those who do not wish to be recorded, access to me will be limited to required meetings for county purposes or executive sessions.

Additionally, I will publish a monthly summary in both local newspapers and on social media, detailing our goals, actions, and outcomes. This will provide you with a clear understanding of what your government is doing and why, allowing for greater accountability and informed community participation.

I think you would agree that there is no elected official at any level of government dedicated to this level of Transparency and Accountability. I believe this will have the coupling effect of gaining trust from residents and businesses alike, and that this will foster robust economic development.

## Economic Development

Economic activity is the backbone of Gilpin County's future. Our public services, infrastructure, and future demand that we have a primary focus on our economy. I believe that with the right leadership, Gilpin County can thrive economically without placing an additional burden on its residents.

## Black Hawk and Central City

Black Hawk is the economic engine of Gilpin County, accounting for 80% of our local economy. I will continue to express gratitude for what Black Hawk contributes and ask how the county can support its continued success.

Central City with the right support, has the potential to match Black Hawk in taxable commerce and commercial property. If we succeed in this growth, all county wide departments, services and organizations will be fully funded in perpetuity. It may even be possible that the residents would no longer have any property tax liability.

## Unincorporated Areas and Rollinsville

The businesses in our unincorporated areas are vital to our county's economic health. From standalone restaurants and retail shops to campgrounds and home businesses, these enterprises deserve our full support. I am committed to discovering and supporting these hidden gems to ensure our county's prosperity.

Rollinsville has great potential, from its current food and beverage offerings to the possibility of a regional commuter rail station. We need to start by asking the residents and businesses what they desire and then determine how the county can help make these desires a reality.

## Safety, Security, and First Responders

The safety and security of Gilpin County residents are non-negotiable. Our first responders are the backbone of our community, and they deserve our full support. I will ensure that they are fully equipped, trained, and supported to handle any situation.

I am also passionate about creating a veteran transition program in Gilpin County. Veterans bring invaluable skills

and experiences to our community, and we should welcome them with open arms. I envision a program that not only provides a smooth transition to civilian life but also integrates veterans into our emergency services, law enforcement, and other critical roles. This program would honor their service and address pressing needs in our community.

## Community Health and Wellness

Health and wellness will be my number one area of focus! Where I spend the most time and energy, on this crucial aspects of a thriving community. I believe Gilpin County should help our residents to transition from reactive to proactive healthcare and resilience. Ensuring food security for all residents is a critical part of this. I will work to make sure that everyone has access to nutritious food and that our community is equipped to support long, healthy lives.

## Gilpin Proud

Being Gilpin Proud means more than just living here—it means taking an active role in making our community the best it can be. I'm committed to initiatives that will inspire pride in every resident, such as doubling our community's total volunteer hours within the next four years. I also want to make Gilpin County a top community for adoption, encouraging a culture where every child finds a loving home, and improving our county's ranking as one of the best places to live in Colorado. Currently, we are ranked 14th, but with concerted efforts in community health, safety, and economic development, I am confident we can climb the ranks.

## Learn More Online

Since the paper cannot possibly allow me to have the whole issue for a more detailed discussion of my platform and policies, I invite you to visit my campaign facebook page, Jeremy Fey for Gilpin, where you can find a comprehensive version of my platform. I encourage you to reach out with any questions or concerns—your feedback is vital to shaping a Gilpin County for all residents.

## Closing Statement

I will not be taking any contributions for this campaign, and I do not plan to spend any money. Campaign financing and influence has gotten out of control in our country, and I want to set an example. I am confident that a clear, positive message shared throughout our intimate community can carry us over the finish line.

Furthermore, I believe that our community is best served by having me, an unaffiliated candidate, and Corey Marshall, a Republican, join Susan Berumen, a Democrat, as the three commissioners for Gilpin County. Having no partisanship will allow us to work together for all residents of Gilpin County without regard to a D or R next to our names.

I thank you with all of my heart for your attention and your confidence. Together, we can create a future of ever-growing Gilpin Pride!

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



## Election watch: What do you care about?

LYNN HIRSHMAN  
PEAK TO PEAK

No matter what your political stance may be, you probably agree that the 2024 election is one of the most consequential in recent history. And while, as a local newspaper, we tend to focus on local issues, we have to remember that we are also voting on much larger issues that will

affect not only our community, but the American people as a whole.

There are a number of issues of great prominence in November's election. These are the first that come to mind (not necessarily in order of importance):

- Housing
- Economy/Cost of living
- Immigration
- Climate/Natural Resources/Environment
- Democracy/Good Government
- Wars: Ukraine/Middle East/Iran?

At a glance, we are directly affected by four of these six issues. As a matter of fact, questions on housing, economy, environment and good governance are already going out to local candidates for office. We know these concerns are important to you, and it's important to know how local candidates approach them.

But decisions made at the state and federal levels address not only the larger issues (immigration, war), but also affect these immediate, local issues. So we need to know how state, federal, and presidential candidates intend to deal with them. And, ultimately, our concerns about immigration and war will touch us as well.

What do YOU need to know about ALL candidates on ALL of these issues? And where do you get the information you need in order to make rational decisions as to how to vote?

And how can we help you get that information? Let us know what issues you would like to focus on – not limited to the six listed above – and we will try to bring you accurate, dispassionate, factual data. That's our job, as YOUR local newspaper.

with your dancing shoes on, giving us so much great feedback and encouraging us all along the way! Producing these shows was a pleasure. We look forward to bringing more high-quality music to Nederland in the future!

Time Served Production Group Ltd

## Thank you Nederland!

Dear Editor,

A big thank you to the Nederland DDA for sponsoring The Nederland Summer Concert Series and to the Town of Nederland for working with us to make these shows a success!

A huge THANKS to the Nederland community, for coming out in full force



**Friday, September 6**

High Country Auxiliary Flea Market: Donations accepted September 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. No clothing, heavy furniture, electronics or large appliances. The market takes place on Friday, September 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, September 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds benefit the first responders of Gilpin County. At the Gilpin County Fairgrounds Barn Exhibit located at 230 Norton Drive.

Colorado Mountain Ranch 75th Anniversary: Enjoy a free family carnival full of fun activities for all ages! Begins September 6 and ends September 8. If interested, please contact Liv Wilburn or Jojo Morrison at wilburnolivia24@gmail.com or jojo@coloradomountainranch.com. Located at 10063 Gold Hill Road, Gold Hill.

**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.

Movie Night: Enjoy popcorn and the new movie "Twisters" at the Gilpin County Library. Rated PG-13 and runs for 2 hours and 2 minutes. Starts at 7 p.m.

September Featured Artist: Jennifer Sharp's work is beautifully detailed with saturated color depicting some of her favorite places as well as dreamscapes. She won best of show during the Fall in the Rockies Show last year. 3 to 6 p.m. at the Kaleidoscope Fine Arts Gallery.

**Sunday, September 8**

Buffalo Bike Classic: CU Bike race spanning from the flatlands to the mountains funneling through Boulder Canyon. Race starts at 7 a.m. and is expected to last into the afternoon.

**Monday, September 9**

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

# Cracker BARREL

Get involved in your community

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

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

**Tuesday, September 10**

Sci Fi Book Club: Open to readers ages 17 and up. Register at <https://nederland.libcal.com>. 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Nederland Community Library.

**Wednesday, September 11**

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.

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 14**

Public Lands Today and Tomorrow: A Field Tour of Forestry and Fire Resilience in the St. Vrain Watershed. Explore upcoming forestry treatments in the U.S. Forest Service lands around Gold Lake and learn about the exciting work happening on Boulder County Parks and Open Space. See firsthand how public land managers are strengthening the resilience of our communities and ecosystems to wildfire. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gold Lake. Transportation provided from Lyons Middle Senior High School. Lunch included! This is a free event. Register by September 12 at [tinyurl.com/ForestryFieldTour](https://tinyurl.com/ForestryFieldTour).

**Sunday, September 15**

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.

*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](https://www.themtneer.com/events) for more upcoming events.*

Stream. Surf.  
Advertise.  
Inquire.



THE MOUNTAIN EAR

**Contact us**

. Questions? You can always reach us by email at [info@themountaineer.com](mailto:info@themountaineer.com) or phone at 303-810-5409.



## Magic and Comedy

JAMIE LAMMERS  
NEDERLAND

Scott Pepper and Kirk Marsh have been performing for the majority of their lives. Pepper has been into magic since he won a talent competition at ten years old, and Marsh attended the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown College just before it closed in 1997. Both have performed in many venues, particularly cruises, and both have been featured on television, with Scott featured on CW's Masters of Illusion and Marsh performing on America's Got Talent. However, neither have had the chance to perform together... until now. Pepper moved to Longmont in April

2024, and the two have since talked about touring venues close to Pepper's new home. Now, they're undergoing that tour, and one of the stops they've picked is right in the town of Nederland! They'll be bringing an hour-and-a-half long show with a short intermission to the town. It's a family friendly show for ages four and up, bringing exactly what the headline promises: A Night of Magic and Comedy!

*Be sure to head to the Backdoor Theater at the Nederland Community Center, 750 Highway 72 in Nederland, on Saturday, September 14, 2024, starting at 7 p.m.! Go to [magiciansagency.com/show/](https://magiciansagency.com/show/) to get your tickets now!*

**Gilpin County Seniors**

Our apologies for the empty space here. We have not received information from Gilpin County by the time we went to print.

**Nederland area Seniors**

**September 11** - Sit and Stretch Yoga, 11 - 11:30 a.m. in the Senior Lounge. Lunch: Beef broccoli stir fry, brown rice, California vegetables, and a banana.

**September 11** - Wildfire Smoke Preparedness Presentation with Julien Blundell of the Boulder Watershed Collective from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Senior Lounge.

**September 18** - Sit and Stretch Yoga, 11 - 11:30 a.m. in the Senior Lounge located at the Nederland Community Center.

**September 18** - Lunch: Baked tilapia

with tartar sauce, brown rice, tossed salad with balsamic dressing, and an orange.

**September 18** - Purple Art- Art Class for Seniors! From 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Senior Lounge. Suggested donation \$5. Email [info@mountainpeaklife.org](mailto:info@mountainpeaklife.org) for more information and to RSVP!

**September 19** - Busey Brews Live Trivia Night benefitting Nederland Area Seniors. Starting at 6:30 p.m. at Busey Brews!

*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](mailto:info@mountainpeaklife.org). Check out our website calendar for the latest activities and updates [www.mountainpeaklife.org](http://www.mountainpeaklife.org).*

**CROSSWORD**

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12	
13						14				15				
16						17				18				
	19				20			21	22					
		23				24								
25	26	27		28		29			30		31	32	33	34
35			36		37			38		39				
40					41			42		43				
44				45		46				47				
48					49		50			51		52		
			53		54			55		56				
	57	58	59					60				61	62	
63						64	65			66				67
68						69				70				
71						72				73				



**SWITCH & GET**  
**\$25**

**Off First Month of New Service!**  
USE PROMO CODE: **GZ590**

**Consumer Cellular**

CALL CONSUMER CELLULAR **888-804-0913**

© 2023 Consumer Cellular Inc. For promo details please call 888-804-0913

© StatePoint Media

# Statepoint Crossword

THEME: AT THE SUPERMARKET

**ACROSS**

1. Marriott hotel chain
6. Lockheed Martin Corporation @NYSE
9. Desert in central Asia
13. Tinder user?
14. Distinctive period in history
15. Munchausen's title
16. Likewise
17. Campfire leftover
18. Jason Bateman/Laura Linney TV drama
19. \*Traditionally clipped
21. \*OS in POS at the supermarket
23. Bro's sibling
24. "\_\_\_ there, done that"
25. T in Greek
28. FBI's cold one
30. Windshield \_\_\_\_, pl.
35. "The \_\_\_ for Red October"
37. Coach of Dallas Mavericks
39. Bow's partner
40. Black and white killer
41. Be in accord
43. First word in fairy tale
44. Formerly known as Pleasant Island
46. Long-lasting Steelers coach
47. TV's "man named Brady"
48. \*GO in BOGO
50. French "place"
52. 6th sense
53. Adored one
55. What cruelty and crush have in common
57. \*Dairy aisle package
60. \*S&H Green \_\_\_
63. Non motorized vessel
64. I have
66. Nev.'s neighbor
68. Offspring, collectively
69. Rank above maj.
70. Visual
71. QBR in football, e.g.
72. Will Ferrell's Christmas classic
73. Like a gymnast

**DOWN**

1. \*What registers do
2. Nonclerical
3. Football legend Graham
4. Unborn vertebrate
5. \_\_\_ of Cancer
6. \*Like freezer aisle "Cuisine"
7. "\_\_\_ Robinson" by Simon & Garfunkel
8. California/Nevada lake
9. Mediterranean Strip
10. Not written
11. Dull one
12. Pen juice
15. Home to Sarajevo
20. Port city in Japan
22. Like marines in slogan
24. Cowboy's bedding
25. Flip-flop
26. Plural of aura
27. Adam Sandler's "\_\_\_ Gems"
29. Manual communication gesture
31. High school ball
32. Bert's TV buddy
33. Ice in a cocktail
34. \*TV's "Supermarket \_\_\_"
36. Tropical tuber
38. \*Sliced items section
42. Choose a president
45. "\_\_\_ we stand, divided we fall"
49. Tokyo, once
51. Adenine's partner in RNA
54. Chilled (2 words)
56. Savory taste sensation
57. \*Rolling supermarket carrier
58. Dwarf buffalo
59. Type of canal, in dentistry
60. Ego's main concern
61. Surveyor's map
62. Accompanies relief
63. "Big Three" TV network
65. Radio knob, abbr.
67. ATM extra

# Statepoint Sudoku

**SUDOKU**

Call today and receive a  
**FREE SHOWER PACKAGE**  
**PLUS \$1600 OFF**

*SPECIAL OFFER*

**SAFE STEP**  
**WALK-IN TUB**     **1-855-576-5653**

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In-Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CSLB 1082165 NSCB 0082999 0083445

8					1			
		5				4		8
4			3				6	7
9	7	8		5				
				2		6	4	9
7	5				9			6
2		6				7		
				2				1

© StatePoint Media

Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

## Puzzle Solution

J	A	M	B		B	I	G		H	I	V				
E	M	I	R		M	I	R		O	B	E	S	E		
T	O	D	O		U	P	O	N		D	E	A	L	T	
	K	I	N	G	K	O	N	G		O	G	L	E		
				C	A	D	D	Y		C	R	U			
S	T	O	O	G	E				E	P	S	I	L	O	N
H	E	P			E	N	I	G	M	A		N	I	C	E
O	R	E	O	S		T	A	I		D	E	N	T	S	
E	C	R	U		N	E	S	T	L	E		G	E	T	
S	E	A	R	O	O	M			A	N	G	S	T	S	
				G	U	T			B	E	T	E	L		
	G	N	A	T		D	U	S	T		B	O	W	L	
A	M	E	N	D		E	L	S	E		W	I	S	E	
C	A	R	G	O		A	G	A	R		E	L	A	N	
E	N	D				L	E	Y			R	E	T	E	

Crossword solution August 29

## Sudoku Solution

7	9	6	4	8	1	3	5	2
3	5	8	7	2	6	4	1	9
1	2	4	9	5	3	6	8	7
8	7	1	6	4	9	5	2	3
4	3	2	1	7	5	9	6	8
5	6	9	2	3	8	7	4	1
2	1	7	5	9	4	8	3	6
6	4	3	8	1	7	2	9	5
9	8	5	3	6	2	1	7	4

Sudoku solution August 29

**RUDOLPH RANCH, INC.**

HORSE BOARDING, OPEN PASTURES, QUIET RANCH  
SETTING, INDOOR/OUTDOOR STALLS, PASTURE  
OPTIONS, ROPING OR RIDING ARENA, TRAILS & CLOSE  
TO GOLDEN GATE STATE PARK, GROUP OUTINGS.

DON'T WANT THE HASSLE OF BUYING  
AND OWNING YOUR OWN HORSE, LEASE ONE FROM US.

**WWW.RUDOLPHRANCH.NET • 303-582-5230**

# NES Back to School Night



PHOTOS BY SARA SANDSTROM

**A new school year is here!**

Left: NES physical education teacher Ms. T and retired teacher, but now long term substitute, Ms. Jill are excited for the school year. Top, right: These sisters are two of Nederland Elementary’s wonderful students and they speak multiple languages. Bottom, left: NES staff welcome families to Back to School Night.



**SARA SANDSTROM  
NEDERLAND**

Pencils are sharpened, lunch trays are filled, and the buses are rolling again at Nederland schools.

Nederland Elementary School (NES) hosted their Back to School Night on August 28 to welcome and inform parents about the school and their children’s classes.

Principal Caleb Melamed welcomed families at the start of the evening. He said, “We are off to a great start.” He highlighted the school’s positive behavior plan, Social Emotional Learning, and last year’s CMAS scores. He stated that there is much to

celebrate with the improved CMAS scores, which improve where NES stands among BVSD schools.

NES is always looking to where else they can improve as well. Social Emotional Learning, for example, should lead to children developing more confidence and resilience as they learn how to recognize and respond to their feelings.

Parents were then invited to their children’s classrooms to learn about the daily routine and upcoming events, and to become acquainted with their teachers.

Have a wonderful school year students, parents, and staff at NES!



## School Calendars

### Gilpin County School

- Thursday, September 5 at 8 p.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
- 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

- Thursday, September 5 at 3:15 p.m. - HS Soccer Team Photos
- Thursday, September 5 at 4 p.m. - HS Boys’ Soccer: Home 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 7:30 p.m. - Movie on the Field
- Sunday, September 8 - Mountain Bike Race at Steamboat Springs
- Monday, September 9 at 4 p.m. - HS Boys’ Soccer at Front Range Baptist
- Monday, September 9 at 5 - HS Volleyball: Home vs Union Colony
- Tuesday, September 10 at 6 a.m. - 14ers Field Trip at Mt. Bierstadt
- Tuesday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m. - Mountain Bike Team Photos
- Wednesday, September 11 at 4 p.m. - HS Boys’ Soccer: Home vs Estes Park
- Wednesday, September 11 at 4:30 p.m. - MS Volleyball: Home vs Dawson
- Wednesday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. - HS Volleyball: Home vs Dawson
- Saturday, September 14 - Cross Country at Ned Ned Race
- Saturday, September 15 at 5 a.m. - Colorado 14ers Field Trip at Mt. Cameron and Lincoln

# Pet of the week

Hey, where did we go?  
Days when the rains came  
Down in the hollow  
Playin' a new game  
Laughin' and a-runnin' hey, hey  
Skippin' and a-jumpin'  
In the misty morning fog,  
Our, our hearts a-thumping and  
you  
My brown-eyed dog  
And you, my brown-eyed dog



And whatever happened  
To Tuesday and so slow?  
Going down the old mine with a  
Transistor radio  
Standing in the sunlight laughing  
Hiding 'hind a rainbow's wall  
Slipping and sliding  
All along the waterfall with you  
My brown-eyed dog  
You, my brown-eyed dog

Come meet your brown-eyed dog,  
exclusively at the Humane Society  
of Boulder Valley:  
<https://www.boulderhumane.org/animals/?animalid=56367777>  
Ask for Lily



# CPW Kids Fishing Program



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

### Positive outreach

BCSO Deputy Gary Robinson and a young fisherman scan the pond for hungry trout.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

On a bright, cloudless morning in the mountains, Nederland kids, with their parents in tow, gathered at the Children's Fishing Pond in Chipeta Park for a unique educational experience.

Boulder County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) teamed up to host a Kids Fishing Clinic, providing area youth with the tools, knowledge, and skills needed to catch and properly handle fish.

Tyler Ansicar and Sam Peterson, CPW District Wildlife Managers for Nederland, along with BCSO Deputy Gary Robinson, loaned free fishing poles and bait to any area youth under 15 years old, as they taught the kids how to tie their fishing lines, set up the bait, and cast. And with their first successful cast into the water, the kids

were hooked.

They quickly became obsessed with scanning the water for fish and finding that perfect spot along the pond to cast again. The anticipation of feeling a tug on their lines thrilled them, as the calm click-clacking of many lines being steadily reeled back in filled the air.

Ansicar, Peterson, and Robinson each expressed their joy of participating in community outreach programs like this. For CPW, the fishing clinic presents an opportunity to work hands-on with the community, allowing them to sneak in some ecological education.

Ansicar and Peterson actively taught kids how to tie an improved clinch knot, as well as educating them on how to properly handle a fish if it were to be caught – and not just for the trout that are stocked in the pond, but for bass, catfish, and sunfish as well. They also informed the kids about the food chains

*continued on page 13*

**Sold**  
**\$400,000**  
141 Pine Grove Dr  
Ward



*Timmy Duggan*

**Timmy Duggan**  
**REALTOR**

Boulder | Nederland | Mountains  
The Boulder Property Network  
Town of Nederland  
Planning Commission  
(c) 303.589.3999



# Self Help Meetings

**Tuesday Night Nederland Cross TalkMeeting** A Big Book meeting at 7 p.m. online via Zoom. For more information visit <https://bouldercountyyaa.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://bouldercountyyaa.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://bouldercountyyaa.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/](https://findrecovery.com/aa_meeting/gilpin-county-h.a.l.t.-central-city/).

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

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

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

**MEYERS SERVICES**

**Licensed and Insured**  
PO Box 291  
Rollinsville, CO 80474

**Bridges**  
**Culverts**  
**Drainage**  
**Driveways**  
**Snow Removal**  
**Flood Prevention**  
**River Restoration**  
**Septic Systems**  
**Demolition**  
**General Excavation**

**Jeremy Meyers**  
jeramy@meyersservices.co  
cell: 720.431.8730  
office: 303.582.3046



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY



**Learning ecological responsibility**

Left: A new fishing enthusiast is born with the execution of a perfect cast. Top, right: CPW District Wildlife Manager Sam Peterson gave hands-on instruction to eager learners. Bottom, right: CPW District Wildlife Manager Tyler Ansicar demonstrates how to tie an improved clinch knot.

# Fishing

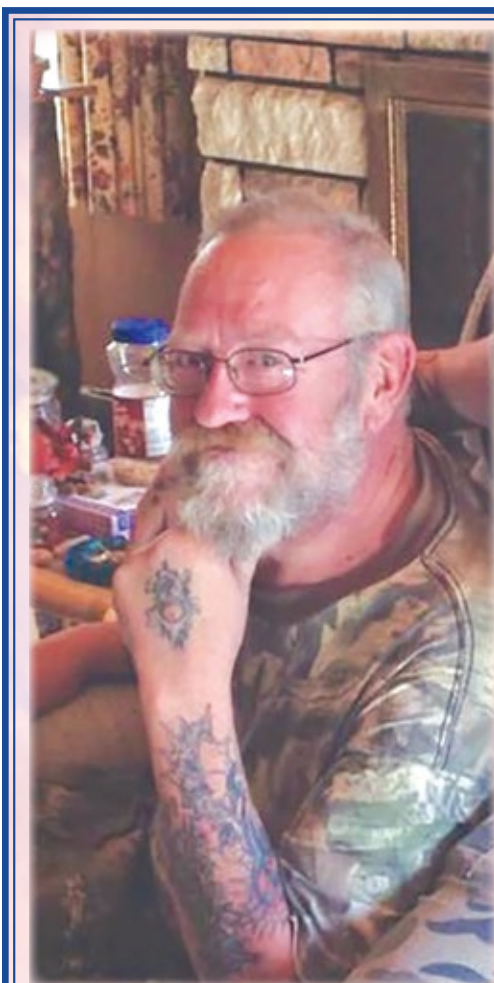
*continued from page 12*

of different ecosystems within similar ponds.

For BCSO, Robinson spoke of how outreach like the fishing clinic provides officers with the chance to engage with the community in a positive way. Former Nederland Police Marshal Larry Johns instituted a similar program during his time serving Nederland.

Kids excitedly fished until noon, working up an appetite. Luckily, Brian Biggs of the Nederland Parks Department manned the grill and served free hot dogs to the kids and parents who attended the event.

Though the kids didn't catch much more than moss (and the finger of a parent on one occasion), the event was a great success. Nederland youth were taught new skills, and learned to observe and understand their environment, and they all had fun doing it – thanks to the work of Ansicar and Peterson of CPW, and Robinson of BCSO.



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

**WELCOME TO THE BEST JOB IN THE WORLD**

Timberline Fire is now accepting applications for the position of Volunteer Firefighter.

For more information visit our website via the QR code or call 303-582-5768.

No experience needed. All training provided.

# Music alive and well in Nederland



PHOTOS BY MINDY LEARY

### The River Arkansas and Silas Herman Electrify Chipeta Park

Left: The River Arkansas brings soulful Americana to Nederland. Right: Silas Herman and the Tone Unit rock the crowd with lively bluegrass beats. The show was expertly managed by Time Served Production, with support from the Nederland Downtown Development Authority.

*continued from page 1*

known as Silas Herman and the Tone Unit, at this, their debut show.

Fast picking and melodic stringwork moved many to dance and jump, spin and clap, and one child did cartwheels in the grass.

At the end of their performance, Silas' mother, Kimba Stefane, was beaming as Silas shouted out, "I love

you, mom!" from the stage. Hearts were breaking in all the right ways.

Stefane, owner of Blue Owl Books and Gifts, said it was a really special day. Insider note: Stefane embroidered her son's shirt with roses on the shoulders and a mandolin on the back – how sweet!

The Tone Unit was followed by the

*continued on page 15*



## COFFEE

with your

## CO-OP

United Power  
Coal Creek Canyon Office

### OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY  
**SEPTEMBER 21**  
9 - 11 AM

Meet your Mountain Crew,  
Enjoy Coffee & Ask Questions

5 Gross Dam Road





Featuring  
Coffee &  
Pastries from  
Canyon Coffee

HERE *for* GOOD

# ELECTION

## AD DEALS ARE HERE!





<b>Ad Size</b>			
FULL PAGE	\$750	HALF PAGE (horizontal)	\$375
QUARTER PAGE	\$175	1/8 PAGE	\$75
<b>Consecutive Ads Only</b>			
9 - 10 WEEKS	50% OFF	8 WEEKS	40% OFF
7 WEEKS	30% OFF	4 - 6 WEEKS	25% OFF
2 - 3 WEEKS	20% OFF	1 WEEKS	15% OFF

For ad inquires, call Bethany at 720-960-2900 or email [marketing@themountaineer.com](mailto:marketing@themountaineer.com)  
Other question, call the office at 303-810-5409 or email [info@themountaineer.com](mailto:info@themountaineer.com)



PHOTOS BY MINDY LEARY

# Music

continued from page 14

River Arkansas. Fronted by Mike Clark, the band delivered a mixture of heartfelt country, blues, folk, and Americana, inspired by the source of the Arkansas River in central Colorado.

This summer has seen several talented acts perform at Chipeta Park, including Rolling Harvest, Wirewood Station, the Ben Sproul Band, Banshee Tree, Diggin' Dirt, and Atomga.

“Time Served Production has been really proud to put on these shows... so be safe and we’ll put on more. We’ll do more,” said Danny Schafer, also a Time Served Production employee-owner.

The hopeful plan for next year: to do it again and add more acts, keeping with a long tradition of live music in the fair town of Nederland.

*For more information on the Nederland Summer Concert Series, visit their website at <https://www.timeservedproductiongroup.com/nederlandsummerconcertseries>.*

### Dancing in the park

Left: Fans gather for the grand finale of the summer concert series on August 31, 2024. Middle: Silas Herman rocks a one-of-a-kind embroidered shirt crafted by his mother, Kimba Stefane, adding a personal touch to his performance. Right: A joyous dancer twirls to the rhythm, embodying the spirit of the day.

**Moving mountains for you.**  
JOSH HARROD & JACKIE JONES

Each office is independently owned and operated | 303-258-7020

# HOMES BY JACKIE JONES TEAM

# RE/MAX ALLIANCE

286 N BRIDGE ST #118 NEDERLAND, CO 80466  
CALL US: 303-747-4294  
MESSAGE US: TEAM@HOMESBYJACKIEJONES.COM

[f](#) [in](#) [@](#) @HOMESBYJACKIEJONES

OPEN HOUSE FRI 9/6 4-6PM

OPEN HOUSE SAT 9/7 11-1PM

OPEN HOUSE SAT 9/7 1-3PM

OPEN HOUSE SUN 9/8 12-2PM



**17681 Highway 119**  
**Black Hawk, CO**  
3 BED | 3 BATH | 2,360 SQFT  
**\$495,000**

**323 Spruce Way**  
**Nederland, CO**  
3 BED | 4 BATH | 3,748 SQFT  
**\$1,075,000**

**155 Kelly Rd E**  
**Boulder, CO**  
4 BED | 4 BATH | 4,664 SQFT  
**\$1,495,000**

**156 Rocky Knob Ln**  
**Nederland, CO**  
3 BED | 3 BATH | 3,360 SQFT  
**\$1,395,000**

# Gold Hill Cajun Cookout and Concert



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON



continued from page 1

rocking jazz guitar playing and Brittney Wagner's vocals. "Don't Ever Change Even If You Could" achieved sentiment and sarcasm in the same song.

To wrap things up, Dunk Maxwell and the DFunk incorporated a trumpet, trombone, and a percussionist that brought original funk and soul numbers as well as cover tunes.

Bill Withers' "Ain't No Sunshine" waxed melancholic for slow dancers. Santana's "Evil Ways" was a hit as were Joe Cocker's "Feelin' Alright," The Rascals' "Mustang Sally," and John Mayall's harmonica infused "Room to Move." The dance floor was packed by attendees of all ages as they welcomed autumn and grooved away the afternoon.

### Regional food and all the "fixins"

Top, left: Chris Finn cooked catfish to perfection. Top, middle: Rich Johnson on squeezebox. Top, right: A DFunk vocalist. Bottom, right: Trays of delicious food. Bottom, left: Dancing the day away.

Let's talk **trash**

Understanding where your waste can go not only protects the environment, it keeps you and your community healthy. Boulder County has facilities that make sure materials are handled properly to prevent harmful waste from getting into our air, soil, and water.

- Recycle:** Nederland or Allenspark transfer stations
- Food scraps:** Nederland transfer station
- Household hazardous waste:** Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility accepts these for FREE:
  - Batteries
  - Household cleaners
  - Mercury containing bulbs
  - Motor oil
  - Antifreeze/ Gasoline/ Automotive fluids
  - Paints and Stain

1901c 63rd St. Boulder, CO 80301

720.564.2250 bouldercountyrecycles.org 1901 63rd St. Boulder, CO 80301



## Local grants available from Alan Green Memorial Foundation

The Alan Green Memorial Foundation (AGMF) is accepting grant applications from Gilpin County organizations and groups that benefit Gilpin County residents. This non-profit organization was created by the family and friends in memory of Alan Green.

Ken and Lela Green lost their son and his wife in a commercial plane crash. AGMF has given out grants since 1983 to benefit our Gilpin residents.

Grant applications are available on the website: [alangreenmemorialfoundation.org](http://alangreenmemorialfoundation.org).

RETURN COMPLETED GRANT APPLICATION AS A PDF DOCUMENT TO: [alangreenfdg@gmail.com](mailto:alangreenfdg@gmail.com). The deadline is September 30.





### Cajun Cookout



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON

**The unofficial end of summer**  
Top, left: Guitarist Dave Gunders. Top, right: Chicken Coop Willaye on washboard. Middle, right: The Vipers' saxophonist. Bottom: The Jamensons came up from Denver for a fun family getaway. Middle, left: DFunk's guitarist.

Specializing in the Peak to Peak Region:  
Gilpin, Jefferson, Boulder Counties in the mountains



**JPAR** MODERN REAL ESTATE

**Lise Friisbaastad**  
**(720) 514-9727**

RealtorLiseColorado@gmail.com



Jefferson (Seller)  
1159 Wells Fargo Cir  
**\$399.9K**



Ward (Seller)  
1333 County Road 100  
**\$235K**



Golden (Seller)  
11726 Brook Road  
Coal Creek Canyon  
**\$610K**



Morrison (Buyer)  
7302 Sourdough Dr  
**\$1.55M**



Arvada (Seller)  
8015-C Holland Court  
**\$400K**

**Professionally Representing YOU!**

RealtorLiseColorado <https://lisefriis.jpar.com>

Singing Mountain Guitars By George Dunham are fine handcrafted acoustic guitars made from unique woods and designed as one of a kind unique works of art. Each instrument has a unique sound and feel.




20 E Lakeview Dr #109,  
Nederland  
303-258-8863

@BrightwoodMusic

*"The art behind the music"*

Located in the Caribou Village Shopping Center

# Running, walking and wagging tails



**Sat. September 7th, 2024**  
**Multi-Event Schedule at Community Center Campus**

**Shelby Allen Memorial Scholarship Volleyball Tournament 9am**  
\$40 PER 4 PLAYER TEAM, DOUBLE ELIMINATION  
@ PETE GONES MEMORIAL PARK

**HCA Flea Market 9am-2pm**  
COME RUMMAGE @ THE BARN! \*ON FRIDAY AS WELL\*

**Holistic Homestead Farmers Market 10am-4pm**  
LOCAL VENDORS, LIVE MUSIC, AND MORE!  
@ THE COMMUNITY CENTER ENTRANCE

**Shred-A-Thon 10am-12pm**  
GILPIN COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE YOUR DOCS SHREDED,  
3 BANKERS BOXES FOR FREE!

**Buck for the Badge 11am-4pm**  
BULL RIDING, MUTTON BUSTIN'  
\$10 ENTRY BENEFITTING FIRST RESPONDERS

**Food and Clothing Drive 11am-1:30pm**  
NON-PERISHABLE FOODS & GENTLY USED CLOTHES  
@ 101 NORTON DR.

For more details scan the QR code



or follow this link <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/public-meetings/community-meetings-and-events>

250 Norton Drive | 303.582.1453 | [gilpincounty.colorado.gov](https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov)



PHOTOS BY OMAIRA ACEVEDO

Run Like the Wind is for all  
Exercise for a great cause and in the beautiful Rocky Mountain town of Allenspark.  
The Old Gallery thrives with community support.

OMAYRA ACEVEDO  
ALLENSPARK

On Saturday, August 31, 2024, The Old Gallery hosted its annual Run Like the Wind 5K Race, 2K Walk, and Dog Jog. Canines and their human pets enjoyed a loop through downtown Allenspark. Participants ran or walked along dirt roads through pine forests, finding motivation with every breathtaking view.

The noncompetitive 2K Walk Like the

Breeze was an easy stroll for those wanting to enjoy the outdoors without breaking into too much sweat.

From 7 to 8:30 a.m., runners and walkers checked in and warmed up. Race packets included a commemorative race cap, bib number, pins, official timing/awards, and a door prize raffle.

By 9 a.m., the 5K race was on, and many excited, smiling faces gave the wind a run

*continued on page 19*

**High Timber Firewood**  
Pine • Oak • Mix  
**303-258-7942**




*We're Ready For Your Order*  
[hightimberfirewood.co](https://hightimberfirewood.co)

**RYAN ROBERTS**  
BROKER

O: 303-582-1700  
C: 303-619-3646

**BOULDERBROKERS**  
@PROTONMAIL.COM

80 BIG SPRINGS DR.  
SUITE#311  
NEDERLAND, CO 80466





# Wagging tails

continued from page 18

for its money, followed by the 2K Walk at 9:10 a.m. The excitement continued at 10 a.m. with an awards ceremony and door prizes.

An hour later, the post-race dog show and pet photo booth offered more opportunities to enjoy the Front Range. Pups were registered for categories including Waggiest Tail, Best Kept Coat, Best Rescue Story, Best Trick, Best Costume, Best Look-a-like (with owner), and Fastest Peanut Butter Licker. Prizes were awarded to winners of each category.

Elena's Barking Lot provided pet photos, and all participants received well-deserved goodie bags.

With the help of local volunteers and businesses, The Old Gallery hosted another memorable event for enthusiastic participants, complete with rewards and live music!

*The Old Gallery is located at 14863 Highway 7, Allenspark. You can find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheAOldGallery> or call them at 303-747-2906.*



**Rocky Mountain High**

From start to finish, Run Like the Wind was a successful morning event, proving that Allenspark is a community for everyone!

PHOTOS BY Omayra Acevedo



**BENEFITING THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF GILPIN COUNTY INCLUDING TIMBERLINE FIRE, GCART AND OTHERS.**

DONATIONS NEEDED AND ACCEPTED ON  
 SEPTEMBER 5TH THURSDAY 9AM TO 4PM  
 NO CLOTHING, ELECTRONICS, LARGE APPLIANCES OR HEAVY FURNITURE

September 6(Friday) 9am to 4pm  
 September 7 (Saturday) 9am to 2pm

At The Gilpin County Fairgrounds Exhibit Barn  
 230 Norton Drive

**FLEA MARKET THE BEST IN TOWN 2024**



**2926 Magnolia Drive  
 MLS# 1017551 \$475,000**

Seasonal cabin just 15 minutes above Boulder. The 2-bedroom cabin has newer windows, insulation, and roof. The great room has an antique (and very efficient!) Buck's wood stove. National Forest on the entire western border. Great hiking and biking possibilities at your front door.



**Jimmy Keith**



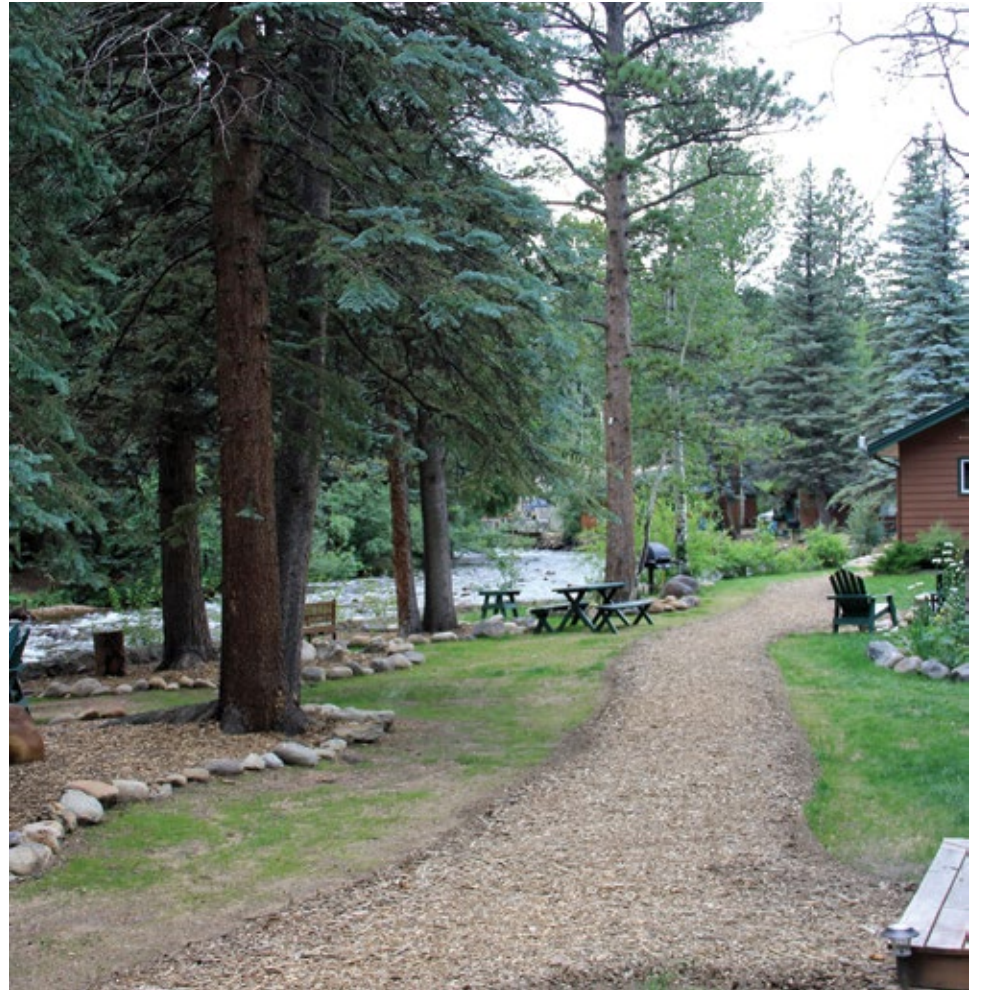
[www.jimmykeithrealestate.com](http://www.jimmykeithrealestate.com) 303-898-2795 cell

# Discover Colorado

## Sprucing things up in Estes Park



PHOTOS BY Omayra Acevedo



### Rustic charm

Above, left: Perfect for privacy and a dip in the hot tub to watch the Rocky Mountain night sky is the Dreamcatcher Cabin. Above, right: The walking path from the Dreamcatcher Cabin provides ample opportunities to walk near the Big Thompson River.

### OMAYRA ACEVEDO ESTES PARK

It was a beautiful day in August when I ventured into the River Spruce Cabins in Estes Park, near the YMCA. The Big Thompson River was roaring and I was never more grateful for the gray skies, bringing rain.

As I squeezed into a tight spot in the office's parking lot, I exited my vehicle and took a deep breath. I looked at the ponderosa trees, standing still momentarily while the breeze welcomed me to another wonderful Rocky Mountain experience.

The office was tiny, giving only a hint of what was to come. With a collection of 10 cabins that were originally located inside Rocky Mountain National Park, River Spruce Cabins is undeniably a special place.

My headquarters was the tiny Dreamcatcher Cabin, a one-bedroom cozy retreat escape with a knotty pine interior. I unpacked a few things before going outside to sit by the river and take photos.

Before I knew it, it was dusk. I headed inside to turn on the gas stove fireplace and view my photos on the TV. Shortly after dark, I changed into my swimsuit to enjoy

the private hot tub outside the front door.

The cabin also has a rock-ringed fire pit in front, but considering the current dry conditions of the state, I opted not to start a fire. Besides, I had a nice gas stove fireplace going inside and a cup of chamomile lavender tea waiting for me.

After my hot tub dip, I sipped my tea and listened to a bit of John Denver and The Eagles, followed by Peter, Paul & Mary, and Crosby, Stills & Nash. It was a perfect evening of relaxation and peaceful beauty.

I slept like a baby that night and woke up to a basket of muffins hanging by the front door in the morning. They were freshly made and delicious! I couldn't have asked for a more perfect experience.

The cabin was beautiful and though it was during Estes Park's busiest season, it was surprisingly quiet. I'm always grateful for the silence. I'm more appreciative of the staff at River Spruce Cabins for making my experience memorable.

*River Spruce Cabins is located at 2334 Tunnel Road, Estes Park. You can find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/riverspruce> or call them at 970-935-2663.*

**NEDERLAND FARMERS MARKET**

**UPCOMING MARKETS**

**Sept 15** 85 E. Second St 10am-2pm  
music ▶ Stellar Jays duo

**Sept 29**  
music ▶ Kutandara youth

BROUGHT TO YOU WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM

**HARDT'S BACKHOE SERVICE**

**Call Chris 303-589-9354**

Excavating • Foundations • Utility Lines  
Septic Systems • Driveways • Retaining Walls

# Mountain Auto Repair Grand Opening



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY



**Celebrate Nederland's newest business**

Left: Will Shiverick brings his decades of auto repair expertise to Nederland. Right: Mountain Auto Repair may already be open for business, but a grand opening party is planned for September 8, 2024.

**CHRISTOPHER KELLEY NEDERLAND**

At the beginning of August, 2024, area local Will Shiverick began moving his business from North Boulder up the canyon into Nederland. With over 10 years of professional auto repair experience, Shiverick has brought his skills up to the Peak to Peak area, and apparently just in time.

"The phones have been ringing off the hook since I posted on Nedheads," Shiverick told The Mountain-Ear. "We're already booked up for like three weeks."

Shiverick's interest in mechanics began as a hobby, and in 2012 he pursued auto repair professionally for a career. For over a decade Mountain Auto Repair served the Boulder area, with Shiverick growing a client list of loyal customers all along the Peak to

Peak highways, including Ward and Jamestown.

Now many of those customers will be traveling into Nederland, to 588 East Street, for Shiverick's expertise in foreign and domestic vehicle diagnostics and repairs. Mountain Auto Repair offers all sorts of repair services, with specialty knowledge in Toyotas and Subarus. They can also offer RTD bus passes or space at Hub Ned for those waiting on vehicle repairs.

Over the past month Shiverick has been working on the commercial property, cleaning up and updating the space, all while moving the contents of his North Boulder location up the hill.

In addition to his equipment, Shiverick also brought with him from Boulder his dedicated lead technician, Arnulfo, who has worked with him for over 10 years. Shiverick also hired a local teenager who has a passion for mechanics.

"I always found that the best thing to

do is to hire somebody who wants to learn, who is motivated, and who has a good work ethic," Shiverick explained. "This kid – all he wants to do is work on cars. He's going to start off on tires and oil changes, and then work up from there."

"It'll take a couple of years but in the end you have yourself a pretty good mechanic who doesn't have any bad habits."

Shiverick announced on the Facebook community page for Nederland that not only was Mountain Auto Repair open for business, but a Grand Opening party was planned for Sunday, September 8, 2024.

The party will begin at 1 p.m. at The Mountain Auto Repair premises, and will feature live music from New Family Dog, brews from Knotted Root, and delicious barbeque. Be sure to stop by and celebrate a new and needed business in Nederland.

"The response from the community has been amazing," Shiverick added. "There are all sorts of people just stopping in, not even to make an appointment, just to introduce themselves and say thank you for being here, and the town has been really easy to work with."

*Mountain Auto Repair is located at 588 East Street; for more information about their services or to make an appointment, call 303-449-0581.*

This article is sponsored by the Nederland Downtown Development Authority (NDDA). The NDDA encourages the community to Keep It Local. Shop local, spend local and keep economic vitality alive in the Peak to Peak region.



candace newlove-marrs redefining mountain living

156 betasso road // sold // \$1,600,000

Nestled in a private woodland enclave bordering the pristine Betasso Preserve, this home showcases exquisite craftsmanship and architectural design.

303.717.0664 // candace@milehimodern.com discover more // mhmodern.com

milehimodern the coolest homes in town

This material is based on third-party information and is deemed reliable but is not guaranteed accurate. ©MileHiModern All Rights Reserved | milehimodern.com | 303.876.1073 | MileHiModern® is a licensed trademark. An Equal Opportunity Company | Equal Housing Opportunity

LOCAL SERVICE AND EXPERTISE MILES ABOVE ORDINARY!

**ELISE WALDRON**  
SPECIALIZING IN MOUNTAIN REAL ESTATE

**COLDWELL BANKER REALTY**

elisewaldronhomes.com  
elise.waldron@cbrealty.com  
303-250-2771

# Cereal Drive: Pouring in generosity




PHOTOS BY SARA SANDSTROM & MARGIE YANSURA



### For the love of community

Left: Youth from the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church are about to start the domino run of cereal boxes. Top, right: Margie Yansura and Pastor Zach Hancock present a check to Nederland Food Pantry Board President Tom Mahowald. Bottom, right: Longtime Nederland area resident Jim Hubbard helps pack up cereal boxes to take to the food pantry.



**CHOOSE HOW YOU SELL**


<b>openmarket</b> Maximize Your Home's Value	<b>bridge</b> Buy Before You Sell	<b>instantsale</b> Guaranteed Cash Offers
---	--------------------------------------	--

The real estate industry has evolved, and you need a partner that understands and provides all available selling solutions.

8z is the modern brokerage for the modern market.

With 8z Select, we provide all options for our clients, so you can SELECT the best opportunity for you.

"Jessica was really great to work with - she made our dream purchase in the mountains a quick reality! She was always fast to respond to our questions, and her personal experiences living in the mountains helped her guide us in ways I didn't expect. I would highly recommend her help!" - Rachel R



**8z REAL ESTATE** Jessica Fitzer  
8z Realtor\*  
303.258.3686  
Jessica.Fitzer@8z.com  
JessicaFitzer.8z.com

### SARA SANDSTROM NEDERLAND

This summer there has been a community cereal drive to benefit the Nederland Food Pantry.

Margie Yansura from the Nederland Community Presbyterian Church led the Love Your Neighbor Cereal Drive by organizing it and inspiring others to participate. Donating cereal to food pantries is very helpful because it is expensive and ordinarily is not shared with them by larger food banks or major donors.

The Nederland Community Presbyterian Church has a long-standing relationship with the food pantry. It was started in a closet in the church in 1986. As the food pantry has grown and expanded, the church has never wavered in its support.

For this cereal drive, the three churches in Nederland (St. Rita's

Catholic Church, Calvary Chapel, and Nederland Community Presbyterian) accepted donations to the Nederland Food Pantry instead of a traditional offering during their joint church service on August 4. The amount donated was \$378.24.

B&F Mountain Market donated boxes of cereal and also placed a collection bin at the store. The Nederland Community Library and the Nederland Community Center also provided space for collection bins.

In total, 158 boxes of cereal were donated by generous members of the community.

On Sunday, September 1, Nederland Food Pantry Board President Tom Mahowald was met with a domino run of 158 cereal boxes as he was presented with the donated money and cereal.

The generosity of community members and businesses keeps the spirit of loving your neighbor alive and well.

**PLUMBIN' FREAKED?**  
Call the **PLUMBIN' GEEK!**

- Plumbing Repair & Replacement
- Drain Cleaning and Thawing
- Hydro-Jetting
- Water Heaters: Nat. Gas, Propane & Electric

**24 Hour Call Line**  
**303-258-3439**



**Jerry French** Licensed & Insured (#186250) **Matt Carhart**

# BOT to lower EV charging rates

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Board of Trustees (BOT) met on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, to discuss the rates for the Town's Electric Vehicle chargers. The BOT also voted on contracting with a third party company to complete an assessment of water lines in order to determine Nederland as a lead-free municipality.

Trustees were tasked with voting to approve or deny a contract with Kinetic Energy Services LLC (KES) for a required potholing project. The project is to ensure Nederland is in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule and involves inventorying 20% of the Town's water service lines installed before 1960 to test if any are made of lead.

Utilities Department Manager Andrew Bliss reached out to five companies with requests for proposals; KES was chosen for their record of success in similar work for Boulder and Fort Collins, and for submitting the lowest bid for the cost of the project at \$109,922.75.

The bid from KES covers the costs of a hydrovac truck, with an operator, a support pickup truck, the core drilling, the backfill service, and the creation and implementation of a traffic control plan.

Bliss provided the BOT with information indicating where money can be saved within the Utilities Department's budget. \$45,000 in savings can be made by postponing infrastructure improvement projects, including a water efficiency project and fire mitigation efforts; another \$40,000 would come from delaying nonessential equipment

maintenance and repairs.

KES estimates that the job will require two work crews and will take up to 10 working days to complete. Bliss added that the vacuum potholing method used by KES will be able to complete the job more efficiently than excavating equipment.

Trustee Kristopher Larsen asked if there was a particular fire mitigation project that was being postponed due to the changes in the Utilities department's budget. Bliss answered that the money was budgeted despite there not being a specific plan, though mitigation around the water treatment plant and other such infrastructure was considered.

Town Administrator Jonathan Cain noted that he, Bliss, and Parks Manager Nicki Dunn were discussing pursuing a \$100,000 grant to fund a bigger mitigation project that would encompass all of Town's facilities.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with KES.

The BOT revisited the discussion of the Town of Nederland becoming a "home rule" municipality, which involves the adoption of a Charter as the governing document. Becoming home rule could potentially allow Nederland citizens, rather than state government, to customize how it can address certain community issues without being dictated by state statutes.

Either an ordinance approved by the BOT calling for an election, or a petition signed by 5% of the town's registered voters is required to begin the process of converting to home rule. Within 30 days of an election approving the move to home rule, a Charter Commission of at least 9 members would be formed.

The Charter Commission would have 180 days to properly draft a new town charter, after which it would be provided to the BOT

for them to schedule an election and set the ballot title. Once the charter is approved it is filed with the Secretary of State; once officially adopted the charter can not be amended or repealed without a public vote.

Town Attorney Jennifer Madsen recently led a presentation on home rule at the Colorado Municipal League's annual conference, as she had worked with the newly incorporated Town of Keystone on drafting their charter.

Madsen provided information about the process Keystone underwent, noting that their total cost for pursuing home rule, which consists of two elections and attorney's wages, totaled roughly \$30,000. She added that such a cost may be an issue for Nederland in pursuing home rule, as would the staff and community resources required.

Trustee Tania Corvalan suggested that the Town complete an audit of its municipal code, specifically to identify the state statutes that often cause issues. The Board considered the code audit a necessity before continuing any discussion regarding becoming home rule.

Cain stated that a code audit should be a priority after the completion of the Comprehensive Plan update, and that it should be discussed during strategic planning and added to the 2025 Town Budget.

Trustees reassessed the charging rates for the Town's current Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) charger, and the upcoming Level 3 chargers. Despite being projected to earn \$58,000 in revenue, the Level 2 EV charger, which has been in operation for most of 2024, has only yielded \$284.36 due to a technical issue. Users of the EV charger have only been paying the \$0.40 per kWh charging rate since August 7, 2024.

The Level 3 chargers are soon to be operational, with the BOT previously agreeing that they would charge a \$0.50 per kWh rate. Due to concerns from the community that the rates may be too high,

Town staff recommended reviewing the rate structure and discussing potential "community benefits and economic incentives" to be gained from recently identified opportunities.

Cain noted that community charging programs, which would offer a certain amount of free charging for residents and Town employees, exist and that further research would be required in order to ascertain the total savings to residents.

As for the charging rates, Cain recommended setting them closer to what the city of Boulder charges, bringing the charge for Level 2 EV chargers down to \$0.32 per kWh, and maintaining the \$0.50 per kWh rate for Level 3 chargers.

The BOT agreed that more data was required regarding the potential for community charging benefits before being able to approve pursuing such a program. A nod of four was also given, directing Town staff to lower the charging rate for Level 2 chargers.

The Board also approved the Town donating two vehicles to the Nederland Fire Protection District for their upcoming vehicle extrication training course. Parks Manager Dunn stated that the 1996 Subaru and 2001 Chevy Suburban are eligible for donation due to both being in a state of disrepair, causing neither to yield enough financial return for the Town if they were to auction or scrap them.

*The Nederland Board of Trustees meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 7 p.m. and can be attended either online or in person at the Nederland Community Center. For more information go to: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>.*

## What's Happening at Gilpin County Parks & Recreation

### Gilpin County Community Center, 250 Norton Drive

[bit.ly/gilpinparksandrec](http://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, 25.  
Youth Soccer and Adult Volleyball will run as planned at Pete Gones Memorial Park.

#### Now Hiring:

We are hiring for a part-time guest services representative. For more information and other job opportunities, visit our website <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/careers>.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Buck for the Badge

Saturday, September 7 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 - children 12 and under free. Bull riding, mutton bustin', Air Life. For questions and sponsorships 720-934-0297 or 303-589-0682.

#### 4th Annual Shelby Allen Memorial Scholarship Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, September 7, games start at 9 a.m. Games are played Pete Gones Memorial Park. Registration fees contribute to the scholarship fund. Other donations accepted at [www.shelbyallen.org](http://www.shelbyallen.org). Four players per team, each team must have at least one female, double elimination, games played to 15 points. Registration fee: \$40 per team.

#### Gilpin County Farmers Market

Saturday, September 7. Join us for vendors,

live music and more at the Farmers Market, 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.

#### Food and Clothing Drive:

Saturday, September 7 at 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at 101 Norton Drive. Bring things like non-perishable food and gently used clothing for the Gilpin County Food Pantry and Ermels Thrift Store.

#### Outdoor gear rentals NOW AVAILABLE at the Community Center made possible by our partnership with ACA!

Outdoor gear can be rented Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Prices vary for gear rentals. For more information please visit <https://www.alwayschooseadventures.org/gearlibrary>.

#### 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.

#### We're Still Dancing Fundraiser Dance Party and Celebration presented by the Friends of the Gilpin County Community Center

Saturday, September 28 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. held at the Gilpin County Community Center. Ticket prices are per person and

includes food and beverages. Adults: \$30, teens (13-19) / seniors (60+) : \$20, children (5-12): \$10, under 5: free. Optional costume and dance contests. Tickets available at <https://tinyurl.com/FGCCC-Dance>, in person at the community center, or call 303-582-1453.

#### Spooky Trick or Treat Stroll

Friday, October 25, 5 - 8 p.m. at the Gilpin County Community Center. School Carnival, Haunted Trail, JKQ, and more. A fundraiser for school clubs.

#### Youth Camp (Licensed Child Care):

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Complicated land agreements stall development

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

The Nederland Planning Commission met on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, to review the monthly Town staff reports. Commissioners spent the majority of the meeting discussing the feasibility of developing 12 Town-owned properties for housing.

On May 7, 2024, the Nederland Board of Trustees (BOT) approved utilizing \$6,000 of acquired American Rescue Plan Act funds for title searches on the Town's 12 vacant properties.

Town staff worked with Fidelity Title Company and reported to the BOT on August 6 that further feasibility studies, including hiring a contractor for site assessments and surveying, were

required to determine the full scope of the properties' eligibility to be developed.

Commissioners were tasked with reviewing the available title information, plats, and other relevant documents for the properties and providing guidance to Town staff on whether deeper assessments of the properties are required.

The considered properties are; 0 Indian Peaks Drive, 100 Sundown Trail, 62 Navajo Trail, 64 Navajo Trail, 73 Sundance Circle, 0 Big Springs Drive, 0 West Spruce Street, 0 West Pine Street, 0 Peak to Peak Highway, 11 Navajo Trail, 51 Doe Trail, and 32 Wildewood Lane.

Most of the properties were donated or gifted to the Town through agreements, many of which were noted by Nederland's Community Planner

Britt DeMinck to include covenants, protections, and easements which made them unviable for development.

The Commission provided DeMinck with additional historical context for many of the properties, including parcels in the Big Springs neighborhood that were once considered for emergency egress routes.

Commissioners agreed that they need more information on the involved land agreements before they are able to provide any recommendations to the BOT regarding land use.

DeMinck presented to the Commission the staff reports for late July / early August from each Town Works department, from Town Clerk, Planner, Public Engagement, and Treasurer, from Boulder County Sheriff's Office, from Emergency Services, and from the Community Center.

Town Treasurer Rita Six's staff report indicated that budget discussions have begun across all Town departments, with draft budgets to be reviewed by the BOT in September and October.

The Commission asked if there was enough in Town staff's equipment budget for the purchase of a new laptop, referring to new Town Administrator Jonathan Cain's request to the BOT in his staff report. DeMinck noted that the equipment budget is very small and that most Town staff laptops are close to ten years old.

DeMinck's own report listed her work in code enforcement over the last month, noting that complaints about abandoned

RVs, specifically one in Nederland's Central Business District, are being investigated and managed. DeMinck also discussed creating a volunteer program to assist disabled and/or aging-in-place residents whose unkempt properties are in violation of Town code.

Streets Department Supervisor Joshua Davis reported that primary roads in Big Springs have been graded, and that crews are also completing yearly culvert cleaning. The Streets Department is actively preparing for the winter season, with public engagement being planned pertaining to education on the department's plowing operations.

DeMinck also noted that she and representatives from Fehr and Peers were present at the Nederland Farmers Market for community outreach about the Multimodal Transportation Plan. Locals attending the market were provided an opportunity to share their concerns regarding traffic in town.

Fehr and Peers will be holding one final stakeholder meeting, as well as one more public engagement session, before submitting the plan and draft recommendations to the BOT in October.

*The Nederland Planning Commission meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. Meetings can be attended online via WebEx. For more information: <https://townofnederland.colorado.gov/planning-commission>.*

What has happened to my newspaper? We moved things around last minute for a press change. Bear with us, we are almost there with the new design and printer.  
**WWW.THEMTNEAR.COM**

**Public Notice**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 29-1-106, notice is hereby given that a proposed budget will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), County of Gilpin, Colorado, for the ensuing year 2025. A copy of the Proposed Budget was given to the BoCC on September 3rd, 2024, and will have a presentation at their meeting on September 10th, 2024. A copy of such proposed budget is open for public inspection at the Gilpin County Courthouse (2nd Floor), located at 203 Eureka Street, Central City, Colorado, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. There will be a public hearing on the proposed budget at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, to be held at the Gilpin County Courthouse on the 10th day of December, 2024. Any interested elector within Gilpin County may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget.  
*Joe Allaire  
Finance Director  
County of Gilpin  
State of Colorado*

**Public Notice**  
Gilpin Combined Court  
2960 Dory Hill Road  
Suite 200  
Black Hawk, CO 80422  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:**  
**THOMAS M. MILLER, also known as THOMAS MAC MILLER, and as THOMAS MILLER, and as TOM M. MILLER, and as TOM MILLER**  
Deceased ▲ Court Use Only ▲  
Attorneys for the Applicant:  
FLANDERS, ELSBERG, HERBER & DUNN, LLC  
Elizabeth A. Montague Atty. Reg. No. 35699  
401 Main St., Suite 1, Longmont, CO 80501  
Phone: 303-776-5380 Fax: 303-776-8102  
email: [betlu@flanderslaw.com](mailto:betlu@flanderslaw.com)  
Case Number:  
**2024PR30010**  
Division: Courtroom:  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS\***  
Estate of Thomas M. Miller, also known as Thomas Mac Miller, and as Thomas Miller, and as Tom M. Miller, and as Tom Miller, Deceased  
Case No. 2024PR30010  
All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to the District Court of Gilpin County, Colorado, on or before December 23, 2024, or the claims may be forever barred.  
Personal Representative: Nancy D. Miller  
56 Flanders, Elsberg, Herber & Dunn, LLC  
401 Main St., Ste. 1  
Longmont, CO 80501

# What is Nederland's CWPP?: Part 1- How we get there

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY  
NEDERLAND

In late July, 2024, fires raged across the Front Range. As Nederland residents followed updates on the Alexander Mountain Fire in Longmont, the Quarry Fire in Boulder, and the Stone Canyon Fire in Lyons, suddenly the Lake Shore Fire began near Gross Reservoir. Then, as social media came alive with concerned residents sharing updates and tips for personal evacuation plans, another small fire sparked in Boulder County, started by tourists lighting off fireworks.

The intense "fire season" experienced in the mountains this year created a stir in the community, causing newer residents to register their phone numbers with Everbridge, download the Watch Duty app, and prepare their go-bags. Older residents shared advice, provided historical context, and lamented about the perceived lack of preventive actions from the local authorities.

However, several forest and fire protection entities, local authorities, and professional organizations have worked together for two years to update a definitive plan which encompasses many areas of concern shared by residents, including preparing one's home for wildfire, evacuation preparedness, and creating resilient landscapes.

The Nederland and Timberline Fire Protection Districts' Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) has been in development for two years, in tandem with both Boulder County's

and Gilpin County's protection plans.

The Mountain-Ear first reported on the Nederland and Timberline CWPP in July 2023 with the article "CWPP: Protecting the community from wildfires" by Omayra Acevedo.

<https://www.themtneare.com/articles/cwpp-protecting-the-community-from-wildfires/>

In that article, Kirin Riddell, Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator, explained how a CWPP serves the community.

"Knowing about these actions by familiarizing themselves with the CWPP will allow community members to understand how they can participate in collective community action on wildfire preparedness and take a leading role in turning plans into reality in their neighborhoods and landscapes," Riddell said.

"Additionally, identifying priority projects and actions in a CWPP can open the door to discovering sources of funding for those projects."

The Boulder Watershed Collective (BWC) began the preliminary outreach for drafting the region's CWPP update back in 2022. BWC facilitated the project, which included gathering and managing the many partners that were to collaborate on the plan.

"The end result may be a lot of information to digest but it's important for people to see the effort put into it," Nederland Fire Protection District's (NFPD) Fire Marshal Andrew Joslin told *The Mountain-Ear*.

*continued on page 25*



# Central City Council concludes contentious SOB debate

MINDY LEARY  
CENTRAL CITY

After months of heated discussions, the Central City Council has finally wrapped up its debate on sexually oriented businesses (SOBs), albeit with a compromise that left most residents satisfied.

Tuesday's meeting saw council members approve several ordinances and resolutions regulating SOBs, moving the controversial issue towards a conclusion.

The council of three, with Jeff Aiken serving as chair in the rare case of the recusals of both Mayor Jeremy Fey and Mayor Pro-tem Kara Tinucci, unanimously approved Ordinance No. 24-02. The ordinance amends the city's municipal code and restricts SOBs to industrial zones. This move is aimed at containing the businesses' impact on the community.

Ordinance No. 24-03 passed on second reading, amending the code with specific licensing requirements for SOBs. The ordinance mandates restrictions on stage requirements and tip boxes: all tips must be placed in permanently affixed containers, prohibiting direct tipping of performers; and the performers must be on a stage, effectively precluding physical contact

with patrons.

Alderman Todd Williams supported loosening the regulations but, after some discussion, withdrew his motion to omit the regulations concerning tip boxes and stages.

Aiken said if changes to regulations are desired in the future, then any SOB establishment can come to the council.

A proposal to put an advisory question on the November ballot about SOBs was tabled, effectively killing the measure. Many residents argued that ample opportunities had already been given for public input, rendering a ballot question redundant.

Williams, who voted against tabling the ballot question, suggested that fear of backlash might be preventing SOB supporters from voicing their opinions publicly, a claim met with skepticism by those calling for tighter SOB restrictions.

The council's votes on SOBs concluded with applause.

In addition to the SOB debate, the council tackled several other pressing issues. They approved a task order for W2 Engineers, LLC, to design a new water treatment facility, a critical project due to current capacity shortfalls. Despite Fey's concerns about costs, City Manager Daniel Miera emphasized the necessity of



PHOTO BY MINDY LEARY

## Cheers as controversy ends

The Central City community celebrates as the contentious debate over the regulation of sexually-oriented businesses reaches its conclusion at the September 3 City Council meeting, marking the end of a heated chapter in local politics.

being shovel-ready in order to secure federal funding before 2026.

Miera said partial funding is available, but, ironically, they cannot apply for the funding without the design. The resolution passed 4 to 1 with Fey voting nay. Miera said he will create a document to show the funding structures.

A sidewalk trail project along Lawrence Street, part of the 2020 Trails Master Plan, was also greenlit, along with the approval of the Halloween Spooktacular event set for October.

Mary Ann Yuthas, of the Central City Main Street Commission, is organizing the unique event in the likeness of Disney's "Haunted Mansion," with elaborate decor to turn Central into a Victorian haunted village. There will be pop-up bars with specialty drinks for the final three weeks of October, with the event taking place on October 19, 26, and 31, beginning at 5 p.m.

Clara Brown Day is set for September

21, with festivities planned from 1 to 3 p.m. In honor of Clara Brown, the decision was made to rename County Road Street to Clara Brown Way. As the next step, residents affected by the street name change will be contacted as part of the implementation process.

As the council works to balance regulatory measures with community sentiment, the question remains whether these actions will be enough to quell ongoing debates. For now, Central City residents will watch closely as these newly enacted ordinances take effect. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

*The next regular meeting of the Central City Council is scheduled for September 17, 2024, and will be held at Central City Hall, 141 Nevada Street, second floor; or online via Zoom. Information can be found on the City website, [centralcity.colorado.gov/meetings](http://centralcity.colorado.gov/meetings).*

# What is Nederland's CWPP?: Part 1- How we get there

*continued from page 24*

"(BWC) did an amazing job keeping everyone together and moving it forward; and there was so much effort put into getting more of a collaborative input from our community, which is extremely important to us."

Community outreach was a major focus of the entire process, as BWC's experience in drafting similar plans across the Peak to Peak area informed them that resident involvement is the key to creating a successful plan.

"They've done these plans across the county," Joslin explained. "They're experienced with working with all the different stakeholders, creating a process, and they have a formula to create these plans. They have input from tons of different experts and then they ask us for that localized input and to make the plan pertinent to our jurisdiction."

The Mountain-Ear reported in April 2024 that a draft of the CWPP, which had been informed by community outreach, was going to be released to the public for even further review, with those additional comments from residents to affect the final draft of the plan.

This extended period of outreach was reported in the article "Nederland/TFPD CWPP update" by Wes Isenhardt.

<https://www.themtnear.com/articles/nederland-tfpd-cwpp-update/>

Meg Halford, Wildfire Partners Forest and Grasslands Project Coordinator for Boulder County, spoke to The Mountain-Ear about the County's contributions to

the formation of Nederland and Timberline's CWPP, and about their successes in community outreach.

"County level plans are really the umbrella for local level plans," Halford said. "It really is to augment those local level efforts and get local districts to inform us on what we can do to support them."

"We had representation from the County Office of Disaster Management, from the Sheriff's Office, and from local fire protection districts, and it was this core team informing that whole assessment and planning process," Halford explained.

"Then the biggest part was the community engagement across the county. We promised the public that we wanted their feedback, we wanted their input, to hear their concerns, challenges, and needs so to be sure that we can integrate it all. And the public really showed up, which is fantastic."

Halford noted that engagement from the community has always been an issue in Boulder County.

"I've been in some form or fashion involved in CWPPs in the last 25 years and back in the olden days when you had a public event you usually had two or three people showing up and there was no input," Halford said.

Halford added that the engagement process for the County's CWPP update this time around was more proactive than in the past. More than nine outreach events were planned across all corners of the county, and an online survey was released which yielded close to 1,800 responses.

On August 20, 2024, Maya

MacHamer, Director of BWC, Applied Social Scientist Erin Fried, and BWC Consultant Julien Blundell delivered a presentation to the Nederland Board of Trustees, providing them with an update on the status of the CWPP.

The presentation was covered in the article "TEENS, Inc. childcare lease in process."

<https://www.themtnear.com/articles/teens-inc-childcare-lease-in-process/>

Regarding community engagement, BWC's presentation to the Board highlighted that three "Community Visioning Workshops" were held in 2022, as well as 38 interviews. In 2023, BWC hosted a CWPP "Kickoff Meeting" and four "Mapping Community Workshops," as well as releasing an online survey.

NFPD Fire Chief Charlie Schmidtman spoke to The Mountain-Ear about BWC's efforts in engaging Nederland residents.

"They have gone, in my mind,

above and beyond reaching out to the communities and neighborhoods," Schmidtman said. "But it wasn't as well attended as I would've hoped."

According to BWC's projections in their presentation, the outreach events in 2022 and 2023 were attended by a total amount of 193 residents, which includes the responses to the online survey.

*The Mountain-Ear's coverage of Nederland's CWPP will continue next week with a deep dive into what each of the collaborative partners contributed to the plan, and on how the plan encourages programs about wildfire resilience that can be, and already have been, implemented.*

To view the full 263 page CWPP, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/CWPP2024>.

## 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](http://www.nederlandco.org). Copies of Ordinance No. 866 are available for inspection by the public on the Town's website: [www.nederlandco.org](http://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/>

## Missing hiker near Lake Isabelle located deceased

RYAN SINGER  
BOULDER COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE

On Monday, August 26, 2024, at approximately 11:30 a.m., the Boulder County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a call regarding an overdue camper. The 36-year-old male was reportedly hiking and camping in the

area of Lake Isabelle, in the Indian Peaks Wilderness, accessed from the Brainard Lake Recreation Area. The camper was due to return the morning of August 26. When he did not check-in or show up, family members reported him missing.

The missing male's vehicle was located in the parking lot at Brainard Lake, prompting Boulder County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services to initiate a search. Based on reports from the family

as well as using information from the missing party's Garmin GPS device, a search was conducted in the area with ground searchers, dog teams, and a helicopter. Search teams located a deceased male, believed to be the missing party near Shoshoni Peak at approximately 5:30 p.m. on August 26.

Due to the remote location and technical terrain, it was unsafe to conduct the recovery operation that night. Rescue teams returned on August 27, 2024, to conduct the recovery. Rescuers from Rocky Mountain Rescue Group assisted by a helicopter from the Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control were able to recover the deceased male and transport

him to investigators from the Boulder County Sheriff's Office and the Boulder County Coroner's Office.

The Boulder County Coroner's Office will determine the identification of the climber, as well as the cause and manner of death. At this time, the death does not appear to be suspicious in nature.

Agencies assisting with this rescue effort included: Boulder County Sheriff's Office, Boulder Emergency Squad, Colorado Search and Rescue Association, Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control, Front Range Rescue Dogs, Medevac, and Rocky Mountain Rescue Group.

*The associated Boulder County Sheriff's Office case number is: #24-04366.*

## Missing hiker near Middle St. Vrain Trailhead found deceased

SERGEANT JASON SHATEK  
BOULDER COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE

On Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 10:43 p.m., the Boulder County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a call regarding an overdue hiker. The 67-year-old male was reportedly hiking, climbing, and camping in the area of the Middle St. Vrain trailhead, near the Camp Dick Campground located at 50,000 Peak to Peak Highway, North of Nederland.

The camper was due to return on August 29. When he did not check-in or show up, family members reported him missing. The missing male's vehicle was located in the parking lot at the Middle St. Vrain Trailhead, prompting Boulder County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services to initiate a search. Based on reports from the family, a search was conducted in the area with ground searchers and dog teams. Search teams located a deceased male, believed to be the missing party in a scree field near

the trailhead at approximately 1 p.m. on August 31.

Rescuers from Rocky Mountain Rescue Group were able to recover the deceased male and transport him to investigators from the Boulder County Sheriff's Office and the Boulder County Coroner's Office. The Boulder County Coroner's Office will determine the identification of the climber, as well as the cause and manner of death. At this time, the death does not appear to be suspicious in nature.

Agencies assisting with this rescue effort included: Boulder County Sheriff's Office, Boulder County Emergency Services, Boulder Emergency Squad, Larimer County Search and Rescue, Douglas County Search and Rescue, Alpine Search and Rescue, Front Range Rescue Dogs, Rescue Patrol, Boulder County Mounted Search and Rescue, and the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group.

*The associated Boulder County Sheriff's Office case number is: #24-04450.*

## Trooper Tips: Get ready - the seasons change fast

SERGEANT PATRICK RICE  
COLORADO STATE PATROL

It's hard to believe that August is in the books. Sometimes we get dizzy trying to keep up. We just thawed out from last winter and now we must prepare for the next one.

Kids are back in school, vacation is over, and it's time to settle in for another Colorado winter. But we live here because we love the contrast of the seasons. It's part of what makes Colorado so beautiful and a bragging right for Coloradoans everywhere. I hear many lifelong Coloradoans tell me it's the people moving in from out of state that cause problems on our roads. Those Californians and Texans don't know how to drive, right?!

Well, as a Colorado peace officer with more than two decades under my belt, I'd like to insert an age-old truth bomb right

here: When you are pointing your finger at someone else, you have three others pointing right back at you. If we want to wear the badge of "Colorado mountain drivers," we need to do our part to hold the positive image we see in ourselves as true.

We need to ensure our car's engines are in good working order for both hot and cold weather, as well as our air conditioners and heaters. It's just as important to keep our passengers safe in a climate-controlled vehicle as it is to make sure we don't stall or break down. We need to have ample supplies for any weather condition if we are stranded in traffic behind those less prepared. We need to top off our windshield fluid with the fluid that has antifreeze and make sure our wipers are in good condition.

Most important of all, we need to check our tires and make sure they are properly inflated and have plenty of tread. If your car needs to have chains, cables, or socks, make sure they are in the trunk and in good working order. Got all your jack parts? Do you know where that locking lug nut tool is? You'll wish you did when you need to use it.

A big part of being a good Colorado driver is preparation. So, take this as your annual reminder to check your car before you head to the high country, no matter the conditions. Because once you're stuck, mountain weather can change very quickly and be treacherous.

## Clear Creek Sheriff's Office Submits Affidavit in Homicide Investigation

JENNY FULTON  
STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION  
MANAGER  
CLEAR CREEK COUNTY

On August 30, 2024, the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) submitted an affidavit for the following charges be to filed against Sergio Ferrer (DOB 07/20/88), in connection with the homicide of Paul Peavey, 57:

- First Degree Murder
- Felony Murder
- Aggravated Robbery

On Saturday, August 24, a privately organized search party discovered Mr. Peavey's body just before noon. The Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Georgetown Police Department, arrested Ferrer at 4 p.m. that day, within hours of Mr. Peavey's body being discovered. Ferrer was arrested on an unrelated warrant out of Nebraska for Failure to Appear on a weapons charge. At the time of his arrest, Ferrer was considered a person of interest in Mr. Peavey's homicide investigation.

Investigators with the Sheriff's Office, Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), and the 5th Judicial District Attorney's

Office, along with assistance from the Summit County Sheriff's Office, have since been able to establish enough evidence to support today's recommended charges related to the homicide investigation. The District Attorney's Office will determine final charges to be filed.

Mr. Peavey had last been heard from on the night of August 19 and was reported missing the evening of Wednesday, August 21. Yesterday, the Clear Creek County Coroner's Office completed the autopsy and confirmed the manner of death as a homicide. The time of death is consistent with the timeframe that Mr. Peavey was last heard from, and the cause of death is consistent with a gunshot wound.

No additional information regarding the investigation will be provided at this time.

Individuals facing criminal charges are presumed innocent until proven otherwise.

*The investigation into Mr. Peavey's death continues, including the investigation into his Doberman puppies that are still unaccounted for. Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to call the Sheriff's Office tip line at 303-670-7567, or submit a tip via email at [crime\\_tips@clearcreeksheriff.us](mailto:crime_tips@clearcreeksheriff.us) or anonymously via the CCSO website at <https://bit.ly/CCSOCrimeTips>.*

*At any given moment you have the power to say: This is not how the story is going to end.*  
- Christine Mason Miller

**Nederland Community  
Presbyterian Church**

Online sermons are  
available at

<https://www.nederlandpres.org/>

210 N Jefferson St, Nederland  
303-258-3579



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



**Advertise in The Mountain-Ear**

If your business wants to reach the MOST readers in the entire Peak to Peak region, EVERY WEEK, advertise in *The Mountain-Ear*. Find out more here!

# Central City-Clear Creek Superfund meeting

WES ISENHART  
GILPIN COUNTY AND CLEAR CREEK COUNTY

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a third meeting on August 28, 2024, on the status of cleaning up the Central City-Clear Creek Superfund site. The public meeting was held at the Idaho Springs City Hall.

The current cleanup effort is still in an evaluation phase, called a Feasibility Study, which is determining which properties have a health risk and how they should be cleaned up.

CDPHE Communication Specialist Branden Ingersoll acted as the moderator for the meeting, which included representatives and presentations from both CDPHE and the EPA.

The meeting featured a history of the site and a review of the Superfund process. After the presentations, the public's questions were taken for over an hour.

Ingersoll started the presentations by talking about the Colorado Mineral Belt, which is a highly mineralized geological area that spans Boulder to Durango, and the impact of precious metals mining on the environment during the 1800s.

In order to extract those precious metals, Ingersoll noted, mining for ore produces two kinds of waste. There is waste rock, which is excess material that comes from excavating the tunnels. It can contain significant levels

of heavy metals like lead, arsenic, and cadmium.

The second kind of waste is called mill tailings, the byproduct of the extraction of precious metals. The ore was ground into a powder and then leaching techniques were used to separate the precious metals. The discarded tailings can also contain significant levels of lead, arsenic, and cadmium.

Both waste rock and mill tailings were left in piles around the mines and mills, containing potentially hazardous waste. Ingersoll cautioned people from playing or driving ATVs on these piles, since that activity can stir up the heavy metals, which can then be inhaled by any living creature.

The current cleanup effort, called Operable Unit 5 (OU5), is focused on cleaning up waste piles on private property in order to protect the health of those living nearby. Previous cleanup efforts (OU1 through OU4) concentrated on building water treatment plants, removing or capping waste piles on public property, and testing domestic wells.

In detailing the process for completing an Operable Unit, Ingersoll highlighted the Feasibility Study step. This is where the agencies assess what practical scientific solutions are available, how much they will cost, and how long they will take. The agencies are hoping to complete this step this fall so they can produce a Proposed Plan and Record of Decision which will lead by next summer to contracts and implementation of the remedial plan.

A lengthy question-and-answer segment followed Ingersoll's presentation. Both in-person and online participants were primarily concerned with immediate health risks and property valuations of the affected properties. The agencies said that they will have some real estate experts at future meetings to answer property valuation questions.

One intriguing question concerned letting private contractors reprocess the piles using modern techniques in order to further extract any remaining precious metals, which would offset the costs of remediation.

A recording of the meeting with its PowerPoint slides can be found at the CDPHE website ([cdphe.colorado.gov/](http://cdphe.colorado.gov/)

[hm/central-city-clear-creek](http://hm/central-city-clear-creek)). It is the August 28, 2024, meeting recording under Presentations.

The next OU5 Superfund meeting will be held on October 3, 2024, at the Old Gilpin County Courthouse in Central City.

For more information about the Central City-Clear Creek Superfund OU5 project, contact Branden Ingersoll (720-810-7912 or [Branden.Ingersoll@state.co.us](mailto:Branden.Ingersoll@state.co.us)), or Angela Zachman (720-614-4842). Gilpin County Public Health Director Alisa Witt (303-582-5803 or [awitt@gilpincounty.org](mailto:awitt@gilpincounty.org)) can also answer questions about lead and other heavy metal contamination.




## SEPTEMBER RECIPES

### No-Churn Ice Cream

This is a guilty pleasure, for sure! But it's incredibly easy, and as delicious as any ice cream you find in a shop. And other than whipping cream, all the ingredients are right there in your pantry or freezer.

Makes about 2 pints. Easily cut in half. You need one 5" x 9" bread pan, or two smaller ones, kept in the freezer.

**Ingredients and directions:**

14-oz can of sweetened condensed milk. Not only is this our sweetener, but it also helps the rest of our ingredients become ice cream! Make sure you use sweetened condensed milk and not evaporated milk.

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

A pinch of salt. This brings out the flavor and balances the sweetness of the ice cream.

2 cups (one pint) heavy cream or whipping cream (they are really the same thing), very cold.

1 Tbsp of spirits of your choice. I've used rum, tequila, and Bailey's (my favorite). This is optional, but will make your ice cream closer to the texture of soft-serve.

In a large bowl, whisk together the condensed milk, vanilla, and salt. Add any add-ins at this point.

Pour the cream into a chilled metal bowl and beat to stiff peaks.

Fold the whipped cream into the condensed milk mixture until combined.

Scrape the ice cream into the bread pan(s) with a rubber or silicone spatula; press plastic wrap over the surface, and freeze for at least 4 hours. Lick the spatula for a foretaste of heaven!

You can mix into the condensed milk mixture:

- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- Frozen, partially defrosted strawberries or raspberries
- Lemon curd
- Crushed Oreo or other cookies, or a candy bar
- 2 Tbsp instant coffee or espresso granules (this goes well with chocolate, too)

Be creative!



June-October  
FIRST  
SATURDAYS  
10 am - 3 pm

Gilpin County  
FARMERS MARKET

GILPIN  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
250 NORTON DR.

LOCAL VENDORS!  
LIVE MUSIC!

GREAT FOOD!  
FAMILY FUN!

2024 dates:  
June 1  
July 6  
August 3  
September 7  
October 5

# No two offices: Black Hawk/Gilpin joint resolution

MINDY LEARY  
BLACK HAWK

The Black Hawk City Council convened on August 28, 2024, at 3 p.m. with Zane Plsek ringing the bell to commence the meeting. Plsek is the newest member of the Black Hawk/Central City Sanitation District and is also a Central City Council candidate.

Mayor David Spellman called the meeting to order, with Aldermen Paul Bennet, Jim Johnson, Greg Moates, Benito Torres, Linda Armbright, and Hal Midcap present.

During council comments, Torres expressed concerns regarding the issue of Sexually Oriented Businesses (SOBs) and criticized Central City Mayor Jeremy Fey for attempting to hold two political positions simultaneously.

"[Fey] understands that most people are opposed to the SOB. He has that message loud and clear.... Here's the thing: trying to make believe that you can have two political positions at the same time and increase your power, hoping that by gaining more power you can somehow impose the SOBs on the rest of the community... it's probably the dumbest move I've seen in a long time," said Torres.

The council then took up several action items, including the following resolutions:

Resolution 71-2024 was approved, granting a temporary construction easement between the city and the Mary Kay and Gerhard L. Schopen Joint Tenancy for improvements at 311 High Street. The city anticipates issuing a notice on September 12 to proceed for the construction project.

Resolution 72-2024, a joint resolution, was passed, finding that the offices of the Mayor or Alderman of the City of Central or City of Black Hawk and Gilpin County Commissioner are incompatible and that the Doctrine of Incompatible Offices applies.

This comes in the wake of Fey running for the District 1 County Commissioner seat while holding the office of Mayor in Central City.

The resolution states: "WHEREAS, Black Hawk, Central City, and Gilpin County believe that the offices of Mayor or Alderman and County Commissioner are incompatible as a matter of law under the doctrine of incompatible offices because the duties of one office cannot be faithfully discharged without interfering with the faithful discharge of the duties of the other under the structure of Colorado law..."

City Attorney Corey Hoffman reported that Gilpin County had adopted the resolution the previous day.

He said, "Frankly, the City of Black Hawk has always known [this doctrine]

was a doctrine that prevented a member of the Board of Aldermen or the Mayor from sitting as a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County."

He mentioned allegiance and divided loyalty, saying the premise is to serve one entity faithfully. He echoed County Manager Ray Rears when he said, "It's also an issue of good governance."

Resolution 73-2024 was also approved, specifically finding that the offices of the Mayor of Central City and Gilpin County Commissioner are incompatible.

The resolution concludes: "The acceptance of any of the above offices while holding one of the incompatible offices as set forth herein must result in immediate and automatic vacation of the person's previous elected position."

Spellman pointed out the differences between the resolutions: the first is a joint resolution and the second is specific to Black Hawk. He mentioned that they are considering a charter change to clarify their position.

The meeting concluded with an executive session to receive legal advice regarding City-owned land on Gregory Hill, the Gregory Street HARD District, and other City properties.

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m. following the executive session.

*The next regular meeting of the Black Hawk City Council is scheduled for September 11, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 211 Church Street, Black Hawk, Colorado.*



PHOTO BY MINDY LEARY

### Council stands strong on dual office ban

The Black Hawk City Council has passed a joint resolution along with a separate City resolution prohibiting the holding of dual offices, such as Mayor and Commissioner. The decision follows Central City Mayor Fey's announcement of his candidacy for Gilpin County Commissioner.



**A SIGNPOST IN THE WILDERNESS**

*Peak to Peak Counseling*

- Coaching
- Play Therapy
- Teens
- Families
- Adults
- Couples

**Amy Skinner**  
MA, LPC, NCC, ACS, RPT-S  
303.258.7454  
Downtown Nederland  
peaktopeakcounseling.com

**We Can Do It!**

**Mountain Maidz**

- House Cleaning
- Moveouts
- Construction Cleanouts

**Nancy Reynolds 720-369-4733**

Pam Harrington  
303-748-0289

Get a taste of the "Good Life" today!

**Good Life Pilates**

www.goodlifepilates.com

**HUB NED COWORKING**

80 Big Springs Dr. Nederland, CO  
www.hubned.com

**Murphy & Associates**

**Funeral Directors**  
Call: 303-530-4111  
Pager: 303-878-0967  
Email: services@murphyfuneraldirectors.com  
Boulder, Colorado  
Dignified • Personalized • Affordable • Professional

**COOPER PLUMBING & HEATING LLC**  
Nederland, Colorado

**Repair/Service Remodels New Construction**

Mark Cooper - Master Plumber  
720-258-5067

303-517-9658  
Alexandria Armitage, Broker

254 Bergren Rd.  
P.O. Box 1346  
Nederland, CO 80466

**www.nederlandproperty.com**  
HOME ON THE RANGE REAL ESTATE, INC.

**hairSTudio**  
Hair by Tracy

- Cuts • Color • Hi-Lights •
- Low Lights • Perms • Style •

**Tracy Tyrer 720.966.7676**

Over 300 properties closed

**CROCKER REALTY**

**Tony Thorpe 720-552-2127**  
Your Trusted Mountain Real Estate Specialist  
tony@buydenvernnow.com www.BuyDenverNow.com

Tamra K. Waltemath PC  
**Attorney at Law**

Specializing in Wills, Trusts, Living Wills, Power of Attorney, Elder Law, and Probate

303-657-0360  
tamra@waltemathlawoffice.com  
WaltemathLawOffice.com

melissasellsco@gmail.com  
www.melissasellsco.net

**HOME SMART**

MELISSA KLUCK  
720-388-0457

**Mark Cohen J.D., LL.M. ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
303-638-3410

Business, Real Estate, Land Use, Trials, Intellectual Property, and Litigation

*Distant Star Astrology*

For readings, call Karen Anderson  
**303-258-7258**

**HAPPY VALLEY Heating & Cooling LLC**

- Installation
- Repair
- Maintenance

**Rich Frank 720-237-9652**

Bin There **Dump** That™

720-524-3727

**Residential Friendly Dumpsters**  
www.dumpsterrentaldenver.org

# Langan on SOBs in Central City

MINDY LEARY  
CENTRAL CITY

The City of Central has been facing the possibility of licensing a Sexually-Oriented Business in its downtown area and the issue has stirred much debate.

Eric Langan, head of RCI Hospitality Holdings and Central City resident, has been working toward the goal of opening an SOB at 130 Main Street to be called Rick's Cabaret and Steakhouse. Initially, he had applied for a gaming license, but later withdrew the application.

According to RCI's website, "Our subsidiaries own and operate over forty establishments under multiple brands throughout the nation."

Some of the subsidiary names include PT's, Diamond Cabaret, and Rick's.

Langan, who serves on the Central City Downtown Development Authority, has been involved in City politics and regularly attends the City Council meetings.

He said he approached the City regarding the 130 Main Street property, discussed his plans, and, after receiving positive feedback, proceeded with the purchase.

Langan stated he has invested \$14 million in Central and invites locals to visit the Dallas/Fort Worth Rick's Cabaret website at ricksdfw.com to see his vision.

He added that four months before he bought the building, the Planning Commission voted 4 to 1 to reduce the current distance restriction on SOBs from 1,000 feet to 150 feet. He said he would not have bought the property if he believed the City would deny his intended use.

Recently, Langan and RCI filed a lawsuit against the City of Central, alleging violations of the 1st, 5th, and 14th amendments. They argue that the City's zoning ordinances effectively ban SOBs, constituting an unconstitutional

prior restraint on free expression and a violation of due process.

"I hate lawsuits, but I'm not afraid to use them if I have to," Langan said, noting that RCI may file a temporary injunction claiming the City's actions are retaliatory.

He further stated that even if the City bans nudity, federal courts have ruled that latex qualifies as clothing. He cited a successful lawsuit in Texas, where the state comptroller had to cover all legal fees.

Langan warned that Central could face similar consequences.

"If you're not offended, I'll show you what I mean." Upon agreeing, he demonstrated the difference between a bare breast and one covered with latex and makeup, sharing a photo on his phone of how closely the latex can resemble bare skin.

"Nudity draws people to our establishments, but it's not what keeps them there," Langan explained. "Ninety percent of our top girls sit in VIP rooms in dresses and drink champagne. A guy comes in and he wants to escape. The guy feels like, 'Oh, I've got it; oh, she's into me.' It's a temporary escape from reality."

When asked what he believes the City hopes to achieve, Langan responded sarcastically that they might hope to increase his legal fees, which they could end up paying if they lose the lawsuit.

"All they're doing is making it more unconstitutional," he said, referring to the First Amendment protections that SOBs have under freedom of expression.

Langan also referenced the Fort Collins "Free the Nip" case and other precedents, including a Chicago case where a hermaphroditic individual won a settlement for indecent exposure.

He emphasized that RCI has been using latex as clothing in Texas for 25 years and will find a way to operate in Central, either by adhering to or circumventing



PHOTO BY MINDY LEARY

**Langan weighs in**  
Eric Langan often speaks at the Central City Council meetings. He shares with *The Mountain-Ear*: Is toplessness even considered nudity by law? He said he will open Rick's Cabaret and Steakhouse in October.

regulations.

"We plan on opening sometime at the end of October, as a nightclub," Langan

concluded. "We'll have a fun place, we'll have good steaks, and everybody will see there's no monster under the bed."

## A-C PLUMBING

Service • Remodeling  
Construction • Licensed!

Lc# 189389  
Over 30 years in the area

**LEN CORTEZ, MASTER PLUMBER**

PH: 303-619-1952 acplumbingco@me.com

## NEDERLAND'S LOCAL INTERNET PROVIDER

We don't log, store, or sell your Internet usage data.

- Residential Broadband from \$29.99
- Kind, Professional & Local Support
- Free Installation (w/one year contract)

Now offering 100Mbps in Nederland!

Nedernet has been a locally owned and renewably powered business since 2003.

Call Today!  
303-258-7922

www.Nedernet.net

## Stunning Mountain Views!

New Listing

3 beds/3 baths • 3,333 SF • \$925,000 • 1.77 Acres  
43343 Peak to Peak Hwy, Ward • Adjacent to Open Space

## Mountain Home in Missouri Lakes!

Sold

3 beds/2 baths • 1,626 SF • \$699,000 • 2.23 Acres  
308 Pinon Circle, Black Hawk • 2 Separate Bldg Lots

Elevated Real Estate  
BY CATHERINE CAMP

RE/MAX ALLIANCE

Catherine Camp 303.748.5023

286 N. Bridge St., Nederland • 303.258.7020 • Each office independently owned & operated.

# Classifieds

## Firewood

**HIGH TIMBER FIREWOOD**  
Pine, Hardwood or Mix  
Immediate Delivery  
303-258-7942

## For Rent

**ROLLINSVILLE MINI-STORAGE**  
www.rollinsvilleministorage.com  
Ask us about our move-in special!  
303-258-0648

## For Sale

Lightly used welder (about 4 years old) and comes with all original equipment and manual. Can be used for stick, MIG, TIG (not included) and handles various wire sizes. Compact, lightweight, 110/220 volts and intuitive front panel digital controls. See online ad for photo at [www.themtneare.com/classifieds](http://www.themtneare.com/classifieds). \$1,200. 303-229-8919.

**YOUR AD HERE!**  
Looking to sell or buy?  
Have things you want to give away for free?  
You can place your classified here: <https://www.themtneare.com/classifieds-submission/>  
for just \$10 per week.

## Help Wanted

**Gilpin County is Hiring!**

**Clerk & Recorder:**  
Deputy Clerk-Motor Vehicle Tech (full time): \$19.13 - \$25.87  
Deputy Clerk-Motor Vehicle Tech (part time): \$19.13 - \$25.87

**CSU Extension Office:**  
CSU Extension - Office Assistant (part time): \$18.36 - \$24.79

**Dispatch:**  
Emergency Communications Dispatcher I: \$22.69 - \$31.78  
Emergency Communication Supervisor: \$55,100 - \$74,400

**Facilities Maintenance:**  
Facilities Maintenance Tech I: \$20.63 - \$28.89  
Maintenance Worker - (temporary): \$19.13 - \$25.87

**Parks & Recreation:**  
Child Camp Program Leader: \$15.77 - \$21.30  
Sports Official: \$20.63 - \$28.89

**Public Works:**  
Road and Bridge Worker (seasonal culvert crew): \$17.36 - \$23.46

**Senior Services:**  
Senior Services and Transportation Driver (part time): \$15.77 - \$21.30

**Sheriff's Office:**  
Deputy - Detentions - POST Certified: \$30.77 - \$43.77  
Deputy - Patrol - POST Certified: \$30.77 - \$43.77  
Detentions Officer - Non-Certified: \$27.88 - \$39.66  
Emergency Preparedness Specialist (Part time): \$31.39 - \$43.99  
Investigator: \$36.06 - \$51.29

See website for most up to date job list and details at <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/careers>

Need plow operator for local snow removal business with large client list in Nederland area. Base of operations in mid Gilpin County. Early morning starts and 10-13-hour shifts possible, plus shop work & equipment maintenance. Starting pay \$30/hour. Call (303) 819-2118 to apply.

Good People Tree Service is hiring. No experience necessary. \$20/hour. Clean driving record, reliable transportation and a good attitude are required. Must be able to lift 80lbs and work outdoors all day in all weather. Give us a call at 303-847-5221 and/or send your resume to [goodpeopletreeservice@gmail.com](mailto:goodpeopletreeservice@gmail.com).

Reasonably priced gutter, drywall and chimney installation needed. Also 4 dead and dried out pines that need removal. Will trade for free firewood. Also need someone to level a shed that's sitting cattywampus on a slope. Text (303)-503-3136.

## Services

**BRIGHTWOOD MUSIC OFFERS MUSIC LESSONS 7 DAYS A WEEK!** Brightwood Music lessons are available for all ages and abilities. Now offering socially distant, in-person lessons, Skype and Zoom lessons. To find out more about individual instructors, music lessons, or Brightwood Music in general, please call 303.258.8863

**BRIGHTWOOD MUSIC OFFERS INSTRUMENT REPAIRS.** Brightwood Music is located at 20 E Lakeview Dr., Unit 109 Nederland. Need to fix up that instrument you found in your grandpas attic? Found a bargain at the local thrift store, on that violin you always wanted? We offer regular luthier services. From restringing your instrument to detailed refret jobs and complete reconstruction! We are open Wednesday through Sunday and can normally get started on your repair the day you bring it in. Call 303.258.8863 for info!

# POETRY CORNER

Some words for the week

I wake in the night  
it is so dark  
and I was dreaming  
of being alone  
I don't know what to do  
but to stare into blackness  
and to feel lonely  
and it seems  
that the sun  
may never rise  
that the light will never come  
and then from your side  
of the bed  
I hear you rustling  
perhaps half awakened  
by my restlessness  
somehow you are  
attuned to me even in sleep  
and you put your arm over me  
and pull my back  
against your chest  
and this is enough for me  
all the darkness fades into day

*Alexander Shalom Joseph is a writer from Gilpin County. He is a published author. For more information and to subscribe to Alexander's Newsletter go to [alexandershalomjoseph.com](http://alexandershalomjoseph.com)*

**HUGE CHURCH & COMMUNITY YARD SALE!!!**

BUILDING MATERIALS,  
APPLIANCES,  
HOUSEHOLD,  
CLOTHING and MORE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
8:00 A.M. to 5 P.M.  
SEPT. 6-7

at CHRIST THE KING CHURCH  
\*972 Hwy 46 - Across Hwy 46 from the Gilpin County Rec. Center Rodeo Grounds

\$25 for a 10' x 10' space. Bring your own table, tent, etc... Christ the King Church is not responsible for accidents or damage to property.

FOR RESERVATIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMAIL:  
[bloominghills7@gmail.com](mailto:bloominghills7@gmail.com)

**SOMETHING FOR EVERY PET!**

**Tuesday - Friday**  
**10am - 6pm**

**Saturday**  
**10am - 4pm**

**CLOSED**

**SUNDAY & MONDAY**

**74 CO-72 Nederland, CO 303-258-3411**

**Current Job Openings for the City of Black Hawk**

Go to [www.cityofblackhawk.org](http://www.cityofblackhawk.org) and click on Job Openings for full Job Descriptions, Requirements, and to apply online.

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

**Operator IV: Colorado Class "A" Water Plant Operator** and Class 4 Distribution Systems Certifications required. A Water Utility Operator III will operate and maintain the water treatment plants, distribution system, raw water system, maintain and repair water mains, service lines, valves, pumps, and water-related appurtenances. This is the journey-level class in the Utility Operator series and is expected to perform a full range of all duties with minimal instruction and assistance. Excellent Benefits package (See Benefits). Apply Now: <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/>

**City of Black Hawk Benefits:**  
The City pays 90% of the medical premium and 100% coverage for dental, vision, group life, and short/long-term disability. The City offers an excellent retirement package with a guaranteed 8% match of base earnings and up to a 12% match based on employees' retirement election. Newly hired employees enjoy over seven weeks of combined annual leave (PTO and Sick), which increases with tenure. Additional benefits include an annual Health and Wellness Reimbursement allowance, an annual Uniform Allowance, a cell phone stipend, and membership to the Gilpin County Recreation Center. The City of Black Hawk conducts post-offer drug/alcohol testing as a condition of employment per the City's Drug and Alcohol Use policy. In addition, post-offer background investigations and physical exams are also required.

**Hiring Rule for Excellence**

**POLICE OFFICER (LATERAL OR POST-CERTIFIED ONLY),** Salary Range: \$78,981 - \$128,003 / Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. The City of Black Hawk is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer (POST certified or laterals). The position is responsible for performing public safety functions and for providing for the enforcement of federal, state, and municipal law. Excellent Benefits package (See Benefits). Apply Now: <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/>



**Every week.**

**We touch hearts.**

**We touch lives.**

**Together we build strength in communities and mountain love.**

**Subscribe now!**  
**Use coupon code SUMMER2024**

# Everybody's Reading It!



PHOTO BY TIMMY DUGGAN

**The Mountain-Ear is read beyond the Peak to Peak**  
Where do you read your copy of *The Mountain-Ear*? This chipmunk reads it in the doorway on a bright, sunny day.

Submit your photo to [info@themountaineer.com](mailto:info@themountaineer.com) for inclusion in an upcoming edition. Selected photos receive a free 90 day trial subscription to *The Mountain-Ear*.



## Friends of the Gilpin County Community Center

presents

# WE'RE STILL DANCING!



### A FUNDRAISER DANCE PARTY AND RE-OPENING CELEBRATION!

**NEW DATE!**

**SATURDAY, SEPT 28, 5:30 - 9 P.M.**

**GILPIN COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER  
250 NORTON DRIVE BLACK HAWK, CO**

**Dance into Fall With Us!**  
Celebrate the Center Reopening after Repairs!

Move to Music from the 1920's to the 2020's

Optional  
Costume and Dance Contests!  
Enter with a costume from your favorite decade!

**TICKET INFO**  
PRICES ARE PER PERSON AND INCLUDE FOOD AND BEVERAGES

ADULTS: \$30  
TEENS (13-19): \$20  
SENIORS (60+): \$20  
CHILDREN (5-12): \$10  
UNDER 5: FREE

**\$5 EXTRA FOR TICKETS PURCHASED AT THE DOOR**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW AT:  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/FGCCC-DANCE](https://tinyurl.com/fgccc-dance),  
IN PERSON AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER,  
OR CALL (303) 582-1453



Proceeds go to an on-demand video exercise system and the Heart of the Community Fund.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**



**SCAN FOR INFO**

**FORWARD TOGETHER**

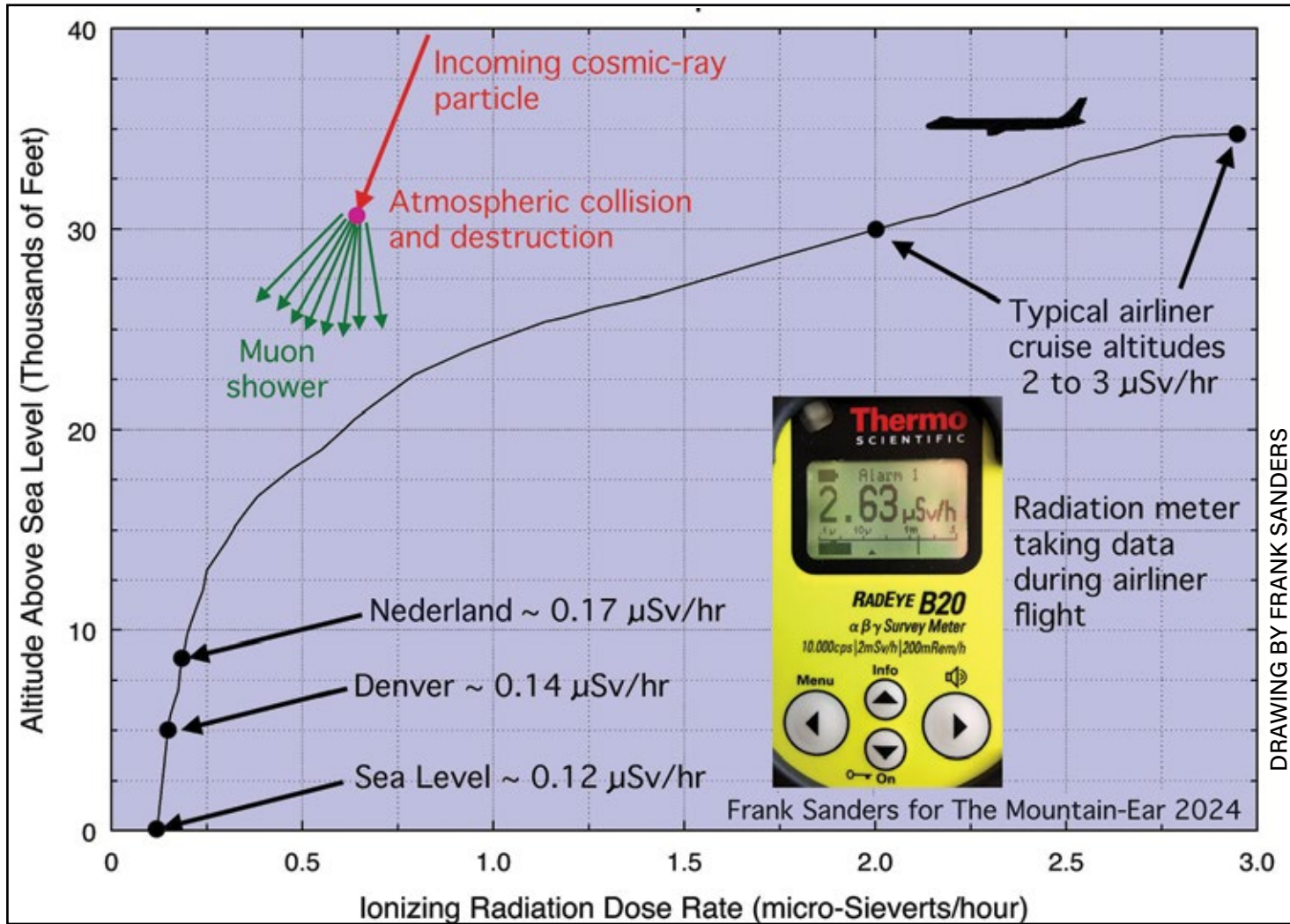
**GILPIN COUNTY COLORADO**

# CONNECT MORE

**The game show that turns awkward parenting talks into winning connections**

Watch and play along at [ForwardTogetherCO.com](http://ForwardTogetherCO.com)

# Nederland September Night Skies



over-all, the lower your health risk. But you always get some unavoidable exposure. That's true for radon gas; solar UV exposure; radiation from granites and sandstones; and cosmic rays.

I like the mountains; bring on the muons. Let's hear it for getting clobbered by super-cool things like black holes and supernovas.

**In September skies:**

**The sun** begins the month in Leo, entering Virgo on September 16. On the fall equinox (7:22 a.m. in Nederland on September 22), days equal nights at 12 hours each.

**The moon's** dates are: New September 2; First Quarter September 11; Full (Harvest or Corn Moon) September 17; Last Quarter September 24.

The moon will be in the middle of a partial eclipse when it rises at 7:40 p.m. on September 17.

**September Meteors:** The epsilon-Perseid shower (parent an unknown retrograde comet with ~ 1,000 year period) peaks on September 9.

**Best Sky Viewing Nights (Minimal Moon):** September 1-11 and 24-30.

**Sunset (Mid-Month):** Deneb is nearly overhead in the east; Vega is overhead; and Altair is in the south-southeast. Hercules with its striking M-13 globular cluster is overhead. Sagittarius, with our galactic center, is low in the south.

**Midnight (Mid-Month):** Auriga (the Charioteer) with brilliant-white Capella is in the northeast. Perseus is high in the east. Pegasus is nearly overhead while Altair sets in the west.

**Sunrise (Mid-Month):** Orion is due south. Procyon (Star Before the Dog) is high in the southeast. Cetus (the Whale) is low in the southwest.

**Mercury**, in Leo, is low in the eastern sky before dawn, not easily seen.

**Venus**, in Virgo, is the Evening Star, very low in the west just after sunset.

**Mars**, in Gemini, rises at midnight and is high in the southeast at dawn.

**Jupiter**, in Taurus, rises at 11 p.m. and is above Mars and to its right at dawn.

**Saturn** is in Aquarius opposite the sun, rising in the east at sunset; high in the south at midnight; and setting in the west at sunrise.

**Notable Space Missions:** Cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko returns to earth in late September, having spent a record-breaking three years in space on the International Space Station. The reusable Saturn V-class New Glenn heavy-lift launcher makes its first flight at the end of the month, from Cape Canaveral. If it works, the first stage will return and land itself on a barge in Port Canaveral while the second stage climbs to orbit.

*Frank Sanders, a spectrum scientist at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Boulder, takes astronomy-related inquiries at backyardastronomy1@gmail.com.*

**A visual explanation of how you have a connection to the universe**

Light-speed particles from across the universe blast high-energy muons into our bodies. The higher you go, the more you get, as verified by this author during airline flights. Note the radiation meter's alarm going off at about 33,000 feet.

**FRANK SANDERS  
TUNGSTEN VALLEY**

Here's a cosmic connection between you and the rest of the universe that you might never have considered. Every second of every day of your life, you are bombarded by high-energy radiation from black holes in galactic cores, and from exploding stars, called supernovas.

Deep space far beyond our solar system, it turns out, is full of big, heavy particles, the atomic cores of elements like iron and uranium, that are moving at 99.99 percent of the speed of light. These chunky babies are accelerated up to highway speed from the most energetic, explosive events in the universe. Some of them fly from the remotest reaches of space and time, from the earliest-birthing galaxies thirteen billion years ago.

When those heavy, light-speed locomotives slam into our upper atmosphere like atomic freight trains hitting a brick wall, they turn into showers of particles called muons (MEW-onz). Those muons rain down into the lower atmosphere and even reach the earth's surface.

Muons are like electrons, except they're over 200 times heavier. Their extra weight makes them unstable. They want to become regular electrons, which live forever. So, in a few millionths of a second, every muon turns itself into a boatload of pure energy plus a tiny, left-over, immortal electron.

Our connection is that dozens of cosmic-origin muons convert themselves into electrons, and dump their radiation loads in our bodies every second. The palm of your hand alone sees several such radioactive muons decay every second. I know because years ago I measured those muon crack-ups in a palm-sized slab of Plexiglass in a basement physics-lab experiment at CU Denver.

Our bodies are bathed in muons from cosmic rays from galactic black holes and supernovas, wherever we go and whatever we do, throughout our lives. Go indoors or below ground; it makes no difference. Muons reach, and strike, all.

So like, wow.

Muons damage cellular DNA. Our bodies mostly repair the damage, but with the passage of years some broken DNA

accumulates; it can become cancerous. The longer we live, the higher our cumulative risk. We can beat that risk, but only by dying young. Wink.

Cosmic-ray muons are more plentiful at higher altitudes. I've verified this with a radiation meter on boring, long-distance, high-altitude flights.

Watching the meter beats the in-flight entertainment package. Passengers and flight crews nowadays are so jaded, nobody even asks what I'm up to.

This month's Night Skies picture shows some data from an Orlando-to-Denver flight. I monitored altitude with a GPS receiver while noting corresponding radiation rates.

Passing through Nederland's altitude of 8000 feet (8 kft), cosmic radiation exceeds sea level by 40 percent. Exposure rate accelerates above 12 kft, and really takes off above 20 kft. At an airliner's cruising altitude of 35 to 40 kft, the cosmic-origin radiation is about 20 times higher than at sea level.

Is that a problem? Radiation effects are lifetime-cumulative. The less radiation you get (including taking fewer airline flights)

**Your Real Estate, Property Management & Vacation Rental Specialists**



**Wendy Williams**  
Employing Broker  
720.201.2752



**Tegan Ryan**  
Associate Broker  
720.771.1309



**Emily Perry**  
Associate Broker  
303.258.2588



**Lynn Slinger**  
Associate Broker  
720.320.3423



**Pamela Fleming**  
Associate Broker  
970.215.7907



**Mike Zakreski**  
Associate Broker  
303.253.4985

*Serving Nederland, Gilpin & Surrounding Areas*

303.258.0656 [Indianpeaksre.com](http://Indianpeaksre.com)

