

## Indigenous Peoples Day replaces Columbus Day



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### Sharing historical truth

Hinono-eino garb, drumming, and dancing were part of the grand entry. The group comprises members of Indigenous groups with hopes of a brighter and better future for youth where whole historical truths are told. *See story page 13.*

## New Vista students help with fire mitigation



John Scarffe  
Pinecliffe

Students from New Vista High School in Boulder came to Pinecliffe on Tuesday, October 15. About seven students, led by mathematics instructor Hunter Chen, participated in a community service project to haul slash for fire mitigation.

They were joined by the staff of Wildfire Partners, the Pinecliffe Association and John Scarffe, owner of the house where the project took place. New Vista High School takes a week off every year for students to participate in community service projects.

With a background in fire mitigation, Chen likes to lead fire mitigation projects during the community service week. Having worked with Wildfire Partners before, Chen reached out to

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### Hauling a Pile

Joey Seigel with New Vista High School hauls a pile of slash at Pinecliffe on Tuesday, October 15.

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences." ~Audre Lorde*



## Nederland holds the first NEDx

**Jamie Lammers**  
Nederland

Last Thursday night, the Backdoor Theater held the very first NEDx event. The organizers -- Liz Hamilton, Eileen Purdy, and Krista Crabtree -- hope to make this an annual event that changes themes every year. This year, the Backdoor gathered six local women writers to present their backstories, what got them into writing, how they've developed their craft, and why they love writing so much.

Crabtree, a freelance writer for SKI and Outside Magazines and author of the children's book *Being Stellar*, opened the event, talking about the importance of mentors and muses in writing. Her well-worded and well-researched speech revolved around the meaning of these words -- mentor meaning a teacher or advisor to someone and muse meaning a force that inspires their ideas. She discussed her search for her own mentor, encouraged the audience to educate themselves on what passion drives them, and told how she found her muse through absorbing herself in nature.

Following Crabtree was Cindy Weaver, who has worked as a teacher for both private and public education for over twenty years and who wrote *Losing My Breath: From Loss to Transformation*. She pulled the audience in with her speech, which considered the significance of pain and loss in art, and speaking with an engaging voice that one would want to hear a bedtime story from. She talked about the loss of her daughter after she was hit by a car in 2010, her period of grief where she isolated herself from the world, and how writing allowed her to express her emotions and open herself up. She brought up how, through her writing and soaking up nature, she found a new way to walk through life and express her real, raw self through art.

After Weaver was Jane Wodening,



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The organizers and speakers of NEDx from left to right: Liz Hamilton, organizer, Laura Roettiger, Jane Wodening, Karen Auvinen, Loren Levitt, Cindy Weaver, Krista Crabtree and Eileen Purdy, organizer.

a Chicago native who has written quite a few books about animals, including *Animals I've Neglected to Mention* and *The Wolf Dictionary*. She discussed her passion for animals and her desire to understand them through her writing. She emphasized the distinction between writing -- having something you need or want to express through words on paper -- and being a writer -- actually making a career out of those expressions. She talked about a longtime friend and how her death made her realize that if she didn't write soon, she wouldn't be able to write at all. She penned a story about

her friend before writing one that she has told orally many times over the last twenty years. She recited that latter story, which centers around an encounter with an orangutan while she was at the zoo with her family, at the end of her speech, and you could tell it was from her heart. She said that her husband was holding their baby and the orangutan became fascinated with it, gesturing to indicate her desire to hold the baby. Wodening kept the audience hooked through her gestures and the passion in her voice.

At the halfway mark of the event, the Twintet Quartet, a string quartet consisting of twins Jake and Emily Geels and twins Aya and Keahi Pelkhum Donahue, played a musical interlude. They played the theme song from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Haydn's *The Bird*, a medley of Russian pieces titled *Postcards from Russia*, and the Irish folk song *Danny Boy*.

Opening the second half of the event was Laura Roettiger, an environmental educator and STEM teacher who wrote the children's book *Aliana Reaches for the Moon*. She discussed the ever-changing idea of what an individual wants to be when they grow up and her path toward

reaching her personal aspirations to be a writer. She talked about interviewing presidential candidates Jesse Jackson and Ralph Nader, offers she received to write for the soap opera *The Young and the Restless* and its spinoff *The Bold and the Beautiful*, and eventually coming out to Colorado to write children's books, where she found she didn't have as much experience as she thought. She took the constructive criticism she was given and worked over two years to improve her style and get her first book published. Her message about cultivating patience with getting published is an immensely helpful message for writers who desperately want to get a book published.

Next came Loren Levitt, Houston-born writer and co-author of *The Beauty of Authenticity*, who discussed her initial aversion to writing. Not only was it not as personal as telling stories in-person, but she also worried she wouldn't be able to find her own style and would take too much after her mother, a romance novelist. During her speech, she encouraged the audience to embrace passions that spark curiosity and communicate them in whatever way they see fit, adding humorous anecdotes along

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# Nederland holds NEDx



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the way. Finally, Karen Auvinen, who wrote the memoir *Rough Beauty: Forty Seasons of Mountain Living* and whose work has been included in *The New York Times*, *Lithub*, *Real Simple* and *Westword*, among others, took to the stage to discuss her struggle finding an independent female role model. She idolized the Marlborough Man out of desperation because she couldn't think of many independent females who were able to go it alone. Even her father expected her to go into a stereotypical female job. She wanted to, as she put it, live wild and alone. She wanted to walk away from the typical female role to find independence through living freely. After a while, however, she realized that the true "Marlborough Woman" shouldn't only live wild and alone. She should work towards making her own decisions and being the hero of her own life's tale, which is the perfect final message for an

event like this. If the audience took one thing away from this year's NEDx, it's that writing isn't just a method of telling stories. It's a method of personal expression, of being able to let out your bottled-up anger or sadness or even happiness through specific usage of written words. It's a way of expressing pain, desire, connection to others, and intriguing life events. These six women writers demonstrated that beautifully, and hopefully NEDx will continue and thrive after this first successful night.

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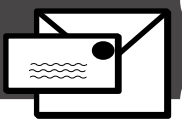
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



### Thank you for caring for our pets

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Mountain Paws Pet Care Fund we wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of The Mountain Ear and the Nederland community. We had an overwhelming response at our kick-off event that none of us expected and it

confirmed what we are starting is great thing for this pet loving community

Sincerely,

Ginger Baer

Mountain Paws Pet Care Fund Board

### Golden Gate craft fair

Dear Editor,

Join us at the Golden Gate Grange for our 10th Annual Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 9th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Browse a wonderful selection of items made by local crafters and artists including ... Jewelry, Handmade Leather Fashion Accessories, Paintings by Sandy Pearce, Christmas Decorations, Wooden Toys and Art, Pottery, Jellies and Dips, Knitwear, Mary Ramstetter's Books, Photography, Cards, Calendars, Stuffed Dragons and Unicorns, Wooden Pens, Seam Rippers, Cheese Boards, Bee Boxes, Bird Feeders, Gift Baskets, Natural Beauty

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The Golden Gate Grange is located at 25201 Golden Gate Canyon Road, Golden just 4 miles west of Highway 93.

Jayne Ruesch

Golden Gate Canyon

### Senior living lasagna dinner

Dear Editor,

Plan to attend the 5th Annual Senior Living Lasagna Dinner/Silent Auction/Talent Show on November 16 at Gilpin County School. Dinner and Silent Auction begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Talent Show following at 7 p.m. Tickets available at the door are \$20 with children 12 and under FREE. Tickets include dinner, silent auction and talent show. Talent Show only

tickets are \$5. Mac & cheese, vegetarian and gluten free varieties will be available. There is still time to volunteer, donate to the Silent Auction or participate in the Talent Show. Please call Ardetta at 303 601-0562 or email at ardettar@gmail.com. Hope to see you all there!

Ardetta Robertson

Gilpin County

### Share-A-Coat Nederland

Dear Editor,

The Share-A-Coat Drive is happening in Nederland! Support the Nederland Clothing Closet by contributing to the Share-A-Coat Drive, brought to you by your local Nederland resident members of the Boulder Valley Rotary Club. Bring your too-small, somewhat-worn, but still-warm coats to one of the donation boxes located at the Nederland Library, Nederland Community Center, or Nederland Elementary. Other items such as hats, gloves, sweaters, mittens, snow-boots, etc. will also be accepted

for donation. All items will be professionally cleaned and delivered to the Nederland Clothing Closet as well as other Boulder County organizations by mid-December. Both children and adult size coats are needed! Let's see what we can do for the less fortunate children in our community. Clean out those closets and get your donations in by December 3rd!

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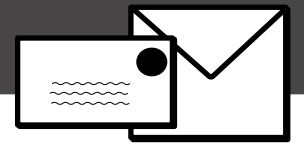
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Throw the bums out

Dear Readers,

In all the false narratives and “alt facts” we are witnessing today in our political landscape, I would like to add my perspective.

First, when Donald Trump withheld defensive weapons from the newly elected president of Ukraine, the country which benefited the most was Russia, in their illegal war in Eastern Ukraine. Ukraine is in a battle for its very existence in a very real war which has cost them over 10,000 casualties. Trump may have seen this as a perfect solution in his “infinite wisdom”, using a foreign power to influence a US election by attempting to get dirt on Biden, and help Putin. After Trump admitted to withholding the military aid, the administration then began floating the new narrative that Trump and Giuliani were actually seeking some mysterious Democratic servers which allegedly contained some of the infamous missing Clinton emails. Remember that Robert Mueller, in his testimony before Congress, had stated that it was Russia which had engaged in a systematic effort to affect the 2016 election, not Ukraine. Nowhere is Ukraine mentioned in the Mueller report. Trump sees this acknowledgement of Russian interference as somehow diminishing his election victory.

Mueller also testified that the Russian interference was aimed at helping Trump and hurting Clinton. Why would Putin want to hurt Clinton? Perhaps because she stood with the EU in imposing sanctions on Russia after their illegal seizing of Crimea. Remember too that at the Helsinki press conference with Trump and Putin, when Trump was asked whether Russia had interfered in our election, despite 17 intelligence agencies stating clearly that they had, Trump said he had asked Putin, and he answered very forcefully that they hadn't. Trump

took Putin's word over our national security agencies. Why? Is it Hubris? Narcissism? Or does Putin actually have something on Trump that he holds over him?

Now, with Trump's recent decision to remove all American troops from northern Syria after a phone call with the Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the result is a shameful abandonment of our Kurdish allies who have fought so bravely as our partners against ISIS. The Kurds have suffered 11,000 dead and 18,000 casualties in the seven years they have been fighting as our allies. Strangely, who has moved into the power vacuum that we have abandoned is Russia which is guilty of war crimes against the Syrian people (think barrel bombs, bombing of medical facilities, etc.), and Assad of Syria, also guilty of these same war crimes. Also benefitting from this unplanned and whimsical withdrawal of our troops is ironically Iran, which now has more ability to cause mayhem in the region. And of course, ISIS has a chance to reconstitute itself and fulfill its terrorist mission. Now the Kurds are thrown under the bus of Trump's thoughtless decision.

After the House, in a bipartisan vote repudiated Trump's unilateral decision, Trump defensively began spinning the false narrative that this was a brilliant strategic move. In fact, it has left a power vacuum which has now been filled by the countries which we fought so hard to defeat. Our Commander in Chief relied solely on his instincts (and maybe the double Trump tower in Istanbul) to make this disastrous decision and walk back seven years of hard-fought victories over ISIS. He did not consult with the military, the state department, or any national security advisors. This ready, shoot, aim decision is why we need to first impeach Trump for his high crimes (forget the misdemeanors), and then pass legislation which limits the

power of the executive to make these unilateral decisions in the future. If the Republican held Senate does not convict him, then we must vote Trump and all his swamp dwellers out of office. The fast-moving impeachment inquiry may change many details of this narrative, but the basic truths behind all this remain.

One last tidbit... When asked about

the hidden Trump tax returns which are in perpetual audit, Donald Jr. did the sin of telling the truth. He said Russia was all over them. Go figure.

Throw the bums out,

Bill Thibedeau,  
Gilpin County

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# New Vista students help with fire mitigation



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ask if there would be a project for his students.

Originally called the Upper Dudley cabin, the Scarffe Family house, owned jointly by John and his two sons Brendan and Kendall, was built in 1901 and was a single room partially on

posts.

A church group in Iowa would ride the train to Pinecliffe and then use oxen and burros to haul building materials up the hill to the Association. John's grandfather, Frank Welle, bought the cabin in 1941. A master plumber in Denver, Welle and his brother added porches for a kitchen and bedroom and

## Helping with Fire Mitigation

Top, left; New Vista High School students complete a fire mitigation project as a community service project in Pinecliffe. Top, right; Mathematics Instructor Hunter Chen organized the fire mitigation project for New Vista High School students. Bottom, left; New Vista High School students gather a pile of slash to hand off to other students, eventually landing in a big pile by the road on Tuesday, October 15.

installed a bathroom.

They blasted out a basement from the rock on which the house is built, and added a garage, work room, bedroom and bath with a shower. Later, a deck was closed in as an additional room and a metal roof was added.

The house was surrounded by trees, mainly Ponderosa Pines. Wildfire Partners completed an assessment of the property and the house, marking more than 30 trees in Zone One to be cut down, as well as recommending improvements on the outside to reduce the chance of fire embers starting a fire in the house.

Since the property desperately needed fire mitigation, he called his nephew Isaac Hamilton, asking if he could cut some trees to get ready for the high school group. On Sunday, October 13, he and his friend Travis cut down 15 trees on the property near the house.

They were joined by Coal Creek Canyon Resident Linda Martin, who also leads Saws and Slaws, a fire mitigation group in Coal Creek, and agreed to help as a volunteer. Several of the trees were close to the house, so they would use a come-along and a chain to hook to the tree being cut down and tilt the tree in the direction they wanted it to go.

After cinching the come-along, Hamilton would use a chainsaw to cut wedges out of the tree, and after cinching hard, the very tall pines would crash to the ground.

The next day, Hamilton, Travis, Linda Martin, Lammers and others gathered to cut the slash from the logs. They stacked them in piles near the logs where they had been cut.

On Tuesday, New Vista students began arriving at 9 a.m. Leslie Brodhead, Wildfire Partners Program Specialist, provided students with an orientation, and the students learned about zones around a house that need to be mitigated. Sarah Regan, an assistant with the program, worked with the students as well.

Students included Joey Seigel, William Butler, Diego Sermenovroz, Izak Bordan, and Alana Valette. Students worked together to lift the heavier branches, then dragged them to the road, stacking them in piles. As the students went back and forth at a quick pace, they made swift work of the piles, completing most of the work by lunch.

After lunch, the group completed cleaning the slash and starting a smaller pile on the road leading to the house.

By about 1:30 p.m. the group finished the project. Cutting down more trees will have to wait for the summer.

With the teamwork between John, the students and Wildfire Partners, his house is now safer against the threat of wildfires. Wildfire Partners provides assessments free to homeowners who are new to the program. *More information is available through their website, [www.wildfirepartners.org](http://www.wildfirepartners.org).*

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## Carousel celebrated with poetry



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### Reader and Family

Poet John Haworth read poetry at the Gilpin County Library on October 19 and attended with family Delana and son Lyrice.

### John Scarffe Gilpin County

A new book of poetry celebrates the Carousel of Happiness in Nederland. Poet, Musician and Carousel Operator Burt Rashbaum read from his new book, "Of the Carousel," during a night of poetry reading at the Gilpin County Public Library at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 19.

Local poets Stith Bennet, John Haworth, Gurattan Helgeson and Christine Weeber also read poetry and prose during the event. Refreshments included cookies, pastry and vegetable soup homemade by Christine Weeber, who also helped organize the poetry reading.

Gilpin County Librarian Michael Carlson welcomed attendees to the reading and said this is a semi-annual poetry event. He appreciates the craft and the hard work it takes. Christine Weeber has been the force behind these events.

Rashbaum, who read last, said the book, "Of the Carousel," was published about a month ago by the Poet's Press in Pittsburg, PA, which was founded in 1971 and is one of the oldest independent poetry publishers in the United States. Rashbaum has operated the Carousel for nine years and has published nonfiction, "A Century of Love," fiction, "Becoming an American," "Tears for My Mother," "The Ones that I Know," and poetry "Blue Pedals," and he has produced two CD's of original music, "Tools of Creation" and "Quantum Limp."

Rashbaum said he was influenced by the short stories and novels of Don Marquis, some of which were turned into silent films. He said publishing a book of poems was like throwing a rose down the Grand Canyon and waiting to hear the echo, but Rashbaum has started to hear the echo from the new book.

In the introduction to the book, Rashbaum wrote: "The Carousel of Happiness in Nederland, Colorado, is a hand-carved carousel made by Scott Harrison, a Viet Nam veteran. The carving took almost 26 years. More than 100,000 riders a year enjoy this carousel.

I am one of its operators. I've seen it all."

Rashbaum said he sees older people turn into little kids while riding the carousel. He started writing a poem about the carousel with several verses, and each verse was written at work while the carousel was running. He read some of the verses to a group, and their faces were blank, but John Haworth said, "I think you have something there."

Rashbaum then decided to turn each verse into a poem. Christine Weeber had written a book with a sequence of poems, and each poem had a number, so Rashbaum decided to use that format. The poems are non-linear and evoke the kinetic experience of the carousel.

He read the opening poem, before the carousel opens for the day, "Waiting for the first riders to appear at the gate." The carousel attracts all kinds of people, some trying to make a statement with their shirts or hats, but once they're inside the carousel, that all goes away, he said, which led to Poem One.

Poem two focused on the 1913 Wurlitzer, which provides the music for the carousel. It plays 88 instruments and has to be contained in a box or it will be too loud. All of the animals in the carousel are free, but the Wurlitzer, which is like a beast, is caged.

People come to the carousel for all kinds of reasons, for peace or to escape their regular lives. Women came in who were pregnant, and then the next time Rashbaum would see them, they would have two-year-old children, and then the next year they were pregnant again.

The carousel also hosted special events such as weddings, with the couple progressing into the carousel and standing in front of the St. Bernard while the Wurlitzer pounded away. Viet Nam veterans, wearing their jackets, would come in to recognize Harrison.

"Wounded warrior carrying tears stilled bathed in death, needing to leave it all behind,"

Rashbaum wrote in poem 11.

Some are sick or disabled, Rashbaum said. Buses pull up and 15 people would get out, and they are all old. Something I've never been able to figure out is they

weep the whole time even though I put on my clown nose.

Others come for a while and then he never sees them again. One lady who was very sick would come to the carousel, and one day the gorilla said, "Come sit by me," and she would hold the gorilla's hand for the 3-1/2-minute ride. Other riders have Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

Rashbaum concluded the reading with the final poem in the book, printed in the shape of the carousel, describing the carousel after it closes for the day.

Gurattan Helgeson was first to read poetry and prose for the event. He has written poetry and shorts for various chapbooks and is now writing a historical novel. He makes a living in a medical engineering business while he practices and teaches kundalini yoga, raises organic veggies, works out, writes and shares awareness with friends.

He read his poem, "Ethro Joy," encouraging people to join in the ecstasy of awareness. He read from two chapters of his book, which is set in Peru in the 1500's before the Spanish arrived.

His characters have escaped from the emperor in Machu Pichu and hide in the jungle, but they are found, arrested and taken to court. Helgeson also read poems "Footprint," about footprints in the sand and "Guitar Meditation."

John Haworth read next. He is a student of life, coaxing words from starlight in a vain attempt to describe reality. He pokes and prods at the dark parts of the human heart only to find more questions. He lives in transition between Nederland and Ward.

Haworth said he was blessed to be here with people he considered his mentors. He is trying to question where the darkness comes from and read a poem

featuring the crushing of mice and how that impacted him.

He read his poem, "There is a wagon train in my blood," in which he discussed the sins of his grandfathers and their grandfathers, comparing their days with the modern days of traffic and noise. "We are no more than a bad story we can't quit telling ourselves," Haworth wrote.

Stith Bennett read next. When not living off-grid or getting edgy as a political activist, Bennett is a recovering physicist, hi-tech entrepreneur, quality guru and college professor. His successful recovery trajectory — involving every one of these afflictions — engages music and poetry.

He started out by reading Haiku with Christine Weeber. While on a trip back from the La Garita Wilderness, the two got stuck in traffic, so they took turns composing Haiku, a form of poetry composed of three lines with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second line and five syllables in the third line.

For the reading, Weeber and Bennett read alternating lines from their Haiku. Bennett then introduced the poetry of 15th Century Poet Kabir from India, who was both a Hindu and a Muslim and was revered by adherents of both religions. Kabir was famous for Ulatbamsi, which means upsided out language.

Bennet read a poem by Kabir and then his own poem copying the format. Christine Weeber then read her poems. She is the author of two poetry chapbooks, "In the Understory of Her Being" and "Sastrugi."

Her poetry and prose have appeared in "A Poetic Inventory of Rocky Mountain National Park," "Under the Devil's

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Tuesdays - Dam Jam, 9 p.m. at Ned's, Nederland.  
 Tuesdays (2nd & 4th of month) - Karaoke, 7 p.m. at Branding Iron, Nederland.  
 Wednesdays - Vinyl Night, 6 p.m. at Very Nice Brewing Company, Nederland.  
 Wednesdays - Open Blues Night, 9:30 p.m. at Pioneer Inn, Nederland.  
 Thursdays - Open Jam, 10 p.m. at Pioneer Inn, Nederland.  
 Thursdays (2nd of month) - Open Mic, 6:30 p.m. at Very Nice Brewing Company, Nederland.  
 Fridays (2nd & 4th of month) - Karaoke, 6 p.m. at Last Stand Tavern, Golden.  
 Sundays - (1st & 3rd) Bluegrass Pick, Noon at Roy's Last Shot, Black Hawk.  
 Sundays - Advanced Pick 3 p.m. at Knotted Root Brewery, Nederland.  
 Sundays - Karaoke 7 p.m. at Ned's, Nederland.

**Music Calendar**

**The Clock Tower Collective**  
 112 E 2nd Street, Nederland  
 (303) 258-3537  
 November 1, 6 p.m. - First Friday with the CBDs.

**Last Stand Tavern**  
 32138 Highway 72, Golden  
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 October 26, 4 p.m. - Wylie "Crazy Horse" Jones.  
 November 2, 5 p.m. - Lee & Gary.

**Pioneer Inn**  
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 October 24, 10 p.m. - Squid Philliams.  
 October 26, 10 p.m. - Jackson Cloud Odyssey.  
 October 30, 9:30 p.m. - Ben Sproul.  
 October 31, 10 p.m. - Easy Riders (Halloween Party - dress as a late 60s rebel).  
 November 6, 9:30 p.m. - 50 Shades of Blue.  
 November 7, 10 p.m. - Andrew Cooney.

**The Caribou Room**  
 55 Indian Peaks Drive, Nederland  
 (303) 258-3637  
 October 26, 7 p.m. - Nederland Witches Ball Feat Dead Floyd at The Caribou Room  
 November 8, 7:30 p.m. - Muscle Shoals Movie. FREE  
 November 9, 9 p.m. - Steve Poltz w/ Rainbow Girls.

November 16, 8 p.m. - Prom 2 - 1940s Carnival & Freakshow featuring Banshee Tree.  
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 October 27, 4 p.m. - All Hat No Horse.  
 November 1, 6 p.m. - Chris Smith.  
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 November 3, 4 p.m. - Patrice LeBlanc.

**Very Nice Brewing Company**  
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 October 25, 6 p.m. - Uncle Barnaby.  
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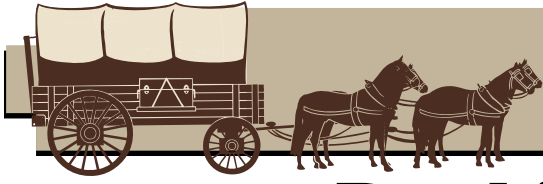
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# WHERE WE WERE

## Read in Ned: Rollins Pass Rewind

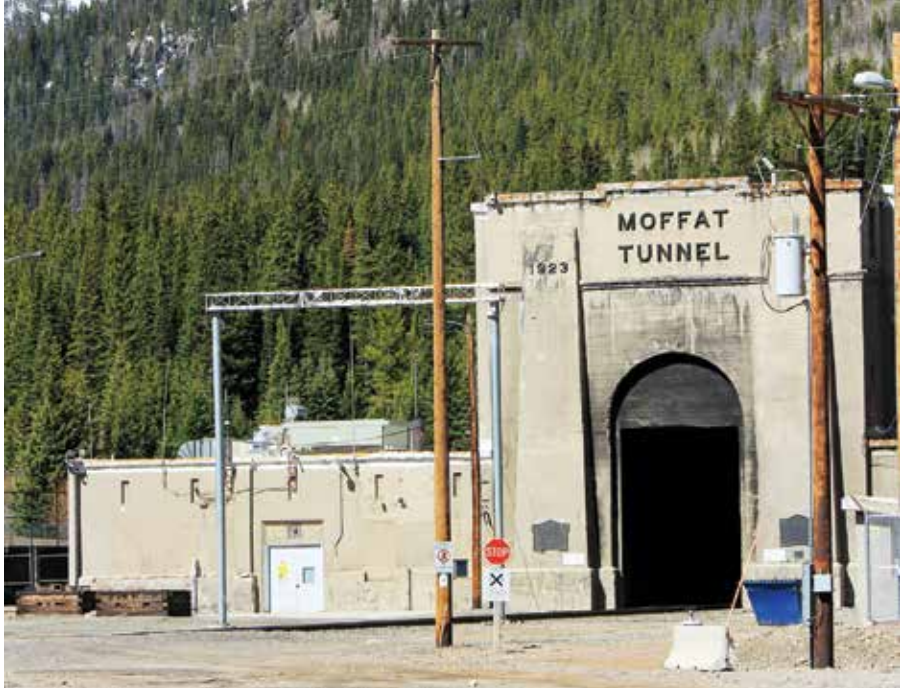


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**Tom Lambrecht**  
Nederland

The remarkable vista that appears at the northern end of Gilpin County is a looming valley that opens up just west of the town of Rollinsville. Sure, there are plenty of big valleys up here and many of them are steeped in local history, but this one stands out as still teeming with activity - a destination for hikers, mountain bikers, four wheelers and mining and rail history buffs. The East Portal Road runs through a checkerboard of public and private land to a parking lot at the six-mile long Moffat Tunnel that

channels the Burlington Northern under the Continental Divide and serves as an access point to the James Peak Wilderness area. Just before that terminus is a sharp turn to the Rollins Pass Road, former route of the Denver, Northwestern and Pacific Railway before the tunnel was bored for what ultimately became the current Union Pacific Railroad.

A number of weighty history books address the rail history as well as luminaries such as David Moffat and John Quincy Adams Rollins whose names pepper the maps of the area. But the historical record goes back much further because the area was a major

migratory route for Native Americans and a site of game drives with evidence of rock walls and blinds still existing.

Last year's publication of *Rollins Pass*, by Arcadia Press, with historic photos recently unearthed by authors B. Travis and Kate Wright, joins a number of other Arcadia offerings of local interest like, *Around Nederland* and *Only in Boulder: The County's Colorful Characters*, by local historians Kay Turnbaugh and Sylvia Pettem, as well as *Blackhawk and Central City*, by Gilpin Historical Society president David Forsyth. Nederland and Gilpin Libraries partnered to bring the Wright's Rollins Pass presentation to the Gilpin Library a while back and attendance topped 70 people and overflowed the meeting room. A return visit was in order and Very Nice Brewing is the venue for the upcoming presentation and film screening by the Wright's on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 7 p.m.

The Rollins Pass Rewind event will contrast historic images and modern photos and the authors will showcase

10,000 years of history of the area. The documentary film, *Stone and Steel at the Top of the World*, by Colorado State University professor and professional archaeologist Jason M. LaBelle PhD will screen as well. The film describes the ancient hunters of the Colorado high country as well as more contemporary happenings. Signed copies of the Wright's new book, *Rollins Pass*, and the Rollins Pass historic photos postcard pack will be available for purchase with cash or credit card.

Tom Lambrecht is the assistant director of the Nederland Community Library.

Rollins Pass Rewind is at Very Nice Brewing, in Nederland, on Tuesday, November 5 at 7 p.m. There is no charge, but attendance is limited to 50 people and reservations are required. Beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

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The smart savvy sign of Scorpio is front and center with snazzy birthday celebrations. Fall arrived with its glorious golden display of pyrotechnics, and Libras are now ready to turn the center of the stars over to the Scorpions, famed for the mysterious holiday of Halloween. Mercury is costumed as the detective, also in Scorpio, as is romantically inclined Venus.

Virgo- Virgo appreciates the savvy approach to life demonstrated by Scorpio, and enlarges upon this theme in several areas of your life. Mercury, your ruler, reverses during the first three weeks of November. With your day-planner in hand, you can manage the delays that arise ahead.

Scorpios are poised for happy birthdays and an inventive year ahead. You have weathered challenging cycles in life in the past, and now you know who you are and what you want and what needs to be done to make it all happen. 2020 is a favorable career year for you, with opportunities abounding.

Libra- After introducing fall to the mountains, you are pleased with your efforts, and hand the helm of the heavens to the sign that follows yours. Savvy Scorpio will help you place your finances in good order, and also navigate preparations for the winter season that arrives next.

Aries- The expression about fortune favoring the brave must have been written about you, Aries. Now that the Sun is in Scorpio, you will instinctively know the direction that you want to move in and you will be emboldened to make the moves that will take you where you want to go.

Scorpio- Sophisticated Scorpio is scintillating during the month ahead. You have endured many transformations during the course of your life, and the arrival of good times in 2020 is what you deserve. With Mercury the magician currently in your sign, know what you want and work for it.

Taurus- Romantic Taurus has as its partner in the stars the mysterious sign of Scorpio. Over the month ahead relationships move front and center in your life. You will be active and in demand and as you have learned over the past few years, in control of your boundaries and ready for fun.

Sagittarius- The sign before yours, Scorpio, plumbs the depths of the collective psyche. We reveal or disguise our persona with costumes and we mystically commune with those who have gone before. As the thinking sign, you are ready to approach the month ahead in depth.

Gemini- Even the silver-tongued orator of the zodiac, Gemini, can become tongue-tied when your ruling planet, the messenger of the gods, Mercury, starts moving backward through the heavens. The solution is to plan what you want to say ahead of time and then speak clearly.

Capricorn- The heavens rotate and multi-dimensional Scorpio arises with all of its complexity. Capricorn and Scorpio weave opportunities into the future that they will design. Both signs are hard-working and cooperate with each other, as they know what they want and how to get it.

Cancer- The Moon Children welcome another water sign, mysterious Scorpio, into the center of the web of life. You appreciate the creativity of the parties and costumes that are hosted by the Scorpions. Liven up your life with inventiveness and look for the potential of romance as well.

Aquarius- Scorpio rises to the front of the astrological world stimulating you to career efforts. You will be assisted by Mercury, in his role as the detective. The messenger will be reversing, allowing you to look to your past for clues for your future plans in the work world around you.

Leo- Scorpio will inspire the lions to design fantastical costumes and parties replete with clever décor. Now that fall has been introduced by the social sign of Libra, the new astrological energy of Scorpio reminds you to prepare for the next season,

Pisces- Pisces journeys into the mystic as the nights grow longer and disguises are donned for Halloween. In your spiritual studies, you follow the clues left by great civilizations and the teachers of times long past. Pisces and Scorpio are the twin intuitive signs of the zodiac.

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# Democracy Watch: ALEC – Lobbying State Legislatures

**Gene Strandberg**  
*Gilpin County*

Conservative talk-show hosts tell their listeners ALEC is just a lobbying organization. Let's see.

ALEC is registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and calls itself a bipartisan public and private partnership, according to the Center for Media and Democracy and ALECExposed.org. The public part consists of approximately 2,000 state legislators, 99 percent of which are Republican. The private part consists of about 300 corporations, corporate trade groups and corporate foundations.

Officials can lie to the public, and nominees can lie to Congress, all without consequences. This column in *The Mountain-Ear* will show how we got to this point. What starts here in our little section of Colorado, might make the truth fashionable again and pull Democracy back from the brink!

To join ALEC, Legislators pay \$100 for a two-year membership. Private members pay from \$7,000 to \$25,000 per year. ALEC has nine task forces responsible for writing legislation: 1. Civil Justice; 2. Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development; 3. Communications and Technology; 4. Education; 5. Energy, Environment, and Agriculture; 6. Health and Human Services; 7. International Relations; 8. Justice Performance Project; 9. Tax and Fiscal Policy, according to ALECExposed.org.

By paying an additional \$2,500 to \$10,000 per year to join a task force, corporations can participate in writing their own legislation. Legislators receive all-expenses-paid trips, called 'scholarships,' to Task Force Summits at luxury resorts around the country, families included.

For example, for the 2006 Spring summit at Coeur d'Alene Resort, Summer Summit at San Francisco Marriott Marquis, Winter summit at JW

Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa the ALEC bill totaled \$634,791, according to ALECExposed.org. That total is only to reimburse attendees for travel, lodging, food and drink, but doesn't include what corporations paid to entertain legislators during the trip.

ALEC typically produces about 1,000 corporate-friendly bills every year, which legislators take home and introduce as their own ideas. About 200 of these become law, which are a benefit to corporations but a detriment to the public.

Tommy Thompson, former ALEC member, former Wisconsin Governor, former George W. Bush Cabinet member says, "Myself, I always loved going to (ALEC) meetings, because I always found new ideas. Then I'd take them back to Wisconsin, disguise them a little bit, and declare that, 'It's mine'."

Wisconsin will be our example for ALEC's procedure in the states. Wisconsin's 2011-2012 legislative session included at least 32 bills or budget items with an ALEC origin. They included voter ID laws, bills to ban lawsuits for death or injury from prescription drugs, bills to restrict union dues collection, bills to help the tobacco industry and bills to limit telecomm regulation. Twenty-one of those bills are now law in Wisconsin, according to ALECExposed.org.

Officially, Wisconsin has a zero-tolerance policy concerning gifts to lawmakers, but from 2006-2008, ALEC spent almost \$117,000 to pay for Wisconsin legislators to attend resort meetings with corporate lobbyists. A Wisconsin State Representative introduced a bill that would force legislators to list their ALEC "scholarship" money on disclosure forms. The bill was referred to the Committee on Assembly Organization on February 23, 2012. No action was taken. The committee was chaired by

two ALEC members.

In 2010. PhRMA, the largest trade group of drug manufacturers, gave more than \$350,000 to ALEC, according to ALECExposed.org. It was told to send the money to Wisconsin, the street address of Amy Boyer, ALEC's corporate co-chair for Wisconsin and a lobbyist for Koch Industries and other energy corporations.

The goal of most ALEC bills is to lower corporate taxes, decrease regulation and protect against lawsuits, all of which increase profits. Specific bills have been written to:

- Make it harder to vote
- Make it harder for unions to organize
- Stop essential benefits for workers
- Promote trade laws that outsource

- jobs
- Limit damages for dangerous products
- Block efforts to address climate change
- Limit rules that protect air and water
- Privatize schools and prisons
- Oppose Wall Street reforms
- Oppose health insurance reforms
- Stop limits on banking fees
- Oppose taxes on windfall oil profits
- Oppose limits on machine guns
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# The here, there, and in between this Halloween



**Mindy Leary**  
Peak to Peak

Here at 8,236 feet Halloween wouldn't be complete without howling winds, bitter cold and fresh snow. At least the peepers have nothing left to peep. Here on the Peak to Peak, the leaves, like the frozen guy, are dead but hanging on.

Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve, is a time to honor the saints, or the hallows, and is widely believed to have originated from ancient Celtic harvest festivals. There is a significant difference from the way the practice has developed in North America versus Europe.

In Scotland and Ireland, the children are only supposed to receive treats if they perform a party trick for the households they visit. This normally takes the form of singing a song or reciting a joke or a funny poem.

Occasionally a child may do card tricks, play the mouth organ (what's a mouth organ, you ask... basically a harmonica) or something even more impressive, but most children will earn plenty of treats even with something very simple. Often they won't even need to perform.

While going from door to door in disguise has remained popular among Scots and Irish at Halloween, the North American saying "trick-or-treat" has become common. More accurately, one could say, "Trick-And-Treat."

This Halloween in Nederland has plenty in store for Trick-or-Treaters, whether you choose to celebrate on All Hallows' Eve or even a few days early.

**Teens Inc.** will host Howl-O-Ween Ned from 12-3 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, and will include a haunted house, games, a costume contest and performer. In addition, there will be face painting, prizes, and chili dogs with \$4 kid admission, adults are free!

If you're looking for something beyond Nederland there's a galore of spooky activities to quicken the blood. One of which is **The Haunted Field of Screams Presents Pitch Dark: A Ride to the Riverdale Gates of Hell.** This blackout event takes place October 31 through November 2.

Guests are invited to venture through all-new, uncharted haunt territory with



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solely a glow stick in hand for an intense outdoor haunt and hayride experience never before seen or heard at the Haunted Field of Screams.

"Pitch Dark brings the legends of Riverdale Road to life through an all-new haunt experience at the Haunted Field of Screams," said Mark Villano, co-owner of the Haunted Field of Screams. "Going beyond the corn field, in complete darkness, Pitch Dark takes you on a ride to uncharted territory where the lady in white awaits."

The Haunted Field of Screams scream-park will also offer two 5-minute escape rooms – John Doe & Jane Doe – haunted CarnEvil games, photo stops, concessions and more during the Pitch Dark event. Tickets for the escape rooms and games may be purchased onsite.

The Haunted Field of Screams is located only 15 minutes from downtown Denver at 10451 McKay Road, Thornton, CO.

Trunk event in the parking lot from 5-6 p.m. on October 31. During the event parents, staff and community members setup their decorated cars and trucks with candies and treats to give out to the kids. Think floats but with candy.

The B & F Mountain Market is accepting candy donations for the town of Nederland to be given out during trick-or-treating in old town. This event begins in the afternoon traditionally and continues into the early evening. These donations will help with the ever-growing candy demand on Halloween night.

**Gilpin County schools** will be hosting their PTA-sponsored events Halloween Carnival and Trick-or-Treat Street. The events will be held at the school on October 26 from 5-8:30 p.m.

So wherever you land your broomstick this Halloween, be it up, down or in-between, know that there's fun in the air, even when the wind gives us scare, and be sure to brush those teeth after candy-binging!

**Nederland Elementary** will be hosting the PTA-sponsored Trick-or-

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# Indigenous Peoples Day replaces Columbus Day



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**K. Sylvest**  
Boulder

Hundreds gathered in the gymnasium at Boulder High School to welcome the Northern and Southern Arapaho people back to their homeland at the Indigenous Peoples Day celebration on October 13. The heritage of the Hinono-eino (Arapaho) People was celebrated with prayer, dancing, artwork, food, seminars, and storytelling. The celebration recognized the cultural belief of the interdependence of all living things.

The Arapaho traveled from Oklahoma and Wyoming to the ceremony, which was also attended by other Indigenous Peoples including the Navajo, Cheyenne, and individuals with Indigenous heritage who call Boulder and the surrounding areas home. The event, one of many held in the Boulder Valley and across the country, recognized the violations of human rights, discrimination, and genocide committed against Indigenous Peoples upon their forcible and violent removal from the valley after the discovery of gold in the mountains. Columbus Day, held the second Monday of

every October, has been renamed Indigenous Peoples Day in Boulder.

Mayor Suzanne Jones of Boulder stated that the acts committed against Native populations living in Boulder were “tragic” and “dishonorable”. A resolution made in 2016 was publicly re-read by members of City Council. The resolution not only recognized the immeasurable harm done, but also named steps to eliminate prejudice, appreciate Native culture, restore public lands to Native Peoples, and partner in education.

Mayor Jones informed the crowd that she invited the leaders of 13 tribes to participate in government decisions made last spring. Her office has worked to restore the culturally significant sweat lodges on Indian Mountain. They’ve also received two grants to make the open spaces of Boulder County accurately reflect the history of our Native past. Her office is working to rename Boulder’s Settler’s Park, thought to be the first location of white settlers in Boulder, to reflect an Indigenous name. Members from the school district also spoke of the importance of teaching accurate, fair, and complete histories that reframe and go beyond Columbus.




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# Farmer's Market ends season



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The Nederland Farmers Market Board of Directors and staff celebrated a bountiful season with volunteers, sponsors, and vendors this past Sunday. The markets grossed \$67,500 in sales, generating \$2,000 in paid Nederland taxes and over \$5,000 per market for the local economy. In 2020, NFM will have another eleven markets focused on home grown food and home made crafts.

# Central City Council and BID come to an agreement

Patrice LeBlanc  
Central City

The Central City Council meeting convened on October 15, 2019, at 7:15 p.m. Council members in attendance were Mayor Jeremy Fey, Mayor Pro Tem Judy Laratta, Alderman Jeff Aiken, Alderman Jack Hidahl and Alderman Jackie Johnson.

The council addressed Resolution 19-28 approving an agreement for Municipal Prosecution Services. This resolution is a result of a notice from the Law Office of Donna M. Stewart Inc. to terminate services with the City of Central. The firm Michow Cox and McAskin LLP has offered to fill the role as interim prosecutor by appointing Christiana McCormick, which may turn into a more permanent role. Markus McAskin is the attorney for Central City and his firm has been used in the past for code enforcement,

traffic cases and other areas. Alderman Johnson was glad to have a firm that is already familiar with Central City to be handling its legal affairs. Municipal court cases are currently scheduled every other month and compensation is set for \$800 per court session for Prosecutor's attendance with an annual compensation ranging \$16,000-\$20,000 depending on the number of cases on the docket. Resolution 19-29 was voted on and passed 5-0 by the council.

The Council heard the first reading of Ordinance 19-09 which amends the Municipal Code to change the maximum jail sentence for criminal offenses under the City's Municipal Code to three hundred sixty four days instead 1 year. The ordinance follows provisions set forth by state law in which House Bill 19-

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### Addressing the Council

Deb Wray, President of the Gilpin Historical Society, spoke to the council in the public participation section.

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1148 became effective on August 2, 2019 to reduce the maximum jail sentence by one day. The purpose behind this change is to avoid triggering immigration action. The impact from this bill should be minimal to county and city governments. All courts have been asked to make this revision so there is no conflict with federal revisions. Alderman Hidahl requested verification in the wording of the ordinance which state all offences or criminal violation. City Manager Daniel Miera pointed out any violation that is not considered criminal is considered a civil matter. Mayor Fey commented the city cannot take on criminal cases as they don't have a public defender. Miera added the city is not set up to handle these cases in-house with the requirement of custody, paperwork and a small jury pool of residents to choose from. Sheriff Kevin Armstrong explained policy how the department patrols activity in Central City and directs all court cases to the county courthouse. The first reading passed 5-0. A second reading of Ordinance 19-09 is anticipated to occur on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

The city council was asked to approve Amendment 3 in Resolution 19-29 that is an agreement between the City of Central and the Business District. The purpose of Amendment 3 is to identify the specific circumstance under which the City will require a property owner to submit a Petition for Inclusion to the City Council for consideration to: annex any commercial property, seeks to lease or purchase property from the City for commercial purposes, seeks an access permit to the Central City Parkway, or seeks to rezone, subdivide in the future. Amendment 3 is a result of progress made between the City and the Business Improvement District (BID) to come to agreement on commercial enterprise. The BID has already approved the Resolution. Alderman Laratta thought the Resolution was a good compromise between the City, BID and the bond holders. The resolution passed 5-0.

In staff updates: no applications for renting the space above the Visitor's Center have been submitted. Mayor Fey asked to get the word out there is space available for commercial use on the 2nd floor of the Visitor's Center.

Interested parties can contact the city for information. The Managerie, a long time business on Main St. is closing, however a new business, Hally Mercantile is expected to fill that space. There is no update on the Vacancy Ordinance, however the council expressed concerns about the nuisance of vacant buildings and the break-ins that occur.

Alderman Hidahl announced there will be a meeting with the County Commissioners on Nov. 12 from 1-2 p.m. Hidahl also brought up an idea of a joint effort between the city and the county to obtain qualified contractors in the area as there is a great need for these services but no one is available. Alderman Johnson agreed, stating contractors price gouge the residents because there is no other option. Suggestions of a government program to train local residents in construction trade or using a clearinghouse could solve the problem. Creating a youth program to work on historic preservation properties or developing a trade school and offering tuition were other options discussed.

Alderman Judy Laratta presented Fire Chief Gary Allen with a check and thanked him for his service. She accredited him with saving her life.

Mayor Fey thanked Barbara Thielemann for her work on the Pumpkin Patch through Main Street committee, and also on her involvement with the Gilpin County Art Fundraiser. Alderman Johnson thought the Pumpkin Patch event was fun with good vendors, trunk or treat, bounce house and quality but inexpensive pumpkins.

Deb Wray, President of the Gilpin Historical Society, spoke to the council in the public participation section. She requested assistance from the city to pay the docents who give tours throughout the city which includes the Visitor's Center, Teller House, Opera House, etc. Wray explained these groups receive a donation from the Historical Society and this allows them to keep track of the number of traffic to these buildings to help them with their grant requests. She also thanked the city for its continued support in publicizing the Historical Society's events through their media resources. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Nov. 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall building.



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11/6, Wednesday- Foot Care with Nurse Debbie Neal.

Monday, October 28, Noon- Baked white fish, mixed vegetables, homemade whole wheat roll and potatoes O'Brien.

All ages of adults are welcome at all events. Meals are served at the Nederland Community Center. Lunch is served Monday and Wednesday. Brunches and dinner events are scheduled monthly. Vegan, dairy-free and gluten-free options are accommodated with advance request. All ages 60+ are welcome at meals regardless of the ability to contribute financially.

Wednesday, October 30, Noon- BBQ chicken, broccoli, quinoa salad and fresh berries.

For more event details visit [Meetup.com/mountain-midlife-social-group](https://www.meetup.com/mountain-midlife-social-group)

**Larry takes a new road**

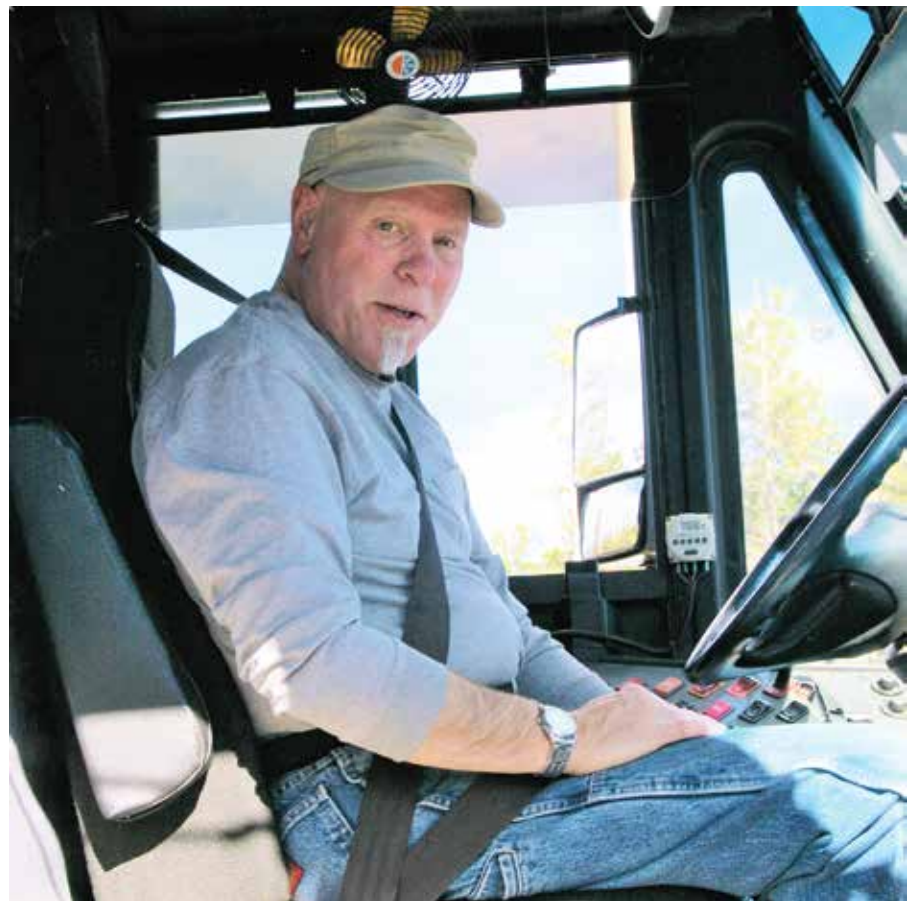


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Sara Sandstrom-Kobi  
Nederland

Larry Knecht or better known as Larry the bus driver is retiring at the end of the month. Larry has been driving Nederland school buses for 11 years. More amazing is that he has been driving the same route going into Gilpin County for all of those 11 years.

little boys and girls hesitantly climbing up those giant steps. Then, within a few years those same kids are confidently walking up the steps and making their way to a seat on the bus. From elementary to middle school to high school he has seen them transform into young adults.

Bus drivers are part of our community and part of our children's circle of trusted adults. If you rode the school bus as a kid you probably still know the driver's name. They make an impact on our lives. One of the Kindergarteners on Larry's route said, "I really like Larry. He takes care of people and is nice to us."

Larry's colleagues at the bus barn will feel his absence as well. When asked about their friend who is retiring they said, "We all appreciate his dry wit, wry sense of humor and his enjoyment for the finer things in life."

As a parent, I am grateful for the drivers that care about my kids. The ones that say "hi" and show an interest in them. It is about keeping our kids safe and having a positive impact on their lives.

"He has great student management. His bus has always been a pleasure to sub on."

Larry says that he will miss seeing the kids grow up. In the years he has been at the wheel on route 701 he has seen

"He always kept us focused on the objective, and to maintain radio discipline."

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# Carousel celebrated with poetry



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### Gilpin Library Poetry Reading

Top, left; Gilpin County Librarian Michael Carlson welcomed attendees to the poetry reading on October 19 and said this is a bi-annual poetry event at the library. Top, right; Local Poets Christine Weeber and Stith Bennett read alternate lines of Haiku they wrote while stuck in traffic.

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Thumb,” and “Solo: On Her Own Adventure,” and other publications. She is the copy editor at SAPIENS, an online magazine that illuminates anthropological research and findings for a general audience.

Weeber said she attended the jazz festival in New Orleans in 2019, and it was an incredible experience, including standing on the street and eating Jamaica jerk chicken while hearing six jazz groups playing within earshot. She

read three poems from that experience.

Weeber followed that by reading “Aspen Dreams,” about what Aspen trees are thinking when they turn gold, and “Desert Pulse,” about the power of a rainstorm on the desert. It rained for 24 hours and then turned into a flash flood. “It was pretty life changing,” Weeber said. “It became threatening so fast.”

The reading concluded following Rashbaum’s reading. For further information about the Gilpin County Library, visit [gilpinlibrary.org](http://gilpinlibrary.org) or contact Michael Carlson at 303-582-0161.

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## TFPD station renamed the Tony Stone Fire Station

Jacqueline Hart Gibson  
Gilpin County

The Timberline Fire Protection District, TFPD, regular board meeting was called to order at 7 p.m., on October 15, 2019. The board met at Station #7, located at 660 Highway 46 in Black Hawk, and all board members were in attendance.

President Smith led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence in support of all emergency workers, including a special moment for men and women in harm's way in Syria.

President Smith announced that the 911 Authority Board is looking for a coordinator, as the current coordinator is no longer available to fill this role. The position requires a 20-hour time commitment per quarter, or every four months. The Black Helmet presentation scheduled for the evening was canceled and the minutes from the TFPD meeting held September 16, 2019, were approved unanimously, with one abstention, due to absence.

The treasurer's report draft financials for September were submitted and reviewed, followed by the review and approval of the 2020 draft budget, in new business.

A resolution was approved unanimously to change the name of the TFPD station #8 at 4611 Smith Hill Road Station. The station will now be known as Tony Stone Fire Department, in respect and appreciation on behalf of the members of the department for Tony Stone's years of service. A dedication ceremony at the fire station was scheduled for October 20, 2019.

Chief Odnr presented a bid to update security for the district by way of new doors, locks and cameras, totaling \$23,370 for a lock system and \$9000 for cameras. The system would allow all volunteers and employees to enter different locations with a key card, code or with their ID.

Conversely, upon dismissal from the department, codes can be discontinued immediately through office computers. In the event there is a long-term power outage, a back-up system will be in place including hard keys.

The board discussed the lock system codes and cameras separately, looking at the specific needs of each station, whether cameras were a necessity at all stations, where cameras would be placed, and how useful they may or may not be as a deterrent for theft and ensuring safety for personnel. Initially, it was decided to table the discussion until next month's meeting, pending additional information. The board came back to the conversation at the end of the meeting at President Smith's request, and approved a motion for \$32,400 to cover doors, locks and cameras, with a vote of 4-1. Treasurer Michael Tucker voted against the motion.

In old business, Chief Odnr reported the impact study for the district is in the preliminary planning stages, as they decide what method to use to complete the study most effectively. Communication with Roosevelt Ridge regarding cistern requirements is ongoing, but not yet resolved.

The department responded to 57 calls in September, according to fire Chief Odnr's monthly report of operations. Additionally, the chief stated DFPC is officially moving to the sheriff's annex.

The chief has met with a third-party radio consultant twice and a third meeting with Gilpin County Commissioners is scheduled for November 19, 2019. Slated for discussion is cost and needs for radios in 2020, whether grants will be sought to cover expenses, what expenses will be and when the money to cover radios will be budgeted.

Regarding training this month, all instructors who attended the Mile-High Fire Conference successfully completed their modules and each instructor received 24 hours of lessons and training in Denver. TFPD now has five certified fire instructors, including the fire chief, following Lt. Arendt Firefighter Veseley's certification last month. TFPD members have been working on HAZMAT and VEIS training through this month and will attend a facility training in Boulder County on October 27, 2019. On November 2 and 3, 2019, several members will complete an officer development course to position themselves for the Duty Officer Program. In the third quarter of 2019 a total of 5180 training hours were completed, averaging 126 hours per member, up from 106 hours in 2018's third quarter.

On September 20, 2019 TFPD responded to assist with the Bald Mountain Fire in Clear Creek. They were requested the following day but could not attend without an engine boss.

Regarding equipment and facilities, ladder testing was completed and the firetruck acquired last month is currently getting lettered and outfitted with a radio. These changes will be completed by December this year. Concrete work was completed this month at station #1.

The maintenance technician and training coordinator application periods have closed and interviews were conducted the week of October 21, 2019. A job posting was announced for three shift lieutenants on October 16, 2019 and will remain open until November 4, 2019.

The next meeting of the TFPB Board of Directors is scheduled for November 12, 2019, at Station 7, 660 Highway 46 in Black Hawk at 7 p.m.

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## Recall special election fizzles



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**Jennifer Livingston**  
Nederland

The Nederland Board of Trustees meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at the Nederland Community Center on October 15, 2019, with updates from town staff.

Karen Gerrity, the Town Administrator, recognized IT Consultant Randy Lee for his excellent service and for his advocacy with CenturyLink, which saved the town a substantial amount of money.

Town Hall will be closed on the morning of October 24 for an all staff training, and will be notifying the public with more information.

The Nederland Downtown Development Authority has approved an expenditure of \$7,000 for civil engineers to analyze and provide alternatives to improve existing public parking on Big Springs Drive, Lakeview Drive, and Conger Street. Their special election is November 5, 2019.

The Nederland Police Department (NPD) reported on a new program designed for people struggling with mental health or addiction issues, who commit low level crimes, and either have a history of recidivism or are likely to reoffend once jailed. The system recognizes that jail often reinforces or teaches antisocial behaviors whereas treatment and life skills education may actually help some offenders live better lives.

The NDP also reported that it has been receiving numerous calls from Social Services to conduct welfare checks on local kids age 3-17, stating the "the ones requiring follow up take a lot of time." The NPD had mentioned this issue a year ago as well. The BOT requested more information on the referral process, the volume of referrals and time required by the NPD.

Trustee Gustafson requested the NPD to follow up with the Sheriff's Office regarding several reports of drivers running lights in the canyon and requested any information that can be shared with the community on how the issue is being addressed.

The Nederland Community Center (NCC) will be hosting the 9Health Fair on November 16, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Area residents will have many low cost and no cost health screenings and referrals available for them.

The Nederland Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be celebrated on October 17 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the traditional feast. Bring a dish to share if possible, as well as plate, fork, knife, and spoon. Please contact the NCC for more

information and to volunteer.

Public works presented concerns regarding a revenue deficiency from Planned Investment Fees (PIF) for multi-family developments that could create a situation where some users are essentially subsidizing others, and where revenue shortfalls inhibit Nederland's ability to maintain and expand the water system. Not only is the current system unaccountable to actual use it also will not pay for itself as Nederland looks to increase density.

Currently, a flat rate per meter size is paid regardless of degree of use. So, a single mom building a two bedroom home would pay the same PIF as a brand new 4,000 square foot home, regardless of use. She would also pay the same amount as a business with kitchens and customers using toilets and washing hands all day. Moreover, rate payers in Nederland would likely see their rates go up if Public Works improvements were paid via debt financing, meaning the rate payer would essentially subsidize the increased demands of new development.

Public Works suggests using a system that will account for use and generate the revenue required to maintain and build the system as needed. They provided examples: Black Hawk charges per square foot, Boulder assigns cost per bedroom, Estes Park goes per fixture, while Golden accounts for land use. It's notable that the PIF for Idaho Springs is four times higher than that of Nederland.

There was a rate study done in 2012 that is no longer accountable to Nederland's needs. However, a new rate study will cost much more than the \$20,000 budgeted for next year. Public Works is attempting to narrow the scope of the study but states it would not have results until 2021. Meanwhile Nederland continues to lose important revenues for its integral infrastructure.

The BOT generally agreed that having a rate study is desirable for policy making yet the cost and time involved may require the BOT address the loss of revenue in the interim and revisit once such a study can be completed. Members were also interested in a mechanism by which existing homeowners may obtain a meter affordably. They look forward to more information and policy suggestions.

Public Works moved forward with concreting sidewalks on East Street. The aggregate used in response to the public's desire to use permeable surfacing and save money, failed. The consistent washout, especially in the areas of incline, creates safety issues for pedestrians, especially those with mobility issues or requiring adaptive equipment. Some people have

reported to Public Works that they are actually walking in the street instead of the impassable sidewalks, creating further safety concerns.

Public Works will continue to address steep areas and areas prone to erosion, recognizing that it is much more affordable for the town to do the work rather than to bid the work out. They may also test their polymer product, called Rhino Snot, on the crushed rock walkways. The product has been effective on local roads prone to washout, such as Navajo Trail. The BOT will put the issue of sidewalks on the agenda for an upcoming meeting and they requested Public Works to prepare a plan including expected expenditures.

Recall petitions for Mayor Larsen, Mayor Pro Tem Gustafson and Trustee Dallas Masters have been deemed sufficient by Miranda Fisher, Nederland Town Clerk. There have since been seven petitions filed in protest to the recall petition. The filing of protest petitions requires a hearing which will be held on October 24, 2019, starting at 1 p.m. at the Nederland Community Center multi-purpose room.

The BOT had previously named Karen Goldman, who has years of experience with elections and recall elections, to oversee the hearings. Kathleen Chippi and Mary Jarril have now filed a civil suit against Defendants Miranda Fisher, Town Clerk, and the Town of Nederland, requesting the Boulder D.A. to intervene in the process. Chippi testified that she does not believe the recall petition can be disputed, except on the validity of signatures.

Regardless, Nederland will not see a recall election as such. Per Colorado State law the earliest the BOT could have scheduled a recall was during this October 15, 2019, meeting. However, Nederland is now within 180 days of the next regular election and therefore any recall will be held as a general election, which means there will be no special election. In fact, there will be no recall language at all on ballots come April 7,

2020. If Larson, Gustafson and Masters do seek reelection, only the question of their reelection will be on the ballot. It was stated that there will be no public comments by town staff or the BOT and staff regarding the civil suit or the recall.

Trustee Jonathan Baumhover has been working with PROSAB to prepare the COGO grant packet for the joint application with Wild Bear. At the BOT meeting on October 1, Wild Bear and PROSAB were given the green light, with overwhelming public support, to move forward with the grant. They were again before the BOT during this meeting requiring approval on the final draft of the application.

Trustee Masters and Trustee James Rawsthorne had not been present at the previous meeting, requiring other members of the BOT, as well as Wild Bear and PROSAB representatives to explain the concept, plan and project phases. Specifically, that the phased work for Guercio Field was drawn from the 2013 Master Plan, has been extensively and publicly vetted with input from all stakeholders, and phase one consists of steps that all agree on, and are reasonable for the volunteers of PROSAB to accomplish, with support from Public Works.

Finally, the BOT was able to approve the draft with Trustee Masters as the only dissenting vote stating that he supports Wild Bear but would rather not move forward but instead have an entirely new professional public planning system. Wild Bear and PROSAB will submit their GOCO grant application in the next few days which, if awarded, will allow Wild Bear to continue work on the Nature Center and allow PROSAB to move forward with much needed improvements to Guercio Field.

*The next meeting of the Nederland Board of Trustees will take place on November 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Nederland Community Center multi-purpose room.*



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## CU Career Fair flooded by students



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### Looking for a Job

A University of Colorado student visits with a potential employer during the 2019 College of Media, Communication and Information Career Fair on October 9.

### John Scarffe Boulder

At 5:30 p.m. on October 9, University of Colorado students started pouring into the Glenn Miller Ballroom at the University Memorial Center seeking jobs and internships. Employers looking to employ the students set up tables starting at 5 p.m., and the ballroom was full of employers including radio stations, magazines, high tech industries and even a wine company.

*The Mountain-Ear* had a table seeking both interns and full-time employees and handed out job descriptions and newspapers. *The Mountain-Ear* is seeking interns and employees for all aspects of a small community newspaper.

The paper is looking for talented photographers and reporters who would enjoy covering the events of the Peak to Peak region in the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, writing personality and business profiles and covering public meetings and events. We also wanted to talk to students interested in assisting with the graphic design of the editorial and advertising content, and those interested in pursuing careers in advertising and sales.

*The Mountain-Ear* prides itself on the

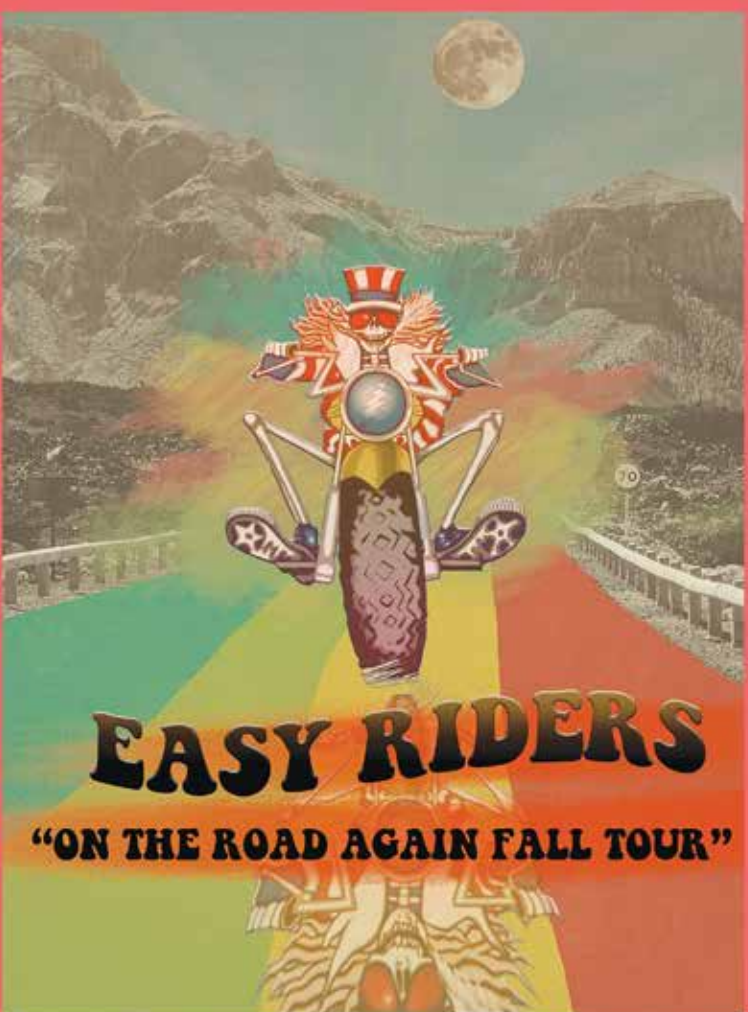
ability of its staff to train, supervise and encourage new professionals, and two of its interns, both University of Colorado graduates, have gone on to jobs in professional capacities. Both have won awards in the Colorado Press Association for 2018.

The University of Colorado College of Media, Communication and Information has hosted the career fair for several years, and *The Mountain-Ear* has attended in the past two years. Christine Mahoney has set up the event for several years and welcomed students to the event. Founding Dean Lori Bergen also attended the event and welcomed the students.

Companies brought their logos and printed materials to share with the students. Through a website called Handshake, employers can post job descriptions, so students have the opportunity to browse through the descriptions that appeal to them before they attend the career fair.

Following the welcoming, students filled the ballroom standing in some lines to visit with employers and hand them a resume. *The Mountain-Ear* attracted several students who will be contacted for internships and full-time employees.

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## Green, falls and mountains



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**Omayra Acevedo**  
*Peak to Peak*

Life seems to always throw you a curveball. For me, it seems as if every time it happens, it forces me to be a bit more vulnerable than I'd like to be. This alone makes me want to take cover under my sheets and hide, but I don't. Giving up is not an option. Instead, I put on my big girl pants and face the ball coming right at me with full determination. Once the hit is over, I take a very much needed break and remember that there are so many things in life to still enjoy. Like a small get-a-way to rejuvenate and recompose.

Two hours south of Denver and 11 miles west of Colorado Springs is the very charming, picturesque and quaint little town of Green Mountain Falls, Colorado. This scenic community was one of three towns set up as a vacation spot. Yes, it is small, but after being there myself, I see the attraction to it. The town is surrounded on three sides by Pike National Forest and is full of history.

Long before the town was established, the Ute Pass trail ran by the site of what

today is Green Mountain Falls. It was first used by the Ute tribes, then by the Spanish explorers and eventually by the white settlers moving west. That's just the beginning of how this eccentric town came to be. For over 60 years, The Pantry, a local restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, brunch and dinner, is open seven days a week and has a full bar.

As I entered The Pantry, I couldn't help but feel all fuzzy and warm on the inside. It was quiet, but full of that Rocky Mountain Charm that I love so much! The staff was friendly, welcoming and I felt like I was home. The food was good too – I had breakfast. But, if you're there for dinner and don't want to drive the two hours back home, you can stay at the local Outlook Lodge. It is a Victorian style structure and a great overnight stay for couples of all ages.

While you're in town, don't forget to take in some local color and visit Crystal Falls and the local artisans' crafts at the Stones, Bones and Wood trading post. Besides everything, I love that you would never know you were only minutes away from a large city.



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**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

**Fundraisers for the PP Players**

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*Peak to Peak*

**The Variety Show FUN Raiser.**

On November 2, at the Gilpin School, the festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with a silent auction. Admission for the evening is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students/kids.

When bidding begins you have the opportunity to select from a wide variety of items. Purchase raffle tickets for two round trip airfares on United Airlines. There will be birthday baskets, numerous gift certificates and gift cards, photography, books, art works, t-shirts, and so much more.

The Variety Show begins at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. There is a diversity of talent that will be in performance including the following: songs and duets from musicals, dance from LA Dysart Studio Middle School Dance routine "Too Hot Honey" from Chicago, two featured performers from the Boulder Ballet performing This Bitter Earth, scenes from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, Mr. Ed Pouliot, and violin.

The Peak to Peak Players recently held the Grand Opening Event at

the Williams Stables in Central City. Theatre classes, concerts, holiday events, movies, karaoke, dance, lectures, and musicals are currently being planned for this wonderful venue.

Join the company as it expands and surrounds our community with a variety of entertainment and learning programs. The Peak to Peak Players welcome anyone to be part of the fun onstage or offstage.

Tickets are available online at [peaktopeakplayers.com](http://peaktopeakplayers.com) or at the door.

**Peak to Peak Actors Studio Fundraiser.**

Hosted by Jessica Scheming and Knotted Root Brewing at 250 North Caribou St. in Nederland. The silent auction will be from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. with music starting at 4:00 p.m. Cash and check donations are accepted and appreciated.

Both of the Peak To Peak fundraisers will generate funds for scholarships, classes, and special events.

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Scope of Work:

Daily Maintenance includes, but is not limited to, watering, weeding, dead heading, amending soil. Areas include: 25 containers, 4 garden beds, and traffic circle.

Installation of 10 Flower Baskets for hanging at the Shopping Center in Town and 1 hanging basket for the Visitor Center.

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Labor and Skilled Maintenance of the

Nederland Downtown District through 2020, including but not limited to:

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District clean up, i.e. trash/clutter removal along streets and pathways, sidewalk sweeping.

Contractor/Employee shall furnish all labor and materials required for the complete and prompt execution and performance of all duties, obligations, and responsibilities which are described or reasonably implied from Scope of Service description. The Contractor/Employee must also show proof of insurance.

Qualifications and Experience: Qualifications should demonstrate experience providing beautification services in similar settings and/or clients.

This part time position is approximately 15 hours a week. Benefits are not available. The hourly wage for services is dependent upon experience. \$15.00 - \$20.00/hr

Interested? Please send your resume of experience to Hope Jordan, Executive Director, Nederland Downtown Development Authority [ndda.ed@gmail.com](mailto:ndda.ed@gmail.com) (Post Closes: 11/1/19).

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Timberline Fire Protection District currently has the following employment opportunities:

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**UPDATED Notice of Ordinances**

At their regular meeting on October 15, 2019, the Board of Trustees passed Ordinance 802 amending Ordinance 796 to extend the term of the temporary moratorium on the submission, acceptance, processing, and approval of any application for accessory dwelling units imposed by Ordinance 785.

The full text of the Ordinances are available online at <http://nederlandco.org/board-of-trustees/ordinances/> (from the home page, click Government, then Board of Trustees, then Ordinances) or at Town Hall. Call 303-258-3266 for more details.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT ELECTION FOR THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO NEDERLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN and particularly to the qualified electors within the Nederland Downtown Development Authority ("NDDA") within the Town of Nederland, Colorado ("Town").

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election of the Town, on behalf of the NDDA, shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The election is being conducted as a mail ballot election. The drop off location for the delivery of mail ballots and receipt of replacement ballots shall be located at the offices of the Town, 45 West First Street, P.O. Box 396, Nederland, Colorado, 80466, and shall be open Monday through Friday during normal business hours beginning at least 22 days prior to the election day and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day, November 5, 2019. If you have any questions regarding obtaining a ballot, please contact the Designated Election Official, Micki Mills, at 303-218-7206 or [mmills@cccfirm.com](mailto:mmills@cccfirm.com).

At such election, the qualified electors of the NDDA shall vote for or against the following Ballot Issue 1:

TOWN OF NEDERLAND BALLOT ISSUE 1:

SHALL THE EXISTING TOWN OF NEDERLAND AD VALORUM PROPERTY TAX LEVY, WHICH IS DUE TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019, BE

EXTENDED THEREAFTER AT THE RATE OF NOT MORE THAN 5.0 MILLS ON TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NEDERLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND SHALL THE TOWN AND THE NEDERLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN AND SPEND ALL REVENUE RECEIVED FROM SUCH PROPERTY TAX RATE AND ANY OTHER LAWFUL SOURCE, FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN TITLE 31, ARTICLE 25, PART 8, C.R.S., WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE-RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

To be a qualified elector of the NDDA, you must either be a landowner or a lessee (holder of a leasehold interest in real property, which does not include a license or mere contract right to use the real property) within the boundaries of the NDDA. Any landowner or lessee which is not a natural person may vote only if it designates a natural person to vote on its behalf.

TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO, NEDERLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By /s/ Micki L. Mills  
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