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# GILPIN COUNTY

## WHAT'S AHEAD FOR GILPIN COUNTY? Roger Baker, County Manager

Summer is finally here—albeit with some wet, cold interruptions—and there are two important events everyone needs to remember in August.

The first is the primary election. If you are a registered voter in either major political party, you are entitled—and expected!—to vote in the August 10<sup>th</sup> primary. For each party there are a number of contested races, both at the local and the state levels.

On pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter there's information on where to vote on primary election day, as well as how to vote either early or by mail. Please take advantage of one of these options, and let your voice be heard.

Second, it's time again for the Gilpin County Fair, August 21 & 22. There are lots of new attractions, along with all the familiar ones which have been so popular over the years. Don't forget the High Country Pancake Breakfast Sunday! The Fair is FREE, which really means it's supported by all Gilpin taxpayers, but I don't know that everyone realizes what a great bang for the buck our taxpayers get. The owner of an average \$250,000 house in Gilpin County pays about \$16.18 into the Road & Bridge fund (you can't get a sidewalk plowed for that), \$10 annually to support the Community Center, and about 50 cents for the County Fair! Gilpin County has no sales tax, and one of the lowest property tax rates in the state, yet provides a consistently high level of service. That's something to be proud of—and to enjoy up here in our mountain community this summer.

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## HOW IS YOUR HOME'S VALUE DETERMINED?

Anne Schafer, County Assessor

Residential values are determined by comparing your property with properties that are similar in location, design, size, age and amenities. This is known as the Sales Comparison/Market Approach.

The market approach is the most direct method of appraisal. Market value is the most probable price a property would bring if offered for sale on the open market between a willing seller and a willing buyer.

Residential properties, by law, must be valued solely by the market approach, using comparable verified sales from the study period, per CRS. 39-1-103(5)(a). The value which will be placed on your property in 2011 will be based on sales between January 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 (study period).

Residential property is reappraised by the Assessor's Office every odd-numbered year. The value determined by the Assessor for the year of reappraisal is generally used for the intervening (even numbered) year as well.

A property's value may alter over time due to physical changes, such as new rooms finished in the basement or extensive remodeling and modernization. Changes made to maintain your property's current value, such as painting your home, replacing your roof or making repairs would not necessarily increase the value of the property. If you have any questions, please call 303-582-5451.

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## EXTENSION AGENT HAPPENINGS

Irene Shonle, CSU Extension Agent

July 16, Friday, 4:00 p.m. Exhibit Barn. **Free. Weed ID and Control.** Many weeds are required by **law** to be controlled, even on your private land. Learn to recognize the "bad ones" before they get out of control, and how to deal with them. Bring in samples of your most troublesome weeds for identification and advice. This class is non-regulatory, friendly, and even fun, so don't be afraid to come. **We'll even provide snacks to entice you! This is an important class for any mountain resident.** Reservations appreciated.

July 24, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—12 p.m. in front of Gilpin County Community Center. **Seeds for Weeds.** Bring us a garbage bag full of weeds that have been uprooted from your yard, and we'll give you free wildflower seeds in exchange! We will also have a weed booth with real weeds – learn to identify the bad actors in this county, and what steps you can take to control them.

July 31, Saturday, 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. **Oxeye Daisy Pull** with the Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado at East Portal, the gateway to the James Peak Wilderness. Enjoy a morning outside with like-minded folks, protecting one of the jewels of our County! To sign up, go to the VOC website: <http://voc.org/>.

November 13, Saturday, – Gilpin/Clear Creek Energy Expo to be held in Idaho Springs.

Please welcome our new **Energy Coordinator for Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties**, Rebecca Cantwell. This is a part-time, grant-funded position. Rebecca is working with residents, businesses, and governing bodies in the two counties to develop an energy strategy for the counties, and is the person to contact for more information on the rebate, weatherization, and other programs from the Governor's Energy Office ([rechargecolorado.com](http://rechargecolorado.com)). Reach her by email at [Rebecca.Cantwell@colostate.edu](mailto:Rebecca.Cantwell@colostate.edu).

Questions on renewable energy, mountain gardening, noxious weeds, pine beetle, fire, wildlife, water, 4-H and more? Check out all the information we have available for you on our website: [www.extension.colostate.edu/gilpin](http://www.extension.colostate.edu/gilpin).

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**AN UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Alynn Huffman, County Treasurer

It's that time of year again. If property taxes weren't paid by June 16, they are now delinquent. Delinquent notices were sent out the first week of July. The notice included interest for the month of July. Per Statute 39-11-101: "If the amount of the delinquency is not paid by the date specified in the notice, which shall not be less than fifteen days from the date of mailing of the notice, the Treasurer will advertise and sell a tax lien on the person's property on the date specified in the notice [November 17, 2010] at Public Auction for the delinquent taxes, interest, and applicable fees."

If you received a delinquent notice and your mortgage company is responsible for paying your property taxes, **now** is the time to contact your mortgage company.

**Personal property** and **mobile homes** that are delinquent will be published in the *Weekly Register-Call* on September 23, 2010. Any personal property taxes that have not been paid by September 30 will be distrained by the Treasurer the first full week of October. If **real estate** taxes were not paid by the end of September, they will be published in the *Weekly Register-Call* on October 14, 21 and 28. The delinquent list will also be on the Treasurer's website starting the same date as the first publication in the newspaper. The property owner is then responsible for the cost of advertising as well as the tax, interest and applicable fees.

The first week in August, holders of tax lien certificates will receive tax notices on those certificates if the property owner has not paid the current tax. The payment includes the tax, interest owed and a \$5.00 endorsement fee. This is called an endorsement payment. The accrued interest received on the endorsement is the same as the original interest when the tax certificate was purchased. If an endorsement payment is not made, that tax amount goes to the Tax Lien Sale in November. This creates a situation in which there are two lien holders for the same property and that can complicate things if a Treasurer's Deed is applied for.

All information and necessary forms for the Tax Lien Sale can be obtained from our office or on our website ([www.co.gilpin.co.us](http://www.co.gilpin.co.us)) after October 14, 2010. If you need help downloading the forms or have questions, please call us at 303-582-5222 and we will walk you through the process. The Affidavit and Certification of Compliance with C.R.S. 39-11-151 form explains who can (or can't) participate in the bidding at the Tax Lien Sale. This form must be filled out, signed and **notarized** by everyone who plans on attending and bidding at the sale. This form replaces the old Certificate of Compliance form. If the form could be filled out, notarized and back in the Treasurer's Office by November 16, 2010, it will save time on November 17, 2010.

This year's sale will be held on November 17, 2010. It will once again be an auction. Payment for any liens purchased at the Tax Lien Sale must be in the form of cash or certified funds for first-time buyers. If a person has participated in the auction before, they may pay by personal check. If payment is by certified check, the bidder may leave that check in our office before the start of the sale, and a receipt will be issued. That receipt must be returned to our office after the sale. If nothing is purchased, the check will be returned. If a purchase is made, the amount owed will be taken out of the certified check. If a refund is due, it will be mailed along with all the paperwork associated with the certificates purchased. This is usually done the week following the Tax Lien Sale. Location for the sale is the Old Courthouse at 203 Eureka Street, Central City, in the Commissioners' meeting room.

We look forward to seeing you.

# GILPIN COUNTY VOTE CENTER INFORMATION

Primary Election - August 10, 2010

General Election - November 2, 2010

YOUR VOTE      YOUR CENTER      YOUR CHOICE

#1. Central City Courthouse, 203 Eureka St., Central City

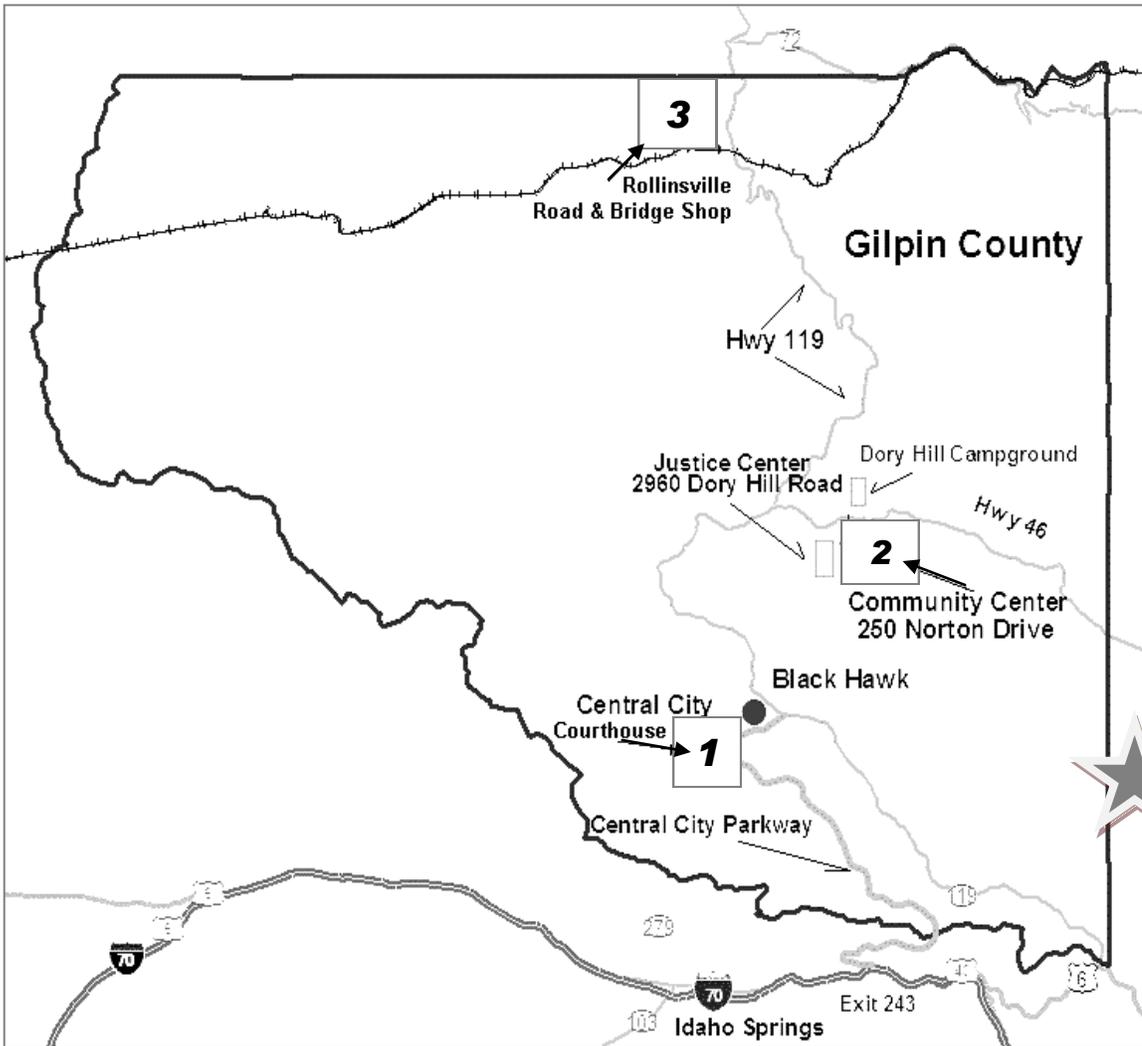
#2. Gilpin County Community Center, 250 Norton Dr.

#3. Rollinsville Road & Bridge Shop, 227 Tolland Rd., Rollinsville



## MAIL-IN VOTING

Call the Clerk & Recorder's Office at 303-582-5321 to verify the status of your Primary Election Mail -In ballot.



## COUNTY OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION IN 2010

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| Commissioner - District 2<br>Clerk and Recorder<br>Treasurer<br>Assessor | Sheriff<br>Surveyor<br>Coroner |
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**COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES**

Call 303-582-1453 for information on any of the following:

**2010 Building CLOSED Schedule:**

Labor Day: Monday, September 6  
Facility Maintenance: Saturday, September 11  
through Sunday, September 19  
Columbus Day: Monday, October 11  
Veteran's Day: Thursday, November 11  
Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Holiday: Friday, November 26  
Christmas Eve: Friday, December, 24  
Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25  
New Years Eve: Friday, December 31  
New Years Day: Saturday, January 1

**Family Fun Halloween Night: Thursday, 10/28/10, 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Free Event! (hayrides extra)**

Costume Contest, Trick or Treat, Haunted Trail, Hayrides. Pre-register and pick your hayride time. Hayride Tickets: \$5/adults & \$3/child (12 & under).

**Winter Arts Festival: Saturday, 12/11/10, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Come Join the Fun!**

Music: Peak-to-Peak Chorale, Gilpin H. S. Choir, Gilpin H.S. Band, Guest Musicians.  
Activities: Pictures with Santa Claus, Holiday Crafts & Gift Market, Face Painter, Food, Dance Recitals, Child Craft & Ceramic Handprints.  
Shopping: Over 60 merchandise booths to choose from.  
Vendors: Interested in a Booth? *Accepting applications until Dec. 1 or until full. Call 303-582-1453 for more information.*

**Gilpin County Community Center After School Youth Camp:**

*Monday through Thursday — Pre-registration is required!!*

After school, the school bus brings the children to the Community Center, a great place to play and learn, until 6:00 p.m. We offer a variety of activities such as art projects, gym games, swimming on Tuesdays & Thursdays and more. This is a licensed program where the children can have a lot of fun in a supervised and safe environment from the time the school bus arrives until 6:00 p.m. Cost is only \$5.50/day for ages 5 – 12. **Only children registered in a class or program may ride the school bus to the Community Center.**

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**Test Your Well Water Annually**



As a private well owner or well-water consumer, you will probably use water from your well for doing your family's laundry, drinking, cooking and bathing. Municipalities are required to test their water supplies regularly to ensure the water is safe to drink. However, since there is no requirement to test a private well, except when it is first drilled or the pump is changed, you are responsible for making sure your water is safe.

While most private wells provide a clean, safe supply of water, contaminants can pollute private wells. Because you cannot see, smell or taste most contaminants, you should test your water on a regular basis.

Gilpin County Public Health Agency provides basic well testing for total coliforms and E.coli. The agency is open for water testing Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The charge for the testing is \$17. Please call 303-582-5803 if you have questions.



# 18th Annual Gilpin County Fair

## AUGUST 21 & 22

Several new attractions are being planned for all ages such as the VISA Scavenger Hunt with a Grand Prize of a \$75 VISA card to be awarded in two age groups on each day of the Fair. Play on the free rides such as the 4-quad bungee trampoline or the climbing wall and for the toddlers, there is the Toddler Bounce.

Also new this year are several fundraising activities arranged by local organizations. At the Dunk Tank you can pitch 3 balls for \$1 to dump your favorite politician or other personality into the water; there's the "In-It-To-Win-It" Game, Gilpin's version of the TV show. How about raffles like Pig Kissing or Goat Kissing?

Back again is the Junior Rodeo (Preregister by calling 406-992-2855); new horse games will be seen at the Mystery Gymkhana which is open to all ages and experience levels; and what turned out to be a wonderful addition last year, the Hot Dog/Bonfire on Saturday night starting at 6:00 p.m. at the arena. Get a free hot dog, make S'mores and listen to music around the bonfire. Music, Theater, Magical Mountain Mutts, the infamous Talent Contest and the ever-popular Baking/Candy Contest are just a few of the other attractions and entertainment scheduled for your enjoyment. For a full schedule of events including show times and complete information about the Fair, please check the County's web site <http://co.gilpin.co.us/Events/Schedule10.pdf>.



**Wondering what to do with your old cell phone?** Gilpin County Victim Services is starting a program to take old cell phones and refurbish them for people in the community to use as 911 Emergency phones. Chargers are welcome but not necessary. Bring your old cell phone to the County Fair and donate it at the Sheriff's booth located on the blacktop lot in front of the Exhibit Building. Boxes will be set up at various County offices to accept donations after the Fair.



### GILPIN COUNTY SENIOR PROGRAM

Mary Ellen Makosky, Senior Program Director

The Gilpin County Senior Program provides a wide variety of services to the seniors of Gilpin County. We host congregate lunches Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Community Center. Door-to-door transportation to these lunches is available and free of charge. A program that is either educational or just plain fun accompanies most luncheons! Transportation to the grocery store is offered every Tuesday; transportation to doctor and dentist appointments is available with notice. We also have monthly field trips that have included the Denver Botanic Gardens, the Denver Zoo, museums and picnics in the park.



Home-delivered meals are available Monday through Friday to those homebound seniors that are assessed to be in need. These meals are delivered completely cooked only needing to be reheated. They are very good and nutritious.

Please call Mary Ellen at 303-582-5444 for more information or to get your name on our mailing list to receive our monthly calendar.

# County Phone Numbers

## 9 1 1 – POLICE, FIRE and MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

### Gilpin County Old Courthouse 203 Eureka Street, Central City, CO 80427

| Office                | Area of Service                         | Main Number  | Fax Number   | Mailing Address |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Administration        | Commissioners & General Services        | 303-582-5214 | 303-582-5440 | P.O. Box 366    |
| Assessor              | Property Assessment                     | 303-582-5451 | 303-565-1798 | P.O. Box 338    |
| Clerk & Recorder      | License Plates/Car & Voter Registration | 303-582-5321 | 303-565-1797 | P.O. Box 429    |
| Community Development | Planning/Zoning/Mapping/Building        | 303-582-5831 | 303-565-1796 | P.O. Box 661    |
| Coroner               | Deaths in Gilpin County                 | 303-582-3957 | 303-582-3390 | P.O. Box 333    |
| Treasurer             | Taxes & Fee Payments                    | 303-582-5222 | 303-582-3086 | P.O. Box 368    |

### Justice Center 2960 Dory Hill Road, Black Hawk, CO 80422

| Office                 | Area of Service                          | Main Number  | Fax Number   | Suite No. |
|------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Courts                 | County and District Courts, Jury Duty    | 303-582-5522 | 303-582-3112 | 200       |
| Dispatch Center        | Non-emergency Services                   | 303-582-5500 | 303-582-3758 | 300       |
| District Attorney      | Part-time Office out of Jefferson County | 303-582-1340 |              | 220       |
| Human Services         | Adult/Child Protection/Public Assistance | 303-582-5444 | 303-582-5798 | 100       |
| Jail                   | Detentions                               | 303-582-3576 | 303-582-3574 | 350       |
| Senior Services        | Meals, Transportation and Shopping       | 303-582-5444 | 303-582-5798 | 101       |
| Sheriff Administration | Civil Process, Dog Tags, Case Reports    | 303-582-1060 | 303-582-3813 | 300       |
| Victim Services        | Dignified Services for Crime Victims     | 303-582-5926 | 303-582-6018 | 300       |

### Gilpin County Emergency Services Building 495 Apex Valley Road

| Office             | Area of Service                   | Main Number  | Fax Number   | Mailing Address                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Finance            | County Budget, Vouchers, Payments | 303-951-3671 | 303-951-3675 | P.O. Box 366, Central City, 80427 |
| Human Resources    | Employment, Insurance, etc.       | 303-951-3673 | 303-951-3675 | P.O. Box 366, Central City, 80427 |
| Facilities Manager | Facilities/Maintenance            | 303-951-3674 | 303-951-3675 | P.O. Box 457, Black Hawk, 80422   |

### Other County Offices

| Office                     | Area of Service  | Main Number  | Fax Number   | Mailing Address                        |
|----------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|--|
| Community Center           | Pools, Rec. Classes, Mtg. rooms                          | 303-582-1453 | 303-582-5404 | 250 Norton Dr., Black Hawk, CO 80422   |
| CSU/Gilpin Extension Agent | Mtn. Gardening, 4-H Youth                                | 303-582-9106 | 303-582-5062 | 230 Norton Dr., Black Hawk, CO 80422   |
| Library                    | Information Services                                     | 303-582-5777 | 303-582-3938 | 15131 Hwy. 119, Black Hawk, CO 80422   |
| Public Health              | Community Health   | 303-582-5803 | 303-582-9063 | 101 Norton Drive, Black Hawk, CO 80422 |
| Road & Bridge              | County Road Maintenance, Trash Transfer, Slash, Hot Logs | 303-582-5004 | 303-582-3291 | 255 Braeher Pk Rd Black Hawk, CO 80422 |
| Veterans Officer           | Veterans Services  | 303-582-5444 | 303-582-5798 | P.O. Box 366, Central City, CO 80427   |

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