

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN LEDGER

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THE ROCKIES – LOCAL
STORIES, BIG IMPACT!**

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LOCAL FUN – YOUR GUIDE TO
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welcome to the inaugural issue of The Rocky Mountain Ledger! We are thrilled to bring you this local publication, dedicated to celebrating the vibrant communities of Golden, Arvada and Morrison Colorado. With more communities to be announced in coming issues!

At Tower Ten Media, we believe that strong communities are built on shared stories, local connections, and small business success. As a marketing agency passionate about helping businesses grow, we saw a need for a resource that not only informs but also inspires. The Rocky Mountain Ledger is more than just a magazine—it's a platform for local businesses, entrepreneurs, and families to engage, discover, and thrive.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. We hope you find value in every issue, and we look forward to growing alongside this incredible community.

The Rocky Mountain Ledger is your go-to source for everything local, including community news, upcoming events, business insights, financial advice, real estate trends, and health & wellness tips.

Whether you're a small business owner looking to expand your reach, a family searching for fun weekend activities, or an entrepreneur seeking expert insights, we've got something for you.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

 **Submit Your Photos:** Capture the beauty of our region and share it with us for a chance to be featured.

 **Contribute Your Story:** Have an inspiring local story or business success to share? We'd love to hear from you.

 **List Your Event:** Let us help you spread the word about upcoming community happenings.

 **Advertise With Us:** Gain exposure for your business by reaching a highly engaged local audience.

We invite you to explore, engage, and connect with us. Follow us on social media, visit our website, and join the conversation as we celebrate the best of Colorado's foothills. **Email to be featured: info@therockymountainledger.com**



our partners



Jessica Wyckoff

Owner, Tower Ten Media

Full-service marketing agency dedicated to helping small businesses grow through strategic branding, digital marketing, and lead generating campaigns.

Founded in 2017, we specialize in social media, website design, content creation, and email marketing that delivers real results.



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Owner, Golden Legacy Advisors

A Golden, Colorado-based financial services firm dedicated to helping clients achieve long-term financial security through personalized planning, investment management, retirement strategies, life insurance and legacy-focused solutions. By aligning financial advice with individual values and life goals, they empower clients to build lasting wealth and peace of mind.

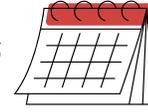
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what's happening in my community?

Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this



GOLDEN FARMERS MARKET – OPENING DAY

📅 Saturday, May 31, 2025

🕒 8 AM - 1 PM

📍 10th & Illinois Streets

👤 Kick off the season with fresh produce, local crafts, and community vibes at this cherished weekly market.

FOR MORE DETAILS:

<https://goldenfarmersmarket.org/>

COUNTRY MARKET AT THE GOLDEN OUTPOST

📅 Starting in June, Every Sunday

🕒 9 AM - 2 PM

📍 17695 South Golden Road, Golden, CO 80401

Enjoy:

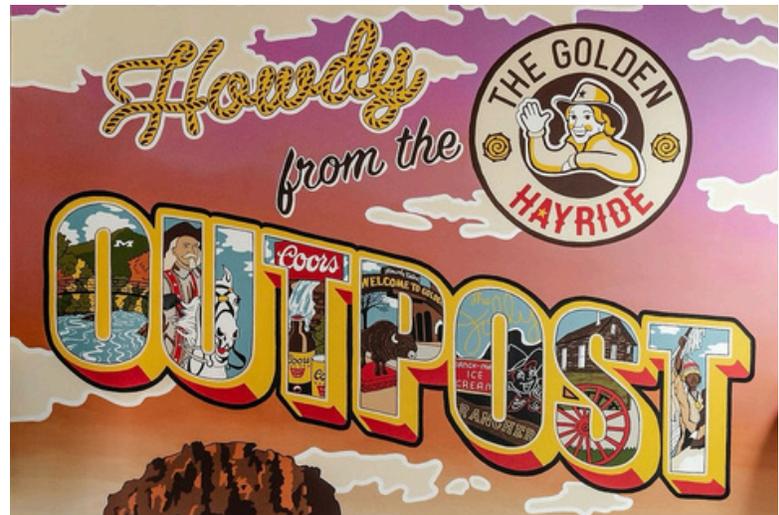
✅ Golden-inspired cocktails & local brews 🍷

✅ Food truck: Mac Nation

✅ Cozy fire pits & outdoor seating 🔥

✅ No cover charge – just good vibes!

The weekly Country Market enjoy fresh produce from Heinie's Market, local vendors, food trucks, and community fun.



MOMMY & ME WALKS/PLAYDATES

📅 Weekly on Thursday's

🕒 9:00AM

📍 Clear Creek (park by the Golden Library)

👤 Calling all Mama's and babies/kids! We meet in front of the Golden Library every Thursday morning at 9:00AM and we go for a walk around Clear Creek then if the little ones are up for it, play time at Lion's Park. (as long as weather permits)



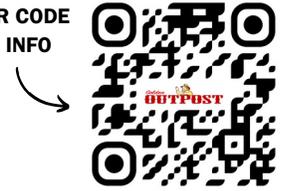
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business spotlight

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GOLDEN OUTPOST

Nestled along South Golden Road, the **Golden Outpost** is more than a tavern—it's a heartfelt homage to everything we love about Golden, Colorado. Created by longtime locals and community champions Stacy and Joe Fowler, this rustic, western-inspired spot blends hometown pride with warm hospitality. As the new home base for the beloved **Golden Hayride**, the Outpost brings people together for great drinks, good eats, and unforgettable community experiences.

Step inside and you'll feel right at home. With a cozy tavern atmosphere, handcrafted cocktails named after Golden icons, over 10 rotating local brews on tap, and even mocktails and kombucha for those riding dry, there's truly something for everyone. Outside, fire pits crackle in winter while picnic tables offer a sunny perch in the warmer months. Weekly live music, game nights, and lively food truck rotations keep the energy high—and the flavors fresh. You can also grab a Bonfire Burrito on any day of the week, packed with local, scratch-made goodness.

But the **Golden Outpost** is more than just a watering hole. It hosts weekly **Country Markets**, featuring local produce, artisan crafts, and small-batch eats—all with no cover and unbeatable community vibes. From seasonal events and holiday shindigs to private parties and pop-up markets, this is where Golden gathers.

Whether you're catching a game, shopping local, or toasting under the Colorado sky, the **Golden Outpost** welcomes you to kick back, stay awhile, and soak up the spirit of the town we all call home.

- 📍 Visit them at 17695 South Golden Road, Golden, CO
- 🕒 Fridays 5–10 PM | Saturdays 4–9 PM | Sunday–Thursday available for private events
- 📅 Event details, food truck schedule, and more: goldenoutpost.com
- 📞 Contact: info@goldenoutpost.com | (303) 277-9222





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local entrepreneur feature

INTRODUCING

Megan Hymanson, Mark Hymanson & David Grasso

The Gallery Range and Restaurant

📍 1350 Colorado Mills Pkwy, Lakewood, CO

🌐 www.thegalleryrange.com

📷 Instagram: @thegalleryrange | Facebook: The Gallery Range



Colorado's Only High-End Firing Range Experience — With a Twist

Step into The Gallery Range and Restaurant and you'll quickly realize—it's not your typical firing range. Located in Lakewood, Colorado, this high-end destination is part luxury hospitality, part training facility, and entirely unique. With a full coffee bar, restaurant, cocktail bar, and high-tech firing range under one roof, The Gallery is redefining what it means to bring community, safety, and service together in one space.

Founded by Megan Hymanson, Mark Hymanson, and David Grasso, The Gallery is the only concept of its kind in the state. The idea was sparked by 3 friends experiences in the firearms world. After encountering unsafe environments and less-than-welcoming customer service at other ranges, they knew there had to be a better way.

"We wanted to build something different—welcoming, empowering, and safe."

And that's exactly what they did. After beginning the business journey in 2020 and officially opening their doors on April 29, 2022, The Gallery has become a haven for individuals from all backgrounds who want to learn about firearms in a supportive and inclusive setting.

From beginner training to advanced competitions, The Gallery offers far more than a shooting experience—it offers a sense of belonging. With themed events like bachelor parties, corporate team building, and date nights, guests are welcomed into an environment that's as much about connection as it is about education. The facility prides itself on outstanding customer service and a friendly, judgment-free culture where safety and hospitality go hand in hand.

Their efforts have made a real impact in the community. One powerful example is their partnership with Pink Pistols, an LGBTQ+ firearms training group that calls The Gallery home. Over the years, the team has watched countless individuals overcome fear and hesitation to become confident, responsible gun owners who now take pride in their skills and safety.

"We're a melting pot," Megan explained. "All walks of life come here and feel welcome. That's exactly what we hoped to create."

Of course, launching a start-up—especially in a politically sensitive industry—comes with challenges. But these three did not let that stop them.

"We live here, we love this community, and we show up every day. We're not absentee owners. That makes all the difference."

And their community involvement runs deep. From supporting the Jefferson Center for Mental Health to sponsoring local favorites like Golden Buffalo Bill Days, The Gallery isn't just a place of business—it's a pillar in the community. They also host events and provide resources, training, and engaging activities that keep locals coming back—not just for the range, but for the experience.

To celebrate nearly three years in business, The Gallery is offering Rocky Mountain Ledger readers a special promotion: free firearms rentals with any lane reservation (a \$35 value; ammo not included). **Use promo code ROCKYMOUNTAINLEDER to redeem offer.**

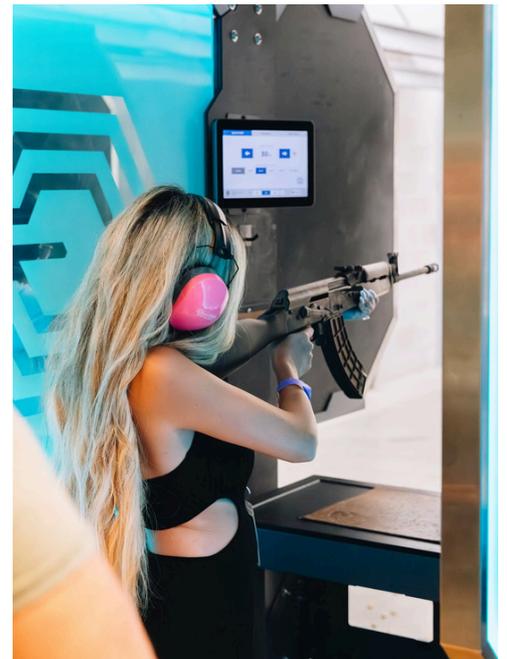
Despite its upscale appearance, many guests are surprised to learn The Gallery isn't a national franchise.

"People assume it's corporate because of how it looks, but it's just the three of us—friends who had a big crazy idea and chased it."

When asked what advice they'd give to other entrepreneurs, they kept it real: *"Stick it out. Especially during the hard times. That's where the growth happens."*

As for their favorite local spot to unwind? They gave a shoutout to Humble House Café in downtown Golden—*"a charming little place on Washington that reminds us why we love this community."*

With its innovative concept, strong values, and undeniable local pride, The Gallery Range and Restaurant is more than just a business—it's a movement. And it's only just getting started.



marketing minute

HOW TO MAKE YOUR BUSINESS STAND OUT ONLINE

A quick tip from Tower Ten Media: Leverage Local SEO to Increase Visibility!

If you're a small business owner, one of the easiest ways to attract more customers is by optimizing your Google Business Profile (GBP).

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Here's how:

- ✓ **Ensure Your Profile is Fully Completed** – Include your business name, address, phone number, hours, and website.
- ✓ **Use High-Quality Photos** – Businesses with photos get 42% more requests for directions and 35% more click-throughs to their website.
- ✓ **Encourage & Respond to Reviews** – Positive reviews boost credibility, and responding shows engagement with customers.
- ✓ **Post Regular Updates** – Use Google Posts to highlight promotions, events, and news to stay top-of-mind.

Want help optimizing your online presence? **Tower Ten Media** specializes in digital marketing strategies that get results. Visit [TowerTenMedia.com](https://www.towertentmedia.com) to book a consultation!



entrepreneur's corner

THE POWER OF CONSISTENCY IN BUSINESS GROWTH

Running a business isn't about overnight success—it's about showing up consistently. Whether you're growing a startup or scaling an existing business, small, intentional actions every day will lead to long-term results.

Here are three habits successful entrepreneurs swear by:

- 💡 **Daily Visibility:** Show up on social media, engage with customers, and be present where your audience is.
- 📊 **Track Key Metrics:** Know your numbers—monitor revenue, engagement, and customer feedback to make informed decisions.
- 👥 **Network with Purpose:** Build relationships within your industry. Attend local meetups, join business groups, and collaborate with other entrepreneurs.

The journey of entrepreneurship is a marathon, not a sprint. Keep showing up, keep learning, and watch your business thrive! If you need guidance with this, reach out to Tower Ten Media.



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smart money moves

💰 Golden Legacy Advisors' Financial Insights: The Power of Compound Interest in Retirement Planning

When it comes to securing your financial future, **starting early is the key to long-term success**. One of the most powerful tools in wealth-building is **compound interest**—where your savings earn interest, and that interest earns even more interest over time.

For example, if you invest **\$500 per month** starting at **age 25**, assuming an **8% annual return**, by the time you're **65**, you could have over **\$1.4 million saved**. However, if you wait until age **35** to start, you'd have **only around \$615,000**—less than half!

💡 **Take Action:** If you haven't started saving for retirement, now is the time. Consider contributing to a **401(k), IRA, or brokerage account**, and maximize any employer-matching contributions.

Need guidance on where to start? **Golden Legacy Advisors** is here to help! Contact us for a personalized retirement strategy that fits your goals. [GoldenLegacyAdvisors.com](https://www.GoldenLegacyAdvisors.com)



DON'T MISS THE MEDICARE ENROLLMENT WINDOW!

Are you or a loved one approaching Medicare eligibility? The clock is ticking! Missing your Medicare enrollment period could result in costly penalties and delays in coverage—and no one wants that!

✅ **Initial Enrollment Period (IEP):** If you're turning 65 soon, you have a **7-month window** to enroll—3 months before, the month of, and 3 months after your birthday month.

✅ **Special Enrollment Period (SEP):** If you recently lost employer coverage or moved, you may qualify for a **limited-time enrollment opportunity**.

✅ **Late Enrollment Penalties:** Missing your enrollment deadline could mean **higher premiums for life**—avoid unnecessary costs by acting now!

💡 Let **Golden Legacy Advisors** help you navigate Medicare with ease. Our team provides **FREE Medicare consultations** to help you understand your options and ensure you get the best coverage for your needs.

📞 Call us today at 720.838.5398 or visit [GoldenLegacyAdvisors.com](https://www.GoldenLegacyAdvisors.com) to schedule your free consultation before it's too late!

real estate roundup



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FEATURED LISTING

15468 W 50th Place, Golden, CO

A stunning 6-bedroom, 4-bath home located in the sought-after Gardens at Table Mountain neighborhood. This beautifully maintained home offers expansive ceilings, warm hardwood floors, a chef's kitchen with granite counters and double ovens, and a finished walkout basement with a wet bar and custom fireplace. The spacious south-facing deck features a built-in grill and fireplace, perfect for outdoor entertaining while enjoying scenic mountain views.

Located just 4 miles from downtown Golden with easy access to trails, parks, and top-rated schools, it's a rare opportunity to own a luxurious, move-in-ready home in one of Golden's most desirable communities.



Jonathan Thomas is a trusted real estate agent serving the Denver Metro and foothills communities, known for his personalized service, expert market knowledge, and unwavering integrity. Drawing from a background in healthcare, disaster relief, and military service in the U.S. Air Force with aeromedical evacuation, he brings a calm, solutions-driven approach to every transaction. Whether buying or selling, Jonathan is dedicated to delivering exceptional results while building lasting relationships rooted in trust and care.

Denver Metro & Foothills Market Update

The Denver Metro and foothills markets remain active but more balanced compared to the frenzy of past years. As of April 2025, the median home price across the Denver Metro area is approximately \$599,000, up about 2% year-over-year. Inventory has risen, with active listings up around 15% compared to this time last year, giving buyers a bit more breathing room.

Days on Market are averaging 30–35 days, a slight increase from last spring but still historically low. Well-priced homes, especially in Golden, Arvada, and the foothill communities, are often seeing strong interest within the first two weeks.

Overall, the market is healthy, with motivated buyers and sellers adjusting to today's 6.5–6.95% mortgage rates.

If you're thinking about buying, selling, or just curious about today's market, I'm always happy to be a resource. Feel free to reach out anytime — I'd love to help you navigate your next move with expert guidance and personalized care.

give back to golden

♥ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: WHO NEEDS HELP NOW, AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED.

Looking to make a difference in Golden? Here are some local organizations currently seeking volunteers:

• **BGOLDN – Fresh Food Pantry**

- BGOLDN addresses food insecurity by operating a Fresh Food Pantry that distributes fresh and shelf-stable foods to those in need.
- Volunteers are essential for unloading deliveries, stocking shelves, and assembling food boxes for home deliveries.
- Shifts are available Tuesday through Friday at their pantry located at 17455 W 16th Ave.

• **Golden Farmers Market**

- A cherished community event, the Golden Farmers Market runs from June through October.
- Volunteers assist with market setup, serve as ambassadors during market hours, and help with takedown.
- It's a great way to support local agriculture and engage with the community.

🌈 **NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT: GOLDEN CIVIC FOUNDATION**

For over 50 years, the Golden Civic Foundation (GCF) has been instrumental in enhancing the economic and cultural vitality of Golden. Since its inception in 1970, GCF has invested over \$19 million into the community through grants, loans, and support for local businesses, nonprofits, and schools.

How to Support GCF:

Community members can contribute by attending events, volunteering, or donating to GCF's programs. For more information on how to get involved, visit goldencivicfoundation.org.



golden young professionals

Your Gateway to Connection, Growth & Impact!

Are you a young professional under 40 looking to supercharge your network, grow your business, and make lifelong friendships — all while having a blast? Welcome to **Golden Young Professionals (GYP)**, where opportunity meets community!

As a dynamic part of the **Golden Chamber of Commerce**, GYP is on a mission to strengthen Golden's future by empowering the next generation of leaders. With **50+ events each year**, you'll find endless ways to connect your personal passions with your professional goals.

Here's why you should join GYP today:

✓ Expand Your Network

From our monthly V.I.B.E. at Five (Very Important Business Event) happy hours to casual meetups, you'll meet fellow movers, shakers, entrepreneurs, and rising stars from across Golden — all in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

✓ Elevate Your Career

Attend quarterly speaker events packed with fresh insights to sharpen your skills, fuel your business growth, and keep you ahead of the curve.

✓ Give Back & Make an Impact

Every month, we roll up our sleeves at local volunteer events, making Golden an even better place to live, work, and play.

✓ Play Hard, Too!

Hit the field with our summer softball team (no experience needed!), cheer on the Colorado School of Mines Athletics, or dive into our book club — because success is sweeter when you're having fun.

✓ Boost Your Visibility

Get free social media features, newsletter promotions, and the chance to post your own events on the GYP calendar — all included with your membership.

✓ Shape the Future

Serve on the GYP Board or committees and help shape the direction of this fast-growing group.

📍 Join us for our next meeting!

We meet the **third Thursday of every month at 7:30 AM** at The Golden Welcome Center, 1010 Washington Ave. Bring your business cards — and your energy!

Don't miss your chance to connect, collaborate, and cultivate your potential. Join Golden Young Professionals today — and let's build a better Golden, together!

Meet your current GYP Board Members



2024-25 Chair/President: Marshall Moore

On Tap Credit Union

 mmoore@ontapcu.org

Marshall leads the charge at GYP, bringing vision, energy, and a passion for empowering young professionals. With a strong background in finance and community engagement, Marshall ensures GYP stays focused on its mission of leadership and connection.



Professional Development Chairs: Jonathan Thomas **Realtor, Jonathan Thomas Homes**

Jonathan is your go-to leader for all things career growth and learning. He brings his real estate expertise to help you sharpen your professional edge.



Communications Chair: Open Position

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Membership Chair: Jordan Cunningham

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Jordan is all about welcoming new members and helping you get plugged into the community. Reach out to Jordan if you want to make the most of your GYP membership!



Networking & Events Chair: Marina Buswell

Golden Counseling Center

Marina is the magic behind GYP's unforgettable events. From mixers to volunteer days, Marina curates experiences that are as fun as they are valuable.



Community Impact Chair: Christa Smith

Smithworks Cleaning Service

Christa leads GYP's volunteer efforts, connecting members with opportunities to give back and make a real difference in Golden.



Past Chair: Leah Denzel

Rocky Mountain Benefits

As our immediate past chair, Leah provides invaluable guidance and continuity, helping to steer GYP with the wisdom of experience.

Why This Matters

This talented board is here to help YOU thrive — professionally, personally, and in the community. Don't hesitate to reach out, introduce yourself at an event, or even explore ways to get involved on a committee. GYP is truly what you make of it, and our board is ready to help you succeed.

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Your Business. Your Community. Your Spotlight.

Why Advertise With Us?

The Rocky Mountain Ledger is Golden, Arvada, Lakewood and Morrison's go-to source for local happenings, events, small business features, outdoor adventures, family activities, and more.

- ✓ Reach a loyal local audience
- ✓ Build brand awareness in your backyard
- ✓ Drive foot traffic & online sales
- ✓ Support a community-first publication

Our readers love to shop local, support small businesses, and explore the best of Colorado. Let's help them discover you!

Let's Grow Together

When you advertise in The Rocky Mountain Ledger, you're not just buying an ad—you're joining a movement to strengthen and celebrate our local communities.

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