It has been a while since the last regular edition of the Lantern so we have a bit of catching up to do. First I hope you will notice the Lantern itself with its new look and feel. We have been working hard on the new image and rebranding of Black Hawk and the Lantern is one of the first visible examples of that effort. The City has launched a new website and additional marketing materials to further illustrate our new approach and positioning. Internally there have been a number of changes in the staff. Consolidations and reorganizations are implemented with the intention of a more efficient management team. One of the changes is long time City Clerk Jeanie Magno resigned to spend more time with her family. We appreciate all she did for the City and wish her the best. Please see the individual department sections for details on those changes.

Significant work has taken place on Gregory Street. All of the demolition work has been accomplished. The technical engineering and design work is underway on the relocation of Gregory Street. That work is anticipated to be complete by spring of 2015. Once that work is done bids will be solicited and actual construction is slated to begin late summer to fall of 2015. The planning of the Maryland Mountain recreation area is about complete with strategies being developed for the funding of those improvements. Lots of exciting projects that all contribute to the rebranding of Black Hawk.

There won’t be another Lantern until after the first of the new year so let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a truly joyful holiday season and very prosperous new year.

Happy Trails,
Administrative Services

The Administrative Services Department includes support for the City Clerk’s Office, Employee Services (Human Resources), Risk Management, and the Public Information Office for the City. We are a department of four employees, Executive Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Blondo, Human Resource Generalist, Gina Romero, Deputy City Clerk, Michele Martin and City Clerk/Administrative Services Director, Melissa Greiner.

The Administrative Services staff also provides support to the City Manager, Jack Lewis, in his day-to-day management of the City of Black Hawk.

Public Information Office

While the City Manager is the public face of the City for publicity or in emergencies, the Administrative Services staff works behind the scene to coordinate details and dissemination of press releases, fact sheets, and brochures for the City. Staff manages the City’s cable channel #22 with USA Communications as well as advertisements for the City.

City Clerk’s Office

The City Clerk’s Office is the information resource center for City council, City staff, and the public for accurate and timely access to all official documents, activities, and publications. The Clerk’s office is responsible for:

- Accurately recording council meetings
- Administration of all regular municipal and special elections
- All official municipal records for the City
- Circulating information concerning decisions and policy issues
- Administration of all Liquor Licenses, Special Event Permits, Shuttle Registration, Contractor Licenses, Sales Tax Licenses, Business Licenses, and Dog Licenses
- Sale of plots and burial arrangements at Dory Hill Cemetery
- Administration of the Black Hawk Scholarship Fund, awarded annually by the Black Hawk Board of Aldermen
- Distributing documentation and information as requested from customers in a timely manner, pursuant to the Colorado Open Meetings Laws

Employee Services

Employee Services serves as a partner to departments within the City to provide advice, support, and recommendations to effectively utilize and manage the City’s most valuable asset – its people! Our strategic role is to provide an avenue by which managers can attract and retain quality employees. Employee Services is committed to providing exceptional customer service to our external and internal customers. We work with other departments to actualize the City’s Mission Statement: “To progressively provide cost effective programs and services of the highest quality to the community.” We consistently strive to challenge the traditional ways of conducting business and to be the best organization we can be. Areas of service include:

- ADA Administration
- Awards/Recognition Programs
- Benefits
- Compensation
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Employee Relations/Coaching
- Equal Opportunity Administration
- On-Boarding
- Personnel File Management
- Policy Development/Interpretation
- Safety Program
- Recruitment/Testing/Selection/Placement
- Training & Development/Workforce Diversity
- Wellness Program

Risk Management

Through Risk Management, we seek to establish and maintain internal fiscal and policy controls to avert risk to staff and the organization and to ensure that the City is protected from loss, theft and misuse. The management of risk is necessary to protect the City’s personnel and assets. It is also vital for effective municipal operations, achievement of objectives and reliable reporting and compliance with laws and regulations.

Stop by City Hall and say hello the next time you are in the neighborhood!
Introducing the future of Black Hawk, Version 3.0
Rediscover Black Hawk!

By Rebecca Blondo

The City of Black Hawk has experienced many versions of itself over its expansive and rich 150 year history. The most recent progression began with what has been coined as Black Hawk Version 1.0, or Black Hawk before gaming. This version of Black Hawk reflected a clichéd story of a tired old mining town that was revamped to Version 2.0, through the dynamic new gold rush of limited stakes gambling.

After nearly a quarter-century, we have reached the dawn of Black Hawk’s newest form, Version 3.0. The evolution of Black Hawk’s physical presence, with its authentic historic landmarks, unmatched scenic mountain backdrop and nearby recreational opportunities, Black Hawk is poised to broaden its appeal to visitors seeking gaming and more.

With this physical change on the horizon, our visual representation to the outside world has also changed to match Black Hawk’s vision of the future. The refreshed look creates an enduring brand for the City of Black Hawk, one that speaks to history and looks to the future. Taking into consideration the way the City behaves and the way it looks, Black Hawk’s brand personality and visual identity are now in sync, speaking in a clear, distinctive voice with messages that are relevant.

Many resources were tapped when working on the new branding expression of Black Hawk Version 3.0. City staff, STOUTStrategies Consulting, local historians, Gilpin County Assessor, and many other technical professionals collaborated to create a message that reflects who the City is combined with a visual brand that reinforces that message.

The re-branding was accomplished with research, strategy and conversation to identify Black Hawk’s Brand Personality:

- Renaissance
- Exciting
- Cuttting Edge
- Historic
- Fun
- Great Quality
- Smart
- Successful
- High Quality
- Authentic
- Progressive
- Spirit of Adventure
- Gaming-Centric
- Clever

Through this effort, the branding essence of Black Hawk emerged, “Rediscover Black Hawk.”

“The process of rebranding the City of Black Hawk is founded in the history of how the city evolved to where it is today with a nod to the historical mining town. In preparing for the future, we created a fresh perspective including a sophisticated representation that will be engaging to potential businesses, visitors and residents,” said Stacy Stout of STOUTStrategies Consulting. Stout has been an integral part of delivering the City’s new brand identity.

The most noticeable integration of the City’s revived image can be found on the City’s redesigned website. With the objective of communicating both significant and substantial information to the community, while enhancing the quality and consistency in form, the features of the new site truly reflect the brand essence of Black Hawk. End-users will be greeted with an authentic brand voice,
The most noticeable integration of the City’s revived image can be found on the City’s redesigned website.

ensuring a consistent understanding of who we are and what we stand for, making each web experience purposeful.

The City of Black Hawk feels a sense of pride in their City’s new visual representation. One that conveys a City that cares where it is going, takes initiative, is proactive and continues to evolve, making it a better place to live, work and visit, aligned around a clear view of the future of Black Hawk.

"Employees, residents and casino personnel are our best brand ambassadors. They are paramount in delivering the message that is represented by the Rediscover Black Hawk theme," stated City Manager, Jack Lewis. "Black Hawk’s distinctive quality and character is something to be proud of and delivering a cohesive representation of that message to the public is essential."

Rebranding the City’s image is both a stepping stone and a milestone. Stout emphasized, “Brands should continue to evolve and this effort by the City of Black Hawk is an important evolution. This investment in the way the City of Black Hawk is presented to the outside world offers the City the opportunity to intentionally share a story that is authentic and reinforces what City residents and businesses already know, that the City of Black Hawk is a progressive and thoughtful community.”

HEALTHY EATING GOALS

Making successful changes means creating the right plan for your specific needs. Plans for change usually involve a few simple steps: Setting your goal, tracking progress, rewarding success, and managing any setbacks in a healthy, positive way.

HealthMedia® Nourish® by Kaiser Permanente can help get you started by creating a custom healthy eating plan. HealthMedia® Balance® can help you lose weight with a personalized eating, exercise, and behavior-change plan.

Set your goal

Create specific, realistic goals to improve your diet.

Decide where you want to start.
Focus on one small goal at a time. This could be eating a healthy breakfast, being sure to get 6 to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables a day, or cutting back the number of times you eat fast foods to once a week.

Set a realistic timeline for meeting your goals.
The self-confidence you get from accomplishing a small goal helps keep you on your path for achieving your big goal.

Write down your goals and why you want to achieve them.
Post them where you will constantly see them. This provides you with clear direction and also the motivation to keep at it.

Involv e your family and friends.
They can provide support and encouragement.

When you’re ready, set a new healthy eating goal.
As your small changes add up, you’ll see that you’ve made significant changes to your eating habits without too much fuss or interruption to your life.

Track your progress.
It’s important to track your progress when you are trying to change a habit. It helps you to see if you’re meeting your goals and serves as a reminder to keep trying.

Record the healthy things you do.
Write it down in a notebook or food diary to help track your progress. You can also look this over when you begin to doubt yourself or your abilities.

Pay attention to how you feel.
Can you notice any difference when you’re eating better? Do you feel different when you eat poorly? Have your food preferences changed?
Consider tests to measure success.
You and your doctor may decide that certain tests will help see if your diet and exercise plans are working. Talk to your doctor about which tests to have and how often to have them.

Reward yourself
When you reach your goal, reward yourself in a healthy way.

Reward every success, no matter how small.
Tie each reward to a specific, measurable goal, such as eating 3 servings of vegetables every day for a week.

Make your rewards healthy ones.
Pick a nonfood reward such as the latest tech gadget, a night at the movies, or a massage. Or choose something that will help you maintain your healthy eating habits, such as a new cookbook or a cooking class.

Big success? Big reward.
When you meet challenging goals, reward your hard work with something special.

Manage setbacks
Setbacks are a natural part of the process. The secret to continued success is learning how to manage these setbacks as you progress toward your goal.

Learn from mistakes.
Use your setback as a chance to evaluate what went wrong, modify your plan so that you’re more likely to succeed, and reapply yourself to reaching your goal.

Keep your favorites on the menu.
Leave room for your favorite foods in small doses. If you completely cut out what you love to eat, you may start to feel deprived and are likely to give up on your healthy eating goal.

Don’t give up!
Even if you splurge on your favorite foods, don’t give up your plan altogether. You can resume your diet at the next meal.

Get more inspiration for making positive changes by visiting www.kp.org, search for “Set Healthy Eating Goals.”
Tell us about yourself!

Karen and I are both natives of Colorado. We moved to Black Hawk in 1988 with three of our 5 children being born while living in Black Hawk. We currently own, operate and reside at the Chase Creek Bed and Breakfast, located on Chase Street. The house was originally located on Richman Street, where we spent many happy years raising our family. The property was sold and our house was scheduled to be demolished, when we decided that we couldn’t bear to see the house destroyed. We moved the house to its current location in 1998 and actually had to remediate the property of existing tailings from the Bates 222, Mill site.

Although I was born in Colorado, my family moved numerous times until we returned to Colorado in 1976. I graduated from Golden High School and attended Western State University in Gunnison, Colorado. I graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a minor in Economics. I’ve attained professional credentials as an “Architectural Hardware Consultant” and work for “Doorways of Colorado” located in Denver, serving the construction industry. My interest away from work is hiking, biking and skiing the gorgeous mountains of Colorado.

Tell us about your new position with the City of Black Hawk.

I’m honored to have been elected an Alderman for the City of Black Hawk. The City is constantly transforming and evolving to conform to the economic demands of Colorado. I’m very excited to be a part of such a great city. I believe that we have the premiere staff, citizens and individuals that make Black Hawk a unique and progressive city. The elected officials, Administration and all of our City departments are unified toward the continued success of our City.

In the next several years there will be additional growth and diversification in the City of Black Hawk. The addition of Monarch’s hotel tower, the implementation of the HARD District and the future construction of trails in our open space combined with continued improvements in infrastructure, will help Black Hawk
Employee Connection

Tell us about your experience working at the City of Black Hawk so far?

Since being elected, it has been a great experience interacting with the consummate professionals who help Black Hawk maintain its excellence. The Mayor, Board of Alderman, City manager and all of the department’s professionals are very knowledgably and informative, which makes my position as Alderman a learning and progressive experience. Thank you to all of the staff for their efforts to support Black Hawk!

Terri Lupo

Tell us about yourself!

My husband Doug and I purchased a home and moved to Gilpin County in the spring of 2013. I’m actually a native of northwest Kansas. Growing up, my family spent a lot of time in this area skiing, camping and hiking. It was a long-term goal of mine to settle and retire in this beautiful area and finding this position with the City of Black Hawk was the last piece of the puzzle. Most of my family is in Kansas, however I have a son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren who live in Kansas City. I think my friends would describe me as an honest, intelligent, and generous person with a great sense of humor. I lived in Kansas City for a number of years and it was there I earned my BS in Accounting from DeVry University and began my career. Most of my professional background has involved the agricultural commodities and restaurant management industries. My most recent position was District Accounting Manager for Canteen Vending in Denver, and I’ve previously served as Controller for Capital Restaurant Concepts LTD in Washington, D.C. and Assistant Controller for Bartlett & Company in Kansas City. I love to read, paint and listen to classical music. I also enjoy spending time with our canine family. Doug and I have two Jack Russell Terriers, Mia and Max, a Basenji mix named Ginger, and my beloved French bulldog Ozzy. For outdoor activities I enjoy biking and I’ve recently taken up snow shoeing.

Tell us about your new position with the City of Black Hawk.

I am working as an accountant in the Finance Department, handling payroll, accounts payable, sales tax processing, and utility and miscellaneous billings.

Tell us about your experience working at the City of Black Hawk so far?

It’s been completely positive. I’ve been impressed with the professional environment here and with the welcome that I have received from everyone I’ve had contact with.

James Randall

Tell us about yourself!

I was born and raised in Colorado. I started out in the Nederland area before moving to Boulder, where I graduated from High School. I am fortunate to still have all of my family here in Colorado. After graduating from High School I joined the Navy, where I spent eight years working in a helicopter squadron as a weapon technician. After separating from the Military I attended college, where I obtained an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. After acquiring my Associate Degree I attended the Community College of Aurora Law Enforcement Academy. In my free time, I enjoy snowboarding, golf, and camping. I also have three children, two daughters and a son, who I love spending time with and consume a great deal of my time.

Tell us about your new position with the City of Black Hawk.

I was hired in February of this year as a Patrol Officer for the City of Black Hawk.

Tell us about your experience working at the City of Black Hawk so far?

So far, working here has been a very positive experience. All of the members of this community have been very welcoming and I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone better. Working in Black Hawk has been a very unique experience. I really enjoy how Black Hawk has both a small town feeling while also providing me with the challenges and call variance of a larger city.

Grant Collins

Tell us about yourself!

Officer Collins was born in Littleton, Colorado and currently lives in the metro area. He graduated from Wheat Ridge High School in 2010. During high school he played both baseball and golf. After graduating he enrolled in Red Rocks Community College where he completed an Associates of Art Degree. In 2014 he graduated from the police academy.
Employee Connection

NEW FACES CONTINUED

Outside of work Grant enjoys playing softball, baseball and golf. Grant has a two year old chocolate lab that he likes hiking with. Grant wanted to work in Black Hawk for the different atmosphere unmatched by any other city in Colorado. Also, for the chance to meet a wide array of people from all walks of life and cultures.

Lisa Hebertson

Tell us about yourself!

I grew up in Denver and later moved to the Western Slope where I spent 14 years. I have one grown daughter and two grandsons ages 10 and 8 still living on the Western Slope. My parents and extended family all live in the Denver Metro area and I am enjoying spending more time with them. I enjoy knitting and am an avid reader. Growing up in Colorado, I love the mountains, hiking, camping or just taking a drive and enjoying the scenery.

Tell us about your new position with the City of Black Hawk.

My position is a Communications Officer I. In this position I answer emergent and non emergent calls for service, dispatching the correct agency, police, fire or ems via radio.

Tell us about your experience working at the City of Black Hawk so far?

I am enjoying working for the City of Black Hawk and have found everyone to be kind and helpful.

Kyle Bacon

Tell us about yourself!

Before becoming a Police Officer I was working for a small landscaping company in the metro area, as well as part time for

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Melissa Greiner

Following the retirement of Jeanie Magno, the City’s former City Clerk, the Clerk’s Office was combined with Employee Services and Risk Management to form the new Administrative Services Department. Melissa Greiner, former Assistant to the City Manager for Administration, was appointed as the City Clerk/Administrative Services Director to oversee the new department.

Melissa joined the City of Black Hawk as the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager and the Human Resources Director in September of 2003 and was promoted to the Assistant to the City Manager for Administration in April of 2005 overseeing Employee Services and Risk Management. Prior to joining Black Hawk, she worked in compliance in the banking industry, a private college, and an Environment Health Department. The skills and training she received during her years in compliance aids in her current City responsibilities. Mrs. Greiner is a graduate of North Texas State University, and holds a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Community Health, with an emphasis on Environmental Health. She has a dual major in English and Biology.

Melissa has been married to her husband, Tom, for 37 years. They have one daughter, Cayce, who is an Employment Law Attorney in Denver, and one son, Spencer, who is studying Geology at Ft. Lewis College in Durango. The Greiners enjoy mountain living and traveling throughout the state and across the country. They often hike around Black Hawk with their aging dogs, Angie, a Staffordshire Terrier, and Talbot, a West Highland White Terrier. Melissa raises chickens for fresh eggs which was a chore as a child and now is a hobby she enjoys.
a family construction company. I was born and raised in Colorado and primarily grew up in the Lakewood area. I graduated from Arvada West High School and then went on to Red Rocks Community College. In May of 2014 I completed my academy training at Red Rocks as well.

I have organized and played on a recreational softball team for the last several years. I love being outdoors and partaking in Colorado’s many outdoor activities.

Tell us about your new position with the City of Black Hawk.

I am a new Police Officer with the City of Black Hawk. I started with the patrol division in October of this year.

Tell us about your experience working at the City of Black Hawk so far?

It has been a very challenging, but exciting experience. Being new there is still a great deal I have to learn, but I have a great staff, training of officers, and support system to assist me with my needs. I am excited for the road ahead and look forward to my new career with the City of Black Hawk.

Zach Meyer

Tell us about yourself!

I grew up in northern Illinois in a small farm town. My wife has lived in Gilpin County her whole life. We recently became parents to a baby boy. I was in the in the Marine Corps for five years as an infantryman and have been inactive for two years now. After the Marine Corps I worked in Estes Park for a year drilling water wells, then a farrier internship for a few months and then worked in Nebraska for one of the largest feedlots in the nation before taking a job with the City of Black Hawk. My hobbies are playing sports of any kind as well as hunting and fishing.

Tell us about your new position with the City of Black Hawk.

I am working for the streets crew which involves maintaining the City from trash clean up to snow removal and everything in between.

Tell us about your experience working at the City of Black Hawk so far?

It has been a good experience working with the City and I enjoy working with everyone in the streets department.

Michele Martin

Tell us about yourself!

I’ve been a resident of this area since 1995, first living in Nederland, then off of Magnolia Road in unincorporated Boulder County, and now have lived in Rollinsville since 2006. I’m married with two sons and one very old, but still spry lab. I have a BA in Business Management and Certificates in Project Management, and have worked in both the public and private sectors. I was the Community Development Assistant and the Planning and Zoning Board Secretary for Plainsboro Township in New Jersey for over eight years before moving to Colorado. I recently came to Black Hawk from the Town of Nederland serving as their Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk for a total of three years. I love to travel, having been to eight different countries, and am a runner who participates in the Bolder Boulder each year. My family is a lifetime member of the Nederland Area Historical Society, and my husband was the one who orchestrated the move of the Bucyrus 50B Steam Shovel to the Mining Museum, whose bucket is now on display at the Mint Museum in Charlotte, North Carolina for their 100th Anniversary of the Panama Canal Exhibit. We are also part of Calvary Chapel’s congregation in Nederland and active in the Nederland community.

Tell us about your new position with the City of Black Hawk.

I’m the new Deputy City Clerk and have been helping Melissa with a draft fee schedule, liquor license renewals, processing Council packets, going to the meetings and taking the minutes, processing business licenses and contractor registrations, filling open records requests, and all around general clerk duties.

Tell us about your experience working at the City of Black Hawk so far?

So far, so good! The City has been a pleasure to work for. Everyone has been very welcoming, friendly and supportive. I’ve been talking walks at lunch around the City, and I’m very impressed as to how clean it is, how much pride is taken in their mining heritage, and how well the homes are kept. It really is a quaint, little mining town sort of feeling, even though you’re aware of towering casinos. I think it is a balance that works well.

Rebecca Blondo

Tell us about yourself!

I am a native of Colorado, growing up in Lafayette and going to school in Boulder. I moved to
Gilpin County with my family in 1992, and graduated from Gilpin County High School. I moved to Durango to attend Fort Lewis College and I also attended Red Rocks Community College. I married my husband, Shawn, 15 years ago and we have one daughter, Ashley, who just turned 12.

I have a degree in Graphic Design and Print Production, and a wide-range of experience in administration, management, communications and marketing. I started my own marketing company, Capture It, here in Gilpin County and operated it for eight years before taking this position. Prior to that, I worked for Ed and Shirley Smith as Marketing Director, among other titles, for 11 years.

I enjoy spending time with family and friends and going on hikes and discovering new trails in the area. I take great joy in attending my daughter’s productions with the Colorado Children’s Chorale and hearing her sing. Some of the most rewarding moments in my life come from the time I spend volunteering. I have served as the Service Unit Manager for the Gilpin and Clear Creek County Girl Scouts for seven years and as troop leader for the same. I serve on the board of the Gilpin County Education Foundation and am a Lady Elk in Central City. My family also volunteers regularly for the Fr. Ed Judy House, a transitional home for women with children. I am grateful for the gifts I have been given and the opportunity to share them with others through these organizations.

Tell us about your new position with the City of Black Hawk.

I work at City Hall as Executive Administrative Assistant in the Administrative Services Department. I interface with the public, City staff and vendors. I assist the City Manager and Administrative Services Director in completing special projects and reports. I manage Risk Management, processing claims for property casualty and pursue restitution for the City. I also assist in marketing efforts, prepare and design the quarterly newsletter, maintain social media and create advertising materials and form templates. I perform a wide-variety of administrative duties, maintain files, mail, memberships, invoicing, media reports, notary, and policy and procedures, just to name a few!

Tell us about your experience working at the City of Black Hawk so far?

I have really enjoyed working for the City and the dynamic aspects of my position. I especially appreciate the communication between departments and the sense that we are all part of a team, working together toward similar goals. The City of Black Hawk has an impressive history of preserving the past and preparing for the future and I am looking forward to making further contributions to the City’s progression.
**Wacky Cake**
Works every time, at any elevation
Roxie Morris

½ Cup Flour  
1 Tbl Cocoa  
1 tsp Baking Soda  
1 Cup Sugar  
½ tsp Salt  
1 Tbl Vinegar  
1 tsp Vanilla  
5 Tbl Melted Butter  
1 Cup Cold Water

Sift together flour, cocoa, baking soda, sugar and salt and put in baking pan. Make 3 holes. In one hoe put vinegar. In second hole, put the vanilla, and the third, add the melted butter. Pour cold water over mixture and beat up well. Flour and grease pan well. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes or until done.

**Milk and Honey Bread**
Kathryn Eccker

1 Cup Milk  
2/3 Cup Honey  
¼ Stick Butter  
2 Eggs  
1 ½ Cups Whole Wheat Flour  
1 Tbl Baking Powder  
1 tsp Salt  
½ Cup Wheat Germ  
(can substitute ½ C flour for wheat germ)  
1 Cup Walnuts or Raisins

Heat milk and honey together until honey dissolves, then melt in butter or add melted butter. When mixture is cool, beat in the eggs. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Stir dry mixture into the liquid. Mix in walnuts or raisins and turn into a buttered loaf pan. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for one hour.
Did you know that the guys in the Facilities department that complete the janitorial services in the wee hours of the morning are also very skilled craftsmen? Rory Miller, the Facilities Superintendent, along with Rick Orton, have built some pretty remarkable pieces of furniture for the City. Not only do they come in early each morning to ensure all of our City buildings are clean, they also create, from scratch, pieces of furniture that will last for a long time to come. A few of Rory’s favorite pieces include the bookshelf in the Mountain Mocha Café, and a shed for storing snow removal tools at Mountain City.

Not only are they expert craftsmen, but they are extraordinary handymen. Earlier this year, Rory and his crew took on the massive task of hanging 10 acoustic wall panels in the atrium at the new public works facility. These panels were installed in an effort to reduce the echo in our atrium. The facilities department spent a week creating an extra backing to provide additional noise reduction, carefully measuring and then hanging each panel. Three of the panels are covered with a historic photo. The historic photo panels had to line up just precisely otherwise the photo would not have looked right. The guys did an outstanding job!

These are just a small sampling of the tasks recently completed by the Facilities Department. Rory and his crew are without a doubt a tremendous asset to the City and we are all grateful to have these guys around.

Sadly, one of our facilities staff, Blaine Shirley, recently resigned to take a position that is closer to home. Blaine has been with the city for over 10 years and will be most certainly missed. Working with Blaine has been a pleasure and we all wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors!

Next time you visit one of the City buildings, be sure to take notice of the Facilities crew’s ingenuity and artistry in building some of the furniture and fixtures, you are sure to be impressed!
By the work of their hands...

Top left: This large shed was made by the crew at City of Black Hawk’s Public Works Facilities Department. The shed is found near Mountain City.

Bottom left: Shelving unit and trash receptacle made for the Mountain Mocha Café in Black Hawk.

Right: Installation of acoustic wall panels in the atrium of the Public Works building.
Planning

What exactly is Community Planning and Development?

Planning provides assistance to ensure that future growth and change happen in accordance with polices and ordinances adopted by the City of Black Hawk.

Planning works to improve the welfare of people and their communities by creating more convenient, equitable, healthful, efficient and attractive places for present and future generations.

Planning enables civic leaders, businesses, and citizens to play a meaningful role in creating communities that enrich people’s lives. Good planning helps create communities that offer better choices for where and how people live.

Planning helps communities to envision their future. It helps them find the right balance of new development and essential services, environmental protection, and innovative change.

This department oversees services that include:

- Development review for current planning projects
- Long range planning services including general plans, infill development and strategies for new growth
- Historic restoration and community preservation

Building

Do you need a building permit?

Building permits and inspections are required for new construction, additions, and remodeling work to confirm that all structures meet applicable City and current International Code requirements.

The City of Black Hawk regulates construction and development to safeguard and ensure the health and safety of the public. As part of the permit process, plans are reviewed to ensure compliance with adopted codes. Building permits are issued for new construction as well as for additions to and remodeling of existing buildings and structures. Most repairs or alterations require a building permit.

Do you have a building project?

Before starting the project, contact Community Planning and Development to establish if a permit is needed or if the project is exempt. Staff will help guide you through the application, review and permitting process.

Historic Restoration and Community Preservation

Historic Preservation Commission Vacancy

A large area of responsibility for CP&D is overseeing Historic Preservation of which the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is a very large part. The main functions of the HPC include:

- The HPC reviews Certificate of Appropriateness applications, and make a recommendation to the City Council.
- The HPC hears applications for Historical Grants, and makes recommendations to the City Council.
- The HPC is authorized to review and make recommendations to City Council regarding applications for local historic designations.

Currently, a vacancy exists that needs to be filled. The HPC is actively seeking interest from residents of the City to be a part of this advisory commission. Regular meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month. If interested, please contact CP&D at 303-582-2223.
Black Hawk Academy

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The comprehensive plan identifies what the community looks like now, what it should look like in the future (goals, objectives, principles), how the community intends to get there (regulatory standards, devices and legal instruments) and why it should be done (protection, preservation, conservation, enhancement, growth and development). The comprehensive plan may include a range of topics at the level of detail adapted to the special requirements of the municipality. It may include a set of vision statements.

What is a Certificate of Occupancy?

A certificate of occupancy is a document issued by a local government agency or building department certifying a building's compliance with applicable building codes and other laws, and indicating it to be in a condition suitable for occupancy.

What are the Secretary of the Interior Design Standards?

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, also known as The Standards, are part of the United States Department of the Interior – National Park Service – Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The Standards are a nationally recognized tool for the preservation, maintenance and rehabilitation of our nation’s heritage. These Standards have become the accepted benchmark at all levels of government – national, state, and local – for evaluating the acceptability of proposed changes to historic properties.

CP&D Going Paperless

This department is working to achieve our goal of going paperless. It’s been a huge challenge, but great progress has been made. All large construction plans have been digitized, and staff is now working to digitize all department hard files. In September, CP&D welcomed temporary employee Janice Beecher to our team. Janice is a long-time Colorado resident, having moved here in 1968. Her background is diversified, ranging from office work to being a veterinary assistant. Janice has always dreamed of living in the mountains, and she loves working for the City of Black Hawk. Janice's days are filled with analyzing our files, scanning each document and making sure that every single piece of paper is in the proper electronic file. It’s tedious work, but Janice always has a smile on her face! We are lucky to have her.
Annual gaming statistics for the Fiscal Year-End June 30, 2014 have recently been released. Statewide AGP (casino gaming revenue) was down 2.73% from the previous year and tax revenue was up 0.71%. Black Hawk saw a decrease of 0.91% in AGP and taxes were up 2.86%. Central City AGP was down 9.72% and taxes down 13.72%. Cripple Creek AGP went down 6.56% with taxes decreasing 7.23%.

The Division of Gaming issued our Limited Gaming Fund Tax disbursement on Thursday, August 28, 2014 in the amount of $6,244,431. This is an increase of $70,259 or 1.14% from last year’s $6,174,172. On August 28, 2014, the Extended Gaming Fund distribution was paid to the City in the amount of $712,969, an increase of 3.33% or $22,950. Total Gaming tax revenue is up $93,209 from the previous year and exceeded the 2014 Budget projection by $57,400.

The City of Black Hawk administration has recently prepared the 2015 Budget for submission to City Council for approval in December. The coming year presents more funding challenges than the City has faced in recent years. With multiple large capital projects planned and/or underway, the fund balance (cash) available in the General Fund is expected to decrease.

With the upcoming retirement of Jeffrey Young, Information Technology Director, the City Manager has reorganized the structure and staffing necessary to provide information technology services in the most efficient and effective manner. This will be achieved by merging and uniting the supervisory functions of Finance and Information Technology under Lance Hillis, Finance Director.

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**Window 7: The End is Near... Or is it?**

Microsoft recently announced that mainstream support for Windows 7 will end on January 13, 2015. But wait! Don’t panic just yet. Yes, Windows 7 reaches end of support in January along with Windows Server 2008, but the important piece here is that it is Mainstream support. Windows 7 only moves into Extended support.

Extended support means that the features in Windows 7 will no longer be updated, new improvements made, nor will any further service packs be developed and distributed. This does not mean that the operating system will stop receiving free security updates.

It seems Microsoft has learned its lesson from the Windows XP retirement fiasco and it’s great to see the company is attempting to reach out long before the situation becomes critical.

So, rest easy. Windows 7 Extended support runs through January 14, 2020 giving everyone plenty of time to plan their migrations to a newer operating system. With Windows 7 gaining in market share, (at over 51% right now), it’s clear that many individuals have opted to skip Windows 8 and just wait to see what Windows 9 will bring.
Police, Fire and Ambulance Develop Response Policies

On May 29, 2014 members of the Black Hawk Police Department, Gilpin Ambulance Authority and Black Hawk Fire Department participated in a training session with over 500 first responders in the Denver area to help develop policies and procedures during critical events. The Aurora Theater Shooting incident highlighted the need for better coordination among all emergency responders. Representatives from the Black Hawk first responder community first attended the regional training course to better understand the challenges associated with responding to major incidents. During the week of September 29th and October 6th all Black Hawk police officers attended response training, which included selected members of the fire department and Gilpin Ambulance Authority. The goal of the training was to help everyone prepare for critical incidents as a team. First responders worked together to understand each agency’s respective roles and expectations during critical incidents. Each agency is now developing policies identifying and clarifying roles and responsibilities. Although incidents like the Aurora Theater shooting would overwhelm any agency we can learn from their experience and improve our performance.

Homicide Case is Unusual in Black Hawk

No one can remember if this was Black Hawk’s first homicide, but we do know one hasn’t occurred since limited stakes gaming began over 20 years ago. During the early morning hours of June 10, 2014 the Black Hawk Police Department investigated a fatal shooting at the Isle Hotel. Black Hawk police officers discovered a 26 year old male identified as Tony Velasquez with a fatal gunshot wound in a hotel room and arrested Colleen Marie Loris, an acquaintance of the victim. The Police Chief fielded questions from the media who appeared to be as surprised as anyone that something like this occurred in Black Hawk. According to Chief Cole, this was an unusual situation involving four acquaintances who were staying in the same hotel room. Sometimes news stories can give readers the impression there is a problem with crime, which isn’t the case in Black Hawk said Chief Cole. This is truly an isolated incident, which was handled quickly by police.

Black Hawk Officers Investigate Near Fatal Accident

Black Hawk Officers are accustomed to investigating accidents, but a motorcycle accident occurring on August 13, 2014 required additional resources from the Black Hawk Police Department and the Gilpin County Sheriff’s Office. At approximately 10:15 in the morning a motorcycle was rear-ended at the intersection of Highway 119 and Richman Street and the driver of a Chevy Impala fled the scene. Officers soon discovered the motorcycle rider was suffering from accident related injuries as expected, and a gunshot wound, which was unexpected. Over a four hour period, police officers from two agencies searched for the hit and run driver who abandoned his damaged vehicle north of Black Hawk shortly after the crash. Additional officers were called in to work to search for the suspect who was now believed to be walking on foot near the Justice Center, while other officers were trying to piece the events together at the scene. When it was over officers discovered the motorcycle rider’s injuries were the result of his personal gun discharging during the accident and the crash itself. The motorcycle rider was taken by ambulance and after a lengthy stay in the hospital recovered from his injuries. The hit-and-run driver was arrested four hours later in Gilpin County and charged with numerous offenses.

Municipal Court & Police Records Now Accepting Credit Cards

In May the Black Hawk Municipal Court and Police Records Section began accepting credit card payments for fines, costs, and services. The Municipal Court will continue to accept cash and checks. The new process managed by GovPayNet makes it easier for citizens to make a payment without making a trip to the Police Department. The company charges the client a fee for processing and takes Master Card, Visa, American Express, Discover and debit cards. Cash and checks are still acceptable.
Police Officers Receive Mandatory Dog Training

Colorado now requires all police officers to receive training on handling canines as a result of numerous shooting incidents involving police officers across the State. Police Officer participation in a three hour training class is mandated by the “Dog Protection Act” and must be completed by January 1, 2015. The internet-based training course provides information to police officers on dog behavior and tips on avoiding deadly force in officer-dog interactions. Black Hawk officers are receiving the training and the Police Department is modifying its current policies to include the new requirements.

Snow Time means Shovel Time

The City of Black Hawk has an ordinance requiring property owners, tenants, and/or occupants to remove snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their properties within 6 hours of the cessation of any snowfall. Being attentive to the snow and ice conditions on sidewalks can make it safer for everyone and more enjoyable for visitors. If the ice cannot be removed safely without damaging the sidewalk the owner/resident may use sand or other abrasive material to make the sidewalk safe to travel. The owner or resident is also responsible for removing the sand once the ice melts. Please don’t pile snow against traffic signals, fire hydrants, and other essential utilities and don’t push snow into bus stop areas, sidewalks, roadways or other areas used by pedestrians, vehicles, or public transportation. Let it snow!

Black Hawk and Central City Police Host FBINA Luncheon

On October 16, 2014 the Black Hawk Police Department and Central City Police Department hosted the bi-monthly luncheon for the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Alumni Association. The Chapter members are all graduates of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Approximately 45 attendees and their guests from Colorado and Wyoming listened to a presentation by guest speaker Stan Hilkey, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety. Director Hilkey discussed the response to the deadly landslide in Collbran, Colorado.

CodeRED APP AVAILABLE

CodeRED Inc. provides emergency notifications to the public for Black Hawk and Gilpin County. It’s generally used to send critical communications from the Black Hawk Police Department to members of the community during an emergency. CodeRED is offering a mobile app for iPhone and Android smartphone users. This new enhancement to the CodeRED system will help keep you informed no matter where you are located as long as you are in an area using the CodeRED system. Download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app to your iPhone or Android smartphone and make sure the GPS function is enabled. If a CodeRED alert is sent out by the local public safety agency you will receive it in real-time, specific to your current location, wherever you are in the U.S.A. This technology uses local cellular towers to send out notifications to any subscriber in the area.

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Training to be a Black Hawk Police Officer

by Sara Berg

I started my eighteen week endeavor at the Red Rocks Law Enforcement Academy in late August. Already being half way through, I have experienced so much. The Red Rocks Law Enforcement Academy has a wide variety of criminal justice professionals teaching our classes. The academy’s law classes are taught from a variety of people, in a variety of professions. Our Constitutional Law classes are taught by current District Attorneys while our search and seizure classes are taught by a District Judge. Our Rapid Deployment class was taught by the Chief of Lone Tree, Chief Streeter. He was part of the first SWAT team to enter Columbine High School during the shooting, a landmark incident that changed policy and procedure nationwide in police departments. This training took place at a school with numerous volunteers that played the part of the shooter and the victims. We were separated into teams, and entered the school as shots were being fired. The teams were briefed after each scenario on what went right, what went wrong and what we could do better the next time. We, as a class, have also conducted dozens of mock traffic and pedestrian stops with volunteers acting out difficult situations that could arise. We conducted a building search of an abandoned warehouse that taught us the practical reasons behind using our techniques in order to keep us safe. We will also receive Taser Certification and DUI-SFST wet lab training in the near future. The academy partners with active-duty Colorado State Patrol to fulfill the hours POST requires in driving, shooting and arrest control. The driving track offered hours of low and high speed technique training to learn how to safely operate an emergency vehicle in all different situations. It also taught us the responsibility and liability behind driving emergency vehicles. We have been taught how to shoot from all different positions, for all different scenarios, including behind cover and from 50 yards. Arrest control has sharpened our defense tactics and taught us how to effectively and efficiently make arresting situations safe for everyone involved. The academy has been an experience like no other, and I truly appreciate this opportunity. I know the next couple of months are going to fly by, and I look forward to starting my career with the Black Hawk Police Department as a Police Officer in the beginning of December.

POLICE EMPLOYEE UPDATE

Sara Berg, a Black Hawk Police Dispatcher and resident, is currently attending the Red Rocks Police Academy to become a Black Hawk police officer.

Roxie Morris, Police Records Supervisor and CCRN board member, coordinated a Colorado Certified Records Network certification class in September.

AJ Sayers, Police Officer, received the lifesaving award for his actions on May 23, 2014. Officer Sayers responded to a call involving a male who was threatening to jump off of the roof of a parking garage. Officer Sayers and another officer grabbed him just before he attempted to jump.

Sally Cannady, Municipal Court Clerk taught a Court Basics class in September for court clerks across the State.

Scott Watson, Lieutenant, received his Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Colorado Denver.

James Randall, Police Officer, joined the police department on February 24, 2014.

Grant Collins, Police Officer, joined the police department on July 28, 2014.

Kyle Bacon, Police Officer, joined the police department on October 6, 2014.

Tory Jantz, Sergeant, completed 20 years of service.

Steve Flageolle, Detective, completed 10 years of service.

Mark Perschbacher, Dispatcher, completed 15 years of service.
October 12, 2014 was designated by President Obama as being a day to recognize those firefighters who have fallen in the Line of Duty and Captain Kevin Martschinske was asked to officiate a memorial service in his hometown of Leadville, Colorado. Attended by community members, his family and members of the Leadville/Lake County Fire Department, Captain Martschinske provided a service to recognize fellow firefighters who have paid the ultimate sacrifice as they have served their local communities.

Captain Martschinske, in addition to his duties as a shift captain, has been instrumental in the development of the fire department Honor Guard program with the successful graduation of the first of our firefighters through the local Honor Guard Academy this year. Kevin has also developed and implemented the fire department chaplain program to serve our firefighters, the community and mutual aid partners if necessary. This coincides directly with his serving as one of the pastors of his church.

With his membership in the Colorado Fire Chaplains Association, and while serving as the Department Chaplain, Kevin provides leadership and guidance to the department staff, his community and other firefighters throughout the state.
HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF GILPIN
CITY OF BLACK HAWK

Resolution No. 137-1994

WHEREAS, the City was incorporated on March 11, 1864, as the City of Black Hawk; and

WHEREAS, at no time has the spelling of the name of the City of Black Hawk been changed officially or unofficially; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Black Hawk that the name of the City not be changed in any form; and

WHEREAS, it has been apparent that there are numerous misconceptions regarding the correct spelling of the City of Black Hawk, such as “Blackhawk” or “City of Blackhawk” or “Town of Blackhawk,” for example;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BLACK HAWK, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The name of the City of Black Hawk is to remain the same, and should always be reflected as such in legal, formal and informal communication, including signage, advertising, correspondence and all other forms of written or printed material.

Section 2. The continued misspelling of the City of Black Hawk will be considered a direct affront to the City Council, residents and business owners of the City of Black Hawk.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this 27th day of July, 1994.

Kathryn Eckler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny Round, City Clerk
In Australia it is summer in January and winter in July. It is noon there when it is midnight in Europe. The longest day it is in December. The heat comes from the south, and the cold from the north, and it is hottest on the mountains tops. The swans are black, the eagles are white; the bees do not sting, and the birds do not sing. The cherries have no stones, the trees give no shadow, for their leaves turn edgeways to the sun, and some of its quadrupeds have a back and lay eggs.

B. BRUNEL,

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Two hours north Central City Bakery,
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F. H. MARTIN
MARTIN & ROBB,
of the
SPREAD EAGLE STORE,
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KEEP constantly on hand a good and well selected stock of
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Four Groceries, Butts, Screws, Files, single and double cut; Saws and Trome Irons, nails, screws, Shears of all kinds; Anti-Irritation Powders, Teas, Rubbers, Gloves, Locks and latches, drill steel, square steel and iron, coffee mills.

T. H. Green, Ke. & Co., who we agree to sell at prices for each as a y. house in the Mountains.

E. Hawk, July 25, 1863. MARTIN & ROBB.
HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Measures of Reconstruction.

Hon. Wm. Bigler, of Pennsylvania, sent a letter addressed to the conservatives of that state, stating:

It may be asked, what reason I have for the assertion that the overthrow of the abolitionists in the north will be followed by the downfall of Davis and his party in the south. In answer, I point to the unmistakable signs in the shape of resolutions of public meetings in North Carolina and similar indications in Louisiana and Tennessee, and elsewhere, but above all to the bitter denunciations which the Richmond Enquirer and other radical papers bestow upon a class of men whom they call "reconstructionists." There is enough to be gathered from these things to convince any one that there is a powerful party in the revolted states looking to the restoration of the Union, and prepared to avail themselves of any new ground that would relieve their personal honor and secure them in their rights and dignities from the Union. Mr. Lincoln's great error from the beginning has been in not recognizing these things. The impolicy of his measures literally drove these men into the ranks of the secessionists, and it would seem therefore to be necessary for all men who really seek to re-establish and maintain the Union, to unite, regardless of past party division, in favor of a radical change of policy in the management of our national troubles.

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August 6, 1863.

W. C. RANDOLPH,
BARBER,
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DAVID ETTENN,
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Three insertions, $3.00

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Six months, $9.00

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Three months, $25.00

Six months, $40.00

Half Column, one insertion, $2.50

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Six months, $37.50

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Yearly, $250.00

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One month, $25.00

Three months, $62.50

Six months, $125.00

Yearly, $416.00

1/2 Page, one insertion, $15.00

One month, $50.00

Three months, $125.00

Six months, $250.00

Yearly, $875.00

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MINE TELLINGS

Trailblazers Erin Scully and Rebecca Blondo spend time hiking around the area discovering the history of Black Hawk through the silent stories told by the remnants of the mining days. They then research their discoveries to bring you stories from the past. If you have recommendations for future discoveries, please forward to the newsletter editor.

Belden & Tennal Mining Company of Colorado

Excerpts from the prospectus “Description of the Mining Property owned by the Belden & Tennal Mining Company, of Colorado, and of the Belden Tunnel, and a statement respecting the same.” By D. D. Belden. Central City, COL.: Register Steam Printing House. 1878.

Extent of property owned by the company

“The company has also patented a little over four acres of ground at the mouth of the tunnel, extending one thousand feet up and down the gulch, as a mill site, and for building purposes. The patents on the several lodes and mill site together, constitute just about thirty acres of land, and cover nearly every foot of ground from Chase’s gulch to the top of the mountain. The tunnel itself has been surveyed and recorded, and its boundaries marked with great care, so as to make clearly available to the company any and every right granted by the law of Congress respecting tunnels. Its extent is 3,000 feet, commencing in Chase’s gulch, completely spanning the Casto Mountain, so called, and terminating in Gregory gulch, a few hundred feet above Buell’s mill. And as it traverses so large a section of the main gold-bearing belt of this district, it is anticipated that as the work progresses, many other and new lodes may be discovered and acquired by the company.”

General Remarks

Speaking of the Belden Tunnel:
There is a fact, a solid fact, lying back of all this, that is too often overlooked, and I will state it. It is this: These deeply worked mines are really better than they were when worked near the surface. Especially is this true of the Gunnell mine, and generally of all mines where the vein has so strong a pitch or dip as this vein has. ...But let no one suppose for a moment, that all the ground in any of these mines, even at this greater depth, is valuable. There are large sections in them all that are worthless. If the ground was all good, so that we could make definite and certain calculations on the whole vein, as we can on the amount of sugar in a hogshead, or of the corn in a crib, mining would be a little too good a business, and gold itself might possibly get “demonetized!” ...I say, in view of all these facts, I know of no place where I would sooner take my chances on mining.

Very respectfully,
D. D. Belden

“The map hereunto attached is authentic, the same having been taken from the Government plats in Denver, and the map made by a Deputy U. S. Surveyor.”
Historical Highlights

Belden & Tennel Mining Company of Colorado Capitol Stock Certificate issued to Trustee C.D. Tows in July of 1867 in the amount of 5,000 shares valued at $25,000, and signed by President, Inventor and Superintendent of the company, D.D. Belden.

From the collection of Mayor, David D. Spellman

“"There are no mines in Colorado more accessible.""
D.D. Belden

Death of Judge D. D. Belden.
Judge D. D. Belden, one of the pioneers of the state, and a former well known citizen of Gilpin county, died in Denver on Thursday last, at the age of 76 years. At the time of his death he was interested with Hon. Fred Kruse in mining property in this county, the Belden tunnel in Chase gulch being named after him. Mr. Belden came to Colorado in 1853, and in 1863 was appointed superintendent of the Smith and Parmel Mining company at Black Hawk, and held that position until 1869, during which time he took out $500,000 in gold from the Gregory lode for his company. In 1867 he was elected from this county to the upper branch of the Colorado legislature for a term of four years, and while a member of that body had the casting vote, by which the capital of the then territory was removed from Golden to Denver. His funeral occurred in Denver on Sunday last and was very largely attended, pioneers and friends coming from all portions of the state to attend the same.

Weekly Register-Call - December 10, 1897
Collection of David D. Spellman

The Belden & Tennel Mining Company Stamp Mill ruins found in Chase Gulch have been well preserved by the surrounding overgrowth and with the protection offered by the massive mountainside.

Photos Rebecca Blondo
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