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**GUNNISON PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY MEMBERS WANTED!**

The City Council of the City of Gunnison is soliciting committee members for the newly established Park and Recreation Advisory Committee. The primary duties of this committee are to act in an advisory capacity to City Council and staff in matters pertaining to Parks and Recreation programs, facilities and services.

COMMITTEE MAKE UP:

- Committee will consist of 7 members who have resided in the Gunnison Valley for a minimum of 2 years
- Four members shall consist of registered voters who reside within City Limits.
- One member shall be a Gunnison High School student
- One member shall reside in the North Valley defined as North of the City limits
- One member shall be at large
- Meetings of the Committee shall be set at such time and place desired by the committee, at least quarterly
- Terms served are for two years.
- Council's goal is to have a committee comprised of individuals who have a diversity of ages, backgrounds and interests in the parks and recreation programming.

All potential applicants must submit a letter of interest to

For more information, contact
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APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 29TH.

A helping paw

Gunnison Valley's newly named Top Dog Remi helped present just under \$500 in proceeds from the Times' annual fundraising contest to Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League board member Cheryl Dandel Tuesday. Remi was glad to shake the hand of her owner, Melina Gardner, for the photo op but was a little too bashful to shake Dandel's.



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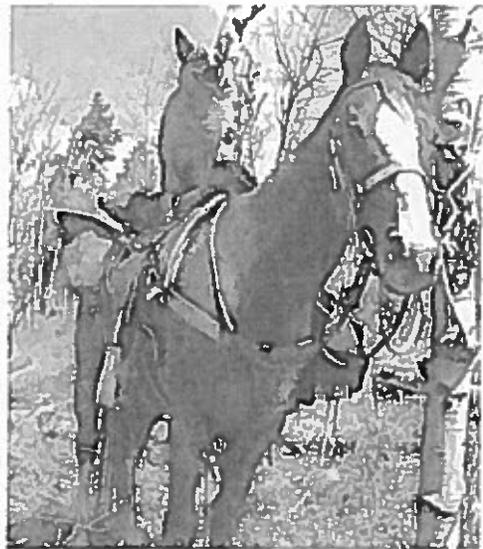
Runner-up Cap a four-legged adventurer

Brigid O'Leary
Special to the Times

Cap doesn't have a sad story. Cap has the story that I wish every dog in the world could have. From the second he was born, he has been well fed, well taken care of and well loved.

He was raised to be a gun anywhere, do anything kind of dog. He's been in a backpack headed vertically up climbing routes, hung his paws off the front of a stand-up-paddleboard on Blue Mesa, unintentionally flowed down a raging Soap Creek (but got out happy and ready to go again), traveled more than 25 miles a day through the Gunnison National Forest (sometimes on the ground and sometimes on a horse) and has slept in at hunting camp instead of getting up with the rest of the guides at 4 a.m.

When he isn't out exploring Gunnison's backcountry, Cap can be found running through the tall grass of irrigated pastures at the ranch he lives on. He has around 25 horse and mule best friends, although many of the mules don't love him as much as he thinks they do. The Red Heeler became the life of the party in the winter when he would go ferret chow cans from the spring or cooler for anyone



Brigid O'Leary

Cap, the professional horse rider

who ask!

Cap is a once in a lifetime dog with a big heart to please his people. He has room to roam and exercise, ample food to keep up with his appetite and a following of people who love him.

I think if he could speak himself, he would advocate for dogs everywhere, but since he cannot, our family (four legs and two) is glad that Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League does!

Gail Davidson

From: Matthew Ebbott <mebbott@western.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 8:05 PM
To: Dan Ampietro
Subject: Parks and Recreation Planning Commission

Dan,

Good evening. Please accept this email as an application for the newly formed Gunnison Parks and Recreation Planning Commission. City Councilman Matt Schwartz told me about the Commission and I'd be honored to work on it. I have great respect for Gunnison's Parks and Recreation department, and would be happy to give any help and guidance I could. As you're probably aware, I've been teaching in the Recreation program at Western State since 2002, and instruct specific classes in Parks and Recreation Facility Design and Management. My Master's Degree is in Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration from Western Illinois University. My family and I also use most, if not all, of the Gunnison Recreation Facilities, and many of the programs. I feel this gives me a good perspective on Gunnison's Parks and Recreation.

Please consider me for a seat on the Commission. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have.

Sincerely,

Hank Ebbott

Matthew H. Ebbott
Senior Lecturer,
Recreation & Outdoor Education and
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Gail Davidson

From: Stacy Harbaugh <stacymh10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 4:16 PM
To: Dan Ampietro
Subject: Letter of Interest for Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

July 11, 2016

Dear Mr. Ampietro and Gunnison City Council:

I read about the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee in the Gunnison Country Times and am writing to submit my letter of interest in being a part of this board.

My experience with the recreation department goes back almost three decades when I participated in sports as a child and later worked as an adult. While attending college I coached various sports and then worked park maintenance my first few summers after getting my first local teaching job.

As a long term local I have a great appreciation for the services provided by our local parks and recreation department. Prior to having my son, my husband and I utilized the pool a great deal. My son, who is almost three, loves to go to the pool. So as a family we are there at least two to three times a week. As a teacher I have also worked closely with several of the pool and recreation center employees to coordinate events for my special education students.

Taking on the role of a board member is not something I take lightly and do understand the importance of such a commitment. I would appreciate having the opportunity to serve on a committee that has provided such a service to the local community.

I appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to having the opportunity to work with you as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,
Stacy Harbaugh

June 29, 2016

To the Gunnison City Council:

I'm writing to express interest in serving on the newly established Park and Recreation Advisory Committee. I have been a resident of the City of Gunnison since 1998. I have also been, and am currently, a regular participant in organized programming such as hockey and softball, am a user of parks and recreation facilities such as local parks, the Van Tuyl trail system, pickleball and tennis courts, and have used the BMX track and community pool, including swim lessons, when my grandson visited. I have strong interest in vibrant parks and recreation programming and facilities in Gunnison and would like to serve the community in this capacity. I view recreation as broad-based, both passive and active, both organized and unstructured, both traditional and alternative, serving multiple constituent groups across a community. I am collegial and collaborative, having served previously as a board member and president for Gunnison Mentors. I currently work full time at Western in academic administration but spent seventeen years as a faculty member, including six as department chair, in the Recreation, Exercise and Sport Science program at Western and have had many students over the years interning, working, or volunteering with the parks and recreation program. Though I work full time, I do have time and energy to commit to this committee if selected. I have an undergraduate degree in parks and recreation, my first job out of college 35 years ago was as a parks and recreation director for a small rural town in Michigan, and I worked part-time for various parks and rec programs in high school and college in the 1970s. I note this to share my love for, and dedication to, community recreation. I am not interested in getting "into the weeds" of the daily operations of Gunnison Parks and Rec - we have competent, dedicated staff to do that. I can, however, bring knowledge, passion, experience, and dedication to this advisory role in a desire to serve the community I love.

Thanks for your consideration,



Kathleen Kinkema
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Dan Ampietro
Gunnison Parks and Recreation
Gunnison, CO 81230

Dear Dan,

This letter is intended to express interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee being organized. I would enjoy serving on this board as I believe that recreation is a very important part of life for individuals of all ages.

Best,

Kevin (Nelson)

Gail Davidson

From: Layne Nelson <laynenelson01@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 4:59 PM
To: Dan Ampietro
Cc: Layne Nelson
Subject: City Park and Recreation advisory committee

Dan,
I would like to serve on the City Park and Recreation advisory committee.

I have been a resident of the city for 30 years. As an active adult, I feel I could be an integral member of this committee.

I am retired from WSCU where I managed and developed Extended Studies into a successful, profitable program. By creating new offerings and working with community/state partners, the program grew to a multi-million dollar operation.

Prior to that, I was director of the Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce.

My background in planning, managing and developing programs; creating and overseeing budgets; working with the community and community organizations; and my marketing expertise are skills I will bring to this committee.

I appreciate your consideration of my interest in this committee.

Layne Nelson
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Gunnison CO

Gail Davidson

From: johnsolanik@gmail.com on behalf of John Solanik <fireplaces@gunnison.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 3:57 PM
To: Dan Ampietro
Subject: Parks and Recreation Commission

Dear Parks and Recreation Director,

I am writing to express my interest in participating on the Park and Recreation Committee

As a parent of 2 children and a coach involved in youth programming, I have an interest in assisting the advisory process for the City of Gunnison

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you

John Solanik

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David Wiens
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July 7, 2016

Dear Gunnison City Council,

I would like to be considered for a position on the newly created Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

I have been a resident of the City of Gunnison for nearly 30 years and for the past 18 of those, have been raising children here with my wife, Susan. During that time, we have been continual supporters of Gunnison Parks and Recreation, taking advantage of the facilities, including the community center, swimming pool, city parks and athletic fields, the Hartman Rocks base area, the ice rink, the BMX track and the skatepark.

I have been active in the Hartman Rocks Users Group for years; was instrumental in establishing the current flag football league and have coached youth sports including football, mountain biking and hockey. As an involved parent, I have been involved with countless sports and activities for kids as well as recreational activities for adults.

All of this, combined with the fact that I'm now a card-carrying member of the AARP (even though I'm not retired!) allows me to bring an experienced and well-rounded perspective to this group. Thanks for considering me for one of the seats on this commission.

Sincerely,
David Wiens