

## Public dissent over temporary housing permit extension

**Mindy Leary**  
Gilpin County

The Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) called their regular meeting to order at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. In attendance were Commissioner Marie A. Mornis, Commissioner Susan Berumen, Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth, County Manager Ray Rears, and County Attorney Brad Benning.

Parks and Recreation Director Gabrielle Chisholm delivered the Third Quarter Report for the Gilpin County Community Center. Chisholm reported that attendance was down for the summer but only because many events were held outdoors.

John Combs, Public Works Director, presented Resolution 23-97, Approving a Two-Week Extension of the closing of the Gilpin County Slash Site. He said the funds are already accounted for due to a position that has not been filled and that residents are still using it as the weather allows.

Hollingsworth moved to adopt the resolution, Berumen seconded, and all were in favor.

Clerk and Recorder Sahari McCormick introduced Resolution 23-96, Approving a Voting Service and Polling Center (VSPC) for the Gilpin County 2024 Presidential Primary Election. The Historic Courthouse located at 203 Eureka Street will be offered as a location in a public opinion poll during February for the November election. The results of the poll are a recommendation and can be overridden, which is what happened last year.

Berumen moved to approve, Hollingsworth seconded, and all were in favor.

Administrative Analyst Sam Bower delivered Resolution 23-98, Adopting American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Allocations.

He said there are a few edits that reflect the changes made through recent resolutions. Mornis asked if the estimated remainder of the ARPA funds of \$600 would remain unallocated. Bower answered in the

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## Timberline opens Virginia Canyon Station



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### Cause for celebration

With over-sized scissors in hand, President Rick Wenzel cut the ribbon for Station 9, Timberline's newest station in Virginia Canyon on October 17, 2023. See story page 34.

## Halloween fun at Spooky Trick or Treat Stroll



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### Now in its third year

Left: Are you a good witch or a bad witch? Middle: It was prudent to steer clear of this chainsaw-wielding ghoul. Right: A girl participating in one of the games.

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### - QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

"Halloween is not only about putting on a costume, but it's about finding the imagination and costume within ourselves." ~Elvis Duran

# Halloween fun at Spooky Trick or Treat Stroll



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**The largest turnout yet**

Top, left: A Nightmare on Elm Street. Top, right: The super Oline sisters came as the Mario Bros. Bottom, right: The scary doll brought her identical twin with her this year. Bottom, left: Mila (left), Maya (middle), and Gretchen Sechler donned their finest Halloween gowns. Middle, left: Homer forgot about the event and was down at Moe's – D'oh!

**Dave Gibson**  
Gilpin County

Originally known as “The Spooky Monster Stroll,” held at the Gilpin Community Center beginning in 2021, the Halloween happening proved to be hugely popular with local children and parents from the start. Gaining momentum ever since, this year on October 20 between 5 and 8 p.m., Gilpin Parks and Recreation teamed with Gilpin County School’s Trick or Treat Street to make the event, renamed The Spooky Trick or Treat Stroll, bigger than ever.

The line to purchase wristbands that allowed attendees to partake in the fun and games ran the length of the barn and out its door. Past favorites such as the Fishin’ Hole entertained kids as they lowered their lines with magnets attached into the

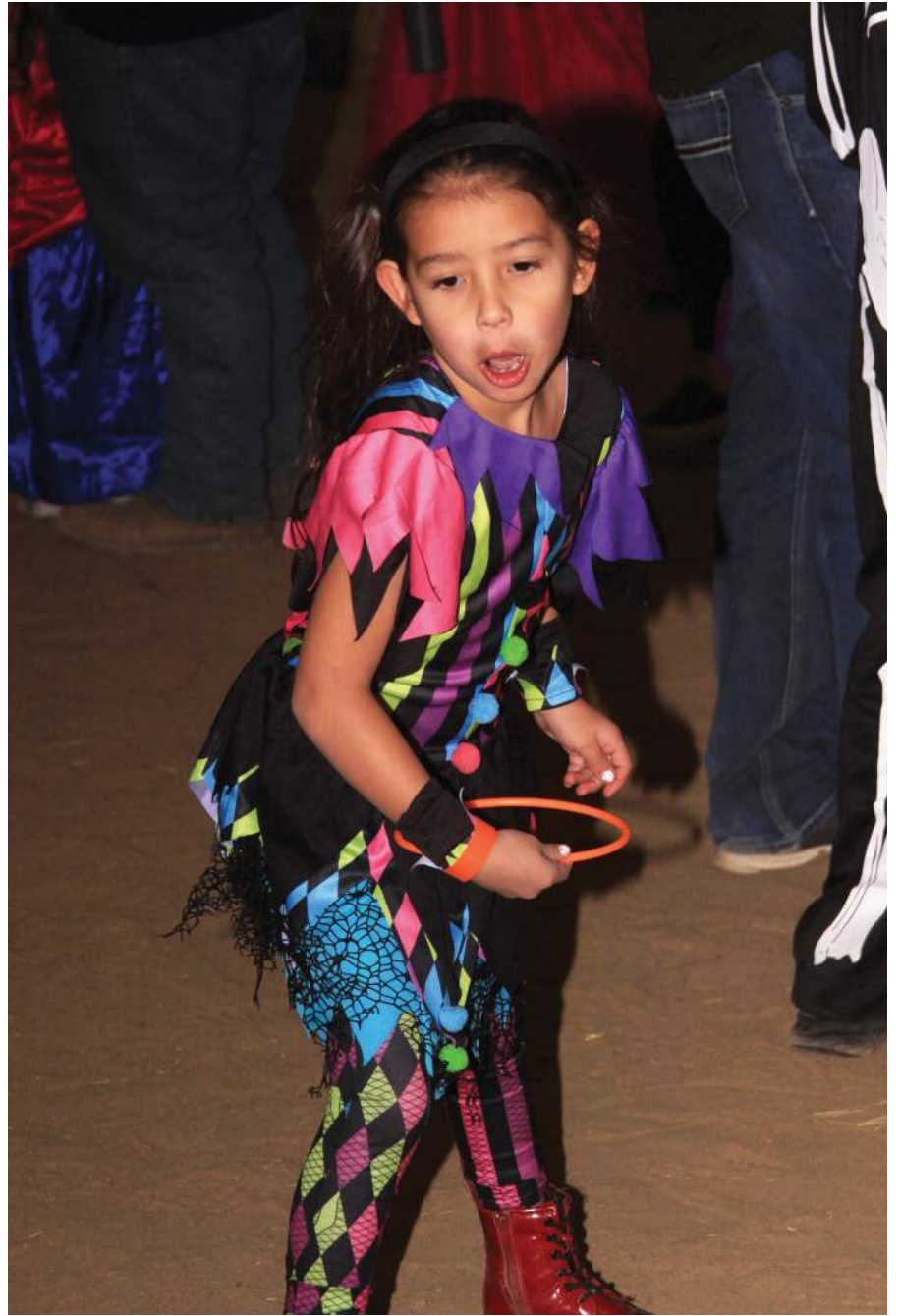
kiddie pool. Once they had caught and netted a rubber duckie, they were awarded candy and/or prizes for their efforts.

Candy was the common denominator at all of the booths. Timberline Fire’s Ring Toss tested kids’ eye-hand coordination. A “bowl-in-one” was the objective in the T.P. Toss. Reminiscent of a shooting gallery at an old-timey county fair, kids took aim with balls at their targets in Duck Hunt and Oh, Rats.

For a dollar, you could join the Cake Walk. As in musical chairs, participants walked around in a circle, taking a seat when the music stopped. One of the chairs was chosen beforehand as the lucky seat. If you found yourself sitting there,

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## Having a good time and raising money for the school

Top, left: Lots of treats and no tricks. Top, right: Another winner in the Ring Toss. Bottom, left: Jason was chained to a tree to keep carnage to a minimum.

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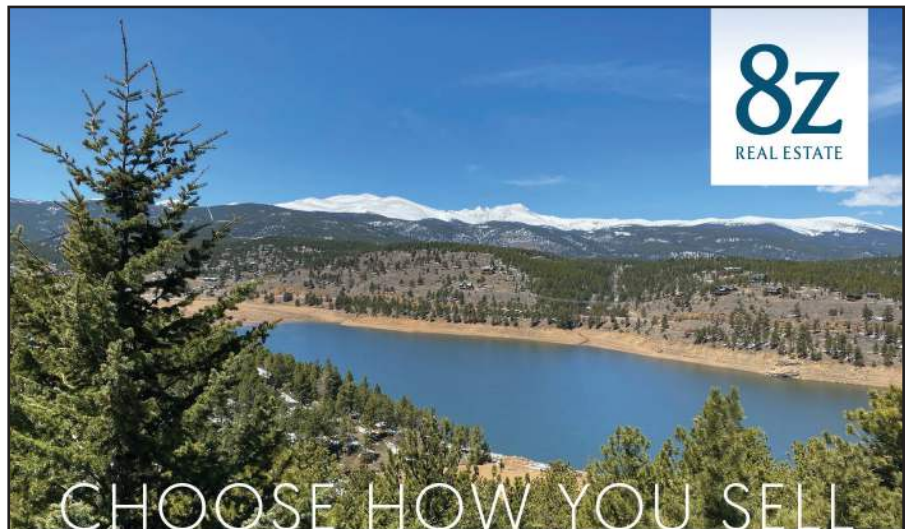
you won a tray of cupcakes. Free hot chocolate and cider was provided by the Friends of the Gilpin Community Center.

As the last leaves of autumn gently tumbled to the ground and daytime transitioned into nighttime, a hayride and a trick-or-treating trail beckoned outside. Running alongside the Rec Center building and winding beyond through the woods, with many stops along the way, delighted children's buckets and bags quickly filled with sweets.

By then pitch black, the Haunted Stroll was the next stop on the itinerary. Measuring their steps carefully, it was only for the bravehearted who were prepared to be scared out of their wits along the dimly lit eerie

pathway. Not far along, Swamp Thing sprang from its hiding place to take your breath away. *Svengoolie* and Mistress of the Dark Elvira's *Movie Macabre* pale in comparison to Gilpin Ambulance Authority's triple feature of *Halloween*, *Friday the 13th*, and *Nightmare on Elm Street*. Michael Myers, Jason, and Freddy Krueger were all there lurking in the shadows contemplating ghastly deeds. Gravestones, giant spiders, skeletons, decapitated heads, and a witch brewing an evil potion in her cauldron completed the unnerving experience.

To view upcoming events at the Gilpin Community Center, go to [www.gilpincounty.colorado.gov/explore-gilpin/parks-and-recreation/special-events-and-holidays](http://www.gilpincounty.colorado.gov/explore-gilpin/parks-and-recreation/special-events-and-holidays).



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