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Winter Driving 101

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*Whether you think
you can or you think
you can't, you're right.*

-Henry Ford

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Meet Public Works
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best friend, Odi.

FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Spring is here; at least it feels that way today. Some are predicting a wet April and May but the cold is hopefully behind us. The winter season, granted there were a few bad days, has been relatively mild. The really bad snow days have not stacked up too much. And when it does snow, I think we can

all agree that once you are in Black Hawk the roads and walkways are taken care of better than any place else you might have come from. The Public Works crew does a fantastic job of plowing the snow and cutting the ice buildup. Tom Isbester and Mike Schaller lead a dedicated group of employees that work all hours of the day to keep the City moving in the worst of conditions. The City is very fortunate to not only have a good bunch working in Public Works, but in all departments of the organization.

It takes a lot of committed folks to run a resort community that has few full time residents and so many visitors every day. All our staff works hard and probably does not get the recognition they deserve often enough. Join me, if you get the chance, to thank all those who keep our little resort running and acknowledge a job well done.

The project on Selak Street is about done. Thanks to all, and especially Z's Casino and the Sasquatch Casino, for your patience during the time Selak has been closed. This project has been a learning experience that we will use for the bigger Gregory Street project slated for a start later this summer. The bidding process is underway for that project. Bids will be returned April 5th, an award will be made shortly after that, and the project will commence shortly thereafter. I know I have sounded like a broken record regarding the disruption the project will bring to Gregory Street. I do want everyone to understand what is coming and also to assure everyone the City is doing everything within its control to minimize that disruption. This is a very big undertaking and a commitment to the future of Black Hawk.

Happy Trails, .

CP&D

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

2016 Exterior Paint Program

Once again, the City of Black Hawk's Exterior Paint Program, which is used to repaint residential homes in the City limits, is gearing up for another year.

The purpose of this Program is to provide financial assistance that will promote the exterior appearance of Black Hawk's residential properties and to provide for the continuation and enhancement of a functional, sustainable, healthy, and vibrant Black Hawk residential community.

To the right are before and after photographs of two residential properties which participated in the 2015 Exterior Paint Program.

All residential homes within the City of Black Hawk are eligible to participate in the Program.

To qualify for the Exterior Paint Program, homeowners are required to submit an application to the Community Planning & Development Department no later than April 1st. Applications are available in the Planning Department at 211 Church Street, Black Hawk.

Once a resident's house has been repainted in the Exterior Paint Program, at least eight years must pass before they may apply to have their home painted again.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis. The funds for this program are limited. If more applications are received than there are funds available for 2016, the remaining applications will be held for the 2017 Exterior Paint Program.

Properties approved for the 2016 Program will be painted between June 1 and September 15, 2016.

231 Chase Street



BEFORE

AFTER

193 Clear Creek Street



BEFORE

AFTER

2016 City-wide Clean Up Day City-Wide Beautification

Mark your calendars! The annual City-wide Clean Up Day is planned for May 18th this year, with a rain date of May 26th. Each year, City of Black Hawk residents, local businesses, casino employees, City Council members, Historic Preservation Commission members, and City employees converge on the streets of Black Hawk to pick up trash and make the City look its best for everyone's enjoyment. In addition to trash pickup, many residents take the City up on the offer to pick up large items (such as old appliances) for disposal.

On the morning of Clean Up Day, volunteers are provided with a delicious breakfast to give them energy for the work ahead and are then rewarded with a sumptuous lunch after the clean up is completed, catered by local catering company, JKQ caterers. Following lunch, everyone looks forward to hearing their name called for one of the many raffle prizes available.



Making a clean sweep! City of Black Hawk business partners from 1859 team up to clean up during the 2015 Clean Up Day.

Stay tuned! More details regarding this annual event will be forthcoming. As always, we encourage you not to limit your volunteer clean up efforts to just one day a year, but to do your part throughout the year to keep our City looking grand!

Meet NV5, Inc.: Providing Owner Representation during Restoration and Preservation Projects



NV5 Representative Scott McClelland reviews construction plans on the construction site of 401 Chase Street with PEH Architect Nathan Pillatzke and Whitestone Construction's Project Manager Justin Blais.

Since 2012, the City of Black Hawk has contracted with the professional and technical engineering and consulting firm, NV5 Inc., (formerly Consilium Partners), to act as the City's owner's representative. NV5 provides engineering expertise and advocates the City's best interest when handling and overseeing coordination obligations for all phases of the Historic Restoration and Community Preservation Program.

Each year, one or two residential homes in the City are renovated using the Historic Restoration and Community Preservation Funds which come from gaming tax dollars. The properties go through vigorous research and design phases for approximately one year before undergoing construction to restore the homes to their former glory.

Of the 63 residential homes in the City, 95% have received varying degrees of grant funds used to improve the property, including rock wall repair work, exterior painting, replacing utilities, and more. In addition, 18 of the 63 properties (29%) have had full rehabilitations done and 12 more are currently slated to be restored in the coming years.

You may see Scott McClelland, NV5's project manager, on these construction sites throughout the City. Scott works closely with the City, homeowners, architects, and general contractors to help ensure that the Program's parameters and objectives are applied and achieved on each project. He enjoys watching the transformation of Black Hawk's residential homes and finds it rewarding to be preserving the history of this old mining town.



Colorado Preservation, Inc.

BUILDING A FUTURE *with* HISTORIC PLACES

2016 Saving Places Conference

Past. Present. Future.

The City of Black Hawk was once again a Gold Level Sponsor at the 2016 Saving Places Conference hosted by Colorado Preservation, Inc. The conference was held at the Denver Convention Center, February 3 through 5, 2016.

Governor John Hickenlooper kicked off the conference, whose theme this year was, “Past. Present. Future.” Governor Hickenlooper reminded the conference attendees that 2016 is the 50th anniversary of when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the National Historic Preservation Act, officially recognizing the value of historic preservation in our country. The goal of the Act was the preservation and protection of significant buildings, landscapes, and archaeology in places all across America.

The Keynote Address was presented by Kimber Lanning, Founder and Director of the Local First Arizona Foundation. Her talk, entitled “Local Economies and Livable Places: The Case for Preservation,” focused on explaining the financial benefits of adaptive reuse and historic preservation to economic development. Kimber discussed how quaint, walkable main street shopping districts, which mixed older, historic buildings with newer ones, repeatedly attracted more shoppers to come and stay awhile, which helped keep profits and jobs in local businesses. Her key takeaway was that areas with older, smaller buildings, areas with a mix of newer and older buildings, and historic districts all play important roles in supporting a more livable, socially diverse, and economically resilient community.

The Saving Places Conference offered a variety of educational sessions, including: the Brown Palace Façade Restoration, the Adaptive Reuse and Restoration of Denver’s Lodo Historic District, Tips to Engage your Community through Architectural Scavenger Hunts, and Immersive Education Using a Historic Structure: Building a Virtual Bent’s Fort.

During the luncheon, Colorado’s 2016 Most Endangered Places Program sites were unveiled by Channel 4’s Tom Mustin. The four new sites are: the Great Western Sugar Factory in Brighton, the Glen Huntington Bandshell in Boulder, the Tabor Opera House in Leadville, and the Belvidere Theatre in Central City.

Black Hawk casinos contribute an average of \$20 million annually to the Colorado Historical Society to fund preservation and restoration throughout the State of Colorado. A portion of this annual contribution will fund the 2016 Endangered Places Program and has contributed to other preservation efforts in all 64 counties across the State.

Later in the evening, conference participants were invited to mix and mingle at the Preservation Marketplace and Reception. Over one hundred attendees visited the City of Black Hawk display and were happy to enter their names in the raffle drawing for some exciting prizes, graciously donated by the Lodge Casino, Saratoga Casino, Monarch Casino, and Z’s Casino. A silent auction was also held at the conference as a fundraiser for the Endangered Places Program.



Community Planning & Development Administrator Cindy Linker (right) and Executive Administrative Assistant Sara Lang (left) showcase the progress of the City of Black Hawk’s historic restoration projects at the 2016 Saving Places Conference while a conference attendee fills out an entry for the raffle drawing. The Black Hawk casino community has contributed nearly \$500 million in gaming revenues to the State Historical Fund which is used to fund historic preservation efforts throughout the State of Colorado. (Photo credit: Nathan Lopez Photography)

NEW FACES 2016

Jake Adler



Tell us about yourself.

I have two boys, who attend Gilpin County School. We are fourth and fifth generation

Rollinsville residents, and would not choose to live anywhere else. In my time off, I enjoy ATVing, car restoration, and spending as much time as I can with my kids. My favorite sports are football, hockey, and auto racing.

My law enforcement background is fairly diverse. About 16 years ago, I began my career in Thomas County, Kansas. I have since served with the Gilpin County Sheriff's Office, Central City Police, and was Chief of Police for the Town of Nederland for many years. Perhaps my most fond detail was being assigned as a K9 unit in Kansas as a blood hound handler/tracker team - trained in search and rescue, natural disasters, and lost/escape parties.

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

My experience thus far as new Police Officer for the City has been nothing short of great! Everyone has been extremely helpful and it has been an absolute pleasure working and learning on a daily basis. I am working

on completing my FTO schedule, with any luck I will be out soon and am very excited! I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve with and for this amazing department, visitors, and residents of Black Hawk. I am looking forward to a very long and happy career.

Janice Beecher



Tell us about yourself.

My father was transferred to Colorado in 1968 from Memphis, where I was born.

I have lived in Colorado since then. Both of my daughters were born here and they both still live in the Denver area. My friends would describe me as colorful... Truly, someone told me that! I think they would say I am fun and optimistic.

I have worked in the accounting field most of my life doing A/P, but in 2010 I went to school to become a Certified Veterinary Technician. I graduated in 2012, passed the board exam, and became a CVT. I worked as a CVT until I came up here to Black Hawk and started my office career again. And, as they say, the rest is history!

I like to go for walks when it's not windy and freezing outside. I like to garden and can't wait until spring when I can plant a bunch of planters on my front porch.

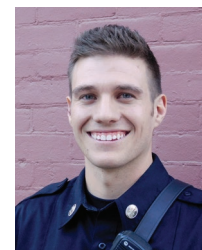
I like to paint and create... I consider myself crafty. I love to go thrifting and shop at garage sales. One of my favorite things to do is find a good bargain.

I don't belong to any organizations right now, but I plan to join a church in the area, I just haven't decided which one yet.

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

I love my new job with the City as the new Permit Technician, which means I know about all the construction going on, the improvements, the end results expected. It is a very cool job. I love looking up the codes... I guess you could call me a wannabe code geek. It is a position where I will never quit learning and I am super excited about that.

Jordan Stone



Tell us about yourself.

I am a Colorado native, born and raised in Golden. I have a beautiful wife whose name

is Elizabeth. We moved in to our new house in Lakewood about five months ago and have plenty of house work to keep us busy on our days off. The newest addition to the family is a four-month-old black lab named Lucy,

Built for Success!

The City of Black Hawk is hiring for passionate and engaged employees to fill several positions within the Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments. If you are interested in being a part of the City of Black Hawk family, and are seeking great compensation, benefits, success, and stability, visit www.cityofblackhawk.org to view current openings and apply online.

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who keeps us on our toes. I have an older brother and two younger brothers. Growing up in a house full of boys there was always a football being thrown or a baseball being hit. My mother and father both live locally in Colorado and have been happily married for over 30 years.

I cannot speak for my friends, but I hope when describing me they would call me a family man first; someone to count on when they need help physically, spiritually, and emotionally. A lot of what I have learned has come from my father, who taught me the value of putting others before yourself.

After graduating high school I developed a passion for the fire service and pursued a degree at Red Rocks Community College for Fire Science. This laid the ground work to continue toward something I truly enjoyed. I was hired on as a Volunteer

Firefighter for the Fairmount Fire Protection District, where I have served for over two and a half years. Over those few years, I gained some experience and many friendships that will last a lifetime.

I enjoy playing all kinds of sports, basketball, football, baseball, etc. My wife and I enjoy watching Broncos games together and going to sporting events and concerts. We both enjoy skiing and being in the snow, but also enjoy the great outdoors when it's hot and sunny.

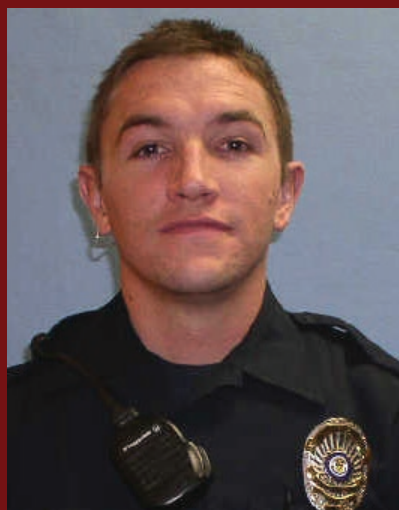
Tell us about your new position and experience working at the City of Black Hawk so far.

I was hired as a Firefighter/EMT for the City. I am extremely humbled by the opportunity I have been given. To be a part of such a well-respected department is a dream come true. This department has already become

a home away from home for me and I am excited to come to work every day. My goal is to bring some of the knowledge I have learned to the department, but more importantly learn from the ones who have come before me so that I may better myself on a daily basis. One of the most intriguing parts of the fire service is there is always something more to learn. This is only the beginning for a lifelong passion of mine and I am thrilled it is in the wonderful City of Black Hawk.

In my first month of being hired on I have been welcomed in with open arms. I am surrounded by an incredible group of men and women who not only care about the City, but care about one another. It is an overwhelming feeling to be adopted into such a tight family. Each individual has gone above and beyond the generosity level by offering their expertise, which is priceless to me.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Meet Joe Fiocca

I have been employed with the City of Black Hawk for three years. I am currently a patrol officer and my duties include community policing in our residential areas, conducting walk-ins at our casinos, and responding to calls within the City. The City of Black Hawk has a great historic culture and the atmosphere is always energetic. Every night on patrol is fun, and the co-workers that work beside me make it even more enjoyable.

I am a Colorado native. My parents have been happily married for over 20 years and I have one brother. I consider myself to be energetic and fun to be around.

My goals this year are to continue to be productive at work, and purchase a new wakeboard boat.

I enjoy volleyball, soccer, golfing, wakeboarding, and snowboarding on my time off. I hope to purchase a new wakeboard in the very near future. I enjoy country music and the best movie I've seen is "Bad Boys." When I eat out, my favorite restaurant choice is Kachina Southwestern Grill in Westminster. I enjoy camping and hiking around Colorado in the summer. It would be a lot of fun to travel to Italy in the future.

I am looking forward to another productive and enjoyable year with the City of Black Hawk.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Everett Nielsen



I work in the Streets Department and have been with the City for about 2.5 years. The people that I work with make my job fun and great.

I have been married to my wife, April, for 15 years and we have 2 great boys; Cooper is 14 and Dempsey is 5. I am native to the area; I grew up on Magnolia Road, just outside of Nederland on a farm. I think my friends would describe me as kind, generous, goofy, and an excellent cook. My favorite color is blue. I like to read, draw, paint, play my mandolin, listen to music, and go to concerts. My go-to station on Sirius XM is 40's on 4- big

band, swing, and generally anything from the 40's era. I enjoy road trips and traveling a lot and have been to almost all of the states. I would like to visit Vermont this year.

It's hard to name my favorite book, I have quite a few. One Man's Wilderness, Into the Wild, On the Road, and Running with Scissors are some of my favorites. The Jason Bourne series are my favorite movies.

I have 1 dog, a Boxer named Snorts, and 1 cat named O'Malley. I love any food that has a lot of flavor; my favorite restaurant is Riffs Urban Fare in Boulder. My favorite memories are holding each of my boys right after they were born.

I enjoy being outside spending my free time fishing, snowboarding, hiking, camping, and cutting firewood. I have been to several different countries: Germany, Denmark, Holland, Italy, France, South Africa, Australia, Canada, Mexico, and Japan. I've never been to New Zealand, but really want to someday. My favorite places in Colorado are Steamboat Springs and Beaver Creek, or anywhere that has a ski resort.

If I could meet anyone from history, it would be Nikola Tesla. He was very intelligent and had so many amazing ideas and creations. I love reading about and researching interesting people.

We'd love to hear from you!

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Congratulations Wellness Champions!

City of Black Hawk employees were invited to participate in the Maintain Don't Gain Wellness Challenge over the holidays. To add to the fun, the City challenged Black Hawk Casinos to participate in a team competition. The City would like to applaud all participants for making the pledge to "Maintain, Don't Gain" over the holidays and for their hard work to improve their health.

City employees who maintained their weight within one pound of their pre-holiday weight, or lost weight, were awarded a \$50 gift card for their active participation and commitment to making healthy choices. The overall team champion was awarded City of Black Hawk's Golden Sneaker Award. Their hard work has translated into bragging rights for the remainder of 2016!

City of Black Hawk Employee Results:

43 participants reported 105.4 pounds lost over the 8-week program. Team Selakers won the employee team challenge with a total weight loss of 21.76 pounds.

Golden Sneaker Team Competition Results:

1st	2nd	3rd
Canyon Casino "Black Hawk Butt Busters"	City of Black Hawk "Team Selakers"	Monarch Casino "Monarch's Movin' It"
Average Weight Lost: 4.83 pounds	Average Weight Lost: 4.35 pounds	Average Weight Lost: 4.14 pounds
Total Weight Lost: 29.0 / 6 participants	Total Weight Lost: 21.76 / 5 participants	Total Weight Lost: 20.70 / 5 participants



Left: "We're number one!" Member of Canyon Casino's team with the Golden Sneaker Award. Right: Team Selakers celebratory lunch with the City Manager.



2016 Election Cancelled!

Besides the incumbents, no candidate petitions or write-in candidate affidavits were received for the regular biennial election to be held April 5, 2016. Subsequently, the City Council cancelled the April 5, 2016 election by Resolution 6-2016 on February 10, 2016; pursuant to Sec. 2-4(b) of the Black Hawk Municipal Code.

The following candidates were hereby elected to four-year terms:

David D. Spellman, Mayor
Paul G. Bennett, Alderman
Gregory D. Moates, Alderman
Benito Torres, Alderman

Black Hawk Municipal Court, Judge Ronald Carlson, will preside over the swearing-in ceremony at the beginning of the April 13, 2016 City Council meeting. Congratulations to the re-elected City Council members and thank you for your dedicated service to our community!

HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Mayor David D. Spellman celebrates 30 years of dedicated service to the Black Hawk community

In this edition of the *Black Hawk Lantern* we would like to acknowledge a milestone anniversary of the City's longest-serving public official. This April will mark the 30th anniversary of David D. Spellman's election to the City of Black Hawk City Council. Spellman, currently serving as Mayor of Black Hawk, was elected as Alderman on April 1, 1986, and began serving our community as Mayor in 2006.

To demonstrate our appreciation, and to celebrate and congratulate Mayor Spellman on this milestone anniversary, we would like to take a look back at his first election to office. What follows is an interview conducted by the *Weekly Register-Call* before the 1986 election pertaining to the issues of the time.

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Mayor David D. Spellman. Left: Photograph accompanied the *Weekly Register-Call*'s Council Candidate interview in 1986. Right: Mayor Spellman during the City's 2014 sesquicentennial anniversary celebration.

Meet the Black Hawk City Council Candidates

Weekly Register- Call | March 28, 1986 | by Claire Tanner

An election for Black Hawk city officials will be held next Tuesday, April 1. All registered voters that reside within the city limits are encouraged to go to the polls and vote. The polling place is Black Hawk City Hall on Gregory Street. It will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Two candidates are running for mayor. They are Randy Lara and Bill Lorenz. The four incumbents running for the City Council are Joanne Lah, Velma Starbranch, Heino Sunter, and Jim Werschky. Five more candidates are seeking election to the City Council. They are Paul Felton, Mary Klemp, David Spellman, Morris Steen, and Michael Wilkinson.

Only one vote may be cast for the position of mayor. Voters may select six of the candidates to serve on the

six-member council. Their terms of office will be for four years.

Interviews with each of the City Council candidates appear in this week's issue of the *Weekly Register-Call*.

DAVID SPELLMAN

David Spellman says that Black Hawk is moving in a positive direction and he wants to see it continue.

He is seeking election to the Black Hawk City Council because he is in the fifth generation of the Blake family that has lived in the area for "100 years." He says that has given him the incentive to run for City Council.

Spellman is self-employed and his business is based in the town.

Therefore, he says he has a strong desire to see the town do well and prosper.

If elected to the council he says it would be important for him to promote the city in order to increase the tax base. Improvements and corrections for problems that arise can then be made without further tax increases. He believes it is important to have an adequate police department, fire department, and city clerk so that things run smoothly.

He says increasing the tax base and seeing to it that services are provided are two of the main responsibilities of a councilman. Spellman believes he can meet the responsibilities if elected.

Spellman has lived in Black Hawk for all of his 21 years. He used to work for

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Gilpin County Construction Company after graduating from Gilpin County School. For approximately two years he has been one of the owners and partners of Westman Builders.

In being self-employed, he says he is responsible for the supervision of people. That includes insuring that things are carried out with as little trouble as possible. He is aware of the financial responsibilities in operating his own business. He knows what it takes to get people to work together. Those types of responsibilities also apply to serving on the council, he says.

Spellman stresses that he knows the amount of work and time it takes to be a member of the council and without gratification. His ability to work with construction crews will also apply to city employees.

In previous years, Spellman says, he worked with many of the city employees. He considers that work and the knowledge he obtained from his family members, particularly, assets to the job he could do on the City Council. He possesses knowledge of the water works in particular in Black Hawk, he adds.

One of the major problems in the city is the lack of water, Spellman says. At this point the council is doing everything it can do and it has come a long way, but there is still a long way to go.

Approval of the water grant from the state would upgrade the system and Spellman is in favor of it. If it is not approved, he is in favor of Black Hawk pursuing a joint water district with Central City. However, he says that right now, Black Hawk does not have anything to offer Central City in return, and something would need to be offered.

Spellman likes the watershed ordinance that was recently adopted

by the city, because the water needs to be protected to insure its quality. If elected, Spellman says his main responsibility as a councilman would be to provide good quality water to the city residents. He believes that until the water problems are resolved, they will hinder the city and its population.

He does not think the population has diminished in Black Hawk, however, there might be fewer businesses. The businesses that are in operation now are stable and benefit the entire county. Correcting the water problems would attract more business.

After the water problems are resolved, Spellman says the general appearance of the city should be improved. He thinks vacant buildings are an eyesore, and they need to be renovated.

To give the owners an incentive to “fix up” their building, he would like to see the city work with them. For example, if the owner renovates a building, in return the city should help promote renting or leasing it. He does not want the city to assume any liability, but to help the owner find renters or businesses to occupy the building.

At present there is no incentive to owners for fixing up buildings, but it is needed. As another possibility, Spellman suggests having a business association in Black Hawk which would work with the council. The “town needs to become more unified.” He wants to see Black Hawk promote special events like the Mining and Milling Festival. He is in favor of a combined effort between Black Hawk and Central City. The area has a lot of history and atmosphere and it should be used to benefit both cities, he says.

He is in favor of the junk ordinance, but says it needs clarification. A decision needs to be made to see if it is junk or if it is someone’s “livelihood.” Items need to be defined

as “usable or not usable.” Variances to the ordinance will be necessary, he adds. He questions how far the city can legally go to enforce the ordinance if it is adopted. Spellman stresses that once the junk ordinance is adopted it should be fair to everyone and apply to everyone.

To improve the city, the mill levy needs to be increased, Spellman says. He does not see any other alternative since there is not a strong tax base at present. Once it is strengthened, taxes would “level out.”

Spellman says he would not have any problems “whatsoever” in attending the City Council meetings and the work sessions because he is self-employed, his work schedule can be altered to attend the meetings.

If elected, he promises problems will be dealt with as they arise. He believes that if people care enough to show up for the council meetings, it is “inconsiderate” to hold an executive session during the meeting. –CT

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The election of Mayor David D. Spellman as Alderman in 1986 has proven to be a sensible and long-lasting decision. Mayor Spellman has been an active member of the community his entire life. As an elected official of Black Hawk these last three decades, he has been instrumental in navigating the City through several eras of change.

We would like to recognize the commitment and dedication of Mayor Spellman to his home town. His efforts to provide visions of growth and prosperity, steadfast leadership, and unwavering service to our community are valued by residents, businesses, employees, and visitors alike. Congratulations for 30 years of preserving the past, preparing for the future, and still making history!

CLASSIC CUISINE

Recipes from the community, past and present.

"My life started out with "Trauma!" I was born 24 years ago in Doc Pete's dresser drawer in the town of Black Hawk, Colorado. The date was February 29th which only comes around every 4 years. That sure stops the yearly parties and presents! Try my jerky! It is great if you happen to get yourself lost in the mountains. It will take you all day of chewing to get one piece ate. You will be so busy chewing you'll forget about being lost."
~Stace Williams

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Stace Williams, born in Black Hawk, and raised on Upper Apex Road in Gilpin County, sadly passed away September 20, 2013. Stace worked for the City of Black

Hawk Public Works Department in the 1990's. Many locals have fond memories of Stace, and especially his light-hearted disposition and sense of humor, as evidenced by what he wrote with the above recipe submission!

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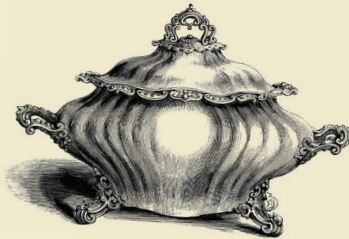
Dr. Arthor Peterson (Doc Pete) moved to Gilpin to retire in the early 1960's. No doctor was in the county at that time, so the people of Gilpin County wouldn't let Doc Pete retire. Instead he stitched up cuts, set broken bones, gave shots, (...and might we add, LOTS of shots! He would boil syringes and needles in a pot on the stove), and delivered babies. Doc Pete was also the County Coroner. He would put a pillow in a dresser drawer that became the baby's bed after delivery. He was a gruff man with a heart of gold. He was a true old fashioned doctor who was loved by a lot of the locals.

Jerky

Stace Williams

- 5 lbs. Meat
- 1/3 C. Soy Sauce
- 1/3 C. A-1 Sauce
- 1/3 C. Worcestershire
- 2 Cloves Garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. Onion Salt
- ½ C. Liquid Smoke

Slice meat in thin strips – all other ingredients are mixed and marinated for 24 hours. Lay on racks in oven. Bake for 3 ½ hours at 150-175 degrees.



Elk Chili

Andy Armbright

- 1 lb. Ground Elk
- 4 – 16 oz. Cans Diced Tomatoes with Green Chilis
- 1 Green Chili, diced
- 1 – 16 oz. Can Dark Red Kidney Beans
- 1 – 29 oz. Can Chili Beans
- 2 Pkgs. Lowry Chili Seasoning
- ½ lb. Ground Sausage
- 1 Bermuda Onion, chopped
- 1 Tbl. Chili Powder

Brown elk, sausage, onions, and green chili together. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 1 to 2 hours. Makes 8 quarts.

PUBLIC WORKS

What's happening on Selak Street?

Selak Street is undergoing a sort of makeover. The City, along with Xcel Energy through Sturgeon Electric, has been working to relocate all of the overhead utilities on Selak and place them underground.

The first phase of the work consisted of Sturgeon Electric excavating and installing conduit for the new primary wire. At the same time the electrical conduit was being installed for the primary wire, Master Electric crews were installing conduits for the secondary wires for eight commercial services. The secondary wires connect the buildings to the transformers.

Century Link and USA Communications were in at the same time installing their conduits. The secondary work will continue for another month or so, but should be contained on or behind the various buildings.

The next phase of the work will be to install conduits below the flume at the intersection of Selak Street and Gregory Street. This will be a time consuming and

disruptive phase. Some detours may be required for this phase of work.

Once crews install conduits below the flume, they will continue across Gregory Street and attempt to intercept some existing conduits running up the eastbound lanes of Gregory Street. This work will likely require some significant detours due to the tight quarters.

During periods of inclement weather, crews will be spending time pulling in the new wiring in the conduits.

If these initial phases of undergrounding work are reasonably successful, crews will then begin to head up Gregory Street along the new alignment and underground the remaining power poles between Selak Street and Bobtail Street.

Once the project is complete, Selak will no longer have multiple overhead power lines and should have a more open, appealing, look.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Windows: A Brief History

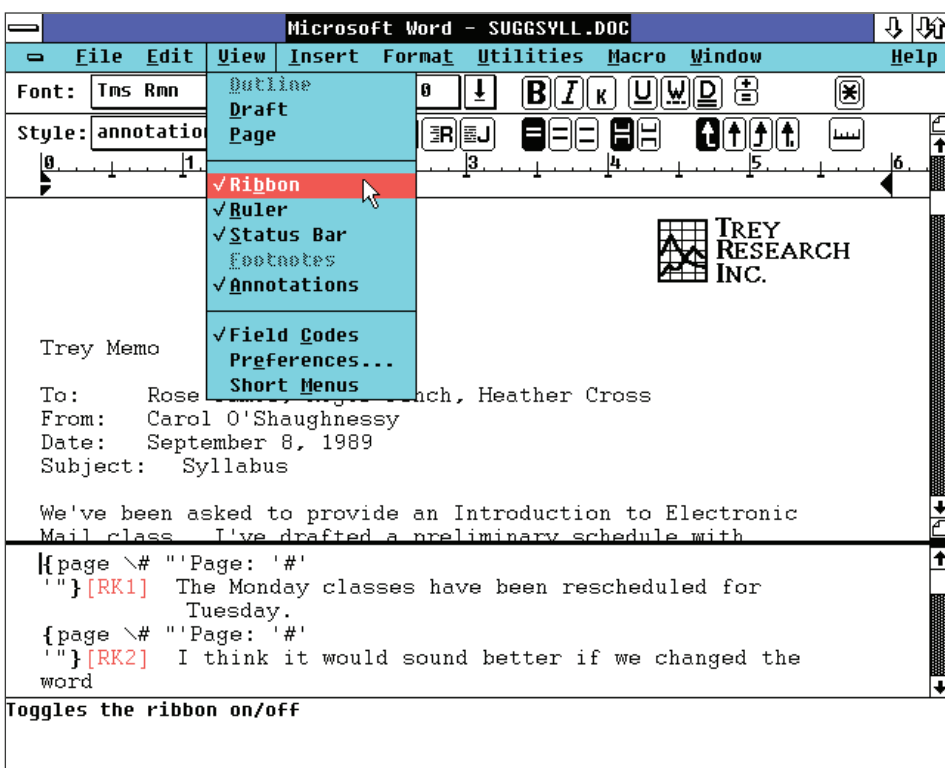
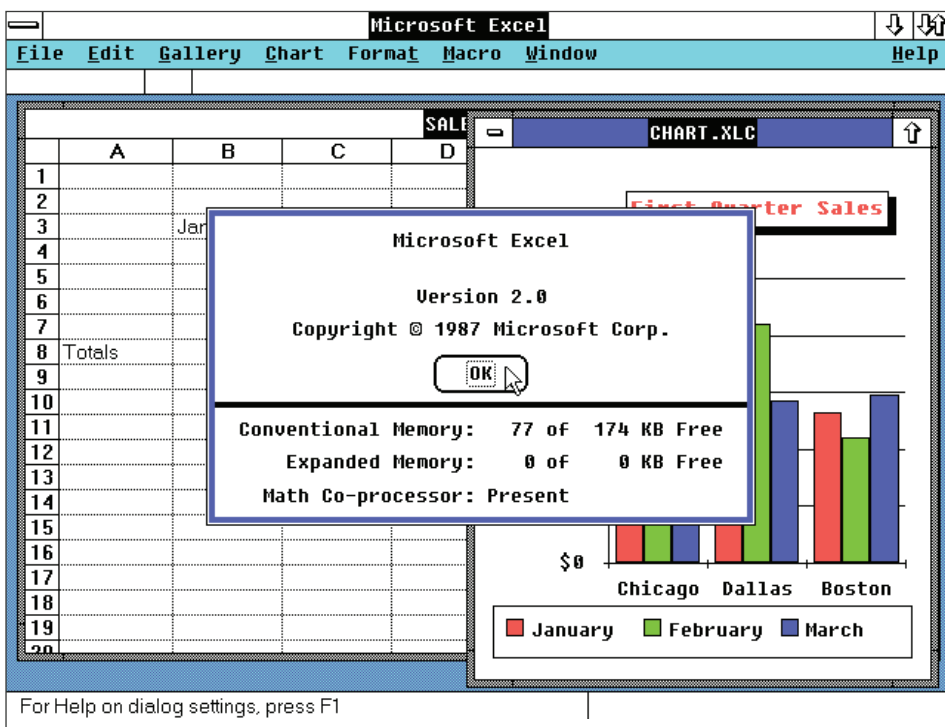
by Tarik Muhammad

Now that the dust has settled on Windows 10, there are some compelling reasons to upgrade, based on the desktop versions of Microsoft's Windows Operating System (OS) and the pattern of great releases following ones that missed the mark. Here are some interesting points on the timeline of the Windows' history. If looking back and comparing past success is any indication, Windows 10 should be a winner... or not. There is however one not so scientific factor that you can base your decision on.

Starting off with Windows 1.0 in 1985, this OS had the stigma of being labeled as a Macintosh OS clone and even brought on several lawsuits by Apple. Not roughly considered a failure or success but by the time Windows 2.0 was released in 1987 most of the lawsuits had been dropped, not to mention they also added the much beloved Excel and Word applications which makes 2.0 the clear favorite.

Windows 3.0 came about in 1990, just as the Personal Computer boom was starting to hit, but lacked some features of lesser known OS's. Although version 3.0 sold around 10 million copies, version 3.1 had the killer feature we all would ultimately come to need, the Internet.

In the year 2000, Windows Millennium Edition (ME) was released to fill the gap between Windows 98 and XP 2001. Unfortunately, ME was full of bugs and stability issues. Although the interface was considered polished and smooth, the functionality did not match – think of a Corvette body on top of a riding mower, and you get the picture.



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This was the last Microsoft OS to be built on top of DOS and what many felt was a failed experiment. Windows XP worked out the functionality issues that ME was lacking and brought over the stylish features to create an OS that many are still using today. (Note: Support for Windows XP ended last year, so if you're still using it, it's time to upgrade)

Windows Vista arrived in 2007 with mazing aesthetics and awesome features, but ultimately was too much of a resource hog when it came to everyday tasks. This was due to the graphically intensive Aero desktop which could only run efficiently on machines that had above average hardware. To say that Vista was hungry for hardware resources would be an understatement, it had over 10 million more lines of code, which was a 25% increase over its predecessor. The now widely used Windows 7 OS actually decreased the lines of code while still maintaining the visual styling and had a bevy of users screaming, "Hasta la vista, Vista!"

Fast forward to the modern era of releases, namely Windows 8 which was released in 2012 to mixed reviews. The main argument from die hard and casual Windows fans alike was that 8 didn't "feel" like Windows. The lack of a start button and the traditional Windows desktop on startup left users feeling alienated. Another big negative that has been discovered since the release of Window 8, and a huge blow to the brand which almost completely killed its momentum, was the removal of

Solitaire as a long standing free application. Normally included in Windows, this had many users infuriated beyond reproach. In contrast, first time Windows users really loved the interface and savvy users had nothing but praise due to the fast boot times. Tablet users also appreciated the mobile friendly aspects including the addition of Apps and the live tile system.

Enter Windows 10, an OS that marries the mobile friendly tile system with a traditional desktop. Version 10 favors a desktop environment but the framework is designed to have a universal appeal, this means the Desktop, Tablet, and Phone version will all have the same look and feel. It is easy to use as well as visually appealing and snappy. When used with a Solid State Drive the OS is even more responsive. Windows 10 already has more users than 8, which could be due to fact Microsoft returned the famous "Start" button, but many speculate it may be based on their choice to push it out as a free automatic update. The not so scientific factor of Windows 10's success is based on Microsoft's choice to include everyone's favorite app... Solitaire! Plenty of reasons to make the switch, but the anticipation of working through the game while focusing on the ultimate goal of being rewarded with the epically satisfying cascade of cards is just too nice of a feeling to bypass.

Feeling nostalgic? You can find each of the obsolete versions of Windows (including Solitaire) from version 1.0 up to 2000 free of charge at <http://winworldpc.com>.

FINANCE

2015 Revenue in Review

Before we move too far into 2016, it may be a good idea to take a look at how the City of Black Hawk's finances concluded in 2015. The City of Black Hawk's general government is funded primarily by three revenue sources. This is made up of the City's 4.00% Sales Tax, fees assessed on each Gaming Device, and the City's share of State Gaming Taxes. In total, these three revenue sources are budgeted to provide over 89.00% of all General Fund revenue for 2015.

Sales Tax for 2015 was up 12.31% as compared to 2014. The City's share of the State Gaming Tax for 2015 was up 6.88% from the previous year. And finally, the Gaming

Device Fees for 2015 decreased by 2.92% as compared to the prior year. The decrease is a result of a reduction in the number of devices. The monthly average number of devices in 2015 was 8,213 compared to 8,462 in 2014.

When looking at the three revenue sources together, the total for 2015 was up about 2.92% from 2015. The City Council continues to explore and implement a variety of amenities and incentives designed to increase the number of visitors to Black Hawk and in turn increase the three major revenue streams.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Household Hazardous Waste

As we end the winter season and begin to look forward to the warmer weather of spring, many of us are planning household projects and spring cleaning. As we complete these projects, there is often the question of how to dispose of the leftover cleaners and paints.

Improper disposal of household chemicals can include pouring them down the drain, on the ground, in the street, or in some cases, putting them out with the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods may not be obvious, but can pollute the environment and impact our water supply and waste water treatment systems.

So, what options do you have to help limit our use and dispose of hazardous waste?

The first consideration is to reduce the amount of chemicals we purchase or produce. When you purchase cleaning materials, consider eco-friendly products and products which have multiple uses.

Secondly, ensure you are utilizing the chemicals for their intended purpose. Much research has gone into the safe

use of household chemicals and, while we may have the best intentions, when we mix a “special concoction” for that tough project it can be a recipe for disaster.

If you have left over chemicals or paint from you project, there are a couple of references available to assist you.

Gilpin County has information available on their website regarding which chemicals and hazardous waste they are capable of receiving at its facility north of Black Hawk on Highway 119.

<http://www.co.gilpin.co.us/Maintenance%20and%20Trash/trashdefault.htm>

The Colorado Division of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is also an excellent reference for disposal guidelines: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/preparing-products-make-them-safer-disposal>

Have a safe end to the winter season and please dispose of those household chemicals in a fashion that is safe to each of us, and to the environment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Computer chips on credit cards: What's that all about?



Most consumers have received new credit cards in the mail which look different than the old credit cards. Numerous large-scale data breaches and

increasing rates of counterfeit credit card fraud forced card issuers to migrate to new technology in order to protect consumer data and reduce fraud. The new technology called EMV, which stands for Europay, MasterCard, and Visa, has become the global standard for credit cards using a computer chip. The small metallic square that you will see on new credit cards is the computer chip.

How does adding a chip make credit cards safer than the old ones? The traditional magnetic stripes found on credit cards contained unchanging data, which made it easier for thieves to access the cardholder's information from the card to make fraudulent purchases. That makes traditional cards a prime target for counterfeiters, who convert stolen card data into cash.

Unlike magnetic-stripe cards, every time an EMV card is used to make a payment, the card chip creates a unique transaction code that cannot be used again. Just like magnetic-striped cards, EMV cards are processed for payment in two steps; card reading and transaction

verification. However, once an EMV credit card is dipped into the card reader at a retail store, data flows between the card chip and the issuing financial institution to verify the card's legitimacy, which subsequently creates a unique transaction code. As many of us already know, the process isn't as quick as swiping the old card with a magnetic-stripe, but it's safer for the consumer and the retailer.

Some cards will still be able to use the magnetic stripe depending on the verification method tied to your EMV card. Chip-and-PIN cards operate just like the checking-account debit card you have been using for years. Entering a PIN connects the payment terminal to the payment processor for real-time transaction verification and approval.

Many large retailers such as Walmart, Target, and Costco have upgraded their point of sale terminals to include new credit card readers. Some smaller businesses are behind in upgrading card readers, but eventually all retailers will have the new technology. According to one recent survey, approximately 41% of small businesses have already installed EMV terminals, while another 40% plan to implement the new technology in the next few months. The bottom line is the new cards should make transactions more secure and help reduce credit card fraud, and that's good for all of us.



Emergency Alerts: Stay Informed with CODERED

Did you know the Black Hawk Police Department uses CODERED to provide emergency notification services to

Black Hawk residents, visitors, businesses, and casino employees? CODERED is the primary communication system used by both Black Hawk and Gilpin County to notify the public about emergency conditions.

During emergencies, dispatchers send messages to the public using telephones, text messaging, email, and social media sites to inform them of dangerous or life-threatening conditions.

Residents living in Black Hawk and Gilpin County are encouraged to sign up if they want to receive these important emergency messages. In fact, it's the only way to receive emergency messages if you rely on a cell phone for your phone service.

To subscribe to the CODERED service, visit www.co.gilpin.co.us and click on the "Emergency Services" tab and then "Residential Emergency Phone Notification Sign Up."

CODERED Mobile Alert app is also available if you want to receive emergency notifications when you're outside Gilpin County. The free app is available on the Apple App Store or for Android, on Google Play or by visiting www.ecnetwork.com/codered-mobile-alert-app.

If you need help signing up for CODERED, please call the Black Hawk Police Department at 303-582-5878 or email Cathy Cullar at ccullar@cityofblackhawk.org.

**Don't be left out, Stay informed,
Sign up for CODERED now!**

Driving on a frozen lake?... Who would do that?

Once a year, when the temperature drops in Georgetown, Colorado, the Georgetown Lake freezes to create ice thick enough to support the weight of a vehicle, 15" or greater.

This year, a few members of the Black Hawk Police Department took advantage of this natural wonder to learn how to safely drive on ice. The Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA) sponsored a training session in January at Georgetown Lake to teach government employees skills to handle slick and snowy roads when winter weather strikes.

Although it looks like more fun than work, the officers actually learned some techniques to keep themselves safe when the weather turns bad. Officers went through a basic class and then hit the driving course... on the lake.

CIRSA's class covered five training modules, which were each completed on the frozen course:

- ABS braking—work on reducing your stopping distance on icy roads.
- Obstacle avoidance—use ABS while maintaining control and some speed (up to 35 mph) to navigate around an obstacle and back into your lane.
- Spin-out—safely simulate losing and recovering control of your vehicle.
- Figure-eight for oversteer/understeer—practice correction strategies for when your rear or front tires lose grip.

- Rally course—tie together everything you've learned from the previous modules in a fun time-trial on the course.

The instructor's first advice during the class was not to drive on snow and ice unless absolutely necessary, which is helpful information for some people, but not practical for police officers who are often called to respond to the needs of the community in adverse weather conditions.

The second piece of advice was to make sure your vehicle is equipped with properly treaded tires, which is good advice for every driver in Colorado.

Although officers are trained in pursuit driving during their police academy training, ice driving requires some unique skills. During this specialized training, officers deliberately drove out on the lake and forced their vehicles to spin. They were taught how to use steering techniques to regain traction and control. Over-steering caused vehicles to spin while under-steering put the cars into a slide; neither outcome is good when attempting to avoid a crash.

The officers had the opportunity to repeatedly practice driving techniques designed to help them regain control of their vehicles once they lost control.

The best advice participants received during the class was to drive appropriately for weather conditions, thereby avoiding the need to use their new "ice" driving skills. That's good advice!



MUNICIPAL CODE MOMENT

Pet License & Vaccination Information

The City of Black Hawk has an ordinance requiring all dogs to be inoculated against rabies and to be licensed in the City of Black Hawk. Now is the perfect time to check your pet vaccination records to ensure inoculations and licenses are current.

City of Black Hawk Municipal Code Chapter 7 requires residents to secure a license for their dogs on or before the first day of March each year, or within 30 days after the dog reaches the age of three months. New residents have 30 days to secure their pet license.

In addition to the City's pet license ordinance, keep in mind that most grooming and pet care facilities also require pet vaccinations before they will provide services for your animal.

A licensed veterinarian can vaccinate your pet and provide the required rabies tag and vaccination certificates. If you are new to the area, or looking for a low cost animal care option, consider taking your pet to Charlie's Place.

Charlie's Place is a new, modern animal shelter serving the residents of Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties. Charlie's Place is located in Dumont, just 10 minutes west of Idaho Springs on the I-70 corridor. Vaccination Clinics for dogs and cats are held the first Sunday of every month from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The Distemper/Parvo vaccination and Bordetella (kennel cough) injection are available for dogs, while the FVRCP (upper respiratory) vaccination is available for cats. Rabies vaccinations are also available at the shelter for both dogs and cats. Charlie's Place offers discounts to residents for spay and neuter procedures, microchips, and they even loan out traps.

Of course, if you are interested in growing your family by adopting a furry companion, Charlie's Place can help you find your new best friend! No appointments are needed and service is provided on a first come, first served basis. Call the shelter at 303-679-2477 for more information or visit www.charliesplaceshelter.org.

Meet one of Black Hawk's newest and cutest residents, Api Midcap. Seen here with her proud owner, Rebecca Midcap of Chase Street, Api recently received her new Pet License.

For only \$3 for male and spayed females and \$5 for unsplayed females, you can register for your dog's annual Black Hawk Pet License by bringing your vaccination records to City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Flag not included, but also available at City Hall for purchase!)

For complete information on Pet Licenses, please refer to Chapter 7 of the City of Black Hawk Municipal Code, available on our website at www.cityofblackhawk.org/city-departments/administrative-services/city-clerks-office/municipal-code/.





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