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established 1889

IN BRIEF

Bear with us here at The Silverton Standard and the Miner Newspaper

We are putting THE back into the name! The Silverton Standard and the Miner Newspaper have been going through the transition phase with new newspaper ownership and assets like phone number, domain, website, subscription software and email addresses. We have successfully moved website over to TheSilvertonStandard.com and the emails editor@thesilvertonstandard.com subscriptions@thesilvertonstandard.com are now in our domain suite and accessible once again after moving away from silvertonstandard.com website and emails. We just had a temporary disruption with all these points of contact while ownership was being transferred.

Silverton Public School

The first day of the 2025/2026 school year is Monday August 18th and Back to School Night is September 10th.

Baker's Park Trail Celebration – August 23rd

Join Silverton Singletrack Society on Saturday, August 23 for the long-awaited Grand Opening of the Baker's Park Trail System! Festivities kick off with an all-ages, all-abilities group hike/run/ride—meet at the trailhead at 1:00 pm to explore the trails together. Then head to Anesi Park (1239 Blair St) for an evening party featuring Joint Point, a high-energy jam band from Telluride known for blending funk, rock, and improvisational grooves. Gates open at 6:00 pm, with partner remarks at 6:30 pm and music starting at 7:00 pm. Food trucks, local drinks, and plenty of good company will round out this free, all-ages community celebration. Mark your calendar and let's raise a toast to Baker's Park!

Region 9 Economic Development Announces New Board members

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado (Region 9 EDD) announces several additions to their Board of Directors, approved at the July 31st quarterly meeting held in the Town of Dolores.

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A Theatre Group is back “and all that Jazz”



Photo by DeAnne Gallegos

ATG crew celebrate a sold out show.



Photo by DeAnne Gallegos

ATG Burlesque show sold out with online sales days before show.

■ By DeAnne Gallegos

A Theatre Group has been revived by a group of Silverton locals who are breathing new life into the 30-year-old non-profit whose mission is “A Theatre Group is dedicated to keeping live performance alive in Silverton through diverse programming that brings our community together. From intimate play readings and dynamic improv performances to cabaret nights and collaborations with local schools, we create accessible theatrical experiences that celebrate both our artistic heritage and our evolving creative spirit. We believe theatre thrives when it adapts to its community's needs and creates space for voices both familiar and new.” This past Saturday night down in the Grand Imperial Hotel's Theatre, the group put on the first ever “Boudier Below & Burlesque Extravaganza” show that featured over a dozen locals giving all the shimmy, shakes, songs, and excitement the sold-out crowd could handle. The first ever event of its kind in the Grand Imperial Theatre and possibly the town in the past 30 years or more, sold out online days before the event. A Theatre Group has been holding improv nights in the Theatre or over at the library as well as an comedy night but this show shook the hotel walls with cheers from the crowd as the performers tested their own boundaries and talents in front of their friends, families, peers and strangers. This amazing display of pride in their expression and desires to entertain in their own fashion was not only thrilling but is still the talk of the town. It IS the show that if you missed it, you would hear about it and the select group of people that got to witness this spectacular show, will never forget it. Evin Harris was the brainchild behind the event, and her partner Ian Tanner was right there to support her and helped create this

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The La Plata Miner newspaper began publication on July 10, 1875, after newspaper pioneer John R. Curry managed to haul an old press by pack mule over Stony Pass. The Silverton Standard newspaper began operations in 1889. The two newspapers merged in 1922.

Over the years, the newspapers have covered many important stories, including the slaying of Town Marshal Clayton Osburn on August 24, 1881, and the subsequent lynching of two members of the notorious Ike Stockton Gang.

The newspaper also reported on the St. Patrick's Day snowdrift of 1906 that killed some 20 miners in the San Juans, the Gold King Mine fire that killed six in June 1908, and on the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918-19 that killed 161 people in Silverton, some 10 percent of the population.

The Silverton Standard & the Miner is the oldest continually operated newspaper, and the oldest business of any kind, on the Western Slope of Colorado, telling the stories of a remarkable community of diverse people that at times prospered and at other times struggled to survive in a very hostile and isolated part of the world.

Marked this fifth day of May, 2012.

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Town of Silverton Land Acknowledgement

The people of Silverton honor the land and Winúuchi band of Utes who saw it as their home and kept it healthy for future generations. We acknowledge that the Brunot Agreement unfairly stole the Utes' land after all Ute bands were moved to the western portion of the state. As we live, work, play, and learn on this land we will remember and continue their legacy of stewardship.

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The Silverton Standard & the Miner is a weekly newspaper written for people interested in the issues and news of Silverton, Colo., and the surrounding San Juan Mountains region. The Standard voices a strong sense of community for Silverton and the San Juans as it brings you the issues, characters, landscapes, and the talent of the region. Stressing in-depth, balanced, and thoughtful writing, news, photography, and topical articles on key issues affecting the region, the Standard keeps the greater San Juan community informed, entertained, provoked, and engaged in dialogue about the community and its future.

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Smoke fill skies in Silverton

Smoke out on Thursday was way beyond beyond! Silverton simply went Poof! Gone in a cloud of smoke by late afternoon. We were at 247 according to Purple Air. We had the worst recorded air quality for any of their sites in Colorado. This is not something that we like to claim bragging rights for, folks!

Our entire region is tinder dry. I can assure you it wasn't like this back in the good old days! So let's consider reality real closely. Reality doesn't care what you believe, think or how you feel about things. Reality just is. When you are not aware, considerate or respectful there are real world consequences. Like what happened with the Ice Fire. We all know that one tossed cigarette way into October along the Ice Lake Trail caused that late season wildfire. Same condi-



Freddy Canfield

tions as we have right now. Some of us would love to see that trail closed down. We have more emergency medical issues there than anywhere. Yet we have no effective signage or much of any say over this way over run location in our own backyard. What is a realistic solution? This is just one of many situations we need to consider involving the real world that we live in. Please don't get Freddy going on the unreal world surrounding us in cyberspace and such- we ain't going there! Keep it safe. Eschew any stupidity. Learn to love all of life and each other. Life is good and so are you- once you figure out who you really are!

33.9 7AM Cirrus buildup followed by ever increasing wildfire smoke from any number of sources to our south and

west of our realm. We can feel it in our eyes, sinus and lungs. Batten down the hatches- no open window time has returned! Tuesday is just the wake up call. **77.5**

Wednesday 37.0 Still with only a slight haze and a string of small cumulus passing over Kendall out of the southwest. Mids billowed up resulting in repeated thunder showers. Partial clearing didn't last for long- return of our least favorite atmospheric experience - wildfire smoke! **78.8**

Thursday 40.6 Calm with faint cirrus and blue above. Mid build morning into afternoon along with ever intensifying really heavy smoke. All of tis on the hottest so far in August. Late afternoon we had to mask up at the Mayflower Mill. Looking down towards town- Silverton was completely invisible. **80.9**

Friday 42.9 Motionless with smoke lessening as

clouds were building. Gusty wind wondering what will happen next! **77.9**

Saturday 34.1 Clear, cool, calm and collected. What a welcomed change this morning! Faint cirrus then moderate mids with way less smoke than we have been experiencing lately during the afternoon. Late afternoon that wild west wind blew it all away although you could see plenty of smoke haze over Snowden. **79.1**

Sunday 43.5 Grey overcast and still. Late morning clearing with a moderate up canyon breeze. Occasional fair weather cumulus. Life is getting better! **74.8**

Monday 30.2 Coldest morning this season and freeze frame. Blu bird and angels breath crisp clean San Juan Mountain air! **75.2**

Tuesday 34.1 Clear and quiet.



MOUNTAIN HAPPENINGS

Ongoing

• Move

Yoga Schedule

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm
Gym Hours: 5:30 am- 9pm, 7 days a week (closed during yoga class). Please reach out to move.silverton@gmail.com. if you would like to join the Silverton's community gym space.

• Free Exercise Classes

Monday 6 pm Zumba (gym)
Tuesday 7:00 pm Pickleball (gym)
Wednesday 6 pm Zumba (gym)
Thursday 7 pm Kickboxing (gym),
Friday 6:30 pm Pickleball (gym)

• Senior Center Events

Saturday Open Gym @ 11am school gym
Tuesdays @ 9 am chair yoga
Wednesday @ 4pm light weights
Thursday @ 9am regular yoga
Monday @ 10 am Quilters

• Town Admin Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 1-2pm. Please book your appointment at <https://calendly.com/gkaaschbuerger> or call/email 970-880-4087 gkaasch-buerger@silverton.co.us

• Free Legal Self-Help Clinic

San Juan County FREE legal clinic for parties without an attorney. Generously hosted by your Silverton town library. First Wednesday of every month, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM. 1117 Reese St, Silverton, CO 81433

• Commodities distribution will occur on the LAST TUESDAY of the month:

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• San Juan Regional Planning Commission, 7 p.m., third Tuesday of the month, County Courthouse.

• **Silverton Clinic**, 9:00am-4:00pm most Fridays, and 08:30am-10:30am, Tuesdays lab draws only or by appointment. Call for appointment, 387-5114 or 387-0242.

• **American Legion**, 6 p.m., first Thursday of the month, Grand Imperial.

• **Silverton Threads Quilting Club**, 10:00 a.m. Monday at the Senior Center. All are welcome.

• **San Juan County Historical Society Archive** – Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous** has moved to Wednesdays in Silverton at 7 p.m. For locations, questions or help, call (888) 333-9649.

Spiritual Events

• **Church of Christ**, Sundays: Bible class, 8 a.m.; service, 9 a.m.; and Sunday Bible discussion, 5 p.m., (970) 946-7648.

• **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Father Nat Foshage, Mass, 4 p.m. Saturdays, 1005 Reese St., 325-4373.

• **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, Sunday services 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: Sacrament meeting, 10:00 am, Sunday School, 11:00 am 723 Greene St (across from the Hardware Store) ., 387-5338.

• **First Congregational Church of Silverton**, Pastor Sue Kurtz (970) 946- 8928. Summer Worship, 9:00 am, 1070 Reese St. We are a church with open doors, open hearts, and open minds. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are always welcome here!

• **Silverton Church on the Hill**, 11th and Snowden, Pastor Mark Lawson, (970) 387-5215. Bible study, 9 a.m.; Children's Sunday School at 10:15; 10:15 a.m. regular service; Wednesday night prayer fellowship, 7 p.m.

• **Word of Life Fellowship**, Pastor Jim Greenfield, Sunday service starts at 10 a.m., 1706 Empire St. 387-5893.

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OBITUARIES

Judith E. Graham

4/16/1946 – 8/7/2025

Our beloved Judith E. Graham passed Thursday August 7th at 6:28 PM as her mother moon rose up and peaked through the clouds. We will forever call the August full moon: Judy's moon. Judy is survived by her daughter Quai J Barker Gurule (Geoff E Worcester), grandson Bradley T Gurule, Blake A. Gurule, granddaughter Brooklyn E Worcester, and her beloved John Richardson who now has her darling dog Asher. Judy will always be remembered as a force of strength, love, loyalty, and beauty. She loved the town of Silverton and its community and her home at the Wingate house. She found sanctuary and peace in the mountains and clouds around us. Cokie and Judy's two sisters and nieces were there. Her sister Patti was there in final breath. Judy Graham was a well-known local artist who created canvas pieces that captured the remote and rugged San Juan Mountain range in all of its beauty, and her art still hangs in public spaces for all to be inspired by. The family would like to share with you some of Judy's words from her artist biography, "The concept of a sense of place has been examined by many cultures over millennia. A place can seem so powerful that it appears as though the place itself has its own vitality. It is in this spirit that I created a series of paintings inspired by Velocity Basin near Silverton Co. For 24 years I have lived and painted the geological features which dominate Southwestern Colorado especially the shapes and colors of



the Rio Grande River drainage in the San Juan Mountains. My paintings communicate a deep connection with place and how one exists and moves about in wild places particularly those on the tundra. Above Timberline sensed in my paintings is the relationship between notions of connectedness and place. The visual detail of place can metaphorically suggest something other than itself, a place, or the representation thereof can be a veil over what we yearn to understand, a portal. My paintings are about the vastness, purity, and beauty of remote places and are meant to be uplifting. I have spent a lifetime in pursuit of the most genuine distillation of ideas as they can be expressed in the visual language of color and shape with paint on canvas."

A memorial for Judith E. Graham will be announced at a later date.



Judith Graham

Judy Graham's artist Bio features her beautiful painting.

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TOS New Public Works Director grew up in Silverton

By DeAnne Gallegos

Town of Silverton's new Public Works Director John Zarkis started the position days before the 4th of July Holiday during the height of our summer season. Zarkis grew up in Silverton, is third generation and considers taking this position now in his life after a long and successful career in the Public Works department in the City of Montrose as his opportunity to return home. He started with the City of Montrose in 2006 at the ground level as a utility worker for the public works department and worked his way up over the 19 years through the water and sewer department "I gained all that knowledge and worked my way up," said Zarkis. "So, at the time I decided to leave Montrose and come to Silverton, I was the Utilities Superintendent. I worked my way up from Utility Worker to Superintendent over both water and sewer, you wear many hats in that industry, and I made a career out of it." The Utilities Superintendent for the City of Montrose manages a dozen employees and is responsible for everything related to water distribution and sewer collection for over 9,000 accounts and over 9,000 water meters which needs daily supervision and maintenance year around. He continued with "we had lots of lift stations for sewers, collections, and we delivered water to our customers and collected it back in a different form." John Zarkis described Silverton as his escape with his wife, two sons and their families. They hunt, fish, and

enjoy the mountains in many ways together. He also gushed about his first grandbaby Georgie Ann, who is obviously the apple of his eye because he lit up when he talked about her. John described finding out about the Public Works Director position in Silverton by reading the Silverton Standard and was encouraged to look into it by his son. The more he and his wife discussed what

Utah and was up here with Diamond Drilling working at the Henrietta mine. "That is how my dad got up here, fell in love with my mom that summer, got married and they raised their family here. I have a younger brother and a younger sister. We were all born and raised in Silverton like my mom and grandma," said Zarkis. I asked him what jobs he did in Silverton as

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taking the job would look like for them as they have spent the majority of their careers in Montrose, Debby Zarkis, his wife of 33 years encouraged him and stated, "do what you really want to do." Debby has since taken the position as the Director of the Silverton Family Learning Center. A couple years after graduating from Silverton High School, John Zarkis left Silverton in 1990 and went to Durango to attend a Voctech school and because the mines shut down, his mom and dad John George and Gail Zarkis had moved to Montrose, but the family always kept their home here. His mom Gail Zarkis (Young) was born and raised here in Silverton and she met her husband John George Zarkis who came from Price

a kid in the 1980's and he replied "way back, I was a bus boy at the French Bakery, I was a bus boy at Bent Elbow for Effie, I also worked for the Town of Silverton Parks department for Brett Depriest, Paul Korman, and Clay Brown was the Public Works Director at that time. I also worked for the mine a couple of summers at Standard Metals. Well one year it was Standard Metals and the next year it was Echo Bay." I also asked John what he believed the top three priorities are for the Silverton Public Works were and replied, "number one priority is going back to water meters, second is sewer plant and third is water security." He continued with, "My opinion on water meters is that the EQR is just a temporary band

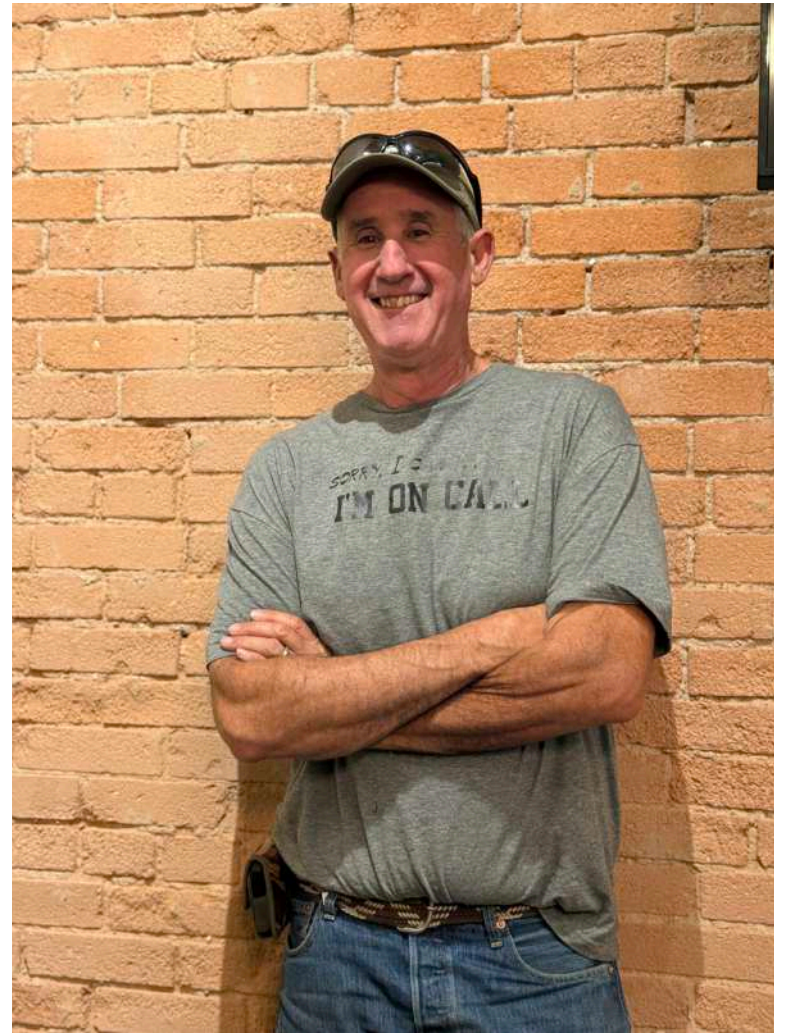


Photo by DeAnne Gallegos

John Zarkis is the new Town of Silverton Public Works Director.

aid and to be transparent and fair with the community, we need to go back to water meters. We have been working pretty diligent on that goal, but it will probably not happen this year, but I have a phased timeline starting next spring. Do two hundred meters a year for three years and that will space them out for future maintenance and replacement. Meters generally only last 20 years and you do not want them all to go out or need to be replaced at the same time (there are 600 meters in total)." The concern for Town around replacing water meters is the cost but Zarkis explained that in his experience over in Montrose, they used smart meters that

not only give each account holder a smart phone app that shows live time water usage but also can help detect leaks when you see a spike in your meter usage. He also discussed the vulnerability we have as a community around water rights and access to clean water. If there is a fire in Bear Creek or Boulder Gulch, the fire suppressant used to fight wildland fires contaminates water sources for up to five years and at this moment in time, we utilize both water sources regularly. John Zarkis brings decades of "big city" experience and knowledge compared to Silverton's small infrastructure and when you see him out working hard, please stop and say welcome.

SJDA Entry way sign sponsors

San Juan Development Association announces they have their first Bronze Sponsor (for the Town Gateway Signage which is Quiet Bear Art owner Ken Webb. There is also another Silver Sponsor, Silverton Mountain, and a Silver Sponsor is a \$1k donation. Thank you, Silverton Mountain and Ken Webb, for becoming a Sponsor! Go to Sanjuandevlopment.com to donate today or mail check donation to SJDA Po Box 722, Silverton, CO 81433.

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GOLD KING MINE: STEP BACK IN TIME

Letter to the Editor 7/30/15, 7 days before Gold King Spill

Editors note: This letter to the editor ran in the July 30th, 2015, edition of The Silverton Standard and the Miner just 7 days before the EPA caused the Gold King Mine Spill accident.

EPA plan is really a 'Superfund blitzkrieg'

Editor;

I came to Silverton this summer to enjoy my retirement, appreciate nature and prospect the mountains for unique minerals. I came here to enjoy a simple life with no TV and no politics, but unfortunately that has changed. Your EPA dilemma has caused my blood to boil.

Based on my 47 years of experience as a professional geologist, it appears to me that the EPA is setting your town and the area up for a possible Superfund blitzkrieg.

In regards to your meeting with the EPA on June 23, Mr. Hestmark's (EPA representative) statement "we don't have an agenda" is either ignorant naivety or an outright falsehood. I am certain Mr. Hestmark's hydrologists have advised him what's going to happen when the Red & Bonita portals and plugged and the "grand experiment"

begins with unknown and foreseeable results and possible negative consequences.

Here's the scenario that will occur based on my experience:

Following the plugging, the exfiltrating water will be retained behind the bulkheads, accumulating at a rate of approximately 500 gallons per minute. As the water backs up, it will begin filling all connected mine workings and bedrock voids and fractures. As the water level inside the workings continues to rise, it will accumulate head pressure at a rate of 1 PSI per each 2.31 feet of vertical rise. As the water continues to migrate through and fill interconnected workings, the pressure will increase. Eventually, without a doubt. The water will find a way out and will exfiltrate uncontrollably through connected abandoned shafts, drifts, raises, fractures and possibly from talus on the hillsides. Initially it will appear that the miracle fix is working.

"Hallelujah!"

But make no mistake, with in seven to 120 days all of the 500 gpm flow will return to Cement Creek. Contamination may actually increase due to disturbance and flushing action within the workings.

The "grand experiment" in my opinion will fail.



FROM THE STANDARD
MAIL CAR

And guess what Mr. Hestmark will say then?

Gee, "Plan A" didn't work so I guess we will have to build a treatment plant at a cost to taxpayers of \$100 million to \$500 million (who knows).

Reading between the lines, I believe that has been the EPA's plan all along. The proposed Red & Bonita plugging plan has been their way of getting a foot in the door to justify their hidden agenda for construction of a treatment plant. After all, with a budget of \$8.2 billion and 17,000 employees, the EPA needs new, big projects to feed the best and justify their existence.

I would recommend that anyone who owns a home, property water well or spring in the Cement Creek drainage take water samples ASAP to protect themselves from groundwater changes that may be caused by the EPA plugging operation!

God bless America! God bless Silverton, Colorado. And God protect us from the EPA.

— Dave Taylor, Farmington



HARDROCKERS HOLIDAYS

Men's Wheelbarrow

- 1st: Richard Hott
2nd: Chris Scott
3rd: Chad Kibel

Women's Wheelbarrow

- 1st: LiErin Wilson
2nd: Stacy Baker
3rd: Tara Rhoades

Single Man Drilling

- 1st: Chris Scott
2nd: Grady Colby
3rd: Nick Basica

Men's Machine Mucking

- 1st: Chris Scott
2nd: Rusty Melcher
3rd: Roy Perino

Women's Machine Mucking

- 1st: Dorothy McCarty
2nd: Madelyn Yabney

Men's Hand Mucking

- 1st: Grady Colby
2nd: Tyrell Williams
3rd: Gilbert Meador

Women Hand Mucking

- 1st: Dorothy McCarty
2nd: LiErin Wilson
3rd: Madelyn Yabney

Men Single Jacking

- 1st: Nolan Cox
2nd: William McCarty
3rd: Matthew Gray

Women Single Jacking

- 1st: LiErin Wilson
2nd: Amy Kibel
3rd: Madelyn Yabney

Team Drilling

- 1st: Chris Scott & Grady Colby
2nd: Gilbert Meador & Richard Hott
3rd: Chad Kibel & Ben Bledso

Novice Team Drilling

- 1st: William McCarty
1st: Richard Hott

Men's Spike Driving

- 1st: Chris Scott
2nd: Tyrell Williams
3rd: William McCarty

Women's Spike Driving

- 1st: Amy Kibel
2nd: LiErin Wilson
3rd: Madelyn Yabney

Men's Hand Steeling

- 1st: Chad Kibel
2nd: Gilbert Meador
3rd: Chris Scott

Women's Hand Steeling

- 1st: LiErin Wilson
2nd: Amy Kibel
3rd: Tara Rhoades

Heavy Weight Men Tug

- 1st: Clear Creek
2nd: McCarty Bunch

Women's Heavy Weight Tug

- 1st: Dick & Janes
2nd: McCarty Bunch

Women's Pentathlon

- 1st: LiErin Wilson
2nd: Amy Kibel
3rd: Madelyn Yabney

Men's Pentathlon

- 1st: Chris Scott
2nd: Richard Hott
3rd: Gilbert Meador

We are Deeply Grateful to each one of our 2025 sponsors. Your generosity and Unwavering Support made this event possible. We extend our deepest gratitude to **The Town of Silverton, The Silverton Fire Department, The Golden Block, The Silverton Standard, Twisted J Fabrications** and our **incredible volunteers** for your tireless dedication and hard work in bringing **Hardrockers** to life. Krystal Kuhlman, Terry Rhoades, Bobby Rummel, Shelly Kuhlman, Stacy Chisam, Dack Klein, Nate Watkins, Dorothy McCarty, Judy Kuhlman, Steve Martinez, Bobby Gallegos, Roy Perino, Bryan Meador, Richard Hott, Destiny Chisam, Nikki Klein, Wink Meador, Lance Meador, Rusty Melcher, Phil Martinez, Deanna Gallegos, and many more. **Hardrockers Holidays** is always looking for new people to join our committee, reach out to our email

hardrockersholidays@yahoo.com

Also feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns!

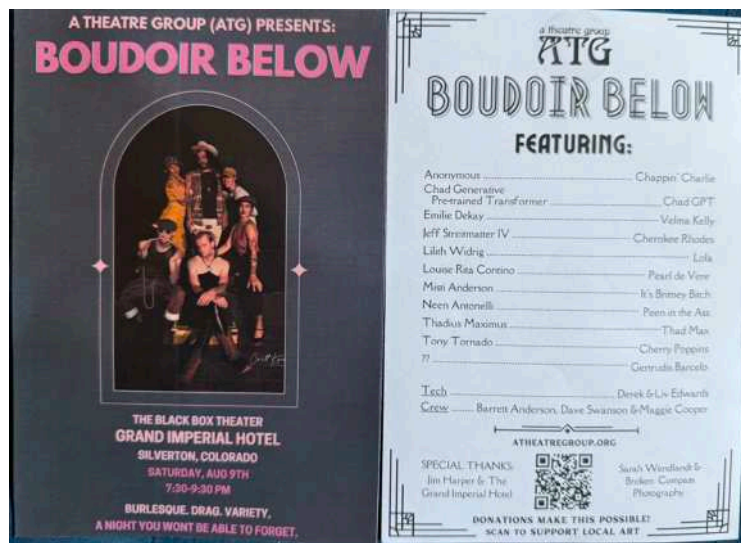


Photo by DeAnne Gallegos

Closing act of Berlesque show was Pink Pony Club group dance.

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once in a lifetime show. Evin Harris the Vice President of ATG and holds the Community Outreach role for the local non-profit said “When I first joined the ATG board in April of 2024, I presented this idea as something I was committed to seeing through however didn’t know exactly what it would look like, and here we are, such a major success. It was not intended specifically as a fundraiser, just a part of our summer season, however the fundraising opportunity at an event like this is huge and turned out to be a major success. Ian and I saw a variety show in a small rural Colorado town, Paonia, in June of 2024, that further inspired me to make it happen this summer. I have craved an event and space like this in Silverton, and we have created it, and it is here for the long run.” She continued with, “I honestly do not know how it could have gone better. People laughed, cried, cheered, and put dollar bills in our lingerie.... We had a sold-out show, the first of its kind in Silverton, and our community showed up. The support for each and every performer was moving and beautiful. We are already scheming future events.” Emily DeKay, one of the entertainers who was born and raised in Silverton but now in college, gave a rendition of “All that Jazz” that had the crowd hooting and hollering. As she belted out the lyrics while roller skating on the stage with a constant shimmy and a shake, we all knew this was just the beginning of something really special here in Silverton. Ian Tanner the ring master and emcee for the evening said, “I was blown away by the tidal waves of excitement, enthu-



The Playbill for A Theatre Group Variety Show.

siasm, and support, and the blatant outpouring of love from the crowd and community at large. I knew my friends would be supportive, but such an intense level of support from so many people that I did not know blew me away. It was refreshing to see so many different people come together and have so much fun! Someone said it was the best variety show ever.” Evin Harris gave final words of, “This show could not have happened without our entire cast and crew. I would like to thank my fellow ATG board members for supporting this vision and type of event. Jim Harper for his encouragement and without whom this show could not have happened. Liv and Derek Edwards for knowing how to use a light set up from the 90s and absolutely crushing it. They brought the light, sound, and stage elements of the show together. Their knowledge is so vast, and I cannot stress enough that this show would not have been what it was without them. Dave Swanson for always showing up. Barrett Anderson for keeping us all safe and ordering a security t-shirt that was super tight, per our

request. Maggie Cooper for slinging concessions and keeping it together when the drink line goes to the door and it is just her. Ian Tanner for being the unofficial, official stage manager. My dad, Jim Harris and his partner Kim Miller for overall support and getting last-minute fish nets and post-show food for the cast and crew. DeAnne at the Standard for allowing us a platform to be celebrated. Jeff Streitmatter for jumping in last many to make sure we had photos of the show. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that bought a ticket and concessions, made a donation or made it rain. You keep community theater alive. And last but not least the entire group of performers, some of whom have never done anything like this and got out of their comfort zones. The creativity was amazing to watch and seeing all the acts come together after folks have been rehearsing for months was magical. I cannot wait to do it again and see who else wants to get involved.” To donate and support these types of events or more information on ATG go to their website at atheatregroup.org.

8.11.25 Regular Meeting Recap

4. Consent Agenda; a) Payroll; b) Meeting Minutes; c) Accounts Payable; d) 2024 Audited Financials; e) Resolution 2025-21 A Resolution Allocating \$15,000 in Unbudgeted Funds to the San Juan Development Association for the Purpose of Replacing the Entrance Sings, Contingent Upon Full Funding of this Project ; f) NOTICE OF DECISION: 25-12 SUB Block 29 Lots 1-3; g) NOTICE OF DECISION: 25-17 SUB AMS Lots 15-16 NOTICE OF DECISION: 25-18 SUB AMS Lot 17; h) SPECIAL EVENT NOTICE: Silverton Creates! A Celebration of the Arts 9/12-9/20; i) SPECIAL EVENT NOTICE: Silverton Singletrack Society – Bakers Park Event 8/23

Approved 5-0, 2 absent

6. EPA Update on Repository Awarded Contract-Athena Jones, Remedial Project Manager

Information only

7a. Resolution 2025-24 A Resolution to enter Stage II Fire Restrictions

Adopted 5-0, 2 absent

7b. PUBLIC HEARING:

Second Reading for Adoption: Ordinance 2025-10 Ordinance 2025-10 An Ordinance of the Town of Silverton Amending Chapter 15, Articles 8 and 11 of the Silverton Land Use Code Regarding Deed Restrictions for the Expedited Review of Affordable Housing Developments

Adopted 5-0, 2 absent

7c. Resolution 2025-23 A Resolution Calling a Special Election in the Town of Silverton, Colorado, The Town of Silverton 8th and Bluff Special Improvement District; and Providing other Details Relating Thereto

Tabled to August 25th Regular Meeting

*This recap is for information only and is not the official approved minutes for the meeting.

Approved minutes can be found at <https://bit.ly/TrusteeMeetingMinutes>

Agenda Packets can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/TrusteeBoardPackets>

You can sign up to receive meeting notifications and agenda packets at <https://bit.ly/SilvertonEmailSignUp>

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Tommy Crosby, City of Durango Economic Opportunity Manager, was elected to the Region 9 EDD Executive Committee. Several other representatives joined the Board including Janae Hunderman, Fort Lewis College Director of Career and Workforce Development; Cathleen Giovannini, Archuleta County alternate; Gilda Yazzie, City of Durango Mayor; Andres Esparza, Town of Mancos alternate; and Matt Salka, La Plata County Commissioner. Region 9 EDD’s Board of Directors includes 17 government representatives and alternates and nine at-large members. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 25th and please visit www.region9edd.org for more information.

San Juan County Colorado Backcountry Updates

For most current San Juan County Colorado backcountry roads open & closures information, go to sanjuancounty.colorado.gov/road

Coffee with the Mayor

Join Mayor Dayna Kranker twice a month for coffee to share what’s on your mind. Tuesday, August 26, 8:30am-9:30 am @ Elevated Coffee Shop in the Grand Imperial Hotel

Food Commodities to be Distributed

The last TUESDAY of every month (unless otherwise posted) from 1-3 p.m. IN THE BASEMENT OF THE COURTHOUSE. You may use the back entrance for easier access. Eligibility for this service must be determined before receiving the commodities. Any interested person or family needing an eligibility determination may stop by the Social Service office at the courthouse from 9 a.m. to noon on the day of distribution or call Krissy Rhoades at 387-5631 for more information. This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Calling All Creatives: Be a Part of Silverton Creates!

The Silverton Creates! Arts Festival is back September 12-20, and Silverton Creative District is looking for artists, makers, and community members to host events during this week-long celebration of creativity. Whether it’s a hands-on workshop, open studio, artist talk, or something entirely unique, we want your ideas! Hosting is a great way to spotlight your work, promote your business or nonprofit, and connect with a community that values creative expression. Events can be big or small, free or ticketed, we’ll help spread the word. Be part of the magic. Learn more or submit your idea at www.silvertoncreates.com and help make this year’s festival our most inspiring yet!

STAGE 2 Fire Restrictions implemented this week

By DeAnne Gallegos

Last week the US Forest Service lands in the San Juan Mountains moved into STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS and this past Monday, so did the Town of Silverton. The San Juan County Commissioners will also vote in a STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS during their Wednesday BOC meeting and BLM will most likely follow suit. With the dry conditions, numerous large wildfires surrounding our county and now stretched thin wildland fire resources, the move was expected. In a Stage 2 FIRE BAN there are no campfires of any kind, welding outdoors, smoking outdoors unless you are within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building. The San Juan National USDA Forest Service put out on Sunday "Fire danger is EXTREME across the Southwest Colorado and the San Juan National Forest. The San Juan and many neighboring counties are in Sage 2 Fire Restrictions. This



means NO campfires. Propane fire pits and any gas grills or stoves with an on/off switch are still allowed." The fire that started in Pagosa Springs, the Oak Fire on Sunday was in a community and resulted in immediate evacuations of

homes in the area and this fire is growing fast. The wildfire over near Rico that started on July 28th at 4:11pm is now only miles away from San Juan County border and the town of Rico is on evacuation READY - Level 1- Evacuation

Advisory stage of the READY, SET, GO plan as of Tuesday. The fire coming towards the town of Rico, Stoner Fire was caused by lightning and according to Watch Duty the smart phone app is at zero percent contained as of Tuesday. That is the wildfire causing the smokey air here in Silverton when the winds funnel straight over the peaks and it settles in the valley. The Elkhorn Fire near Missionary Ridge is finally fully contained but being watched for hot spots or flare-ups. There is also the wildfire near

Meeker "The Lee Fire" that has currently become the largest wildland fire in the entire United States of America and has been burning since August 2nd and as of Tuesday is at 116,859 acres with only 14% containment. Just east of Meeker is a second wildland fire that started the same day on August 2nd, the Elk RBX fire and is currently at 14,549 acres and 30% contained according to Watch Duty. It is hot and dry in the San Juan Mountain range and make sure you and your family have an evacuation plan in place.

- Forest Service News Release - Stage 2 fire restrictions effective August 8

San Juan National Forest and partners implement fire restrictions due to critical conditions

Durango, Colo., August 7, 2025 – Based on recent wildfire activity and persistent severe fire weather conditions, San Juan National Forest Fire Management staff will implement Stage 2 fire restrictions, including wilderness, at 12:01 a.m., August 8. (see full Forest Order and map). Forest managers use several criteria to determine when to implement restrictions, including current and predicted weather, fuel moisture, fire activity levels and available firefighting resources. Fire restrictions are designed to protect public safety and our area natural resources. Southwest Colorado is in extended drought with continued hot, dry weather creating a critical fire environment.

by propane or other liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels that meet manufacturer's safety specifications. If you plan to visit the forest, be sure to practice vehicle safety guidelines by securing chains, checking tire pressure and properly maintaining your brakes.

Temporary restrictions will remain in place until further notice and may be increased or reduced at any time due to changes in weather and fire danger. To learn more about fire restrictions, fuels management, and other wildfire related issues, visit our fire information webpage.

Fire Restrictions Do Not Prevent Wildfires. It is every forest visitor's and camper's responsibility to follow best practices, properly maintain and extinguish campfires to prevent wildfires. Violations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations and/or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Fire prevention and law enforcement will be patrolling, and anyone who violates Stage 2 restrictions will be ticketed.

Stage 2 restrictions on the San Juan National Forest **PROHIBIT:**

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal barbecue, or grill, except if using a device solely fueled by liquid or gas that can be turned on and off in an area barren or cleared of all flammable materials within three feet of the device. 36 CFR § 261.52(a)
 2. Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building. 36 CFR § 261.52(d)
 3. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR § 261.52(h)
 4. Using an explosive. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(b)
- Visitors may use stoves, grills and lanterns fueled

To report a fire, call 9-1-1. For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874, visit the forest website, or follow us on social media (X and Facebook).

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STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

PROHIBITED: Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal barbecue, or grill on ANY National Forest System lands within the San Juan National Forest

PROHIBITED: Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building.

PROHIBITED: Possessing or using a motor vehicle off established roads, motorized trails or established parking areas.

PROHIBITED: Operating or using any internal combustion engine or chainsaw without an approved spark arrestor.

PROHIBITED: Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.

PROHIBITED: Using an explosive such as fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracer and incendiary ammunition.

PERMITTED: Use of devices solely fueled by liquid or gas (stoves, grills or lanterns) that can be turned on and off in an area barren or cleared of all flammable materials within three feet

For a full list of restrictions, view Forest Order SJNF-2025-13 fs.usda.gov/r02/sanjuan or call: (970) 247-4874

San Juan National Forest
15 Burnett Court
Durango, CO 81301



Animas River along local trail Aug 07 2025, 5pm.

Photo by Silverton Standard



Confluence of Cement Creek & Animas River Aug 11 2025, 4 PM just 4 days later.

Photo by Silverton Standard

EPA work sends plume of orange down Cement Creek & Animas River

■ By DeAnne Gallegos

Last Thursday, August 7th, around 5pm at the confluence of Cement Creek and Animas River right in the heart of Silverton, we witnessed a deep, dark, orange plume of water dump from Cement Creek into the Animas River. The dark orange plume that brought back clear memories from the Gold King Mine accident, while this incident was only two days after the 10-year anniversary of the EPA accident. The EPA and its contractors were working on the Natalie Occidental mine portal out in Gladstone (Silverton Mountain Ski Area) near where the existing Gladstone water treatment plant is located. According to Joy Jenkins Ph.D., P.E., EPA Remedial Project Manager for the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund sites said, “Recent observations of discolored water in Cement Creek and the Upper Animas River were due to routine inspections conducted by the EPA at the Natalie Occidental mine portal. A day before the work began, EPA proactively notified stakeholders that water discoloration in the localized area could be a possibility with this routine work. During these inspections, orange precipitate was stirred up, causing temporary localized water discoloration.” The EPA issued that warning about the potential for discolored water from their work on the Natalie Occidental the day before, but this was something more than that, it was an auspicious reminder only two days after the 10-year anniversary of the orange river event a decade ago. It was a deep, dark, orange ooze that took over more than half of the Animas River at the confluence and left orange ponds all along the local Animas River trail that we use for recreation. I asked Joy Jenkins if there were any concerns for human health or our animals as they play in that part of the Animas River and according to Joy Jenkins, EPA “We do not anticipate negative impacts to the Animas River and Cement Creek from this discoloration.” Since the mine portal is above the current EPA water treatment plant, I asked the EPA if it went through the water treatment plant and Jenkins response was, “Natalie Occidental mine portal was the locations of the inspection that caused orange precipitate to be stirred up, which is not connected to the Gladstone Water Treat-



Confluence of Cement Creek & Animas River on Aug 07 2025, 5 pm.

Photo by Silverton Standard

“We do not anticipate negative impacts to the Animas River and Cement Creek from this discoloration.”

ment plant. This is one of the continuously discharging mine portals at the site. Opening of the metal portal grate for inspection lead to additional precipitant clogging a portion the grate to be released within the mine water flow.” Joy Jenkins, the EPA’s Bonita Peak Mining District Remedial Project Manager, was very quick to respond to the Silverton Standard and the Miner questions about the orange plume. If you have further questions about this incident, you can send an email directly to Jenkins at jenkins.joy@epa.gov.



Natalie Occidental mine portal photo was taken on Aug 07, 2025 at 1pm by Pete Maisel.



Photo of same spot on Animas River Aug 11 2025, 4 PM.

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LEGALS

Deputy Clerk
Job Title: Deputy Clerk
Reports to: Town Clerk/ Treasurer
Classification: Full-time Hourly, Non-exempt
Compensation: \$20-\$22/hr. depending on experience.
Benefits: Health, Life, Dental, Vision, Short-Term Disability, Retirement (401a)

Job Description: The Town of Silverton is seeking a new Deputy Clerk. This position is an integral part of the Town Hall's function and is expected to support the Town Clerk in clerk/treasurer duties in addition to providing support for other departments. Clerical services, data entry, basic word processing, and receptionist/customer service skills are required for this position. The ability to work and communicate effectively, efficiently, and responsibly with elected/appointed officials, employees, and the general public is preferred.

The Town of Silverton is an equal opportunity employer. We welcome candidates from all backgrounds. To apply, submit your resume and cover letter by email to mmarks@silverton.co.us and gkaasch-buerger@silverton.co.us or in-person to Town Hall by August 25th, 2025 @ 4 pm.

For the full Job Description, Key Responsibilities, Preferred Abilities, and Benefits, please visit <https://townofsilverton.colorado.gov/employment>.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Town of Silverton is seek-

ing a qualified contractor to provide comprehensive janitorial services for its public buildings, including the Town Hall, Kendall Mountain Community Center, the Silverton Library, and the Visitors Center. The contractor shall cover the provisions of janitorial services as set forth in the full RFP. The Contractor will be responsible for maintaining all offices, rest rooms, and public spaces in a clean and satisfactory condition, including trash removal, and addressing dirt, mud, dust, spilled liquids, and other unclean conditions as scheduled. For the full RFP, please visit <https://townofsilverton.colorado.gov/>

Proposal Closing Date and Time: 8/22/25 at 4pm

RETURN TO:
 Town of Silverton
 Town Clerk, Melina Marks
 1360 Greene Street, PO BOX 250
 Silverton, CO 81433
mmarks@silverton.co.us

LEGAL NOTICE INFORMATIONAL MEETING ANVIL MOUNTAIN SUBDIVISION – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT GUIDE AMENDMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an informational meeting will be held to discuss proposed amendments to the Anvil Mountain Subdivision Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Guide. The proposed amendments include:

- Clarifying off-street parking standards
- Clarifying fence standards
- Allowing accessory structures under 120 square feet to encroach into front setbacks

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Notice is hereby given that the informational is scheduled as follows:

- Anvil Mountain Subdivision Informational Meeting: Discussion of Proposed Amendments to the Anvil Mountain PUD Development Guide on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Western end of the Anvil Mountain Subdivision, 755 W 5th Street, Silverton, CO 81433

The proposed amendments were reviewed and discussed at the Personnel and Ordinance Committee meeting on July 22, 2025. The meeting packet and recording are available for public review on the Town's website or in person at the Town Clerk's Office located at Town Hall, 1360 Greene Street, Silverton, CO 81433.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the informational meeting. Public comment will be taken.

Contact Community Development Director Lucy Mulvihill (970) 946-9408 (lmulvihill@silverton.co.us) with any questions/comments.

Board of Education Nomination Petitions Silverton School Board Election: November 4, 2025

BOE Election Positions: Three open seats: 2 four-year seats, 1 two-year seat

- Qualifying candidates may pick up a petition for the Silverton School Board beginning on **August 6, 2025**. Petitions are available at the Silverton School District main office.
- Petitions are due to the San Juan County Clerk by **August 29, 2025, at 4 p.m.** The deadline is firm. 25 qualifying signatures required.

Candidates must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- Registered voter and resident of San Juan County school district for at least twelve consecutive months
- Never convicted of a sexual offense against a child
- Satisfies petition or write-in candidate requirements.

WATER AND SEWER EQP RATE CHANGE PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Silverton Board of Trustees will be Conducting a Public Hearing Resolution 2025-23 on September 22, 2025 at 5:30pm at the Town Hall, 1360 Greene Street, Silverton CO. The proposed change includes defining Public and Commercial building spaces would go into effect for the September/October billing cycle. Silverton utility customers shall have the right to appear, personally or through counsel, at such hearing for the purpose of providing testimony regarding the proposed new schedule. Commu-

nity members can attend the meeting in person, participate on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88637487127>, By Telephone: Dial 669-900-6833 and enter Webinar ID 886 3748 7127 when prompted, or watch on YouTube www.youtube.com/channel/UCmJgal9IUX-K5TZahHugprpQ. Comments can be submitted prior to the hearing by emailing townadministrator@silverton.co.us before Wednesday, September 18, 2025.

**RESOLUTION 2025-23
A RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF SILVERTON TO
AMEND THE EQUIVELANT
TO RESIDENTIAL RATES
(EQR) FOR WATER AND
SEWER RATES DEFINING
THE EQR MUTIPLIER FOR
COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC
BUILDINGS.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Silverton, in the County of San Juan and State of Colorado (the "Town") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado, and;

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Funds, for accounting purposes, are enterprise funds receiving the bulk of the revenue from user fees, and;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the proposed EQR rates in adopted Resolution 2024-29 outlined the specific rates applied to residential and commercial customers and;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that Commercial and Public Building's EQR is too broad up to 2,000 square feet and;

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the Utility Committee in their meeting on July 23, 2025 that the EQR rate for Commercial and Public Buildings be broken down into smaller square footage categories;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILVERTON, COLORADO THAT:

SECTION 1: Commercial and Public Buildings Defined:

- Square footage measurement only includes retail space and not detached storage space without access to water.

SECTION 2: Commercial or Public Buildings EQR:

- Up to 1,000 square feet is an EQR of .7
- 1,000 square feet to 3,000 square feet is an EQR of 1
- 3,000 square feet or more is an EQR of 1.5

SECTION 3: This resolution shall go into effect on the next billing cycle covering September and October 2025.

THIS RESOLUTION was approved and adopted on this ____ day of _____ 2025, by the

Board of Trustees of the Town of Silverton, Colorado.

TOWN OF SILVERTON,
COLORADO

Dayna Kranker, Mayor

ATTEST:
Melina Marks, Town Clerk

**Event Coordinator
(Contract Position)**

The Town of Silverton is seeking a motivated and highly organized **Event Coordinator** to manage the rental process for municipal buildings and parks. This contract position will involve handling all aspects of the private facility rental process, from initial inquiries to booking and coordinating with the Clerk's department on payment collection, ensuring a seamless and customer-friendly experience for renters. The Event Coordinator will be the primary point of contact for renters, ensuring that all rental agreements are executed efficiently and facilities are ready for use. The Town of Silverton is an equal opportunity employer.

Compensation: Per-event payment structure is a percentage of the price of the rental.

Term: 1 Year with the possibility of extension.

Hours: Flexible, based on event schedule and rental demand. Anticipate weekends and more hours May-October.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit the following to mmarks@silverton.co.us

- Cover letter outlining relevant experience
- Resume
- References

Deadline for Application: August 25th, 2025

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CASE NO. 25CW3038 – Jason T. Ullmann, State Engineer and Director of the Colorado Division of Water Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, 8th Floor, Denver, Colorado 80203; Bob Hurford, Division Engineer for Water Division 4, 1541 Oxbow Drive, Suite 1625, Montrose, CO 81401 {Andrew Nicewicz, Senior Attorney General, Preston V. Hartman, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Emilie B. Polley, Assistant Attorney General, Attorneys for Colorado State and Division Engineers, 1300 Broadway, 10th Floor, Denver, Colorado 80203: (720) 508-6259 (Mr. Nicewicz), (720) 508-6257 (Mr. Hartman), (720) 508-6314 (Ms. Polley)}. The State and Division Engineers respectfully request that the Water Judge include the Rules in the resume of applications filed with the Water Clerk for Water Division 4 during the month of August 2025 and publish the portion of the resume

including the Rules in each county in Water Division 4. In addition the State and Division Engineers respectfully request that the Water Judge approve the adoption of the Rules if no protests are filed within 60 days of the publication of the Rules apply or, in the alternative, if any protests are timely filed, hear and dispose of such protests as promptly as possible: Text of the Rules: **RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MEASUREMENT OF SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER DIVERSIONS AND STORAGE, RELEASE, AND DELIVERY OF WATER LOCATED IN WATER DIVISION 4: ORDER OF THE STATE ENGINEER: IT IS ORDERED** that the following rules governing the measurement of surface water and Groundwater diversions and storage, release, and delivery of water located in Water Division 4 are adopted by the State Engineer. **Rule 1. Title.** The title of these rules and regulations is "Rules and Regulations Governing the Measurement of Surface Water and Groundwater Diversions and Storage, Release, and Delivery of Water Located in Water Division 4." In this document these rules and regulations may be referred to as "Rules." **Rule 2. Authority.** In order for the State Engineer and Division Engineer for Water Division 4 to obtain information needed for the administration, distribution, and regulation of the waters in Water Division 4, it is necessary to adopt rules governing the measurement of surface water and groundwater diversions and storage, release, and delivery of water located in Water Division 4. The State Engineer's authority to adopt these Rules is based on section 37-80-102(1)(g), C.R.S., which vests rulemaking authority for the Division of Water Resources in the State Engineer; section 37-92-501, C.R.S., which authorizes the State Engineer to adopt rules and regulations to assist in the performance of the administration, distribution, and regulation of the waters of the state in accordance with the constitution of the State of Colorado, the provisions of article 92 of title 37, C.R.S., (The Water Right Determination and Administration Act of 1969), and other applicable laws; section 37-92-502(5)(a), C.R.S., which authorizes the State Engineer to order any owner or user of a water right to install and maintain, at such owner's or user's expense, necessary meters, gages, or other measuring devices and to report at reasonable times to the appropriate Division Engineer the readings of such meters, gages, or other measuring devices; and section 37-92-502(5)(b), C.R.S., which authorizes the State Engineer to order any person or company supplying energy used to pump groundwater to provide, at reasonable times to the Division Engineer, records of energy used to pump groundwater.

Rule 3. Scope and Purpose of

the Rules. Scope. These Rules apply to all surface water Diversions, Groundwater Diversions, and the storage, release, and delivery of surface water and Groundwater located within Water Division 4, as defined in section 37-92-201(1)(d), C.R.S., with the following exceptions: **3.1.1** Permitted or unregistered wells that operate pursuant to the provisions of section 37-92-602(1), C.R.S.; **3.1.2** Ponds used for the limited purposes of livestock watering, wildlife watering, fire protection, or any combination thereof that are not filled by a Diversion from a natural stream; **3.1.3** Head stabilization ponds that are part of the conveyance and application of water and do not Divert water independently of the Diversion under the Water Right, and do not store water for more than 72 hours; **3.1.4** Surface water Diversions, including springs, that are Diverted at a rate not exceeding 15 gallons per minute and are used for the limited purposes of domestic use in no more than three single-family dwellings, fire protection, watering of domestic animals, the irrigation of not over one acre of home gardens and lawns, livestock watering on farms and ranches, wildlife watering, or any combination thereof; **3.1.5** Erosion control dams, as described in section 37-87-122, C.R.S.; **3.1.6** A Diversion Structure that is declared to be an Inactive Diversion Structure in accordance with Rule 9. These Rules do not require the measurement of the delivery of water through ditch laterals, domestic water taps, or other similar distribution structures after the water has already been Diverted or released from a Reservoir and measured. **3.2 Purpose:** The purpose of these Rules is to establish consistent and reliable standards to assist the State Engineer and Division Engineer in the administration, distribution, and regulation of water in Water Division 4. These Rules shall be liberally construed to carry out the purposes described in this Rule 3.2. Specifically, these Rules are intended to: **3.2.1** Establish standards for the selection and installation of Measurement Methods and Diversion Structures or Other Structures for the purpose of controlling and measuring Diversions or measuring storage, releases, or deliveries of water. **3.2.2** Establish consistent and reliable minimum standards for the recording and reporting of data for water Diversions, the storage, release, and delivery of water, and the means by which the Division Engineer will receive such data. **3.2.3** Establish consistent and reliable standards for assessing compliance with the State Engineer's and Division Engineer's authority to implement and enforce the statutory requirement for installation of Measurement Methods and Headgates. **3.3** Nothing in these Rules is intended to or shall be interpreted to interfere with, constrain, or otherwise limit the right to appropriate water for beneficial use in accor-

dance with Colorado law. These Rules do not relieve any Owner or Water User of any obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of any applicable water court decree, rule, permit, or order. **Rule 4. Definitions. 4.1 Definitions:** Any term used in these Rules that is defined in articles 82, 87, 90, and 92 of title 37 of the Colorado Revised Statutes has the same meaning given therein unless otherwise stated in these Rules. **4.1.1** "Alternative Measurement Method" means a Measurement Method that does not meet the definition of a Measuring Device and is used to determine the Flow Rate, Total Volume, or the volume of water diverted, stored in a Reservoir, released from a Reservoir, or otherwise delivered for any purpose within the standards of accuracy identified in these Rules. **4.1.2** "Control Structure" means a structure consisting of durable synthetic or natural materials that has been placed with the intent to divert, capture, possess and control water in its natural course for an appropriator's intended and specified recreational in-channel diversion. **4.1.3** "Diversion" or "Divert" means removing water from its natural course or location, or controlling water in its natural course or location, by means of a Control Structure, ditch, canal, flume, reservoir, bypass, pipeline, conduit, well, pump, or other structure or device, as more fully defined in section 37-92-103(7), C.R.S. **4.1.4** "Diversion Structure" means a Control Structure, ditch, canal, flume, reservoir, bypass, pipeline, conduit, well, pump, or other structure or device designed to Divert water from its natural water course or location or control water in its natural course or location. **4.1.5** "Flow Rate" means instantaneous flow, usually expressed in gallons per minute ("gpm") or cubic feet per second ("cfs"). **4.1.6** "Groundwater" means any water not visible on the surface of the ground under natural conditions, as defined in section 37-90-103(19), C.R.S. **4.1.7** "Headgate" means a structure sufficient to control the rate of Diversion of water at all ordinary stages, as more fully described in section 37-84-112(1), C.R.S. **4.1.8** "Inactive Diversion Structure" means a Diversion Structure for which a Water User files an affidavit, on a form prescribed by the State Engineer, with the Division Engineer declaring the Water User's intent to not use the Diversion Structure for any Diversion or water application purpose, as more fully described in Rule 9. **4.1.9** "Measuring Device" means a Measurement Method that is a permanently-installed device, such as a flume, weir, staff gage associated with a stage-storage curve, or totalizing flow meter, including a totalizing flow meter that may be removed in the winter when the structure is not in use, used to directly determine the Flow Rate, Total Volume, or volume of water diverted, stored in a Reservoir, released from a Res-

ervoir, or delivered for any purpose within the standards of accuracy identified in these Rules. **4.1.10** "Measurement Method" means a method used to determine the Flow Rate, Total Volume, or volume of water diverted, stored in a Reservoir, released from a Reservoir, or otherwise delivered for any purpose within the standards of accuracy identified in these Rules, and includes Measuring Devices and Alternative Measurement Methods. **4.1.11** "Notice," "Notify," or "Notification" to the Division Engineer means submission of a written message to the Division Engineer by mail or email, or the submission of a completed form or other format prescribed by the State Engineer where specifically required by these Rules. **4.1.12** "On-Stream Reservoir" means a Reservoir that is located on a natural stream. **4.1.13** "Off-Stream Reservoir" means a Reservoir that is located such that a natural stream does not flow through the Reservoir and the Reservoir fills by diverting water from a natural stream by means of a ditch, canal, flume, bypass, pipeline, conduit, well, pump, or other structure or device, or is filled by spring water, stormwater runoff, precipitation, or return flows, including effluent. **4.1.14** "Other Structure" means a structure operated to release water from a Reservoir or operated either to return water to the natural stream or to deliver a measured amount of water for any purpose subject to administration, distribution, and regulation by the State Engineer or Division Engineer, including but not limited to a waste ditch or wasteway. **4.1.15** "Person" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a municipality, the State of Colorado, the United States, or any other legal entity, public or private, as defined in section 37-92-103(8), C.R.S. **4.1.16** "Qualified Tester" means a Person who is qualified to determine the accuracy of an installed Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method based upon their competence in the use of hydrographic measurement equipment, such as current meters and acoustic doppler velocity meters. **4.1.17** "Recording Device" means any device acceptable to the Water Commissioner or Division Engineer that is capable of recording the flow data or water level for a Diversion Structure or Other Structure. **4.1.18** "Reservoir" means a structure designed to impound and store water, or store and subsequently release water, for one or more beneficial uses. **4.1.19** "Total Volume" means the volume of water, usually expressed in acre-feet ("AF"), that is Diverted or that is stored in or released from a Reservoir over a specific period of time or is in storage in a Reservoir at a given point in time. **4.1.20** "Verification" or "Verified" means the testing performed by a Qualified Tester to verify the accuracy of a Measuring Device or an Alternative Measurement Method. **4.1.21** "Water Right" means a right to use in

accordance with its priority a certain portion of the waters of the state by reason of the appropriation of the same, as defined in section 37-92-103(12), C.R.S. **4.1.22** "Water User," "User," or "Owner" means a Person who owns or uses a Diversion Structure, any Water Right decreed to a Diversion Structure, or any Other Structure. For the purposes of these Rules, "Water User," "User," and "Owner" may be used interchangeably. **4.2** Other Definitions. All other terms used in these Rules that are not defined in articles 82, 87, 90, and 92 of title 37 of the Colorado Revised Statutes shall be given their usual, customary, and accepted meanings. All words of a technical or legal nature specific to the administration, distribution, and regulation of Water Rights in the State of Colorado shall be given the meaning that is generally accepted within that field. **Rule 5. Headgate Requirements.** All Diversions of surface water within the scope of these Rules shall have a Headgate, if necessary, to control the rate of Diversion. Headgates must allow the Water Commissioner, or Owner at the direction of the Water Commissioner, to accurately adjust the Diversion of water with reasonable effort and within a reasonable amount of time and to secure the Diversion Structure at the adjusted condition so as to prevent any unauthorized Diversion or adjustment. **Rule 6. Measurement Methods and Recording Requirements.** All Diversion Structures within the scope of these Rules shall either: (1) be equipped with a Measuring Device or an Alternative Measurement Method that meets the requirements of Rule 6.1 and is approved by the Division Engineer as described in Rule 7; or (2) be declared an Inactive Diversion Structure as described in Rule 9. For any Other Structure, a Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method that meets the requirements of Rule 6.1 may be required by the Division Engineer and approved by the Division Engineer as described in Rule 7. All Measurement Methods must be resistant to tampering or other physical interference. **6.1 Measurement Method Functional Standards:** **6.1.1** A Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method must measure Flow Rate, Total Volume, or other volume of water passing through a Diversion Structure or Other Structure, depending on the defining elements of a Diversion Structure's Water Right(s), the purposes for other Diversions by a Diversion Structure, or the purposes of any Other Structure. **6.1.2** For Diversion Structures or Other Structures that have or propose Flow Rates greater than 1.0 cfs, a Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method shall be designed to accurately measure flows to within plus or minus five percent throughout the normal operating range. **6.1.3** For Diversion Structures or Other Structures that have or propose Flow Rates greater than

0.25 cfs and less than or equal to 1.0 cfs, a Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method shall be designed to accurately measuring flows to within plus or minus 0.05 cfs throughout the normal operating range. **6.1.4** For Diversion Structures or Other Structures that have or propose Flow Rates less than or equal to 0.25 cfs, a Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method shall be designed to meet an accuracy standard approved by the Division Engineer throughout the normal operating range. **6.1.5** A Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method shall be located within reasonable proximity of the Diversion Structure or Other Structure, as determined by the Water Commissioner, to enable the Water Commissioner to observe the effect of any Headgate adjustments or other operational adjustments. **6.1.6** A Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method shall be properly installed, and, if applicable, calibrated to engineering specifications appropriate for that particular Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method. **6.1.7** A Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method shall be maintained by the User in a condition that provides accurate measurement throughout the normal operating range of Flow Rate or volume of water diverted, stored in a Reservoir, released from a Reservoir, or otherwise delivered for any purpose. **6.1.8** A Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method shall not be deemed complete and acceptable until such time that the proper rating table for the Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method, or stage-capacity table, as applicable, has been made available to the Water Commissioner, unless such rating table is for a standard flume, weir, or meter and is otherwise available to the Water Commissioner. Rating tables are not required for totalizing flow meters. **6.1.9** Off-Stream Reservoirs require two of the following, as approved by the Water Commissioner or Division Engineer: **6.1.9.1** A Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method for the point of Diversion of the structure used to deliver water to the Reservoir; **6.1.9.2** A Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method used to measure the volume of water in storage; or **6.1.9.3** A Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method used to measure releases. Calculating the change of storage is a sufficient Alternative Measurement Method for purposes of Rules 6.1.9.1 and 6.1.9.3 as long as deliveries to and releases from the Reservoir are not being made at the same time. **6.1.10** On-Stream Reservoirs require: **6.1.10.1** The installation of an outlet or other structure capable of releasing all out-of-priority inflows; **6.1.10.2** A Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method used to measure the volume of water in storage; and **6.1.10.3** A Measuring Device or Alterna-

tive Measurement Method used to measure releases from storage. The combination of 6.1.10.2 and 6.1.10.3, above, shall be considered sufficient by the Division Engineer to determine or calculate evaporation, inflows, and outflows. **6.2 Recording Device Functional Standard:** **6.2.1** A Recording Device may be required for any Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Methods pursuant to the terms and conditions of a water court decree, the terms and conditions of a well permit, or as may be reasonably required by the Division Engineer. **6.2.2** If a Recording Device is required, the Recording Device shall be a device acceptable to the Water Commissioner or Division Engineer that is capable of the accurate and continuous recording of Flow Rates in accordance with the standards set forth in Rule 6.1.2, 6.1.3, or 6.1.4 depending on the Flow Rate, at no greater than 15-minute intervals. **6.2.3** If a Recording Device is required, the Recording Device must include a means to verify that the Recording Device is properly calibrated. **6.2.4** If a Recording Device is required, the Recording Device shall not be deemed complete and acceptable until the User provides access to the Water Commissioner and/or the Division Engineer to all data from such Recording Device. **6.3 Temporary Measurement Method:** If an accepted Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method is incapable of accurately measuring flows, the Division Engineer may allow another temporary Measurement Method until the Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method is repaired, replaced, or restored. **6.4 Measurement Method Verification:** **6.4.1** If a Measuring Device is properly installed and maintained and has a standard rating table, an adjusted standard rating table or custom rating table accepted by the Division Engineer, or a stage-capacity table, as applicable, the Division Engineer shall presume that the Measuring Device is accurate, and no Verification will be required. **6.4.2** Notwithstanding Rule 6.4.1, the Division Engineer may rate or Verify any Measuring Device or Alternative Measurement Method at any time. **6.4.3** Alternative Measurement Methods shall be rated or Verified every four years beginning on the date the Alternative Measurement Method is approved by the Division Engineer. **6.4.4** All flow measuring equipment used by a Qualified Tester to Verify Measuring Devices or Alternative Measurement Methods must be calibrated according to the following standards: **6.4.4.1** All flow measuring equipment used by a Qualified Tester to Verify pressurized pipe flow meters must be calibrated every two years to be accurate within plus or minus two percent (2%) by a facility using National Institute of Standards (NIST) traceable standards. **6.4.4.2** Calibration of accuracy and maintenance of open channel

flow measuring equipment, such as current meters and acoustic velocity meters, must be accomplished by a Qualified Tester or facility using USGS or appropriate manufacturer standards. **6.4.5** A report of the Verification testing shall be provided to the Division Engineer on a form developed by the State Engineer. **Rule 7. Approval of Measurement Method.** To comply with these Rules, each Measurement Method must be approved by the Water Commissioner or Division Engineer. **7.1** It is the responsibility of the Water User to confirm the Water Commissioner's or Division Engineer's approval of the use of a pre-existing Measurement Method that was installed prior to the effective date of these Rules. When contacted by a Water User to confirm approval of a pre-existing Measurement Method, the Water Commissioner or Division Engineer will confirm with notice in writing, including via email, whether the pre-existing Measurement Method is approved or denied. **7.2** For the purpose of obtaining approval of the use of a Measurement Method, and in compliance with the timelines described in the phase in provisions of Rule 16, the Water User seeking to use a newly installed, reinstalled, or changed Measurement Method shall provide Notice to the Division Engineer or the Division Engineer's delegate that includes the following information: (1) Person's name, (2) Diversion Structure or Other Structure name, (3) decree case number (if applicable), (4) legal description (PLSS quarter-quarter, section, township and range or UTM coordinates) of the Diversion or Other Structure, (5) Measuring Device installed, (6) rating table for Measuring Device (if non-standard), and/or a stage-capacity table in the case of a Reservoir, and (7) the date of installation. **7.3** To obtain approval of a Measuring Device, the Water User must provide evidence that the Measuring Device is properly rated and properly installed, as described in Rule 6.1. **7.4** To obtain approval of an Alternative Measurement Method, the Water User must provide the basis for the use of an Alternative Measurement Method, including, but not limited to, any and all assumptions, field conditions, and calculations, to the satisfaction of the Division Engineer, as described in Rule 6.1.7, to ensure that the Division Engineer can accurately determine that the Alternative Measurement Method will operate according to the accuracy standards identified in these Rules. **Rule 8. Data Recording and Data Submission.** The Division Engineer has the authority to require the Water User to record and report at reasonable times the data for Diversions by any Diversion Structure or for measurement for Other Structures subject to these Rules. Diversion data will be recorded by the Water Commissioner, Water User, or both as determined by the Division Engineer, in cooperation with the Water

User. **Rule 9. Inactive Diversion Structures.** Inactive Diversion Structures are excluded from these Rules provided that the Water User files an affidavit, on a form prescribed by the State Engineer, with the Division Engineer declaring the Water User's intent to not use the Diversion Structure for any Diversion or water application purpose. Once an Inactive Diversion Structure affidavit is filed with the Division Engineer, no further filings are required under these Rules unless the Water User wishes to change the Diversion Structure from inactive status to active status. When a Water User desires to change an Inactive Diversion Structure to active status, written Notification from the Water User to the Division Engineer is required prior to activation. A Diversion Structure listed as inactive under this Rule 9 shall not be used until such Notification is given and the Diversion Structure and associated Measurement Method are determined by the Division Engineer to be in compliance with these Rules. **Rule 10. Noncompliance.** Failure to comply with any of these Rules or a valid order of the Division Engineer to comply with these Rules may subject an Owner and/or User to court proceedings and payment of the state's costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, associated with enforcement of these Rules or a valid order of the Division Engineer to comply with these Rules pursuant to sections 37-92-502 and -503, C.R.S. Prior to filing any court action, the Division Engineer shall notify the Owner and, if a different Person, the User, if both are known by records maintained by the Division Engineer, of the violation in writing in the form of an order to comply, by certified mail and shall advise the Owner and/or User of the date by which the violation must be corrected to avoid court proceedings, which date shall be at least ten (10) calendar days following the date of receipt of the notice by the Owner and/or User or personal service of the notice on the Owner and/or User. The Division Engineer may also order the Water User to curtail all Diversions by a Diversion Structure until the Water User is in compliance with these Rules. **Rule 11. Variance.** When the strict application of any provision of these Rules presents practical difficulties or may cause undue hardship, the Division Engineer may grant a variance for a specific instance or method of application under these Rules, and the Division Engineer may impose any additional terms and conditions to such variance as are necessary to ensure compliance under these Rules. Any request for a variance shall be made to the Division Engineer, in a format prescribed by the State Engineer, and shall state the basis for the requested variance and provide supporting documentation. If the Division Engineer finds the request justifiable, the Division Engineer may issue a

written decision granting the variance and setting forth the terms and conditions on which the variance is granted. Variance requests are granted at the sole discretion of the Division Engineer. **Rule 12. Effect of Rules.** Nothing in these Rules exempts Water Users from the requirements of any other laws, rules, permits, or water court decrees governing the use, Diversion, and administration, distribution, and regulation of surface water and Groundwater in Water Division 4, whether now existing or hereafter adopted or decreed. **Rule 13. Process to Appeal a Decision under these Rules.** Any Person adversely affected or aggrieved by the State Engineer's or Division Engineer's application of the Rules to a particular Diversion Structure or Other Structure or approval or disapproval of a Measurement Method under these Rules may request administrative review of such determinations. Administrative review will be conducted in accordance with the adjudicatory and reconsideration procedures of the State Engineer's Procedural Rules (2 CCR 402-5), subject to judicial review of the final agency action under section 24-4-106 of the State Administrative Procedure Act, §§ 24-4-101 to 24-4-204, C.R.S. **Rule 14. Severability.** If any Rule or part thereof is found to be invalid, the remaining Rules will remain in full force and effect, including any part thereof not found to be invalid. **Rule 15. Revisions.** These Rules may be revised in accordance with applicable laws. **Rule 16. Phase In. 16.1** In order to allow Water Users the time necessary to come into compliance with these Rules, Water Users shall meet the following deadlines for installation of Measuring Devices and Headgates, approval and implementation of Alternative Measurement Methods, or declaring an Inactive Diversion Structure under Rule 9. **16.1.1** For Diversion Structures with a capacity or total Water Rights greater than or equal to 5.0 cfs, the deadline shall be 12 months after the effective date of the Rules. **16.1.2** For Diversion Structures with a capacity or total Water Rights greater than or equal to 2.0 cfs and less than 5.0 cfs, the deadline shall be 18 months after the effective date of the Rules. **16.1.3** For Diversion Structures with a capacity or total Water Rights less than 2.0 cfs, the deadline shall be 24 months after the effective date of the Rules. **16.1.4** For Reservoirs with a capacity or total Water Rights greater than or equal to 5.0 AF, the deadline shall be 36 months after the effective date of the Rules. **16.1.5** For Reservoirs with a capacity or total Water Rights less than 5.0 AF, the deadline shall be 48 months after the effective date of the Rules. **16.2** Water Users are not in violation of Rules 5 or 6 during the applicable Phase In period if they meet the deadlines set forth in Rule 16.1, above. **16.3** Upon a showing of good cause by the Water User, the Division Engineer may ex-

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In the Matter of the Estate of: CHARLES G. WILEY, aka CHARLES GETCHELL WILEY, and as CHARLES WILEY, Deceased	Case No. 2025PR30004
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address): Jean E. Klene CASEY & KLENE, P.C. 5805 Carr Street, Suite 2 Arvada, CO 80004 Phone#: 303-458-6991 E-Mail: daklene@msn.com Fax#: 303-458-8978 Atty.Reg.#: 33137	Div./Ctrm.

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Estate of CHARLES G. WILEY, aka CHARLES GETCHELL WILEY, and as CHARLES WILEY, Deceased
 Case No. 2025PR30004

All persons having claims against the above-named estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative or to

- District Court of San Juan County, Colorado
- Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado

on or before December 28, 2025 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.

Eric Smith Wiley
 6965 Independence St.
 Arvada, CO 80004

Type or print name and address of Personal Representative

tend the compliance deadlines of Rule 16.1 for one or more periods of time not exceeding one year each and may impose such terms and conditions as part of such extension as the Division Engineer deems reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Rules. Good cause requires that the Water User demonstrate that it has been diligent in its efforts to comply with the requirements of these Rules, has made substantial progress in complying with the requirements of these Rules, and despite its diligent and good faith efforts has been unable to fully comply with the re-

quirements of these Rules. The Water User must also provide an estimate of the amount of additional time required for it to fully comply with the Rules and such other information as the Division Engineer may reasonably require in order to evaluate a request for an extension of time. **Rule 17. Effective Date.** These Rules shall become effective on January 1, 2026, in accordance with section 37-92-501, C.R.S., and will thereafter remain in effect until amended as provided by law. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any persons wishing to protest these Rules may do so in the manner provided in section 37-92-501,

C.R.S. In the event that protests are filed with respect to these Rules, the Effective Date is the date on which all protests have been resolved, or January 1, 2026, whichever date is later. These rules and the State Engineer's Statement of Basis and Purpose are available at the office of the Water Clerk of Water Division 4, and at the office of the Division Engineer, Water Division No. 4, 1541 Oxbow Drive, Suite 1625, Montrose, CO 81401; (970) 249-6622. Any protests to the Rules must be filed by the end of the month following the month in which the Rules are published.

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Photo by DeAnne Gallegos
Filmmaker David Dibble interviews Jim Harper for his latest film project.



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Filmmaker David Dibble will start to work on the San Juan County 150 anniversary film and the Silverton Brass Band documentary.



Photo by DeAnne Gallegos
Bevin Harris gets local Allyn Robinson to sign up for OEM emergency alerts.



Photo by DeAnne Gallegos
Silverton Local Caroline Williams volunteers for the Silverton Summer Sounds drink booth.



Photo by DeAnne Gallegos
Longtime local Chris Chambers is all smiles as a volunteer and board member for Silverton Creative District and works the Silverton Summer Sounds booth.



Photo by DeAnne Gallegos
Silverton dogs enjoy the Silverton Summer Sounds concert just outside the fence and played together in Memorial Park.



Photo by DeAnne Gallegos
Silverton locals George & Deborah Roberts enjoy the evening in Memorial Park dancing with friends.



Photo by DeAnne Gallegos
Lisa Branner the executive director of the SCD hosts the evening Summer Sounds concert.



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Elaine Gallegos, Tiffany DeKay & Patty Andrian all spend some time catching up and reminiscing about their time growing up together here in Silverton



Photo by DeAnne Gallegos
Ken Bellewag & Anthony Edwards enjoy the summer evening in Memorial Park last Friday.



Photo by DeAnne Gallegos
Thomas Moore, Sarah Moore and Jackson Perry have a great time at the Eureka Station 10 year anniversary party last Saturday.



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Misti Anderson stands in the middle of one of the performances during the ATG variety show last Saturday night.



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Louise Contino performs at the boudoir show in the Grand Imperial Hotel Theatre.



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Ian Tanner the emcee for the ATG Variety show collected a lot of dollar bills that evening.



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Emily DeKay performed on roller skates and sang "All That Jazz" with her whole heart.



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Misti & Barrett Anderson celebrate after the ATG variety show.



Photo by Hardrockers

Shaylyn Brady & Jessalynn Vigil arm wrestle during the annual Hardrockers Holidays event this past weekend under the eye of Gilbert Meader.



Photo by DeAnne Gallegos

The Kuhlman family acknowledge that Hardrockers was dedicated to Ernie Kuhlman.



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Paige Meader hammers during the kids events at the Hardrocker Holidayst Holiday.



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Rick Gallegos and Mike Quintana both are working as tour guides at the Old Hundred Mine Tour this summer.



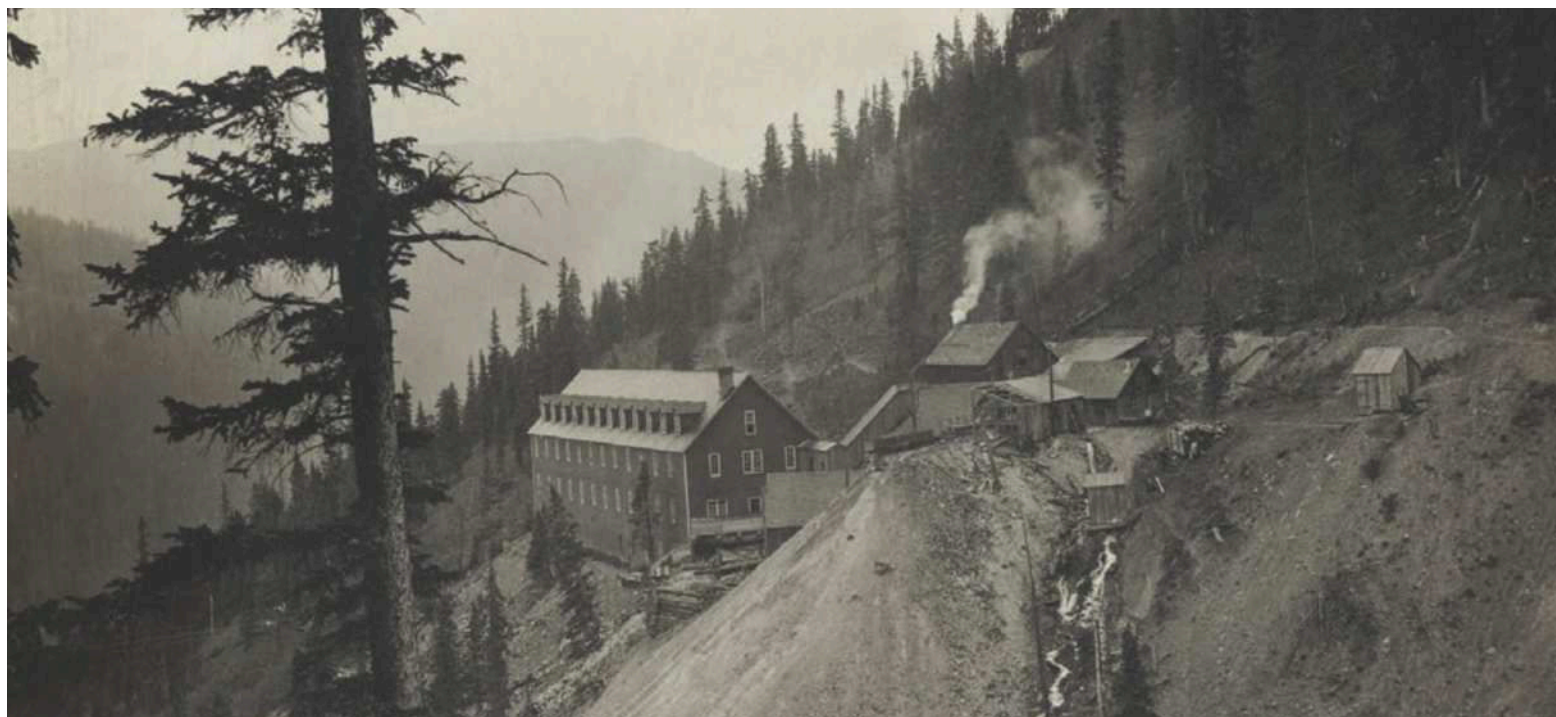
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Judy Kuhlman pulls for Dick & Janes tug a war team at this years' Hardrockers Holidays.

THE ESPER CABOOSE



GOLD KING, 1906



Way Back!



145 YEARS AGO

From the August 21, 1880 edition of the La Plata Miner: CORNERSTONE PLACED FOR CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Congregational Church in Silverton occurred Friday, August 20th, at 2 p.m. The services were opened by singing and prayer, followed by a brief but appropriate address by Rev. Mr. Janeway of Ouray.

A short address was also made by Rev. Mr. Roberts, of Silverton, after which the ceremony of laying the stone was proceeded with. In the vault over which the stone was placed, were enclosed four Denver papers of recent date, a copy of the Congregationalist, and a copy of the La Plata Miner of August 14, 1880, and a brief history of the church. The hymn, "Rock of Ages," was sung and the services closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Janeway.

There were about four hundred people present, of whom about fifty were ladies. ... The people of Silverton will soon have a good substantial and comfortable church edifice, and there will be no reason why they should not be well cared for in things spiritual. So mote it be.

San Juan County Historical Society photo
The Gold King Mine and boarding house in 1906 at left, tram buildings, generator unit and dump in center. Despite marginal notation, this picture would have been taken after 1910 because of the addition of the new descending covered walkway between the tram buildings and the boarding house.

135 YEARS AGO From the Aug. 16, 1890 edition of the Silverton Standard:

Dr. Sanden's Electro Magnetic Belt will cure without medicine rheumatism, pains in the back and limbs, kidney and bladder complaints, nervous debility, exhaustion. ... We especially recommend them to young men suffering from vital weakness of a personal nature and their effects, who lack vital fore, nerve, energy and muscular power and have failed to attain strength and perfect manhood.

From the Aug. 19, 1899 edition of the Silverton Standard:

EXTRACTS FROM THE GLADSTONE KIBOSH
Among the most prominent of our citizens is Mr. Jack Heavylift, having come to this section shortly after the breakout of the prisoners

of Canon City. He is energetic and a rustler, having had four wives and six hard fights within the past two years. He has put a great deal of money in the mines, saloons and our fare games, and is considered the best shot in the vicinity. Should he be killed, the dance halls would miss his manly form more than any other. He is a subscriber to the Kibosh and buys his overalls at Bowman's Department Store.

125 YEARS AGO From the August 10, 1900 edition of the Silverton Miner:

BOOM ANTICIPATED AT ANIMAS FORKS.
Rasmus Hanson, one of the old pioneers and well-known mining man of Eureka district, was in the city Tuesday of this week and reports that section ablaze with activity. In a conversation with our correspondent he stated that there was

no longer any doubt that the mineral belt from Eureka to Mineral Point would develop some of the greatest mines in this section.

With the railroad to Animas Forks, it would not take many days for this once lively little city to arise from the grave and be a business center to that section of more than 500 inhabitants.

65 YEARS AGO From the August 19, 1960 edition of the Silverton Standard:

AMERICAN TUNNEL REACHES 7,612 FEET.

It was reported in the Standard this week that the American Tunnel is now in 7,612 feet as of August 13. During the five-day period of August 8 through August 12, the crew advanced 150 feet. On August 11, an advance of 38 feet was made in a 24-hour period.

The New Silverton Bakery is

displaying one of the newest creations of artist Vern Parker.

It is a 4x12 mural of the Silverton train in the cliffs. The painting is beautifully done and one of the finest we have seen.

55 YEARS AGO From the August 21, 1970 edition of the Silverton Standard:

BEAUTY SHOP OPENS.

Today marks the grand opening of another year-round business in Silverton, the Silverton Beauty Shop.

The shop which is located in the rear of Wilma's Dry Goods in the old Jones Store building is operated by Jean Shearer, assisted on a part-time basis by Lynn Pense.

This past Saturday saw the first shipment of crude ore from the Columbus portal above Animas Forks for Maxwell Mining and Milling Company, according to reports from company spokesmen.

Looking Back!



30 Years Ago August 17, 1995

Some visitors to town have reportedly been commenting on the nice Silverton Memorial Park sign, spelled out in whitewashed stones at the park. Dan McLaughlin did the work.

On behalf of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, the Town of Silverton is applying for grant money to plan the renovation of the original town hall and fire-house as a firemen's museum. The 1883 structure, at 1245 Blair, once housed town offices on the upper floor and the local fire department on the lower floor.

Former Silverton miner Rick Ernst chalked up yet another victory last weekend — his ninth such win in 24

annual Hardrockers Holidays. If he wins again next year it will be his third year in a row, and he will retire the trophy.

Ernst, who now lives in Dove Creek, earned 340 points in the pentathlon this year.

In second place, with 320 points, was County Commissioner Terry Rhoades.

Former Silverton miner Harley Gardner, now of Dove Creek, placed third with 315 points.

35 Years Ago August 23, 1990

False arrest is not only not funny, but it is damned humiliating. I now finally realize that Silverton doesn't

like me! ...Don Stott

40 Years Ago August 22, 1985

This year's turnout for the Silverton Lake Yacht Club Regatta, held August 3, was beyond expectations, according to commodore Terry Kerwin.

All yachts had the required sounding devices, although one was jettisoned in a hopeless attempt to lighten the craft and thus win. Naturally, the boat was disqualified and the captain left the lake in disgrace.

45 Years Ago August 21, 1980

Eric Crow, a ten-year-old Silverton boy, was accidentally shot in the head

Saturday night and remains in serious condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction.

Malva Romero and George Gutierrez are the parents of a baby girl, born Friday, August 15, at Community Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

Preliminary census figures for 1980 show a reduction of 7.3 percent for San Juan County compared to 1970 results.

The Silverton population in 1970 was listed as 797 while the present year preliminary figures show 735. For the county, 1980 was 770 compared with 831 in 1970.

The Silverton Brass Band will be playing in Silver Plume, Colorado this weekend for their 100th anniversary celebration.