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Mayor's Heritage Highlights

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*"Be yourself; everyone else
is already taken."*

-Oscar Wilde

*Police Employees Polish
Communication Skills*

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FROM THE CITY MANAGER



It's almost spring isn't it? As spring approaches it reminds me of new things. At the City of Black Hawk there will be a number of new projects starting and some finishing up. The new water treatment plant on Dory Hill will be completed later this year. That project replaces an old plant with a

new technology that will have the capacity to produce a million gallons of water a day. In April, a project to extend a water line loop down Highway 119 from Richman Street to Mill Street will begin. That project is scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day. As cold as it is today it is hard to imagine working on water projects.

The most exciting and meaningful project in terms of Black Hawk's future is the Gregory Street realignment. The City is currently in the final phase of design and plans are almost ready to be sent out to bidders for the work of realigning the road. If all goes according to plan,

construction could start as soon as May! The project will last several months. Disruption to traffic on Gregory Street should be minimal until after Labor Day.

Speaking of disruptions, most of the projects mentioned above will create traffic issues. I do want to take a little time to assure all of our constituents that we take every precaution to try and make the inconveniences as small as possible. That is a pretty tall order given our geographical setting and limited road network here in the mountains. Progress sometimes means everyone shares in the inconveniences in the short run in order for a brighter future. I have always enjoyed the saying, "you can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs." That will most likely be said many times throughout this year.

Happy Trails,

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Administrative Services Department consists of the City Clerk's Office, Employee Services, Risk Management, and Public Information for the City. But do you know what services these divisions provide?

Did you know?

Administrative Services staff...

- is the public face of the City. Administrative Services staff is often the first to receive general inquiries from the public.
- offers free Notary services to the public.
- monitors daily media report and drafts press releases and media advisories for the City Manager's approval.
- prepares and distributes the quarterly City newsletter and oversees the City's social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter) and the City's website, www.cityofblackhawk.org.

The Clerk's Office...

- is the keeper of the City's official records, including Ordinances and Resolutions, Contracts, Agreements, Deeds & Leases, Easements, etc.
- records official City documents with the County.
- monitors the City's records retention schedule.
- prepares and posts agendas for City Council's regular and special

meetings and keeps the formal minutes for City Council and HPC.

- processes Contractor Registration applications and renewals.
- processes Liquor and Marijuana License applications and renewals.
- publishes legal notices and advertisements for all City departments.
- processes Business & Sales Tax License applications and renewals.
- processes Hotel & Shuttle Registration applications and renewals.
- maintains the Black Hawk Municipal Code.
- coordinates and manages regular, special, and recall elections.
- administers the Black Hawk Scholarship program.
- processes Open Records Requests.
- processes Special Events and Assembly Permits.
- oversees and administers the Dory Hill Cemetery records, sales of plots, and coordinates burials.
- is the City's central mail distribution.

Employee Services staff...

- administers employee benefit and retirement programs.
- administers HR/Payroll functions, including entering and maintaining HR/Payroll data.
- manages recruitment for the City, which includes creating and

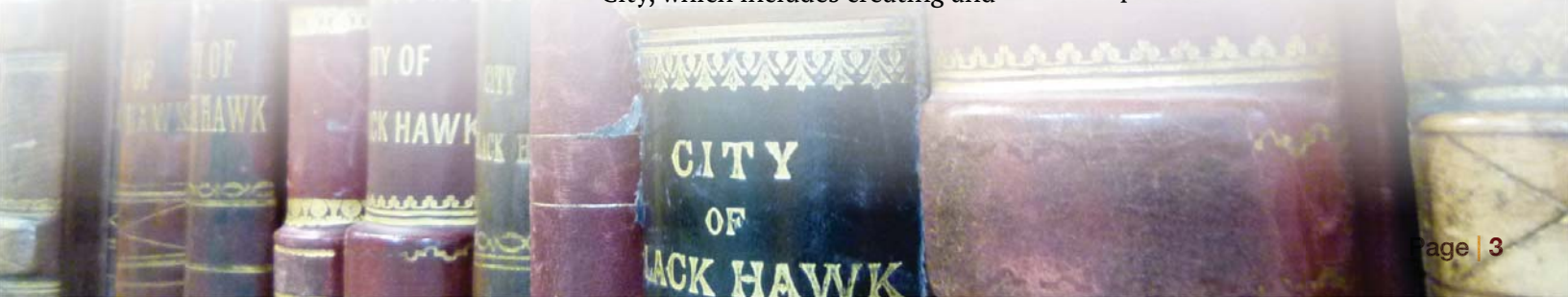
posting job announcements and advertisements, processing and screening applicants, scheduling and conducting applicant skills testing and interviews, administering background investigations and new hire orientations.

- plans, coordinates, communicates, and executes City's annual compensation plan upon Council's approval.
- reviews and prepares annual job description reviews.
- develops and coordinates annual open benefit enrollment for staff.

Risk Management...

- completes annual renewal applications for property/casualty, liability, and workers' compensation coverages.
- investigates and processes insurance claims.
- coordinates and implements safety training programs.
- coordinates annual Loss Control program and audits.
- administers City-wide inventory program.

These services are highlights of the different functions of each division within Administrative Services. Over the course of the next year, we will explain in more detail some of the major tasks within the department. Give us a call if you want to learn more about a specific function within our department.



NEW FACES 2015

Sara Lang



Tell us about yourself!

I was born in Upstate New York (near Syracuse), but have also lived in Texas (a Dallas

Cowboys fan), Ohio (an Elementary Education graduate of Ohio State University: Go Buckeyes!), Maryland and Virginia (where I taught 3rd grade for 12 years in a multicultural elementary school and got my Master's degree in Curriculum Design for English as a Second Language Populations from the George Mason University) before finding my forever home in Evergreen, Colorado.

Prior to coming to Black Hawk, I was the Grants & Contracts Administrator and Financial Assistant for the Western Governors' Association in downtown Denver.

I am single with no children, but keep very busy organizing a wide variety of social events and groups in Evergreen. I enjoy hiking trails with my black lab, as well as doing photography and a variety of arts and crafts, including teaching mosaics.

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

I am very excited to be joining the City of Black Hawk's Community Planning & Development Department as the new Administrative Assistant/Permit Technician. It promises to be interesting work, and I will really enjoy interacting with so many important players in Black Hawk. I especially love seeing the old photographs from

earlier times and hearing stories of how different life was back then.

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

During my first few weeks on the job, everyone has been so welcoming and I am very fortunate to have been chosen to become a new member of this close-knit group of professionals. I look forward to mastering the learning material required to become a certified Permit Technician. I believe that my strong organizational skills and attention to detail will be a great asset to the City and this Department.

Jessie Baca



Tell us about yourself!

I was born and raised in Lakewood, Colorado and have lived in Colorado my entire life. I am

the second person in my family to get into law enforcement. My friends would describe me as an easy going person, who enjoys spending time with friends and family.

I graduated from Green Mountain High School in Lakewood, Colorado. After I graduated high school I worked in various fields of construction. I attended Red Rocks Law Enforcement Academy followed by seventeen weeks at the Police Academy to become certified as a Peace Officer in the State of Colorado. My favorite activities would be spending time outdoors, hiking, fishing, and hunting. I also enjoy mountain biking and snowboarding. When I am not

outdoors I like spending time with family and friends.

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

I was hired on January 12, 2015 as a Police Officer with the City of Black Hawk.

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

So far working at the City of Black Hawk has been an amazing experience. The professionalism and environment at the City of Black Hawk has been better than anything I have ever experienced elsewhere. Everyone works as a team and it makes it such a great work environment.

Jose Granillo



Tell us about yourself!

I came to Colorado at the age of three. I was raised in Denver and lived with both my parents and two

siblings in a loving home. All of my family is very supportive of me and my career. I have a 3 year old daughter that keeps me really busy. My friends would describe me as an easy going guy who likes to have fun and try new things. I am highly energized and enjoy helping others.

I graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School. I attended the Community College of Denver before graduating and becoming POST

Certified from the Community College of Aurora Police Academy. The Police Academy was an incredible learning experience where I met a lot of great people and made many lifelong friends. The instructors there were all great role models and inspired me to dedicate myself to this profession.

I was in the restaurant industry for approximately 7 years doing everything from washing dishes to kitchen manager. I enjoy doing a variety of activities trying different things. I appreciate and admire art. I enjoy sports and can frequently be found in the gym weightlifting. What I enjoy the most is spending quality time with family and friends.

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

I was hired by the City of Black Hawk on January 12th, 2015 for the position of Police Officer I. I have always had an interest in working in the mountain region because I enjoy nature and being outdoors.

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

So far my experience working for the City of Black Hawk has been great. Everyone I meet always has a positive attitude and is always willing to help.

I have learned so many new things that were not taught in the Police Academy, and I am gaining a lot of great knowledge and great advice from the senior officers and command staff. The more I learn about this City, the more excited I am to be a part of it. I am honored to serve as a Police Officer for the City of Black Hawk.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Meet Tory Jantz

Black Hawk Police Department Sergeant Tory Jantz has been employed by the Police Department for over 20 years. He started his law enforcement career as the youngest patrol officer in Black Hawk at the age of 24. During Tory's career he served as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, and was promoted to Sergeant in 2001. Tory is a graduate from the 349th session of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command. Some of his current duties include maintaining the Department's Policies and Standard Operating Procedures along with supervising the Field Training Officer's Program for new officers. He also handles CIRSA and NIMS training requirements for the department and serves as an instructor teaching classes in the Use of Force, Verbal Defense and Influence (conflict resolution), and Emergency Vehicle operations. Tory also played a critical role in getting the Black Hawk Police Department accredited by the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police in 2008 and 2014. When discussing his career in Black Hawk he fondly recalled his first day at work, calling it unique and unforgettable.

"On my first day at work I was told I needed to be sworn in by Mayor Kathryn Eccker and instructed to go to her house and knock on the door. Without wasting any time, I went to her home, walked up to the screen door and was immediately invited in. Mayor Eccker was sitting at the kitchen table eating a sandwich with her mother. I told Mayor Eccker I was there to get sworn in and she forcefully said, "I know why you're here, sit down and have a sandwich" while pulling out a chair for me. I politely said, "Its okay, I already ate." She ignored me, introduced me to her mother, slid her sandwich over to me, and started making another one for herself. Although this happened a long time ago, I remember her straightforward kindness like it was yesterday. And if you're wondering, yes, I ate the sandwich and it was delicious."

When asked about what he enjoyed most about working in Black Hawk he said, "You never know what's going to happen from day-to-day working in a gaming community." He's been married for 18 years; has a 13 year old son and an 11 year old daughter. He enjoys all types of welding and wood working. He is looking forward to the future and another exciting year working in Black Hawk.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Meet Ron Howle

I have been with the City for 15 years. I work in the Street Maintenance Department; some of my duties include street sweeping, snow removal on streets and other areas such as the parks, sidewalks and public areas such as the Gazebo, City Hall Plaza, and Mountain Life Park. My job also includes all maintenance of the streets including applying thermos plastic, pothole repairs, installing road signs, spring and summer flower care, and heavy equipment operation.

My co-workers make each day enjoyable, I am fortunate to work side-by-side with them and look forward to coming into work each day. The City has given me the opportunity to learn new skills in a safe environment.

My wife, Linda, and I have been married 30 years this year. She is by far the greatest joy of my life. I have 2 step children, Robert and Christine, and 5 grandchildren, two of which are twins. They all live within 20 minutes of us so we spend as much time together as we can fit into our busy lives.

I was born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming and moved to the Denver area in 1976. Hopefully my friends describe me as fun to be around and dependable.

Some of my hobbies would include wood working and tinkering on a 1971 Ford Bronco. I have been restoring it for about 10 years now – it's a work in progress! I have wanted to build a tandem garage for some time, maybe this will be the year I get it built.

We do not currently have any pets, but see a Beagle in our future. Chevy orange is my favorite color. I enjoy American food and my favorite restaurant is Saltgrass Steakhouse. My favorite book is Carpetbaggers by Harold Robbins. My favorite memory is hands down the birth of my twin grandsons.

In the summer I enjoy riding bikes, working in the yard, and going to movies. As grandparents we try to support all of our grandsons in their various sports and interests such as choir, football, baseball, soccer, and wrestling.

I enjoy travelling to Hawaii and spending time in Maui. Ouray is my favorite place in Colorado, and someday I hope to visit Australia.

We'd love to hear from you!

Employees, residents, and visitors alike, we appreciate your feedback! Stop by City Hall to drop your feedback in our comment box or simply email CityClerk@cityofblackhawk.org.

CLASSIC CUISINE

Recipes from the community, past and present.

Easy Green Chili Roast

Sally Cannady

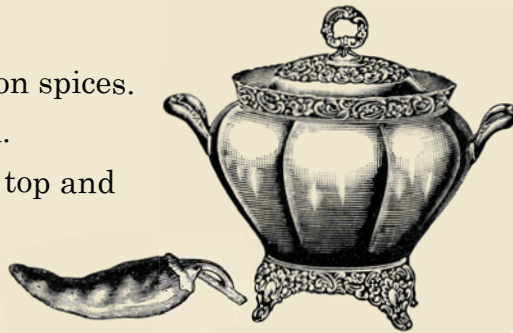
Boneless Pork Loin	1 tsp. Cumin
2 Cans RoTel Green Chili and Tomatoes	1 tsp. Black Pepper
Diced Green Chilies (1 or 2 cans to taste)	1 tsp. Garlic Salt

Brown pork loin on all sides. Sprinkle on spices.

Place in dutch oven or other heavy pan.

Arrange tomatoes and green chilies on top and cover. Bake at 250° for 8 hours.

The meat will be very tender and will fall apart. Serve over rice and beans.



Hot Chocolate Mix

Dolores M. Spellman

5 ½ C. Dry Milk,
powdered

1 C. Dairy Creamer,
powdered

1 ½ C. Chocolate
Flavored Mix

1 C. Powdered Sugar

¼ C. Granulated Sugar

Mix together and store in tight container.

3 or 4 teaspoons to each 8 oz. cup of hot water is enough to make you strong and tough. It'll warm your tummy in a wink, and you'll be feeling in the pink.

FAC-SIMILE OF ½ LB. CAN.

PUBLIC WORKS

On the Road with Black Hawk's Fleet Department

The City's fleet shop staff works hard to ensure the City's vehicles and equipment are in tip-top shape. The City of Black Hawk Fleet Department maintains the City's police vehicles, public works vehicles and snow plows, water department vehicles, Fire Department vehicles and fire engines, and Ambulance Authority vehicles. In addition to the maintenance of this expansive fleet, they also make sure all of the Black Hawk Tramway shuttles are in exceptional shape as well.

The shuttles are thoroughly cleaned inside and out daily and restocked with route maps and postcards. Before the shuttles head out to pick up passengers each day, mechanics perform an inspection that covers everything from the turn signals to the tires. This inspection is similar to an aviators preflight checklist and assures passengers aboard the City shuttles can ride with peace of mind knowing the fleet shop has meticulously checked each shuttle before it hits the road. A few of the City's shuttles also have chains so they can continue to run during inclement weather.

The City's skilled mechanics know how to fix just about every problem that comes their way. The service shop is equipped with automotive lifts, an alignment rack, and

other automotive tools that give the mechanics the ability to complete most repairs in-house instead of having to send the City vehicles down the hill for repairs. The City's installation of a new alignment rack last year has proved to be a valuable asset already.

The staff in the fleet shop works diligently to provide superior service to everyone and everything that rolls through the shop doors to keep the City of Black Hawk moving!



Fleet Technician Diane Sherlock working on a Gilpin Ambulance Authority vehicle in the Public Works Fleet Facility.





The Black Hawk Tramway shuttle is now stopping at Z's Casino on Selak Street!

The City's free shuttle service runs seven days a week starting at 10 a.m. until early the following morning. All City shuttles are handicap accessible. Shuttles are equipped with digital screens that entertain passengers with both the history of Black Hawk and current casino information.

City staff has recently been working on creating new digital shuttle signage that will display route information and much more. Look for the new shuttle signage at a stop near you to start rolling out in the upcoming month!

Black Hawk Residents: Trash Guidelines

Reference Black Hawk Municipal Code Sec. 7-171 Garbage Collection

In an effort to keep wildlife at bay, the following guidelines are in effect for all residential properties. Trash is picked up by One Way Disposal Service every Thursday morning.

May 1 to October 31 - All garbage is to be placed out **no earlier** than 6:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

November 1 to April 30 - All garbage is to be placed out **no earlier** than 6:00 p.m. the day before trash service.

Please help keep our City looking great and wildlife safe by following these trash guidelines. Always use the lid clips on the trash cans and do not leave trash outside of containers.

If you have any questions regarding the residential trash service, please contact Public Works at 303-582-2282.

In the event that a given property's topography causes a property owner to be unable to comply with the provisions of Section 7-171, the only containers that may be exempted from the provisions of Section 7-171 based on such topography are City provided trash containers. (Ordinance 2012-9)

CP&D

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

General Fund Exterior Paint Program

Residential Exterior Paint Program

Community, Planning and Development is currently accepting applications through April 1, 2015 for residential exterior paint projects. Projects will be sent out to bid in May with painting scheduled to commence June 1, 2015 and ending no later than September 1, 2015. The number of projects selected will be based on the budget approved by City Council. If more applications are received than available funding, a queueing system will be established for all applications not funded.

Federal and State Tax Liability Reimbursement

All participants of the General Fund Exterior Paint or the Historic Restoration and Community Preservation programs can pick-up or request a Federal and State Tax Liability Reimbursement form from Community Planning and Development by visiting 211 Church Street or calling 303-582-2223.



The City's Residential Exterior Paint Program has revived and preserved many of the historic structures in town.

Shown here is 151 Marchant Street, a Black Hawk gem from the late 1800's.

Historic Preservation Commission Appointments

Please join the City of Black Hawk in congratulating Lynnette Hailey and Tom Gish on their appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission. They are commended for their interest in and commitment to historic preservation. The Mayor, City Council, and City Staff look forward to working with them both in the near future.

May is Historic Preservation Month

City-Wide Beautification

May is Historic Preservation Month and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will once again host a City-Wide Beautification Day. Please team up with the organizers to keep Black Hawk looking picturesque and inviting to our visitors.

Last year, roughly 75 volunteers participated and the organizers hope to surpass that number this year. The goal for this year's event is to sign up over 100 volunteers from the residential and business community.

The Beautification of Black Hawk is scheduled for May 20, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Breakfast will be provided to all volunteers between 8 and 9 a.m. with snacks and drinks provided along the route. Following the cleanup, volunteers will be treated to a BBQ lunch with a chance to win a variety of prizes. To sign up for the event, contact Community Planning and Development by calling 303-582-2223 or 303-582-0615.

Building permits save lives. Apply for yours today!

The International Code Council has named May as Building Safety Month. The theme for 2015 is *Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes*. Communities need building codes to protect their citizens and business partners from disasters like fires, weather-related events, and structural collapse.



Colorado Preservation, Inc.

BUILDING A FUTURE *with* HISTORIC PLACES

Advancing Preservation Practices

2015 Saving Places Conference

This year at the 18th Annual Savings Places Conference, February 4-6, 2015, Advancing Preservation Practices, the City of Black Hawk was a Gold Level Sponsor. The City's donation contributed to making the Saving Places 2015 conference possible. The conference provided a valuable opportunity for attendees to sharpen their skills to advance preservation and sustainability throughout all Colorado communities. The Saving Places conference remains the largest state-wide preservation conference in the county and aids Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region in building a brighter future for historic places.

This year the conference celebrated preservation through the workers in the craft, trade, and professional fields. It was a chance for attendees to roll up their sleeves and experience something new. Preservation is about people. It is about engaging leaders and hands-on specialists to repurpose and create a new future for older, underused buildings, historic districts, and landscapes. Preservation has the ability to revitalize structures, boost economies, protect the environment, and provide good sustainable jobs.

Black Hawk's presence during the conference with their kiosk and participation in the Preservation Marketplace extended an invitation to all attendees to "Rediscover Black Hawk." The gaming community reinforced this message by providing a wide variety of high-end raffle prizes. What the conference attendees learned from this message is every time they enjoy the games at one of Black Hawk's entertaining casinos, they directly support the State Historical Fund and possibly the rehabilitation of a project in their own community.

At the Western Heritage Luncheon, Jack Lewis, City Manager, introduced the keynote speaker, Matthew B. Crawford. He is the author of the New York Times bestseller *Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work*. This book speaks up for the honor of the manual trades and suggests that such work can be a life worth choosing for young people.

Black Hawk is making a positive difference to protect the legacy of their heritage so it will be enjoyed for generations to come. While Black Hawk thoughtfully preserves the spirit of its past, we continue to prepare for the future.



City Manager Jack Lewis introduces keynote speaker, author Matthew B. Crawford, during the Saving Places conference Western Heritage Luncheon.

Lewis conveyed to conference attendees the City of Black Hawk's contributions to Colorado's historic preservation community, with the influx of nearly half a billion dollars since gaming was first approved by Colorado voters, allowing preservation of historic spaces in all 64 counties across the state.



Conference attendees entered the City's raffle for an array of fantastic prizes, compliments of local casinos.

FINANCE

Educational Enhancement Tax

In 2008, the registered electors of the City of Black Hawk approved an increase in the Sales Tax rate from 4.00% to 5.50% for the purpose of providing financial support to Gilpin County School District RE-1. Effective

January 1, 2009, the City of Black Hawk commenced imposition of an additional 1.50% Sales Tax coined the “Educational Enhancement Tax.” The funds collected from the “Educational Enhancement Tax” are intended solely for costs incurred in the classroom for educational purposes and shall not be used to cover the cost of general administration.

For the five calendar years beginning January 2009 and ending December 2014, the City of Black Hawk has remitted \$4,130,742 in “Educational Enhancement Tax” to Gilpin County School District. For the Gilpin County School District fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 the Educational Enhancement Tax made up over 14% of all revenues collected.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Drive By Downloads: Hit & Run

by Tarik Muhammad

If you’ve never heard of the term “Drive-By Download” that is no big deal but I am convinced that 99% of Internet users have been affected by them. I’ll explain why I think that is the case, but first let’s clear up any confusion about what a drive by download is. A drive by download is triggered by what takes place inside a web browser when you visit a web page with active content such as web ads, flash video, pop-up menus, etc. This active content, which is meant to be useful and non-malicious in nature, contains code that is executed by the browser to enhance the user experience, i.e. make the website more useful and productive. Unfortunately these features can be exploited to do unwanted actions from as simple as ringing up hits on an ad server to fully installing Malware on your computer.

Most drive by downloads are driven by web ads because they link to 3rd party servers all around the world that are not regulated and usually not secured. Because these servers are unsecured they make for easy targets in the eyes of malware distributors. Legitimate

sites who sell ad space actually link these servers directly to your browser when they display this content which can lead to the exploit. A drive by download is not like actually downloading and installing a software package which prompts you to do so, you may never know your machine was affected at all.

Here are some ways to avoid being a victim of these attacks.

As with most security measures there will be some drawbacks to your web browsing experience. The most secure method is to not surf the web, live in a cave and deny technology exists... Not using the Internet probably isn’t an option, so instead try the following:

1. Disable enhanced content like Javascript and Flash, you can enable only for the sites that you trust.
2. Use a secure DNS service like openDNS. This will reduce the chances of being redirected to a known malicious website.
3. Use an Ad Blocker application.

4. Keep both your computer and Anti-virus as up to date as possible.

My personal favorite solution is Mozilla FireFox with NoScript because it is very user friendly and best of all it’s FREE. The NoScript app blocks all enhanced content by default (Javascript, Flash, etc.) it has a drop down menu which shows every server/domain a webpage is connecting to and allows you to control which one is allowed to display content. For example, if I open up msn.com I can click the NoScript drop down and see that s-msn.com and msads.net are trying to display additional content. If I allow s-msn.com I can see the sliding navigation bar and popup menus but if I click the drop down menu again I can see that because I allowed s-msn.com the web page is now also trying to connect to several other sites and servers. This solution can be set as the default browser so that any link you accidentally click on will not cause harm.

Try for yourself and see what web pages are trying to link you to.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department Presents 2014 Awards

by Chief Don Taylor

On January 24, 2015, the Black Hawk Fire Department presented awards at the annual department dinner. Each shift chooses a "Shift Firefighter of the Year" and I get to present the Chief's award to the member who I feel has best epitomized the character, ethics, and values of the organization.

Recognized by their peers were the following employees: A Shift: Firefighter/Engineer Dave Wellington; B Shift: Lieutenant Mark Schaller; and C Shift: Firefighter/Engineer Kip Karr.

The Chief's award is always a tough decision. Every staff member works extremely hard to achieve their personal and professional goals, and I always spend hours trying to make a decision. This year I chose Captain Kevin Martschinske as the recipient of the Chief's award. Over

the last year, Kevin has developed multiple policies including a Line of Duty Death Protocol to take care of our families should the unfortunate occur, a Chaplain policy, and developed the Chaplain program. Both of these programs have been adopted by multiple other fire departments in the State. He also serves on the State Fire Training committee and was an instrumental member of the State committee which is purchasing a state of the art mobile fire training facility to better train our State's firefighters. These are just a few of the notable items he has done in addition to his daily duties as a Captain and Inspector.

I congratulate each of these for their awards and thank all of the staff for their service and dedication over the last year. I look forward to a successful 2015.



2014 Chief Award recipient, Fire Captain Kevin Martschinske.



A Shift Firefighter of the Year Firefighter/Engineer Dave Wellington.



B Shift Firefighter of the Year Lieutenant Mark Schaller.



C Shift Firefighter of the Year Firefighter/Engineer Kip Karr.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Detering Vehicle Break-ins

The Nationwide Insurance Company indicates there are 1.85 million thefts each year from vehicles and approximately \$1.26 billion in personal items and accessories stolen from those vehicles. It takes less than a minute for someone to break into your car and escape with valuable items. There are several preventative steps that can be taken to assure your vehicle is not a target.

Lock your car The goal is not to make your car theft or break-in proof, the goal is to make your car hard enough to break into that the thief decides it is not worth the effort to break into your car.

Don't leave your keys in the car This makes the job easier for would-be thieves.

Reduce incentives or opportunities for thieves Don't leave your iPod on your dashboard, purse on your front seat, or cell phone sitting in the center console. Lock items in the trunk, glove box, or hide them under a seat.

Put away valuables before you park Make sure shopping bags are placed directly into the trunk when you come out to your vehicle.

Keep your vehicle clean It's even a good idea to put away all power cords, iPod adapters and phone chargers so there is no evidence of potential valuables in the vehicle. Clean vehicles attract less attention.

Park your vehicle in a well-lit place Park in well-lit areas, away from fences, larger vehicles, or foliage that could obstruct the view of your vehicle. If you are parking in a parking garage, try to park nearest to a door or parking attendant.

Following these easy steps may reduce your chances of being a victim and decrease your chances of having to make costly repairs to your car. Be aware of your surroundings and keep your valuables out of sight.

New training requirement for Police Officers

Starting January 15, 2015 every police officer in Colorado is required to receive 24 hours of mandatory training to remain certified as a police officer. Each calendar year every certified officer must participate in 24 hours of in-service training, which includes a minimum of 12 hours of "Arrest Control, Driving, and Firearms" training. The other 12 hours may be determined by individual agencies. The Black Hawk Police Department already meets the training standard, but the new requirement to log training into a state-wide database is new for the Black Hawk Police Department.

Tell the Police what you think!

The Black Hawk Police Department encourages businesses, residents, and visitors to provide feedback to the Police Department through the City's website. Just visit the Police Department's webpage at www.cityofblackhawk.org and click on the Compliments/Complaints link. The Department has established several links to individual surveys customized for citizen feedback on police services. Additional surveys allow for general feedback on the Department and specific feedback on the Records Section. In addition, anyone can call, mail, or email the Chief of Police with compliments or complaints about service.

Police employees polish communication skills

It's no secret good communication skills can improve customer satisfaction and reduce conflict. The Police Department is using training to give employees the tools to deliver great service during emotionally charged situations. Over the past several years the Black Hawk Police Department has provided a two-day training course to its employees, which is designed to improve service in high stress situations. The course is called Verbal Defense and Influence (VDI) which focuses on preventing conflict using verbal de-escalation techniques. Stress is inevitable in some law enforcement interactions with the public and even good intentioned employees can say or do things that compromise productivity and increase customer complaints. Good communication skills can also reduce assaults on police officers, reduce injuries, and keep the public safe.



Emergency alert test scheduled for March 30th

Gilpin County and Black Hawk will be testing the CodeRed Emergency Notification system with an “all-county” telephone test call scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on March 30, 2015. Citizens will receive a computerized message to verify they are signed up. Home phones are usually part of our database, but cell phone notifications require citizens to sign up to get messages.

You can help your family survive potential disasters by receiving free emergency alerts from government agencies in your area, even when you are away from your home. This high speed telephone notification system is shared by the City of Black Hawk and Gilpin County to get emergency information to citizens rapidly. The Black Hawk Police Department uses the CodeRed notification system to contact residents, businesses, and even employees about emergency conditions. CodeRed has the capability of making up to 60,000 phone calls an hour and will attempt to deliver messages up to 3 times. It will deliver pre-recorded messages to a live person or an answering machine, but does not deliver calls to pagers.

Citizens can visit the City of Black Hawk’s Police Department webpage at www.cityofblackhawk.org and click on the “CodeRed” link to start the process. Citizens will be asked for their name, address, primary phone number (usually home number), and a secondary phone number (usually a cell number). Remember, emergency responders will be busy during emergencies so signing up for emergency alerts will help them and will ultimately help keep you and your family safe. If you’re not signed up, you won’t get these important, potentially life-saving messages.

Lieutenant Ken Lloyd testifies at State Judiciary



Lieutenant Ken Lloyd testified before the State Judiciary Committee in support of Senate Bill 15-005, a bill introduced by Senator John Cooke of Weld County and House Representative Mike Foote from Boulder, concerning medical

testing for offenders involved in First Degree assaults against first responders. Police Officers, Fire personnel, and emergency medical responders can be exposed to communicable diseases during emergency calls and especially if they are assaulted and injured by offenders who have communicable diseases. The current law only allows testing for offenders who commit second or third degree assaults against emergency responders, but does not allow testing for offenders who commit more serious offenses of First Degree assault. In 2010 Lieutenant Ken Lloyd personally discovered the flaw in Colorado’s communicable disease testing law when he was exposed to a potential communicable disease after arresting an individual for First Degree assault. He soon learned the State was powerless to force the offender to get tested even though he had information the offender was being treated for a communicable disease. On January 14, 2015 Lieutenant Ken Lloyd testified about the concerns of emergency responders and their families when they have been potentially exposed to communicable diseases and the assailant refuses to agree to a simple blood test. The Judiciary Committee added a few amendments to the bill and sent the bill forward to the full State House for a hearing and vote.

POLICE EMPLOYEE UPDATE

Sara Berg, Police Officer, graduated from Red Rocks Community College Police Academy in December and finished second academically in her class. She is currently in the Field Training Program.

Eli Solis, Communications Officer, graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree of Science majoring in Criminology from Regis University on December 13, 2014.

Jose Granillo, Police Officer, joined the Black Hawk Police Department on January 12, 2015 and is currently in the Field Training Program.

Jessie Baca, Police Officer, joined the Black Hawk Police Department on January 12, 2015 and is currently in the Field Training Program.

THE MAYOR'S HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Germain Brothers of Black Hawk, Colorado

Prepared by David D. Spellman

As I read the following story in the November 6, 1874 Edition of the Weekly Register-Call, I thought perhaps I was reading a script from a John Wayne western. Specifically, I recall the scene in True Grit where Wayne as U. S. Marshall Rooster Cogburn has a stand off with four outlaws who were on horseback, (the scene is actually referred to as "Grit"). When the outlaws refuse to surrender, Wayne yells out, "fill your hands you son of a bitch," puts the reins in his mouth, and with his repeating rifle in one hand and revolver in the other, charges in.

Weekly Register-Call November 6, 1874 Edition

HORSE THIEVES.

The Germain's Take the Trail.

A Five Hundred Mile Chase.

From Black Hawk to Wyoming.

What Happened in a Tie Camp.

Hector Draws a Bead.

William Demands Unconditional Surrender.

The Robbers Captured and Brought Back.

It has been quite the fashion of late for professional and amateur dead beats to make polite raids upon livery stables, and under pretense of hiring horses for a short ride, to leave the owners to find them as best they can.

Numerous instances of this kind have occurred the past summer in nearly every large town in the Territory. But the particular instance of horse kleptomania we are called to relate happened a week ago last Tuesday, when three men presented themselves at the livery establishment of the Germain Bros. in Black Hawk, and applied for three saddle horses. Two of them said they wanted to take a short ride, the other was anxious to attend a funeral in this city. The animals were brought out duly equipped.

The two mounted and rode away toward Clear Creek, the third disappeared in the direction of Central, and that was the last seen of horses and men inside of Colorado.

After waiting three days for their return, Hector and William Germain mounted their best steeds and started out on the trail. The thieves were easily tracked to Boulder City across the mountains. There they fell in with an old pal, to whom they revealed their plans, and persuaded him to borrow a horse at one of the stables in town and accompany them.

From Boulder the Germain's tracked them to Laramie City, Wyoming, where they learned that four men answering to the description given, had passed through the town a day or two previous, and took the direction of a tie cutter's camp, about twenty miles south of Laramie. The Germain's having armed themselves with repeating rifles, proceeded

on the course indicated, and in due time rode boldly into the camp, where they completely surprised a party of nine men gathered there, four of whom were the thieves they were in search of. Nearby, grazing, were their horses.

On being called upon to surrender, the four robbers pulled their revolvers and showed fight, but Hector drew a straight “bead” on them with his formidable repeater, and commanded them to drop those shooting irons and “throw up their hands”, or by the Eternal Jehosophat he’d “let daylight through them in a holy minute.” Finding it useless to resist, they obeyed Hector’s order.

Then spoke up William and issued his proclamation, which was in plain terms that the four thieves mount the horses they had stole, and under the escort of the Germain brothers return to the places whence they severally came.

Obedient to command, they mounted, with Hector, placing himself in the lead, and William occupying the left flank, both with rifles drawn and ready for business, the four captives were brought in safely by those two determined captors into Black Hawk at 10 o’clock yesterday morning.

Soon after noon the prisoners were arraigned before Judge Harley B. Morse, who, after hearing the testimony, placed each of them under \$1,000 bonds for his appearance at the next term of the District Court.

Being unable to give the requisite security, they were given over to the tender care of Sheriff Steinle, who forthwith clapped them in the County jail for safe keeping.

Thus, after a chase of about five hundred miles, the Germain brothers have succeeded in recovering their property and in placing four accomplished horse thieves on the high road to Canon City.

It was a daring thing to do, and one that required indomitable pluck, energy, and perseverance. It is not known what the character of the other men in the tie-camp was, but it is fair to presume they were of the same stamp as those taken.

Perhaps “True Grit” should have been titled “Indomitable Pluck”!

*View of Gregory Street and
the Germain Livery Stable*

• 1880’s •

*From the collection of
David D. Spellman*



THE MAYOR'S HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

William was the eldest brother, born October 1, 1835. He was a pioneer, arriving on May 2, 1860 to the settlement that less than four years later on March 11, 1864 would be incorporated as the City of Black Hawk. In order to be eligible for membership in the Gilpin County Pioneers' Association you must have arrived in the Territory that would become the State of Colorado prior to January 1, 1861. Many members recorded the actual day they arrived for greater prestige and bragging rights. Although William did not receive a full helping of life, dying at age 54, he had spent more than half his life here in Black Hawk and certainly was highly regarded as evidenced by the obsequies following his death.

THE ROLL CALL

Weekly Register-Call | December 6, 1889

Death of Mr. William Germain, an Old Resident of Black Hawk

DIED - In Black Hawk, Gilpin County, Colorado, Tuesday, December 3, 1889, at 2 o'clock, a.m. William Germain, native of Massachusetts, aged 54 years, 2 months and 2 days.

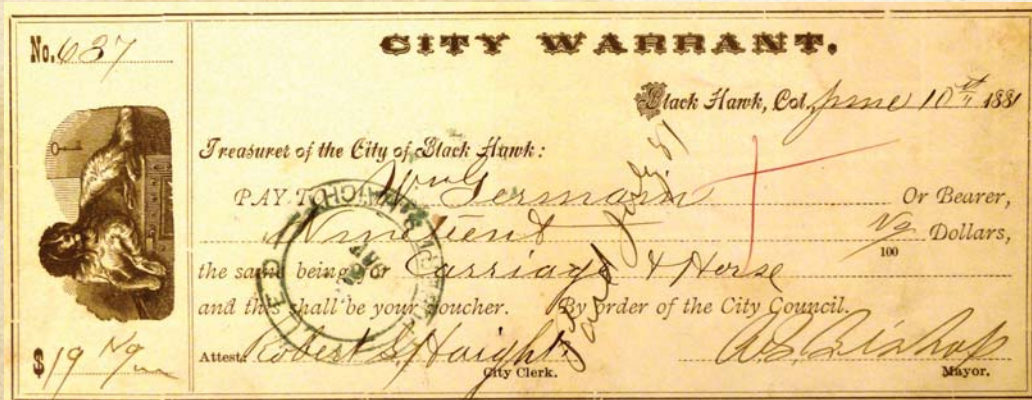
Deceased has been a resident of Black Hawk since May 2nd, 1860, removing from his former home in Cook County, Illinois, with his family, and locating in what was then known as Black Hawk Point, Gregory Diggings. He built the St. Charles Hotel, of which he was proprietor for several years, after which he engaged in the livery business. His wife died in that place in 1867 leaving him the care of three sons, Henry, Charles and William, all of whom are now grown and reside in Black Hawk. For some time past he has been an invalid from the disease which caused his death. During his long illness, and although suffering at times the most intense pain, he bore his affliction with the greatest of fortitude. He received the best of medical attendance and nursing. He was a member of the Pioneers' Association of Gilpin County, who will conduct the obsequies which will occur tomorrow Wednesday - afternoon, from his late residence on Gregory Street, at 1:30 o'clock.

Interment of the remains will be made alongside those of his wife, in the Black Hawk cemetery on Four Mile Hill.

AT REST

The funeral services of the late Wm. Germain took place this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. from his late residence in Black Hawk, which were well attended by citizens of that place and fellow Pioneers of the deceased. According to his request no religious services were held at the house, brief but pertinent remarks being made at the residence as also at the grave in the Black Hawk cemetery by Mr. D.D. Lake of Central City. The pall-bearers were selected from the Pioneers' Association of Gilpin County and his fellow citizens in Black Hawk, viz: Messrs. Ed. C. Hughes, Fred A. Rudolph, E. S. Blake, fellow-citizens, and Messrs. Alexander Taylor, A.H. Whitford, Jason E. Scobey, from the Pioneers' Association. A number of the Pioneers' with Vice President Samuel H. Bradley and Captain Thomas Hooper at the head preceded the cortege as far as the old toll-gate on foot, where, open ranks was ordered and the procession passed through to the burial spot on Four-Mile Hill. Peace to the ashes of an old citizen and pioneer.

In addition to these endeavors, William Germain was a Black Hawk Alderman from April of 1882 through April of 1886. He was also invested in many "mining pools" where locals would form partnerships for mining ventures. William and Hector also ran a hack line from Black Hawk to Central City, as well as Black Hawk to Caribou.



Payment to William Germain in the amount of \$19.00 for Carriage & Horse. Signed by Mayor Alex G. Bishop and City Clerk Robert Haight • June 10, 1881 •

Hector was born February 14, 1840 and in 1862 joined his older brother in Black Hawk. He enlisted in the Colorado Militia and served during 1863 and 1864, in September of the latter year he reenlisted, this time becoming a member of Company I, Fourth Colorado Cavalry. He was on detailed duty guarding mail routes until the close of the Civil War in July of 1865.

He was clearly a man not to be crossed, as demonstrated by an incident which took place at the Germain brother's livery.

Central City Daily Register November 6, 1870

AN ARREST – Was made in Black Hawk yesterday. It seems that a man by the name of John Saunders, a teamster on the fast freight line of Linstrum, took a load of freight to Georgetown, collected the money, took the best horse in the team, and came over to Black Hawk. His first move was to improve his personal appearance, by getting him a new suit of clothes -probably at H.I. Weil & Brother's, the celebrated clothing house of that city-after which he was prepared to visit a house of ill fame, the Shoo Fly, and other like genteel places. He then went to Germain's and stole an over-coat. This coming to his knowledge and learning that Saunders had started down the road, Hector Germain got out a warrant, procured the services of Mr. Studer, Deputy Marshal, and started after him. Overtaking him, they took him home, recovering the coat, horse, and suit of clothes. He was delivered to Sheriff Brown for safe keeping, until his examination can take place. The owner of the horse arrived yesterday and took him home.

Hector Germain, along with several other Black Hawk citizens, organized the City's first fire company in November of 1868. He also was a charter member of the first Odd Fellows Lodge in Colorado, organized in Black Hawk. In 1875, Hector left Black Hawk and returned home to Bureau County, Illinois where he died on October 9, 1918, and is interred.

WM. GERMAIN'S LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE,

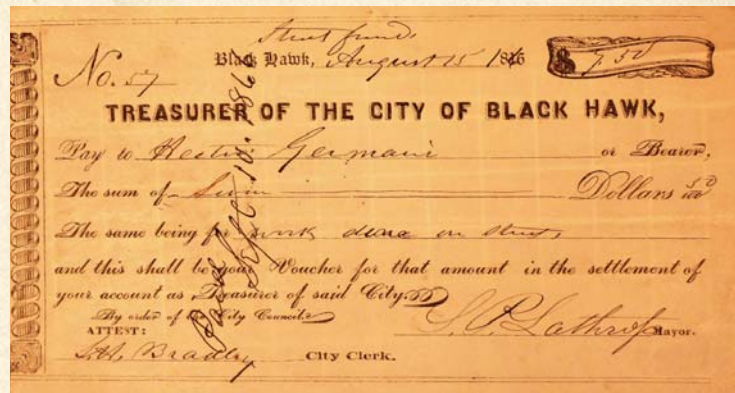
GREGORY ST., BLACK HAWK.

Elegant Turn-outs with or without drivers.

A fine carriage is kept constantly on the streets, at the service of citizens and tourists; also, will be found at the C. C. R. depot upon the arrival of trains.

From the collection of David D. Spellman

Advertisement from the book "The Gold Mines of Gilpin County, Colorado" published by the Central City Register Steam Printing House 1876



Payment to Hector Germain in the amount of \$7.50 for work done on street. Signed by Mayor S.P. Lathrop and City Clerk Bradley.

• August 1866 •



Mayor David D. Spellman, a deep-rooted fifth generation Black Hawkite, is a descendant of Edward S. and Katie Blake, his great great grandparents. Katie Carr and her family arrived in Black Hawk in 1861. Edward S. Blake came to Black Hawk in 1866. They were married in 1872.

Mayor Spellman offers the community his wealth of knowledge of both the history and heritage of the City of Black Hawk in his quarterly feature, The Mayor's Heritage Highlights.



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