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Firestorm over proposed sales tax

Mayor rips commissioners, calling them "unpatriotic" and potential "school wreckers" over tax idea

By Don Ireland
Senior Reporter

While the Gilpin County Commissioners haven't discussed whether they plan to put a countywide sales tax on the November ballot, circulating rumors about the proposal have created a political firestorm.

Among those assailing any such plan are Black Hawk Mayor David Spellman and members of his Board of Aldermen, who wasted no time criticizing the county leaders during their Feb. 25 council meeting. The potential ballot question and the lack of patriotism at BoCC meetings were targets of Black Hawk's displeasure with the county commissioners.

Pledge of Allegiance

Spellman's first round of ammo was launched when the council and audience members were about to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, which occurs as part of the traditional start of the bi-monthly meetings.

Said the mayor, "I say it's shocking, even disgraceful, that the county commissioners refuse to begin their meetings by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. I did a little checking: we do, and Central

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Mayor David Spellman of Black Hawk held up a copy of the Weekly Register-Call during the city council meeting last week. He lambasted the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners over the story they plan to discuss at their meeting on placing a countywide sales tax on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Photo by Don Ireland

Bigfoot steps onto Gregory Street

Ed Smith, Black Hawk's casino icon, is scheduled to become the new owner of the Z Casino (back), 101 Gregory Street, this week after paperwork is completed. Smith, who owns the adjoining Sasquatch Casino and the Wild Card Casino on Main Street, is holding up one of the door stickers for the forthcoming Bigfoot Casino, which is scheduled to hold a soft opening around St. Patrick's Day (March 17). For now, the former Z Casino is closed to the public while Smith, his managers and staff change the décor, slot machines, signage and other aspects of the building. Smith and his late wife Shirley opened their first casino on Oct. 1, 1991, the first day casinos opened in Colorado.

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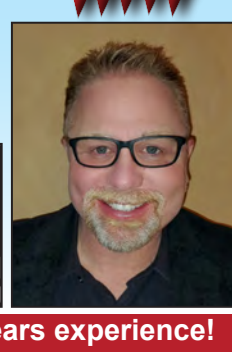

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RAMBLIN' AROUND THE CORRAL WITH BOB SWEENEY

A grassroots signal worth watching

It has been a peculiar winter in the Colorado high country. Even at elevation, we are seeing dry ground, mild evenings, and far less snow than expected. When long-standing patterns begin to shift, people take notice.

A similar sense of change was evident Friday evening at the Gilpin County GOP Lincoln Day Dinner held at the Ameristar Casino Summit Banquet facility. It is estimated that nearly 200 people attended to hear gubernatorial candidate Victor Marx. Just a year ago, the same event at the historic Elks Lodge drew about 60 participants. The growth alone tells a story.

My wife Gerri and I were present, and what we observed was not a highly choreographed political production. Marx does not present himself as a polished, consultant-crafted candidate. He speaks directly and comfortably, without pretense. His wife introduced him warmly, and, in an unassuming touch that seemed entirely natural, his dog accompanied him throughout the evening.

The tone was relaxed. The audience response was not.

There was genuine energy in the room, including a noticeable presence of younger voters. In grassroots politics, enthusiasm often precedes organization, and organization precedes results. The marked increase in attendance suggests Marx is tapping into a current that may be broader than many observers initially assumed.

A Marine Corp. veteran and founder of a ministry focused on combating human trafficking and strengthening families, Marx is based in Colorado Springs and has worked with Focus on the Family, the organization founded by Dr. James Dobson. That background informs both his message and his support network. His emphasis on faith, public safety, lower taxes and government accountability clearly resonates with many Republican voters seeking authenticity over polish.

Financial support appears to be following interest. With more than $600,000 raised to date, Marx currently leads other Republican contenders in fundraising — a noteworthy achievement for a first-time statewide candidate.

Colorado remains a challenging environment for Republican candidates in statewide contests. The eventual GOP nominee will likely face either Attorney General Phil Weiser or U.S. Senator Michael Bennet in the general election. Both are experienced and well-funded.

Still, what occurred in Gilpin County Feb. 27 should not be dismissed as a routine dinner party. The enthusiasm felt organic. The growth was measurable. The candidate was comfortable in his own skin.

In a season when weather patterns appear unsettled, the political climate may also be shifting. Time will tell whether this momentum carries through the primary season, but one thing is clear: Victor Marx is generating attention — and in politics, attention is the first signal of change.

Mostly-quiet Central Council approves new SOB rules

By Don Ireland
Senior Reporter

The Central City Council spent two hours in an executive session on Tuesday night, Oct. 3, discussing changes to the city's 2024 Sexually Oriented Business regulations. When they finally emerged from their meeting room to begin their regular council session, they passed the changes but barely said a word about the subject or the strip club across the street from city hall.

The council, by a 4-1 vote – with Mayor Jeremy Fey casting the sole "no" vote – approved the updated regulations. The members also set March 17 as the date for the second and final reading and public hearing on the subject.

City Attorney Marcus McCaskin said after the meeting that the new and old regulations were "nearly identical" and differed only by a few modifications to the original. "They were minor changes, mostly clerical, but nothing substantive. It's almost exactly the same," he told the *Weekly Register-Call*, noting the changes were recommended by Scott Bergthold, the city's special counsel who works with cities across the country to oppose adult-oriented operations, ranging from adult bookstores and movie houses to strip clubs.

No residents spoke on the subject to the council. However, RCI Holdings' interim president, Travis Reese, suggested the council to not vote on any changes at the current time. He reminded the council that RCI purchased 130 Main Street from the city. In 2022, RCI asked the Central City Planning Commission about changing city regulations regarding SOBs. The commission recommended approving changes and setbacks for SOBS. However, the matter never ended up on the city council's agenda.

According to Reese, those changes would've allowed RCI's Rick's Cabaret and Steakhouse to operate. "However, we continued, in good faith, to develop the property and invest in the town. Since then, this council has done everything in its power to prevent us from operating. I'm puzzled – during the current litigation – that the city is trying to change the ordinance again. We request that the city take a step back because mediation is coming," he said during the livestreamed meeting.

When the revised SOB regulations came to a vote Tuesday, Councilman Chuck Spencer noted, "I have nothing to say after the last two hours [in the executive session]."

Fey commented, "I don't have anything to say. I've said my piece, and I'm in the obvious minority. I don't want to say anything that would ever negatively affect our position in litigation. I will hold my tongue for the rest of the evening."

Central filed a civil lawsuit on Dec. 23, asking the Gilpin County District Court to shut down Rick's Cabaret for violating the city's SOB regulations. The suit alleges that RCI advertises topless dancers and lacks the required city-issued SOB license to operate. Such adult businesses are required to operate on Industrial-zoned lots along the Central City Parkway and are prohibited in the Historic Downtown Gaming District.

Attorneys involved in the case are scheduled to have a conference with District Judge Jeffrey Pilkinton on April 6, with a tentative trial date in May.

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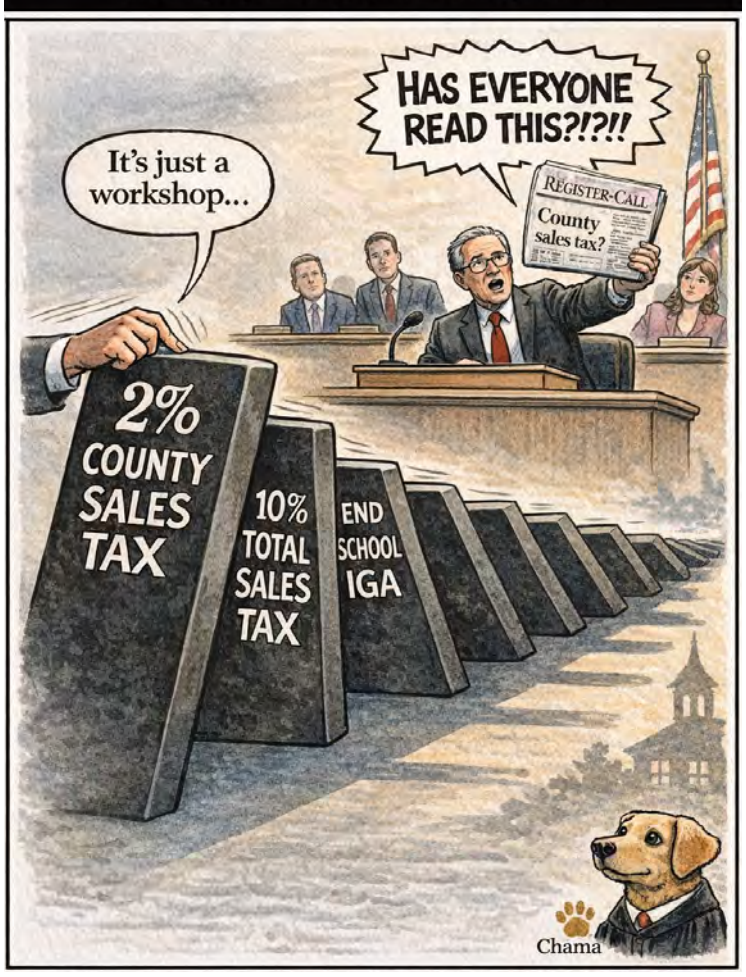

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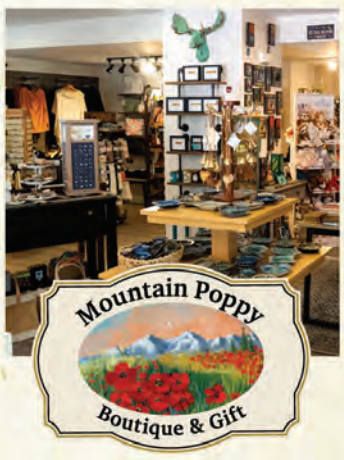

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Mayor rips commissioners over sales tax idea

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City does. The [Gilpin County] school board does, and so do [the boards in] Idaho Springs and Georgetown. One town that doesn't do it is Nederland. So, you can infer from that what you want with the commissioners not reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, like the Town of Nederland. I know what I infer from that."

"However," continued Mayor Spellman, "I would think that – during this semiquincentennial, the 250th anniversary of our country – they could at least muster enough pride, for at least this year, to recite the Pledge of Allegiance whenever they open their meetings. I hope they will. I'm shocked that they do not."

Ballot-sales tax rumor

Later in the meeting, Spellman addressed rumors circulating in the area and confirmed, by exclusive reporting in the Feb. 26 issue of the *Weekly Register-Call,* that the county commissioners may consider a proposal to place a new two-percent sales tax question on the Nov. 3 ballot. The commissioners' discussion of ways to improve county finances, including a potential ballot question, is expected to be discussed at their workshop meeting on Tuesday, March 17.

"Even in today's edition of the *Weekly Register-Call,* there is confirmation of this," said Spellman, who held up a copy of the newspaper to show people in the room. "On Monday, City Manager Steve Cole, Finance Director Lance Hellis and I met with Joe Marr of the Gilpin County School Board and Superintendent Dr. David MacKenzie. They, too, confirmed that County Manager Ray Rears said the county is considering a countywide sales tax."

Spellman cautioned, "They [the commissioners] know full-well that if they go down that road – and if the voters of Gilpin County approve it [a ballot measure] – it will terminate the 1.5 percent sales tax that Black Hawk collects to help fund the school. At that point, the commissioners would be known as school-wreckers. If they pursue this [new sales tax], it will decimate the Gilpin County School District RE-1."

According to the mayor, providing part of Black Hawk's sales-tax revenues was important to city voters in 2009, when they approved the 1.5 percent tax for the school district throughout the city. The revenues from the 1.5 percent have generated about $1.8 million annually for the school district, keeping it on a stable financial footing and preventing the school board from raising the district's property-tax levy from 9.437 mills.

"At the time, the school was in dire straits financially," recalled the mayor, who said that, in 2009, the district was at a point where it had to consider closing and sending students to Clear Creek or Boulder. "We stepped up, and I was chief architect of the idea, so I know the agreement quite well," said the mayor. "We fixed it [the problem]," Spellman said. "If the commissioners go down this road and the voters approve it – which I don't think will ever happen – they can fix it if they break it. This [proposal] could put the school district in dire financial straits is what the school board president and superintendent told us."

Spellman also criticized Jeff Aiken, the District 1 county commissioner who represents Black Hawk, Central City and the southern parts of Gilpin County. "Aiken is laboring under the delusion that Black Hawk will be shamed into continuing to collect the 1.5 percent sales tax that is given to the school. The agreement is self-executing. The language in the agreement is explicitly clear: it will no longer be collected and remitted to the school if there is a countywide sales tax."

"I think it needs to be out there that before they even start to have this conversation, and if they continue to go down this road – in no uncertain terms – this will harm the school," concluded the mayor.

Alderman Hal Midcap added to Spellman's concerns over the potential county sales-tax idea. "If they're talking about [levying] a sales tax of around two percent, they'll be taking the 1.5 percent away from the school. They'll be taking about $1.5 million away from the school and generate about another $1 million, which would be around $2.5 million."

Midcap noted that when the Gilpin commissioners placed a ballot question to raise property taxes to help finance the Gilpin County Community Center in 2023, Black Hawk offered $1 million annually to the county on the condition that they wouldn't increase any other taxes. However, the county rejected the offer, and voters also soundly shot down the proposal at the polls.

Commented Midcap, "Had they taken the $1 million recreation deal that we offered them, they wouldn't have to [think about] raising the taxes. They still would've recouped about the same amount."

Clarification

A story in last week's edition discussed the county commissioners' upcoming March 17 workshop about finances, including one on potentially voting on a countywide sales tax. While the story appeared to hint that a two-percent sales tax would be discussed, there actually isn't a set amount for the proposed sales tax, according to a commissioner.

Peter Droege, president of the Belvidere Foundation, welcomed retired Denver Judge Gary Jackson to Central City's St. James Church on Saturday, Feb. 28. Before an audience of about 50 people, the judge presented a slide show about the history of the Lincoln Hills neighborhood, which was founded in 1922. He spoke about his 80 years of experience in the community and how it continues to offer summer outdoor opportunities to children. Droege said the historic Belvidere Theater in Central City is ready to begin Phase 2 of its rehabilitation. Following the program, guests attended a VIP reception at the historic Lee Mansion, which was built by a successful Black mining entrepreneur during Central City's gold-rush era.

Photo by Don Ireland

If sales tax passes, GCSD loses $$$$

School would lose $1.9 million if proposed county sales tax passes

Becky Osterwald
Managing Editor

The Gilpin County School Board came out against the proposed countywide sales tax during its March 3 meeting.

Joe Marr, board president, said that if any sales tax passes in Gilpin County, the school would lose the $1.9 million Educational Enhancement Tax (EET).

Superintendent Dr. Dave MacKenzie and Marr spoke with Black Hawk Mayor David Spellman last week, who said that if the sales tax passes, the money will stop.

"It's written in a contract, and if the county commissioners pass the sales tax, we lose $1.9 million," Marr said. "That's a big chunk of our budget. We need to make sure everybody knows the effect if the commissioners get the sales tax passed."

Marr said Ray Rears, the county manager, had indicated there would be a ballot question on the November ballot concerning a sales tax.

"Then he backpedaled and said, no, no, that the commissioners haven't even talked about a sales tax — after he already told MacKenzie it's going to be on the ballot," Marr said.

Marr said the proposed ballot measure needs to be fought "tooth and nail because it will hurt kids really bad."

Plans are already being made to fight the commissioners and the ballot issue, according to Marr. A Political Action Committee (PAC) will likely be formed, and businesses have already stepped up to offer financial support, he said.

Seventy percent of the district's budget is spent on salaries and benefits. Marr said that if the $1.9 million dries up, the board will have to start cutting staff.

He acknowledged that some members of the public believe the EET from the City of Black Hawk would continue if the county passed a sales tax. That is incorrect.

"We need to get ready now," Marr said.

He said he wanted to make sure board members are all on "the same page" that if the sales tax passes, the EET from Black Hawk will stop.

Without that money, Marr said the school board could pursue a bond issue for additional funding. However, history has shown it probably would not pass.

He also said the county keeps telling voters that only gamblers would be paying the sales tax. However, the tax would apply to every purchase in Gilpin County — from cars to online orders delivered to a Gilpin County address.

Rears said the county has no interest in "backfilling the school district" if the EET funds are lost, according to Marr.

"That's what we're up against. We just need to make sure that everybody understands the ramifications," Marr said. He added that the board needs to be on the "same page" when speaking with the public.

"We're not going to wait until September — when a ballot measure has to be submitted to the county clerk's office," Marr said. "We're going to fight it now, and maybe it doesn't go on the ballot. Tell your neighbors that if it does get on the ballot, don't vote for it. That's the simplest thing we can do right now — educate friends, neighbors and strangers."

In other business:

• The board also voted to change its meeting days from the first and third Tuesday to the first and third Monday.

• Parents also attended the meeting to request that wrestlers move their practice area from the cabin to the gym. They said the mats were old and not even regulation. Two female wrestlers dropped out this year because there was nowhere for them to change and no water available in the cabin.

Marr assured the parents that the board would address the problem, especially with the wrestling program growing.

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Don't Play On An Empty Stomach!

Full house and renewed energy mark GOP dinner

By Gary King
Reporter

A sold-out crowd of more than 200 filled the Summit Ballroom at the Ameristar Casino and Spa in Black Hawk for this year's Gilpin County Republican Committee (GCRC) Lincoln Day Dinner, where party leaders and supporters pointed to growing local engagement heading into the upcoming election cycle.

Organizers described the annual gathering as one of the most enthusiastic in recent memory, with voters participating in an evening that combined traditional ceremony, candidate introductions and a keynote address by Republican gubernatorial candidate Victor Marx.

Conservative radio host Jeff Hunt, who attended the event, praised the local party's recent activity. "I've been to just about every Republican county meeting and event, and have never experienced anything like the excitement that was generated by the Gilpin County Republicans at their Lincoln Day Dinner," Hunt said. He added that the committee's recent work has inspired "a whole new level of excitement, involvement and dedication."

The dinner also served as a platform to highlight local Republican candidates. Zach Meyer has announced his candidacy for sheriff, and Tara Gillivan for county clerk and recorder, with additional candidates expected to be named in the coming weeks. Party leaders expressed confidence in the current slate and encouraged continued grassroots involvement.

The evening opened with an invocation delivered by Pastor Josh Bloom of Light of the Mountain Fellowship, followed by a POW/MIA Missing Man Table ceremony presented by David Garduque.

Gilpin County Republican candidate for sheriff Zack Meyer.

In addition to the dinner program, there was both a live auction and a raffle featuring numerous donated items. The live auction – conducted by Pete Husak of Pistol Pete Auctions – included items such as firearms, a custom-built fly rod, and a hunting trip. The raffle featured a wide variety of prizes donated primarily by local businesses and individuals.

Republican gubernatorial candidate and keynote speaker Victor Marx.

Keynote speaker Victor Marx delivered a wide-ranging, often personal address that blended biography with policy themes and campaign messaging.

Marx, a Colorado Springs-based ministry founder and Marine Corp. veteran, entered the Republican gubernatorial primary last fall. He founded the nonprofit All Things Possible Ministry in 2003, focusing on high-risk trauma intervention and child protection efforts worldwide.

During his remarks, Marx emphasized his outsider status and framed his campaign as rooted in life experience rather than traditional political pathways. He spoke at length about his difficult childhood and credited faith, resilience and forgiveness for shaping his approach to leadership. He also highlighted his organization's work supporting vulnerable children and cooperating with law enforcement, describing that mission as a central motivator for his public service.

Marx outlined several familiar conservative priorities, including support for Second Amendment rights, opposition to abortion, and criticism of state regulations he said are contributing to Colorado's affordability challenges. He also criticized both Democratic leadership at the state level and what he described as complacency within the Republican Party, urging supporters to become more engaged politically. Marx closed his remarks by encouraging supporters to remain engaged in state politics, framing the upcoming election cycle as a pivotal moment for Colorado's direction.

GCRC leadership and volunteers pointed to the evening's turnout as evidence of renewed organizational focus. According to party organizers, recent leadership and membership changes have helped unify efforts and increase volunteer participation. Those new to party activities expressed interest in becoming more involved, and organizers reported increased sign-ups for future committee work after the dinner.

While specific fundraising totals were not released, organizers indicated the event generated significant financial support for upcoming campaigns.

Gilpin County Republican Party Chair Corey Marshall and Vice Chair Brady Fowler.

Gilpin County Republican Chair Corey Marshall credited the event's success to recent organizational growth. "I give credit to the fantastic membership we have developed over the last year and new leaders like Vice Chair Brady Fowler, who led our Lincoln Day Dinner," Marshall said.

Benefit auction specialist "Pistol Pete" energized the crowd during the auction of donated items.

Jeff Hunt of the KNUS Radio Jeff and Bill Show served as master of ceremonies for the Lincoln Day Dinner.

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Cheers, tears part of Moriarity's retirement party

By Don Ireland
Senior Reporter

Michelle Moriarity didn't get a retirement party when she left the Arvada Police Department after 25 years of service. The primary reason was that she departed during the COVID-19 pandemic, when people were advised to maintain recommended distances.

This time around, Moriarity received a retirement party suitable for a queen...or a highly regarded Black Hawk Police Chief. An estimated 150 people, including Black Hawk city officials and employees and Moriarty's friends and family, attended her retirement party at the Monarch Casino Resort Spa last Wednesday morning, Feb. 25, several days before she hung up her badge and gun for good.

Arvada Police Chief Ed Brady told the audience about Moriarty's dedication to her job, noting that she moved up the ranks from a rookie to eventually becoming an Arvada police commander during her years there, from 1995 to 2020. Among those filling the room were police officers from Arvada, Wheat Ridge, Edgewater, Golden and Lakewood – in addition to officers from BHPD and the Gilpin County Sheriff's Office and Jeremy Wolff, an investigator from the Colorado Division of Gaming, who is married to the retiring chief.

Brady said Moriarty put her life on the line several times over the years. She worked with the FBI to help crack a multi-state crime gang, often putting herself in harm's way during many police calls. "She brought calm when she stepped into chaos," the Arvada chief commented. "Throughout her career, she received accommodations from agencies near and far, including Fresno (Calif.), Colorado Springs, Denver and many others. The theme was always the same: professionalism, collaboration and excellence."

Black Hawk Mayor David Spellman presented the retiring police chief with a plaque, commemorating her 5½ years with the department.

Black Hawk Commanders Troy Cooper, who emceed the event, and Tory Jarvis frequently fought off tears while describing how Moriarty worked tirelessly to serve the Black Hawk Police Department. She also regularly met with casino managers and security staff and launched Human Trafficking Awareness classes for casino employees and residents in Gilpin County, Central City and Black Hawk.

"We're so glad she accepted the chief's job at Black Hawk," recounted Jarvis, who read congratulatory comments about Moriarity that were collected from casino employees and Black Hawk team members. Jarvis' eyes welled up when he told Moriarty, "We've been through a lot in our time together. I will always be thankful for your mentoring guidance and personal sacrifice. I am a better commander and man for having worked with you. You've left an indelible mark on the lives you've touched in the city."

A caricature of the retiring chief was part of a multimedia display of photos, awards and memorabilia honoring Chief Michelle Moriarty. Representatives from casinos and other parts of the area also attended the retirement event.

Mayor David Spellman and City Manager Steve Cole, who preceded Moriarity as police chief, also praised her for her 5½ years of service to the city, which capped off her 31 years in law enforcement. Spellman presented the chief with a plaque, commemorating her years of service.

Also thanking Moriarty for her collaboration and partnership with the Gilpin County Sheriff's Office was Sheriff Kevin Armstrong, who also presented her with a plaque. The selection of Shelly – what Moriarty's close friends call her – "as police chief was clearly the right choice. I knew about her leadership, her professionalism, integrity and commitment to community before she came to Black Hawk," said the sheriff, who also credited her for working with the Colorado State Patrol and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "We built a friendship, a collaboration with the different agencies. She has also made sure she's taken care of the mental wellness of her officers."

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> ***— Chief Michelle Moriarity Black Hawk Police Dept.***

Recalled Cole, "There was no doubt she was the best candidate we had when hiring a police chief. She was able to keep morale up and get the department [through] difficult times." He noted that when Moriarity was hired, there were anti-police sentiments and movements like "Defund the Police" across the nation. "When you're a police chief, you don't leave your work at the door – you go home with it," said Cole.

Said the mayor, "When I met Michelle before she was hired, I told her the city plays the National Anthem on its chimes three times a day, and she was coming to a city that absolutely backs its police department. When she came here, she gained the respect of the other police department members and team members throughout the city. She also gained the respect of the citizens and the businesses."

Chief Moriarty, at times choking from tears, thanked those who attended. "In my career, I have seen and faced pure evil. I've sat with people at their worst and sometimes at their best. I have seen victims' courage and strength. Yes, I have been shot at, and bullets sound different going over your head versus going down a range. I've been spit on, puked on and bled on. I've been in a few tussles. Even though all that, as I wear this uniform today, I leave this career proud, honored and fulfilled. I feel like I've made a difference. What else can a person ask for?"

Black Hawk Police Department Commander Troy Cooper emceed the retirement event, which attracted more than 150 people to the Monarch Casino Resort Spa.

"I was honored to be your chief, and I will cherish every memory and conversation I've had with you. This experience was nothing short of amazing. I've enjoyed working with all of you in this great, great city," Moriarty said.

City of Arvada Police Chief Ed Brady told the audience how he learned of Michelle Moriarty's passion for law enforcement when she began her career with APD. Representatives from Golden, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and Edgewater also attended to pay tribute to Moriarty.

Gilpin County Sheriff Kevin Armstrong presented Moriarty with a plaque, thanking her for her efforts to work with the sheriff's department on many cases and situations over the years.

Chief Moriarty is married to Jeremy Wolff, an investigator for the Colorado Division of Gaming Enforcement, who attended the event with other law enforcement officers from the area.

Lane restrictions to continue at bottom of Central Parkway

CDOT announced that single-lane restrictions on Central City Parkway near the I-70 interchange will continue through next week.

The restriction is because of utility relocation and drainage pipe installation. This work will require an ongoing single-lane closure on southbound Central City Parkway as motorists head towards I-70, according to CDOT.

U.S. 6 restrictions

Ongoing single-lane restrictions are planned between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays along U.S. 6 in Clear Creek Canyon. The construction of Jefferson County's Peaks to Plains trail project is behind the need for lane restrictions between mile points 267.5 and 269, a CDOT spokesperson said.

Upcoming I-70 closures

Later this month, there will be I-70 Closures for bridge construction in late March. Motorists can anticipate multiple overnight eastbound I-70 closures at the bottom of Floyd Hill, between the U.S. 6 interchange (Exit 244) and County Road 65 (Exit 248), for crews to build a temporary framework system to support the future construction of a concrete cast-in-place segmental bridge.

During the work, drivers will be detoured. Eastbound I-70 motorists will use the eastbound I-70 off-ramp to U.S. 6 (Exit 244), travel east on U.S. 40 and use the County Road 65 on-ramp (Exit 248) to access eastbound I-70.

In early to mid-April, motorists can anticipate multiple overnight westbound I-70 closures at the bottom of Floyd Hill, between the U.S. 6 off- and on-ramps, to allow crews to remove the pier table and prepare for construction of the concrete cast-in-place segmental bridge.

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Reporter's Notebook

Locals eyeing plans for America 250-Colorado 150

By Don Ireland
Senior Reporter

Most Gilpin County, Black Hawk and Central City residents, apart from anyone sleeping in the Moffat Tunnel, are likely aware of this year's anniversaries for the 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the 150th year since Colorado became the nation's 38th state.

However, little more than discussion has been taking place recently regarding which local government or business groups will be doing something to mark the semiquincentennial (250th) and sesquicentennial (150th) events.

So far, only the City of Black Hawk has announced it plans to hold a special activity during its annual Founders' Day event on Saturday, June 27, at Gregory Plaza. It has not yet been announced whether a laser or drone show will be part of the festivities.

Black Hawk is one of the few Colorado cities that regularly trumpets its love of country. The city's musical chimes echo throughout parts of the city with patriotic selections three times a day. The city also will have eight-foot statues of the Statue of Liberty and Uncle Sam – good for selfies - along with patriotic bunting, around Gregory Plaza heading into the summer.

Look for plenty of commemorative T-shirts and collectibles this year. Black Hawk's Sasquatch Casino offered souvenir coins to some of its patrons in February.
Photo by Don Ireland

Gilpin County hasn't announced yet if the annual Gilpin County Fair, set for July 17-19 at the fairgrounds at 250 Norton Drive, will include any activities related to the national and state commemorations.

Central City's Business Improvement District (BID) said it doesn't plan to sponsor any new events, other than its annual "Stills in the Hills" (June 27) and "Great Central City Beer Festival" (date in August unknown). However, BID leaders said they would consider donating to any local groups planning America 250-Colorado 150 activities.

Casino plans?

According to my conversations with local casino managers, several of the Black Hawk and Central City casinos will be decorating in red, white and blue this summer – as they traditionally have done for Memorial Day and the Fourth of July in previous years.

In the past, some have offered free, patriotic-themed T-shirts annually around July 4, while others have offered free barbecue meals to regular patrons.

Among the local businesses getting an early jump on the nation's 250th anniversary was Black Hawk's Sasquatch Casino, which offered souvenir tokens to playing patrons during February.

Elsewhere

Statewide, the America 250-Colorado 150 Commission is continuing to add to its list of events planned for the remainder of the year.

The History Colorado Center in Denver's Golden Triangle neighborhood is featuring several exhibits, including one featuring Colorado's road to statehood and another spotlighting 50 artifacts of "Memories that made us."

The Commission also will have a role in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, near Coors Field and Union Station in downtown Denver.

Throughout the year, the Commission will co-sponsor up to 150 drone light shows called "Stories in the Sky." The 14-minute shows, tailored to feature the history of a particular community, are planned to be free and within 100 miles of most towns in the state.

Among the upcoming drone light shows will be one at the "Frozen Dead Guy Festival," on Saturday, March 28, in Estes Park. Another is planned for the new Denver Summit FC opener at Empower Field at Mile High the same date.

The Commission is also offering grants and educational materials for some 2026 celebrations. For more information on America 250-Colorado 150 events, visit *Am250CO150.org*.

Jarvis named interim BHPD chief

Commander Tory Jarvis (right) will serve as the interim chief for the Black Hawk Police Department. He and Commander Troy Cooper (left) were among those who spoke during Chief Michelle Moriarty's retirement breakfast at the Monarch Casino Resort Spa on Feb. 25.
Photo courtesy of Corey Columbin, City of Black Hawk

By Don Ireland
Senior Reporter

Commander Tory Jarvis has been named as the interim chief for the Black Hawk Police Department.

Jarvis has worked for several years with the BHPD, serving under Police Chief Michelle Moriarity, who retired on March 1. Before that, the interim chief worked under Chief Steven Cole, who retired from the department in 2019 and later became Black Hawk's city manager.

During his temporary position, Jarvis will be directing the 40-member Black Hawk Police Department, which includes 28 sworn officers who serve the city's residents, casinos and businesses. The department receives about 8,000 calls annually to its dispatch center on Church Street.

In addition, Jantz was named the city's alternate member to the Gilpin Ambulance Authority, replacing Moriarity.

Cole announced Jarvis' appointment during Black Hawk's City Council meeting on Feb. 25. The meeting began with outgoing Moriarty ringing the historic bell in the building, notifying the community that the council is beginning its twice-monthly meeting.

Gilpin Schools welcome speakers for Black History Month

By Don Ireland
Senior Reporter

How Gilpin County residents lived 100 years ago was part of the historical talks during assemblies at the Gilpin County School District last Thursday, the final day of student classes, when Black History Month was discussed.

Two speakers, retired Denver Judge Gary Jackson and Dr. Jeanette Patterson of the non-profit Lincoln Hills Cares, made their first visit to the school, where the judge spoke to high school students and the former educator provided a lively, interactive discussion with fourth graders.

Jackson and Patterson talked about the 1920s, when Lincoln Hills was built in northeastern Gilpin County as a "getaway oasis" and safe mountain resort for African-Americans from throughout the country. During that era, Blacks who wanted to enjoy summer weekends away from segregation and racism that were occurring in other parts of the United States. They couldn't stay at some hotels, dine at many restaurants and had to drink from different water fountains from white people.

Patterson received enthusiastic responses from students, who told her about outdoor activities they enjoy, including camping, hiking, and fishing. She said the enjoyment of those activities is still experienced by children who attend various Lincoln Hills educational programs, STEM classes and equestrian riding each summer.

Jackson told students about his ancestors, who were formerly enslaved people. Some came to Colorado, hoping to build better lives for their families. His great-grandfather, William Pitts, was among those who constructed cabins in Lincoln Hills. The judge told the students he's spent time during each of his 80 years living in Gilpin County.

When Lincoln Hills opened to the public, people carried water buckets from their cabins to South Boulder Creek because indoor plumbing wasn't common at the time. Cooking on wood-burning stoves and using oil lamps for lighting also were part of the mountain lifestyle in the 1920s, according to Patterson and Jackson.

Judge Jackson also offered grandfatherly advice to the 26 high school students attending his presentation, which included photographs of his ancestors and the early years of Lincoln Hills. "At your age right now, you're not sure exactly what you want to do. I changed [as a high school student] from wanting to be a pro basketball player to being an engineer, to being a lawyer and to being a judge. So, now I consider myself to be a historian. At the age of 75, I took the real estate examination, so now I'm a real estate agent."

"So, I've had five or six different careers during my life. However, during each of my careers, I had a passion for what I was doing," continued the retired senior judge. "The same passion I had for being a basketball player was the same passion I had for being a lawyer and a judge. What is important is that you figure out what you enjoy and what your passion is. Figure out what your creativity is and go with that. It can change, and there's nothing wrong with that change. That is the best advice I can give. As I've told my children and grandchildren, don't chase the dollar. The dollar will come to you if you have a passion for what you want to do and where you want to devote your time and energy."

Gilpin Schools Superintendent Dr. David MacKenzie, who orchestrated the visitors to speak to students, said he was pleased with the students' turnout and participation. "I thought the presentations went great and were very well-received by the students. They provided great information on some historical things specific to Gilpin County and Lincoln Hills."

Fourth graders appeared eager to learn about Lincoln Hills' and Gilpin County's history during Dr. Jeanette Patterson's presentation. After learning how people lived 100 years ago were required to cook on wood-burning appliances and carry water from South Boulder Creek to their cabins, students often fielded questions at the event, which wrapped up Black History Month at the school district.

Judge Gary Jackson spoke to the students about racism in the 1920s, which led African-Americans to build Lincoln Hills in northeastern Gilpin County. Lincoln Hills served as a safe summer getaway for Blacks from across the nation, including such notable entertainers in the first half of the last century as movie star Lena Horne and musicians Count Basie and Duke Ellington.

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THE BULLETIN
GILPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Fugitive of justice / warrants

Feb. 1, 2, 3, 13, 17, 18, 20 and 25 — Deputies made multiple warrant arrests during traffic stops and at the Gilpin County Jail and Sheriff's Office, including along Colorado Highway 119 and at 6000 CO-119.

Theft

Feb. 2 — Theft reported in the 100 block of Lawrence Street, Central City.

Feb. 3 — Theft reported in the 200 block of Lodge Pool Way, Black Hawk.

Feb. 22 — Theft reported at Rick's Cabaret, Central City.

Burglary

Feb. 13 — Deputies responded to a burglary in progress in the 2000 block of Mount Thomas Drive, Black Hawk. A suspect was arrested. A separate cold burglary that day was linked to the same suspect.

Criminal mischief

Feb. 6 — Criminal mischief reported at Grand Z Casino, 321 Gregory St., Central City.

Assault / domestic violence

Feb. 22 — Deputies responded to a cold assault at Grand Z Casino, 321 Gregory St., Central City.

Feb. 22 — Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Feld Spar Road. A suspect was taken into custody.

Drug / contraband

Feb. 16 — Jail staff booked contraband for destruction.

Feb. 27 — Deputies responded to a drug violation in the 300 block of Gregory Street, Central City.

Fraud / forgery

Feb. 19–20 — Deputies investigated counterfeit currency cases and a fraud-by-check report at the Sheriff's Office, 2960 Dory Hill Road, Black Hawk.

Motor vehicle accidents

Feb. 8, 13, 14, 17 and 20 — Deputies responded to multiple injury and property-damage crashes along Highway 119, Central City Parkway and Gregory Street, including an injury crash near mile post 4 and an accident at Roworth and Hooper streets.

Traffic stops / summonses

Feb. 8 and 16 — Deputies issued summonses following traffic stops on Colorado Highway 46, Highway 119 and Gregory Street.

Found property

Feb. 3, 10 and 12 — Deputies took reports of found property in Central City, at the Sheriff's Office and near Highway 119 and Old Stagecoach Trail.

Death investigation

Feb. 15 — Deputies responded to an unconscious person at 605 Lake Gulch Road, Central City. A death investigation was initiated.

Assist other agency / shooting

Throughout the month, deputies assisted Black Hawk Police and Colorado State Patrol on incidents along Main Street and Highway 119.

Feb. 28 — While assisting Black Hawk Police in the 400 block of Main Street, deputies were alerted to a shooting in progress at 488 Main St., Black Hawk (Monarch Casino parking area).

Basketball teams honor senior athletes

EAGLE EYE SCHOOL NEWS

By Gretchen Osteboe
Eagle Eye Reporter

Seniors at Gilpin County High School worked hard throughout the basketball season for both the boys' and girls' teams and celebrated their last home games on Feb. 17. Both teams played Front Range Christian.

The ladies began the evening with a win, beating Front Range 56-20. The girls started the game off strong with 26 points in the first quarter and kept the lead throughout the remainder of the game. Senior Elise Vincent scored a whopping 29 points and had five assists. Adele Fisher, another senior, scored six points, had three assists and three steals, but above all showed her hustle, determination and love for the sport.

At the end of the game, the team and coaches honored and celebrated coach and teacher Jeffery Schuessler's retirement, thanking him for his dedication to basketball over the years.

The senior recognition took place between the boys' and girls' games. Coaches of the Lady Eagles basketball team announced their two senior athletes, Vincent and Fisher, have played all four years of their high school careers and announced their college plans.

Fisher is planning to attend Colorado State University to study biochemistry. Vincent is headed to attend Colorado Mesa University and major in exercise science.

The high school boys basketball team had four seniors to honor: Vincent Schoell, Benjamin Bushey, Mason Sechler and Landon Church. These four young men are all team leaders and will be missed for their contributions to football, basketball and track.

Following senior recognition, the boys battled Front Range Christian but came up short, losing 52-71. Junior Taurean Paxton scored 20 points and led the team in points. Bushey led the team with 13 rebounds and scored four points.

Following the game, the girls' team was ranked 24th and headed for the regional tournament.

The Lady Eagles Basketball team recognized the retirement of coach and teacher Jeffery Schuessler.

Adele Fisher, escorted by her father (left), younger brother Jack Fisher and her mother (right).

Senior Landon Church (second fron the right) was escorted by his two brothers, Logan and Justin (far left and right),, his father, Tom, and his mother, Catrina.

Gilpin school activities

Playoff time for Gilpin's girls

A red-hot Gilpin County High School girls' basketball team will be heading into the CHSAA playoffs this weekend.

The Eagles (17-6) will play Calhan (17-6) of Elbert County at Julesburg (northeastern corner of Colorado) at 7 p.m. tomorrow (Friday, March 6). The winning team will play at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Julesburg against the winner of Sedgwick County and Ascent Classical Academy, who face each other at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Gilpin County is ranked No. 21 in the state while Calhan is No. 12. Sedgwick's Cougars (15-7) have a No. 5 ranking heading into the weekend as it faces No. 28 Ascent (11-8).

Gilpin's girls went 3-0 in their league tournament bracket last weekend, including a last-second, 46-45 win over the Skyview Academy Hawks. The Eagles have won six consecutive games, including a 38-23 victory against Estes Park on Feb. 28.

Boys' team bows

The Gilpin boys' basketball team concluded their season with a 2-20 mark following losses of 60-54 to Denver Academy and 59-26 at Dawson School last weekend in pool play.

While first-year Coach Will Lorenz was disappointed the season was over, he noted the 2025-26 year was more about getting his squad familiar with his style. In addition, the two wins were more than what the previous two seasons generated for Gilpin.

"I couldn't be happier about how my first season went. For me, what I got as a takeaway was growth," said Lorenz. "We grew in basketball and as becoming men. I had a great group of kids, with their attitudes and efforts. They showed up non-stop, no matter what the [game] result was. It was a team built on effort, defense and rebounding. They gave it their all and they never quit."

Lorenz will lose four seniors to graduation – Captain Vincent Schoell, Landon Church, Ben Bushey and Mason Sechler. Next year, three juniors, other underclassmen and some incoming freshmen are expected play. "This year set the foundation," noted the coach. "We play to continue to fight and compete until the end. We plan to build from what we did this season. We want to be growing and moving forward, not backwards."

This week

Saturday, March 7 – Middle School wrestling at Soroco in Oak Creek. Time TBA.

Next week (March 9-14)

Thursday through Saturday – CHSAA state basketball championship games at Moby Gym on the Colorado State University campus in Fort Collins.

Saturday, March 14 – High school track at Norsemen Invitational at Northglenn High School. Time TBA.

NOTE – Schedules are tentative and may change due to a variety of factors, including weather.

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LOOKING BACK

A TURNBACK IN TIME

"Looking Back" is a collection of historical newspaper reports from Gilpin County.

By Gary King
Bygone Scribe

30 years ago
March 8, 1996

Man freezes above pkg. lot

A 46-year-old Caucasian man was found frozen in a ditch on the morning of March 7, near the Miners Mesa parking lot. Black Hawk Police Officer Kevin Klaus found the body in a ditch that had been covered with pieces of plywood.

Lieutenant Terry Freese said that initial indications showed no foul play in the death. It is believed the man may have frozen to death. Freese said that they believe the man had been dead for as long as several weeks. His name is being withheld until next of kin is notified.

Nicholson bows to neighbors' position; won't support rock crusher

Mid-Gilpin County spokespersons Virginia Unseld, Steve Eppelheimer and R. Kadereit led the meeting on March 4, held at the Gilpin County Public Library, for citizens to get information and express their dislike for a rock crushing project planned for their neighborhood.

Commissioner Craig Nicholson, the originator of the proposed rock crushing site, stood alone in the face of an overflow crowd of at least 60 concerned neighbors and library officials, as the attending citizens voiced their opinions against the rock crusher. The weight of the opposition topped the 25,000 tons of rock to be crushed, and its voices, most softly spoken, topped the 125 decibels of the unwanted rock crusher. Nicholson, the road and bridge commissioner, said he would back off from the proposal. The people applauded the announcement.

As everyone quieted down, the questions came from the back of the room, "What does that mean? What are you saying?"

"I am saying I am voting no," Nicholson clearly said.

The room embodied the Gilpin County quality of life as folks mused on their success. Suddenly, stopping the wheels of government seemed easy. Old victories of the Home Owners Association and new challenges became the topics of chitchat, and people lingered to talk after the meeting was closed by moderator Virginia Unseld.

Looking back down the road, the organizers of the opposition had spent months preparing for a fight. All along the way, the Commissioners and the Gilpin County Planning Commission were tried on the facts regarding noise, environmental impacts, and the true intent of the rock crushing in Gilpin County.

The planners and supporters of the operation worked, too, in a well-meaning effort to make the scheme desirable to citizens and to ensure a readily available road base for road repair. Now the unsolved road base problem is still before county officials. They know more about rock crushing and how Gilpin residents feel about it than when they first started.

One point has been determined, and that is, although everyone wants better roads, most do not want the quality of life in the county to be sacrificed for them.

Serving the county is of great concern to Commissioner Nicholson, who spent months developing a plan to provide road base from a source inside the county. Nicholson said, "I failed to provide the much-needed road base for Gilpin County. I wanted a source inside the county for safety reasons, so that we would not have so many trucks coming from outside the county into Gilpin County."

Nicholson's concern is one that everyone in Gilpin County already has to live with because of the increased traffic with gaming. Adding a stream of trucks to that would raise the odds for more accidents. In the meeting, it was said that three people, meaning the County Commissioners, held the people's fate in their hands, but citizens in Gilpin County proved Monday night that their voices still count.

For now, mid-county residents have won a battle protecting their quality of life in Gilpin County. Confident in their strength as a neighborhood, they plan to keep their homeowner association up and running. They are thinking more seriously about their own support for the greatly needed core of volunteers for Gilpin County.

60 years ago
March 4, 1966

A resolution setting forth the boundaries of the area proposing to join the Boulder School District RE-2 was passed by the Board of Directors of Gilpin County School District RE-1 at a special meeting held Monday evening. The resolution, passed by a four-to-three majority, states that the common boundary between Gilpin District RE-1 and Boulder Valley RE-2 be changed or modified, and then sets forth the legal description of the area involved. It further states that "in the event of a favorable vote on the question by the registered tax-paying electors residing in that part of Gilpin County lying north of the described boundary, which is now a part of Gilpin County School District No. RE-1 shall be and become a part of Boulder Valley School District No. Re-2 upon effective date as prescribed by law." Charles Anderson, Neale Pine, Robert Crow and Beverly Wheeler voted for this resolution, and Dowell Blake, Mildred Blake and Morris Steen opposed. A copy of the resolution will be sent to the Boulder Valley Board and Gilpin County Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Laura Ress. Following Mrs. Ress's determination of the validity of the proceedings and the acceptance of the boundary line by the Boulder Valley Board, an election on the question can be called. If the proposed detachment passed at an election, it would take effect 30 days later. No date was discussed at the Monday night meeting, but it was suggested that if an election is set, it should be at such a time that would allow the children involved to finish the school year here. According to Superintendent Pyles, about 78 children would be involved in the move, and the valuation of the property to be detached is approximately $1.6 million. This represents about 51 percent of the County's total valuation in terms of school funds.

Following this action, Mr. Robert Crow, District Director from Rollinsville, submitted his resignation to the Board effective midnight, March 16, 1966. This action on his part was taken to avoid his recall election set for March 18. The Board will have 60 days from the date of his resignation to fill the vacancy.

The snow and cold have kept desirable visitors out, but some skiers got off the main road to see what they could do to a place before they were yelled at. Wish booby traps were lawful.

GAME AND PARKS DEPARTMENT...Wolverine Taken, Believed To Be Extinct In Colorado: According to Herman Schultz, Colorado Game, Fish and Parks Department wildlife conservation officer for Douglas County, a wolverine was killed in the Pine Creek drainage near the Rampart Range Feb. 18. This is the first verified taking of a wolverine in more than 25 years, and department records show that there has never been one taken, or a confirmed sighting made. Until this date, the wolverine was believed to be extinct in Colorado. The animal was shot by Roy Goecker, a licensed guide, of 4900 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Littleton, while he was hunting mountain lions. Goecker told game officials that his three hunting dogs picked up the wolverine's scent and pursued it into a rocky draw, where the animal turned on the dogs. The guide said he was compelled to shoot the wolverine to save his dogs. Schultz estimated the brown and black wolverine, a female about three feet long and weighing 21 pounds, was close to 20 years old. The animal still had long, sharp claws, but her normally large fangs were nearly worn down to the gums because of age. Dean Coleman, assistant game manager for the department, said the wolverine's body will be sent to the department biologists at Ft. Collins for study and examination to learn as much as possible, such as whether the female has ever given birth to young, or if in fact she was pregnant, which would confirm the presence of a male wolverine in the same area. This will be a rare opportunity to learn more of the animal's presence here,' Coleman said "It's the first recorded kill of a wolverine in the state during my 25 years with the department." Coleman said, "Pound for pound, the wolverine probably is the most vicious and destructive killer of any wild animal. It will attack and fight any other animal regardless of size, he said. The present general habitat of the wolverine is in the northern states, particularly northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

90 years ago
February 28, 1936

A recommendation that Clear Creek Canyon be used as a dam site instead of for highway purposes was made to Gov. Johnson Monday by George E. Cranmer, manager of parks and improvements. Proposal to route Highway 40 thru Clear Creek Canyon, supported by J. A. Elliott of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, has drawn the fire of city officials and State Highway Engineer C. D. Vail, who want the highway routed over Floyd Hill. Cranmer told the governor Monday the canyon contains at least two excellent reservoir sites and that use of the canyon for that purpose would benefit Denver, as well as miners and farmers of Jefferson County, Cranmer said that 25,000 to 30,000 acre feet of water can be brought to the canyon from the Williams Fork diversion project and suggested an 10,000 acre feet could be brought from the Snake River thru a tunnel in Mt. McClelland. This would be in excess of the needs in connection with the Denver sewage disposal plant, which could be utilized to the advantage of Jefferson County farmers, he contends. He also contends that the proposed reservoir could be used for settling mine tailings, to the advantage of miners, who are now prohibited from dumping tailings into Clear Creek. Return flow from the additional water would benefit the entire South Platte River, he said. The proposal would necessitate abandonment of the Colorado & Southern narrow gauge line up the canyon, an action long sought by the railroad and long opposed by residents of the district.

The proposed Chamber of Commerce will become a reality next Saturday evening, when a meeting will be held at the Opera House to perfect the organization. The meeting will be held at eight o'clock, and it is earnestly requested that all who can, from every part of the county, be present to have a voice in the selection of directors and other important matters.

120 years ago
March 2, 1906

Sherman Harris and brother, John, of Russell Gulch, had a little excitement last Friday morning on their way to the Aduddell mine. The back strap of the harness broke, and the horse started to run away, but Sherman managed to get the horse under control after going a considerable distance. His brother, however, jumped from the buggy and sprained his ankle.

A press dispatch from Boise, Idaho, of Feb. 28, says that it has been decided that the investigation of the case against Moyer and his associates for the murder of former Gov. Frank Stennenberg shall begin before the grand jury at Caldwell, tomorrow. It is not known whether Harry Orchard, who is said to have confessed to his part in the crime, will be taken before the jury. In the statement made by Gov. Gooding respecting the confession made by Orchard, it was stated that the prisoner had told of two unsuccessful

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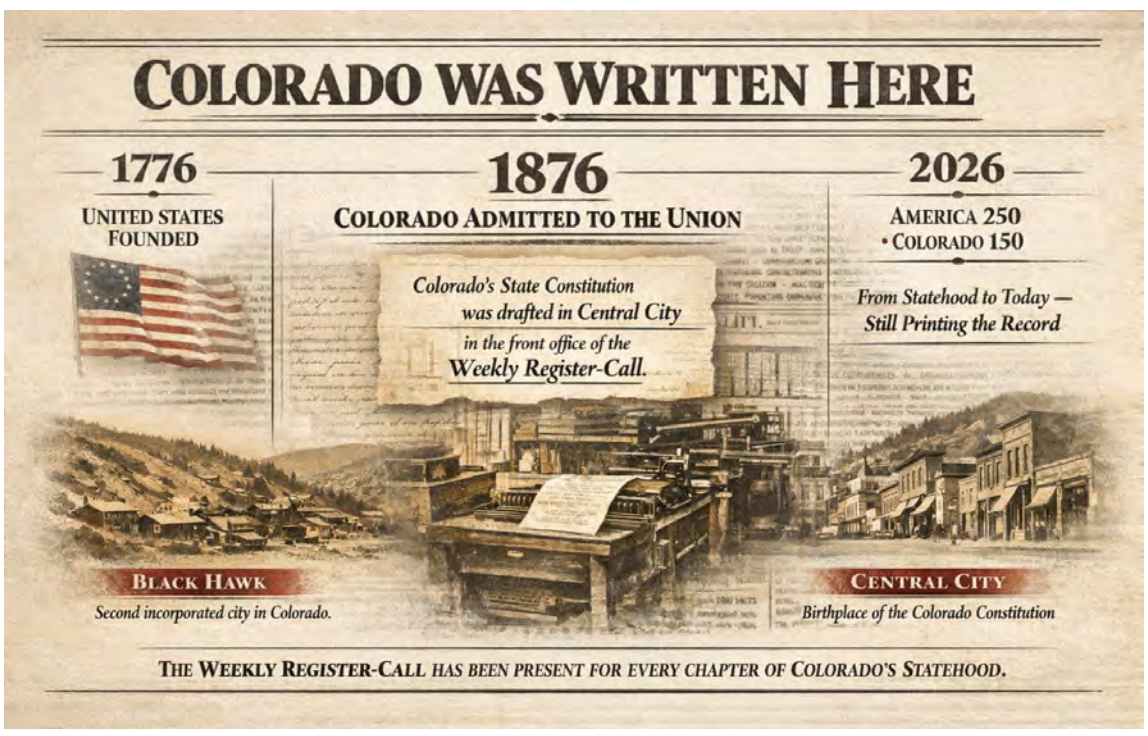

Letter to the Editor

Send letters to news@weeklyregistercall.com
The Weekly Register-Call reserves the right to edit all letters.

Editor,

On Feb. 26, a fire in Golden Gate Canyon was reported very near my home. It was right near the Jefferson/Gilpin County line. I was stunned by how much the notification times vary across the different agencies.

Watch Duty is a free app run by a nonprofit organization.

11:33 a.m. – The Watch Duty app sends an alert about a wildland fire on Ralston Creek and Geneva. Units are already on scene. I recognize the location as just northwest of my neighborhood, with very heavily wooded, rough terrain. The winds are bad, so I share the alert with my neighbors in the canyon.

• 11:44 a.m. – Watch Duty posts a map showing the pre-evacuation area, a three-mile radius that includes my neighborhood. Jefferson County issued this order.

• 12:08 p.m. – Watch Duty posts that crews have "knocked down" the fire.

• 12:23 p.m. –Gilpin County Hyper Reach notifies me that a pre-evacuation order is in effect for my neighborhood. 39 minutes after Watch Duty reported the pre-evacuation order.

• 12:29 p.m. – Watch Duty posts that Gilpin County has clarified that my neighborhood is within the Level 2, pre-evacuation area.

• 12:38 p.m. –Watch Duty reports that the fire is "no longer spreading."

• 12:59 p.m. – Gilpin County Hyper Reach notifies that the pre-evacuation order has been lifted.

• 1:06 p.m. – Watch Duty reports that the pre-evacuation order has been lifted.

• 2:33 p.m. – Watch Duty reports that the fire is 100 percent contained.

Lessons to learn if you want to be informed about fires in our area:

1. Download the Watch Duty app to receive notifications and updates about fires in multiple counties. Have all your friends and family download it too.

2. Make sure you are also signed up for Hyper Reach through the Gilpin County Sheriff's Office. It will not only notify you of fires but also send notifications for other types of emergencies.

Nancy Larson
Golden

LOOKING BACK

attempts to slay the former governor. One of these was an effort to shoot him at his home a week or more ago, before the murder. A favorable opportunity did not arrive. Prior to that, a bomb was laid in the pathway taken by the governor. It was arranged with a wire stretched across the path. The intended victim unconsciously stepped over the wire and never knew how close he was to death.

That was the same bomb afterwards used to kill him. The bomb was like the one laid for Judge Goddard, in Denver, having a bottle of sulphuric acid so arranged that a pull on the wire could draw the cork. When the successful attempt was made, a long fishing line was attached to the wire, with the bomb tied to the inside of the gate post. A pull on the line fired the infernal machine and accomplished the object. When he is placed on the stand and the technicalities are cleared away, he will tell the tale that will make him out to be a monster.

The shipment of ore, tailings and concentrates from the Black Hawk depot to outside smelters for the month of February totaled 228 carloads or 4,785 tons. This was in excess of the January shipments by 24 cars or about 500 tons. During the latter part of the month, there was a shortage of empty cars at the depot for loading purposes, or the shipments would have been much heavier.

150 years ago
March 3, 1876

Thirteen silver bricks, valued at $25,000, from the Boston & Colorado smelter, in Black Hawk, were shipped by express from this city to the mint in Philadelphia.

Saturday's *Register* said, "The Pleasant View Mining company would show its stockholders a hundred ounces of gold in a few days."

A masquerade skating carnival was held at the ice skating rink in Black Hawk, conducted by G. M. Laird, on Saturday evening. Music was furnished by the Rescue brass band of this city, and an exhibition of fancy skating was given by Mr. Jules Harmon, reported champion of the West. About 50 were masked.

Mrs. Fallon, residing in Black Hawk, while making a fire in the kitchen stove Monday morning, was stricken with apoplexy, and when the rest of the family arose, they found her dead on the kitchen floor.

Professor Herrman, the great necromancer, performed at the Belvidere theatre in this city, Monday night.

Richard Martin, a Cornish miner, was instantly killed by falling down the shaft on the Bates-Hunter mine, at Mountain City, a distance of 350 feet. He was 35 years old and from St. Ives, Cornwall, England.

The Tuesday's issue of the *Register* said, "John S. Hauke, on behalf of Gov. John A. Dix and other mineral claimants, has taken an appeal from the Central City townsite decision," and that this meant that it would take a year or more before anyone could get titles to their city lots.

The wife of Jacob Tascher, in a fit of passion, attempted suicide on Thursday night at the family residence on upper Eureka Street, by taking a dose of strychnine. Doctors Edmundson and Aduddell worked nearly all night and succeeded in saving her life.

Addictive sports betting practices legislation

Centennial Briefing
Updates from Colorado state agencies and officials.

Legislation to prevent harms caused by addictive sports betting practices was introduced in the Colorado Senate last week would address problems arising from the growing online sports betting industry by implementing guardrails around impulsive online betting.

The bill aims to curb addictive sports betting by imposing a limit of five deposits per customer within a 24-hour period and restricting the use of credit cards for sports betting accounts. The bill would also prohibit proposition bets, or 'prop' bets, which are wagers on specific, usually minor, occurrences within an athletic event that do not depend on the final outcome.

NEWS BRIEFS

A case of time

Daylight Saving Time will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, when people will advance their clocks by one hour.

For Gilpinites, the clock change will conjure up memories of what happened when the time changed on March 12, 2024. That night, a cashier at the Monarch Casino Resort Spa went to the cage and loaded $500,000 worth of $50 bricks of cash into a box and drove away to Lakewood.

Following a lengthy investigation and litigation that took more than a year to conclude, the charges against the cashier were dropped because she didn't receive any money from the heist. However, investigators filed charges against an Aurora man who authorities believed was working for an out-of-country organization. In 2024, he was sentenced to 4.5 years in prison in what is considered the largest casino heist in Colorado history.

Life-saving class

Timberline Fire Protection District, in honor of longtime member Chip Smith, is partnering with Gilpin Ambulance Authority for a class on CPR and bleeding control.

This course will be taught on Saturday, March 14, at Timberline Fire Station No. 3 (former Fritz Peak Observatory), 19126 Hwy 119 Black Hawk. Class times are 10 – 11:30 a.m. or 2-3:30 p.m. To register, visit *gilpinambulance.com*.

Shamrock Shakedown

Friends of Charlie's Place and the Vintage Moose are combining to host a fund-raising "Shamrock Shakedown" to benefit those who help the Clear Creek Animal Shelter, which serves Gilpin and Clear Creek counties.

The event will be from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, at the Vintage Moose, 123 16th Ave, Idaho Springs. JRR Entertainment will provide music for the event, which will include raffles and giveaways. Pets available for adoption also will be featured. Proceeds will benefit Friends of Charlie's Place.

Another close call

Last Thursday, a small fire – called the Geneva Fire – was reported and later contained near Golden Gate Canyon State Park near the Jefferson and Gilpin County border.

Golden Gate Fire was dispatched with automatic aid from Timberline Fire Protection District, Arvada Fire and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office to a residential structural fire at 10677 Ralston Creek Road.

When the first units arrived, they found the structure fully involved with fire and assumed a defensive posture to prevent spread and to contain the fire to the involved building. Mutual aid responded from Golden and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control.

The Gilpin County Sheriff's Office issued and later withdrew pre-evacuation notices for Golden Gates Estates, the Braecher Ranchettes subdivision, Smith Hill Road, Crawford Gulch Road, sections of Highway 46 and an area east of the 3000 block of Gap Road.

Bear-stopping grants

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) recently opened a new round of grant funding to provide local Colorado communities with resources to reduce human-bear conflicts through the Human-Bear Conflict Reduction Community Grant Program. The application deadline is May 29.

"Living successfully and safely alongside our wildlife is an important part of who we are in Colorado. These grants will help prevent potentially dangerous conflicts between bears and humans, ensuring we all can enjoy Colorado's high quality of life, especially in our high country. These investments are an important tool to keep us and wildlife safe and prevent property damage," said Gov. Jared Polis.

This year, CPW is offering $1 million of grant funding for projects that reduce conflicts with bears in local communities. This grant program strives to foster solutions to human-bear conflict that can be replicated in other parts of the state and bolster those efforts in all communities in Colorado. The funding will be distributed through a competitive grant process this spring.

Local governments, NGOs, HOAs, community groups, businesses, tribes, universities and individuals are all eligible to receive funding. Applicants can apply for grants between $50,000 and $500,000.

This grant provides funding to communities that want to reduce conflicts with bears but lack the needed resources. The program also helps to spark the conversation around conflict reduction and brings stakeholders together to come up with solutions.

Applications are available on CPW's website and are due by May 29, at 5 p.m. For questions or application assistance, please contact CPW Grant Manager Travis Long at travis.long@state.co.us. Successful grant recipients will be announced later this year.

Wildlife managers estimate that Colorado has between 17,000 - 20,000 bears, and the population is stable and growing. From 2019-25, CPW has received over 32,212 reported sightings and conflicts with bears. Of the 5,299 reports CPW received in 2025, 2,448 resulted in property damage to a shed, garage, home, vehicle, fence, etc. Over 57 percent were linked to trash cans and dumpsters as an attractant, which is a target area CPW looks to address when awarding grants. Other constant sources of conflict include birdfeeders, livestock, bears accessing open garages and other human-originated items that are left unsecured.

Sheriff's meeting

Gilpin County Sheriff Kevin Armstrong and his Office of Emergency Management will host a community meeting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, in the Gilpin County Community Center.

The topics will include "community preparedness for potential events" and an update on recent wind events during December.

Septic system meeting

Gilpin County will hold a meeting for contractors and industry professionals to discuss the new Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OTWS) regulations that will go into effect on March 13.

The meeting will take place at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, in the historic county courthouse in Central City.

The new Gilpin regulations relate to new state-enacted rules regarding septic systems, including system design, installation, inspections and repairs for OWTA systems for under 2,000 gallons a day.

Democratic caucus

The Gilpin County Democratic Party will hold its Caucus & Assembly from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, from 1-5 p.m. in the auditorium of the Gilpin County Schools in the Auditorium. Check-in begins at 12:15 p.m.

This will be voters chance to hear from Gilpin County, State and Congressional candidates; elect two precinct organizers for each precinct; sign up to be an election judge; and elect delegated to the state and district assemblies.

To participate, those attending must be registered as a Democrat in Gilpin County as of Feb. 13. Other members of the public may attend but may not participate in dialogue or voting.

Compiled by Don Ireland

WEEKLY REGISTER-CALL PUBLIC NOTICES

CENTRAL CITY

CITY OF CENTRAL, COLORADO – Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Central passed on first reading on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 26-01: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE X, AND AMENDING SECTION 10-7-20 OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING BUSINESS LICENSES FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES.

Summary of Ordinance: The Ordinance repeals and replaces Article X, Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code to update the City's regulations pertaining to Sexually Oriented Business Licenses. The Ordinance also amends certain provisions of Section 10-7-20 of the Municipal Code. The Ordinance requires any owner or operator of a sexually oriented business (SOB) in the City to obtain a City license prior to operating. The purpose of the Ordinance is to ensure that SOBs, which have been shown to have negative secondary effects, are operated in a manner that will minimize such secondary effects. More specifically, the purpose of the Ordinance is to regulate SOBs in order to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City, and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the deleterious secondary effects of SOBs within the City.

The violations for penalties of the Ordinance include:

Sec. 6-10-150. - Penalties and enforcement.

(a) It is a municipal offense for any person to violate any provision of this Article. Any person convicted of having violated any provision of this Article shall be punished as set forth in Section 1-4-20 of this Code.

(b) Any premises, building, dwelling, or other structure in which a sexually oriented business is repeatedly operated or maintained in violation of this Article shall constitute a nuisance and shall be subject to civil abatement proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) The City's legal counsel is hereby authorized to seek City Council approval to institute civil proceedings in any court except for the Central City Municipal Court that is necessary for the enforcement of this Article to enjoin, prosecute, restrain, or correct violations hereof. Upon receiving City Council approval, such proceedings shall be brought in the name of the City, provided, however, that nothing in this section and no action taken hereunder, shall be held to exclude such criminal or administrative proceedings as may be authorized by other provisions of this Article, or any of the laws in force in the City or to exempt anyone violating this code or any part of the said laws from any penalty which may be incurred. No City Council approval is required before the City's legal counsel may bring an action in Central City Municipal Court.

Sec. 1-4-20. General Penalty for Violation.

All violations of any provision of this Code or any other ordinance of the City are hereinafter deemed noncriminal offenses and are civil matters, except those violations that are expressly designated as criminal offenses in Chapter 10 of this Code and which are punishable by imprisonment under any counterpart of state statute. Trial of noncriminal offenses shall be to the Municipal Court.

No defendant found civilly liable for a noncriminal offense shall be punished by imprisonment for said offense, but such defendant may be fined any amount not to exceed two thousand six hundred fifty dollars ($2,650.00).

Any person convicted of a criminal violation of any section of this Code shall be fined a sum of not more than two thousand six hundred fifty dollars ($2,650.00), imprisoned for not more than three hundred sixty-four (364) days, or both fined and imprisoned as set forth in this subsection, except as hereinafter provided in Section 1-4-30 below.

Any person convicted of a noncriminal or criminal offense in Municipal Court shall, in addition to any fine imposed, be liable for all court costs imposed by the Court.(e)The penalties provided in this Section 1-4-20 shall be applicable to every section of this Code, as though it were a part of each and every separate section. Any person convicted of a violation of any section of this Code, where any duty is prescribed or obligation imposed or where any act which is of a continuing nature is forbidden or declared to be unlawful, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.(f)A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day such duty or obligation remains unperformed or such act continues, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Code.

License suspension and license revocation proceedings included in the Ordinance include the following:

Sec. 6-10-80. - Suspension.

The City Manager may issue a written notice of intent to suspend a sexually oriented business license for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days if the sexually oriented business licensee has knowingly or recklessly violated this Article or has knowingly or recklessly allowed an employee or any other person to violate this Article. A suspension is not a prerequisite to a revocation of a sexually oriented business license.

Sec. 6-10-90. - Revocation.

(a) The City Manager shall issue a written notice of intent to revoke a sexually oriented business license if the licensee knowingly or recklessly violates this Article or has knowingly or recklessly allowed an employee or any other person to violate this Article and a suspension of the licensee's license has become effective within the previous twelve-month (12-mo.) period.

(b) The City Manager shall issue a written notice of intent to revoke a sexually oriented business license if:

(1) The licensee has knowingly given false information in the application for the sexually oriented business license;

(2) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly engaged in or allowed possession, use, or sale of controlled substances on the premises of the sexually oriented business;

(3) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly engaged in or allowed prostitution on the premises of the sexually oriented business;

(4) The licensee knowingly or recklessly operated the sexually oriented business during a period of time when the license was finally suspended or revoked;

(5) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly engaged in or allowed any specified sexual activity or specified criminal activity to occur in or on the premises of the sexually oriented business;

(6) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly allowed a person under the age of twenty-one (21) years to consume alcohol on the premises of the sexually oriented business;

(7) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly allowed a person under the age of eighteen (18) years to appear in a semi-nude condition or in a state of nudity on the premises of the sexually oriented business; or

(8) The licensee has knowingly or recklessly allowed three (3) or more violations of this Article within a twelve-month period.

(9) The licensee has failed to meet or maintain the qualifications to be issued or to hold the license.

(c) The fact that any relevant conviction is being appealed shall have no effect on the revocation of the license, provided that, if any conviction which serves as a basis of a license revocation is overturned or reversed on appeal, that conviction shall be treated as null and of no effect for revocation purposes.

(d) When, after the notice and hearing procedure described in this Article, the City revokes a license, the revocation shall continue for one (1) year and the licensee shall not be issued a sexually oriented business license for one (1) year from the date revocation becomes effective.

A copy of the Ordinance is available on the City's website: www.colorado.gov/centralcity or at the office of the City Clerk. The Ordinance is currently scheduled to be considered on second reading (public hearing) on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00pm at City Hall, 141 Nevada Street, Central City, Colorado 80427.

CITY OF CENTRAL, COLORADO

/s/ Jeremy Fey, Mayor

Approved as to form /s/ Marcus McAskin, City Attorney

Attest: /s/ Reba Bechtel, City Clerk

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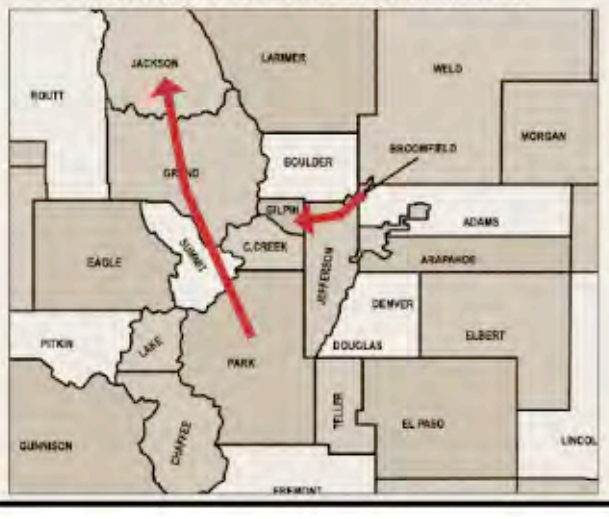
WHY THAT STATUTE EXISTS

C.R.S, § 24-70-103 (3) is more than just a location rule—it's a transparency safeguard.

NEWS **IT SAYS:** If no newspaper is qualified as a Newspaper of Record in a county, then public notices may be published in a newspaper from an adjoining county.

IT DOES NOT ALLOW: Counties to skip over an established local newspaper and print notices in a paper located elsewhere— especially not in a county two or three jurisdictions away.

THE PURPOSE: To keep legal notices visible to the public in the communities they affect. Without this protection, governments could easily bury required notices where residents won't see them.



COAL CREEK CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING FOR HEARING ON PETITIONS FOR EXCLUSION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE COAL CREEK CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all interested persons that fourteen (14) Petitions for Exclusion of real property have been filed with the Board of Directors of the **Coal Creek Canyon Fire Protection District.** The Board of Directors has fixed Monday, the 9th day of March, 2026, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., at 32895 Highway 72, Golden, Colorado, as the date, time and place of an open meeting at which such Petitions shall be heard.

The names and addresses of the Petitioners and property to be excluded from the District are generally described as follows:

1. Property Owner/Address:
Section 27, LLC
1480 North Humboldt Street
Denver, Colorado 80218

Property Description:
Lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 47, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 87, 88, 89 and 90, and Tract E, Canyon Pines Subdivision, Jefferson County, Colorado.

Lots 2, 3 and 5, Canyon Pines, Filing No. 2, Jefferson County, Colorado.

2. Property Owner/Address:
CP Dev Co, LLC
1480 North Humboldt Street
Denver, Colorado 80218

Property Description:
Lots 4, 9, 10, 14, 18, 20, 22, 29, 34, 35, 39, 44, 45, 46, 48, 50, 55, 56, 63, 70, 76, 80, 81, 85 and 86, Canyon Pines Subdivision, Jefferson County, Colorado.

Lot No. 2, Jefferson County, Colorado.

3. Property Owner/Address:
Gregory J. Carelli
6816 Gold Branch Drive
Niwot, Colorado 80503

Property Description:
Lot 19, Canyon Pines Subdivision, Jefferson County, Colorado.

4. Property Owner/Address:
Dahlia Farm, LLC
721 Ridgemont Circle
Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80126

Property Description:
Lot 32, Canyon Pines Subdivision, Jefferson County, Colorado.

5. Property Owner/Address:
Hoffine Living Trust
Dated November 9, 2020
825 Delechant Drive
Eire, Colorado 80516

Property Description:
Lot 43, Jefferson County, Colorado.

6. Property Owner/Address:
Los Tres Guapos 62, LLC
121 Adams Street
Denver, Colorado 80206

Property Description:
Lot 62, Canyon Pines Subdivision, Jefferson County, Colorado.

7. Property Owners/Address:
Carol Wyatt and Sallie Woodell
14 North Moffat Road
Arvada, Colorado 80403

Property Description:
Lot 72, Canyon Pines Subdivision, Jefferson County, Colorado.

8. Property Owners/Address:
Jeremy Burmeister and David Will
22 North Moffat Road
Arvada, Colorado 80403

Property Description:
Lot 82, Canyon Pines Subdivision, Jefferson County, Colorado.

9. Property Owner/Address:
Paris Revocable Trust u/t/a
dated June 2, 2022
24 North Moffat Road
Arvada, Colorado 80403

Property Description:
Lot 83, Canyon Pines Subdivision, Jefferson County, Colorado.

10. Property Owner/Address:
Michael G. Troemel
5244 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55419

Property Description:
Lot 84, Canyon Pines Subdivision, Jefferson County, Colorado.

11. Property Owner/Address:
Canyon Pines Metropolitan District
7555 East Hampden Avenue, Suite 501
Denver, Colorado 80231

Property Description:
Tracts A, B, C, D, F, G, H, I and J, Canyon Pines Subdivision, Jefferson County, Colorado.

12. Property Owner/Address:
City of Arvada
8101 Ralston Road
Arvada, Colorado 80002

Property Description:
Tract A, Canyon Pines Filing No. 2, Jefferson County, Colorado; and Streets and public ways, Canyon Pines Subdivision, Jefferson County, Colorado.

13. Property Owner/Address:
Charles C. McKay Irrevocable Trust
dated April 18, 2014
9855 Blue Mountain Drive
Arvada, Colorado 80403

Property Description:
A tract of land located in the SW ¼ of Section 18, Township 2 South, Range 70 West and the SE ¼ and the NE ¼ of Section 13, Township 2 South, Ranch 71 West of the 6th P.M., Jefferson County, Colorado, and as more particularly described in the Petition for Exclusion filed with the Board of Directors of the District.

All interested parties may appear at such hearing to show cause in writing why such Petitions should not be granted.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
COAL CREEK CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

COAL CREEK CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: /s/ Dave Thompsen, Chair

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The name and address of the Petitioner and property to be excluded from the District are generally described as follows:

Property Owner/Address:
Ten Eyck Revocable Joint Trust
dated October 18, 2023
98 South Rogers Way
Golden, Colorado 80401

Property Description:
Lot 1, Canyon Pines Filing No. 2, Jefferson County, Colorado.

All interested parties may appear at such hearing to show cause in writing why such Petitions should not be granted.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE **COAL CREEK CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.**

COAL CREEK CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: /s/ Dave Thompsen, Chair

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BECAUSE THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO TRANSPARENCY!

(Strictly for amusement only. Grandpa Sassy has been hearing about the county commissioners' upcoming discussion of a ballot-question sales tax for Gilpin County. Well, being the curious fellow that he is, Grandpa Sassy quizzed his friends and neighbors if they'd vote for a tax hike. The results were rather unanimous. Accordingly, his position is: Call Coroner Zane Laubhan because this tax scheme is DOA (Dead On Arrival). Speaking of dead, it's time for Grandpa to unearth his weekly prognostications for those of you who want their weekly horoscope.)

PISCES – Feb 19/March 20 – Grandpa Sassy's buddy Leo is ticked about talk of a tax hike. "How can I afford a tax hike," asked Leo, adding, "I won't have enough money to gamble." Grandpa advises to watch your pennies, which aren't made any longer.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 – This Saturday night, March 8, the clocks will move forward one hour. Grandpa Sassy will be snoring when 2 a.m. rolls around. If you're like him, change the clocks Saturday night before you hit the sack.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21 – Grandpa Sassy's dim-witted friend Lenny lost $200 bucks betting on the Nuggets last week. Actually, he lost $100 on the game but was silly enough to bet another $100 on the replay, hoping the outcome would change. State legislators are talking about limiting sports-betting, although maybe they're probably thinking about Leo.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21 – Grandpa Sassy won $100 while playing on a Leprechaun-themed game in Central City last week. He suggests playing one in your favorite casino, so you might get lucky in advance of St. Patrick's Day.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22— Speaking of St. Patty's Day, did you know the patron saint is credited for driving the snakes out of Ireland? Actually, Ireland is one of the few island nations where snakes aren't an indigenous creature.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23 – Ok, Leos, it's your turn. Your horoscope says you're splashing on too much perfume or cologne. Do your friends a favor and use less, so they don't consider you a skunk.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22— Grandpa Sassy advised Virgos to remember to lock their cars each time they pull into a parking lot. However, get out of the car before you lock it.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23— Grandpa Sassy's pal, Moe, was thinking about applying to be on the Survivor TV show. However, he dropped the idea when Grandpa reminded him that he puts on a jacket when it's just under 80 degrees outside.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22 – A reminder to Scorpios: you don't have to claim casino winnings on your taxes for 2026 unless you hit a jackpot of $2,000 or more. Of course, the larger problem is whether or not you'll hit that jackpot in 2026.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21— This is an odd March in Black Hawk because there's one fewer casino in town with the Z Casino having closed this past Sunday. Fortunately, there's still 14 other casinos where you can try your luck in town.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20— Wise Capricorns realize they should be glad they don't have to pay taxes for winning a $100 bonus round on a slot machine. What many won't acknowledge is when they win $100, they usually donate it to another machine in the casino.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18- Okay, Aries. You might not like taxes. However, would you rather pay more taxes at a store… or have one of the county commissioners knocking at your door with a cup in their hand – asking you if you'd like to donate to their worthy cause?

Commercial Property for Rent/Lease

– 115 Main St., Central City

– Store Front Location next to Famous Bonanza Casino

For more info, call, text or email Bob,
303-885-0700
frmayor51@gmail.com

M5, M12, M19, M26

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LEGAL & CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

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.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN I: $59,676 - $83,547 / Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. Provides a variety of skilled and semi-skilled work in the construction, maintenance, repair, inspection, restoration, and cleaning of both city-occupied and leased buildings and facilities. Works varied schedules to limit the disruption to City operations. Responds to calls for maintenance and repair services 24/7. **Excellent Benefits package (See Benefits). Apply Now: https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/**

FLEET SUPERVISOR: $103,749 - $145,249 / Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. This is a working technical foreman level position responsible for the technical activities and functions involved in the efficient operation of the fleet service facility. The incumbent supervises all equipment, materials, and personnel involved in the maintenance and repair of the City's fleet of vehicles and equipment, both light and heavy, including police, fire, and transit vehicles. Provides assistance and technical guidance to subordinate personnel. **Excellent Benefits package (See Benefits). Apply Now: https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/**

WATER UTILITY OPERATOR I, II, III or IV, Salary Range: $57,555 - $107,249 / Annual (paid hourly), DOQ/E. Operator I: Colorado Class "D" Water Plant Operator and Class 1 Distribution Systems Certifications required within one (1) year of employment. Operator II: Colorado Class "C" Water Plant Operator and Class 2 Distribution Systems Certifications required. Operator III: Colorado Class "B" Water Plant Operator and Class 3 Distribution Systems Certifications required. Operator IV: Colorado Class "A" Water Plant Operator and Class 4 Distribution Systems Certifications required. A Water Utility Operator III will operate and maintain the water treatment plants, distribution system, raw water system, maintain and repair water mains, service lines, valves, pumps, and water-related appurtenances. This is the journey-level class in the Utility Operator series and is expected to perform a full range of all duties with minimal instruction and assistance. **Excellent Benefits package (See Benefits). Apply Now: https://www.cityofblackhawk.org/**

BLACK HAWK

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given of a Public Hearing before the **City Council of the City of Black Hawk at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026,** at 211 Church Street, Black Hawk, Colorado, **for the purpose of considering the adoption by reference of the Wildfire Resiliency Code, 2025** edition, including all appendices thereto.

Electronic and hard copies of the above-referenced code will be on file at the City Clerk's office, starting at least fifteen (15) days before the Public Hearing, and may be inspected during regular business hours. If enacted as an Ordinance of this City, this code as amended will not be published in full, but in accordance with state law, copies will be kept on file.

The above referenced code is published by the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control, 690 Kipling St, Suite 2000, Denver, CO 80215. The subject matter and purpose of the Wildfire Resiliency Code is to mitigate the risk to life and structures from the intrusion of fire from wildland fire exposures and fire exposures from adjacent structures and to mitigate structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels in the City.

This Notice is given and published by the order of the City Council. DATED this 25th day of February 2026.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES MAY ATTEND

CITY OF BLACK HAWK

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