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2015 Community Clean Up Day

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*"You only live once, but if you
do it right, once is enough."*

- Mae West



View of Black Hawk • Circa 1865

The Presbyterian Church that put the "Church" in Church Street
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FROM THE CITY MANAGER



It is summer, isn't it? It has to be since it is June, but some days it makes you wonder. Another clear indication it is summer is the City's annual Community Clean Up Day has passed. Thanks to all who took time out of their day to assist the City staff in cleaning up the City. Every year it seems that we

have more people helping, more trash is being collected, and it takes less time. Those are all good things and the pride in the City shines brightly. The support that is given by the Casinos each year has risen as well, both in terms of direct participation by team members, and in support such as door prizes, beverages, and food. Thanks to all the businesses that helped make the day a great success.

The projects that I spoke about in the last edition of The Lantern have been completed. The new water treatment plant is in operation. The new waterline down Highway 119 is installed and operational. While there were impacts, I think the City staff was able to keep them manageable and tolerable. We are still working on the Gregory Street

project. That should start later this summer and run into next year. The new Monarch garage is underway and remains on track for a late December opening.

The weather has been cold and rainy, and I know I am not telling you anything you do not already know. What I would like to focus on regarding the weather are two positive things. First, if temperatures were already hot, and we had no rain, we would currently be worried about fires. Certainly with the weather we have been having at this time, fires are something we are not too worried about. Second, what we really should be worried about are those things we actually have control over. We all know we cannot control the weather, so it is wasted energy to worry about it. Enjoy what we have, get out early if you want to go for a walk, and take advantage of what you have control over.

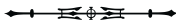
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Jack D. Lewis

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

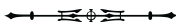
Illustrating a commitment to remembering the past

by Melissa Greiner, City Clerk & Administrative Services Director



"The City Council shall keep a written journal of its proceedings, and the yeas and nays, when demanded by any member present, shall be entered on the journal. It shall be the duty of the City Clerk to keep a true record of all the proceedings of the City Council, and such record shall be open in all business hours to the inspection of any citizen."

Black Hawk Charter, Article II, Section 8. Record of Proceedings.



The first City Council meeting of the newly incorporated City of Black Hawk was held on April 13, 1864. A proclamation calling for the first meeting was made on April 12, 1864 by Black Hawk's Mayor, John H. Kinney. Black Hawk received its incorporation from the Colorado Territorial Legislature on March 11, 1864. The first City Council meeting was called for the purpose of organizing the City and to qualify the Aldermen-elect and other officers-elect.

The recorded acts of the first election, proclamation for the first meeting, and the minutes from the first meeting were put to pen in concise script within a bound ledger by the newly appointed City Clerk, Pro Tem, G. B. Backus, who was also the Justice of the Peace at the time. Backus was appointed as the first City Clerk at the subsequent meeting on April 16, 1864.

City Council meeting minutes continued to be handwritten until July of 1909. It appears City Clerk, J.P. Rohling, was the first Clerk to submit typewritten minutes. Today, meeting

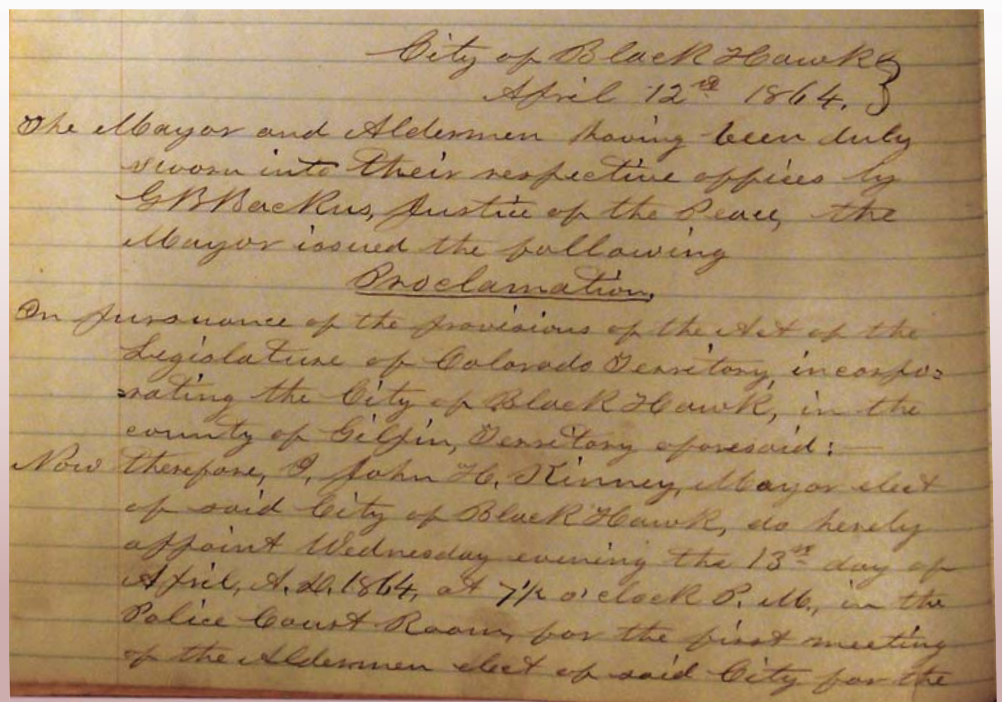
minutes are documented by word processing software on a computer. After City Council approves the minutes, hard copies are signed by the Mayor and embossed with the City's official seal. These minutes are then also saved digitally.

In addition to the requirements in the City Charter for the documentation of Council proceedings, the City of Black Hawk has adopted the State of Colorado's Municipal Records Retention Schedule. Per the schedule, minutes of City Council meetings are to be retained permanently.

Illustrating the City's commitment to remembering the past, and thanks to the efforts of retired City Clerk Jeanie Magno and Deputy City Clerk Kelly Stevens, the historic handwritten journals have been digitally preserved. These digital archives have made access to historical

documents a simple mouse click away. Further, without the need to access the original paper documents and possibly causing damage or deterioration, the original records will be better preserved.

The City of Black Hawk's rich history is unveiled in the historical minutes and we are fortunate the documents have been retained these 150 years. Visitors to the City Clerk's page on the City's website, www.cityofblackhawk.org, are greeted with a quote from Juliette Gordon Low, "The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers." Nowhere is this more evident than reading the historical minutes from 1864. Black Hawk's founders were everyday folk like you and me, and through a sense of decorum and respect for the tasks required to build a city in a new frontier, Black Hawk's history lives on.



April 12, 1864 original handwritten Proclamation.

NEW FACES 2015



Ryan Blenker

Tell us about yourself!

My wife Jodie and I have two children, a two-year-old son and four-year-old daughter, and we have been married for almost eight years. I have lived in Colorado my entire life. I have an older brother, younger sister, and a large extended family, also in the area.

I have previously supported Information Technology at IBM, Hewlett Packard, and Northrop Grumman Corporation. I have a degree in Computer Network Engineering, and enjoy working with technology.

Much of my personal time is spent working on my own computer related projects. I enjoy working on low-voltage projects that integrate with computers and have a hobby with radio-control. I enjoy camping at lakes and reservoirs with my family and participating in watersports like wakeboarding, waterskiing, and barefooting.

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

I am the IT Support Technician for the City. Among the duties of supporting computers and devices for the City, I assist with the City's data network including network usage monitoring, programming, and upgrading network equipment. I assist with maintaining the City's firewall including e-mail filters, anti-virus, content filter, and intrusion protection. I also assist

in providing Help Desk support, answering technical questions related to software or hardware problems.

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

So far I've had a very positive experience working for the City and find the historical aspects of the town to be uniquely inspiring. It's a great atmosphere with traditional values, and the employees work well together.

Mathew Cordova



Tell us about yourself!

I was born and raised in Commerce City, Colorado. My immediate family all live in Commerce

City as well and we are very close. I am married to my high school sweetheart and we have a German Shepherd puppy named Gunner. We are hoping to add a baby to our family in the near future, but for now Gunner takes most of our free time and we enjoy every minute.

My friends would describe me as a funny, outgoing guy and overall laid back person. I like to spend time with my family and friends while doing the things I love to do. Whether it is cheering on the Broncos, fishing with my dad, or spending the day outdoors with my wife. I enjoy the simple things in life.

I attended the Community College of Aurora Police Academy part time while balancing a full-time job. It was an amazing program that taught me

all the basics and also how to start my career in Law Enforcement. I am currently working on my Associate Degree in Criminal Justice at CCA and I am eager to continue learning the essentials for a strong professional career in Law Enforcement.

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

I was hired in as Police Officer I. I wanted to join a team that was more than a group of people working together; I wanted to join a family away from home and so far that is the feeling I have experienced every day. The City of Black Hawk is very fortunate to have the employees that it has because they have been supportive, attentive and made sure I already feel like a part of the team. I am excited to come to work every day because I know I am surrounded by a good community and am honored to serve them.

Edgar Espinoza



Tell us about yourself!

I live in Denver with my wife and two kids. We are planning to move to Littleton soon.

My son attends Chatfield High School and my daughter attends Mortensen Elementary, also in Littleton. We moved to Colorado from Las Vegas where we had lived for fourteen years. I wanted a better place to raise my kids so Colorado was the perfect choice for my family. My friends

would describe me as a hard worker always ready to help out or lend an ear. I'm very easy to get along with and enjoy meeting new people and making friends.

I have worked in the asphalt and paving industry for over ten years, operating heavy equipment also as a foreman. Previously, I worked with Coors Brewing Company as a sales representative for about three years.

My family and I enjoy the outdoors year round. Camping and hiking are some of our favorite things to do. I love mountain biking and riding a long board in my spare time.

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

I am really enjoying my new position with Public Works Streets Department. There is always something new to do which keeps me on my toes all day. We have a great group of guys who are always willing to lend a hand. Working for the City of Black Hawk is a great experience every day, everyone has been really nice. I really enjoy working outdoors and the City is beautiful year round.

Mike Haberhauer



Tell us about yourself!

I am a Colorado native, born in Denver. I have been living at my current home in Thornton for nearly 17 years. I have been married to my wife, Kari, for 21 years and we have 3 kiddos. Dustin is 20, Jacob is 17, and our daughter Jaiden is 11. When I am not at work, I spend the majority of my time in my yard. I have a koi fish pond with 20

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Sandi Slack

I have been with the City of Black Hawk since January 2, 2012, an awesome start to a new year. I work in the Fleet Maintenance Department; my job is the Fleet Technician Aide. Some of my duties include, but are not limited to, cleaning, washing, and detailing of City vehicles, and prepping and cleaning the City busses for daily use. I also clean the shop, work areas, tools, equipment, and the grounds. From time to time I will assist the mechanics with tasks as they may need help.

Working for the City has allowed me to do a wonderful service for the people and visitors to the City of Black Hawk. My co-workers are knowledgeable and fun, therefore I am learning new things frequently and in a safe and fun way.

I am mom to a beautiful teenage girl, Joleen, and our little Corgi/Healer mix, Jackson; our family will be expanding this summer when I marry my best friend, Mike. For now we will live in Black Hawk with my parents. But in the near future we hope to own our own little piece of heaven here in Gilpin County. My friends and family tend to describe me as a very happy and sincere person. My short term goal is to teach my daughter to drive this summer- in between getting everything finished up for my wedding.

I have so many things that I love, my favorite colors are blue and purple, and if you look around the beautiful state we live in you will see them everywhere you turn. Mike, Joleen and I get out frequently and ride motorcycles with our friends; I am working on my endorsement since I now have my own bike. Some of my favorite memories are taking weekend trips through the mountains with my family. We still do this as much as we can, life is crazy sometimes and I use it to get away and relax. I was lucky as a kid; I was able to travel a lot; I have been in most of the contiguous states. I would love to see Ireland someday, and the homelands of my family.

I admire my grandparents, in all the trials and tribulations they would pull together and help each other in our own ways, be it a shoulder to cry on, someone to cook a meal, or just someone to sit with you in a time of need. They were married for almost 70 years, raised a beautiful family, I am very proud to be part of my family. One of my greatest accomplishments up to this point I would say is raising my daughter to be the smart and beautiful young lady she is. I am an acting board member of the Gilpin County Booster Club; we support the kids not only in sports, but in the academics and the arts.



NEW FACES CONTINUED

fish, 4 baby ducks, a snapping turtle, a red-tailed boa, a leopard gecko, and a chocolate lab. The outdoors is my favorite place to be. I would describe myself as very outgoing. I have never met a stranger I don't like, and some of my closest friends are my neighbors.

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

I am the newest Facilities Maintenance Technician.

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

I am thrilled to call the mountains my new office and have really enjoyed meeting all the great people here. I felt at home immediately.

Michael Ludivig



Tell us about yourself!

I was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, moved to Colorado, and finished high school here. I moved

to Montana in 1999 and then back to Colorado again 2012 to be closer to family. I am an avid outdoorsman. I enjoy a wide range of bird and big game hunting, as well as fishing, camping, and hiking.

I've worked in different forms of construction most of my working life from major highway construction

and running heavy equipment to home site excavation to designing and building homes. I also worked as a ranch hand for several years in Montana before moving back to Colorado.

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

My position with Black Hawk is with the Streets Department. My job has a wide range of responsibilities from plowing snow to keeping the city clean and maintaining parks. It's always changing with new tasks, which I really enjoy.

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

It has been a great first few months working with a great group of co-workers and I have been enjoying the beauty of the area.

Lori Montano



Tell us about yourself!

I am a Colorado native and have lived in the Littleton and Denver area all my life. I have an

identical twin sister and a younger brother. My 87 year old father is still living and I enjoy spending time with him and taking care of him.

I have a college degree in Communications and Business

Management. I have approximately 10 years of dispatching experience with the Littleton Police Department and the Denver Police Department. I dispatched during the Columbine shooting, and the JonBenet Ramsey homicide in Boulder where Denver assisted in the crime scene investigation. I was also selected to work the command van during the Timothy McVeigh trial that was moved from Oklahoma City to Denver.

I am a happy person and love volunteering my time to help others. I am an avid golfer and have served as the Vice President of the Golf Advisory Board for the City and County of Denver and have held that position for 16 years. I also volunteer my time raising money for retired police dogs health care for the Colorado Police K-9 Association and have been active in that organization for 13 years. I love spending time with family and friends watching Bronco games, golfing, and getting together for barbeques, dinners, and traveling together when time permits.

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

I am a Communications Officer I for the Black Hawk Police Department.

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

I am enjoying meeting everyone and feeling so welcomed. It's like I have already been here for several years.

CLASSIC CUISINE

Recipes from the community, past and present.



Beef Short-Rib Soup

Diane Rittenhouse

2 lbs Beef Chuck Short-Ribs cut into 2" pieces	4 tsp Salt ½ tsp Pepper	½ Sm head of Cabbage, cut in pieces
8 Cups Water	3 Med Potatoes, peeled and cut in pieces	2 Lg Tomatoes, peeled, seeded and cut up
1 Cups Chopped Onion	3 Med Carrots, diagonally sliced	4 oz Bottled Horseradish
¼ Cups Dry Sherry		

In a 6-quart Dutch oven on high heat, heat short ribs and water to boiling. Skim off foam. Add onion, sherry, salt, pepper; heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 1½ hours. Add potatoes, carrots, cabbage; Heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce to low; Cover and simmer 30 minutes or until meat and veggies are tender. Add tomatoes and heat through. Serve soup and use horseradish to dip meat into.



Oatmeal Cookies

Mildred Blake

1½ Cup Sugar
¾ Cup Shortening
2 Eggs
2 Cups Oatmeal
3 Cups Flour
1 tsp each: Baking Powder,
Baking Soda, Cinnamon & Salt
½ tsp Nutmeg & Cloves
Raisins

Boil Raisins, keep ½ of juice and let cool down, then add with flour mixture. Cream together sugar and shortening. Add eggs. Mix dry ingredients together and gradually add to creamed mixture. Mix in raisins. Bake 350° degrees about 10 minutes.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department Officers Graduate from Public Safety Leadership Program

The City of Black Hawk Fire Department is proud to congratulate Captain Kevin Martschinkse and Lieutenant Shane Castro on their graduation from the Daniels College of Business/University of Denver Public Safety Leadership Program. With their successful completion of this course, the Fire Department now has four officers who have completed the course with plans for the other two officers to attend in the fall.

The program is unique in the fact that it is based upon public safety leadership and is designed for emerging and existing leaders in the public safety field. The course focuses on personal leadership qualities and team dynamics. The course, sponsored by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, includes a three day retreat where the students refine team building skills and evaluate their individual leadership styles. Two additional days are spent in the classroom with a variety of nationally recognized speakers and leadership development classes.

We commend both of these officers on their willingness to attend such an advanced course and put forth the large amount of time and effort into successful completion. The college certificate they earned shows them the immediate success and the skills they learned will benefit both of them in their roles within the Black Hawk Fire Department today and in the future.



Lieutenant Shane Castro and Captain Kevin Martschinkse have both received Public Safety Leadership certification from Daniels College of Business/University of Denver.

*Liberty Flag Pole
at Stroehle Square*

Rededicated July 4, 2014

PUBLIC WORKS

Dory Hill Water Plant is preparing to spring into the 21st Century

The new Dory Hill water plant is nearing completion. The way the new plant will process water is a major change from the old plant. The old plant used a filtration technique known as Diatomaceous Earth. Diatomaceous Earth (DE) is a natural powder like material composed of the shells of microscopic organisms called diatoms and was used at Dory Hill as its filter media. The DE was supported on a number of porous stones inside a pressure vessel where water passed through the DE and was filtered.

The Dory Hill DE plant was upgraded in 1995 with filter vessels that were purchased secondhand from a neighboring community. The DE plant has been pampered by our water operators to keep it running to produce clean and safe drinking water for the City of Black Hawk, but now it has seen the end of its useful life.

The upgrade to the Dory Hill Treatment Plant will bring the treatment process into the 21st Century. The treatment process will include coagulation and flocculation as pre-treatment and pre-oxidation for reducing organics in the raw water and membranes for micro filtration.

The new plant is being constructed where the old streets shop once stood next to the old Dory Hill Plant. The old plant has been kept in service while the new plant is being constructed so the treated water supply was not interrupted. The new membrane filters have been installed and tested and are now treating water. There is some ongoing fine tuning taking place as our City of Black Hawk water operators take control of the new Dory Hill Water Treatment Plant.



Diatomaceous Earth Filter



Newly installed Pall Membrane Filters

Feeling the Pressure?

The water department has recently received several inquiries regarding high water pressure. The pressures in the distribution system can vary and may exceed normal ranges of 80 psi from time to time. The water department recommends that those homes that experience the higher pressures have a pressure reducing valve (PRV) installed. If you are unsure if you have a PRV, or have other concerns about your water supply, our staff would be happy to meet with you.

If you would like additional information please contact: Jason Fredricks 303-582-2246 or Jim Ford 303-582-2237



The previous Dory Hill Water Treatment Plant had been in operation since the 1960's and upgraded in 1995. The latest upgrade has been a monumental project and will be completed this summer.

CP&D

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Historic Wood Workshop to be hosted by the City of Black Hawk

The City of Black Hawk was awarded a Certified Local Government grant to host a day-long Historic Wood Workshop presented by Ron Anthony of Anthony & Associates, a nationally recognized consultant and speaker on historic wood.

The grant funds will pay for a six hour workshop to be held on Friday, September 25, 2015, focusing on evaluating the condition of historic wood features and structural elements and understanding their importance to an overall preservation project. In Colorado's harsh environment, particularly in mountain communities, the topic of historic wood evaluation and its preservation is a especially relevant topic.

This workshop can accommodate about 30 participants and will be open to all Colorado Preservation Commission members and staff. The goal is to provide training and education for decision makers on historic wood, both

structural and architectural features, including:

- how to evaluate the condition of historic wood;
- what you can discover from a site visit;
- when should you call in an expert; and
- when is a feature or structure salvageable.

The workshop will be a combination of a focused classroom session as well as a field laboratory to practice implementing the training. It will provide preservation decision makers with the background necessary to evaluate historic wood.

A benefit of this event will be an increase in recognition of the value of historic resources, retaining and reusing historic structures, where feasible, and preserving the character and integrity of existing residential neighborhoods.



City of Black Hawk staff attends Colorado Association of Permit Technician Training

The City of Black Hawk's Planning Department sent two representatives to the recent Colorado Association of Permit Technicians (CAPT) seminar entitled "Fundamentals of I-Codes for Permit Technicians" led by International Code Council Instructor, Roger Axel.

The seminar provided the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to perform in code administration, including:

- Legal aspects
- Code language
- Code enforcement
- Reading construction documents
- Reviewing submitted documents
- Permitting
- The inspection process

Black Hawk will be the venue for an upcoming CAPT seminar entitled "Construction Vocabulary" to be held at Crook's Palace on Friday, July 17, 2015. It will be led by Code Administrator and Consultant Glenn Mathewson. The construction industry has its own vocabulary and understanding it is critical. This course will provide an understanding of unique terms used only in construction and code. Field jargon and IRC definitions for framing, roofing, plumbing, and other topics will be explained as they relate to their application.

2015 Community Clean Up Day

A successful day returning the City back to clean and pristine for the summer

After initially being postponed due to inclement weather, the Citywide Clean Up Day went off without a hitch on Thursday, May 28, 2015. About 100 volunteers including residents, local business and casino employees, City Council, Historic Preservation Commission, and City employees gathered at Crook's Palace early in the morning for a hearty breakfast and coffee in order to fortify themselves for the work ahead. Breakfast was generously donated by various local businesses, casinos, and the City of Black Hawk. After a month of soggy weather, a stray shower did pass through during breakfast, but then Mother Nature kindly decided to give us a break and provided blue skies and sunshine for the remainder of the event.

Volunteers were divided into teams and hit the streets in brightly colored vests to pick up trash in community areas that had been buried in snow not that long ago. Areas that were cleaned included Main Street and the GOLD District®, Highway 119, Miner's Mesa, the Creekscape, and residential neighborhoods. Bags and bags of trash were collected and carted off. In addition, many people took advantage of the City's offer to pick up large items for disposal, such as old appliances and furniture.

The difference was immediately noticeable and the City of Black Hawk is now sparkling clean for everyone to enjoy going into the summer months. Hopefully everyone will continue to pitch in by picking up any items they notice on a daily basis to keep the City looking its very best, not just on Clean Up Day, but year-round.

The volunteers then filed back into Crook's for a well-deserved lunch. A delicious Mexican spread was catered by JKQ Catering along with other food donated by various local businesses and the City. Following lunch, an exciting raffle was held in which many great prizes were handed out to lucky winners. Prizes were donated by the casinos, local businesses, and the City of Black Hawk.

Thanks to all who joined the City to make this day a huge success. Special thanks goes out to:

Ameristar Casino

Bull Durham Casino

The Isle and Lady Luck Casinos

The Lodge and Gilpin Casinos

Mardi Gras, Golden Gates, and Golden Gulch Casinos

Monarch Casino

Saratoga Casino

Sasquatch, Black Hawk Station, and Wild Card Casino

Z Casino

7 Healing Stars Wellness Center

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City of Black Hawk City Council, Historic Preservation Commission, City employees, and residents who participated

> More photos on page 12 and our Facebook page!



FINANCE

2014 Revenue in Review

Before we move too far into 2015, it may be a good idea to take a look at how the City's finances concluded in 2014. 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 provided over 84.69% of all General Fund revenue for 2014.

Sales Tax for 2014 was up only 0.12% as compared to 2013. The City's share of the State Gaming Tax for 2014 was up 1.36% from the previous year. And finally, the Gaming Device Fees for 2014 increased by 26.27%. The substantial increase was the result of an increase in the fee assessed on each device, more than the increase in the number of devices. The monthly average number of devices in 2014 was 8,462 compared to 8,451 in 2013. However, the annual Device Fee increased from \$750 in 2013 to \$945 in 2014.

When looking at the three revenue sources together, the total for 2014 was up about 11.46% from 2013. Unfortunately, the majority of the increase is not the result of increased gaming activity within Black Hawk, but rather increased fees. 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.

CP&D 2015 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Cyber Stick-Ups

Cyber stick-ups are the real deal this day and age with more and more advanced techniques coming out the web is starting to feel more like the wild west, this article will focus on the malicious software that is used to hold computer data for ransom known as crypto virus.

The most well documented variant of crypto virus is known as Cryptolocker which affected interneted machines starting around 2013. Cryptolocker is activated when a user opens an innocent looking attachment that was actually an executable file. Once the file has been opened, the program will contact its home server and create an encryption key using public key encryption, which is briefly covered below. Once your machine is ready and the key has been installed it is time to start locking files, the target files are usually documents, spreadsheets, pictures, and presentations. After a certain threshold is met the infected machine will start displaying a message to pay for access to your files, if you try to open any of the affected files you will

get an error. The amount demanded for payment will go up after a certain amount of time.

The key has two parts, one of which is used to encode the files using an algorithm and the other is used to decode them. Imagine if your car came with two keys but one could only lock and the other could only unlock, now imagine that you were left with the key that could only lock the car. On top of that, the key you are left with does not provide any clue as to how you unlock the car that is how public key encryption works - and unfortunately it is used by most alliterations of crypto virus.

Getting files back into the original state is almost impossible without the key; depending on how valuable the data is will determine if someone is desperate enough to pay. If you had documents with all of your financial transactions, wedding photos, or even your parents' wedding photos, and they were all held for ransom, you may consider paying the extortion fee, but the best bet is to not cave. About a year after the crypto virus showed up the United States Department of Justice, along with

other agencies, managed to procure most, if not all of the decryption keys; this meant that people could recover files without dealing with the shady online characters.

How much is your data worth? If your answer is "a lot," then you may not be able to wait a year to get it back. Instead of waiting to be rescued, perform the following simple tasks to reduce the chances of catching the crypto bug:

1. Backup your files to an external hard drive or cloud source.
2. Make sure your anti-virus program is up-to-date.
3. Avoid opening email attachments if you cannot verify the sender AND content.
4. Do not download "free" programs unless you have verified they come from a trusted source.

For more information on Cryptolocker visit: <https://blog.malwarebytes.org/intelligence/2013/10/cryptolocker-ransomware-what-you-need-to-know/>



Cyber Stick-Ups

POLICE DEPARTMENT

City of Black Hawk to host the Rocky Mountain Women in Law Enforcement Conference

For the second time in six years, the Rocky Mountain Women in Law Enforcement Conference (RMWLE) will be held in Black Hawk at the Ameristar Casino Resort Spa on September 23-25, 2015. Rocky Mountain Women in Law Enforcement is a group of law enforcement professionals working in various disciplines across the State of Colorado. The non-profit association was created in 2002 to promote recruitment and retention of women in law enforcement. The annual conference is designed to educate its members on current law enforcement issues. The last conference held in Black Hawk was one of the most attended and successful conferences ever held by the RMWLE Association. It is anticipated over 200 law enforcement professionals will attend this year's conference.

Police Field Training Officers Conference coming to Black Hawk

The Black Hawk Police Department has announced it will once again host this year's statewide conference of the Colorado Chapter of National Association of Field Training Officers (NAFTO) on September 21 and 22, 2015, at the Ameristar Casino Resort Spa in Black Hawk. Upon popular request, this will be the third statewide conference held in Black Hawk. The state conference brings together 100 police training officers from all over Colorado to participate in a two-day refresher course on the latest issues and methodologies used by police training officers. The Colorado Chapter of NAFTO is a non-profit educational and professional association serving field training officers, agencies, and organizations throughout the State of Colorado.

Employees collaborate on invention of the "Black Hawk Door Boot"

Earlier this year, the Black Hawk Police Department needed to secure a hotel room, but did not have the manpower or resources to guard the room. It's not uncommon for law enforcement resources to become exhausted during the initial stages of any investigation, and Black Hawk was no exception. "The Police Department needed an easy way to secure a room without tying up an officer to guard it," said Chief of Police Stephen Cole. After a failed

online search for a locking device, police employees collaborated with the Public Works Department to develop a locking mechanism to secure any hotel room in the City during an investigation. Employees in the Police Department developed a conceptual plan for a locking device called a "Door Boot" which is similar to a device used on cars to prevent them from being driven. Officer Brandon Davis collected door dimensions from several hotel rooms in the city to make sure the device would work everywhere it would be needed. Officer Davis and Sergeant Tory Jantz then worked with Fleet Superintendent Steve Jackson and his staff to turn the concept into reality. Public Works employees used aluminum material to develop the first "Door Boot" prototype which was tested to ensure it would work. Public Works made a few modifications, painted the device and the "Black Hawk Door Boot" was ready for action. Since the device was created, it has already been used twice to secure hotel rooms, freeing up officers to perform other important duties. The "Black Hawk Door Boot" (*patent applied for*) has saved the department overtime and improved operational efficiency.



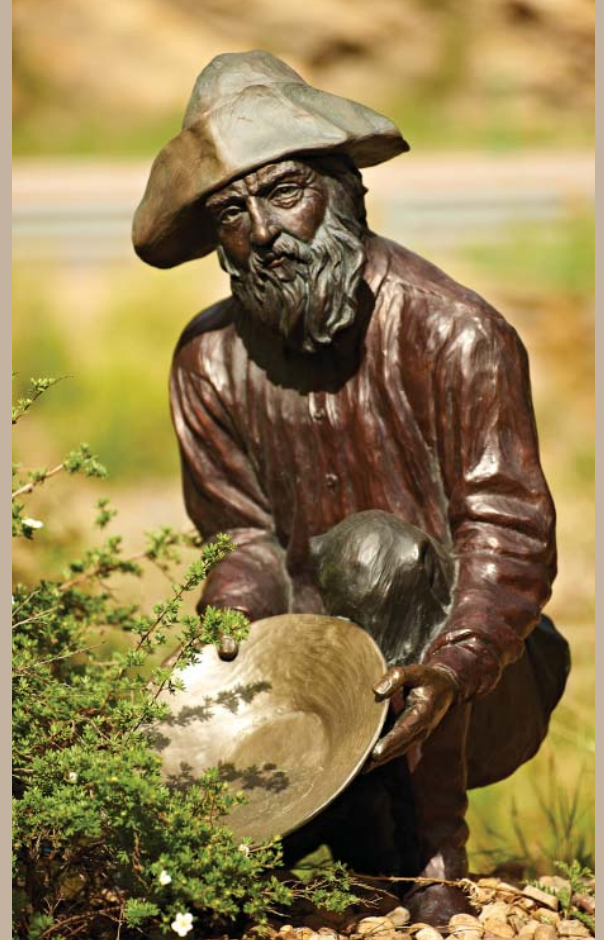


“Text to 911” Services Launched in Black Hawk

Black Hawk Police Department has added a new service to its 911 Communications System which provides alternatives to traditional cell phone voice calls. On June 1, 2015 a new “Text to 911” system was rolled out by all four major cellular carriers to allow the Black Hawk Police Department 911 Emergency Center to receive text messages from callers. Texting 911 can provide an alternative to calling for help during an emergency when connecting using a voice call is difficult.

Although sending text messages to a 911 Emergency Center will occur infrequently, there is still a need to have this enhanced capability. Text messages are sometimes able to get through to 911 when a voice call will fail, which can sometimes occur in the mountains. The ability to text 911 will also benefit individuals with hearing impairments and can save lives in situations where secretly texting 911 is critical to survival. Quietly texting 911 during a home invasion, kidnapping, or domestic violence situation may be the only method of communicating with 911 without being discovered. However, texting requires complete information such as location, nature of the incident and other information important for dispatchers to understand the emergency and to subsequently send appropriate resources. In addition, some cell phones may need to be set up to ensure full “Text to 911” capabilities.

“Text to 911” is a new service and is not yet available in all areas of Colorado. In fact, only a few areas currently have this new service. Cell towers outside of Black Hawk’s city limits were included in the new enhanced 911 texting system to provide better coverage in the Black Hawk area. The expanded tower footprint now gives Central City residents the same “Text to 911” option as Black Hawk. If you are in an area outside of Black Hawk where the local 911 Emergency Communication Center does not accept “Text to 911” messages, you will receive a message stating, “Please make a voice call to 911, there is no text service to 911 available at this time.” If you receive this message please make a voice call to 911 to request assistance. Telephoning 911 will remain the prominent method for requesting help during an emergency, but if voice communication fails, try texting.



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what you've been
searching for!**

**The City of Black Hawk is
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THE MAYOR'S HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

The Symbolic Streets of Black Hawk

Prepared by David D. Spellman

For the next few issues of The Black Hawk Lantern I will be researching and identifying how the streets and alleys in Black Hawk received their names. This endeavor has proven to be time consuming, and on more than one occasion, frustrating, but easily holds my interest as does any historical research of Black Hawk. The majority of the City's streets are named after individuals, and to the extent possible I will attempt to identify the homes or buildings of these individuals.

Some streets need little, if any explanation as to how the name was designated, after all what City does not have a Main Street located within its boundaries? It is also apparent how the following Black Hawk streets received their designations.

Gregory Street

Gregory Street is certainly named after John H. Gregory of Georgia who revived the Pikes Peak Gold Rush when on May 6, 1859 he discovered the first lode gold in the area that would later come to be known as the "Gregory Diggings." The gold vein is ensconced in the area that five years later on March 11, 1864 would be incorporated into the boundaries of the second oldest incorporated City in Colorado, the City of Black Hawk. It was Gregory's discovery that inaugurated the expansion and permanent development of Colorado. On June 8, 1859, the rich gold strike led to the formation of the first mining district in the new gold rush region of the Rocky Mountains, aptly dubbed the "Gregory Mining District." The Gregory Lode stands preeminent in Colorado mining history, not only as the first lode discovered, but also for the mineral value it produced. A monument on Gregory Street in Black Hawk was erected in 1932 by the State Historical Society of Colorado, recognizing John H. Gregory and the "Gregory Diggings."

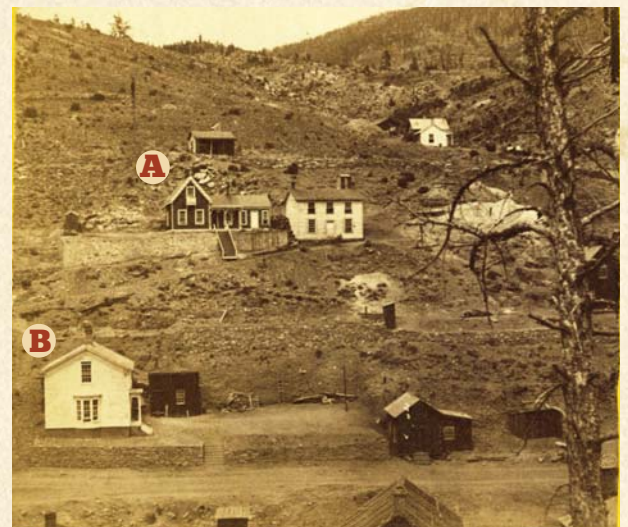
Church Street

Upon completion of the Presbyterian Church in September of 1863, The Colorado Miner, a Black Hawk newspaper, opined this about the edifice "Its situation is commanding and attracts the first attention of the traveler as he enters the Gregory mines. As an ornament and improvement to Black Hawk it is exceedingly beautiful." With that sentiment also being the prevailing attitude of Black Hawk Point residents (as the settlement was known at the time), how could the street leading to such a prodigious building be labeled any name other than Church Street?

It is quite evident that some of the street names in Black Hawk unlock the rich history of its early settlers or prominent environs, while others receive a more straightforward explanation.

Clear Creek Street

The road running parallel to North Clear Creek naturally is called Clear Creek Street.



**View of Marchant and Clear Creek Streets
• Mid 1860's •**

A. 131 Marchant Street.

B. Clear Creek Street. This house, formerly 171 Clear Creek Street, was relocated by the City of Black Hawk to 155 Chase Street in 2003. It is currently the home of Alderman Paul Bennett and his wife, Pamela.

Photo from the collection of David D. Spellman

High Street

The street directly behind (and above) Church Street received the simple designation of High Street. There is no Mr. or Mrs. High that I have found.

Hillside Street

It makes sense to name a street perched high on a mountain side Hillside Street.

As for the remaining Black Hawk streets that it is not obvious or straightforward as to how or why they received their designations, I will identify their unique source and reveal their historical story.

Marchant Street

I decided for this issue to commence with the street I am most familiar with and where I was raised, Marchant Street. As it turns out, the street is named after one of the more colorful characters of any Black Hawk street designation.

The first record of William “Billy” Marchant in Gilpin County is on December 24, 1861, he loaned a saloon owner in Nevadaville \$250.00. A billiard table, with all appurtenances, was recorded as collateral for the loan. The saloon owner may have defaulted on the loan for no release, or any evidence the loan was paid in full was recorded.

In June of 1862, Billy purchased a billiard table for \$150.00 while he was a resident of Central City. Before the year was over, he relocated to Black Hawk Point and opened the Continental Billiard Hall with three billiard tables manufactured by the “father of American billiards” Michael Phelan. These were the highest regarded and most popular billiard tables at the time. In April of 1863 an ad in the *Central City Tri-Weekly Miner’s Register* read:

Central City Tri-Weekly Miner’s Register, April 14, 1863

Continental Billiard Hall! Black Hawk Point

*Three of the best Marble bed Phelan Tables to be found in the Territory.
The best quality of Liquors and Cigars constantly on hand.*



Billy must have been a saintly soul, as well as a community-minded individual, for the second floor of his establishment was known as Marchant Hall and church services were held there every Sabbath. Methodist and Universalist services were held in the morning, followed by Episcopal services in the evening. The hall was referred to as the “City Hall” before there was an actual city government and miners meetings were held at Billy’s whenever necessary. On occasion, the hall was also used for theater troupes who would travel up from Denver, whose performances were always popular and well attended.

In addition to operating the Continental, Billy began to acquire real estate, including mining claims. The Black Hawk newspaper reported:

The Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal, February 16, 1864

The other day; Billy Marchant showed us a piece of as good-looking quartz as we have seen, from a newly-discovered lode, about three miles above town, on the creek. Billy is going to work it and see what it contains.

It is also at this time Billy purchased his home on the Black Hawk hillside that, in September of 1864, would become known as Marchant Street. Today we refer to this property as 151 Marchant Street.

The buying of property had evolved into the selling and leasing of property. Billy must have been doing quite well, for late in 1863 the Continental Billiard Hall went up for sale.

THE MAYOR'S HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal, November 30, 1863

Continental Billiard Rooms For Sale

"Wishing to retire from business the undersigned offers the above named property for sale, consisting in part, as follows: Two Billiard Tables, Bar and Bar Fixtures, 20,000 Cigars, 10 Cases of Wine, 4 Casks of Superior Gin, 5 Casks French Brandy, 100 Gallons of Bourbon Whiskey, 50 Gallons fine Jamaica Rum, 10 Cases Plantation Bitters, And in fact everything except the Dog, Chickens and Poll Parrot. WM. Marchant.

With no apparent suitors for the billiard hall by late January of 1864, Billy's good friend Ovando J. Hollister, who was the Publisher and Editor of the *Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal*, ran this ad in his newspaper:

Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal, January 28, 1864

Billy Marchant having decided to remain in Black Hawk the remainder of his days wants a wife to share his bread and butter, the profits of two billiard tables, his dog Topsey and a cage of canary birds. He is also sole proprietor of a beautiful cottage situated high on yonder mountain side, where his partner of his joys and sorrows may sit there, the live long day, and listen to the music "of sighing breezes as they go wiggle waggle through the trees". Billy get one who can make first-class gingerbread and we'll visit you often. We're desperate fond of gingerbread.

Perhaps no one took more delight in the billiard hall not changing hands than an 11 year old young man named Henry Allebaugh, "Heenan" as he was known around the Continental.

Heenan first gained the attention of the general public a little over a year earlier when a reporter for the *Rocky Mountain News* visited Black Hawk Point and wrote:

Rocky Mountain News, Black Hawk Point, November 5, 1862

I passed a few hours day before yesterday at this thriving place, and could not repress a feeling of astonishment at its continued rapid growth. Among the "sights" at Black Hawk, is the infant billiard player, known as "Heenan," at Billy Marchant's saloon. I do not know his age—it cannot be more than ten or eleven years,—but his weight and stature are very limited; he is scarcely a head taller than a billiard table; yet he plays a very good game, and can beat many players who have handled the cue for years. He makes his runs of fifteen or twenty five quite frequently, and displays much judgment in "nursing" the balls. He will make a star player if he continues improving as he has latterly.

This account of the child-prodigy billiard player was followed up by Hollister:

Black Hawk Mining Journal on January 15, 1864

Black Hawk Ahead.- Henry Allebaugh alias "Heenan," who for the past year has been as much a fixture of Billy Marchant's Billiard Hall as the bar itself, was taken to Denver, Wednesday, by Jim Emmerson—to make his debut in the world of billiards. He played one game at Bard's, the same night, which attracted the whole Denver sporting world, Bard's Mammoth Hall, 50 by 80, being crammed to excess, tables and all. He played with Tommy Oyler, of this place, a fair player, beating him 72 points in a hundred. Since then, he has made three matches for heavy stakes, one being as high as \$500. "Heenan" is about 11, just high enough to bring his face on a level with the table. His style of handling the cue is original, being obliged to be under instead of over it. We have often dropped in at Marchant's and watched him knocking the balls around for amusement, and thought of his coming Phelan-istie, honors. He has very much of an old air about him, not unmixed with that perfect self-possession, said to be characteristic of the gentleman; certainly a necessary requisite to a good billiard player. Tommy Oyler and Jim Emmerson, of Black Hawk, and J. McNassar of Denver, offer to back him, under certain conditions, for \$500 each. Billy Marchant, whose pupil Heenan was at first, the relative position being now reversed, offers to back him against any boy in the Territory, 18 years of age or under, for five hundred dollars—the game to be played in his billiard room within six months.

View of Black Hawk
• 1864 •

151 Marchant Street, the home of William Marchant, seen in the distance on Marchant Street.

Photo courtesy of the Denver Public Library Western Collection by George D. Wakely



View of Marchant Street
• June 2015 •

151 Marchant Street, the former home of William Marchant.



Henry was the son of Noah S. and Sarah Allebaugh. At the time, Noah himself owned and operated a saloon where gambling was conducted, much to the ire of a great many Black Hawk citizens. In latter years, Noah must have been forgiven for he served as a Black Hawk Alderman for a number of terms. Noah, Sarah, a number of their children, and other family members are interred at the Dory Hill Cemetery. Henry is not among them.

By the end of 1864, Billy had sold his business to Tom Barnes, the billiard king of Central City. Barnes removed the saloon furniture and fixtures to his new billiard hall over Ettien's west storeroom on Gregory Street in Black Hawk. The billiard hall was located in the building that later became known as the Rohling Inn, and is today a part of the Saratoga Casino. It was billed as one of the finest and best furnished in the Territory. The poll parrot "Black Billy" was apparently included in the sale after all, for sadness befell the community when the following was reported:

Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal on February 3, 1865

IN MEMORIAM. – Departed this life, after a sudden and severe illness, between the hours of— and — this morning, "Black Billy", of Barnes' Billiard Palace, of this city. Brought up under the fostering care of Mr. Marchant, he was at once the pet and pride of the Saloon, numbering his friends by hundreds. His sudden death has cast a gloom over the entire community. His remains will be interred in the family vault, at 2 o'clock tomorrow evening. Verily, in the midst of life, we are in death. Sic transit gloria Monday Morning.

THE MAYOR'S HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

Billy Marchant's Column

BILLIARDS

Are said to have been invented
as early as
THE 16TH CENTURY,
Since which time
THE ROYAL GAME
Has continued to be
THE FAVORITE PASTIME
of all classes.

.....

Billy Marchant

OF THE
CONTINENTAL BILLIARD SALOON
AT
BLACK HAWK POINT, C. T.

Has Superior Phelan Tables, a
commodious, airy and pleas-
ant Room, free from dust and
heat

Where the Honest Miner &
Enterprising Mill-man
may beguile a leisure hour in
this elegant pastime.

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His Bar is constantly sup-
plied with the Choicest Liquors
which can be found in the Territory. No
pains or expense will be spared to please
the patrons of the
Old Continental.
Give me a call.
A splendid wood-bed Phelan table
for sale cheap.
Aug. 24.—d10d

The Colorado Miner
• August 24, 1863 •

It would seem Billy actually had no intention of retiring from the billiard table trade as he installed tables in two stores after the sale of his Billiard Hall. One being in Colonel Selak's new building situated between Selak and Gregory Streets; the other located in the Oak Hall Billiard Room.

Recalling that Billy had a parrot in his saloon and canaries at his home, the Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal had reported that bird fancier Billy Marchant shot a young bald eagle whose wings measured more than four feet from tip to tip. The shot passed through the wings; and Billy, perhaps out of guilt, decided to save and "tame" the bird. The eagle would prove to be useful and amusing.

Billy, along with Dr. F. H. Judd, (of the Black Hawk Mining Company), Judge Backus, Henry Cooper, and E. Horne were all members of the Union party which supported the preservation of the Union and statehood for the Colorado Territory. In 1865 Gilpin County and Black Hawk played a significant role in the Territorial elections, and these gentlemen intended to make sure that the County elected representatives to the Territorial Legislature who agreed with their platform. As reported by the *Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal*, to accomplish this in Black Hawk a band was employed to march the streets of the City playing patriotic music.

Black Hawk Daily Mining Journal on September 6, 1865

The Band was everywhere, executing in the best style, patriotic airs, and adding greatly to the interest and excitement of the occasion. In the afternoon, Mr. Marchant perched his large live American Eagle on the cross-bar of a hand flag-staff, from which floated a beautiful, silk, national banner, and carried it as the colors of the Band. The Bird and the Flag were received with favor everywhere and by everybody. We have no doubt the patriotic feeling aroused by the Band decided many who were wavering to vote for a union with the greatest nation of the world. It will be long before the torchlight procession of the night preceding the election, with its beautiful music, superb moonlight, handsome turn-out of torches and transparencies, streets, doors, and windows filled with integrated spectators, will be forgotten.

Of course, the Colorado Territory would not be admitted into the Union and gain statehood until August 1, 1876.



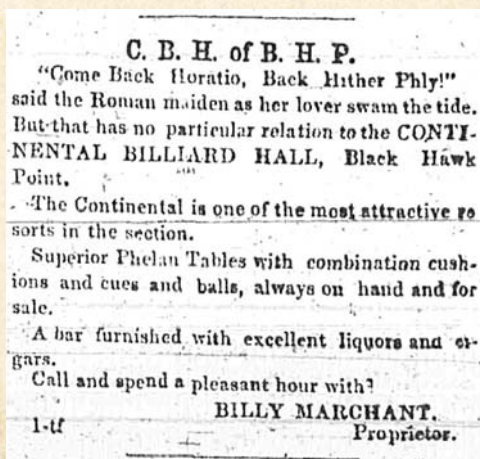
View of Marchant Street • 2013 •

Billy Marchant eventually departed Black Hawk in 1866, buying a saloon and billiard hall on Blake Street in Denver. He would reunite with his young billiardist friend Henry “Heenan” Allebaugh in 1871. By this time the *Rocky Mountain News* had referred to Heenan as a Denver billiardist well known in sporting circles.

Daily Central City Register on September 26, 1871

We learn that young Allebaugh, better known as “Heenan,” who used to be a distinguished billiardist in Black Hawk, played a match game with Gates, the champion of California, in Denver last Saturday night. The game was 1,500 points, \$500 a side. Heenan played very finely, making from 35 to 60 to a run, getting away with the victory. The game stood, Heenan 1,500, Gates 1,027. It was thought by some that Gates was playing off for a bigger stake; others think Heenan is hard to beat by a Californian or any other man.

William Marchant was listed as the referee for the above match and one would assume the match took place at Billy’s saloon and billiard hall on Blake Street.

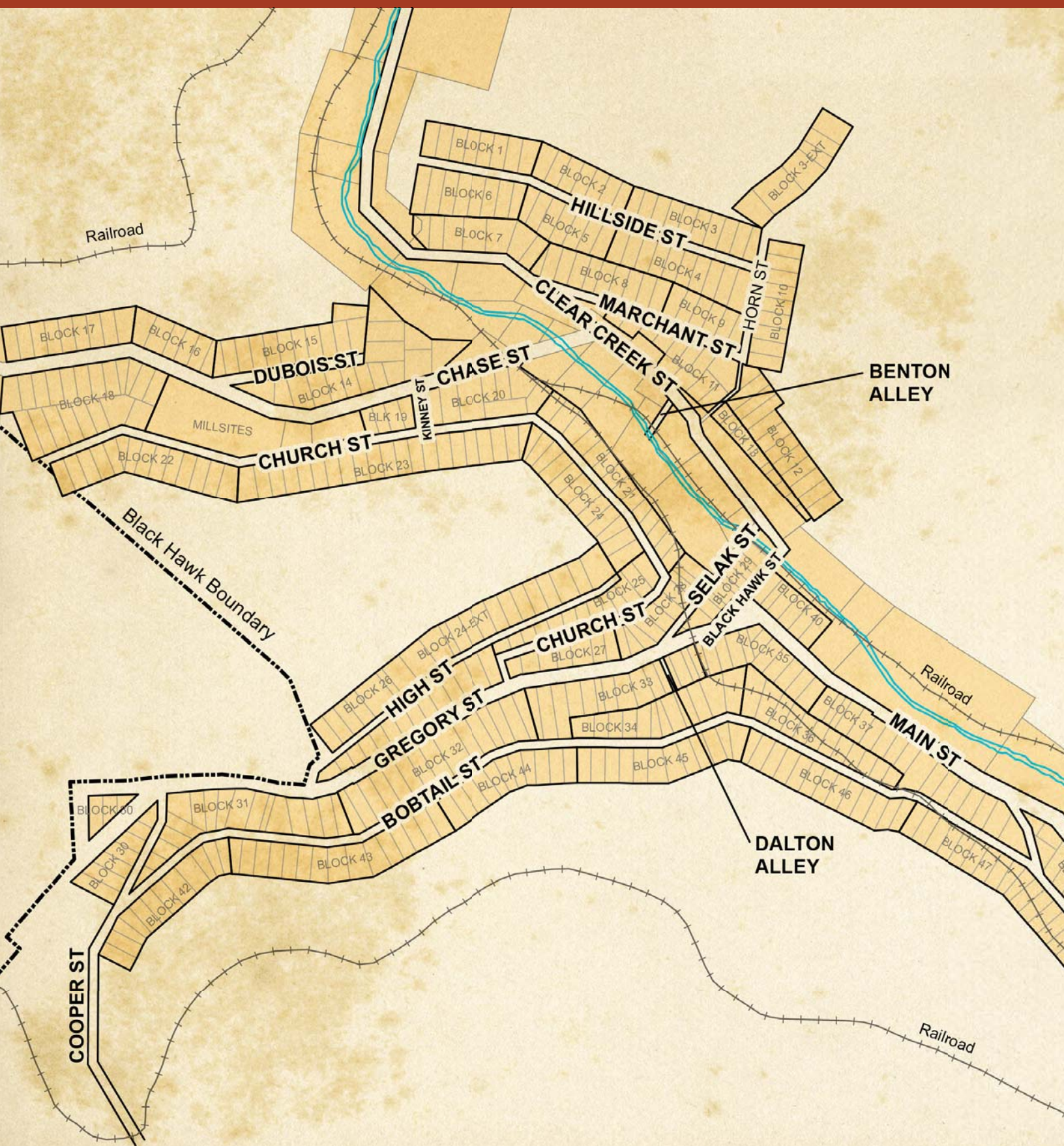


*The Colorado Miner
• August 15, 1863 •*



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.

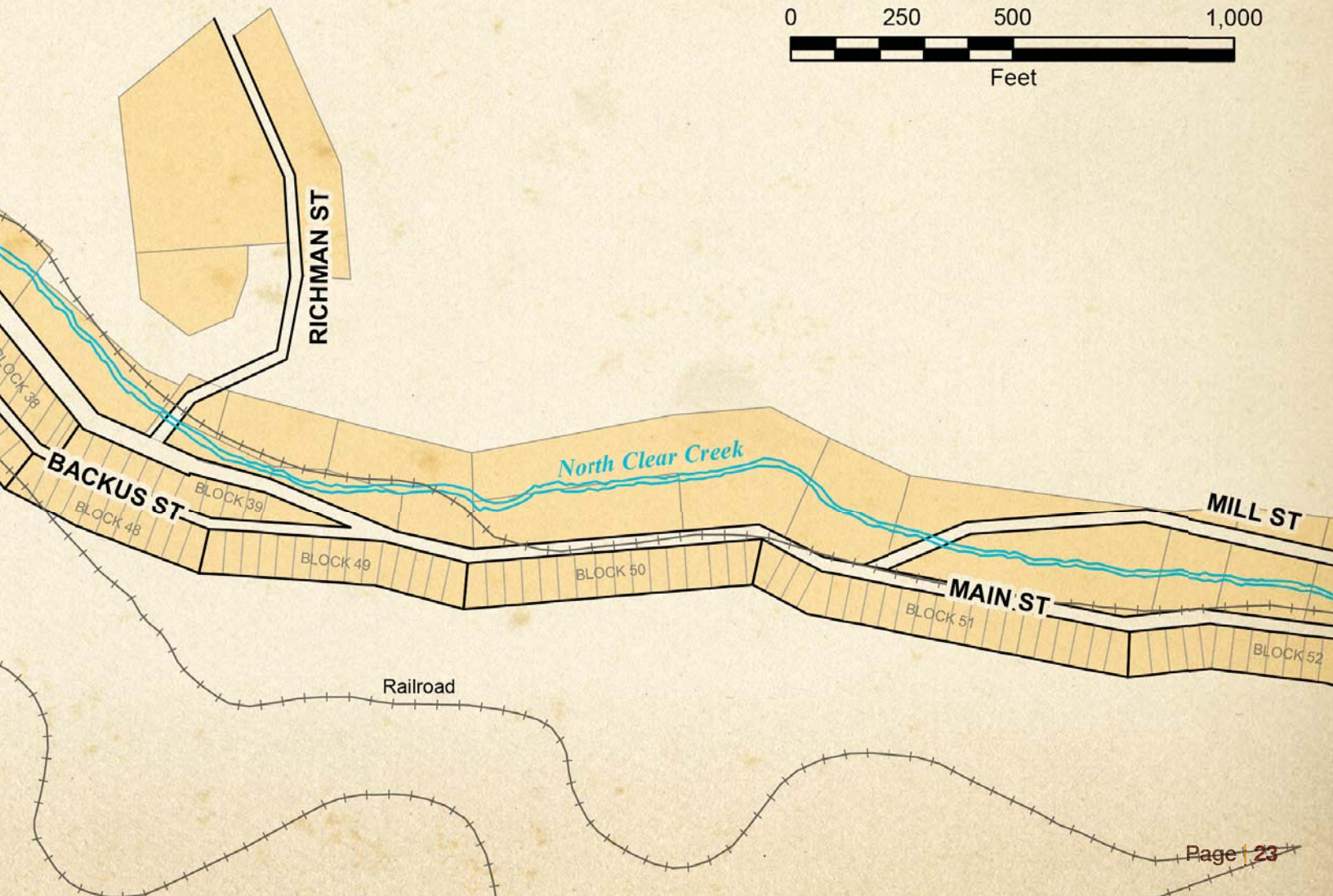
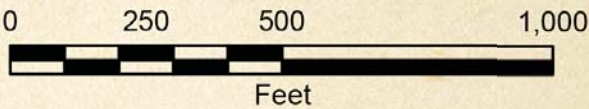


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