Black Hawk Lantern

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Black Hawk 10th Annual Memorial Stair Climb

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Greetings and “Happy Fall”,

Here it is fall again. The leaves are changing in a manner I do not recall ever seeing. In some places the colors are as spectacular as ever, in others, often in the same patch, the leaves have just turned brown, and fell off. All the experts are offering their explanations ranging from moisture issues to fungus. Whatever the reason they are changing, but differently than in the years past!

I have reported in past issues that the new parking structure on Gregory, the Saint Charles Carriage House, will open later this year, late October early November. One of the big questions regarding that opening is how the City is going to manage that parking. The intention the Council had for building the lot is for visitors mainly to Gregory Street. It will still be sometime before there is enough action on Gregory to demand the 124 spaces, so what is to be done with the parking until that time? Those of us that have been involved in parking lots have suggested that we manage the parking from opening day forward, and should be consistent with what it will be when the buildout of Gregory takes place. It has never been intended for employee parking.

Therefore, a time limit on parking is necessary to be implemented to keep employees out but allow for enough time for a visitor to enjoy Black Hawk today and in the future when Gregory Street is built out. The casino industry has indicated to us the average stay in Black Hawk today is about 3.5 hours. There has been some consideration of allowing 4 to 5 hours free parking then charging a hefty hourly fee after that. The fee is intended to discourage employees from parking in the lot. The City Council will be discussing this issue soon. If anyone has any input you would like the Council to consider please forward it the Council, Mayor, or myself as soon as possible.

Even though the trees are changing differently this year, it is still a great time to get out before the weather turns too cold. Get outside enjoy these last weeks before the snow flies and it’s too cold to enjoy!

Happy Trails
Jack
Three more historic residential homes within the City of Black Hawk underwent exterior painting using the General Fund Exterior Paint Program this summer. The purpose of this Program is to provide financial assistance that will promote the exterior appearance of Black Hawk’s residential properties and to provide for the continuation and enhancement of a functional, sustainable, healthy, and vibrant Black Hawk residential community.

All residential properties within the City of Black Hawk Historic Residential District are eligible to have their houses repainted. Applications are available in the Planning Department at 211 Church Street and are due each year by April 1st. Once a resident’s house has been repainted in the General Fund Exterior Paint Program at least eight years must pass before they may apply to have their house painted again. For more information, contact Sara Forbes at sforbes@cityofblackhawk.org or 303-582-2223.

These photos show the before and after images of two of the properties whose exterior was painted this summer: 321 High Street and 271 High Street. The other property also painted in this summer’s General Fund Exterior Paint Program was 155 Chase Street.
CAPT Meeting
20th Anniversary

The Colorado Association of Permit Technicians, CAPT, hosted the 20th-anniversary meeting in Black Hawk at the Ameristar.

The topic for the meeting was Rental Housing/Property Maintenance Code presented by Holly Clayton with the City of Westminster. Holly gave us a glance at how Westminster has successfully implemented a Rental Code utilizing the IBC Property Maintenance Code.

The Rental Code has been in place in Westminster for the past 20 years and is applied and enforced to ensure decent safe and sanitary rental housing for the citizens of Westminster.

In attendance for the 20th anniversary were 35 current and past CAPT members. We even had a visit from several of the former presidents of the association!

It was a fun event celebrating 20 years. All of the jurisdictions were asked to make gift baskets that we sold during a silent auction with the proceeds going to charity.

CAPT is over 90 members strong, a recognized chapter of the International Code Council, and dedicated to training and networking of building permit technicians.

News Flash!

New rules and regulations for the Conveyance Program

The State mandated rules and regulations for the conveyance program are changing! New rules will be implemented on January 1st 2019. The City will host a meeting at the Emergency Operations Center on September 25th to explain the changes to all of the facilities personnel in Black Hawk. State representatives as well as our conveyance consultant will be in attendance to answer any questions and make this a smooth transition.

The OPS Conveyance Program is to protect the riding public and industry personnel in the State of Colorado from the hazards of dangerous conveyances, such as elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, and other regulated conveyances.
How to keep exercising - even in winter

Less daylight, more nighttime. Frigid temperatures. Rain, snow, and ice. The instinct to hibernate. There are many factors that keep us indoors and less active during the winter. But with a little effort and preparation, you can continue a fitness routine in the winter or even try some new activities. Whatever activity you choose, Kaiser Permanente's Tom Schaaf, MD, and Julea Edwards, MPT, a physical therapist, agree that the key in winter months is to "just keep moving." And remember that in the winter, and throughout the year, consistency is critical with whatever fitness activity you choose. Here are some tips to inspire you.

How to Stay Active

* **Head to the hills.** Many regions offer recreation areas in the hills or mountains where you can exercise. Try cross-country or downhill skiing, snowboarding, or just tramping around in the snow in boots or snowshoes. All of these can provide an intense workout. (Note: In some locations you may need a state parks or other permit, so check before you go.)

* **Hike in the lowlands.** You'll find many trails that remain snow-free throughout the winter. Don't overlook parks and greenbelts in urban areas, many of which include networks of trails.

* **Light up the night.** If you walk or run outside after dark, wear reflective clothing (so you're easy to spot) and a headlamp to help you see your way. Equip your bike with a bright headlight and taillight. And then enjoy the dark. "Darkness changes the equation and provides more opportunity to meditate. Your senses are heightened," says Dr. Schaaf. Always pay attention to your surroundings, and only walk, ride, or run in areas that feel safe.

* **Healthy at home.** "15 to 30 minutes of squats, jumping jacks, sit-ups, and push-ups is all you need to stay fit," says Edwards. Dr. Schaaf adds a twist to exercising in front of the TV: "Every time a certain character comes on, I do a different exercise. It keeps it interesting." A stationary bike also provides good indoor exercise — or if you already have a bicycle, consider investing in a bike trainer.

* **Warm and safe in the gym.** The gym isn't the most original idea, but being around other exercisers, even people you don't know, creates a feeling of camaraderie. It's also a good choice for anyone who feels their personal safety is at risk exercising outdoors or in the dark. Shake things up by trying something new: a hot yoga class, trampoline dodgeball, martial arts, or an indoor soccer league.

* **Exercise at work.** Try a walking meeting, jog or walk outdoors during lunch, or climb the stairs with a coworker to get your heart rate up.

**Get in gear.** Having the proper attire will make your experience more pleasurable, so invest in the right equipment, clothing, and gear you'll need for your activity. If you're exercising outdoors, consider a waterproof outer layer and other layers made of wool or polypropylene — wool socks, waterproof shoes, a warm hat, and mittens (which are often warmer than gloves).

Stay Safe Outdoors

Winter sports — especially high-velocity ones like skiing, snowboarding, sledding, and tubing — come with a risk of injury. "I see it every year," says Dr. Schaaf. "People who quickly get in over their heads — no helmet, going down runs beyond their skill level. Or the classic broken leg from tubing. They get off course, put their leg down, and it wraps underneath." It's important to know your limits and not exceed them.

Thrill-seekers aren't the only ones who get injured, though. It's just as common to slip on slick surfaces during a simple walk or bike ride. Take extra care on slippery surfaces, and don't forget to use common sense. Practice a little TLC:

Get **traction** on slick surfaces

Know your **limits**

Stay in **control**
Marco Hernandez

Tell us about yourself.

Officer Hernandez was born in California and moved to Colorado at a young age. He grew up in the city of Aurora where he attended high school. Marco is married with two children. He loves spending time with his family. He enjoys cooking, music, and riding his motorcycle.

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

Officer Marco Hernandez began his career with the Black Hawk Police Department June 25, 2018. He enjoys the mountain views and the small community that has welcomed him. He is excited about the great learning opportunity and becoming a productive member of the City of Black Hawk.

Leslie Hall

I have been the Accountant for the City of Black Hawk for a little over a year. I like to joke that my job is to pay all the people. While I do have many other things that I do, I make sure that our employees and vendors are paid! I love working for the City because I feel it is very educational. I love learning the history of the City. I didn’t like history much as a child, but as an adult I find Colorado history fascinating. I am a Native to Colorado; I was born and raised in Colorado Springs. A little over a year ago my fiancé and I decided to change things up a bit and make a move to the mountains. We live in the Evergreen area, and absolutely love it there. We are in the beginning stages of building our dream home in Evergreen. I have two children; my daughter is 21 and my son is 18. I also have a 7 year old Pit Bull/American Bull dog mix fur baby. My fiancé and I enjoy taking our 1951 Ford to car shows, where I have been known to enter a few pin-up contests. We also enjoy hitting the trails on our dirt bikes. I am a novice rider but still enjoy getting out there and riding. I have recently developed a love for travel; my favorite vacation to date is to Venice Beach in Florida. My favorite place in Colorado to travel to is Estes Park. I am planning a trip to Cancun, Mexico within the next year. This will be my first time out of the country. I would love to travel to France one day. My greatest accomplishment after a very bad divorce was starting college and graduating with high honors. It was during that period in my life that I had the most personal growth and self-development.
**Black Hawk Municipal Court Clerk Retires**

After 23 years of service Sally Cannady calls it quits. Sally began her employment with the City of Black Hawk in 1995 in the Finance Department and in 1998 she took on the additional role as the Municipal Court Clerk. In 2007 she moved to the Police Department and split her duties between Municipal Court and Police Records.

Many people across the State of Colorado know Sally Cannady because of her role in the Colorado Association of Municipal Court Administrators where she served two terms as Treasurer and President. As a member of the CAMCA Board since 2006 she taught classes in basic court operations to hundreds of municipal court clerks across the state. During her stint in the Police Department she became certified with the Association of Law Enforcement Record & Technicians/Supervisor & Managers.

While most people consider retiring early, Sally loved working and at times worked two jobs well into her retirement years. After five plus decades of working sometimes two jobs, she now enjoys her leisure time with her husband in retirement. Congratulations to Sally Cannady on a great career and we wish you the best in your retirement!

**Black Hawk July 4th Spectacular - The City's Best**

Forty-five towns and cities in Colorado had to cancel their 4th of July fireworks, due to the high fire danger across Colorado and many others postponed them. Gilpin County implemented a stage two fire ban several weeks prior to July 4th. This had many visitors, residents and others wondering what would the City of Black Hawk be doing for a fireworks show.

City Hall experienced daily calls from vacationers, locals, and in town visitors wanting to know if the City had cancelled the show. The discussion about cancellation was considered everyday up to the event, but somehow the officials in Black Hawk just did not want to cancel the most popular and famous 2018 BoomTown Spectacular Show!

With careful planning, Black Hawk Fire Department, Central City Volunteer Fire Department, Timberline Volunteer Fire Department, Gilpin Ambulance Authority, and the fireworks professionals prepped extensively the area making sure everything went off without any problems.

This year, the City of Black Hawk created a drone video of the event which shows the city from early evening, thru dusk into the after sunset beautiful fireworks display. The view of our City is breath taking and are the best shots to date. The video can be viewed on our Facebook page.
If you have heard of blockchain before it is usually in relation to cryptocurrencies such as the very popular Bitcoin™ which has emerged in the last few years but the technology behind it has been around for over 20 years. It was the advent of the cryptocurrency concept that has driven this technology into the mainstream and increased its visibility but there are other uses outside of financial transactions that it can be applied to. Let's take a brief look at what a blockchain is and then look at some other applicable ways it can be used.

What is a blockchain? A blockchain is simply a way to digitally chain together transactions, this happens mathematically by using a portion of the previous transaction to verify the next. What this effectively accomplishes is a long series of recorded events where the entire series would be affected if even a single detail is altered. A blockchain can be used by a single system or distributed across many; the benefit of the distributed model is that multiple systems will independently verify the integrity of the entire chain.

Here are some other ways that it can be used now and may potentially be used in the near future:

**Publication Source Verification.**

Media organizations and journalists can leverage this technology to create a trusted network for those who wish to have strict non-repudiation, this means anything that is released can be verified at the very least to be from a trusted source.

**Video Integrity.**

On the tail end, the previous item with the trend of misleading and purposely deceptive news in mind is a new process that uses AI along video/audio samples to make a digital avatar that is indistinguishable from a real human. There are examples of this showing well known figures delivering custom speeches with any dialog that can be extremely hard to prove as inauthentic. One solution is to use the trusted network mentioned before to verify the legitimacy of any video footage.
Chain of custody.

Requiring anyone who processes evidence to record the details along with a time stamp at every exchange a digital signature could be created inside a transaction and applied to a blockchain ledger. The properties of the blockchain lend themselves to problems that involve absolute proof that no modifications have occurred (outside of human error) in a series of events.

Authenticity/Records.

Recording physical characteristics of collectible items such as paintings, guitars, arcade machines, etc and including those details inside the actual chain along with details about where and when certain events happened would provide a stronger mechanism to show the historic value of these items. In the future when you collect an autograph it may come with a PIN code tying it to the exact date time it was created providing digital proof that you, and the other party, were there.

More Info

AI Video fakes  (https://goo.gl/UYUDr7)

Basic blockchain programming example (https://goo.gl/5BRSC2)

FINANCE

Calendar Year-End vs Fiscal Year-End

The City of Black Hawk operates on a Calendar Year-End for budgeting and financial reporting purposes. However, June 30 is also significant, as it reflects the State Fiscal Year-End.

The Division of Gaming imposes a progressive tax on all casinos based on accumulated Adjusted Gross Proceeds (AGP) (money wagered minus winnings paid out) for the fiscal year. As a casino’s AGP accumulates during the fiscal year, it pushes them into the next tax bracket. These brackets range from 0.25% to 20.00%.

After the conclusion of the Fiscal Year, the Division of Gaming distributes the Gaming Tax collected, less the cost to operate the Commission, to recipients as directed by the State Constitution. The three host gaming communities share 10% of the net gaming tax distributions, based on the proportion of gaming revenue generated by each jurisdiction.

- Statewide AGP (casino gaming revenue) was up 3.10% from the previous 12-month period. Black Hawk saw an increase of 2.87% in AGP, Central City was up 6.63% and Cripple Creek was up 2.25%. Black Hawk casinos make up 74.76% of Statewide gaming revenue.

- Statewide Gaming Tax (paid by the casinos) was up 6.70% from the previous 12-month period. Black Hawk saw an increase of 5.19%, Central City was up 38.62% and Cripple Creek was up 3.50%. Black Hawk casinos pay 84.09% of Statewide Gaming taxes.

- For the Fiscal Year End June 30, 2018, the Gaming Tax distribution to the City of Black Hawk was up 7.06% from the previous year.

As we move into early fall, City Officials and staff will be working on the 2019 Budget. The annual figures above, as well as upcoming monthly statistics, will be monitored to ensure a balanced budget is adopted. The Gaming Tax distribution from the State is significant, making up roughly 35% of all General Fund revenues.
The Black Hawk Police Department is working to replace its current emergency notification system with a new system called Hyper-Reach. CODERED is the current notification system being used in Black Hawk, which works well, but has limitations.

We have been using the CodeRED system for several years, but there are new products on the market, which may provide additional functionality. Changing notification systems can be challenging because Dispatch Centers rely on citizens to sign up for the notification service.

If the City of Black Hawk changes to Hyper-Reach we will likely import the existing data from the CodeRED system into the new system and encourage citizens to sign up as well.

Our hope is Hyper-Reach, will improve our ability to communicate with the public during an emergency, but will also help us communicate with the community during non-emergency situations such as temporary road closures.

The new advanced system will also generate notifications for specific activities with important information.

If selected, Hyper-Reach would be operational by January 1, 2019. The Gilpin County 911 Authority Board currently funds the emergency notification system from the 911 Authority Board budget.

The District Attorney’s Citizens Academy is a free twelve-week course designed to educate citizens about the criminal justice system. Participants will get an inside look at prosecution and law enforcement in the First Judicial District. The course is being offered by the Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office, which serves the residents of Jefferson County and Gilpin County.

The course begins on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and runs through December 12, 2018. Sessions are held at the District Attorney’s Office located at 500 Jefferson County Parkway in Golden. Any Gilpin County resident may attend by calling 303-271-6800 or downloading an application at www.districtattorney1.com.
**Bears**

Bears become increasingly active in the fall and the potential for encountering a bear increases. Bears are known to aggressively seek out food to prepare for winter and trash cans are easy targets in residential areas. Each of us can play a role in reducing our potential for accidental encounters with bears by following some simple practices.

- Put garbage containers out the same day it’s collected.
- Clean trash containers with ammonia.
- Don’t leave pet food outdoors. Keeping food in an outbuilding may still attract bears.
- Birdfeeders are prime targets for bears. Avoid their use if possible.
- Pick all ripe fruit off trees, and remove vegetables and fallen fruit from the ground.

Call the Black Hawk Police Department 911 Emergency Call Center if you observe an aggressive animal or call the Division of Wildlife at 303-297-1192 to learn more about living in the mountains with Colorado wildlife. Visit the Colorado Department of Natural Resources web site at [http://wildlife.state.co.us](http://wildlife.state.co.us) for more information.
Disposing of Unused Medications Properly

Instead of dumping unused medication down the drain and adversely impacting our environment, Black Hawk residents can now dispose of unused or outdated medication by dropping them off in the lobby of the Gilpin County Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff's Office has been designated as the only disposal site in Gilpin County. A kiosk specifically designed to accept unused prescription medications as part of the “Take Back Meds Program” is located inside the south lobby door of the Sheriff's Office and is open 24 hours a day.

The “Take Back Meds Program” creates a safe and secure method of disposing household medications. This service is available to all Black Hawk residents. Unfortunately, not everything can be accepted. The following items will NOT be accepted.

- Marijuana
- Illegal drugs (Heroine, LSD, Meth, etc.)
- Needles or syringes
- Chemotherapy Drugs
- Medical tools or supplies
- Medical Waste
- Thermometers
- Personal Care Items
- Empty Containers

If you have questions about the program visit the following website for more information: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/items-can-or-cannot-be-accepted

Get Prepared for Winter Driving

Be prepared for any weather related emergency by stocking up on safety equipment and checking your vehicle. Here are some great tips to stay safe.

- Check tire pressure and tread depth
- Carry a shovel in the trunk
- Windshield scraper
- Flashlight and batteries
- Water
- Matches
- Extra hats, socks and mittens
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Candle
- Booster cables
- Container with road salt and sand
- Tow chain or rope
- Blanket(s)
- Snack food
New Equipment in Public Works

In July, Public Works took delivery of 2 new pieces of equipment: a 2018 5600 Toolcat and a 2018 906M Caterpillar Wheel Loader. These will replace 2 skid loaders that were ending their useful life with the City and were traded in. The new equipment will be used for snow removal, landscaping, weed mitigation efforts, and miscellaneous projects throughout the City. The Toolcat has attachments that can assist with lifting, plowing and blowing snow, sweeping, and installing banners. It has all-wheel steering and is versatile in small spaces. The wheel loader is a smaller version of the 938G Loader and has the same attachments as the Toolcat and is a bit larger to help with bigger projects, yet can still work in tight areas.

Upcoming Road Slurry Project

In mid-September the City began slurry sealing portions of the following roads and parking lots: Main Street, Richman Street, the parking lots on Miners Mesa (Public Works and Fleet), the cemetery, and the Hidden Valley parking lot.

The City is applying the slurry seal to help preserve and protect the pavement underneath and to create a smooth surface.

The seal is intended to last about 2-3 years. Slurry seal is a combination of an asphalt mixture, small crushed rocks and water.

To apply the slurry, a mixture goes into a slurry truck and is released from the rear of the truck onto the pavement. The truck is followed by workers with squeegees to evenly spread out the mixture. The mixture will take a couple of hours to cure, during which traffic will be kept off the fresh slurry. Fresh stripes will be painted after the slurry has cured for several days.
Thanks to the heroic efforts of New York’s first responders, it is estimated that 25,000 people were able to evacuate and survive the tragedy at the World Trade Center complex on September 11, 2001. Unfortunately, more than 2,700 people also perished that day, including 343 firefighters, 60 police officers, 8 EMT’s, and 3 state officers.

Today, the 9/11 tragedy continues to affect the lives of more than 30,000 first responders and survivors – at least 156 NYPD members and 182 FDNY members – falling ill and dying from diseases, many of them cancers, caused by contact with the carcinogens in the air at Ground Zero during the catastrophic event and the rescue and recovery operations that followed. Although 17 years have passed since the tragic events of 9/11, we have made a commitment to never forget by gathering with first responders and community members to participate in an annual memorial stair climb.

The 10th annual Black Hawk 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb was hosted by the Ameristar Casino Hotel Spa on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. The Black Hawk Fire Department Honor Guard presented Colors to begin the solemn ceremony honoring our fallen heroes as over one hundred gathered in remembrance. A moment of silence was observed as the alarm of a lone personal alert device sounded.

Teams and individuals then began their ascent into the Ameristar hotel tower at a challenging 8,042 feet above sea level. While climbing and descending back down to ground level through the stair wells, they made personal tributes to the men and women who lost their lives in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The Black Hawk Fire Department is humbled to be part of the outpouring of commemoration around the country in hopes to provide a source of comfort and fraternity for those who lost loved ones and to the living victims that continue to struggle with serious 9/11-related illnesses.

Donations received during this memorial event benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF). To learn more about the programs offered by the NFFF, please visit www.firehero.org.
The climb continues...

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Light rays, Heat rays, Hoorays and other Raze.

Jazz has replaced the long hair of the average musician. No one could stagger along under both and survive.

Ah! This will be confining employment, remarked the prisoner, as he entered his cell.

Oddly enough, nearly all the men who borrow fountain pens thinks that the art of writing consists in putting weight behind it.

Any man who drinks liquor in Turkey gets thirty strokes of a whip. Over here he is liable to get just one stroke – of paralysis.

A little boy was eating persimmons in school “Johnny,” said the teacher, “are you whistling?” “Whistlin’, hell” said the youngster, “I think I’m poithened.”

Excerpt from the Old Farmer’s Almanac – Founded in 1792

Persimmon seed can forecast the coming weather – Look at the shape of kernel inside:
- If the kernel is spoon-shaped, expect plenty of snow to shovel.
- If it is fork-shaped, plan on a mild winter with powdery, light snow.
- If the kernel is knife-shaped, expect frigid winds that will “cut” like a blade.

Weekly Register-Call continued:

Who is the meanest man in the world? The guy who proposes to an old maid over the telephone and after she accepts him, tells her he has the wrong number!

Family Talk

Morris – I was a fool when I married you.
Mrs. M – I knew that, my dear, but I thought you would improve.

“Oh Henry,” exclaimed Mrs. Brown, “Helen tried to light the fire with gasoline!” “Gasoline!” said Henry calmly. “Did she get it started?” “Get it started,” replied Mrs. Brown. “Why, it blew her out the window.” “Oh well,” embarked Henry, “it was her afternoon out, anyway.”

Drunk Again

Judge – Couldn’t you see the man in time to keep from running over him?
Autoist – Certainly I saw him, but I thought he was twins and tried to run between them.

Yankee – We start a ten story hotel and finish in a month.
Irishman – That’s nothing. I’ve seen ‘em digging a foundation as I went to work in the morning and when I came home at night they were putting the tenants out for back rent.

Not Too Perfect

He – When you told your father that I didn’t smoke, drink, gamble, or swear, what did he say?
She – Oh, he said that he didn’t want me to marry a perfect man, but that you were such a good liar that you’d do.

A Richmond, VA paper is trying to find out what became of the old fashioned girl who thought she ought to know how to sew, cook, and keep house before marrying. We don’t know where this Jane is, but we suspect she is now the bride of the old fashioned young man who thought he ought to be out of debt, have a bank account, and a job before proposing. Go Figure!
Stocked Up.

Beggar – Will you please, sir, give me a dime for my sick wife?
Citizen – Well, I’m sorry she’s sick, but I’m afraid we can’t do business, as I have a wife already.

People who can’t are always willing to criticize those who can.

Excerpts from Weekly Register-Call – Central City, Colorado, Friday, June 29, 1923

If you can’t walk in the straight and narrow path you might try running.
Every day sees us nearing the end and wishing we were back at the beginning.
There’s one thing about having a bad reputation; it isn’t the original cost, it’s the upkeep!
Perhaps one reason why Edison is still so active is that he confines himself to light work.
So few men leave footprints on the sands of time, because most of them are always busy covering up their tracks.
I am getting a great deal out of this, said the gambler as he picked up the four aces.
If all men who violate the law were sent to jail, there wouldn’t be enough left to lock the cage doors.
When sowing their wild oats, young men should think of the cost of harvesting the crop!

Election on November 6, 2018

The City of Black Hawk will be submitting the following question to the registered electors of the City through a Coordinated Election with Gilpin County on November 6, 2018.

SHALL CITY OF BLACK HAWK TAXES BE INCREASED BY AN ESTIMATED TWO MILLION DOLLARS ($2,000,000.00) ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2019) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE LEVY OF A USE TAX OF SIX PERCENT (6%) FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF STORING, USING, DISTRIBUTING, OR CONSUMING IN THE CITY ANY ARTICLES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OR ANY TAXABLE SERVICES PURCHASED, LEASED OR RENTED FROM SOURCES INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE CITY ON WHICH A MUNICIPAL SALES TAX HAS NOT BEEN PAID; SHALL ALL REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH USE TAX BE USED FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL AND GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES; AND SHALL THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND ALL SUCH TAX REVENUE AND ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS AND INTEREST THEREON WITHOUT LIMITATION AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE EXPENDITURE OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION?

Are you registered to vote?
Did you know that Black Hawk has a municipal code for election signage?

In preparation of the upcoming election on November 6, 2018, the City of Black Hawk would like to share with their residents the following regulations that govern Election Season Signage.

Black Hawk Municipal Code
Chapter 15: Sign Code
Article III – Sign Standards
Division 1 – Residential Districts

Section 15-34. (b) (1) Temporary Community Sign Regulations for Residential Districts

• Time-based temporary signs are allowed without a permit subject to the following standards.
• Election season signs.
• These signs are allowed thirty (30) days prior to a scheduled election.

• Must be removed three (3) days immediately following the election as defined in this Article.
• No more than one (1) sign for each national, State or local ballot question is permitted on a residential parcel.

Such signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet per face, not be taller than four (4) feet, and must be on private property and shall not interfere with any pedestrian or vehicular route on such property.

The City is asking all the residents to abide by these regulations. Questions can be directed to the Community Planning and Development Department at 303-582-0615.

DO

DON’T
“My life started out with “Trauma!” I was born 24 years ago in Doc Pete’s dresser drawer in the town of Black Hawk, Colorado. The date was February 29th which only comes around every 4 years. That sure stops the yearly parties and presents! Try my jerky! It is great if you happen to get yourself lost in the mountains. It will take you all day of chewing to get one piece ate. You will be so busy chewing you’ll forget about being lost.”

~Stace Williams

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Stace Williams, born in Black Hawk, and raised on Upper Apex Road in Gilpin County, sadly passed away September 20, 2013. Stace worked for the City of Black Hawk Public Works Department in the 1990’s. Many locals have fond memories of Stace, and especially his light-hearted disposition and sense of humor, as evidenced by what he wrote with the above recipe submission!

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

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Jerky

Stace Williams

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

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

Elk Chili

Andy Armbright

1 lb. Ground Elk
4 – 16 oz. Cans Diced Tomatoes with Green Chilis
1 Green Chili, diced
1 – 16 oz. Can Dark Red Kidney Beans
1 – 29 oz. Can Chili Beans
2 Pkgs. Lowry Chili Seasoning
¼ lb. Ground Sausage
1 Bermuda Onion, chopped
1 Tbl. Chili Powder

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

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{ Excerpts from 1996 Gilpin County Fair Cookbook }
To receive a digital copy of The Black Hawk Lantern, email JSeitzinger@CityofBlackHawk.org.