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Tigerz and Dragonz

BY BOB SWEENEY

Tigers and dragons will be arriving in Central City this weekend with the grand opening of the newly remodeled, former Johnny Z's casino, as the new Dragon Tiger Casino.

The opening of the newly themed casino is the first significant opening of a casino in Central City since John Zimpel opened his Z casino in 2009. I would call on John periodically for ads in my *Colorado Gambler* newspaper that my family and I operated in Black Hawk and Central City for 25 years. He was a regular advertiser and he eventually expanded to the larger hotel facility named "Grand Z" a few blocks away from the sister Dragon Tiger Casino.

We ceased publication of the revered *Colorado Gambler* prior to the pandemic and contemplate reviving it at some time in the future.

Needless to say, we have many friends still in the gaming business and we're very pleased, as the local newspaper, to see the "rebirth" of the Tiger and Dragon, powerful symbols in Asian culture right here in Central City. The introduction of gourmet Asian food will be welcome with opening of the Dragon Tiger Noodle restaurant.

There are many grand opening events planned later this week with the arrival of the Chinese Cultural Center performers bringing their music, massive tigers, dragons, ribbons and confetti to the casino opening. See the ads in this week's *Weekly Register-Call*. The casino is at 132 Lawrence Street, with free parking in the adjacent garage across the street from the casino. I hope to visit with Micky at the nearby Century casino soon. Increased traffic will help everyone.

The rebirth of this casino is good news for all of the casinos in Central City and Black Hawk, bringing more Asian customers to Gilpin County. The new owners of the trio of former "Z's" properties are based in Las Vegas. Descendants are reported to be from the sale of the Las Vegas Sand properties last year. Maverick Gaming owns the trio of local casinos and the gas station on Highway 19, along with Bullwhackers in Black Hawk, and the vacant Silver Hawk and Gold Mine casinos bordering the rear parking area of the former Bullwhacker's property. Maverick Gaming owns and operates 27 casinos in several states in Nevada, Washington, and now Colorado.

In other gaming trends, the new Monarch 550 room hotel in Black Hawk is a smashing success and the extended casino gaming floor and parking garage were jam-packed over the recent holidays. The luxurious and well-operated casino should assist in bringing more nightly clients, tourists, and daily visitors to both Black Hawk and Central City.

The Penn Gaming owned Ameristar has installed four Baccarat tables and hosts a tournament every Monday afternoon, well-attended by many Asian players of the famous French card game. I've been told by Maverick staff that Baccarat will soon be featured at the Grand Z hotel in Central City. The hotel is spacious and modern, with an attached free covered parking garage.

Central City wants a "rebirth" with major plans and visions underway, led by Mayor Fey, to revitalize the city, hopefully getting the historic Belvidere theatre remodeled and opened once again. The BBQ at the Teller House restaurant is superb and working on a new lease.

I visited Central City a year before gaming and there were actually tumbleweeds

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Loveland receives grant

On January 12, AKC Reunite announced \$526,500 in donations to K-9 units throughout the country through its AKC Reunite Adopt a K-9 Cop matching grant program in 2021. Funds were raised by contributions from AKC dog clubs and community members, with AKC Reunite matching donations at a three-to-one ratio.

The Adopt a K-9 Cop program allows AKC Reunite to match funds from AKC Clubs, AKC affiliated organizations and the public, three-to-one, up to \$7,500 per grant through the Canine Support and Relief fund. These donations help police departments throughout the United States purchase K-9 police dogs.

Many of the police dogs acquired with the help of these grants are used as patrol dogs as well as detection dogs, helping to locate narcotics, explosives and/or evidence.

“More than \$500,000 has been donated through the Adopt a K-9 Cop matching grant program in 2021 and we hope to grow that number in 2022,” said Tom Sharp, AKC Reunite CEO. “The grants donated to K-9 units across the nation helps them acquire new police dogs, contributing to increased safety in their communities.”

Loveland Police Department is one of the most recent grant recipients, receiving two grants from this program.

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Gilpin pile burning

On January 12, the U.S. Forest Service announced this season’s pile burning services. As winter conditions settle in across Colorado’s northern Front Range, the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests will work to burn slash piles resulting from fuels reduction and hazardous tree removal projects across the area. This season’s pile burning will begin as early as next week, and will continue through the spring, depending on weather and conditions. Fuels reduction projects involve mechanical or hand thinning forested areas to improve species diversity and wildlife habitat while reducing the risk of severe wildfire impacts to watersheds. While larger logs are removed for commercial use, when possible, unmarketable limbs, saplings, and brush are piled up for burning in winter conditions. Hand piles result from crews using chainsaws to thin the forest and then piling the sawn material; machine piles result from using logging equipment and primarily consist of tree limbs left behind after marketable material is removed. Piles are only ignited when fire managers are confident that the project can be undertaken safely and successfully. Snow cover, fuel moisture, precipitation, wind, temperature, and available firefighter staffing are all considered before beginning a pile burn. Piles which are ready for burning are prioritized based on elevation, aspect, access, and proximity to homes.

Smoke, flames, and glowing embers are often visible, and are a normal part of pile burning operations. Snow helps contain the piles and firefighters monitor the area during and after the burn. Public and firefighter safety is always the number-one priority in burning operations.

To receive the latest updates on when and where burning will occur, follow U.S. Forest Service on Twitter or Facebook (handle, @usfsarp), or send an email to Katherine.armstrong@usda.gov and provide the general area you are interested in, for example, Boulder, Gilpin, Clear Creek, Grand.

Areas in Gilpin and Boulder counties where pile burning may occur this winter and spring:

- **Yankee Hill** 14-17, 20, 24: 300 machine piles. General Location: Near Pickle Gulch and Cold Springs campgrounds on west side of Highway 119.
- **Lump Gulch** 18: 1,500 hand piles. General Location: Gilpin County a half-mile north of Rollinsville on Westside of Hwy 119 Peak to Peak.
- **Lump Gulch** 29, 30: 150 hand piles. General Location: Gilpin County west side of Lump Gulch Road, 1.5 miles south of Rollinsville on west side of Highway 119.
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Right of entry forms

BY CARRIE HAVERFIELD

ARTICLE APPEARING FIRST ON THE BOULDER OEM

Right of Entry forms now available for properties damaged/destroyed by the Marshall Fire

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The first step in the coordinated debris removal effort is to complete a Right of Entry (ROE) form. Property owners in Louisville, Superior, and unincorporated Boulder County whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the Marshall Fire should complete and submit a ROE as soon as possible in order to allow debris removal program teams to work on your property. This ROE will allow the county to immediately remove imminent

hazards from your property, and it will also allow the county to apply hydro-mulch to the soil that will prevent ash from being wind-blown or from draining into waterways. Property owners choosing not to participate in the debris removal program are also asked to submit the form and designate that they are opting out so that Boulder County can accurately track all properties and ensure that cleanup and remediation efforts proceed efficiently and effectively. Completing the ROE and opting out of the coordinated debris removal effort still allows the county to assist with the removal of imminent

hazards and perform hydro-mulching soil stabilization work. The ROE form and more information on debris cleanup is available at <https://boco.org/marshall-debris-cleanup>. There is also an online version that can be completed electronically available at <https://www.boulderoem.com/right-of-entry-forms-now-available-for-properties-damaged-destroyed-by-the-marshall-fire/>

The post *Right of Entry forms now available for properties damaged/destroyed by the Marshall Fire* appeared first on Boulder OEM.

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New DAC hours

BY CARRIE HAVERFIELD

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On January 12, the Boulder OEM website reported a change in DAC hours. Starting January 15, the Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) for

the Marshall Fire, located at 1755 South Public Road in Lafayette, will be open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 7 days a week. It was previously open until 7

p.m. Information about the DAC can be found at <http://boco.org/marshallfire>.

Black Hawk's water

BY DON IRELAND
SENIOR REPORTER

REPORTING FROM THE JANUARY 12 BLACK HAWK COUNCIL MEETING

Black Hawk's aldermen have taken another step toward improving the future availability of water for the city's residents and those who visit the casinos and other attractions. At last week's meeting, the council members unanimously approved a \$225,000 contract with JVA Inc. to design an upgrade to the city's Hidden Valley Water Treatment Plant, located at the bottom of the Central City Parkway adjoining I-70.

City Water Manager Jim Ford recommended for council to approve the contract, noting JVA designed improvements for its Dory Hill water-storage facility several years ago.

When the Hidden Valley Water Treatment Plant was built in 1997, the treatment capacity was designed to be 800 gallons per minute. However, one section of treatment filters - called "trains" because they are linked together like railroad train cars - was installed at the time, limiting the treatment capability to 400 gallons a minute. The JVA plans will help the facility accommodate the installation of a second

train, increasing the capacity to the full 800 gallons per minute.

Part of Black Hawk's water is drawn from Clear Creek in neighboring Clear Creek County. The city also owns leases water storage in Georgetown Lake along I-70. Other parts of city water originate from wells and North Clear Creek in Gilpin County. As part of its system, Black Hawk has a million-gallon storage tank on Gregory Hill and a 430,000-gallon tank off Dory Hill Road.

Black Hawk, which can attract up to 20,000 visitors daily to its casino GOLD District (Gaming, Outstanding Dining and Lodging) is expected to take additional steps this year regarding future water security. Leaders are planning to build the Elkhorn facility, a one-million-gallon underground water storage tank, near the Young Ranch west of the parkway. Some of the money to design and pay for the water-related utility service will come from a \$20 million, low-interest bond issue that was secured by city council late last year.

Black Hawk residents are

not charged for water service in their private homes, one of the perks offered citizens who live in the state's premier gaming community. The upgraded Hidden Valley plant and forthcoming Elkhorn facilities also will be used to provide water to Proximo Spirits Inc.'s anticipated \$50 million Lake Gulch Whiskey Resort and the forthcoming Artisans' Point distillery district atop Gregory Hill. Officials also anticipate plans for two new hotel projects to be submitted to the city sometime in 2022.

The Lake Gulch Whiskey Resort, which will be built in phases, could use 100,000 gallons of water daily to create its Tin Cup Mountain Whiskey beverage. The other, smaller distillers at Artisans' Point also will need water to create their craft liquor products. Construction is continuing at the Rick Thomas Distillery at Artisans' Point. It is expected that Black Hawk's council may approve an agreement for another craft brewer on Gregory Hill, possibly in the next month.

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The giant Bigfoot welcomes visitors to the Sasquatch Casino. The Gregory Street gaming business and its sister casino, the Wild Card, are owned by Ed and Shirley Smith. The two casinos this month donated \$7,000 to the victims of the Dec. 30 Marshall Fire in Boulder County. The Saratoga Casino, located across Gregory Street from Sasquatch, contributed \$50,000 to the fund. The City of Black Hawk and its Silver Dollar Metropolitan District raised and donated \$100,000 from the city and its casinos for the cause.

Late storms up water supply

On January 11, the U.S.D.A. reported that recent storms improved the water supply around the state. Several late December storms have turned around dire water supply conditions that had persisted for much of the fall across the state. These warm and dry conditions resulted in well below median snowpack in many areas to begin December. That all changed as several storms around the holidays boosted snowpack and precipitation totals across the state. These storms were so significant that 34 SNOTEL sites ended December with record precipitation with an additional 19 sites receiving the second most precipitation on record. Statewide snowpack now sits at 126 percent of normal. "Despite a very slow start to the water year, late December storms walloped Colorado especially on the western slope," states Joel Atwood, Hydrologist for the Colorado Snow Survey. The January 1 streamflow forecasts reflect recent snowpack and precipitation gains, with all major basins forecasted to have runoff volumes greater than normal. Atwood continued, "Despite drastic improvements to the water supply, the water year is still very young so there is still lots of uncertainty in

streamflow runoff forecasts despite the optimistic outlook."

Statewide reservoir storage changed little from November, remaining at 74 percent of median where all basins except the South Platte ended December with below normal storage. Reservoir storage at the end of December ranged from 108 percent of median for the South Platte River

basin to the Gunnison and combined San Miguel-Dolores-Animas-San Juan River basins which ended December with 56 and 64 percent of median reservoir storage, respectively. Despite improvements in water supply in most of the state, SNOTEL sites in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains still show below normal snowpack and water-year-to-date precipitations despite

above normal snowfall and precipitation in December. These dry mountain conditions contribute to below normal snowpack in the Arkansas and Upper Rio Grande River basins. NRCS Hydrologist Atwood explains, "More moisture is needed, especially in southern Colorado, to improve multi-year drought conditions that have persisted in many areas."

Atwood continued, "With La Nina conditions likely to continue in the Pacific Ocean, it remains to be seen if strong storms continue delivering needed moisture to Colorado or if things quiet down a bit." On average, when the Pacific Ocean has La Nina conditions, Colorado is drier than normal with much of the storm activity shifting to the north.

Colorado's Snowpack and Reservoir Storage as of January 1st, 2021

Basin	% MEDIAN SNOWPACK	LAST YR.'S % MEDIAN SNOWPACK	% MEDIAN RESERVOIR STORAGE	LAST YEAR'S % MEDIAN RESERVOIR STORAGE
GUNNISON	153	81	56	75
COLORADO HEADWATERS	128	79	83	100
SOUTH PLATTE	110	81	108	86
LARAMIE-NORTH PLATTE	122	80	---	---
YAMPA-WHITE-LITTLE SNAKE	117	76	77	97
ARKANSAS	86	103	91	88
UPPER RIO GRANDE	98	110	93	86
SMDASJ*	144	83	64	76
STATEWIDE	123	91	74	82

* San Miquel-Dolores-Animas-San Juan River basin

**For more detailed information about January 1st mountain snowpack refer to the [January 1st, 2021 Colorado Water Supply Outlook Report](#). For the most up to date information about Colorado snowpack and water supply related information, refer to the [Colorado Snow Survey website](#).

Mary Klemp honored

BY DON IRELAND
SENIOR REPORTER

Mary Klemp's retirement event resembled something of a royal sendoff during Black Hawk's City Council meeting last week. There was a plaque, certificate, cake, and flowers presented to Mrs. Klemp, who recently retired from her role with the police department following 21 years of service.

There were lots of hugs and handshakes given to the

new retiree, too, from Police Chief Michelle Moriarty and a contingent of officers who attended the session.

"We've been trying to make this a very special day for Mary," said Chief Moriarty, who took the reins of the department nearly two years ago. "It was so great to have her as my assistant," said the chief of Mrs. Klemp, who served as the department's executive administration assistant and training coordinator.

Moriarty and Mayor David Spellman gave Klemp a framed certificate, marking her 20 years as a city employee. Last year, Klemp hit the milestone, but the pandemic sidetracked council marking the anniversary. A metal plaque presented to the retiree included an historic photo of Black Hawk and thanked her for her service. Several



Mary Klemp receives one of her gifts from Mayor David Spellman.



Mary Klemp (right) and grandson O'Reilly helped ring the ceremonial bell to start the council meeting.

members of Mrs. Klemp's family attended the meeting to observe the presentation-celebration.

Mayor Spellman noted, "In some aspects, it's the end of an era." He explained Mrs. Klemp is part of Black Hawk's Blake family, which has been in the city for four generations. "This is a happy occasion, and it is sad, too," he said.

Spellman spoke about the Blake family's history and showed the retiree's grandson, O'Riley, one of the historical plaques displayed around the council chambers walls. The plaque allowed the young man to see that his great-great-grandfather served the city as an alderman in 1876. O'Riley also was asked to help his grandmother ring the ceremonial bell, a Black

Hawk tradition that informs the community below that council is in session.

Alderman Paul Bennett said he had trouble believing how time has passed. "I remember Mary when she was a kid."

Added Alderman Hal Midcap, "Twenty years? It's hard to believe."

BREAKING NEWS

Fire ban lifted

Effective immediately, Gilpin County's Stage One Fire Ban has been rescinded.

The Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners, at their meeting on Tuesday, lifted the temporary Stage 1 Fire Ban that began on November 19, 2021.

According to officials, fire conditions have improved considerably because of snow and freezing winter temperatures, which reduced dry conditions

and fire risks. Two weeks ago, Gilpin County Sheriff Kevin Armstrong recommended that the commissions continue the ban, mostly due to strong winds in the county. Strong winds, which reached more than 100 miles an hour, are blamed for fanning the Marshall Fire in nearby Boulder County on December 30, in which more than 1,100 homes and businesses were destroyed.

Sheriff Armstrong said

Clear Creek and Boulder counties also have lifted their fire bans recently. He said residents should check the department's Facebook page if any red-flag or no-burning warnings come into effect.

The BOCC lifted the fire ban by a unanimous vote, ending Resolution #21-18 that enacted the Stage 1 fire ban prior to the holidays.

Suggestions?

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Local fire departments qualify

On January 11, Congressman Joe Neguse announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will open applications for Fire Safety and Prevention Grants (FS&P) on January 18, 6 a.m. Mountain Time - making millions in direct aid available to local fire departments and first responders impacted by the

Marshall Fire. Grants can include assistance for firefighter safety and management programming, research and development projects to help communities respond to extreme and hazardous conditions, and other programs to help firefighters recover from the effects of the Marshall Fire.

According to Congress-

man Neguse, these grants are primarily funded through the American Rescue Plan. More information on this program and technical assistance can be found on the FEMA website, fema.gov, by calling FS&P help desk at 866-274-0960, or by emailing firegrants@fema.dhs.gov.

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Central City's special election

BY DON IRELAND
SENIOR REPORTER

A special election to fill a vacant Central City Council position will be determined by voters on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The candidates seeking the post are Marcia Enloe and Jill Story.

Eligible Central City voters were mailed ballots this month. According to Gilpin County figures from the November election, there are approximately 528 active voters in Central City, including 255 unaffiliated voters, 133 Democrats and 127 Republicans.

Voters can mail in their completed ballot or drop them off at City Hall, 141 Nevada St., Central City. The City Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Election Day, ballots can be dropped off between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. To be eligible to vote in the special election, an adult must be at least 18 years of age; be a citizen of the United States; and have been a resident of the City of Central at least 22 days preceding the election and registered to vote. All

ballots must be received by the Central City clerk by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Regardless of who wins the special election to become an alderman, their time in office won't be long because that council term will expire later this year.

This year, the terms for Alderman Judy Laratta and Tuesday's to-be-elected alderman will be up for election in the June primary and the November general election. Ms. Laratta, who was first elected to council in

2014, will leave council at the end of the year because she is term limited.

The office of Central City mayor will be up for election this year. Mayor Jeremy Fey, who was voted into office four years ago, is up for re-election in 2022. According to local voting regulations, the person who is mayor is limited to serving two consecutive four-year terms. The Primary Election in Gilpin County is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28.

Council members Jeff

Aiken and Kara Tinucci are not up for re-election this year because their terms do not expire until the end of 2024. Both aldermen are local businesspersons. Aiken was named to fill a council vacancy in February 2016 and was re-elected to four-year terms in 2016 and 2020. Tinucci was elected in 2020 and is eligible to run for another four-year term in 2024.

Neguse's proposal enacted

On January 11, Congressman Neguse's proposal to expand military travel allowances to include funeral travel for grieving military families has been enacted into law. The bill was incorporated into the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 and signed into law by President Biden in the final days of 2021.

Offering travel allowances to ensure America's military families can attend the funerals of their loved ones is a small, but essential act the federal government can take to provide comfort and support for families who are grieving," said Congressman Joe Neguse. "For all that our military families have sacrificed over the course of their loved ones' service, we have a responsibility to ensure dignity and closure in their bereavement. I'm grateful to see this common-sense piece of legislation enacted into law, and honored to further services and support for our veterans and military families."

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Broncos guard donates

On January 12, William Raymond Communications announced that Dalton Risner, Guard for the Denver Broncos, the hosting of an online auction to benefit relief funds for the devastating fires that recently hit Boulder County, Colorado. The auction includes a collection of Bronco's players' game-worn memorabilia from

last Saturday's final game of the 2021 season versus the Chiefs. Risner gathered his teammate's jerseys, gloves, and cleats to be donated for auction, including items from Broncos' stars, Bradley Chubb and Noah Fant.

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AGE OF DRONES

Drones find lost pets of Marshall Fire

BY DON IRELAND

Helping the victims of the Marshall Fire takes a village. Sometimes, it can also use a helping hand from a drone, too.

A group of volunteers has been flying specially equipped drones above the fire-ravaged towns since last week. Their mission: locate missing family pets.

The drone pilots attach infrared sensors to a quadcopter and hover over the burn areas at night. If the sensor shows a heat-generating source - such as a living pet - it gives rescuers information on the specific location. That information is turned over to people helping to find families lost and beloved dogs, cats and other pets. "When they have lost everything and you can give them back their pet, it is somewhat a sign of hope," Douglas Thron told local media.

Thron met Shannon Jay when he was a cinematographer for Discovery and National Geographic several years ago. Last year, Thron met Ryan Okrant, who had a passion to rescue animals after disasters. The three of them now work together, traveling the county and offering help by tracking down lost pets with drones.

Prior to arriving at the Marshall Fire, the trio helped

locate and save several dozen animals after tornadoes struck Kentucky.

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Last month, a 71-year-old Swedish man who suffered a heart attack while shoveling snow in his driveway was saved by an unlikely hero - a delivery drone.

The U.K.'s Daily Mail reported the man collapsed outside his home in the town of Trollhattan, located in the western part of the country. The man's wife called emergency services, which dispatched the unmanned aerial vehicle carrying an AED (automated external defibrillator). It arrived in less than four minutes.

The system, called Emergency Medical Aerial Delivery (EMADE) was developed by Everdrones to assist patients within 10 minutes of experiencing a heart attack. An AED is a computerized medical device that can detect a person's heart rhythm and deliver a shock to the heart as needed. And it needs to be used within four to six minutes of the person having a heart attack in order to prevent death.

When the resident collapsed onto the cold pavement, Dr. Mustafa Ali just happened to be driving by. He stopped and began to perform CPR. "I can't



A drone delivers an AED. Courtesy of the Daily Mail (U.K.)

put into words how thankful I am to this new technology and the speedy delivery of the defibrillator. If it wasn't for the drone I probably wouldn't be here', said the 71-year-old patient, who has made a full recovery and was able to return to his home.

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Drone photos from the Marshall Fire were printed in the last edition of the *Weekly Register-Call*, which offered readers a link to view

additional stills and video from the fire scene at <https://donsdronesofdenver.com/marshall-fire>. Those videos were featured on Jan. 13 in a national drone news program, Ken Heron's "Thursday Night Live." The program is watched by several thousand people weekly on YouTube.

To date, residents from Colorado and other states have contributed more than \$26.5 million to help Superior and Louisville

residents impacted by the Dec. 30 wildfire. The blaze destroyed more than 1,084 homes, damaged others and devastated several businesses. Gilpin County residents have been among those helping their Boulder County neighbors with donations and other help. Last week, Black Hawk and its casinos contributed \$157,000 to the victim assistance fund (see related story).

LOOKING BACK

A TURNBACK IN TIME

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



Budweiser Clydesdales, November 2019. Utah.

30 YEARS AGO JANUARY 17, 1992

The Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales kept people out of the casinos and on the streets in Black Hawk and Central City for a few hours when they paraded through town Saturday. Their appearance was sponsored by the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company and Clear Creek Distributing Company in Idaho Springs.

William C. Russell Jr. presented the commissioners with a print of the courthouse taken from a glass negative made shortly after the courthouse was built. The courthouse was dedicated in 1900; Russell estimated the picture was taken around 1906. Although he provided the glass negative, Russell told the commissioners, the credit for the photograph and finished antique frame should go to Beverly Nelson.

THE SOCIAL REGISTER:

Married: Mr. and Mrs. Vince Risner of South Beaver Creek Road would like to announce the engagement of their son Mitcheal Lee Risner to Melinda Elise Ball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Ball of Rollinsville. The wedding is scheduled for June 20th, in Ovid,

Colorado. The couple then plans to move to Springfield, Missouri, where Mitcheal will be attending Southwest Missouri State University in the fall.

Marine Pfc Michael Schwartz, a 1989 graduate of Gilpin County High School of Black Hawk, CO, recently reported for duty with the 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He joined the Marine Corps in October of 1989.

60 YEARS AGO JANUARY 19, 1962

Friday, January 12, was a near disastrous day for school buses in the county. The East Portal school bus, driven by Mr. Al Green, was hit by a truck driven by Mr. Joe Caves, an employee of the D.&R.G. Railroad. The accident occurred at 7:30 a.m. when the bus, a 9-passenger International, going east on the road between Tolland and Rollinsville, was hit on the left side by the truck driven by Mr. Chaves. Mr. Green drove the bus off the road into the bank trying to avoid the accident, but was unsuccessful, the truck causing considerable damage to the bus. There were no serious injuries, but

one student, Harold Jackson, and the driver, Mr. Green, were treated for slight injuries. Mr. Chaves admitted to speeding in the 15-m.p.h. zone. The children were brought into school by Mrs. Green in the family automobile.

Rollinsville: by Gertrude “Dude” Crow—What a week the pas one proved to be! People snowed in—cars frozen up—tow trucks and cats, pushing and pulling—the wrecked trains all over the tracks which blocked all traffic to Mac’s coal car and bins, with about three feet of snow and 30 below zero weather—The East Portal school bus rammed into which put out of service permanently—and last but not far from the least, drivers that can’t stay on the road, summer or winter! Getting the railroad tracks cleared of the wreck so that trains could

snow and the train wreck.

CENTRAL CITY NUGGETS:

Old man winter “just keeps rolling along”. Although temperatures this week haven’t approached the record-breaking, pipe-busting, car-stalling temperatures of last week, strong winds Sunday caused heavy drifting throughout the county. Reports from the north end of the county tell of drifts four feet or more. Some mention should be made here of the fine work done by the State and County highway crews during this 2-week storm. They have been out day and night in the sub-zero temperatures and high winds keeping the roads passable and certainly they all deserve a vote of thanks from everyone. Also a tip of the hat to Mr. Joe Menegatti and his crew for the fine job they have done with



C & S temporary track in Main Street of Black Hawk after the 1910 flood.

go through brought many railroad workers to town. They came soon after the wreck and didn’t move out until late Saturday. Much activity for several days—pedestrians all over the place and people taking pictures of the deep

the streets in Central City.

Local news is a little scarce this week due to Ye Editor falling on the ice behind the *Register-Call* office, painfully hurting his knee, and

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“WINTER ARMY 1944”

BY FORREST WHITMAN

Colorado boys responded in Winter of 1944

Readers of the Colorado papers will occasionally notice that some veteran of World War II is mentioned as having served in the 10th Mountain Division. There is the distinctive logo for the 10th Mountain on the obituary. Sometimes the “winter army” is mentioned in an article. Who were those winter veterans?

Camp Hale, Colorado

A few of those veterans were ski patrol members when war broke out. Some of those soldiers loved winter mountaineering right along with skiing. They loved rope climbing, snow shoeing and winter bivouacs. They were winter naturals.

The white clad tenth division, then training their winter skills at Camp Hale, is an icon of mountain lore. Photos of those men skiing or

snow shoeing with their rifles and 90-pound packs are still popular in tourist stores.

The tale of the winter army is fascinating. You can still visit some of the site. Or you can read sitting in a warm room on a blustery January night.

That’s what I did.

A trip to Pando

Readers may have driven from Leadville to I-70 and looked up at Tennessee Pass. That’s where the railroad comes under the road. There is still a marker by the railroad for Pando. Originally a little used stop on the Rio Grande Railroad, it had its moment of fame in the Second World War. During World War II that stop became the busiest station on the section. The 10th mountain division made Pando a vital rail stop.

The 10th was unique. It was the heart of the force that turned the war around on the southern German-Austrian

axis. That won Italy’s mountains and essentially ended the Nazi rule of Italy. The cost to our troops was huge, around a thousand dead.

The story of how a few “lodge skiers” transformed those soldiers into the 10th mountain division is dramatic. At first few believed in the whole idea of a mountain winter force backed up by mules and equipped with heavy snow gear. The “nay sayers” in the top brass thought fighting in the mountains would never happen. They were wrong. There was plenty of fighting as the army took the Italian mountains between December 23, 1944, and April 13, 1945.

Those Camp Hale skills and Camp Hale boys were the heart of the Italian campaign. Mountaineering skills were vital when rappelling down and climbing up the walls of Italian



1944, “Soldiers in a winter landscape,” by W. Richart. US Army Art Collection.

mountains. Mountain top forts like Monte Casino would never have fallen otherwise.

Those assaults often happened in the middle of the night and men were forbidden

to cough, speak or drop a piton. When they reached the crack German units it was hand to hand fighting hell.

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Looking back... Turnback in time

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feelings. However, he expects to be back on the job by July 4th.

Died: Word was received last week from Tucson, Arizona, of the death of Mr. Walter Burrows. Mr. Burrows was born in Central City on August 7th, 1887, and moved with his family to Arizona in 1907. Mr. Burrows was a cousin of Mr. Louis Carter of this city.

90 YEARS AGO JANUARY 22, 1932

The board of county commissioners were in session on Tuesday last and organized the new board for the ensuing year by the election of W.T. Sterling as Chairman; James M. Seright, County Attorney; Leroy Mills as Janitor of Courthouse; and designation of the *Weekly Register-Call* as the official paper of the county.

A basketball game and dance will be given at the K. of P. Hall in this city Saturday night, January 23rd. The game is between the Elk’s team of this city and the Quinn & McGill team of Denver, with the dance after the game. Admission 25 and 15 cents and 50 cents for the dance.

A shortage of water in the creek, for use by the Chain O’ Mines Company in Central, has made it necessary to again try and get a supply from Missouri Lakes, and men are at work laying a pipe from the lake to the creek, and by the aid of a siphon, the water will find its way into Clear Creek.

Died: In Central City, January 13th, 1932, George Hesselwood, of pneumonia, aged about 48 years. He was born in this city, the family being pioneer residents and residing at the head of Eureka Street at the old

family home on the Tascher Ranch. Interment was in Bald Mountain Cemetery.

120 YEARS AGO JANUARY 24, 1902

Mrs. Ida M. Johnson entertained members of the Central City and Black Hawk Temples of Rathbone Sisters at her residence on High Street in this city on Saturday afternoon. Elegant refreshments were served to about 40 ladies, and a very pleasant afternoon resulted. Mrs. Johnson was ably assisted by Mrs. Charles H. Karns.

At the West Notaway Mine, drifting is being carried on in the 360 and 420 west levels, and stoping is being done in the back of the 360 level. A force of 12 men are employed on two shifts and a fair production of ore is being maintained, a shipment of about 75 tons of ore having been made to the Newton Mill at Idaho Springs for concentration. The smelting ores carry a high percentage of copper and are shipped to the sampling works at Black Hawk. The water in the mine is being held at the 440-foot level, buckets being used in handling it. It is reported that the company operating this well-known property have made another payment on the Alva Adams property, which adjoins it on the west.

Born: In Central City, January 19th, 1902, to the wife of George St. John, a daughter.

Born: Word was received here on Saturday of the birth at Goldfield, Colorado, on that date, of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Will McLeod, and that all parties were doing well. Grandpa L. P. Davies, of this city, is stepping a little higher than usual since the news came.

Died: In Russell Gulch, January

19th, 1902, of pneumonia, Thomas Parry, aged 61 years.

Died: In Nevadaville, January 21st, 1902, Mary E., wife of Henry Mayhew, aged 42 years.

Died: In Central City, January 22nd, 1902, of pneumonia, Angelo Zovi, aged 32 years.

Died: In Central City, January 23rd, 1902, of typhoid fever, Frank Grutzman, aged 30 years.

Died: In Black Hawk, January 23rd, 1902, Adrian Munster, aged 68 years. 151 years ago January 2, 1872

Mrs. N. P. Hill, Mrs. George E. Randolph and Miss Kate Sleighmaker were visitors in Denver, attending the Leap Year party given by the Pioneer Club.

Ewers and Company were working the Morrison-Chemung Lode on Bobtail Hill at a depth of 80 feet. The crevice was 10 feet in width and was returning from 8 to 10 ounces gold to the cord.

Rev. J. Gibson Lowrie had arrived from the east to preside as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city.



On January 22, 1932, the Board of County Commissioners designated the *Weekly Register-Call* as the official paper of the County.

Mr. C.R. Welch, of Jefferson County, had introduced a bill in the legislature for the establishment of a School of Mines at Golden City, which was favorably considered.

Mr. N. P. Hill, of Black Hawk, had a letter in Thursday’s issue, explaining a bill advocated by him, for supplying Black Hawk and Central City with water.

The Estabrook stables in Denver were destroyed by fire the first of the week, destroying some valuable horses and doing damage of \$45,000.

Married: Mr. Mathias Mack, of this city, left on Thursday for Atchison, Kansas, to be married, intending to take a bridal tour to Germany.

Free radon test kits for Gilpin

BY JENNIFER COOK

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, GILPIN COUNTY

What is radon and why should I care?

Radon is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas formed by natural deposits of uranium and radium in the soil. Radon moves from uranium-bearing granite deposits in the soil to the atmosphere. The most common routes radon gets into buildings are:

- Spaces between basement walls and the slab.
- Cracks in foundations and/or walls.
- Openings around sump pumps and drains.
- Construction joints and plumbing penetrations.
- Crawl spaces.
- Well water with high radon concentrations.

There is substantial amount of biological and epidemiological evidence and data showing the connection between exposure to radon and lung cancer in humans. According to EPA, radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, and overall, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer.

There are no immediate symptoms due to exposure to radon. However long-term radon exposure in indoor air is estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the United States.

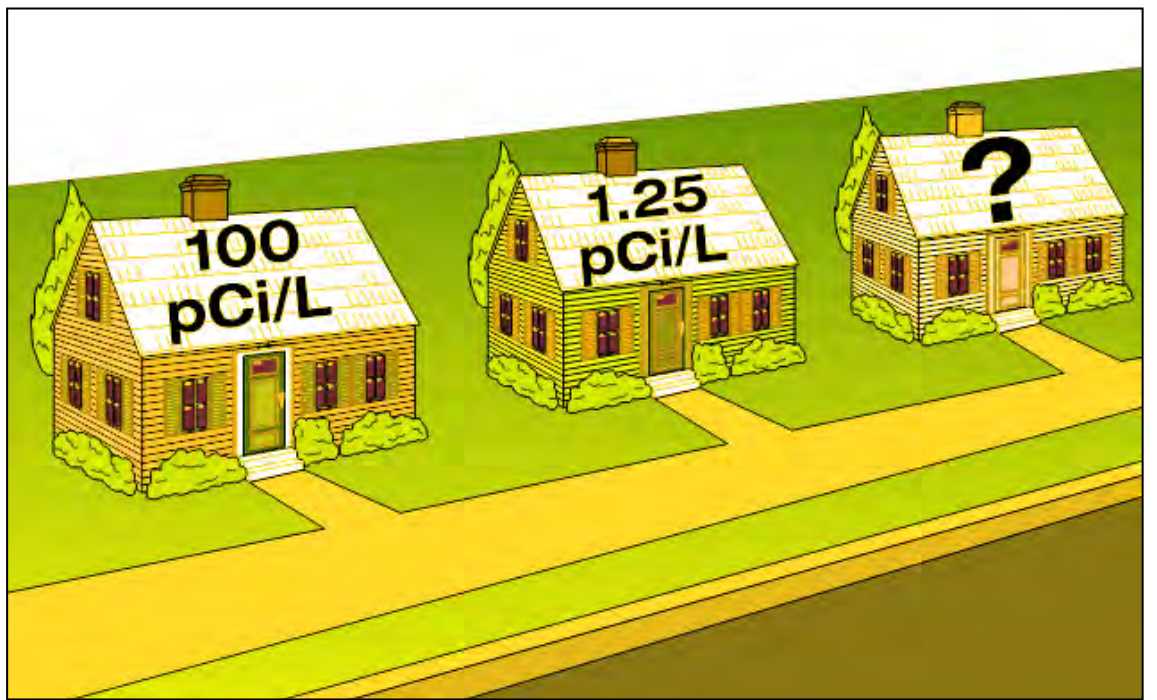
Smokers are at higher risk of developing radon-induced lung cancer. Lung cancer would usually occur 5-25 years after exposure. There is no evidence that other respiratory diseases, such as asthma, are caused by radon exposure, and there is no evidence that children are at any greater risk of radon-induced lung cancer than adults.

In Colorado, about half the homes have radon levels higher than the EPA recommended action level of 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L). Gilpin County contains the fourth highest levels of radon in Colorado.

How do I know if my home has high radon levels?

Testing for radon is easy. Free test kits are available for Gilpin County residents at Gilpin CSU Extension office, located at the fairgrounds, 230 Norton Drive, Black Hawk. Call ahead to make sure staff is available to help you, 303-582-9106.

It is recommended to test your home for radon every two years and retest any time you make structural changes to your home, or occupy a previously unused level of a house. Radon levels vary from home to home, so even if your neighbor's home tested low, your home may be



Testing is the only way to know if your home is at risk for radon.

high. If radon test levels are 4 pCi/L or more, take steps to remediate as soon as possible. Mitigation systems in Colorado usually cost about \$800-\$1,200 unless difficult design problems are encountered. Contact our office for a list of radon mitigation companies that serve Gilpin County. Colorado Department of Health and the Environment (CDPHE) offers a low-income radon mitigation assistance program.

Radon can be found in water
Radon in water is usually not

a problem in homes served by public water supplies, but radon has been found in well water, especially in areas where there is high radon in the air. However, in most cases, radon entering the home through water will be a small source of risk compared to radon entering from the soil. If you are concerned, contact a lab certified to measure radon in water, such as GeoWater Services in Evergreen.

The Gilpin County CSU Extension office is located at the Exhibit Barn, 230 Norton

Drive, Golden CO 80403 (right next to the Gilpin Community Center). Website: <https://gilpin.extension.colostate.edu/>, phone: 303-582-9106, email: jennifer.cook@colostate.edu

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CPW's Travis Black leads

On January 7, Colorado Parks and Wildlife announced that they have named Travis Black as the agency's new Northwest Regional Manager based in Grand Junction.

Black joined the former Colorado Division of Wildlife full-time in 1999 as a District Wildlife Manager in the Kit Carson district.

In 2004, he was promoted to Area Wildlife Manager for Area 12 based in Lamar where he served for 15 years. During his tenure, Black played a key role in a federal-state task force formed to manage invasive feral swine. His work resulted in Colorado becoming the first state in the U.S. to eradicate feral swine, which cause billions of dollars in damage to crops, pastures and wildlife habitat each year.

In 2019, Black was promoted to the Deputy Regional Manager position in CPW's Southeast Region in Colorado Springs and oversaw the region's water, energy, education, volunteer, and communications team.

"This is an enormous honor

and an exciting challenge," Black said. "The Northwest Region with its rural, wide-open spaces feels like my home in Lamar and back in Texas. And it presents fascinating wildlife management opportunities.

"I'm thrilled to be leading



Travis Black named as Colorado Parks and Wildlife's new Northwest Regional Manager based.

the excellent CPW team of wildlife officers, biologists and park rangers in the Northwest

Region to tackle these issues." Black is a veteran of the U.S. Army, joining right out of high school. He served four years of active duty before returning to his native Texas where he worked on a farm and ranch for six years.

He moved to Colorado in 1994 to attend college at Western State College in Gunnison. He landed a part-time position with the DOW and worked in various positions including the Pitkin Hatchery and conducting Snowshoe hare surveys for lynx reintroduction, among other roles. Black graduated with a degree in biology in December 1998.

"After working with Travis for more than 20 years, I have great respect for him and confidence in his leadership skills," said CPW Director Dan Prenzlow. "I believe Travis is a perfect fit for the Northwest Region and will faithfully guide our wildlife management and state parks there for many years."

Black began his new role as Northwest Regional Manager in December.

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Gilpin County Public Health

On January 13, 2022, the Gilpin County Public Health office reported the latest updates:

If you are an individual that did an at-home test for COVID-19, you can report it through this website: <https://covidbinax.colorado.gov/login>. You will need to create an account first. For facility name, you can enter "home", for facility address, enter your home address.

The CDC now recommends those aged 12 and older receive a booster shot of COVID-19 vaccine 5 months after completion of their initial series. See clinic details on the Gilpin County Public Health website for more information, or call 303-582-5803.

The CDC has updated its recommendation for people who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine to receive a booster 5 months after completion of their initial dose; it previously was 6 months. See clinic details below to register for a booster.

On Tuesday, January 4, the Board of Health approved [Public Health Order #22-01](#) requiring

facial coverings be worn for everyone 3 years of age and older in public indoor spaces.

Due to insufficient resources, COVID-19 testing will only be offered on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Public Health building.

The CDC has updated isolation and quarantine guidance. See their [website](#) for more information.

The Gilpin County Public Health office is unable to process any water samples at this time due to insufficient staffing and apologize for any inconvenience. Please check back soon to see when this service resumes.

The Gilpin County Public Health office is seeking a Public Health Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. Please direct all inquiries to GilpinPublicHealth@co.jefferson.co.us and allow additional time for responses. Additionally, some services may be temporarily unavailable. The office thanks you for your patience during this transition.

Boosters are available in Gilpin. See below for clinic

details.

Scheduling for COVID-19 Vaccination:

- Gilpin Community Center 1/22 [Pfizer 5-11](#)
- Gilpin Community Center 1/22 [Pfizer 12+](#)
- Gilpin Community Center 1/22 [Moderna](#)
- Gilpin Community Center 1/22 [Johnson & Johnson](#)

New office location - the Gilpin County Public Health office is now located at 15193 Hwy 119, Black Hawk, CO 80422.

As of January 11, 2022, Gilpin County has had a total of 710 confirmed COVID-19 cases (83 confirmed and probable cases), 23 hospitalizations and 4 COVID-related deaths. As this number has begun to change daily, it is best to visit CDPHE's COVID website at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data> for the most updated information.

For more information, call 303-582-5803 or visit www.gilpincounty.org/departments_offices/public_health_agency

Gilpin School auditions

On January 13, the Gilpin County School District announced that auditions for this year's High School Theatre production will be held on Thursday, January 27, from 4 - 6 p.m. in the

auditorium. For additional theatre announcements and audition preparation information, please follow @gilpincountyschooltheatredept on Instagram.

Food drive to March 17

On the week of January 4, 2022, the Gilpin County School District announced that the Interact Club is hosting a school-wide food drive through March 17 to help support the Gilpin

County Food Bank. Non-perishable items can be dropped off at the donation bin at the front entrance. You may also send donation items with your student and they can drop off at the school bins.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccinations are available in Gilpin County by appointment only. The clinics offer 1st, 2nd, and booster shots of Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson at the Gilpin Community Center

from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. every Saturday, and at the Gilpin Public Library from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Wednesday. Visit Gilpin County Public Health's website at GilpinCounty.org for more information.

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DRAGON TIGER HOLDS GRAND OPENING

BY DON IRELAND
SENIOR REPORTER

Following months of remodeling, the new Dragon Tiger Casino will hold its grand opening day on Saturday, January 22, 2022.

Dragon Tiger is in the former Johnny Z's Casino at 132 Lawrence Street, across from the parking garage and around the corner from Central City's historic Main Street business district. The new casino is part of the Maverick Gaming empire, which also includes the Grand Z Casino and Hotel in Central City, and Z Casino in downtown Black Hawk.

A new truck will be awarded as the grand prize at 10 p.m. on Saturday, according to promotional postcards mailed to patrons.

A quick glance inside will tell

gamers that the ambiance of the casino is little more subdued than at larger casinos. Slot games are not crammed into rows and the new lighting and carpets cast a different, softer mood.

There is a main bar on the first floor and the second one on the ground level doubles as a quick-stop snack shop. On the second floor, the original Johnny Z's restaurant has been expanded, although construction wasn't completed as of last week. A new restaurant, the Dragon Tiger Noodle Restaurant, is planned for the second-floor area.

The new Dragon Tiger Casino will be a state-of-the-art casino that will be "the latest addition slowly turning Central City into an eclectic

mini-Vegas," according to a Maverick spokesperson.

The casino renovation project is the first significant one in nearly a decade in Central City and is the first big makeover since Johnny Z's opened in 2009. Johnny Z's was car themed and featured a classic 1969 Camaro on display in the building for a few years.

During recent months, most of the Johnny Z's branding has been removed and replaced with the new casino name. The shift has included placing a new Dragon Tiger sign as part of the state's I-70 signage, a new billboard along the Central City Parkway, and replacement of signage on the exterior of the new casino operation.

In 2019, owner John Zimpel

sold his family-owned trio of Gilpin County casinos to Maverick Gaming, which owns and operates 27 casinos in several states, including Nevada and Washington. To date, Maverick hasn't made any significant changes to its other casinos in Black Hawk and Central City. However, Black Hawk officials report Maverick is eyeing construction of a new casino-hotel behind its Z Casino (formerly Bullwhacker's Casino) property near Highway 119 in Black Hawk. The company owns the long-vacant Silver Hawk and Gold Mine casinos, which border the parking lot at Z Casino.

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Mauricio wins \$3,233 at Dragon Tiger Casino in Central City.



David wins \$2,075 at Dragon Tiger Casino. Thumbs up!

Tigerz and Dragonz

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blowing down main street. A small restaurant was the only business operating and the Elks club was open. I went upstairs and as an Elks Club member received a free drink.

The gaming industry has been a boon to Gilpin County, lowering real estate taxes within the local school district and millions of dollars poured into taxes, new jobs, and the local economy.

Best of all, for native property owners, gaming with

10,000 employees has created a major housing shortage. Scarce supply of homes in Gilpin and Clear Creek counties has spiraled demand upward to incredible real estate values. This has assisted our county leaders to have better budgets and to keep county services operating with labor shortages.

The casino industry has also suffered with many job openings and still plagued with pandemic mask

regulations and a virus that just won't go away. Where is Dr. Jonas Salk when we need him for a lasting cure like he developed to end the terrible polio epidemic?

Americans, being a hearty lot, have less fear of the disease and more folks are being vaccinated seeming to withstand the virus better than those not inoculated, but even vaccinated people are coming down with the malady.

The best brewed beer in

town is found at Dostal Alley; Buddy knows how to brew that beverage and Steve and Lois run a great local pub. Love the chicken wings and the warm atmosphere.

Hope to meet many of our readers at the grand opening. I plan on winning the new pickup truck being given away Saturday night. I could use the truck to haul the many containers of the *Weekly Register-Call* newspapers to the post offices and newsstands

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“WINTER ARMY 1944”

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The Mountain division was melted into the regular army by the time of the famous mountain top assaults. They did “on the job training” with the newbies. Casualties were huge and without the 10th would have been worse.

Those who argued for the mountain division initially envisioned a war much like the winter war Finland was then fighting against the Soviets. They continued to argue that men in the National Ski Patrol were the obvious core for an army division that could do alpine fighting. Current and retired ski patrol members were the first to respond.

For a long time, the army brass was not in favor of the winter army. I wondered as I read these accounts if the Army establishment was just unable to hear new ideas. The ski patrol regulars constantly emphasized “initiative and resourcefulness” in their men. This was opposite to Army insistence on following orders and making no decisions of one’s own. Eventually the winter soldier’s approach won out.

The Germans obviously took alpine fighting seriously. Some readers may remember that the German general Rommel got his start leading alpine troops. Hemingway’s famous novels, “A Farewell to arms,” or his “Cross Country Snow,” remind us of the human side of that.

Ski patrol members did have an ally in General Stimson, himself an alpinist. It was rumored that President Roosevelt himself was in favor. After all, he had built Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood in Oregon. Still, it was not until after a two year campaign that the winter division, the 87th, was established in Nov. of 1941.

A slow start for the 10th

The army had a couple of experienced men in Lieutenants Woodward and Lafferty. They demonstrated their skills in leading skiers over the mountains to Idaho in twelve-foot drifts and blizzard conditions. That won over some. There were experienced men to be found but recruitment came slowly. After a few months there were only officially three

men and the first three mules on the mountain troops roster.

Why the slow start? One answer is the mules. Those animals got the troops up the impossible terrain in the early Italian campaign. Mules were part of the winning strategy. Some troopers had to have at least basic knowledge of how to pack them. Only a few men learned how to fully convince mules to advance. Those skills took time but did develop.

I checked with a local “mule trainer,” named Kate. She assured me that it could be done but only if the snow did not cover the belly of the mule. She thinks they are “special” animals.

College boys turned soldiers

The leadership of the new mountain division was almost all former ski patrol and almost all college graduates or students. Seeing early reports about the winter army I chuckled at a picture of an early platoon leader. What an obvious college boy. His sweater even had a big D on it for Dartmouth.

There is a deep vein of anti-education and anti-college feeling in our country. We saw plenty of it again in political campaigns two years ago. That anti-intellectualism slowed down acceptance of the mountain division.

Remembering

On Tennessee Pass today there is a memorial where you can remember the thousand men who died after training there. There are turn outs where you can park and get out your field glasses to pan the slopes. A few have spent a night in the Mountain Club hut near there.

I hope some will envision the training during World War II. Perhaps some will even imagine the 10th Mountain boys with their 90-pound packs and white rifles tied across their chests as they run, then ski with skins on, then fishtail, then snow shoe until they need to rope climb and repel down. Even remembering that is stirring.

I will remember next time I see a post card with those white clad 10th mountain division soldiers climbing up to eternity.

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Boulder fires - history repeating?

BY BRIAN C. JOONDEPH

The recent Marshall fire in Boulder and neighboring communities was the [most destructive](#) fire in Colorado history, moving quickly and relentlessly, destroying over 1000 homes, leaving an apocalyptic level of destruction in its wake.

A confluence of weather

events including high winds and lack of recent precipitation combined to fan the flames of this inferno literally and figuratively. The fire was quickly and predictably blamed on climate change, although a changing climate, including moisture and drought, are nothing new to Colorado

and have been occurring long before gas guzzling SUVs and air conditioners were a staple of American life.

In fact, Colorado was once [under water](#). Not recently but during both the Paleozoic and Cretaceous periods of the Earth’s history. Colorado was once home to rainforests

and 70-foot-long sea creatures called plesiosaurs. Climate change is a staple of Earth and will continue to occur.

Are wildfires in Boulder a new phenomenon or an unfortunate but natural part of history? The Boulder County website provides an [answer](#).

“Wildfires have always been

a natural occurrence in Boulder County, but various land management practices, including fire suppression, over the last 100 years have resulted in forests with vegetation densities 10 to 100 times their natural state.

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Gilpin pile burning

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- Gilpin County South Side of Gilpin Rd, 3 miles south of Rollinsville on west side of Hwy 119 Peak to Peak.
- **Lump Gulch 35:** 150 machine piles. General Location: Gilpin County south side of Gilpin Road, 3 miles south of Rollinsville on west side of Highway 119.
- **Lump Gulch 38:** 500

- hand piles. General Location: Gilpin County off South Beaver Rd (South Side) mile east of Highway 119.
- **James Creek RFB Unit 1:** 800 hand piles. General Location: 1.5 miles northwest of Jamestown, west of CR87.
- **James Creek RFB Units 6, 8:** 5,000 hand piles. General location: Half

- mile south of Jamestown or quarter mile east of Bar K Ranch.
- **James Creek Unit RFB Unit 10:** 1,500 hand piles. General location: 2 miles east of Peak to Peak Highway on CR52.
- **James Creek RFB Unit 17:** 1,425 hand piles. General Location: Half-mile north Cal-Wood Education Center.

- **James Creek Unit M1701:** 8,000 hand piles. General Location: East of Hwy 72 near Peaceful Valley.
- **St. Vrain 12A, 12B, 12d:** 50 piles. General Location: In the town of Meeker Park
- **St. Vrain Units 15a, 15b:** 6,000 hand piles. General Location: 5 miles west of Lyons, north

- side of Ralph Price Reservoir (Button Rock).
 - **Forsythe II Units 38, 45:** 500 hand piles. General Location: 1.5 miles northwest of Wondervu, west side of Gross Reservoir.
- For a complete list of locations where burning will occur this season, visit the InciWeb page at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4648>.

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Black Hawk's water

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In other business: WILDFIRE VICTIM DONATION

The aldermen unanimously approved a \$50,000 donation from Black Hawk to the Boulder County Marshall Fire relief effort. It was announced that a second, matching \$50,000 donation was provided by the city's Silver Dollar Metropolitan District. In addition, donations of \$50,000 from the Saratoga Casino and \$7,000 from the Sasquatch/Wild Card casinos also were contributed. All totaled, Black Hawk's leaders and casinos are sending \$157,000 to help victims of the Dec. 30 wildfires that destroyed more than 1,084 homes in Superior and Louisville.

WINE BAR HEARING

Council set a Feb. 22 hearing date to consider a liquor-license request from the

Mountain Poppy Boutique in Gregory Plaza. Owner Leza Spencer wants to install a wine bar in the gift shop in time for the summer tourist season.

City Attorney Corey Hoffman said setting the hearing date will allow time for the business owner to ask residents for their opinion on the matter.

SASQUATCH GETS OK

The Aldermen approved a new license agreement with Gregory LLC, whose owners, Ed and Shirley Smith, operate the Sasquatch Casino on Gregory Street.

City leaders said that someone discovered last year that the building - originally the Jenkins McKay Hardware Building (built in 1875) - wasn't standing precisely on the site where previous

surveys said it should be. The new agreement corrected the surveying error and enables the casino to keep its outside signage and awnings, which hang over the sidewalk in front of the building.

The Sasquatch Casino

"...Black Hawk's leaders and casinos are sending \$157,000 to help..."

is named for the legendary Bigfoot creature. A life-sized replica of the half-humanoid and very hairy creature welcomes guests entering the casino.

TRAILS GET THUMBS UP

Gilpin County resident Daniel Snook thanked council for the city's expanding mountain bike trails in the northern part of Black Hawk. Snook, who described himself

as an avid biker, said the new trails are becoming well known throughout the region, noting the Mountain Treasure Trail Head parking lot along Highway 119 is usually filled most weekends. "The place is packed."

In response to a question about signage at the trail head, Mayor David Spellman said changes will be coming to a sign in the parking lot that will inform visitors about local retail businesses in Black Hawk and inform them of any festivals and events in the city.

MOVING DIRT

Council approved a \$275,000 contract with Grapes and Sons, which remove excess dirt and rocks from along Highway 119 north of town and relocate it to a fill area next to the public works building on Gregory Hill.

POSTING PLACES

It was announced that Black Hawk will post official meeting notices on its website, www.blackhawk.org, on its social-media sites and - if a power outage occurs - at the entrance to city hall, 201 Selak Street.

CONTRACTS RENEWED

With unanimous votes, the aldermen renewed contracts with providers who supply various services to the city, including ATIS Elevator Inspection, Pinyon Environmental, Inc. and SAFEbuilt Colorado, LLC. Each contract will not exceed \$50,000 annually, unless further approval is granted by the city.

Baseline Engineering Corporation, which handles land-use services for Black Hawk, will be paid \$125,000 in 2022.


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ABOUT THE LAW

Why do I need a will or trust?

BY DONALD GLENN PETERSON, ESQ.

Dear Readers,

A Will is a statement that describes how your assets will be distributed after your passing and allows you to appoint your Personal Representative, to handle your affairs after your death. A Will allows you to transfer assets that are not titled, such as business holdings, money, and personal property. A Will also permits you to identify whomever you wish to receive your estate as well as the specific gifts or distributions to be made to them, particularly if your spouse dies prior to you, or you die together. A Will can also reduce or eliminate certain costs associated with probate.

A Will also protect against the possibility that your assets are not titled in the way you thought, such as in joint tenancy. An example is where a husband and wife think they own their home as joint tenants, but, due to improper wording on the deed, they actually own the home as tenant-in-common, which has a different legal effect at the passing of one owner, versus ownership in joint tenancy. Under Colorado law, in order to take advantage of joint tenancy survivorship, the deed must state that the owners take title as "joint tenants"; otherwise, the law dictates that, without such language, the owners are considered to be tenants-in-common, regarding an undivided one-half interest ownership interest each, in the real estate.

A Revocable Living Trust is also a useful estate plan document and provides valuable protections.

A Revocable Living Trust:

- Provides one planning document which contains instructions for your care and the care of your loved ones.
- Provides continuity in the handling of your affairs by transferring your property to your loved ones;

- Avoids probate on your disability or death with respect to its assets;
- Achieves your death tax objectives;
- Creates protective trusts for your loved ones that are free from the supervision of the Court;
- Can be easily changed should you desire to do so;
- Enables you to rely on your Trustees, should you wish to travel or otherwise delegate the day-to-day management of your financial affairs;
- Is difficult for disgruntled heirs to attack;
- Ensures your family's privacy, following your disability or death; and,
- Easily moves with you from state to state.

Your Revocable Living Trust has control over only that property which is actually transferred to the Trust. Unless you or your loved ones can show a document which vests ownership of a particular asset in the name of your Living Trust, that property may have to go through probate.

What are the four key medical/estate plan documents you need now?

Many of my clients have asked what are the critical documents needed, particularly in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. Simply being married does not give you the legal right to gain access to your spouse's medical records or make medical decisions on your spouse's behalf, even in an emergency. To avoid this problem and to help others care for you and to achieve your overall estate planning goals, the following documents create an effective medical/estate plan package:

1. Healthcare Power of Attorney;
2. General Financial Power of Attorney;
3. Advanced Directive for Medical/Surgical Treatment ("Living

Will"); and
 4. Will (or a Will with a Trust).
 Careful medical/estate planning should include preparation and signing of these documents, to accomplish your goals and protect you, both during your lifetime, and at the time of passing. The Power of Attorney documents allow you to designate those agents whom you authorize to help you on your behalf during your lifetime, and the Will/Trust documents allow you to nominate others to help with your estate after your passing, as well as to identify the beneficiaries and the distributions to them, to accomplish your estate planning goals.
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Boulder fires - history repeating?

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Combine this with factors such as steep terrain, drought, high summer-time temperatures, seasonal high winds, and an increased human presence in the form of development and recreational use, and the result is an environment prone to extreme wildfire behavior."

Note that wildfires are not new, only their severity. While the climate has changed, many times in fact, what is new is vegetation and population density. And of course, ever changing weather. Environmental activism, leading to a reluctance to cut and remove trees, and more homes placed closer together, creates a set up not only for fires but for far more damage.

When Boulder was sparsely or non-populated years and centuries ago, fires still occurred but no one was around to record them. They burnt themselves out and the fires actually helped manage forests by giving them a necessary haircut of sorts.

Think of Florida as example. Once

nothing but swamp land, ferocious hurricanes hit the Florida peninsula, bringing needed rain to the interior of the state, rejuvenating the swamps and wildlife. Destruction was not an issue until the Florida coast was populated with homes, condos, and high-rise apartments, now in the path of destructive hurricanes.

Similarly, mountain homes in the middle of Western forests, surrounded by dead trees and debris, are sitting within a tinder box ready to ignite, independent of whatever the climate happens to be doing at the time.

This is not to dismiss or mitigate the damage of the recent Boulder wildfires, but to add another perspective. Simply blaming the ever-changing climate, something which we cannot control anyway, ignores measures that we can take, including forest management and housing density.





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Wishes for 2022

BY PETER WAGNER

Publisher of the North West Iowa Review

Back in the 1950's, when I was in grade school and being taught to "duck and cover" in case of a nuclear bomb attack, I didn't give much thought that I'd live until 2022. And when you think about it, 2022 sounds more like a locker or license plate number than a year.

But 2022 is here and with it comes great need for change. So here, with much of the past in mind, is my wish list – seven in all – for a better world and N'West Iowa this year. On the top of the list are world peace and the end of Covid. But we know the first, and most probably the second, are nearly impossible. Both require the commitment of too many people and the

change of too many cultures to happen anytime soon and definitely not in my lifetime.

When I was learning "duck and cover" 70 years ago, America had only Russia as a possible nuclear enemy. The fact that both Russia and America had such a build-up of atomic weapons was the one thing that ensured peace. Neither country was willing to start something that could only end with the total destruction of most of the world.

Now that powerful nuclear weapons are in the hands of numerous nations and under the control of more than one self-serving, mindless leader any one of them could unleash a firestorm on

our nation without giving any consideration to the consequence.

As for Covid, it's a problem both here at home and in many pocketed areas and across entire nations around the globe. I believe it will be a continuing problem until everyone, and that means everyone, is vaccinated. I have been and am still confident those two shots saved my life when I came down with Covid late in October. But I also understand the concern of those who worry about the reactions they might experience, or that an unborn child a woman is carrying, might have to the vaccine. I only wish government officials and national broadcasters

would stop using Covid vaccinations as a political football. Perhaps someday our medical experts will be able to provide solid proof that the shots far outweigh the unknown possibilities.

My third wish is possible, however, because God can make anything happen. My great hope is that America might become a praying, believing, church-attending nation once again. Our country, for too long, has been sliding down a slippery slope, intent more on personal pleasure and chasing Sunday sports than on worshipping God. Since it is the Creator that provides security, peace of mind, contentment, and true happiness I long and look

forward to the day America returns to its Christian roots. And perhaps that will bring an end to hate. That is my fourth wish for 2022, the end of hate. We, as a nation, have become extremely polarized toward others of a different race, religion, political beliefs, and economic status. We will never all agree on any topic, but we can all learn to accept and respect the opinions of others.

Which leads to my next wish for 2022 – that our law enforcement leadership will take back our streets. I pray that concerned leaders wake up and organize their community to end the ruthless break-ins, personal attacks and physical destruction taking place everywhere.

I also have a hope that we, as a nation, will show honest concern for those without safe shelter, food to eat, physical care or, most importantly, someone who cares about them. The majority of us have been blessed with so much, but as we often hear when attending church, "To whom much is given, much is expected."

Finally, I hope and wish that all Americans who truly know and understand our nation's history will fight back against 'wokism.' We do not need to rewrite our past and change history to favor those who were at one-time America's enslaved or an underdog. Yes, we need to recognize the failings of our forefathers, but we cannot and should not throw out the past and bury historic facts simply to make certain groups feel good about themselves. We need to love and respect each other as we recognize the two pillars that have made our nation great: truth and enterprise.

As Albert Einstein once wrote, we must "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."

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SENIOR-AT-LARGE

“I’m sticking to the Union”

BY LARRY GRIECO

On January 12 at five a.m. the employees of King Soopers went on strike, and I became a King Soopers Refugee. The day before while I was doing my last-minute stocking up in the early morning, after Ruby the Dog and I finished our walk in the park, I spoke to a woman who works at my King Soopers and she said “I hope they reach an agreement today.” She did not want to go on strike almost as much as I did not want to go to another supermarket. I think we both knew that there was going to be no last-minute agreement and we were both

needing to accept our fate as it was dealt to us. In the world of Star Trek, you will recall the “prime directive,” or Starfleet General Order 1: “a guiding principle of Starfleet that prohibits its members from interfering with the natural development of alien civilizations.” Back in our world—mine and yours—there is also a prime directive: “a guiding principle that prohibits us from interfering with the natural tendency of union workers to improve their lives by striking in an effort to force management into agreeing to a better deal.” In

other words, “Never under any circumstances cross a picket line.” Woody Guthrie’s stirring anthem, “Union Maid” is a song worth revisiting every time a workers’ strike is imminent: “There once was a union maid, she never was afraid / Of goons and ginks and company finks and the deputy sheriffs who made the raid / She went to the union hall when a meeting it was called / And when the Legion boys come ‘round / She always stood her ground / Oh, you can’t scare me, I’m sticking to the union / I’m sticking to the

union / Oh, you can’t scare me, I’m sticking to the union / I’m sticking to the union ‘til the day I die!” The life of a King Soopers Refugee is not an easy one. All supermarkets are not created equal, and you become painfully aware of that when your prime directive dictates avoiding your market of choice, and instead you must shop at a different store, one that has no appeal other than “not being on strike.” This poor innocent store doesn’t know any better. It seemingly just keeps doing its best to provide



what its customers need. This morning, January 12, I went to a rival store and felt like I was in strange surroundings indeed. It was seven a.m., and the parking lot was filling up like never before. Inside there were only large shopping carts,

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*Museum is closed for the winter

More than just the face...

Worship Directory

CALVARY CHAPEL
Pastor Doug Gibney
275 Hwy 72, Nederland
Adult and Teen Bible Study, 10 am
Worship and The Word, 11 am
Children's church and nursery
303-258-3502

CHAPEL IN THE HILLS
29579 St. Hwy 72
In Coal Creek Canyon
10 am - Worship Service
303-642-3130
info@chapelinthehills.org
Pastor Todd Fletcher

CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Tom Davidson
Non-denominational contemporary worship with a casual atmosphere.
71 Hwy 46 across from fairgrounds.
Sunday 10:30 am - Praise and Worship
303-927-0012
office@ctkblackhawk.com
www.ctkblackhawk.com

NEDERLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor Hansen Wendlandt
210 W. Jefferson, Hwy 72 just west of the traffic circle
Worship 10 am
Christian Education & Youth Groups
303-406-8076
ncpcpastor@gmail.com

ROCKY MOUNTAIN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH - BLACK HAWK
Pastor Bob Bingham
On Gregory Street in Black Hawk
9:30 am - Worship Service
11 am - Sunday School
303-582-3325

ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Reverend Dr. Scott J. Schiesswohl
123 Eureka Street across from Opera House, Central City
10:15 am - Sunday School
10 am - Worship Service
303-582-5882
stjamescentralcity@gmail.com

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father Tadeusz Kopczynski
135 Pine Street, Central City
10:30 a.m. Mass
www.GodRushCatholic.org

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
226 E. First High Street in Central City next to the Gilpin History Museum
Worship Service
10 am every Sunday
303-582-0450
stpaulschurchcentralcity@gmail.com
stpaulsepiscopalchurchcentralcity.org


ST. RITA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Reverend William Breslin
24325 Hwy 119 in Nederland
9:30 am - Mass
303-258-3060
breslinw@shjboulder.org

WHISPERING PINES CHURCH
73 Gross Dam Road on Hwy 72 behind United Power
in Coal Creek Canyon
10:30 am - Worship Service
303-642-3201

Business classified ads, public notices and legals

Business Ads

HELP WANTED

 **POLICE OFFICER**
Entry Level - Lateral, City of Black Hawk. Hiring Range: \$63,953 - \$93,220 DOQ/E. Unbelievable benefit package and exceptional opportunity to serve in Colorado's premiere gaming community located 18 miles west of Golden. The city supports its employees and appreciates great service! If you are interested in serving a unique historical city and enjoy working with diverse populations visit the City's website at www.cityofblackhawk.org for more information and to apply online for this limited opportunity. Requires High School Diploma or GED, valid Colorado driver's license with a safe driving record, must be at least 21 years of age, and **must be Colorado POST certified** by date of hire. The city accepts online applications for Police Officer positions year-round. Applications will remain active for one (1) year from the date of submission. **EOE [TFN]**

Roy's Last Shot Restaurant is hiring wait staff and cooks. Call 303-642-7870. [TFN]

Gilpin County is currently hiring for the following positions:

- Custodian
- Equipment Operator I—starting pay \$21.00 / hour
- Guest Services Representative (Part-time)
- Facilities Maintenance Technician
- Food Pantry Volunteer Coordinator (Part-Time)
- Motor Vehicle Technician
- Office Assistant—Assessor's Office (Part-Time)
- Office Assistant—Public Works
- Road & Bridge Worker (Seasonal)
- Senior Services Aide & Transportation Driver
- Sports Official (Part-Time)

Sheriff's Office:


- Communications Specialist I
- Communications Specialist II
- Corporal - Detentions
- Deputy - Patrol
- Detentions Officer - Non-Certified
- Detentions Officer - Post-Certified


To review employment opportunities and apply, go to <http://www.gilpincounty.org>. **EOE [TFN]**

CITY OF CENTRAL-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT


The City of Central is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time Public Works Maintenance Worker. The ideal candidate should have a High School diploma or GED and one year of experience as a construction laborer. The candidate should possess a valid Class B Colorado Driver's License or be capable of obtaining one within three months of the date of hire. The position is required to perform a wide variety of unskilled and semi-skilled work in maintenance, construction and repair of the City's infrastructure


and facilities including but not limited to highways, roads, bridges, streets, curbs, sidewalks, buildings, and other city-owned properties, operates trucks and light equipment incidental to the work. Hourly rate begins at \$18.96 per hour and is dependent on qualifications and experience. A detailed job description can be found on the City's website www.centralcity.colorado.gov. Qualified applicants should submit an employment application which can be found at www.centralcity.colorado.gov to the Finance/Human Resources Director at arobbins@cityofcentral.co or mail to (P.O. Box 249, Central City, CO 80427). The position is open until filed; however, applications will be reviewed on a weekly basis. **EOE [TFN]**

 **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER (EMERGENCY 911 DISPATCHER)**, City of Black Hawk. Hiring range is \$53,792 - \$61,861, DOQ/E. Position is responsible for the operation of the emergency communications console including the receipt of calls and proper dispatch of appropriate equipment and personnel to provide assistance to the citizens and visitors of Black Hawk in the areas of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Requires high school diploma or GED; valid Colorado driver's license with a safe driving record; ability to work a variety of shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Must be at least 19 years of age. Applicant must successfully complete several pre-employment tests including but not limited to typing, mathematical and multi-tasking skills, psychological exam, physical exam, drug testing, and background investigation as conditions of employment. The City provides an excellent retirement package (up to 12% match) with benefits for you and your eligible dependents which include medical coverage (employees pay 10% of the premium), dental/vision coverage provided by the City at no cost to you, and a generous combined leave package (sick, vacation, holiday, and floating holiday) that totals over seven weeks of paid leave annually. For more information or to be considered for the position, please visit www.cityofblackhawk.org and click on the Job Openings link to apply online. Please upload a cover letter and resume with your application. Applicants are subject to skills testing, behavioral analysis, and drug screen. **EOE [TFN]**


 **MAINTENANCE WORKER I or II, DOQ/E.** City of Black Hawk Hiring Range: MW I \$22.5490 - \$25.9312, MW II \$23.6764 - \$27.2278 per hour. Unbelievable benefit package and exceptional opportunity to serve in Colorado's premiere gaming community located 18 miles west of Golden. Requirements: High School

Diploma or GED, Valid Colorado Class R driver's license Class B or A preferred. Ability to obtain a Class A driver's license within two years of employment. Applicant must have ability to lift 80 pounds. The City provides an excellent retirement package (up to 12% match) with benefits for you and your eligible dependents which include medical coverage (employees pay 10% of the premium), dental/vision coverage provided by the City at no cost to you, and a generous combined leave package (sick, vacation, holiday, and floating holiday) that totals over seven weeks of paid leave annually. For more information or to be considered for the position, please visit www.cityofblackhawk.org and click on the Job Openings link to apply online. Please upload a cover letter and resume with your application. **EOE [TFN]**

 **WATER MANAGER, DOQ/E.** City of Black Hawk Hiring Range: \$120,308 - \$138,354, Annually. Unbelievable benefit package and exceptional opportunity to serve in Colorado's premiere gaming community located 18 miles west of Golden. Requirements: Graduation from an accredited college or university with major coursework in civil engineering or related field, and considerable experience in civil engineering work. Seven (7) years of increasingly progressive responsible Public Works and Utilities design/review and construction experience required. Professional Engineer (P.E.) registration in the State of Colorado, Class A water treatment license preferred. Must possess a valid Colorado driver's license and maintain a safe driving record. The City provides an excellent retirement package (up to 12% match) with benefits for you and your eligible dependents which include medical coverage (employees pay 10% of the premium), dental/vision coverage provided by the City at no cost to you, and a generous combined leave package (sick, vacation, holiday, and floating holiday) that totals over seven weeks of paid leave annually. For more information or to be considered for the position, please visit www.cityofblackhawk.org and click on the Job Openings link to apply online. Please upload a cover letter and resume with your application. **EOE [TFN]**


 **THE CITY OF BLACK HAWK** is currently accepting applications for a **full-time Facilities Maintenance Technician I**. Hiring Range for **Facilities Maintenance Tech I \$24.9697-\$28.7154, per hour DOQ/E**. Under the direction of the Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, 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 schedule to limit the disruption to City operations. Responds to calls for maintenance and repair services 24/7. Requirements HS Diploma or GED; Minimum of three (3) years of experience in building maintenance or custodial work. The City provides an

excellent retirement package (up to 12% match) with benefits for you and your eligible dependents which include medical coverage (employees pay 10% of the premium), dental/vision coverage provided by the City at no cost to you, and a generous combined leave package (sick, vacation, holiday, and floating holiday) that totals over seven weeks of paid leave annually. For more information or to be considered for the position, please visit www.cityofblackhawk.org and click on the Job Openings link to apply online. Please upload a cover letter and resume with your application. **EOE [TFN]**

 **CIVIL ENGINEER, City of Black Hawk. HIRING RANGE: \$83,832 - \$96,407 DOQ/E.** Unbelievable benefit package and exceptional opportunity to work in Colorado's premier gaming community. This is highly responsible work in planning, managing, and coordinating a variety of capital improvement projects throughout the City of Black Hawk. This position includes capital improvement project contract administration and coordination and review of utility improvement and private development projects. Work is reviewed by the City Engineer and Director of Public Works through observation, conferences, reports, and achievement of desired objectives. The City provides an excellent retirement package (up to 12% match) with benefits for you and your eligible dependents which include medical coverage (employees pay 10% of the premium), dental/vision coverage provided by the City at no cost to you, and a generous combined leave package (sick, vacation, holiday, and floating holiday) that totals over seven weeks of paid leave annually. For more information or to be considered for the position, please visit www.cityofblackhawk.org and click on the Job Openings link to apply online. Please upload a cover letter and resume with your application. **EOE [TFN]**


 **FIRE MARSHAL, City of Black Hawk. Hiring Range: \$111,280 - \$127,972 DOQ/E.** Unbelievable benefit package and exceptional opportunity to serve in Colorado's premiere gaming community located 18 miles west of Golden. Requires Associates Degree in Fire Science or related field. A valid Colorado driver's license with a safe driving record. Must be certified by the State of

Colorado as a Fire Inspector II. Fire Suppression System Inspector, (certification may be attained within 6 months of employment) and have 5 years' experience in the fire inspection field. The City provides an excellent retirement package (up to 12% match) with benefits for you and your eligible dependents which include medical coverage (employees pay 10% of the premium), dental/vision coverage provided by the City at no cost to you, and a generous combined leave package (sick, vacation, holiday, and floating holiday) that totals over seven weeks of paid leave annually. For more information or to be considered for the position, please visit www.cityofblackhawk.org and click on the Job Openings link to apply online. Please upload a cover letter and resume with your application to be considered. **EOE [TFN]**

 **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER SUPERVISOR (EMERGENCY 911 DISPATCH)**, City of Black Hawk. Hiring range is \$78,737 - \$90,548, DOQ/E. The Communication Supervisor supervises all Communication Officers, operations in the Communication Center. This includes management of all staff training, resources, and dispatch consoles. This is a working supervisor position that will include duties and shifts equivalent to a Communication Officer I and Communications Officer II. Requires high school diploma or GED; valid Colorado driver's license with a safe driving record; CCIC/NCIC; NIBRS Operation; Emergency Medical Dispatching and Colorado Notary Public. Advanced Operations ability to work a variety of shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. The City provides an excellent retirement package (up to 12% match) with benefits for you and your eligible dependents which include medical coverage (employees pay 10% of the premium), dental/vision coverage provided by the City at no cost to you, and a generous combined leave package (sick, vacation, holiday, and floating holiday) that totals over seven weeks of paid leave annually. For more information or to be considered for the position, please visit www.cityofblackhawk.org and click on the Job Openings link to apply online. Please upload a cover letter and resume with your application. **EOE [35,36]**

Black Hawk's Educational Enhancement Tax Figures

November 2021	\$130,104
Year to Date 2021	\$1,307,835
Since Inception	\$11,354,011



This financial support is given to the Gilpin County School RE-1 to directly benefit students in the classroom, not to be used for Administration.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given for a public hearing before the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners to receive public input regarding proposed revisions to the Gilpin County Zoning Code, Section 4.12 Outdoor Lighting.

Any and all documents pertaining to these matters may be viewed between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday at the Gilpin County Court House, 203 Eureka Street, Central City. If you would like to receive a complete document via return email please send a request to tarcher@gilpincounty.org, or call 303-582-5831 with questions and/or comments.

Applicant: Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners

Date: February 15, 2022
 Time: Meeting starts at 9:00 AM
 Place: Virtually via Zoom only
 Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/99355198296> No in-person meeting will be held

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given for a public hearing before the **Gilpin County Planning** to receive public input regarding proposed revisions to the **Gilpin County Zoning Code, Section 4.5 Commercial Business Sites.**

Any and all documents per-

taining to these matters may be viewed between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday at the Gilpin County Court House, 203 Eureka Street, Central City. If you would like to receive a complete document via return email please send a request to tarcher@gilpincounty.org, or call 303-582-5831 with questions and/or comments.

Applicant: Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners
 Date: February 8, 2022
 Time: Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
 Place: Virtually via Zoom only
 Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98253919256> No in-person meeting will be held

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PERSONAL PROPERTY DECLARATION SCHEDULE Gilpin County Assessor

All persons owning, possessing, or controlling taxable personal property with a total actual value greater than \$50,000 (per owner, per county) on January 1, 2022, are required to report the personal property to the assessor by April 15, 2022. Personal Property Declaration Schedules have been mailed to every person, business, or company known to own, possess, or control taxable personal property in the county. Non-receipt of a declaration schedule DOES NOT excuse taxpayers from declaring taxable personal property to the assessor. If you have not received a declaration schedule and own personal property with a value greater than \$50,000, contact the assessor at 303-582-5451

All personal property with a total actual value in excess of \$50,000 (per owner, per county) is taxable unless specifically exempt by law.

Taxable personal property includes:

- ◆ All residential household furnishings used to produce income
- ◆ Equipment, furniture, and machinery used by commercial, industrial, and natural resource operations
- ◆ Property used in an agribusiness that does not

qualify as agricultural pursuant to § 39-1-102(1.6) (a), C.R.S.

- ◆ Expensed assets with a life greater than one year Fully depreciated assets still in use
- ◆ Personal property in storage that is subject to IRS depreciation
- ◆ Leasehold improvements

Equipment that is licensed as a motor vehicle (SMM plate or Z-Tab) is not reported on the Personal Property Declaration Schedule.

Completed declaration schedules are due April 15, 2022. You may extend the deadline if, prior to April 15, the assessor receives your written request for an extension along with \$20 for a 10-day extension, or \$40 for a 20-day extension. If you do not meet the April 15 deadline and do not request an extension, a penalty in the amount of \$50 or 15% of the taxes due (whichever is less) will be applied to your account.

If you fail to file a declaration schedule, the assessor will establish a taxable value based on the "best information available" and add a penalty of up to 25% of assessed value for any omitted property that is subsequently discovered.

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GILPIN COUNTY TREASURER

NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 29-21TD

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

**Helen B Sherwood
 554 S 170 W
 Orem, UT 84058**

**Helen B Sherwood
 PO Box 1265
 Conway, AR 72032**

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2006, the then County Treasurer of Gilpin County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to William J Merline the following described property situate in the County of Gilpin, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**MINE, USMS: C T MINE
 NAME: ERNST PERCENT:
 .075 ACRES: .03 DESC:
 (UND 1/13 OF TRACT DES
 219/50) CENTRAL CITY**

SECT, TWN, RNG: 12-3S-73W

**Account Number: N002799
 Certificate Number: 05-4811**

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to William J Merline.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2005;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Helen B Sherwood for said year 2005;

That said William J Merline on the 15th day of November 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

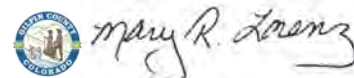
That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to William J Merline at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day of May 2022, unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in The Weekly Register-Call on January 6, 2022, January 13,

2022 and January 20, 2022.

Witness my hand this 28th day of December 2021



Mary R. Lorenz, Treasurer of Gilpin County, Colorado

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NOTICE OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT TAX LIEN SALE AND OF APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF TREASURER'S DEED 32-21TD

To Every Person in Actual Possession or Occupancy of the hereinafter Described Land, Lot or Premises, and to the Person in Whose Name the same was Taxed or Specially Assessed, and to all Persons having Interest of Title of Record in or to the said Premises and To Whom It May Concern, and more especially to:

**Helen B Sherwood
 554 S 170 W
 Orem, UT 84058**

Helen B Sherwood

**PO Box 1265
 Conway, AR 72032**

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of November 2006, the then County Treasurer of Gilpin County, in the State of Colorado, sold at public tax lien sale to William J Merline the following described property situate in the County of Gilpin, State of Colorado, to-wit:

**MINE, USMS: 115 MINE
 NAME: MAMMOTH & M S
 Percent: .076 ACRES: 1.39
 DESC: (UND 1/13) GREGORY
 SECT, TWN, RNG:
 12-3S-73W**

**Account Number: N008534
 Certificate Number: 05-4813**

and said County Treasurer issued a certificate of purchase therefore to William J Merline.

That said tax lien sale was made to satisfy the delinquent property (and special assessment) taxes assessed against said property for the year 2005;

That said property was taxed or specially assessed in the name(s) of Helen B Sherwood for said year 2005;

That said William J Merline on the 15th day of Novem-

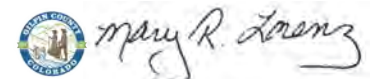
ber 2021, the present holder of said certificate (who) has made request upon the Treasurer of said County for a deed to said property;

That a Treasurer's Deed will be issued for said property to William J Merline at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day of May 2022, unless the same has been redeemed;

Said property may be redeemed from said sale at any time prior to the actual execution of said Treasurer's Deed.

This Notice of Purchase has also been published in The Weekly Register-Call on January 6, 2022, January 13, 2022 and January 20, 2022.

Witness my hand this 28th day of December 2021



Mary R. Lorenz, Treasurer of Gilpin County, Colorado

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PEAK TO PEAK ROTARY CLUB

Thursday mornings at 11 a.m.; Regularly scheduled community meetings at the Century Casino. Email mlorenz.rotary@outlook.com for more information.

GILPIN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Monday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Thursday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

POOL HOURS

Monday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Closed from 12 - 4 p.m.) 4 - 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: Please call for current hours
 Thursday: Please call for current hours
 Friday: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

New Year New You Health Fair: POSTPONED

Youth Basketball - Late Registration Still Open

Practice starts week of 1/17/22. Games Saturdays 1/29 - 3/19, \$80/Resident Child, \$92/Non-Resident Child. Volunteer Coach for U7 age group needed! Coach's kids play free!

Pottery Handles, Feet & Lids

Saturdays, 1/22 - 3/12 (8 weeks), 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., \$160/session. Working separately with handles, feet, and lids, we will organize these appendages into some classy lidded containers. Sugar Bowls to Onion Jars to Casseroles are some of the possibilities. Some Clay experience helpful. Emphasis will be on wheel work, but hand builders are welcome, too.

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League

Thursdays, 1/27 - 3/10, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Ages 14+, \$100/team - Registration ends 1/24 - Masks required.

NEW! Family Gym Time, Thursdays 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Balls, Mats, Climbing Wall & More - 18+ Supervision required - \$2/person.

Hatha Yoga: Mondays, Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Asana Stretching/Yoga: Mondays, Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

Senior Fit: Mondays, Fridays 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Taekwondo: Mondays, Wednesdays 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Taekwondo & Kinder Kicks: Mondays, Wednesdays 6 - 7 p.m.

Fitness Yoga/Core: Saturdays 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Pickleball: Monday, Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Friday 2 - 4 p.m.

Aquafit: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

GILPIN COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER:

February 12

Dad & Daughter Dance & Dive

5:30 - 8 p.m., \$25/couple, \$10/additional child (early bird special 1/15- 2/7) Join us as at the Community Center for a sweet night with your sweetie! Dance, swim, food, crafts and more! (Bring a suit and towel for the pool FUN.)

POSTPONED:

NEW YEAR NEW YOU - POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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PUBLIC MEETINGS IN GILPIN COUNTY

- **AA Meetings** - Sundays at 6 p.m. (St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 226 E. First High St., Central City)
- **Al-Anon Meetings** - Thursdays at 7 p.m. (St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 226 E. First High St., Central City)
- **Alzheimer's Caregivers** - 3rd Monday, 4 p.m. (Mt Evans Health Care, 3081 Bergen Peak Dr, Bergen Park)
- **American Legion** - 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
- **Black Hawk City Council** - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 3 p.m. (BH Council Chambers, 211 Church St., Black Hawk)
- **Central City Council** - 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. (Central City Hall)
- **Central City Historic Preservation Commission**, 2nd Wed if needed (Central City Hall)
- **Central City Planning Commission**, 1st Wednesday, if needed (Central City Hall)
- **Elk's Lodge Members** - 2nd and 4th Monday, 7:30 p.m. (Central City Elk's Lodge)
- **Friends of the Gilpin County Library** - 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. (GC Library)
- **Gilpin Ambulance Authority** - 2nd Wednesday, 10 a.m. (495 Apex Valley Rd)
- **Gilpin County Commissioners** - Alternating Tuesdays, 9 a.m. (via Zoom until further notice)
- **Gilpin County Democrats** - 4th Thursday, 7 p.m. (GC Library - gilpincountydems.org/contact.html)
- **Gilpin County Historic Advisory Commission**, quarterly on Tuesdays, 7 p.m. (GC Library) 303-582-5831
- **Gilpin County Planning Commission**, 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. (GC Courthouse Central City) 303-582-5831x3
- **Gilpin County Public Library Board of Trustees** - 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m. (GC Library)
- **Gilpin County Republicans** - 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. (email GCRCGilpin@gmail.com)
- **Gilpin County School Board of Education** - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m. (GC School Board Room)
- **Gilpin County Senior Living** - 1st Monday, 6:30 p.m. (GC School Board Room)
- **High Country Auxiliary** - 4th Tuesday, odd number months, 7 p.m. (Gilpin County Library) 303-582-5367
- **Main Street Central City Commission** - 3rd Wednesday each month, 6 p.m. (Central City Hall)
- **Masonic Lodge** - 2nd Wednesday each month, 6 p.m. (Central City Masonic Lodge, E 1st High door)
- **Narcotics Anonymous** - Every Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m. (Loaves and Fishes, 545 Hwy 103 Idaho Springs)
- **Nederland Community Clothing Closet** - 1st & last Thursday & every Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Nederland Community Center)
- **Peak to Peak Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesdays 7-9 (Gilpin Library) 303-642-0276
- **Peak to Peak Rotary** - Thursdays 11 a.m. Email mlorenz.rotary@outlook.com (Century Casino)
- **Timberline Fire Protection District** - changes each month, 6 p.m. (TFPD Station)
 Check <https://timberlinefpd.colorado.gov/elected-officials-board-of-directors>
- **VFW** - 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m. Call 303-999-7728 for meeting location

Public Meetings in Nederland

- Nederland Board of Trustees - 2nd Tuesdays

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“Music to my ears”

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which are difficult to steer when you're 77 years old and suffering from arthritis. (My King Supers has little half-size carts for the convenience of people like me.) Once inside the store, nothing was in the proper place. The shelves were half empty and nobody was working on stocking them. In King Soopers a crew is at work throughout the day keeping the shelves full. This alternate store had a self-checkout system, but all of the stations were “closed” at seven in the morning, when they were most needed, by people on their way to work. Only one regular checkout station was open, so there was a long line of people, each having only a few items, and it took forever to check out. Did I mention that the life of a King Soopers Refugee is not an easy one?

No matter how inconvenient, or annoying, shopping in a strange store is, it doesn't come close to equaling the sacrifices being made by striking workers. For collective bargaining to work, labor unions must use every tool they can. Management holds all the cards but one, and that one card that unions hold is the strike card, while ever reaching for that other—more elusive—wild card: boycott by customers in support of the union demands. That's where we come in. We are the wild card, and all we have to do is refuse to cross the picket line. Suddenly a few thousand workers become tens of thousands of shoppers, all joined in solidarity for the union cause. Corporate greed dictates that workers be compensated at the least possible rate of pay and

benefits in order to sustain and increase corporate profits. Ads are produced and run that promote and celebrate the corporate point of view. The purpose of the ads is to affect public opinion in favor of the corporation, to paint it as reasonable in the face of unreasonable demands by disgruntled workers who should be grateful for the generosity of the corporation in the first place. By painting the striking workers as greedy themselves, the corporation takes away the possibility of the “wild card,” and leaves the union all alone and blowing in the wind.

I could go on to list all the advantages of unionization, and someone else could no doubt make an equally long list of the disadvantages. The debate has been raging for so many decades that the

arguments for and against unions are almost common knowledge. There's a literary reference that may serve to clarify the struggle between labor and management. Way back in the first James Bond novel by the late Ian Fleming, Casino Royale, Bond is found wavering about his role as a spy, and whether the goals of the Secret Service are worth risking his life for. He reveals his trepidations to his superior, M. After some discussion, M counsels Bond: “Surround yourself with human beings, my dear James. They are easier to fight for than principles.” And so, whether you are pro-union or against it, keep this in mind. Those same people you see every time you shop at your King Soopers, who help you find things, who provide customer service, and greet

you with a smile whether they recognize you as a regular or not, and who worked diligently during the pandemic of the last several years, are trying to make a career out of retail, are raising their families just like you are. They happen to find that the pay scale is wanting, while corporate profits are booming. They long for increased benefits just as you do in your job, your career. Their demands for better working conditions and pay are rejected by management, and consequently they are forced, reluctantly, to go on strike. I propose that what we have here are human beings, and if you surround yourself with them, my dear readers, you will find them easier to fight for than principles, and thus...refuse to cross the picket line.

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