

Evergreen New Year's Day Lake Plunge



PHOTOS BY DAVE GIBSON

Icy plunge for a good cause
Left: Moving forward, with a back flip. Middle: When the shark bites in ice-cold water. Right: A family outing. Some enjoyed it more than others. See story on page 12.

Ted Garcia brings artistic vision to Black Hawk

MINDY LEARY

BLACK HAWK – A new creative chapter has begun in Gilpin County, where Ted Garcia has opened his fine art gallery in Black Hawk’s historic HARD District. Located at 327 Gregory Street in the old Woodbury building, the gallery brings vibrant energy to a corner of town steeped in history. For Garcia, this is more than a business venture—it’s a homecoming. As a child, he visited the area with his family, wandering the mountain towns and soaking in the landscapes that would later inspire his work. The gallery now offers a space where those memories meet the bold creativity that has defined his artistic journey. Garcia’s reputation precedes him. An award-winning artist, he’s been a staple at local art events, including

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New art gallery in Black Hawk
Left: Striking portraits show Garcia’s mastery of expression and texture, each piece telling its own vivid story. Right: Ted Garcia shows his collection of mini oil paintings, many tucked into Altoids tins, offering art enthusiasts compact and portable creativity.

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Peak Perspectives: And that’s a wrap

BARBARA HARDT

NEDERLAND - Today I sit at the Nederland office, working on some ideas for 2025, thinking about our accomplishments in 2024 as a TEAM.
The year started off with a lot of enthusiasm for new projects and to continue projects already going. We determined we would keep the podcast going, but change it up a bit. We decided not to publish *Taste of the Peaks* as a separate publication, but to wrap it into our *Peak to Peak Visitor’s Guide*. We worked toward our second annual *Peak to Peak Studio Tour* guide. All were completed and circulated, as planned.

The newspaper had a lot of changes in 2024. We had a few staff members leave and several new ones came in. We had interns graduate and some left, some are still with us.

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We launched a new billing system and slowly converted our Quickbooks over to the new system. The new system is a bit of a bear, but we are slowly getting there with it.

We launched a whole new website. It’s going great. We have had over 38,000 active users since launching in October.

The Mountain-Ear was also honored with 21 awards this year from the Colorado Press Association. That’s a recognition shared by no other paper in western Boulder County or Gilpin County. We strive for excellence and this year, we truly went above and beyond to give our readers Award Winning Journalism.

Here is a list of our awards.

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

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

General Excellence: *The Mountain-Ear*

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

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

College: Best News Story, 2nd place - Amanda Godfrey

“Tea time and teddy bears at the Gillaspie House Museum”

Best Arts & Entertainment Column, 1st place - Dave Gibson
“A new era: Cirque du Soleil’s *Kooza*”

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

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

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

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

Best Humorous Column Writing, 2nd place - Doug Armitage
“Bluegrass pick etiquette”

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

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

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

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

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

Best Photography Portfolio, 1st place - Dave Gibson

Best Photography Portfolio, 2nd place - Omayra Acevedo

Best Sports Photograph, 1st place - Dave Gibson
“Buck for the Badge”

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

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Holiday Lights Winner 2024!



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245 Lower Travis Gulch Road, Black Hawk



224 Eureka Street, Central City



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

That year brought big changes to how the newspaper is conceptualized, written, designed, and printed, and this year's CPA awards honored all of that hard work.

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

Overall, the team was recognized for delivering the best arts and entertainment

stories, the best education stories, best humor columns, best serious columns, best opinion articles, best public service articles, best stories from college interns, and best photography.

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

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

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Visit Gilpin County

Art Exhibit: Artist David Thoutt
Through February 1, at Gilpin Library

NICE Talk. Rachel Schaub: Old Soul Canine Rescue
Wednesday, January 8 at
Gilpin Very Nice Brewing Company

Wildfire Safety Movie Matinee: Fire in Paradise
Saturday, January 11 at Timberline Fire Station 3

78th Annual Juried Art Show
January 19 to February 23, 2025 (Jan. 18 reception)
at Gilpin Arts

Dad & Daughter Dance
February 8 at Gilpin Rec Center



Interested in having your event listed? Email: mbleyler@gilpincounty.org
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Rachel and Madi enjoy ice cream and reading *The Mountain-Ear*!
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Pet of the week

I have fallen down again tonight
In this world it's hard to get it right
Trying to make your heart fit like a glove
What it needs is love, love, love

Everybody, everybody wants to love
Everybody, everybody wants to be loved
Oh oh oh
Oh oh oh
Everybody, everybody wants to love
Everybody, everybody wants to be loved
Oh oh oh
Oh oh oh

Happy is the heart that still feels pain
Darkness drains and light will come again
Swing open up your chest and let it in
Just let the love, love, love begin
Everybody, everybody wants to love
Everybody, everybody wants to be loved...



Who am I? I'm Champ, and I just want to be loved! Please come get me from the Humane Society of Boulder Valley: <https://www.boulderhumane.org/animals/?animalid=56403461>

Jenga & Marley were adopted!





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Music of the Mountains

Where to be and what to see



David Tilmon

PHOTO BY EMILY SIERRA

JAMIE LAMMERS

NEDERLAND - David Tilmon has lived in Colorado his entire life. Growing up, his parents encouraged him and his siblings to try something musical. He remembers first trying piano, but taking lessons and practicing, he never connected with the instrument.

His parents still encouraged him to pick an instrument, so he decided to try playing a guitar in their house that

hadn't been played for a while. He started lessons with an instructor who exposed him to various kinds of music, encouraging his interests and guiding him through styles he hadn't known about before.

Tilmon remembers a turning point for him being the first time he heard the song "Classical Gas." When the song, an instrumental piece written and originally performed by Mason Williams, played on the radio, he

realized that the guitar could still be a powerful instrument by itself. From there, he shifted into fingerstyle playing and focused on instrumental music.

Currently based in Berthoud, his instrumental stylings blend folk, classical, jazz, Americana, and even rock influences. He's worked instrumental interpretations of acts such as The Beatles, Queen, and Talking Heads into his shows, taken inspiration from guitarists such as Mark Knopfler and Chet Atkins, and written original instrumental compositions, releasing his debut album *Formative* in 2021.

Tilmon has started implementing his vocals and an electric guitar into some performances. But for the most part, his performing experience of over a decade has focused primarily on acoustic, instrumental, fingerstyle guitar compositions. Along with his own compositions, he'll play his interpretations of modern rock, jazz, classical music, and other instrumentals he loves.

Instrumental standards he's included since the beginning of his performing career include "Classical Gas," which has also been performed by another one of Tilmon's primary influences, Tommy Emmanuel; and "Windy and Warm," written by John Dee Loudermilk Jr., and performed by Chet Atkins as well as Doc Watson.

When it comes to original compositions, he says there is no consistent process for how he writes. Sometimes they come to him all at once, and sometimes he'll write a piece of an idea and sit on it for a week, a month, or even a year before coming back to it and finishing it.

Tilmon loves playing music live for people, comparing it to having a conversation with someone. Just like conversations allow him to share his life experiences and what they enjoy, playing music live allows him to share his musical experience and the styles and pieces he loves.

He hopes that regardless of where anyone is in their life currently, whatever place they're in, and whatever reason they come to see him, they will leave feeling at least a little better than they came in and that he can make a net positive impact on his audiences.

You can see David Tilmon performing at the Very Nice Brewing Company location in Nederland, 20 East Lakeview Drive #112 in the Caribou Village Shopping Center, on Saturday, January 18, 2025, starting at 5 p.m. Learn more about his music and find his social media presence by going to his website, <https://davidtilmon.com/>.

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Friday, Jan 17

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Friday, Jan 31

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Sunday, January 12 at 2 p.m. - Gratefully Acoustic
Sunday, January 19 at 2 p.m. - Mando Phil & Manjo John of The Legendary Kathouse Pickers
Sunday, January 26 at 2 p.m. - Colorado Junction Duo

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BuseyBrews/>
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Email: info@buseybrews.com
Location: 70 E. 1st Street, Nederland
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Eldora Mountain Resort

Friday, January 10 at 9 a.m. - DJ Cha Cha in the Boombox
Friday, January 10 at noon - PJ Moon (Artist in Residence) in Timbers Taphouse
Saturday, January 11 at 9 a.m. - Panda Bear in the Boombox
Saturday, January 11 at noon - Drew Parker in Timbers Taphouse
Sunday, January 12 at 9 a.m. - Panda Bear in the Boombox
Sunday, January 12 at noon - Lucas Wolf in Timbers Taphouse
Wednesday, January 15 at noon - Scott Dale in Timbers Taphouse
Friday, January 17 at 9 a.m. - Erin Stereo in the Boombox
Friday, January 17 at noon - PJ Moon (Artist in Residence) at Timbers Taphouse
Saturday, January 18 at 9 a.m. - Yololo in the Boombox
Saturday, January 18 at noon - Patty Storen in Timbers Taphouse
Sunday, January 19 at 9 a.m. - B-Random in the Boombox
Sunday, January 19 at noon - Sam McManus in Timbers Taphouse
Wednesday, January 22 at noon - Laurie Dameron in Timbers Taphouse
Friday, January 24 at 9 a.m. - Sundragon in the Boombox
Friday, January 24 at noon - PJ Moon (Artist in Residence) in Timbers Taphouse
Saturday, January 25 at 9 a.m. - Saint Patrick in the Boombox
Saturday, January 25 at noon - Brandywine and Elle Michelle in Timbers Taphouse
Sunday, January 26 at 9 a.m. - DJ Darin in the Boombox
Sunday, January 26 at noon - Hunter Stone in Timbers Taphouse
Wednesday, January 29 at noon - Ashlei Priest in Timbers Taphouse
Friday, January 31 at 9 a.m. - DJ Goodie in the Boombox
Friday, January 31 at noon - PJ Moon (Artist in Residence) in Timbers Taphouse

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Jamestown Mercantile

Thursday, January 9 at 7 p.m. - MMB3 Organ Trio
Friday, January 10 at 7 p.m. - Canyon Collective Band
Sunday, January 12 at 11 a.m. - Foggy Tops Bluegrass Band
Wednesday, January 15 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic
Thursday, January 16 at 7 p.m. - Andres Santana
Friday, January 17 at 7 p.m. - Karaoke
Wednesday, January 22 at 5 p.m. - Open Mic

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Location: 250 N. Caribou Street, Nederland
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The Caribou Room

Saturday, January 11 at 7 p.m. - Thunderboogie with DJ Blue
Friday, January 17 at 7 p.m. - The Magic Beans
Friday, January 31 at 7 p.m. - A Tribute to Phil Lesh featuring the Big Bottom Band

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Website: <https://www.thecaribouroom.com>
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Very Nice Brewing Co. (Gilpin County)

Saturday, January 11 at 5 p.m. - Shakina Ma
Saturday, January 18 at 5 p.m. - Strangebyrds
Saturday, January 25 at 5 p.m. - David Tilmon

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Website: <https://www.verynicebrewing.com/>
Email: Complete the "Contact" form on the website
Location: 180 Jankowski Drive, Black Hawk
Phone: 303-582-2015

Very Nice Brewing Co. (Nederland)

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Saturday, January 11 at 5 p.m. - Reservoir Fog

Friday, January 17 at 6 p.m. - Dr. Jim and Da Jude
Saturday, January 18 at 5 p.m. - David Tilmon
Saturday, January 25 at 5 p.m. - Aaron Mitchell
Friday, January 31 at 5 p.m. - Windy Pines

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Peak to Peak engages over potatoes and grav





CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

NEDERLAND - In the days up to the 2024 Nederland Thank Potluck, the members of Team the organizers behind the eve running all over the Peak to Front Range, preparing. Collecting the donated food, for utensils, plates, and other provisions; gathering the cut and decorations; and even fix banners on the side of the h Team Turkey had it all under. Two days before the event, out to the community; the sign-up sheet for kitchens hel to be short on signatures, were quite a few turkeys to that still hadn't been claim And as always, the showed up. On the day before volunteers peeled more potatoes in record time, the turkeys were dropped off

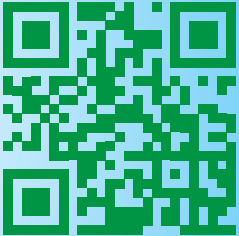
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...rior parts of the event, but being among friends and neighbors ... beautiful solo set which

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-QUOTE OF THE WEEK-

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.

— John Steinbeck, Travels with Charley: In Search of America

Letter to the Editor

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Keep it simple folks

Dear Editor,

I keep hearing people “complain” that we don’t have a “local” police department. As a full-time resident, I would like to praise the efforts that have been shown here by the Boulder County Sheriff’s Office. They are trained far more efficiently than a local department could hope to achieve, have the resources needed to support our community, and have proven to be quite effective, despite having a delay in the full-time staffing needed.

Previously we had a local force that was usually slower in responding to the needs of the community than BCSO, and had high turnover rates, requiring new training and less effective staff.

Keep It Simple Folks! This is working and I am grateful for the decision the BOT made.

Peter James
Nederland



You're Invited!

**Kindergarten Information Night
at Nederland Elementary School**

Will your child be 5 years old by
October 1st, 2025? If so, they will be
ready for kindergarten for the
2025-2026 school year.

January 16th, 2025

5:30-7:30

Please join us for a pizza dinner followed
by a slideshow with information about our
full-day kindergarten program.



PLEASE CONTACT SHEILA KASSERA AT
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Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Thursday: 4 - 8 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: 12 - 5 p.m.

Pool Hours

Closed on Tuesdays

Monday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 12 - 4:30 p.m.

After School Enrichment Camp

Monday through Thursday 4 to 6 p.m.
Ages 5-12. \$8 a day for residents.
Have the kids ride the bus from
school to the Community Center for
our licensed childcare. All day Friday
care available 7:30 a.m. to - 6 p.m. \$45
a day.

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. Mondays through Thursdays!
Daily program is free after a \$25 annual
registration fee.

Youth Basketball Registration Now Open!

Ages 5 through 14. Seven week session.
Practices start the week of January 13.
Saturday games in Gilpin and Nederland
starting January 25. \$70 for residents, \$84
for non-residents.

Saturday Morning Clay with Steve:
Throwing and Hand Building,
Finding Combinations

January 18 through March 3. \$200 for
an 8 week session. Ages 14 and up. The
Winter Saturday Morning Clay class will
work at finding fortunate combinations of
hand building and throwing. Cost includes
instruction, open studio time, 25 pound bag
of clay, glazing, firing. Additional clay is \$15
to \$25 per 25 pound bag, depending on the
type of clay. Recycled clay is usually available
for \$10 for a 25 pound bag.

NEW CLASS “Fit for Life” with
Jessica Polizzi

Wednesdays 5 to 6 p.m. January 22
through February 12. Strength, resistance

and cardio HIIT/Circuit Training class. For
all levels. Motivating music, high energy,
plenty of encouragement and fun! \$50
per 4 week session or \$15 to drop-in.

Parents Night Out

Friday January 24. 4 to 8:30 p.m. Leave
the kids with us for an action-packed
evening! They'll get to enjoy a dinner
provided by us, along with fun crafts,
swimming, and activities. This Parents
Night Out will be a PJ Party, so wear your
favorite pajamas and bring a swimsuit!
\$25 per child or \$15 if enrolled in Friday
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info and to apply.

Youth Camp (Licensed Childcare):

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

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

Soo Bahk Do: Monday and
Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Advanced
classes are 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Pilates Mat Class: Saturday 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Hatha Yoga: Monday and Friday from
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Pickleball: First 30 minutes is for instruction
and practice. No games at this time.
Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 -
11:30 a.m. and Friday from 1 - 4 p.m.

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

Gilpin Stitches Club: Second and
fourth Mondays of each month from 9
a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

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



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Gilpin County Seniors

January 9 - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart.

January 10 - Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch 12:15 p.m., Gilpin County Ambulance C.A.R.E.S. program, *Pickleball 1- 4 p.m.

January 13 - *Pickleball 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Free Senior fit class 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.,

January 15 - *Pickleball 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Free Senior fit class 11 a.m., Lunch 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo 12 p.m.

January 16 - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park King Soopers.

January 17 - Free Senior Fit class, Lunch 12:15 p.m., Social Time, *Pickleball 1 - 4 p.m.

January 20 - Closed. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

January 22 - *Pickleball 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Free Senior Fit class 11a.m., Lunch 12:15 p.m., Birthday Party! Blood Pressure Clinic at 12 p.m.

January 23 - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park Walmart.

January 24 - Free Senior Fit class, Lunch 12:15 p.m., Social Time, *Pickleball 1 - 4 p.m.

January 27 - *Pickleball 8:30-11:30 a.m., Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m.

January 29 - *Pickleball 8:30 - 11a.m., Free Senior Fit class 11 a.m., Lunch 12:15 p.m.

January 30 - Grocery shopping at Bergen Park King Soopers

January 31 - Free Senior Fit class, Lunch 12:15 p.m., Free Bingo, *Pickleball 1 - 4 p.m.

*Drop-in rates apply for pickleball.

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



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Nederland Area Seniors

January 11 - Saturday Brown Bag Lunch in the Senior Lounge from 12 - 1:30 p.m.

January 15 - Sit and Stretch Yoga, 11 - 11:30 a.m.

January 15 - Lunch: Citrus fish, rice pilaf, broccoli and carrots, apple.

January 18 - Saturday Brown Bag Lunch in the Senior Lounge from 12 - 1:30 p.m.

January 22 - Sit and Stretch Yoga, 11 - 11:30 a.m.

January 22 - Lunch: Chili con Carne, cornbread, mixed greens with balsamic dressing, orange.

January 23 - Nederland Area Seniors Meet and Greet in the Senior Lounge from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ping pong, games, program information, and light refreshments.

January 25 - Saturday Brown Bag Lunch in the Senior Lounge from 12 - 1:30 p.m.

January 29 - Sit and Stretch Yoga, 11 - 11:30 a.m.

January 29 - Lunch: Szechuan chicken, brown rice, Asian slaw, cream cheese wonton with sauce, tangerine.

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



Self Help Meetings

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

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

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

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

Gilpin County H.A.L.T. An in-person meeting every Sunday at 6 p.m. held at 226 E. First High Street, Central City. https://findrecovery.com/aa_meeting/gilpin-county-h.a.l.t.-central-city/.

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

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

School Calendars



Gilpin High School

Thursday, January 9 at 4 p.m. - HS Basketball Home vs Estes Park HS

Friday, January 10 at 3 p.m. - HS Basketball Boys' JV at Flatirons Academy

Friday, January 10 at 4:15 p.m. - MS Girls' Basketball Home vs Estes Park

Saturday, January 11 All Day - MS Girls' Basketball at Summit MS Tournament TBA

Saturday, January 11 All Day - HS Wrestling at Chatfield War Horse Invitational TBA

Saturday, January 11 at 12 p.m. - HS Basketball Home vs North Park HS

Monday, January 13 All Day - MS Girls Basketball at East Grand MS TBA

Tuesday, January 14 at 4 p.m. - HS Basketball Home vs Denver Academy

Thursday, January 16 All Day - MS Girls Basketball at Summit Round Robin TBA



Nederland Middle-Senior High School

Thursday, January 9 All Day - All State Choir at Buell Theater

Thursday, January 9 All Day - HS Alpine Ski at Copper Mountain

Thursday, January 9 at 6 p.m. - PTA Meeting

Friday, January 10 at All Day - All State Choir at Buell Theater

Saturday, January 11 All Day - All State Choir at Buell Theater

Monday, January 13 at 4:30 p.m. - Boys' JV Basketball at Golden View

Monday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m. - Girls' JV Basketball at Golden View

Monday, January 13 at 7 p.m. - Boys' V Basketball at Golden View

Tuesday, January 14 All Day - Middle School Alpine GS race at Loveland

Tuesday, January 14 at 11:45 a.m. - Pop-Up Library at Lunch

Wednesday, January 15 at 4 p.m. - Boys' JV Basketball vs Addenbrooke

Wednesday, January 15 at 5:30 - Girls' JV Basketball vs Addenbrooke

Wednesday, January 15 at 7 p.m. - Boys' V Basketball vs Addenbrooke

Thursday, January 16 All Day - HS Alpine Ski team at Loveland

Friday, January 10

Children's Storytime: Stories! Song! Movement! Music! Play! Every Friday morning from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. we hold storytimes for ages 0 to 4 years old. From 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., we read books, sing songs, learn some ASL, and get the wiggles out! From 10:45 to 11:30 a.m., we have free play and get to know other kids, parents and caregivers. Meet at the Nederland Community Library located at 200 Highway 72.

Family Movie Matinee: Bring the kids for free popcorn and a movie as we watch a family-friendly movie. This week's movie is "Paddington," rated PG. 1 hour and 35 minutes. The movie starts at 4:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Gilpin County Public Library located 15135 Highway 119 in Black Hawk.

Saturday, January 11

Artist Reception: Celebrate the work of David Throutt! This is a free event that is open to anyone who enjoys photography. Drop by anytime to meet David and enjoy some light refreshments. David was recently awarded Best of Show in the 77th Annual Gilpin Arts National Juried Art Show with "Monochrome Gateway." Noon to 2 p.m. at the Gilpin County Public Library located at 15135 Highway 119 in Black Hawk.

"Fire in Paradise" Screening and Discussion: Join CSU Extension, Timberline FPD, Sheriff's Office, and others for a FREE screening of "Fire in Paradise" and discussion on all things wildfire. Snacks provided! Starts at 1 p.m. at Timberline Fire Station #3, located at 19126 Highway 119. Space is limited so please RSVP in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/yx7u9yj6>.

Monday, January 13

Nederland Writers: Bring something you are working on to share and get feedback on or join the group to listen in and hone your skills. Area writers gather at Nederland Community Library located at 200 Highway 72 every Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, visit <https://nederland.libcal.com>.

The Mountain Meditation Circle: A free and open mindfulness meditation practice and discussion group for experienced meditators meeting at the Gilpin County Public Library every Monday at 6 p.m. If you are interested in attending the group, please schedule a brief introductory phone call before your first meeting by contacting Alisa Witt at wittalisa@gmail.com or 847-890-5262 to provide a good time to schedule the introductory call. If you have never meditated before or would like instruction and direct support to develop your practice, Alisa can put you on a waiting list and when a minimum of five people have joined the list, she will announce the free class is beginning in 2-3 weeks.

Tuesday, January 14

Wild Bear Storytime: We will read books, sing songs, play and move together, all while fostering early ecological literacy. Join us for fun, friends & community from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at 20 Lakewood Drive in Nederland.

Scifi Book Club: Every second Tuesday of the month. Newcomers welcome. This week's book is *A Psalm for the Wild Built* by Becky Chambers. Please register ahead of time at <https://nederland.libcal.com/event/13718484>. Meet at Nederland Community Library, located at 200 Highway 72, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15

Children's Storytime: Join us every Wednesday morning for our Children's Storytime. Most of our children range from 0 to 5 years of age but all children are welcome. Enjoy stories, finger-plays, rhymes, and more. A themed craft will follow every storytime. The previous week's crafts are available while supplies last. 10 to 11 a.m. at the Gilpin County Public Library located at 15135 Highway 119 in Black Hawk.

Peak to Peak Chorale: Auditions for our Spring Broadway Show will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Gilpin County Public Library. We welcome new members who love to sing!

Thursday, January 16

Friends of the Library Meeting: Learn about ways you can contribute to the library! This month we will be discussing upcoming fundraising opportunities during the holiday season. All proceeds from book and bake sales help to pay for programs at the library. Meet at Gilpin County Public Library, located at 15135 Highway 119 in Black Hawk, at 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 18

Skywatchers: Astronomy and telescope group. Everyone is welcome. Meet at Coal Creek Canyon Improvement Hall, located at 31528 Highway 119, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Sunday, January 19

Stuffy Hospital: Sick stuffy? Poorly plush? Stuffy not so stuffed? Kids can come and get simple fixes for their stuffies; repair holes, fix eyes, add stuffing, etc. at this repair and learn event. Volunteers will be on hand to help stitch and fix! Just bring your special plushie! Your stuffy will receive a patient chart, and we'll have all the "tools" they need to take temperatures, blood pressure, heart-rate and more! Meet at the Nederland Community Library located at 200 Highway 72 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Monday, January 20

Meditation and Mindfulness: Practice meditation, explore readings, and join discussions in this free program at Nederland Community Library located at 200 Highway 72. First and third Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. No meditation experience necessary! Please email Eric at davis.eric.alan@gmail.com with any questions.

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PEAK TO PEAK - “My goal for 2025 is to open my own art studio! I’ve been selling my creations on Etsy and at festivals, but I think it’s finally time for a brick and mortar shop.” Teddy, who came in for business coaching, bounced in his seat with excitement.

“That sounds incredible!” I reflected back. “Do you have a business plan?”

“Which one?” Teddy asked.

“You have more than one?” I responded, confused.

“Oh yeah. I have about five business plans. I need to make sure everything is just right. I’ve gone to workshops, seminars, conferences, websites...” Teddy trailed off.

“How long have you been planning on opening your art studio?” I wondered.

“Oh, I’ve always wanted to, but it’s not ’til the last 10 years that I’m really focusing on it,” Teddy explained.

“I’m so frustrated with my daughter,” Sofia explained. “She’s smart, funny, beautiful, and athletic. She could have everything! But she keeps screwing up.”

“What mistakes is she making?” I asked.

“She could have straight A’s, but this last semester she had two B+’s. She could be adding some extra strength-training workouts on the weekend so she’d perform better in her sport, but instead she’s spending time with friends. And speaking of friends...her friends aren’t exactly the high-achieving kids I’d like her to hang out with!” Sofia’s face fell as she listed out her daughter’s faults.

“My husband wants to invite our extended family to Colorado for a family reunion this summer, and I get so anxious thinking about it I can’t even have a conversation!” Jo shouted, soon after stepping into the counseling room.

“What are you so anxious about?” I asked, not wanting to make Jo more anxious, but also needing more information.

“We have three dogs, two cats and one bird, not to mention years of mountain dirt ground into our carpet. I don’t even know how to clean a baseboard, let alone tackle our popcorn ceiling.” Jo looked about ready to cry.

“Is it just the cleaning you’re really worried about?” I wondered. “Or is there more?”

“Oh please,” said Jo. “Our house was built in the 1960s. Talk about dated! Our extended family are the kind of suburban people with big manicured lawns, every kid has a room with a

media center in it, and the kitchen looks like a TikTok video.”

“Do you think they’d criticize your home? Your housekeeping? Your decorating?” I asked out loud.

“Oh no, they’re too ‘nice’ for that. They’d wait until we weren’t in the room, and then compare notes among themselves. It’s so awful, I really don’t know how we’re related.” Jo looked sad and overwhelmed.

In 1991 Paul Hewitt and Gordon Flett identified three types of perfectionism: self-oriented (Teddy and his business plans), other-oriented (Sofia’s perspective on her daughter), and socially-prescribed (Jo’s belief about extended family).

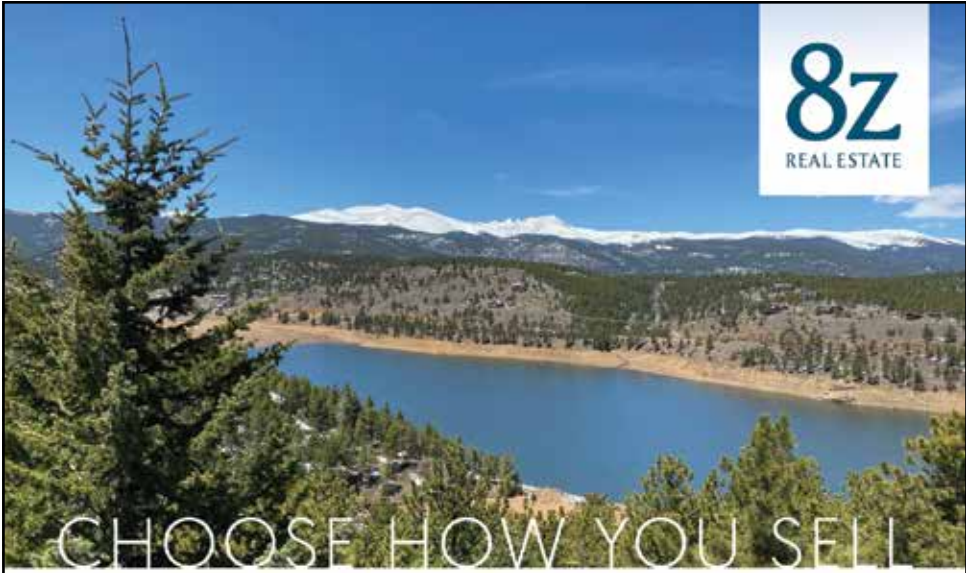
Teddy’s perfectionism resulted in procrastination and stuck-ness, as he continues to do and re-do all the steps to create his new art studio. Sofia’s perfectionism negatively impacted her relationship with her daughter, and impeded her ability to be present for her daughter’s teen years. Jo’s perfectionist fears concerning her family’s judgments result in high levels of anxiety which impact her sleep, mood, and quality of life.

For Teddy, it was time for him to take the next uncomfortable step and rent a building for his art studio. For Sofia I offered some psycho-education on developmental norms for teens (Sofia’s teen was healthy and normal), and Sofia worked on repairing her relationship with her daughter.

Finally, it was time for Jo to do some family-of-origin psychotherapy work, and ultimately recognize that the preoccupation with cleaning and home-improvement projects was an avoidance of her true feelings about her family. Although her family was tolerable in small doses, opening their home for a week to everyone was just too much.

Striving for excellence in the new year can be a positive, but it’s important to notice when striving tips over into perfectionism.

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New Vista welcomes students to new building



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A musical welcome
Blessing Chimanga (left), Randy McIntosh (middle), and Amy Stewart McIntosh (right) welcome students and staff to the New Vista High School red carpet event.

JAMIE LAMMERS

BOULDER - On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, a six-year journey for New Vista High School came to a head with a red carpet welcome for the students, who celebrated the opening of their brand-new school building.

New Vista was founded in 1993, moving to its current location in 2003. In 2019, a facility assessment determined that the original building, established as Baseline Junior High School in 1952, had approached the end of its useful life.

In 2020, the New Vista Working Group recommended replacing the

building, deeming it too costly to repair and renovate an old building. Rather, a new one would be erected.

In January 2021, the Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) Board of Education endorsed the recommendation to replace the building. In November 2022, local ballots included the \$350 million Building For Student Success capital program, which would allow for the replacement of the New Vista building as well as other improvements to schools across BVSD.

On Thursday, August 24, 2023, the community celebrated the groundbreaking of the new building,



A new high school building in BVSD
Students and staff drive in to celebrate the opening of the new building for New Vista High School.

and now, at the beginning of 2025, students and staff are being welcomed into that new building.

Students, staff, and media entered the building on the red carpet, welcomed by marimba music played by Randy McIntosh, Amy Stewart McIntosh, and Blessing “Coach Bled” Chimanga of the Moon and Stars Foundation/Kutandara.

At the red carpet event, students met their advisors and teachers, and before dismissing the students to start their first school day there, Principal John



New Vista High School in Boulder
Students and staff gather in the new building of New Vista High School for a red-carpet event.

McCluskey gave remarks about the new building’s opening.

The journey is not quite over yet, with more construction (including landscaping, site work, and the demolition of the original building) planned to continue into the fall of 2025. Once the construction is complete, New Vista will host a formal and public ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the journey’s official completion.

However, the start of this new chapter of New Vista High School has only just begun.



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Evergreen New Year's Day Lake Plunge



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TV news

Alan Gionet was the host once again this year.



Getting psyched
I can do this.



A dynamic duo

Whose idea was this anyway?



This ain't Hawaii, baby

Two polar plungers after successfully completing their objective.

DAVE GIBSON

EVERGREEN — New Year's resolutions come in many forms. Some folks promise themselves that they'll lose weight, quit smoking, spend more quality time with family, or live in the moment, pursuing what they love and appreciating every day that they are given.

While these are admirable goals that can be life-changing, many if not most tend to slowly revert to old habits after about a month or so.

On New Year's Day at 10 a.m., 429 people resolved to jump into the frigid



One of the first in the lake
Taking a giant leap of faith.

waters of Evergreen Lake in Evergreen, Colorado. A rectangular hole had been cut through the ice in which, one by one or in pairs, they would muster all the courage at their disposal to take the bone-chilling plunge.

Given foreboding warnings and egged on by a good dose of comic relief, participants were offered a chance to back out at the last second but none did.

Why anyone in their right mind and of free will would try this probably varies from person to person. The mind-numbing, body-biting shock that was experienced when they hit the water could take your breath away (on this occasion just temporarily).

How much worse could things get than being suddenly immersed in a freezing-cold lake? Invigorated physically and mentally by the undertaking, the polar plungers were ready to tackle anything life brings their way in 2025.

Over \$25,000 was raised, benefiting the Active4All Evergreen Foundation.



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CBS News anchor, long-time Evergreen Lake Plunge emcee, and board member Alan Gionet offered that "Activity is not merely the province of the physically gifted, it's for the spirit of all. The more you get out of the outside, the more hope you have on the inside."



Onlookers

Those with enough sense to stay dry.



Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year!



There's no turning back now!

My resolution next year might be to not do this.



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A participant following a satisfying swim.

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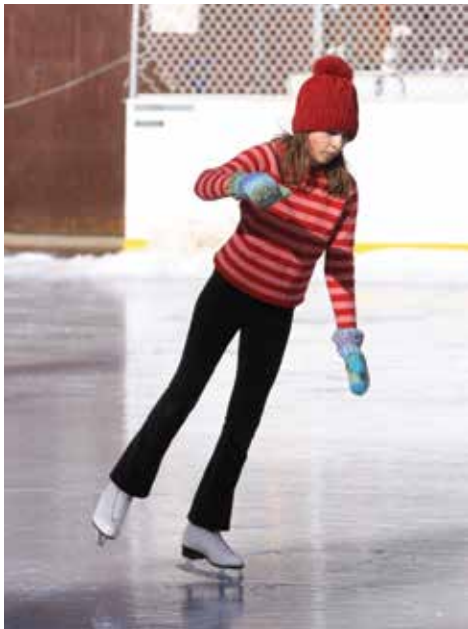
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NedRINK opens for the season



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From beginner to intermediate in two short winters
Another Dorothy Hamill in the making perhaps?

DAVE GIBSON

NEDERLAND – On New Year’s Day 2023, when I covered NedRINK’s much-anticipated opening, I noticed a stoic woman holding the hands of her two children on either side of her as they slowly did laps around the skating rink. Juxtaposed against the jubilation of the other skaters, it struck me unusual that none of them seemed to be having any fun. This season, with two years of practice under their belts, those kids have cut the apron strings and spread their wings. The boy can be seen racing from one end of the rink to the other at breakneck speed and his older sister is gracefully gliding, developing figure skating moves. There are now smiles on all of their faces including Mom’s.



A family affair
Skating is a pastime that this mother and daughter can share for many years to come.

NedRINK is up and running as of January 2, beating last year’s opening date by a full 10 days. A sure cure for cabin fever, the Open Skate was as popular as ever with skaters of all ability levels in attendance. Partaking in a pleasurable afternoon recreating outdoors, there were familiar folks and some new ones. Olga Hunter was visiting friends in Estes Park. On the way back there from a morning of sightseeing in Eldorado Canyon, she noticed the ice rink sign on Peak to Peak Highway and decided to stop in. Born in Russia and a former Colorado resident now living in San Antonio, Texas, she and her husband enjoy skating at different ice rinks around the



School of hard knocks
A dozen or more falls didn’t deter this skater.

world when they travel and were happy to have added another to their list. Skate rentals are conveniently available for between \$5 and \$10 a pair. For the youngest, ice-skating trainers that look like aluminum walkers with runners kept them steady as they gained confidence and became acquainted with rudimentary skating technique. Several of the apparatus are onsite for use at no charge. To speed up the learning curve and give neophytes’ tailbones a break, a lesson or two is the route taken by many of them. You could do no better than receiving volunteer Mary Joyce as a teacher, who has taught scores of kids and adults how to skate over the years in Nederland. Like everything else at NedRINK, including the daily pass priced at \$12 or less, the \$15 per hour lessons are a bargain. The friendly relaxed atmosphere at the ice rink is free. Located at 500 Indian Peaks Drive, Nederland, Colorado, NedRINK is open seven days a week. Sessions are weather dependent, so check out their live webcam and view the schedule which is constantly updated at www.nedicerink.wixsite.com.



Learning tools
This girl started out with an ice-skating trainer, but by the end of her session she didn’t need it anymore.



Enjoying the great outdoors
Another satisfied customer.



Steady as she goes
I think I’m starting to get the hang of this.



A cabin fever cure
Doing laps around the ice rink.



Saturday Night Fever
The same skater looks as if she’s ready for Disco Night, but in actuality is just trying to stay upright.



All the way from San Antonio
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Ned Fire offers CPR course to community



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

Strengthening the community
The Nederland Fire Protection District offers courses to train residents at being better, more aware, and more helpful neighbors.

“anyone who wants to be prepared for an emergency in any setting.”

The AHA’s CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and AED (automated external defibrillator) Course prepares participants on how to recognize when someone is suffering from cardiac arrest, and how to administer emergency care until EMS arrives.

This course teaches how CPR administered correctly can improve survival; how to recognize when someone needs CPR; how to perform CPR and use an AED on an adult and a child; and how to perform CPR on an infant.

Participants in the course will also learn to properly describe and demonstrate to others how to perform CPR and use an AED.

The course also teaches the “Chain of Survival,” which is the chain of actions to be made in order to maximize the chances of survival for someone suffering from sudden cardiac arrest, with each “link,” or action, being integral.

The AHA’s version of the Chain of Survival dictates that bystanders first activate the “emergency response system” once they immediately recognize cardiac arrest, which includes calling 911, and sending someone to retrieve the nearest AED.

Second, the bystander administers early CPR with an emphasis on chest compressions; and third, once an AED is available begin administering rapid defibrillation.

The AHA Heartsaver CPR AED Course, performed by the NFPD, will be hosted at the station, located at 650 West 4th Street, on Saturday, January 18, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The course costs \$50 per person and includes a textbook and CPR mask. A certification card is awarded for completion.

To register for this community course, visit: <https://www.nfpd.org/cpr>.

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

NEDERLAND - The Nederland Fire Protection District’s (NFPD) professional firefighters and medical personnel will be hosting a Community CPR Course on Saturday, January 18, 2025. But the course isn’t just for those who require certification for a job. The American Heart Association’s (AHA) Heartsaver courses are offered to

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Life in Nature: Headbutt science

JAMES DEWALT

WATERTON CANYON - The natural world is the epitome of efficiency, and the study thereof is the basis for all advances in technology throughout the entire span of human history.

Every “leap forward,” from the use of prehistoric tools all the way to the creation of artificial intelligence networks, was inspired by something already existing in the natural world. Science is the act of attempting to understand the immaculately intricate complexity that makes this whole thing called “life” work, from the tiniest atoms to the vast expanses of the universe.

Technology is the art of applying the lessons learned from nature to practical applications that, in theory, make our own existence more efficient, healthy, and safe—or at the very least, easier.

This week we look at our state animal, the bighorn sheep (specifically, rams), and how we are studying their ability to undergo the ritual of head-butting with seemingly minimal long-term effect on their brains.

The understanding of this natural adaptation is being applied to studies on how to minimize head trauma in our own fragile species (without undergoing a millennium of our own headbutting, which may or may not induce natural adaptation).

Potentially harmful results from ram headbutting are mitigated by a combination of factors. Dense muscle structure in the neck help to absorb the impact. A thicker skull in the sinus region, along with the placement of the brain in the cranial cavity, also aid in protection from permanent injury or damage. The horns themselves also play a very significant role in damage mitigation.

Horns are a lifelong appendage, as opposed to the antlers of the deer family, which shed every year and grow back anew. They are comprised of an inner bone and a thick outer layer made up of keratin, the substance that helps form hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin.

Studies are beginning to show that the structure, material makeup, and the shape of the horns of bighorn rams all play a significant role in reducing the overall stress and physical force from an impact.

Structurally, the outer keratin layer grows with quite visible rings (the darker and thicker of which are called Annular Rings and can be used to tell the age of a ram) and ridges. The second



year of life shows the most growth of a horn. As the ram grows older, there is less length gained and subsequently less space between annular rings.

In the case of the ram in this week’s image, the first-year ring would be very near the tip of the horn, and the second-year ring is likely the first darker ring located a few inches back in the spiral at the distinct crack.

Following the curve, the third-year ring is likely just to the right of its ear, and each year after, the darker rings can be seen closer and closer together with the newest very near to the skull.

This ring and ridge structure of the outer keratin horn greatly aids in dispersing the initial impact energy, as the hard outer layer takes the brunt force of the headbutt and transforms the energy wave from a longitudinal wave to a less impactful shear wave. The ridges then help to dampen the shear waves throughout the entire horn.

The energy then moves to the inner horncore structure, which is comprised of a dense cortical bone shell and a softer porous inner core of bony sail-like plates known as velar bone.

This structure further mitigates the impact forces by breaking up the waves even more within the bone shell, and more wave absorption by the inner porous material.

The curvature of the horns also helps in further dispersing the forces from the point of impact near the skull outward and away from the brain cavity.

While all male members of the Bovidae family (antelopes, cattle, gazelle,

goats, sheep, etc.) have horns (with the exception of some domesticated members), the horns’ formations vary greatly depending on usage.

It has been found that those who use their horns for headbutting all tend to have a ridged outer layer along with some form of spiraled shape. The stronger the blows, the more defined those mitigating structures tend to be.

Studies of these naturally forming structures and their extremely beneficial properties are aiding in the development of new materials that can be used in creating improved protective equipment for those who might be most affected by cranial impacts via contact or explosive: soldiers in combat, football players, racecar drivers, motorcyclists.

This brings me to an amusing paraphrased line from comedian

Jerry Seinfeld: Instead of simply not participating in activities causing brain damage, we simply make little plastic hats to protect us.

These studies of our vastly superior natural world help us to create better hats to allow for continued, and more extreme, participation in head-bashing.

Additional information for this article came from <https://www.mdpi.com/2313-7673/9/8/506#:~:text=This%20study%20elucidates%20three%20primary,structure%20by%20mitigating%20excessive%20strain> and <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-3190/acb478>.

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Ted Garcia brings artistic vision to Black Hawk



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A vibrant piece depicting Black Hawk's festive decorations stands drying on Garcia's easel, capturing the local spirit in bold, textured strokes.

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the Gilpin Arts Gallery's Spring Fever Feature Show and Central City's Plein Air Festival, where he served as the 2022 Festival Artist.

His work is celebrated for its fearless use of color, texture, and movement, capturing fleeting emotions and the essence of "the moment" on canvas.

His gallery is a testament to versatility. Visitors will find a range of original oil



Dynamic and different

The gallery's walls are filled with an eclectic mix of works, from serene landscapes to iconic portraits, reflecting Garcia's diverse artistic talent and vision.

paintings, from pocket-sized minis—some crafted as ornaments or tucked into Altoids tins—to large-scale works that dominate a wall with their presence.

Greeting cards, mid-sized canvases, and commissioned pieces round out the offerings, making art accessible to all.

The space functions as more than just a showroom. Workstations scattered throughout the gallery offer visitors a glimpse into Garcia's creative process, often finding him immersed in a new painting. Plans for future art classes hint at the gallery's potential to become a hub for local creativity.

Whether you're an art collector, a curious passerby, or someone looking for a unique gift, the gallery invites you to step into Garcia's world.

It's a world where nostalgia for the mountains meets the vibrancy of modern expression, offering a vision of inspiration for everyone who walks through the door.



A blank canvas

Ted Garcia's gallery features a dedicated painting area, complete with tools and canvases, where visitors can watch as Garcia works on new creations.

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Multimodal Transportation Plan approved

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

NEDERLAND - In 2023, the Town of Nederland's Board of Trustees (BOT), after collaborative work sessions with representatives from the Department of Local Affairs and with the Town's department heads, developed a Strategic Plan to guide them through the remainder of that year and through 2024.

The plan included six prioritized objectives, the third of which is to "promote orderly, sustainable and resilient development in the Town through thoughtful, engaged and equitable planning processes."

Detailed within Objective #3 of the Strategic Plan are the seven different plans, assessments, and studies that the Town was engaged in, most of which launched in 2023.

Since the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the Housing Needs Assessment, the Marketing and Branding Strategy Project, and the professional water and sewer Rate Study have been completed, as has the Multimodal Transportation Plan (MTP).

The MTP, as it features recommendations crafted from research and community engagement for improved streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and trails, also directly impacts Objective #4 of the Strategic Plan, which is to "continue modernizing the Town's infrastructure to reduce public safety risks, promote economic growth and improve the quality of life for our residents."

The Town of Nederland was awarded funding from the Denver Regional Council of Governments Fiscal Year 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program in September of 2022 for the drafting and implementation of a MTP.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on April 25, 2023, with four prospective consultants applying by May 22. Those four proposals were reviewed by a committee consisting of then-Town Administrator Miranda Fisher, Community Planner Britt DeMinck, then-Streets Manager Mark Hall, Parks Manager Nicki Dunn, and then-Executive Director of the Peak to Peak Housing and Human Services, Katrina Harms.

Page six of the 134 page RFP details the criteria that the committee used to evaluate each proposal.

"The scoring criteria are not price based, but solely based upon the qualifications of the proposer to meet the program objectives," the RFP reads. "The Town of Nederland shall coordinate the selection with input/influence from any identified participating agencies in accordance with CDOT Local Agency requirements."

These criteria include the applying firm's qualifications; approach to the work; ability to furnish professional services; abilities of their personnel; past performance; volume of previously awarded contracts; and willingness to meet the time and budget requirements.

Of the four proposals, the three highest scoring consultants, Bohannon Huston, Fehr & Peers, and Felsburg Holt and Ullevig, were chosen to be interviewed by the committee. The interviews, which were held on May 30, were also scored by the same criteria.

The firm Fehr & Peers scored the highest, with the committee particularly impressed by their experience in the field. Fehr & Peers has developed transportation plans for Evans, Vail, and Windsor, a Circulation Plan for Fruita, and a Regional Plan for Moab and Spanish Valley in Utah.

Fehr & Peers has also collaborated with SE Group on a Trails Master Plan for Frisco and on several other projects. The opportunity to bring on SE Group as a sub-consultant on Nederland's MTP was also considered by the committee as a benefit to hiring Fehr & Peers, as SE Group was the firm hired to draft the Town's Comprehensive Plan update.

On June 6, 2023, the BOT voted to approve Resolution 2023 - 30, authorizing Mayor Billy Giblin to sign a contract with Fehr & Peers.

The hired team was headed by Senior Associate Transportation Planner Carly Sieff and Principal-In-Charge Charlie Alexander, and consisted of Lead Transportation Planner Annie Rice, Traffic Operations Support Kelsey Lindquist, Data and GIS Lead Sydney Provan, Transit Lead Jason Miller, and Safety Lead Patrick Picard.

The firm defines a MTP as a tool to "help local governments create an equitable transportation system that aligns with community goals and objectives in the medium to long term" while focusing on "surface transportation including walking, bicycling, transit, and motor vehicle travel."

With Fehr & Peers focusing on the transportation planning and engineering portion of the MTP, SE Group was being subcontracted to handle land use and trails and recreation. The SE Group team consisted of Engagement and Recreational Planning Supports Gabby Voeller and Ayden Eickhoff, and Local Expert Engineer Olivia Dawson.

Over the summer of 2023, Phase I of Fehr & Peers' plan of development for the MTP began with a kickoff community outreach event, the release of the first online survey, and using the Nederland Farmers Market for additional outreach.

Phase I also included data collection from the many community outreach events, as well as from research conducted on Nederland's "existing conditions," which involved the Town's traffic patterns, posted speed limits, the level of stress for drivers and pedestrians, and crash patterns. The area of the most concentration was the roundabout.

From this data, guiding principles and draft recommendations were formed, which Fehr & Peers presented on February 27, 2024, to a "task force" of Town staff, officials, and community stakeholders.

The Task Force consisted of Harms of Peak to Peak Housing and Human Services; Landon Hilliard, the Senior Transportation Planner for Boulder County; Nathan Skalak of the Town's engineering consultancy JVA; Steve Rowntree, the Director of Business Operations at Eldora Mountain Resort; and Ron Mitchell, at that time Chair of the Nederland Downtown Development Authority (NDDA).

Alexander and Sieff reported at that first Task Force meeting that they had engaged so far with up to 300 Nederland residents, including at the Community Thanksgiving Potluck and the Town-run Holiday Mountain Market, and that the biggest concerns of the community were about crosswalks, sidewalks, and road maintenance.

The guiding principles that Fehr & Peers developed out of Phase I included a focus on sustainability, and to make driving, bicycling, and walking through Nederland safe and reliable.

A vision statement inspired by the community outreach reads: "Nederland's transportation system is safe and accessible for users of all ages and abilities. Travelers in Nederland have equitable access to various and sustainable modes of transportation through a connected network of trails, sidewalks, and roadways."

"All modes of transportation including walking, rolling, biking, riding transit, and driving are convenient, reliable and are supported by programs and policies that can adapt to emerging mobility and technology."

As for the many recommendations regarding safer crosswalks, uniform

sidewalks, formalized trails, a second bridge across Middle Boulder Creek, and mitigating concerns related to transit and to parking, these would evolve and change over time as engagement with the public, with the Task Force, and with the Town's boards would continue into Phase II of MTP development.

One such recommendation made by Fehr & Peers early on in development was met with immediate resistance: replacing the Town's only roundabout with a traffic signal.

For a complete report on the February 27, 2024, Task Force meeting, go to: <https://www.themtnear.com/stories/multimodal-transportation-plan-recommendations,12441>.

Fehr & Peers would not meet again with the Task Force until May 23, spending that time presenting their Phase I findings to each of the Town's advisory boards, starting with the BOT, then with the NDDA, the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board (PROSAB), the Planning Commission, and the Sustainability Advisory Board.

During the firm's presentation to the BOT on March 19, Trustees asked for additional consideration to be made on potential second bridge locations, and on the possibility of a pedestrian underpass beneath Highway 119 near the Visitors Center intersection.

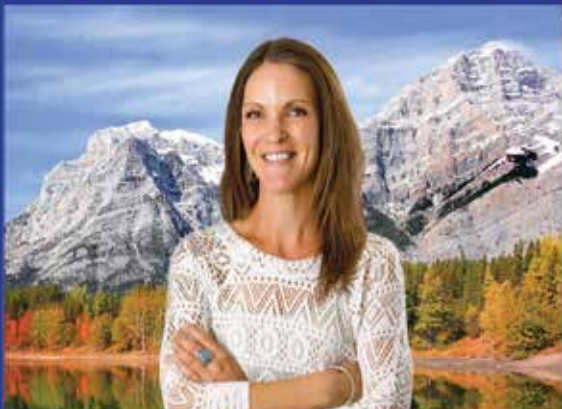
On May 16, PROSAB were presented with information related to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, which included recommendations for crosswalk improvements, parks facilities maintenance, a street-sweeping plan, Wayfinding projects, a traffic impact study, and providing roundabout education.

Board members suggested that Fehr & Peers look into various possible trail connections, including connections to the Nederland Middle-Senior High School and to the Nederland Elementary School.

On May 22, the Planning Commission were presented with the recommendations for roundabout redesigns, for mitigating traffic

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New faces, fresh energy: Central welcomes new council members

MINDY LEARY

CENTRAL CITY – On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, the Central City Council convened its first meeting of the year, marking the start of a new chapter with the swearing-in of two recently elected members, Chuck Spencer and Zane Plsek.

Both took their oaths of office, pledging to uphold the constitutions of the United States and the State of Colorado, before joining Mayor Jeremy Fey, Marcia Enloe, and Todd Williams on the council. Williams attended the meeting virtually.

Consent Agenda and Appointments

The council unanimously approved the consent agenda, which included regular bill lists through January 2, 2025; minutes from the December 3, 2024, meeting; and Resolution No. 25-01, designating public notice locations for regular and special meetings.

The council then turned to annual appointments:

Mayor Pro Tem: With the departure of former Mayor Pro Tem Kara Tinucci, a new appointment was required. Both Williams and Spencer expressed interest, and Enloe moved to elect Spencer. Fey remarked that, while he would have leaned toward Williams for his seniority, he was confident Spencer

would excel. The council unanimously approved Spencer as the new Mayor Pro Tem.

Legal Publication: The *Weekly Register-Call* (WRC) was reelected as the official city newspaper, continuing a tradition of over 150 years. The council discussed the availability and circulation of the WRC, with Plsek noting its prevalence in the area. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Appointments: Plsek was appointed as the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) representative, with Enloe and Williams retaining their roles for the Gilpin Ambulance Authority. Additional appointments included retaining Joe Behm for the I-70 Coalition and Williams for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), with Plsek as the alternate. The council itself will serve as the Central City Urban Renewal Authority (CCURA) board.

Main Street Annual Report

Barbara Thielemann presented the Main Street Annual Report, highlighting the organization’s mission to revitalize Central City. Key achievements included obtaining 501(c)(3) non-profit status, successful events like the Halloween Spooktacular, and grants for improvements such as the pocket park near City Hall. Main Street plans

to continue popular events like Spring Cleanup, Madame Lou Bunch Day, and Tommyknocker Holidays, while growing its volunteer base.

Staff and Public Updates

Plsek brought attention to practical issues, suggesting the retention of holiday lighting on buildings to enhance the city’s charm and asking for a gradual payment plan for new water meter costs to ease the burden on residents. He also flagged a misaligned billboard light on Central City Parkway, slated for repair.

During the public forum, Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth welcomed the new council members and outlined key initiatives, including the Housing Needs Assessment, senior housing projects, and the upcoming release of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. She also announced signing a lease for the new Mountain Kids childcare center, supported by \$100,000 in startup funding.

Eric Langan, representing RCI Hospitality Holdings, addressed the council regarding a federal lawsuit over the City’s decision to relegate sexually-oriented businesses to the industrial zone. Langan stressed the financial impact, stating, “This escalation will cost the City and RCI hundreds of thousands of dollars. I would like to see the City and RCI avoid these expenses.” He urged mediation or reconsideration of the City’s stance. Langan has been trying to establish a sexually-oriented business on Main Street since 2022.

The meeting concluded with council comments. Plsek invited residents to



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Making it official

New council member Chuck Spencer shakes hands with Judge Jack Berryhill after taking his oath of office during the January 7, 2025, Central City Council meeting. Spencer was also appointed to be the new Mayor Pro Tem.

connect with him directly, sharing his contact information and noting his availability as a retiree.

The next Central City Council meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2025, at 141 Nevada Street or online via Zoom. Details are available at central-city.colorado.gov/meetings.



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That said Sean Orr (LAWFUL HOLDER) on the 2nd day of December, 2024 the present holder of said certificate, has made request upon the Treasurer of said County by presenting an Application for a Public Auction of a Certificate of Option for Treasurer's Deed pursuant to C.R.S. 39-11.5-101 for initiation of the process for a deed to said real estate; Notice Is Hereby Given that on the first possible Auction date (unless the Auction is continued) at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at Gilpin County Treasurer's Office 203 Eureka Street, Central City, CO 80427, Colorado, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of said Lawful Holder, Lawful Holders' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Application for a Public Auction of a Certificate of Option for Treasurer's Deed, plus fees, expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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*You may track the Public Auction date on the Treasurer's website: <https://gilpincounty.colorado.gov/elected-officials/treasurer/treasurer-deed-information>

Said property may be redeemed at any time prior to the actual Public Auction.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of December, 2024.


Mary R. Lorenz, Treasurer of Gilpin County, Colorado



Full speed ahead on Eldora acquisition

CHRISTOPHER KELLEY

NEDERLAND - The possibility that the Town of Nederland might acquire the Eldora ski area dominated the Board of Trustees' (BOT) first meeting of the new year, on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

An Executive Session was held before the meeting regarding "consideration of and discussion of the Town's purchase of property for recreational activities and other municipal services, to receive legal advice, and to instruct negotiators regarding the same."

At the start of their meeting the BOT approved, within the Consent Agenda, Town staff submitting a letter of interest for a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Land Acquisition Grant to assist in funding a fraction of the potential Eldora Mountain Resort acquisition.

According to the Agenda Information Memorandum (AIM) prepared by Town Administrator Jonathan Cain, submitting this letter "imposes no immediate financial obligations," and, if the grant is awarded, could "substantially reduce the Town's out-of-pocket costs" for acquiring the ski area.

Additionally, any requirements for matching funds would be brought before the BOT for review and a final vote.

The Board also approved Resolution 2025-02, acquiring the services of Northland Securities as Town's underwriter, a position necessary for compliance with federal securities regulations since the Town is considering municipal bonds for the pursuit of Eldora.

These regulations dictate that the Town hire an underwriter to "advise on the structure, timing, and terms of potential bond issuance; assist with rating strategies, official statements, and compliance documentation; and manage the bond issuance process if the Town decides to proceed."

The underwriter's compensation is based on the successful issuance of the municipal bonds, and is a percentage of the total bond amount.

Cain also led Trustees through an informational update regarding the Town of Nederland's current position in the bidding process for the mountain. Town officials have identified a path forward for feasibly acquiring Eldora at a reduced risk, and have been invited to conduct a diligence investigation on the ski area's operations.

The diligence process allows the Town to evaluate the potential risks and benefits of acquiring Eldora, in order

to establish whether the ski area will remain a sustainable operation under the enterprise fund model the Town is planning to utilize.

Town representatives expect that running Eldora through an enterprise fund, similar to how water and sewer funds are managed, will protect the Town from financial risk.

Cain reiterated that additional information about municipal bonds, enterprise funds, and the diligence process has been compiled into an extensive FAQ document, which Cain, Town Attorney Jennifer Madsen, and the Board have helped to develop.

For an up-to-date report on the Town of Nederland's progress on the Eldora Mountain Resort acquisition, read "Nederland finds path forward for Eldora acquisition" here: <https://www.themtnear.com/stories/nederland-finds-path-forward-for-eldora-acquisition,26154>.

To read the Town of Nederland's FAQ 2.0, go here: <https://www.themtnear.com/stories/faqs-20-eldora-mountain-acquisition,26473>.

Immediately following the informational report, Trustees were tasked with voting whether to approve Resolution 2025-03, permitting Cain the authority to seek special legal counsel regarding the Eldora acquisition.

According to the AIM, prepared by Cain and Town Attorney Jennifer Madsen, the desired counsel is expected to have expertise in "municipal law, real estate transactions, and resort operations." Cain noted that the Town is also looking to attain an employment law expert.

The hired counsel will review the structure of the potential transaction, advise the Town during the due diligence process, and support the negotiations with Eldora Mountain Resort and other stakeholders.

The legal counsel is expected to be paid from the municipal revenue bonds planned on being used to facilitate the purchase of Eldora, with Cain to update the Board regarding the cost of such services.

Trustee Luke Miller asked for clarification on how the legal counsel will be paid if a revenue bond is not issued. Attorney Madsen answered that the Town of Nederland will be responsible for the cost of the counsel, as well as the cost of the bond underwriter, if a revenue bond is not issued.

Addressing other issues, the Board reviewed Resolution 2025-04 for a final vote as to whether to approve a second amendment to the intergovernmental

agreement with Boulder County Sheriff's Office (BCSO).

The amendments would adjust the amount of daytime deputy staffing to 50% coverage, would include specificity in regards to invoice processing, and would reflect the "changes to the Town's financial obligations consistent with the reduced service levels."

Trustees emphasized that, though the amount of law enforcement coverage from dedicated deputies has been reduced, they have doubled the amount of extra duty coverage, which relates to traffic enforcement and court marshal duties, depending on those extra duty shifts being filled.

BCSO Sergeant Jennifer Mendez spoke during the meeting about sharing the Town's goal of building a relationship with the community, and also stated that extra duty shifts for January have been easily staffed.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2025-04, which was seconded and passed by unanimous vote from the Board.

The BOT also discussed the potential of amending Ordinances 855 and 856, affecting the affordable housing deed restriction timeline and yard and bulk requirements outlined in Nederland Municipal Code, Section 16-33.

Town Staff are requesting direction from the Board on whether to amend the yard and bulk table, and whether to change the timeline for deed restrictions from 20 years, as it is currently set. Trustees also discussed whether to permit the Town Administrator, the Board itself, or another representative to be responsible for setting any and all deed restrictions.

Community Planner Britt DeMinck explained that the Town of Nederland's legal definitions of duplex, triplex, and fourplex, are causing issues with established yard and bulk requirements, affecting both new developers and private owners from creating affordable housing through housing options that promote density.

As the Town is actively pursuing affordable housing development, DeMinck also discussed the creative actions being taken by neighboring communities to change their municipal code and allow for more affordable housing development.

DeMinck noted that some initiatives, which have been proven successful, could potentially be implemented in Nederland, such as putting in place a housing authority,

and offering financial incentives or rent-to-own possibilities.

The BOT determined to have the Planning Commission review the timeline for deed restrictions, as well as the yard and bulk revision, as both issues are managed within the Commission's jurisdiction, Nederland Municipal Code Chapter 16.

Trustees also approved all 21 tenant leases for the Nederland Community Center for 2025; applying for a Colorado Department of Human Services grant to fund a Co-Responder; appointing Eryka Thorley to the alternate position on the Sustainability Advisory Board; and approved \$27,734 for additional fees from the Town's engineering consultants JVA regarding meeting requirements from CDOT and temporary construction easements impacting the Nederland Downtown Sidewalks Project.

The Nederland Board of Trustees meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7 p.m. and can be attended either online or in person at the Nederland Community Center.

For more information go to: <https://town-ofnederland.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>.



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Transportation Plan

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congestion in key areas, for instituting speed cameras, for parking management and creation (including neighborhood parking permits), and for a pedestrian-actuated traffic signal at the Highway 119 crosswalk in front of the Visitors Center. Commissioners warned that many of the recommendations made within the MTP, particularly concerning neighborhood parking permits, speed cameras, and the traffic signal for a major crosswalk, will be “hot-button” issues in the community.

With Phase II of outreach well underway, and Fehr & Peers able to gather feedback from each of the Town’s advisory boards, the Task Force was presented with a more robust and precise list of recommendations during their second meeting.

The recommendations for roadway, parking, and transit improvements, and for better bicycle and pedestrian accessibility and mobility, were delivered to the Task Force in great detail, and accompanied by more direct program and policy recommendations, including requiring developers of any large residential or commercial projects to provide a Traffic Impact Study.

For a complete report on the May 23, 2024, Task Force meeting, go to: <https://www.themtneer.com/stories/redesigning-neds-roads-sidewalks-and-trails,12985>.

Phase II continued through the summer as a second online survey was released, and with representatives for Fehr & Peers attending more Nederland Farmers Market events and conducting outreach during the Town’s 150th Anniversary celebration, engaging with over 100 residents.

Through this ongoing outreach the Nederland community indicated that the Town should prioritize the intersection

of Lakeview Drive and Bridge Street and the intersection of Highway 119 and Eldora Road, regarding mitigating congestion and instituting traffic calming measures.

On September 23, during the third meeting of the Task Force, several Town officials in attendance reiterated their belief that traffic calming should begin at the pedestrian crossing across Highway 119 at the Visitors Center, where Fehr & Peers have recommended the installation of a pedestrian-actuated traffic light.

Parks Manager Dunn also assisted Fehr & Peers in identifying which of the Town’s crosswalks should be prioritized in the MTP.

As for those troublesome intersections, the MTP recommends the creation of turning pockets and receiving lanes, which in some cases may require navigating adjacent private property.

Rowntree, the Director of Business Operations at Eldora Mountain Resort, and a member of the MTP Task Force, stated during the meeting that Eldora was open to possibly using a portion of their land adjacent to the Highway 119 and Eldora Road intersection for the creation of turning and receiving lanes, or even a potential roundabout.

In terms of the roundabout which currently funnels all of Nederland’s through traffic, the concept of a traffic light replacement had been completely removed from the MTP. Instead, Fehr & Peers were recommending adjusting and increasing the size of the splitter islands that lead into the roundabout.

The Task Force provided their final input on the MTP, specifically Fehr & Peers’ recommendations, before the last draft of the plan was to be drafted and submitted to the BOT for approval.

For a complete report on the September 23, 2024, Task Force

meeting, go to: <https://www.themtneer.com/stories/transportation-plan-rounds-final-bend,15399>.

The BOT reviewed the MTP one more time during an informational presentation on October 15, and Fehr & Peers incorporated the Board’s last suggestions into their final draft.

To the suggestion of incorporating more traffic calming at the Town’s entry points and at East Street, Fehr & Peers are recommending a proposed raised median be created at the Nederland Community Center as a short term solution, with a roundabout suggested as a long term solution.

Regarding an additional pedestrian crossing near the community center, Fehr & Peers are recommending a future crosswalk be created at Highway 119 and Forest Road.

On December 17, after some concern was raised by Trustees that the recommendations within the final draft of the MTP read as too binding or mandatory, the BOT voted unanimously to approve the plan.

Though the MTP has been approved, none of the recommendations made within have yet been proposed to the BOT as actionable measures. However, some issues that the plan considers priority are in progress of being rectified, as PROSAB is actively working on formalizing the Town’s informal trails and on implementing trail connectivity. Further, the Town’s Safer Main Streets and sidewalk improvement projects are expected to be completed in 2025.

To review the complete Multimodal Transportation Plan and read the results of months of community outreach and deliberation with Town officials and stakeholders, go to: https://nederlandco.civicweb.net/document/117479/7.1%20Nederland_Report_241204

To review the State of the Community by Fehr & Peers, go to: <https://engagenederland.us/engagementhq.com/multimodal-transportation-plan>.



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Nederland’s roundabout
Traffic in Nederland is currently funneled through the roundabout.

Public Notice

COMBINED NOTICE - PUBLICATION

CRS §38-38-103 FORECLOSURE SALE NO. 24-05PT

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

On October 31, 2024, the undersigned Public Trustee caused the Notice of Election and Demand relating to the Deed of Trust described below to be recorded in the County of Gilpin records.

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Original Beneficiary(ies)

Current Holder of Evidence of Debt

Date of Deed of Trust

County of Recording

Recording Date of Deed of Trust

Recording Information (Reception No. and/or Book/Page No.)

Original Principal Amount

Outstanding Principal Balance

Kip Matthew Lagorin

Weinberg Servicing, LLC

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October 08, 2020

Gilpin

October 12, 2020

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Pursuant to CRS §38-38-104(4)(i), you are hereby notified that the covenants of the deed of trust have been violated as follows: Failure to pay principal and interest when due together with all other payments provided for in the evidence of debt secured by the deed of trust and other violations thereof.

THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Parcel A: The West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 2 South, Range 72 West of the 6th P.M., County of Gilpin, State of Colorado.

Parcel B: The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 2 South, Range 72 West of the 6th P.M., County of Gilpin, State of Colorado.

Parcel C: Lot 13, Block 9, Colorado Sierra, Subdivision Alpha, Unit 2, County of Gilpin, State of Colorado.

Purported common address: 1460 Karlann Dr, Black Hawk, CO 80422.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

THEREFORE, Notice is Hereby Given that I will at public auction, at 10:00a.m. on Thursday, 02/27/2025, at The Office of the Gilpin County Public Trustee, 203 Eureka Street, Central City, CO, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real property and all interest of the said Grantor(s), Grantor(s)' heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness provided in said Evidence of Debt secured by the Deed of Trust, plus attorneys' fees, the expenses of sale and other items allowed by law, and will issue to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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DATE: 10/31/2024

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

By: Public Trustee

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Edward P. Timmins #11719

Timmins LLC 450 East 17th Avenue, Suite 210, Denver, CO 80203 (303) 592-4500

Attorney File # 2332,262F

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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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TIMBERLINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with some fun things to know about Donald Trump.

1. _____ 47th U.S. President in 2024

2. _____ person to take the oath (78 years, 220 days old at Inauguration)

3. earlier, served as 45th _____ of the U.S.

4. born in _____, New York in 1946

5. _____ Mary Anne Macleod Trump, came to America from Scotland in 1930

When Presidents change, the movers shift everything in and out of the White House in about five hours!

A Packed Schedule!

Here is a schedule of what usually happens on Inauguration Day for a President-elect and his family. Match each event to its description:

1. **Wreath** Laying Ceremony

2. **Vice President's** Swearing-In ceremony

3. **President's** Swearing-In ceremony

4. Inaugural **Address**

5. **Departure** of the outgoing President

6. Inaugural **Luncheon**

7. Inaugural **Parade**

8. Inaugural **Balls**

9. National **Prayer** Service

A. New President and First Lady escort former President and First Lady from the Capitol.

B. President-elect gives an oath pledging to serve the American people. This is the moment when the President-elect becomes the President!

C. Vice President-elect gives oath to uphold American values.

D. Many groups in Washington D.C. hold fancy celebrations in the evening.

E. This is held after ceremonies are over; more people are expected to attend this than any other event; balloons and confetti will rain onto the streets.

F. President and Vice President go to a religious service at Washington National Cathedral.

G. President-elect visits Arlington National Cemetery, lays flowers to honor fallen soldiers.

H. Food prepared to the taste of incoming President; served to politicians, family and friends.

I. After being sworn in, new President speaks to the American people of future plans.

Lots of different pets have lived at the White House. Can you find and circle these?

Pets at the White House

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bobcat
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rooster
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JANUARY RECIPES

Keema Aloo

(Ground Beef And Potatoes)

Here's another warming winter dish. It's a little more complicated than many of the recipes, but well worth the additional effort.

Ingredients:

•1 pound ground beef or lamb

•2 large potatoes, diced

•1 large onion, finely chopped

•2 tomatoes, chopped (or about 2/3 can of diced tomatoes)

•2-3 green chilies, slit (optional; adjust to taste) or use a few slices of canned peppers

•4 cloves garlic, minced

•1-inch piece ginger, grated (or about 1 tsp ground)

Instructions:

1. In a large skillet or pot, heat the oil over medium heat. Add the cumin seeds and let them sizzle for a few seconds.

2. Add the chopped onions and sauté until they turn golden brown. Stir in the garlic, ginger, and green chilies, cooking for another minute until fragrant.

3. Add the ground beef or lamb to the pot, breaking it apart with a spoon. Cook until the meat is browned and no longer pink.

4. Stir in the chopped tomatoes, coriander powder, turmeric powder, and salt. Cook until the tomatoes soften and the oil starts to separate from the mixture.

6. Add the diced potatoes to the pot, mixing them well with the meat and spices. Pour in about 1 cup of water, cover the pot, and let it simmer on low heat for about 20 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender.

7. Once the potatoes are cooked through, sprinkle garam masala over the dish and mix gently. Garnish with fresh cilantro if desired.

Statepoint Crossword

THEME: SNOW DAY

ACROSS

1. Larger-than-life
5. Capone’s family
8. Wild swine
12. “You’re not allowed,” to a baby
13. Deal with it
14. Cunningly
15. Shower with affection
16. Allege
17. City in Belgium
18. *Snow Day exercise?
20. Poet Pound
21. Ovine sign of the zodiac
22. Tasseled hat
23. All together (2 words)
26. Military College of South Carolina, with The
30. For every
31. a.k.a. association football
34. *All-day Snow Day garb?
35. Delete
37. Crude fuel
38. Read-only disc
39. Good’s counterpart
40. Popular flowering shrub
42. Female ancestor
43. Two heads are better than one, e.g.

45. Bering Strait state
47. Rudolph’s Clarice, e.g.
48. Like thick smoke
50. Fountain option
52. *No two are alike, sing.
56. Surround (2 words)
57. Tangerine plus grapefruit
58. *Like a river, with over
59. #51 Down, pl.
60. Heidi’s “Magic Wooden Shoe”
61. Olufsen’s partner
62. Sound of a bell
63. Not him
64. Surfer’s stop

DOWN

1. Odds’ partners
2. Tubby little cubby
3. “He’s Just Not That ____ You”
4. Of the same period
5. *Popular Snow Day pastime
6. Some tournaments
7. Zugspitze, e.g.
8. *Severe weather
9. Deed hearing
10. Algae, sing.
11. Marble bread

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13. ____ Jack, English pirate
14. *As opposed to rain
19. Irregular
22. Type of conifer
23. Musketeers’ swords
24. High-strung
25. Cerebellum location
26. Unit of life
27. Students’ dwellings
28. *Snow Day reading choice
29. Helping theorem
32. *Like soft pj’s
33. Intelligence org.
36. *Slope fun
38. Shorter than California
40. Number of years
41. No, it doesn’t crawl in one’s ear
44. Horse of certain color, pl.
46. Spontaneous additions
48. Obtuse one
49. Tom Cruise’s “The ____ of Money”
50. Highway hauler
51. Bad sign
52. Of a particular kind
53. Smoothie berry
54. Superman’s last name
55. Part of a seat
56. *Like chocolate on a Snow Day

Sudoku Solution

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Sudoku solution January 2

Puzzle Solution

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Crossword solution January 2

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Emergency Communication Supervisor: \$55,100 - \$74,400 - Hiring Incentive \$3,500!
Facilities Maintenance:
Facilities Maintenance Tech II: \$25.00 - \$35.00
Hiring Incentive \$3,500!
Maintenance Worker - (temporary): \$19.13 - \$25.87
Finance:
Payroll Administrator: \$20.63 - \$28.89
Human Services:
Office Assistant – Human Services: \$19.13 - \$25.87
Caseworker II: \$20.63 - \$28.89
Library:
Library Specialist – Youth Services: \$20.63 - \$28.89
Parks & Recreation:
Child Camp Program Leader: \$15.77 - \$21.30
Head Lifeguard: \$14.88 - \$19.09
Lifeguard: \$14.60 - \$17.50
Sports Official: \$20.63 - \$28.89
Public Works:
Equipment Operator I: \$22.69 - \$31.78
Road and Bridge Worker (seasonal culvert crew): \$17.36 - \$23.46
Sheriff's Office:
Deputy - Detentions - POST Certified: \$30.77 - \$43.77 - Hiring Incentive \$3,500!
Deputy – Patrol - POST Certified: \$30.77 - \$43.77 - Hiring Incentive \$3,500!
Detentions Officer - Non-Certified: \$27.88 - \$39.66 - Hiring Incentive \$3,500!

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

Small family practice in Nederland including one physician with two support people, seeking a full-time medical receptionist who can act as assistant and secretary as well. Applicants must have some basic medical knowledge; excellent verbal and communication skills; proficient computer skills and office equipment skills; and the ability to quickly learn and work with EHR, scheduling and other medical software. This is an on-site position. Please reply via email to columbinefamily@gmail.com. Include your resume, a list of references, as a statement regarding why you are interested in this position; and/or request a more detailed description of the position. Pay ranges \$18 to \$22 an hour depending on experience.

Help Wanted

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Nederland Chiropractic is hiring a front desk receptionist, billing coordinator and patient care specialist. This is a part-time position with potential for additional hours. For more information, including pay, hours and full job description, please email doccathy@prodigy.net. \$17.50 to \$19.50 an hour.

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the last long drive home
in after work traffic
the last credit card bill
the last headache
the last rejection
a last listen to a favorite song
the last goodnight kiss
but if today is dying
then tomorrow is resurrection
a first kiss good morning
a first cup of coffee
a first listen to a favorite song
maybe this is how
I should live every day
like it's the last I'll live
and when tomorrow comes
it'll be a sort of miracle

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Current Job Openings for the City of Black Hawk

Go to www.cityofblackhawk.org and click on Job Openings for full Job Descriptions, Requirements, and to apply online.



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MAINTENANCE WORKER I: Salary Range: \$51,105 - \$71,547 / Annual (Paid hourly), DOQ/E. Operates both light and heavy equipment and performs routine, semi-skilled to skilled work in the maintenance and construction of streets, open space, summer flowers, parks, storm drainage systems, traffic control, signage, striping, landscaping, snow plowing, and City trash operations. Incumbents entering the class typically have limited related work experience and are closely supervised during training in the operations and

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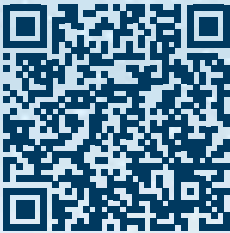
POLICE OFFICER (LATERAL OR POST-CERTIFIED ONLY): Salary Range: \$85,356 - \$120,701 / Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. The City of Black Hawk is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer (POST certified or laterals). The position is responsible for performing public safety functions and for providing for the enforcement of federal, state, and municipal law. Excellent Benefits package (See **Benefits**). **Apply Now:** <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/>

COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR: Salary Range: \$86,059 - \$120,483 Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. The Communication Supervisor is a non sworn position classification responsible for the supervision of the 911 Emergency Communications Center for Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, and other City Departments. Under general supervision, manages and reviews all police, fire, and emergency medical services communication. The position performs Computer Aided

Dispatch (CAD) system backup procedures and operates the system to produce reports as required. Excellent **Benefits** package (See **Benefits**). **Apply Now:** <https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/> **Application deadline is 01/03/2025.**

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.

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