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2018 City of Black Hawk Clean-Up Day

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"Take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly, and try another. But by all means, try something."

-- Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Jack Lewis and James Ford

FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Greetings on this Memorial Day:

I am writing this letter on Memorial Day! To most, this is just another holiday or the "official start of summer." For many years that was exactly how I looked at Memorial Day. Occasionally the dates lined up and it becomes another birthday for Jim Ford and me. This year is different. I think

it is because I am now part of a military family due to my youngest daughter marrying a Major in the US Army. My wife and I were fortunate enough to witness the "pinning" of our son in law when he became a Major. For those of us that are not part of a military family, we do not know the dedication or true meaning of serving our country. I have learned to respect what our military stands for and does to protect our country in a very personal way.

This Memorial day I would like to offer my respect to those from Black Hawk, Gilpin County, and the rest of the Country for "giving it all" which is the true spirit of Memorial Day.

On a note closer to Black Hawk, we had 165 dedicated folks sign up for the clean-up day! That is surely a record. The trend is more volunteers every year to help with the task. With that many participants, it has clearly become a community event. The residents and volunteers from the business sector far outnumbered the City employees this year which is very encouraging.

Taking pride in our little city by cleaning it up is not only fun but it shows our visitors how much we care. Thank you to all who participated in any way.

Have a great summer, happy trails,

Jack

CP&D

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

2018 City-Wide Clean-Up Day Recap

The City of Black Hawk's 11th annual Clean-Up Day was held on Thursday, May 24th. The weather could not have been more perfect this time around! A record number of ~165 volunteers signed up this year, City of Black Hawk employees, City Council Aldermen, Historic Preservation Commission members, casino and local business employees and residents –all donning their bright orange “I Cleaned Up in Black Hawk!” T-shirts.

First, the participants gathered at Crook's Palace for a delicious breakfast & beverages, all generously donated by:

- Ameristar Casino
- Isle/Lady Luck Casino
- Lodge/Gilpin Casino
- Mardi Gras/Golden Gate/Golden Gulch Casino
- Monarch Casino
- Saratoga Casino
- Sasquatch/Wild Card Casino
- Zs Casino
- Mountain Mocha Cafe
- EAGLESmart Convenience Store



With fuel in their tanks, the volunteers then hit the streets with rubber gloves, trash grabbers, trash pokers, trash bags, brooms & dustpans, picking up trash all around the City of Black Hawk.

The Clean-Up Day participants submitted photos of the Most-Interesting-Items-Found while cleaning the City. When the teams returned to Crook's for a catered lunch of barbecued hamburgers, hot dogs and brats, provided by JKQ Catering, the photos were compiled into a slide-show.

Then the participants got to vote on which of the submissions was truly the Most-Interesting-Item-Found. The winning item this year was a rusty old plaid bucket with a long animal bone in it and the person who submitted the photo was awarded a gift card. In addition to that prize, a raffle drawing was conducted by City of Black Hawk Council Aldermen Linda Armbright and Jim Johnson for a variety of \$25 gift cards.

The City of Black Hawk would, once again, like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and effort to make the 2018 City-Wide Clean-Up Day another great success. We could not do it without you!

2018 Clean-Up Day Continued

Best Day Ever!





Sign up now for the 4th Annual City of Black Hawk Historic Preservation Workshop! September 18th & 19th, 2018



“Historic Buildings & the International Building Code” presented by Thomas Meyers, CBO & President of Building Intuition, LLC

Who? This workshop is open to historic preservation commissioners/specialists, planners, designers, architects, contractors, handymen, general contractors, building inspectors, project coordinators/managers, college students and the general public.

What? Our workshop presenter will provide a roadmap to the recent changes in the International Building & Fire Code, as well as the International Existing Building Code and how they affect historic commercial and historic residential projects undergoing repair, alterations or additions necessary for the preservation, rehabilitation, relocation, related construction, change of use or continued use of a qualified historic building with the intent to save architectural heritage by recognizing the unique construction challenges inherent in historical buildings.

When? The workshop will be held Tuesday, September 18, 2018 with a repeat performance on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Registration opens at 8:00 am with continental breakfast served from 8:00 to 9:00. Presentation begins at 9:00. Workshop will end by 5:00 pm each day.

Where? The workshop presentation will be held in historic Crook's Palace (200 Gregory St) in downtown Black Hawk with afternoon field trips to the Lace House and Gilpin Hotel to apply what was learned.

Why? The goal of this workshop is to learn strategies for finding a path to compliance when it comes to rehabilitations, restorations, renovations and additions to historic residential and commercial structures.

TO REGISTER FOR THIS WORKSHOP:

PLEASE NOTE: These workshops fill up quickly! In order to reserve a spot in either the Tuesday 9/18 or Wednesday 9/19 workshop, you must contact Sara Lang Forbes at sforbes@cityofblackhawk.org to get your name on the registration list. There will be a \$20 registration fee payable to the City of Black Hawk by check, cash or credit card. Continental breakfast and a catered lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Sara at 303-582-2223.

Looking forward to another great workshop!

NEW FACES 2016

Terry Feltis

Tell us about yourself.

I am a native of Colorado, and have lived in the Black Hawk area since the early 70's. My father owned a business called Black Hawk Apex Valley Repair - fixed appliances and all kinds of motors and various small items. My mother had a natural food store and a laundromat. Graduated from Gilpin High School in 1985! Next I took vocational studies in welding. I am married to the wonderful person - Tammy! She and I have four dogs (we foster when needed) and one cat who rules the roost! I worked for CDOT for 11 years in highway maintenance - making sure that the traveling public was safe. I enjoy fishing, hunting, motorbiking (dirt), boating and snowmobiling.

It has been great to meet up with friends and old acquaintances that I grew up with! I am very

happy, and excited to be working for the City. It was such a moment when I met up with the Mayor after so many years. We went to high school together and share a lot of memories about Black Hawk. Most would say I have a sense of humor, good natured and always willing to lend a hand.

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

I work in Street Maintenance with responsibilities that include snow removal, fixing potholes, keeping streets clean, watering, and mowing. I enjoy this job very much. I can be outdoors as much as 90% of the day. I went from CDOT, a large area to cover, to a small city with a focus on caring for the city. I enjoy working with a great bunch of guys who have been very helpful in learning the duties of this position.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Aaron Skeen

I have been with the City of Black Hawk for a little over a year now, as a Firefighter. I love responding to emergency calls, serving the residents, and visitors of the City. Working for the City has been an amazing adventure. The City has so much to offer, not only through employee benefits, but opportunities to grow in my career. Being a Firefighter in the City of Black Hawk is particularly meaningful to me, because I get to serve the area that I have grown up in. During my time away from the station, I volunteer with Timberline Fire Protection District in Gilpin County, hike, hunt, fish, and enjoy every moment that life gives me.

I have been blessed with a wonderful wife Amanda and two beautiful daughters, Heather and Emma. We have started a more self-sustaining hobby by growing our own vegetables, and raising chickens, both of which our daughters love to be a part of. Some of our goals for this year are to get out and camp more, and travel out of state. I would love to take my daughters to one of our favorite camping spots in Crawford, Colorado.

People described me as a passionate, friendly, outgoing, and I enjoy a good cup of coffee from Mountain Mocha with my crew. At the end of the day, I like to sit out on the porch with my family, enjoy some country music, and embrace the beauty of the area we live in.



City of Black Hawk 15th Annual Golf Tournament - RESCHEDULED

The golf tournament has been rescheduled to September 28, 2018. We ask everyone interested in playing this year to **please sign-up early!** A new flyer went out on May 2, 2018. This is a great opportunity for all golf enthusiasts, and just for fun players, to gather up your spouses, and co-workers to create that special team and join us! Location is the same, but check-in time and tee times have changed - please see the contacts on the flyer for more information. Watch for email updates!



2018 Colfax Marathon - Our Employees

The City of Black Hawk is very proud of the employees who participated in the Annual Colfax marathon, sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. Several of our employees brought their dogs to be apart of this very exciting event. The employees participated in two events, the relay and the 5K. The employees that



Roxie Morris, Janice Beecher and Guest

participated in the 5K was James Ford, Roxie Morris, and Janice Beecher. They endured the cold, rain, and mugginess! The picture to the left shows how much they enjoyed the walk, companionship, and their dog pals! The relay team had better weather, but still cold and grey day. The relay team for Black Hawk included Lance Hillis, Corey Hoffmann, Ryan Blenker, McKinzie Rees (not shown) and Wynter Kasch.

It is uniquely rewarding to know that our employees feel strongly about a favorite sport, but also that this event donates thousands of dollars to charity.



Wynter Kasch at the finish line!



Corey Hoffmann



Top (Left to right) Janice Beecher, Jim Ford, Lance Hillis, Ryan Blenker. Bottom (Left to Right) Roxie Morris and Wynter Kasch

Way to go Team Black Hawk!

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Black Hawk Casino Chef Cook-Off

The Black Hawk Casino Chef Cook-Off held on May 3, 2018, at Crook's Palace was a delicious and exciting showcase of the incredible culinary talent at work in the kitchens of Black Hawk's casinos. The chefs brought their A-games to the event, with creative ingredients, top-notch execution, and beautiful tablescapes. In addition, attendees sipped on craft

brews from Idaho Springs' own Tommyknocker

Brewery and wines from Ferrari-Carano Winery. The historic setting of Crook's Palace was the perfect backdrop for this authentic Colorado mountain culinary experience!



The City of Black Hawk was proud to partner with the ACF Colorado Chefs Association to host the fund raiser for the ACF Colorado Chefs Association apprenticeship program. The apprenticeship program trains aspiring culinarians through a classic European model of hands-on paid training

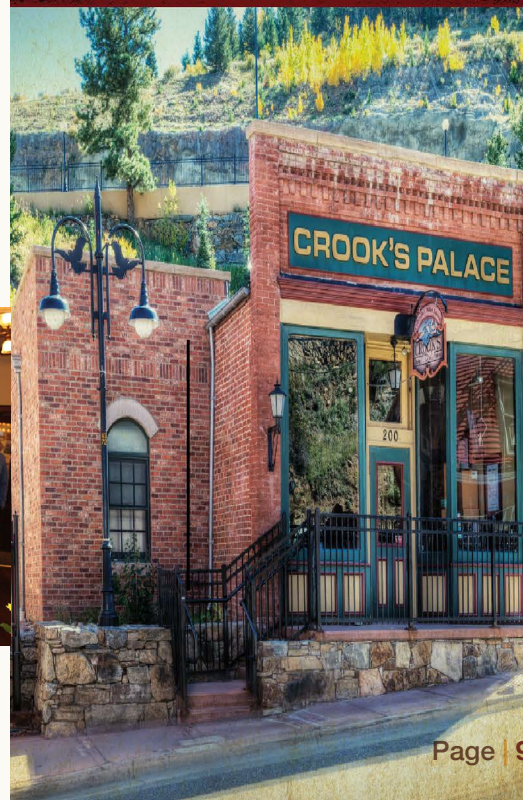
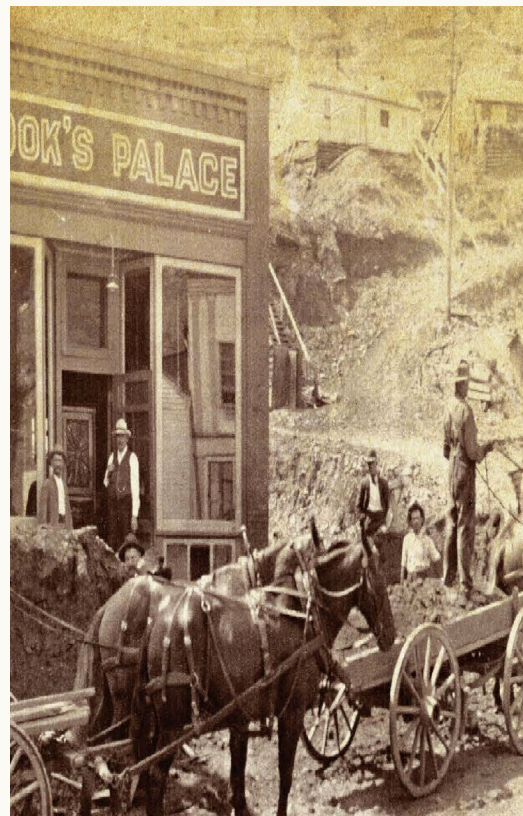
and classroom work-- for less than \$7000 in tuition for 2 years. Graduates are certified sous chefs and have more than 40 credits toward an undergraduate degree at Colorado community colleges.

The chef teams from Ameristar Casino Resort Spa Black Hawk, Isle Casino Hotel Black Hawk & Lady Luck Casino Black Hawk, The Lodge Casino & The Gilpin Casino, Monarch Casino Black Hawk, Saratoga Casino Black Hawk, and Z Casino sharpened their knives for an epicurean throw down. There was craft beer from Tommyknocker Brewery, and incredible wines from Ferrari-Carano Vineyards & Winery, while sampling the savory delicious small bites from the City of Black Hawk's extraordinary casino culinary talent.

FOX31 KDVR.com's Drew Engelbart interviewed the chef's on their presentations and winning entries. The judges for this event was Brian



Brian Freeman, John Irvin, Drew Engelbart and Jay Parker



Freeman, John Irvin, Drew Engelbart and Jay Parker. John Irvin stated, “It was so much fun judging the chefs, they did a fantastic job and it was so hard to pick a winner because everything was so good.”

The Mayor, David D. Spellman was the master of ceremonies. Mayor Spellman interviewed the judges and discussed with each of the chef teams their presentations and specialty dishes. Each group was assigned a section within Crook’s to set up their stations. The



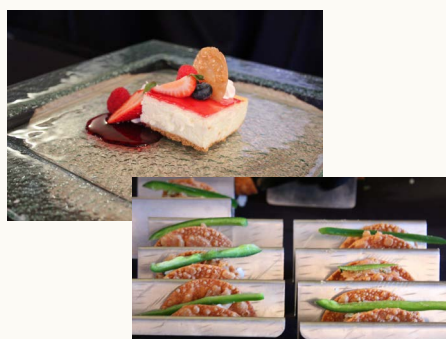
Watermelon Creation

detail and design was very elaborate and showed the best of each casino. The chef teams then each described the ingredients and details of the wonderful tasty morsels! Many of the presentations for the table displays were so well created and looked so delicious that there should have been a separate award for them alone!



The entries are:

Isle Casino Hotel & Lady Luck Casino
Ahi Tuna Taco & Raspberry Cheesecake



Ameristar Casino Resort Spa
Pork Belly Ramen with soft Quail egg



Monarch Casino
Lobster Ceviche in Coconut-Lime Broth



Z-Casino
Sous Vide Chicken bites with Mole



The Lodge Casino & Gilpin Casino
Sesame Crusted Yellow Fin Tuna, crisp Asian slaw, wasabi crema and micro greens.



Saratoga Casino
Braised Short Rib, vegetable bundle, Truffle gnocchi, Cranberry Salad, Asiago Bowl



The event was on the level of large city venue, but held in a historic atmosphere. The event promoted the quality of the culinary talent the casino’s have to offer, but also invited the attendees to take an evening stroll back in time through the city’s beautiful sculpture gardens near the banks of the North Clear Creek and admire the Gold Rush architecture of Colorado’s second-oldest city. Or those adventurous ones could head off to the casinos and test their luck on the gaming floor!

And the winners are! Everyone who had the chance to experience this very incredible event! The chef's had brought such an exquisite roundelay of culinary treats, we couldn't pick just one. The judges did select Ameristar Casino as the overall top dish winner with the Jackpot Award!



The 2018 Results:

- Ameristar - Jackpot Award - Top overall dish
- Monarch - Full House Award - Dish with best presentation
- Lodge/Gilpin - Wild Card Award - Unique use of ingredients
- Isle of Capri/Lady Luck - Aces High Award - Most delicious
- Saratoga Casino - High Roller Award - Most creative
- Z Casino - Double Down Award - Best of savory and sweet

All of the casinos said they enjoyed the Black Hawk Casino Chef Cook-Off, and expressed interest in doing it again. Saratoga Casino said "We really enjoyed being a part of the event and are looking forward to participating next year!" To see more of the pictures and comments from the event, see our Facebook posting.

From Black Hawk's start as a mining and milling town to its current state as a destination for more than 20,000 visitors daily, the City of Black Hawk has held fast to the indomitable spirit, unwavering vision for progress, and prosperity, that first drove the West's Gold Rush of the 1800s. Fifth generation Black Hawk resident, and current mayor, David D. Spellman couldn't be more proud of the care the City has taken to thoughtfully respect and preserve its past while continuing to prospect for its future.

2018 Gilpin High School Recipients of the Black Hawk Scholarship

On May 16, 2018, the 2018 Gilpin County School Graduation Banquet was held to honor twenty-two students who graduated this year, and received a Black Hawk Scholarship. The presentation was given by Melissa Greiner, the City Clerk/Administrative Services Director for the City of Black Hawk. Distributing the scholarship certificates was a former Gilpin County School Graduate - City of Black Hawk Alderman, Linda Albright. Each recipient has the opportunity to receive \$6000.00 in scholarship funds over the course of 6 years to assist in their pursuit of higher education.

Since the program's inception in 1994, the Black Hawk Scholarship program has provided hundreds of thousand dollars to Gilpin County graduates. We encourage the recipients and their parents to visit the City's Website to understand the guidelines of the scholarship program. Congratulations and best wishes to you all in the future!





How - and why - to improve your exercise program

By Todd Weitzenberg, MD

To help you live a longer, healthier, and happier life, incorporate exercise into your daily routine. In fact, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, exercise helps prevent chronic disease, improves mental health, and increases your chances of living longer.

At Kaiser Permanente, we take this to heart by asking members about their exercise habits and considering exercise one of your vital signs. And that's a good thing since a recent Kaiser Permanente study links asking patients about their exercise habits with weight loss in overweight patients and improved glucose control for patients with diabetes.

Exercise doesn't have to be a time-consuming chore.

Aim for 30 minutes per day, 5 days a week. Remember: 3 10-minute walks provide the same health benefits as one 30-minute walk, so squeeze in your fitness when you can. For more on including exercise in your life, listen to a podcast featuring Dr. Weitzenberg.

If you're struggling to stay motivated, try adding these 6 ingredients to your exercise routine:

1. **Goals:** Write them down and post them somewhere you will see them every day. This visual cue can help you stay on task when things get busy.
2. **A checklist:** Make a list with checkboxes of your exercise routine and bask in the glory as you check those boxes day after day.
3. **Find a friend or a coworker** and help each other to complete your workouts and stay consistent. Do you own a dog? A 2011 study shows the odds of reaching 150 walking minutes a week are 34 percent higher for dog walkers than non-dog walkers. Take your "best friend" for a walk, and you'll both be healthier!
4. **Tunes:** Studies have shown that music can increase your motivation as well as the intensity of your workouts so you work out longer and burn more calories.
5. **The outdoors:** A University of Glasgow study shows that outdoor exercise may promote better mental health. Spice up your workout routine by including indoor and outdoor workouts.
6. **Celebration:** When you share your successes with family and friends, it helps keep you motivated. Even better, you will motivate the ones you love.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Smart Gardens - A brief description

A “Smart Garden” is just a traditional garden except with sensors for feedback and maybe a dusting of automation. If you are having trouble keeping your garden flourishing like a sprawling desert oasis or if you just want to push your green thumb to the next level you may want to consider adding some tech the equation.

How can basic sensors help keep your plants alive?

Let's first look at some common causes of plant death and a basic tech based solution

Problem: Too much/too little water.

Solution: Soil moisture level detector. The moisture detector is calibrated in dry soil and can send out an alert when the moisture level is low.

Problem: Poor Drainage.

Solution: Same as above. If the moisture level is dropping too slowly or not at all the most likely issue is drainage. You can also use a humidity sensor to check ambient air moisture.

Problem: Too much/too little Sun.

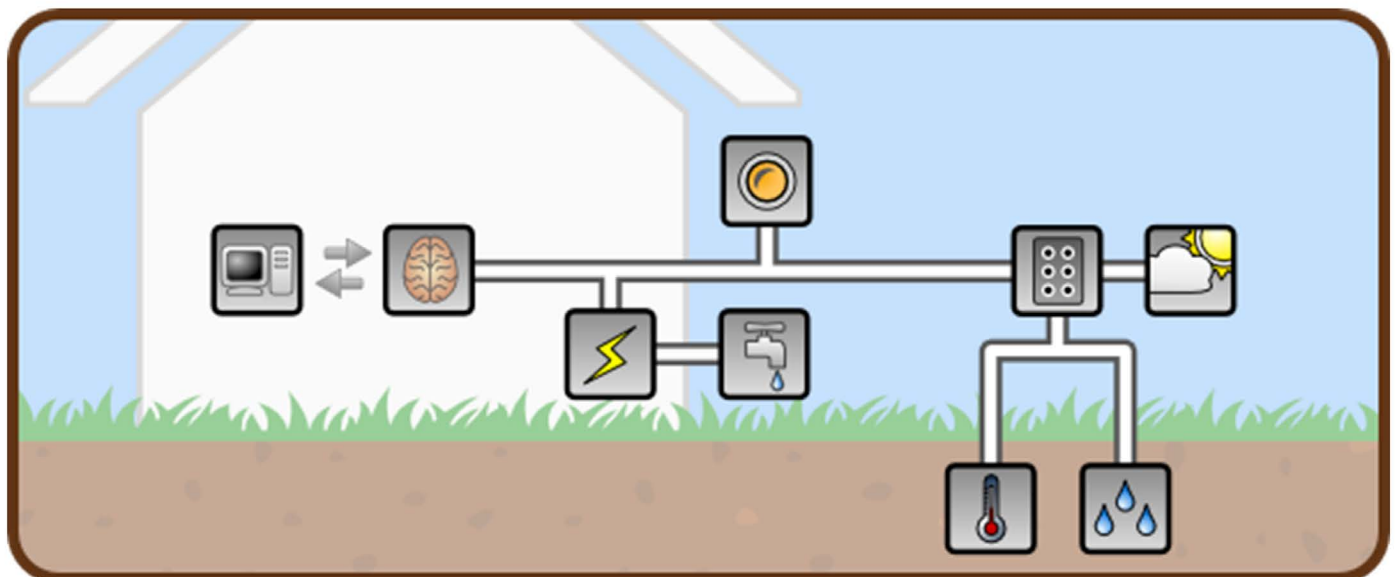
Solution: Ambient light sensor. Use a light sensor to determine the duration and intensity of sun exposure.

The information obtained from the sensors can create a profile for what works best in your climate and eliminate guessing.

Concept of a fully automated garden

Now that we have the ideal profile for growing different plants we can go a step further and let some machines tend the garden, all of the above steps can be done with a combination of mechanical devices to give a truly hands off approach. Since we now know that our plant (Fern as an example) does not need as much light as a typical plant so we add a small mechanical device to open or close the shades when the parameters have been met.

You can start small and stay small or go full robo-garden if you so desire, either way you can use the data to gain a better insight into what is happening and become a better gardener. Happy Planting!



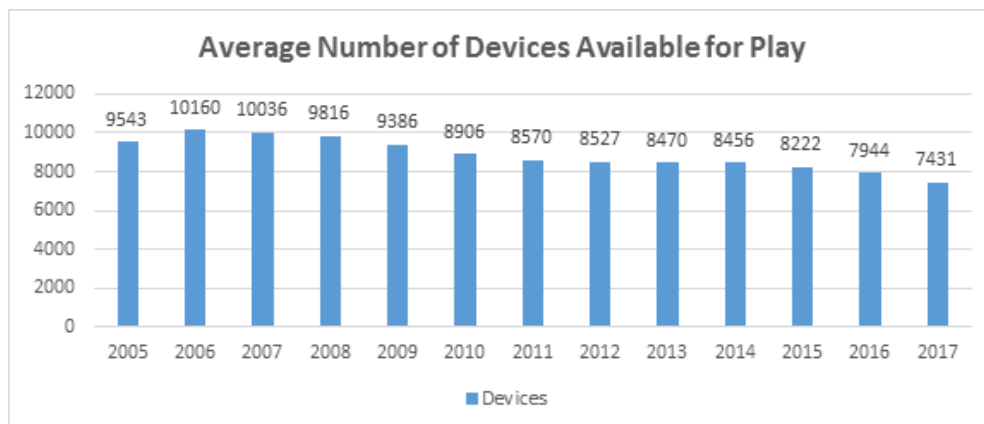
FINANCE

Evolution of the Gaming Industry in Black Hawk

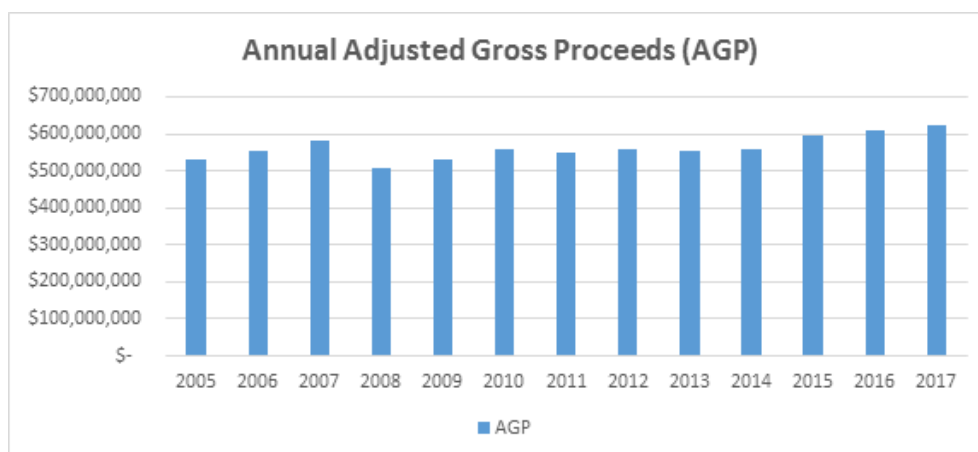
Over the past several years, the gaming industry in Black Hawk has seen many changes and continues to evolve to meet the demands of its guests. As the chart below illustrates, the number of casinos in business in Black Hawk has declined from a high of 21 in 2005 to 15 in 2017.



As would be expected the number of devices available for play has also declined over the same time period.



However, casino profits or wagers less payouts, also known as adjusted gross proceeds or AGP has experienced a 1.44% annual growth over the past 13 years.



PUBLIC WORKS

Church Ditch Augmentation Station in Golden



New Pipe line install

In April the Water Department along with a few members from the Streets Department completed the replacement of the Parshall Flume and 18-inch pipeline for the Church Ditch Augmentation Station in Golden. The project was started last fall when the original augmentation station - purchased in 2012 from the Coors Brewing Company - reached the end of its useful life.

The survey and design for the new station were completed by Jim Ford and Gary Pauls. A licensing agreement was required from Jefferson County Open Space to do the work. The actual removal and replacement of the old flume & pipeline took four days to complete, but obtaining the license agreement took three months to acquire.

Once the license agreement was completed, equipment and materials were loaded up and hauled down to Golden to begin the work. The old flume and portions of the pipeline were dug out by hand, while most of the work was done using the City's mini excavator.



Station Construction



Project complete

As the old pipeline was removed, the new steel pipe was welded in place. The welding work was undertaken by Davis Custom Welding, the same contractor that installed the pipeline at Green Lake.

After the pipeline was backfilled, the area was seeded, erosion control measures were taken, and many rocks were hand placed in the channel upstream of the flume. The flume will now successfully run for many years to come.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ready, Set, Go!

Readying for disaster such as wildfire is a community-wide endeavor that requires careful planning and consistency on the part of first responders and residents alike. Ensuring that your family is informed about evacuation routes and procedures, knowing how to prepare and maintain your property to best defend it against wildfire, and having a personal action plan in place can improve the outcome of a wildland fire event.

Get started today by reviewing the complete **Ready, Set, Go! Wildland Fire Action Guide** at <http://www.cityofblackhawk.org/city-departments/fire-department/fire-safety-resources/>. Then, use these helpful checklists to help you in those preparations.

Ready – Get Ready

- ☐ Create a **Family Disaster Plan** that includes meeting locations and communication plans and rehearse it regularly. Include in your plan the evacuation of large animals such as horses.
- ☐ Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family how to use them.
- ☐ Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric and water main shut-off controls are and how to use them.
- ☐ Plan and practice several different evacuation routes.
- ☐ Designate an emergency meeting location outside the fire hazard area.
- ☐ Assemble an emergency supply kit as recommended by the American Red Cross. Keep an extra kit in your vehicle.
- ☐ Appoint an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact so you can communicate with family members.
- ☐ Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers in your emergency supply kit.
- ☐ Have a portable radio or scanner so you can stay updated on the fire.



Set – Be Prepared

- ☐ **Monitor fire weather** conditions and fire status. See www.inciweb.org. Stay tuned to your TV or local radio stations for updates.
- ☐ **Evacuate** as soon as you are set!
- ☐ **Alert family** and neighbors.
- ☐ Dress in appropriate clothing (i.e., clothing made from natural fibers, such as cotton, and work boots). Have goggles and a dry bandana or particle mask handy.
- ☐ Ensure that you have your **emergency supply kit** on hand that includes all necessary items, such as a battery powered radio, spare batteries, emergency contact numbers, and ample drinking water.
- ☐ Remain close to your house, drink plenty of water and keep an eye on your family and pets until you are ready to leave.
- ☐ Back your car into the driveway to facilitate a quick departure. Shut doors and roll up windows.
- ☐ Have a ladder available.
- ☐ Patrol *your property* and extinguish all small fires until you leave.
- ☐ Cover attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals if time permits.

IF YOU ARE TRAPPED: SURVIVAL TIPS

INSIDE CHECKLIST, IF TIME ALLOWS

- ☐ Close all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked and remove all shades and curtains.
- ☐ Remove lightweight curtains.
- ☐ Move furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- ☐ Turn off pilot lights and air conditioning.
- ☐ Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.

OUTSIDE CHECKLIST, IF TIME ALLOWS

- ☐ Bring combustible items from the exterior of the house inside (e.g., patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, etc.) If you have a pool place combustible items in the water.
- ☐ Turn off propane tanks and other gas at the meter.
- ☐ Don't leave sprinklers on or water running. They can effect critical water pressure.
- ☐ Leave exterior lights on.

- ☐ Stay in your home until fire passes. Shelter away from outside walls.
- ☐ Bring garden hoses inside house so embers and flames do not destroy them.
- ☐ Look for spot fires and extinguish if found inside house.
- ☐ Wear long sleeves and long pants made of natural fibers such as cotton.
- ☐ Stay hydrated.
- ☐ Ensure you can exit the home if it catches fire (remember if it's hot inside the house, it is four to five times hotter outside).
- ☐ Fill sinks and tubs for an emergency water supply.
- ☐ Place wet towels under doors to keep smoke and embers out.
- ☐ After the fire has passed, check your roof and extinguish any fires, sparks or embers. Check attic too.
- ☐ If there are fires that you cannot extinguish, call 9-1-1.
- ☐ Place wet towels under doors to keep smoke and embers out.
- ☐ After the fire has passed, check your roof and extinguish any fires, sparks or embers. Check attic too.
- ☐ If there are fires that you cannot extinguish, call 9-1-1.

Go! – Act Early

By leaving early, you give your family the best chance of surviving a wildland fire. You also help firefighters by keeping roads clear of congestion, enabling them to move more freely and do their job in a safer environment.

WHEN TO LEAVE

Do not wait to be advised to leave if there is a possible threat to your home or evacuation route. Leave early enough to avoid being caught in fire, smoke or road congestion. If you are advised to leave by local authorities, do not hesitate!

WHERE TO GO

Leave to a predetermined location (it should be a low-risk area, such as a well-prepared neighbor or relative's house, a Red Cross shelter or evacuation center, motel, etc.)

HOW TO GET THERE

Have several travel routes in case one route is blocked by the fire or by emergency vehicles. Choose the safest route away from the fire.

WHAT TO TAKE

Take your emergency supply kit containing your family and pet's necessary items.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES LIST

The American Red Cross recommends every family have an emergency supply kit assembled long before a wildland fire or other emergency occurs. Use the checklist below to help assemble yours. For more information on emergency supplies visit www.redcross.org.

- ☐ Three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and non-perishable food for family (3 day supply).
- ☐ First aid kit and sanitation supplies.
- ☐ Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries.
- ☐ An extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash or traveler's checks.
- ☐ Extra eyeglasses, contact lenses, prescriptions and medications.
- ☐ Important family documents and contact numbers including insurance documents.
- ☐ Map marked with evacuation routes.
- ☐ Easily carried valuables and irreplaceable items.
- ☐ Personal electronic devices and chargers.
- ☐ Note: Keep a pair of old shoes and a flashlight handy in case of a sudden evacuation at night.



My Personal Wildland Fire ACTION PLAN

Residential Safety Checklist

Tips To Improve Family and Property Survival During A Wildland Fire

Ready

Get ready

- ☒ Dispose of or relocate combustible material from around your home.
- ☒ Trim trees & bushes allowing ample space between your home & landscape vegetation.

Set

Be prepared

- ☒ Arrange your 'go kit' with prescription medication, emergency supplies, important documents and other essential items.
- ☒ Create your own action plan; involve your family & practice exit plans from the home & neighborhood frequently.
- ☒ Be sure you're familiar with local emergency notification systems & evacuation systems.

Go!

Act early

- ☒ Get your 'go kit' and leave well before the threat approaches following a planned accessible route.
- ☒ Stay aware of the situation and follow your plan.
- ☒ Cooperate with local authorities during evacuation & re-entry processes.

Ready, Set, Go!

www.wildlandfireRSG.org



FEMA





Black Hawk
Fire Department
Honor Guard

• 2017 Memorial Stair Climb •



Tribute to a Heroic Journey

Registration is open for the 2018 Black Hawk 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb!

The climb will take place on Tuesday, September 11th, at the Ameristar Casino Resort Spa Black Hawk benefiting the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF). We would be happy if you could join us!

We invite you to register today to climb the steps in the Ameristar Hotel tower to honor the memory of those who were lost and support a worthwhile cause. Participating in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb directly supports the families of our fallen firefighters and first responders who are provided with services from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) to help them during difficult times. Your support lets them know their loved one will never be forgotten.

Who:	This memorial event is open to the public
Date:	Monday, September 11, 2017
Time:	Waves beginning at 7:45am, 8:45am, and 9:45am <i>Registration, Ceremony, and Check-in begins 45 mins. prior to each wave.</i>
Location:	Ameristar Casino Resort Spa 111 Richman Street, Black Hawk
Registration:	Online registration is open! http://events.firehero.org/blackhawk Adults: \$25 donation Students: \$15 donation (Use code BLACKHAWK)

Additional donations to the NFFF may be collected using your personal tribute page after registration. Pre-registration is recommended. On-site registration will also be available (cash or check).

Thanks to the generous contributions of the Ameristar and the City of Black Hawk, 100% of your registration fee and any additional donations collected will be given directly to the NFFF.

Participants will climb a total of 116 floors in four laps in the Ameristar hotel tower, exceeding the total levels of the World Trade Center by six floors. This event is not a race, rather a gathering to honor the fallen, help those who were affected on that day, and let the world know we will never forget.

Participants should prepare for the drastic change in elevation and understand their personal limits. This is not a competition. Participants do not need to complete all four laps to participate.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officers Participate in In-service Training

During April 2018, the Black Hawk Police Department conducted in-service training for all commissioned police officers.



Nicolas Steckman, Eli Solis, Craig Harvey and Joseph Nguyen

The training is designed to maintain and enhance an officer's ability to perform their sworn duties under a variety of circumstances.



Officers in Training



All officers, detectives and supervisory staff take part in this training over a two-week period.

A few years ago the Colorado Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board established minimum training standards for all officers to maintain their certification.



Matt Adams and Joseph Nguyen

The in-service training session also helps fulfill the training requirements of our insurance carrier, CIRSA. Each Spring and Fall, officers participate in a 40-hour training course to include: self-defense, driving, and firearms.



Randy Nguyen and Steve Flageolle

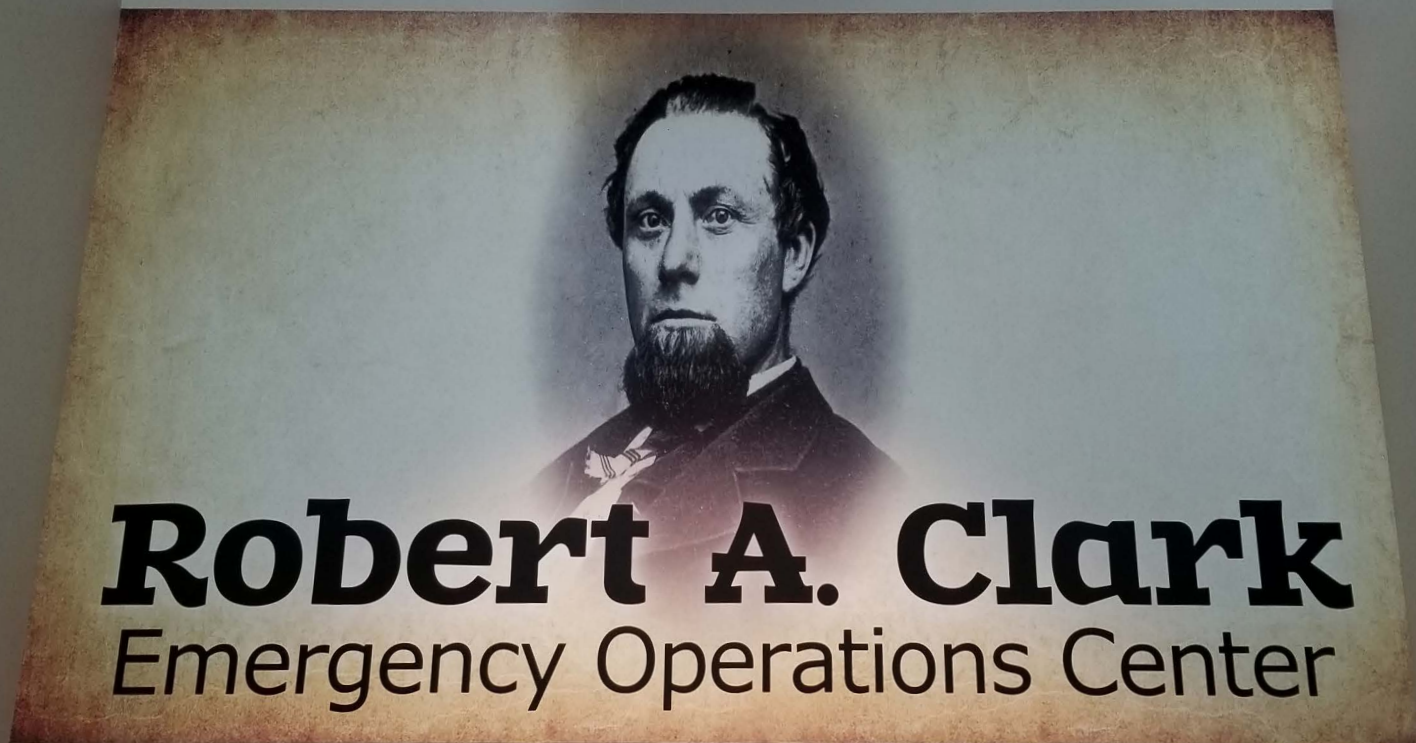
This spring, officers participated in training sessions on arrest control tactics, Taser usage, emergency driving, firearms, report writing, courtroom testifying, domestic violence and information about at-risk adults and children.

Black Hawk City Marshal Robert A. Clark Plaque and Mural added to Emergency Operation's Center

A plaque bearing the name of Robert A. Clark along with a mural was recently added to the Emergency Operations Center in Black Hawk.

The facility is named after Robert A. Clark who was Black Hawk's first elected City Marshall and the first law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty in the Colorado territory. City Marshal Robert A. Clark was killed on July 10, 1869 while serving an arrest warrant with Constable Peter P. Herbert from the City of Central.

It wasn't until years later the events of July 10, 1869 were uncovered. Robert Clark's name was subsequently added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial on May 13, 2009 and later added to the Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial in Golden on May 6, 2011.



Preparedness

On May 8, 2018, the Black Hawk Police Department hosted a public safety meeting with casino representatives at the Robert A. Clark Emergency Operations Center. Approximately 40 people representing Black Hawk and Central City area casinos along with members of the Black Hawk Police Department, Division of Gaming, Gilpin County Sheriff's Office, and Colorado State Patrol, attend this important kick off meeting.

Additional meetings will be held with representatives from each casino over the next few months to evaluate individual emergency response plans for everyone involved. "Collaboration is the key ingredient in developing workable emergency plans" said, Police Chief Stephen Cole.



MUNICIPAL CODE MOMENT

Pet Waste and Getting Along with your Neighbor

Did you know pet owners are responsible for cleaning up waste deposited by their pets on public property? Most responsible pet owners collect their pet's waste when their pet "poops" in public. Leaving pet waste in public areas impacts everyone in our community. Here are some reasons to pick up pet waste when walking your pets:

- Dog waste doesn't biodegrade like wild animal waste
- Dog waste has an offensive smell and appearance
- Dog waste contains harmful bacteria and parasites
- Dog waste pollutes groundwater and water bodies
- City ordinance requires owners to clean up after their pet

Reference: (Ord. 2013-42 §1; Ord. 2014-10 §1)

You can help keep our City clean, by cleaning up your dog's waste when you're out for a walk with your dog. Be a responsible pet owner and help keep Black Hawk beautiful.

We are pleased to share that we have five dog waste stations recently installed at the following locations: Briggs Parking Lot, Mountain Life Park, Isle of Capri and Z Casino placed two along the creekside of their parking lot. We invite everyone to utilize these stations and keep our City bright and beautiful!



HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

City Hall Chronology - Research Compiled by David D. Spellman & Lynnette Hailey - November 30, 2015

August 4, 1877

Central City Weekly Register

The plans for the new city buildings at Black Hawk, are being made and we expect to soon see an ornamental structure in place of the little rookeries which so long been used for city purposes.

August 7, 1877

Black Hawk City Council Meeting Minutes

On motion of Alderman O'Neill, the Mayor appointed a building committee of three, consisting of O'Neill, McNair, and Hilliard to make specifications and receive bids for the erection of a two story brick building on the site of the present Council room with full power to act.

August 17, 1877

Black Hawk City Council Meeting Minutes

Bids for the city building were filed by the following persons: for the mason work J. Atkinson & Son, N. A. Sears, Thomas Mullen & Company, and John G. Hendrickson.

For the building complete by M.S. Burhans, J. O. Wheeler, Mosley & Ballard and Daniel W. Butt. On motion of Alderman McNair, Daniel W. Butt was awarded the contract to put up the city building complete for the sum of \$2,249.00. On motion of Alderman Moyle, the Mayor was added to the building committee.

August 20, 1877

Black Hawk City Council Meeting Minutes
– Special Meeting

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, the building committee was instructed to confer with A. N. Rogers and what amount of ground he would donate to the City. On motion of Alderman O'Neil, the council adjourned to Tuesday evening, August 21st at 7 p.m.

August 21, 1877

Black Hawk City Council Meeting Minutes

On motion of Alderman Hilliard, the council accepted propositions of Mr. A. N. Rogers as agent of the Consolidated Gold Mine Company. Mr. T. J. Oyler and Mr. Myers and Zephaniah Myers to donate ground for the erection of the City building on the condition specified by them. On motion of Alderman Scott, the building committee were instructed to draw up plans and specifications and receive bids for the erection of the proposed building to be erected on the ground donated for that purpose.

August 24, 1877

Black Hawk City Council Meeting Minutes

The building committee reported that they had opened the bids for building the council building and would recommend that the contract we awarded to Daniel W. Butt, his bid being the lowest received. On motion of Alderman McNair, the contract was awarded to Daniel W. Butt at Twenty one hundred and forty five dollars. On motion of Alderman O'Neil, the contract for grading the foundation for the council building was awarded to Myres Twick & Co.

August 25, 1877

Central City Weekly Register

Black Hawk will put up a building for city uses on Selak Street, opposite the corner frame now occupied for the same business and which will be removed. The new structure will be of stone except in front where brick will be used. It will be thirty by forty feet. It will stand on the lots of Thomas Oyler and the Bobtail Company, deeded to the city for that purpose, and now being cleared of the old log buildings with which they have covered since the early days. The lot of the former has a twelve foot front and that of the latter thirty feet. D. W. Butt has the contract for \$2,249.

September 4, 1877

Black Hawk City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Attorney presented the contract of Daniel W. Butt for the erection of the City Building which was approved by the Council and signed by Daniel W. Butt and by the Mayor on part of the City.

September 16, 1877

Central City Weekly Register

The city council room and lock-up are being torn down and removed in order to give more space for building material for the new building. One by one the old landmarks pass away.

October 3, 1877

Black Hawk City Council Meeting Minutes

The following bills were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

City Fund

Daniel W. Butt,	a City Building	400.00
John Quick	grading city lot	87.00
Daniel W. Butt	Foundation city lot	54.34
T. L. Roberts	grading city lot	6.40
T. L. Roberts	grading city lot	27.35

The Finance Committee reported said bills as correct and on motion of Alderman Hilliard, the Clerk was instructed to draw warrants on the treasurer for the several amounts.

The Building Committee reported that they had drawn on the Treasurer for D. W. Butt on the contract for the city building, \$120 and for John Quick & Company apply on contract for grading the city lot - \$100.

November 6, 1877

Black Hawk City Council Meeting Minutes

The Building Committee reported that they had instructed the Clerk to draw warrants on the Treasurer for the following amounts.

October 24th To D. W. Butt, on contract for city building four hundred and forty dollars (\$440.00)
October 25th To Thomas Hooper on D. W. Butt's

order for brick two hundred and sixty six dollars and eighty cents (\$266.80)

October 27th To D. R. Miller on D. W. Butt's order for roofing city building ninety dollars (\$90.00)

On motion of Alderman O'Neill the report was received and the action of the Committee approved by the Council.

December 4, 1877

Black Hawk City Council Meeting Minutes

The Building Committee made report that they had accepted the city building; and, had paid D. W. Butt for the same except \$25 which amount was retained to cover the expense "Tucking the front".

That they had instructed the clerk to draw warrants on the Treasurer for said amount to wit: Warrant No. 154 in favor of D. W. Butt, for \$850.70, and warrant No. 155 in favor of Thomas Hooper, at Butt's request for \$17.

On motion of Alderman Hartman the action of the Building Committee was approved and their report accepted and the Committee discharged.

December 8, 1877

Weekly Register

Black Hawk Improvements.

The City Hall of Black Hawk is completed, and Judge Haight has domiciled himself therein. He looks as cozy as a kitten, and puts on numerous airs heated by a thirty dollar stove and several joints of Russia pipe. We missed Uncle Jimmie Chaplaine from his post, but we will call another day and hope to find him in.

The Black Hawk City Hall.

The completion of the new Black Hawk city hall was appropriately celebrated on Tuesday evening by a grand banquet at which the Mayor, Aldermen and most other leading citizens were present. Toasts were given, speeches made and many a bon mot was offered at this pleasant social

gathering. Good feeling reigned supreme until the gathering finally dropped out one by one or adjourned in groups to home and slumber. This city hall is very neat and substantial structure, with ample room for the accommodation of the city government, clerk, police judge, a fire engine, when one is obtained, and safe and comfortable jail quarters. The banquet took place in the large room provided for the deliberations of the city fathers.

December 8, 1877 Central City Weekly Register

Dedication of the New City Hall in Black Hawk.

On Tuesday night, the prominent citizens of Black Hawk on invitation of the Mayor and City Council assembled in the new City Hall. The city building or council room and office have heretofore consisted of a small, dirty structure which a passer-by might easily have mistaken for an illy ventilated chicken coop.

The present building is situated on the north side of Selak street. It will be sufficient for many years to come for the purposes for which it has been erected. It is two stories in height and cost about \$5,000. In the upper story the offices of the city officials are located and the council room of the city fathers. The lower story consists of a large room which will be used by the fire department, and a small room in which the unfortunate occupier will be unable to obey the divine instruction “take up they bed and walk,” at least to walk very far without permission.

The meeting of the leading citizens of our sister city, on Tuesday evening, was an appropriate occasion for expressions of approbation of the work of the present City Council in erecting a building long needed for public purposes.

Some considerate persons had not forgotten to provide for the wants of the “inner man.” At 10 o’clock the feast began, and after the guests had partaken of a rich entertainment, eloquent speeches were delivered by Mayor Snyder, Alderman Hartman, City Attorney Marsh, Messrs.

Livesay, Messinger, Seiwel, Oyler, Leitzman, Chaplaine, Scobey, Haight and others. After three cheers for the Mayor and City Council, the participants wended their way homeward. The credit for the enjoyment on this occasion – one that will not soon be forgotten – is due to Mayor Snyder and the City Council and City Police Judge Haight.

February 6, 1878 Central City Daily Register

A very enjoyable affair took place at the City Hall in Black Hawk last evening; being the formal grand opening of that hall to the public by the City Council and some twenty or twenty-five couples of the most prominent citizens of that city. The exercises consisted of toasts, dancing, and a general good time. The music was furnished by the Central quadrille string band, with Albert Lintz, George Stroehle and Alex. Newton furnishing the music, while Jo. Ernst did the prompting. The festivities were under the immediate charge of Mayor Snyder and the Council, and were kept up until long after midnight.

Deeds Conveying the Property to the City of Black Hawk for City Hall

Book 63 - Page 171 Dated: 8/27/1877
Recorded: 8/30/1877

Grantor: Zephaniah Myer
A parcel of ground 20’ wide x 100’
Consideration \$5

Book 60 - Page 314 Dated: 9/13/1877
Recorded: 11/2/1877

Grantor: Thomas J. Oyler
A parcel of ground 12’ wide x 100’

The consideration and conditions upon which this deed is executed by the party of the first part (Oyler) and accepted by the party of the second part (City of Black Hawk) are first: that the party of the second part remove the structure called the city council room and calaboose and shall hereinafter never permit any building of any character to be placed on the strip of land lying and being between the southwesterly line of Zephaniah Myer’s lot and the junction of Selak

and Gregory Street, but the same shall be dedicated to public use form a part of public street and made subject to all ordinances regulating streets and alleys. Second: that the party of the first part shall have the right to use the southwesterly wall of building now being erected by party of the second part if desired by himself, heirs or grantees for building adjoining thereto.

Book 65 - Page 531 Dated: 5/7/1878 Recorded: 11/8/1878
 Grantor: The Consolidated Bobtail Gold Mining Company
 Albert N. Rodgers, agent A parcel of ground 30' x 60'
 Consideration: \$1 lawful money of the United States of America.

This conveyance is made subject to the following provisions and stipulations. First that the ground situated in front of said city hall between Gregory and Selak Streets and which is now owned by the City shall be thrown open to the public and shall be kept from any buildings whatsoever in the future.

Second that the ground hereby conveyed shall only be used for a city hall building whenever the above provision is not complied with, it is hereby expressly understood and agreed that the property hereby conveyed shall revert to the party of the first part hereto together with all and singular tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversions, remainders, rents issues and profits thereof and also all the estate, right, title interest property, claim and demand whatsoever as well in law as in equity, of the said party of the first part, of in or to the above described premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances. To have and to hold all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with all the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part and assigns forever.

Mayor and Aldermen at the time City Hall was constructed:

Mayor: Lewis C. Synder

Aldermen:

J. F. McNair – 1st Ward
 Mathew Moyle – 1st Ward
 Edward O'Neill – 2nd Ward
 G. O. Scott – 2nd Ward
 Henry Hartman – 3rd Ward
 J. A. Hilliard – 3rd Ward



City Hall & Fire Department - 1877 to 1925



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.

To be continued...



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