

Judge Jackson's memories of Lincoln Hills



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Lincoln Hills, a shelter from harsh times

Jackson and his brother, Larry, in 1948 at ages 3 and 2 playing on the rock on the east side of Zephyr View cabin. Those two windows on the left side of the cabin are no longer there.

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Gilpin County

Black History Month has a special meaning in Gilpin County, where Lincoln Hills was for decades the premier vacation spot for African Americans who were all too frequently Jim-Crowded out of other recreational opportunities.

Judge Gary Jackson, a retired attorney and Senior Judge of the Denver County Court, is himself, along with his family, part of the history of Lincoln Hills. While he will be making a presentation at the February 15 meeting of the Gilpin County Commissioners, we thought we'd make a start on his history – and that of Lincoln Hills and Wink's Lodge – with the personal material he shared with us.

In 2020, the Gilpin County Historic Preservation Commission developed a report that traced the history of Lincoln Hills in the process of evaluating for landmark status Zephyr View Cabin, built by Jackson's great-grandfather. That history places Jackson and his family in the middle of the vital narrative of Black history in our area. Zephyr View cabin was designated an

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UllrGrass Music and Beer Festival enchants attendees

Dave Gibson
Golden

From Norse legend obscured by millennia, comes the god Ullr. In modern times, he is known as the patron saint of snow to skiers and snowboarders. Warlike, strong and handsome, he was a great hunter who skated and skied, sometimes using his shield as a sled. A purveyor of justice, people looked to him for guidance.

On Saturday, January 29, Vikings descended upon Parfet Park in Golden, Colorado, in their finest faux furs and helmets. On a beautifully sunny and warm afternoon unbefitting the dead of winter, people strolled the grounds next to Clear Creek checking out the goods offered by artisans and sampling the many food options. Over 30 craft beers of every description were available from Colorado breweries including Tivoli, Sanitas, and Odell. Alumni from the Colorado School of Mines, who just so happen still live in Golden, demonstrated the finer points of slacklining. A lower and safer line had been set up for anyone willing to give it a try. An



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Main stage in Golden

Above, left; A Viking guitarist invades Parfet Park. Above, right; Headliner Sheryl Renee registered a powerful performance on lead vocals.

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- QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

"Racism in America is like dust in the air. It seems invisible until you let the sun in. Then you see it everywhere. As long as we keep that light, we have a chance of cleaning it." ~ Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

UllrGrass Music and Beer Festival



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Pale ale, pickin', and pagans

Top, left; A two-fisted marauder brandishes Colorado potables. Top, right; Ms Amy opens the afternoon with homespun bluegrass. Upper middle, right; Who says slacklining and drinking don't mix? Lower middle, right; Balance is key and a chance to dance. Bottom, right; A scenic backdrop at the festival. Bottom, left; One of the many helmeted Vikings in attendance.

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inflatable unicorn, beanbag toss, and hula hoops kept kids amused.

Winners of the UllrGrass Band Contest in 2019, Ms Amy and the Jet Set kicked things off at the main stage with their brand of Americana and bluegrass. Hailing from Longmont, it is just a coincidence that Ms Amy Harron is Norwegian. The lilting "Tennessee Waltz" was performed to perfection. Harron's rendition of Bob Dylan's melancholy "Don't Think Twice, It's All Right" struck a chord. A more carefree "Fish & Whistle" by John Prine buoyed everyone's spirits while spirits of another kind were lifted.

Without missing a beat, the talented members of Funky Freida backed Sheryl Renee and Susannah's vocals. Renee's powerful spot-on delivery made listening to songs such as Ben E. King's "Stand By Me," Stevie

Wonder's "Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours," and Aretha Franklin's "Chain of Fools" an experience. Courtesy of Gladys Knight & The Pips, Renee took us on a "Midnight Train to Georgia." Charged by some Boom laka-laka, Boom laka-laka, the audience was elevated another notch with Sly Stone's "I Want to Take You Higher."

With festival goers satisfied and snow god Ullr properly appeased for the eighth year running, Colorado can expect more snow this season.

UllrGrass is a volunteer-powered non-profit event with proceeds benefiting the Coral Creek Kids Music Project which delivers music education and performance to kids in Colorado. For more information, go to www.coralcreekmusic.com/kidsmusicproject.