

An “Old-Fashioned Fair” in Gilpin County



Dave Gibson
 Gilpin County

Saturday, July 24, a Flight For Life helicopter flew over the Gilpin County Fairgrounds in honor of Cody and Shelby Allen. Dannika Sternlicht and Cody Allen’s sister Rebecka solemnly entered the stadium on horseback carrying the American flag and thin red line firefighter flag. With Cody and Shelby’s passing still painfully fresh, words by their friends and family were choked with emotion when addressing the many in attendance who knew and cared for them. In their tribute, the stadium was renamed the Allen Memorial Arena.

This year’s theme of an “Old-Fashioned Fair” kicked off with an old-fashioned breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and potatoes hosted by the High Country Auxiliary. Nearby was a bounce house that served as a magnet for ebullient children. Next to it a tent provided face painting and hula hoops to play with. Vendors promoted their products, charities or services. Toys for the kids and free

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Mutton Bustin’

A rider holds on as long as she can in the hugely popular attraction at the Gilpin County Fair.

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Life in the Peak to Peak: It’s Your Turn



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Sharing their published works



Author Doug Cospers, Illustrator Anna Cospers and Teen Consultant Asher Hughes celebrate the release of *On Wings of Wonder*, with a book signing on Saturday, July 17. The first in a series, it involves two adolescents managing trials of life in a difficult time period.

Welcome to the summer edition of “It’s Your Turn.” You will see only one regular story by staff this week. The staff stories held this week will be published in the August 5, 2021, edition. I hope you enjoy this edition!
 Barbara Hardt, Publisher, *The Mountain-Ear*.

- QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

“Your writing voice is the deepest possible reflection of who you are. The job of your voice is not to seduce or flatter or make well-shaped sentences. In your voice, your readers should be able to hear the contents of your mind, your heart, your soul.” ~Meg Rosoff

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A variety of choices
 Top, left; Hula hoops and a bounce house kept kids entertained. Top, right; Generations of hats filled the stands. Bottom; Devyn (left) and Annalise (right) decided to give face painting a try.

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caramel corn samples were among the choices available. Wannabe lumberjacks swung their mauls into logs of challenging circumference and musicians tested out instruments at the Brightwood Music booth. Young firefighters-in-training aimed water hoses at two miniature plywood cutout houses with four windows each. When all the mock flames in the windows were knocked down by the stream of water the fire was doused and adjacent forest saved.


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**Boulder County Parks & Open Space:
 Caribou/Sherwood Gulch Forestry Project**

- Expected start date in the fall of 2021.
- 100-acre project focuses on establishing a forest structure that is more resilient to wildfire and insect and disease issues.
- Will promote species, age, and size class diversity in the project area.

Informational Meeting Wednesday, August 18, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
 Nederland Community Center
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Horsing around

Above; Equestrian events filled the entire day.

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were required to enter but usually took a prolonged drink. The "Ring of Fire," another tube, and weave poles brought animals and owners to the finish line. None of the dogs but

one had ever seen an obstacle course before and the fun was in seeing what the animals would and would not do.

The backbone of any fair is the equestrian events, brought to us

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Something for everyone

Top, left; A Timberline fireman steadies the hose for a young firefighter. Top, right; Log splitters were warmed twice. Bottom, right; Goggles were optional in the Dog Agility Contest. Bottom, left; Gate Tender Molly (left) and Ring Steward Katie (right) kept order in the arena and assisted the judges.

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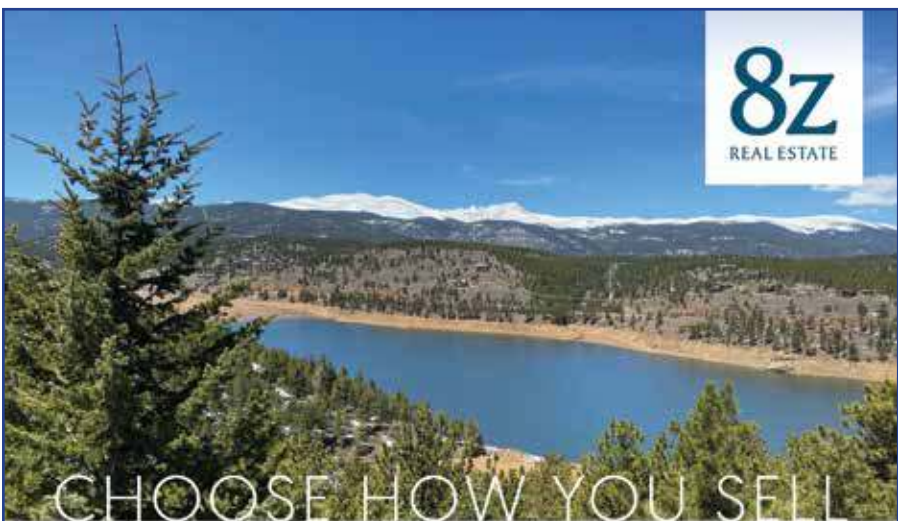
this year by the Gilpin Archwood 4-H Club. The Stick Horse Race was open to even the youngest of contestants. English and Western Horsemanship demonstrated the close bond between horse and rider through communication and simple maneuvers. Equitation tested the rider's form and horse's walking, trotting, and cantering skills and ability to follow commands. Following a short lunch break, Gymkhana events Barrels, Poles, Keyhole and Speedball wowed the crowd.

A spirited flock of sheep was trucked in from Brighton for the Mutton Bustin'. A test of balance, fortitude, and a strong grip, it proved to be so popular that a second round was scheduled to the delight of

entrants and attendees.

Offering delectable entrées, side dishes, and beverages, the JBQ BBQ food truck was the place to be at the end of the day after the field events had concluded marking another highly enjoyable and successful year for the Gilpin County Fair.

Special thanks are extended to Gabrielle Chisholm and her staff at the Gilpin County Community Center and Public Works Department for preparing the site; Norma Jones and Larry Sterling of Gilpin County Animal Response Team who, along with Krystal Meyer, organized the arena events; Carolyn Collins Peterson from the Friends of the Gilpin County Community Center for her help organizing the fair; and the Gilpin County 4-H Team for their invaluable assistance.



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An outstanding affair

Top, left; Todd Barron of High Country Auxiliary tends to the sausage links. Top, right, from left to right; Caden, Tegen, and Kody look loose and ready to ride before the first round of the mutton bustin'. Bottom, right; An equestrienne puts her steed through the paces. Bottom, left; Suz-Q-Z the clown brought smiles to faces.



AUGUST

Live Music & Events

- Sun. 8/1 Gregg Green - 4pm
- Fri. 8/6 Grand Ole Opry - 5pm
- Sat. 8/7 JJ Fraser - 5pm
- Sun. 8/8 Richard Shine - 4pm
- Fri. 8/13 KARAOKE - 6pm
- Sat. 8/14 Kenny Swagger - 5pm
- Sun. 8/15 Lee & Gary - 4pm
- Fri. 8/20 Nikki Z. - 5pm
- Sat. 8/21 Chris Koltak - 5pm
- Sun. 8/22 Richard Shine - 4pm
- Fri. 8/27 KARAOKE - 6pm
- Sat. 8/28 Rick Lobato & Chuck - 5pm
- Sun. 8/29 Jonathan Browning - 4pm

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