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IN BRIEF

First Friday Art Walk Returns August 7 with Historic Theme
Silverton Creative District's First Friday Art Walk returns on Friday, August 7, from 4–7 pm. in downtown Silverton. This month's theme, "Then, Now, Next: Celebrating Colorado's 250th and Colorado & San Juan County's 150th Anniversaries," highlights the people, places, and stories that have shaped the region while looking ahead to its future. Visitors are invited to stroll through participating galleries, shops, studios, maker spaces, restaurants, and creative businesses, where special activities inspired by the anniversary theme will be featured throughout the evening. Look for the First Friday flags to identify participating locations, or stop by Event HQ at The 9318 Collective (1212 Greene Street) to pick up a map. For more information, visit www.silvertoncreativedistrict.org/first-friday

Mobile Blood Lead Testing August 12th
SJCPH announces that a mobile blood lead testing van will be coming to Silverton next week during the Silverton Public School registration. "We haven't had the capacity to do blood lead testing, (which is a simple finger or heel poke) since I remember. This is a great opportunity for anyone, but especially children under 6 years old, to get tested.", says Becky Joyce, RN and SJCPH Director. The FREE lead testing van will be parked near the school gym on Wednesday, August 12th, 9 am-4 pm.

What is Lead:
Lead is a toxic metal found throughout our environment. It can be found in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the soil we play on, and the homes we live in. It can harm you or your child if swallowed or breathed in.

Health Effects of Lead:
Lead can harm the brain and nervous system. There are often no signs or symptoms until high levels have built up in the blood. Lower levels of lead can easily go undetected but can

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Silverton Medical Rescue Responds to Fatal OHV Rollover in Arrastra Gulch

■ By DeAnne Gallegos

On Monday August 3rd around 3pm, San Juan County Sheriff's Office, Silverton Medical Rescue and Silverton Fire Department received an emergency SOS call about an OHV (side by side) rollover accident near San Juan County Road 22 (Lackawanna Rd) and SJC RD 2 with four reported patients involved. The OHV rollover accident included two married couples from Texas resulting in the fatality of the two male patients, one female patient was in critical condition and transported by Flight for Life Helicopter and the second female patient was transported by ambulance.

Tyler George the Director of Silverton Medical Rescue reported, "On Aug. 3 around 3 p.m., Silverton Medical Rescue (SMR) was called to respond to an off-highway vehicle (OHV) rollover in the Arrastra Gulch area, about two miles



photo by SMR

See RESCUE, Page 5 SMR repeling down the revine to access the patients involved in the OHV rollover

Moving Mountains

■ By Katey Fetch

On July 29th in the counties north of Silverton, heavy rain fell for most of the day, triggering flash floods and mudslides that cascaded down the mountains and hills. At approximately 6:45 pm, a "GO" evacuation order was issued for areas near Ponderosa Village and Culter Creek Dr, east of Highway 550, between Ridgway and Ouray. Officials urged residents to seek higher ground immediately as the highway and hillside transformed into a river of mud, logs, and rushing water.

Seventeen people were rescued from vacation rentals in the area, as the lower stories filled with water and debris, and several homes sustained damage. Fortunately, despite the potentially life-threatening conditions, no injuries were reported.

At 9:22 am Silverton received word that heavy rainfall had occurred throughout the night, triggering a rockslide that covered the tracks, effectively blocking the trains from reaching town. The

slide forced the suspension of service for the 895 passengers scheduled to travel to Silverton that day.

After quickly assessing the size and scope of the slide, the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad activated its monsoon response plan. Equipment had been pre-positioned in Silverton for the season, and further resources were mobilized from Durango. The track crews worked into the night clearing debris, allowing the trains to reach Silverton the following day. However, they operated under "slow orders," requiring trains to travel at reduced speeds until the track was deemed safe.

On Wednesday evening, eight mudslides obstructed Red Mountain Pass, and heavy rains damaged the road along the Ruby Cliffs, forcing a multi-day closure. The Colorado Department of Transportation worked quickly to clear enough debris to allow stranded motorists to safely pass between slides before beginning more extensive cleanup efforts.

Several backcountry routes,



photo by DeAnne Gallegos

Diesel engine taking more heavy equipment down the railroad tracks to clean up mudslide blocking train

including Imogene and Engineer Pass, were also closed due to flooding and rockfall. The Ouray Office of Emergency Management advised travelers already in the area to shelter in place for the night. In the town of Ouray, Oak Street was closed after a mudslide swept through the area.

Cyndi Pasmin, a summer resident of Silverton who works several days a week in Ouray, was among those caught in the storm while attempting to drive home over Red Mountain Pass.

"I thought I passed the bad weather and that I was good to

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Photo by Cyndi Pasmin

The Ruby Cliffs outside Ouray, with heavy rain cascading down the rocks.

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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 1899. The two newspapers merged in 1922.

Over the years, the newspapers have covered many important stories, including the slaying of Town Marshal Clayton Owsbury 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 snowdrifts 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 Wiinúuchi 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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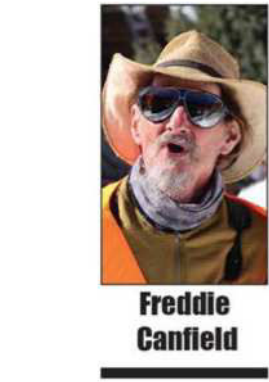
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The *Silverton Standard & the Miner* is a weekly newspaper written for people interested in the issues and news of Silverton, Colo., and the surrounding San Juan Mountains region. The Standard voices a strong sense of community for Silverton and the San Juans as it brings you the issues, characters, landscapes, and 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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Truth In The Weather

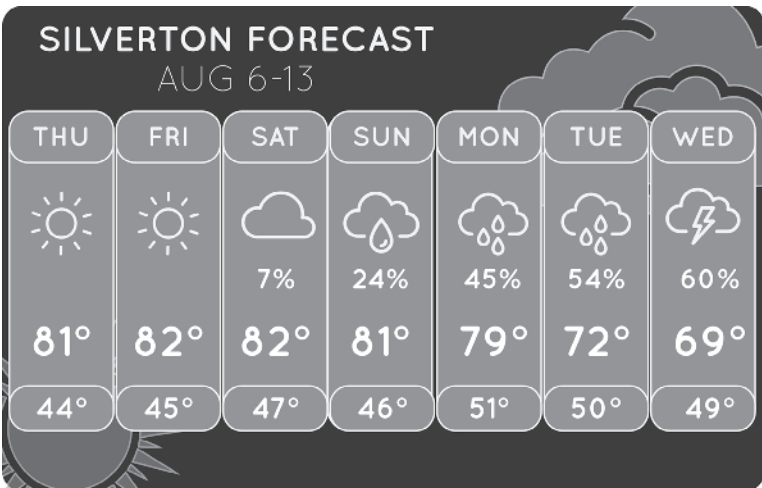


And now for the truth in the weather" was the lead-in vocal for Radio Free Europe back during the mid 1950's. That was what the fearful citizens were listening to on their simple crystal radio, just as a jackbooted Soviet soldier kicked down the door of their hovel, screaming, "Nyet!" How basic black and white, good and evil, us and them- our world was represented back before the mud and blood horror story of Vietnam and now what passes for artificial reality as "life" swept seemingly more explicable narratives away! So, back to the title of this week's episode- how do we determine what actually is the truth in the weather and how do we plan and live our lives as a result? The truth is- Freddie is your local weather guy with boots on the ground out in the wilds and here in Silverton. However, it is not my job to predict (pretend) that I know what will happen in the (unknown) future. Nor do I make forecasts. Those who do that with any degree of honesty or knowledge are the first to tell me that what they see out ahead is always provisional and thus subject to change. None of



us are about to send you good folks off to certain doom - what with lightning strikes, wildfire, mudslides, rock fall, hypothermia et al! Each of you have to be aware and thus be wary of what you might possibly encounter in the wilds or even going over 550 north or south at any time. Not paying attention to ever-changing reality and not being prepared have never been and will never be viable choices in the San Juans or in the desert regions that surround us. If you glance at a weather app or its equivalent, superficiality will very likely not serve you well around here! If you long for meteorological predictability, certain saintly named coastal cities in California might do!

July exceeded our expectations for moisture- once we got past the first two weeks when we received .15 inches, which is about as much rain as in all of June. July then took off on an incredible 17 consecutive days of rain, amounting to 4.99 inches that we measured and far more over by the courthouse! As for our new month of August. We are currently under the heat-wave effect of a high-pressure dome directly over us. We have been up in the 80s since the



last 2 days of July and will likely continue with hot and dry conditions. Down canyon breezes have helped us most days since the monsoons departed. So have enough mid-build each day to keep us from withering under too much direct sunlight. Oh, for those first 3 days of this weather week! We had 1.18, .83, and .20 for water, and alas- not a drop since! However, hope springs eternal, and perhaps in a week out ahead, moisture will return with no more dry lightning! We are currently watching clouds returning from the west. This would be good news if there weren't so many wildfires up-wind from us. So be prepared to

mask up if you feel that respiratory protection will serve you well. Through it all: keep the faith, make a real difference and lend a helping hand when and where you can. Never settle for less because you truly matter as to anything that is artificial! Keep life vital and just as authentic as is humanly possible!

Our latest temperature high for Monday, August 3rd was 82.2. Day 5 for our ongoing heat wave. Nights have been comfortably down in the 40's for 10 days.

Our water year is up to 18.52, and we are praying for more monsoon magic- real soon!

San Juan County Colorado Reduced to Stage 1
Fire Restriction as of Saturday August 1, 2026

San Juan County, Colorado, Silverton, and the US Forest Service (San Juan National Forest) have reduced Fire Restrictions to Stage 1, which means wood fires are allowed in metal fire rings, but not rock or dirt fire rings. BLM Gunnison office stated that they will remain in Stage 2 Fire Restrictions which means no wood or charcoal fires of any kind. Propane grills, fire rings with shut off valves are allowed in both Stage 1 & 2 Fire Restrictions. For all details on what is allowed in San Juan County for Stage 1 Fire Restrictions go to sanjuancounty.colorado.gov/fire and for BLM Stage 2 Fire Restriction information go to blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-information/colorado/southwest-district



STAGE 1
FIRE RESTRICTIONS
IN EFFECT SAN JUAN COUNTY CO



NO SMOKING, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable vegetation.



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FIRE RESTRICTIONS
IN EFFECT SAN JUAN COUNTY CO

THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE PROHIBITED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

-  Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, coal or wood burning stove, any type of charcoal fueled broiler, propane fire ring or open fire of any type in all areas. Propane grills and stoves are allowed.
-  NO SMOKING, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable vegetation.
-  Using explosive material, (i.e. fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material.)
-  Welding, or operating acetylene or other similar torch with open flame.
-  Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
 - a. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard S100-1a; or
 - b. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice 2335 (b) and 2390.
-  F. Commercial, professional and municipal fireworks displays are allowed if specific written approval has been granted by the San Juan County Sheriff.



TO SIGN UP FOR SAN JUAN COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERTS: TEXT 81433 to 888777
Go to sanjuancounty.colorado.gov for more information

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
- 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:**
Distribution is 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 prior to receiving the commodities. Any interested person or family needing an eligibility determination may stop by the Social Service office at the courthouse, or call Krissy Rhoades at 387-5631 for more information. *This institution is an equal-opportunity provider*
- San Juan Regional Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., third Tuesday of the month, County Courthouse.
- 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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To better serve the information needs of the community, the Town of Silverton is updating its email communication system. Community members can now sign up for the Town Email List, and select communications tailored to their particular needs and interests. To subscribe, follow this link <http://eepurl.com/hgPJkL> or go to the Contact page on the Town’s website (townofsilverton.colorado.gov/contact-us), scroll down to “Join Our Email List” and click “Subscribe.”

Send us your ‘Happening’
Got somethin’ goin’ on? Phone 970-387-5477 or e-mail editor@thesilvertonstandard.com

PET OBITUARY

COZY BROCKMAN – GALLEGOS

7/16/2011 – 8/3/2026

Cozy Brockman – Gallegos passed away peacefully on Monday August 3rd, 2026, with is doggy sister Ruger and his humans DeAnne Gallegos and Jared Odgen right by his side. Cozy had just turned 15 years old in July and had been diagnosed with a tumor growing in his lung in May of 2026. Cozy came into the Gallegos household in August of 2024 when his mom Nancy Brockman passed away and has been a beloved member of our family since then and was always a part of Ruger’s dog pack for the past 10 years. Cozy settled into being a full-time Silverton Dog who fetched his tennis ball everyday with Lazer focus (sending many of them down the river to Durango), swam in the Animas River like a gold medal champion (most of the time.... sometimes I had to get in and fish him out) and loved snuggling his sister Ruger during naps throughout the day. One of the first things we did when Cozy came into our dog pack was cut his “City Poodle” hairdo and he rocked a “poodle hawk” (mohawk) ever since with style, confidence and glee. He settled into his new life with curiousness, calmness, confidence and made



his way up the doggy pack pecking order with grace and love. He was one of kind and can never be replaced nor forgotten with all those that he met and made his way into their hearts. Cozy is proceeded by his sister Diesel Dog, his mom Nancy Brockman and is survived by his sister Ruger (dog), brother Otto Mears (dog) and his co-mom DeAnne Gallegos. He was a funny, bright and spunky labradoodle who is now reunited with his mom Nancy in heaven, and I am sure they are very happy to be together once again. RIP Cozy Dog

WELCOME BACK!

Start of School 2026-2027

IMPORTANT DATES + REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Dear Silverton School Community,
The start of school is just around the corner! Here are some important dates and information to help you prepare.

August 12: Registration Day in the Silverton School Gym

Registration is open from 8:00AM-4:00PM; however, please come with your student at their grade level time if possible:

8:30-10:00	High School Registration
10:00-12:00	K-3 Registration
12:00-2:00	Middle School Registration
2:00-3:30	4th/5th Registration

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring your students health insurance card and STUDENT FEES in cash or check

- \$30 per student for Elementary Students (Kindergarten-5th grade students)
- \$50 per student for Middle School and High School Students (6th-12th grade)

(These student fees cover the cost of classroom supplies that aren’t included in your list to purchase, Molas Retreat and a small portion of expenses incurred for swim lessons.)

VACCINE CLINIC - 10:00AM-3:00PM

A VACCINE CLINIC will be held at Registration from 10-3pm! SJCPH has partnered with the Colorado Mobile Public Health Clinic Van. No appointment necessary! Free or low cost! Please visit www.mobilepublichealth.com for more information.

◆ DATES TO NOTE ◆

August 17	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL/GOAL Week During this week students have school for half days and parents sign up for afternoon meetings. Detailed schedule provided at registration for each classroom
August 24	FIRST DAY of Regular School Schedule Students have a full week of school
August 27-28	Whole School Retreat at Molas More information coming soon

If you have registration questions please contact:
Sarah Largent - slargent@silvertonschool.org
Superintendent/Principal Elizabeth Barszcz - ebarszcz@silvertonschool.org

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For more than three decades, I have worked with families, farmers, ranchers, property owners, small businesses and local governments across Southwest Colorado. I have helped people navigate land-use rules, permitting requirements, water issues and development approvals. Through that work, I have seen how government decisions made far from our communities can affect whether a family can build a home, whether a business can expand and whether a landowner can continue using property responsibly.

That is why I am concerned about the direction Colorado is heading.

Families and seniors are watching the cost of housing, insurance, property taxes, utilities, food and health care continue to rise. Small-business owners face higher labor, energy, insurance and compliance costs. Farmers and ranchers are dealing with increasing expenses while also navigating more complicated regulations.

The Legislature cannot control every economic pressure. Inflation, interest rates and federal policies all play a role. But state lawmakers do control Colorado’s budget, taxes, fees, mandates and regulatory policies. They decide whether government

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Southwest Colorado Needs Affordability, Accountability and Balance

becomes more disciplined and responsive or more expensive and difficult to navigate.

Colorado’s total operating budget was approximately \$27 billion in fiscal year 2016-17.

For fiscal year 2026-27, total operating appropriations are approximately \$49.7 billion, including about \$17.46 billion from the General Fund. That represents an increase of roughly 84% in spending over a decade. That’s a significant increase.

Population growth, inflation, federal funding and Medicaid expenses explain part of that increase. Still, taxpayers deserve to know whether that growth has produced equally meaningful improvements in affordability, public safety, education, health care and essential infrastructure. The question isn’t simply how much government spends - it’s whether Colorado families are seeing better results from that investment.

Too many people I meet don’t feel more secure. They feel squeezed.

Democrats currently control the Colorado House of Representatives, and Katie Stewart is part of that governing majority. She did not create every policy or spending decision of the past decade, but incumbency brings responsibility. Voters have the right to evaluate her record based not only on the number of bills she has sponsored,

but on whether the policies she supported have made life more affordable and government more accountable.

Katie brings legislative experience, school-board service and relationships within state government. Those experiences deserve recognition.

My experience has been built differently. I have spent more than 33 years operating a small business and working directly with people affected by government decisions. I understand permitting, land use, water, agriculture, property rights and local planning because I have worked on these issues alongside the people whose homes, livelihoods and investments are at stake.

I have also spent decades serving our community through schools, youth programs, agriculture, historic preservation, mediation and local planning efforts. Those experiences taught me that good leadership begins with listening, understanding consequences and finding practical solutions.

This election is not a choice between experience and inexperience. It is a choice between continuing with an incumbent whose votes and results can now be evaluated and choosing a representative whose experience comes from solving real-world problems outside the Capitol.

Balanced representation matters. When one party controls the agenda,

spending and policy decisions need stronger scrutiny. Southwest Colorado needs an independent voice willing to question rapid budget growth, challenge one-size-fits-all mandates and insist that rural communities be heard before new regulations are imposed.

Healthy communities require healthy local economies, safe neighborhoods, affordable energy and housing, and government that works with people instead of against them.

I believe government should focus on its core responsibilities: protecting public safety, supporting education, maintaining infrastructure, respecting property rights and making it easier - not harder - for people to build homes, operate businesses and remain in the communities they love.

The question before us is simple: Has the current direction made Southwest Colorado more affordable, secure and hopeful?

If the answer is no, it is time for greater accountability, stronger balance and a new approach to representation. I believe Southwest Colorado deserves representation that is practical, accountable and grounded in the people who live here. Together, we can restore balance, protect opportunity and build healthier communities for the next generation.

Naomi Riess
Candidate, House District 59

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cause lifelong effects. Blood Lead Testing: Blood lead testing is the only way to know if a child has elevated blood lead levels. Testing is important to identify lead early and reduce its effects. How much lead a child is exposed to and how long they are exposed to it make a difference. Learn more about lead and your health by visiting bit.ly/Lead-Health.

Back to School Vaccine Clinic
Silverton Public School registration will also include a Back-to-School vaccine clinic for K-12 on Wednesday, August 12th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration Information: Patients can pre-register or come as a walk-in. To register, please follow the steps from the link and/or QR code below. <https://ph-coloradomobile.as.me/SilvertonB2S>

County Clerk & Recorder Office Closed
The San Juan County Clerk & Recorder Office will be closed Monday, August 10th, until Thursday, August 14th, for employee training.

What’s Happening Silverton

Visit www.whatshappeningsilverton.com for a list of events, including live music, theater, and more happening in and around Silverton.

Purple Air Monitoring Program for Your Home
Wildfire smoke can affect air quality, even when fires are not nearby. Before spending time outdoors, check current air quality conditions for Silverton at: [Purpleair.com](https://purpleair.com) and search for the Silverton location. Children, older adults, pregnant individuals, and people with heart or lung conditions are especially vulnerable. When air quality is poor, reduce outdoor activity, keep windows and doors closed, and consider using a HEPA air purifier or a well-fitted N95 mask when outdoors. San Juan County Public Health Service has PurpleAir monitors available to lend to residents for home use to help track local air quality conditions. For more information or to borrow a monitor, contact us at (970) 387-0242. Stay informed. Stay safe.

The Official San Juan County Colorado Backcountry Roads Update Site

For the most current San Juan County, Colorado backcountry roads open and closure information from the San Juan County Roads and Bridge Supervisor, go to sanjuancounty.colorado.gov/road

Watch for Animals in Your Neighborhood
The moose have been spending more time around town and in yards. They can be very defensive around humans and other animals when they have their young. There have also been mountain lion sightings all around town for well over a year, especially around the S Rock trail. Be VERY CAUTIOUS when out with your small children and your dogs.

Food Commodities to be Distributed on the following Tuesdays:
August 25th, September 29th, October 27th
The distribution is 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 prior to 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

Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC)
Energy Outreach Colorado has awarded San Juan County with a \$11,000 grant. This grant is to help cover heat costs of coal, electricity, firewood, natural gas, oil, propane, and solid fuel pellets. You must meet the eligibility criteria to be considered for this program. It runs from 10/01/2025 to 09/30/2026. Anyone interested in this program can call Krissy Rhoades at 387-5631 or stop by the Social Service office for more information.

San Juan County Public Health is offering Flu vaccines for all ages 6 months and up
We have free and insurance-covered doses available most Mondays & Wednesdays; please call us at 970-387-0242 to make an appointment! We are also carrying many other vaccines such as COVID as well as tetanus, Shingrix, pneumonia, RVS, MMR. hep-

atitis, and all other childhood vaccines.

Free Counseling and Recovery Support for San Juan County Residents
San Juan County Public Health offers 10 free counseling sessions, free recovery coaching services, and treatment scholarships to help residents access care. Whether you're looking for mental health support, recovery guidance, or assistance paying for treatment, we're here for you. To learn more, call 970-387-0242 or visit <https://sjcph.colorado.gov>

The Town of Silverton Transfer Station can now take payment for services from visitors
The Town of Silverton Transfer Station is OPEN Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 am – 6 pm. Visitors can now prepay or pay at the transfer station with the following fees: 1x 32 gallon bag of trash +\$5; 1 x cubic yard of household trash = \$ 25; 1x 8-foot truck bed of trash = \$50; Green waste (yard waste) = \$15 & Recycling only is FREE. Go to townofsilverton.colorado.gov for QCode for prepayment. Receipts act as a dump pass.

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north of town. The OHV had four occupants when it left the roadway and went down a steep embankment, coming to rest about one hundred feet below the road. Silverton Medical Rescue responded with seventeen team members. Technical rope rescue practitioners built a raising system to move the patients up to the road as paramedics provided care during the extrication. Two of the patients were transported to Mercy Regional Medical Center, one by ambulance and one by Flight for Life. The other two passengers were pronounced dead at the scene.”

According to San Juan County Coroner Keri Metzler,

61-year-old Thaddeus Hanich of Comfort Texas and 70-year-old James Stout of Center Point Texas both passed away at the scene of the accident and are both survived by their wives who were also injured in the OHV rollover accident. The current condition of the two surviving accident victims is unknown currently.

Tyler George of SMR continued with, “Our sincere condolences go out to the families and friends of the deceased. Silverton Medical Rescue would like to thank the San Juan County Sheriff’s Office, the Silverton San Juan County Volunteer Fire Department, Flight for Life, and all the emergency services members who responded to assist on this incident.”



photo by SJC Deputy Sheriff Adam Clifton
SJCSO , SMR, and SSJVFD all worked together on this emergency call



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The SMR incident command team



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SJCSO, SMR, and SSJVFD members on the scene of the OHV rollover accident on Monday

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The Sound of Summer in the Rockies — The Broad-Tailed Hummingbird

■ By Mary Grizzard

Ziiiiiiiiing!!!!

It’s a thrilling sound to hear for the first time every summer — the high-pitched, metallic trill of the Broad-tailed hummingbird as he zips around overhead or darts between friends at a backyard barbecue. And yes, the pronoun he is the correct one, for only male Broad-tails zing when they fly, having a modified wing structure where the tips of their outermost wing feathers vibrate to make that sharply piquant sound. Thus, male Broad-tails don’t sing to attract their lady loves, they zing, performing arial displays of soaring and diving to dazzle the targeted female of their affection. The zing is all part of the exhibition, and Christopher Clark, a biologist at the University of California, Riverside, reports seeing female hummers watching prospective suitors’ zinging flights with eyes half-closed, as if to better concentrate on which male can produce the best “song.” Once he’s gained her approval, the two briefly mate and then the male, a bit of a cad by human standards, flies off in search of another female and does absolutely nothing to help build the nest, incubate the eggs, or feed his offspring.

Although frequent visitors to residential hummingbird feeders at lower elevations, Broad-tailed hummingbirds are just as often seen up in the high country, and they’re especially suited to spending summers at high elevations. Because of their demandingly high metabolic needs, Broad-tails would perish during chilly mountain nights if they didn’t dramatically lower their heart rate, respirations, and body temperature and enter a state called torpor. And Broad-tails have learned an additional nighttime survival trick — since cold mountain air descends at night, they fly upslope to higher elevations where the nighttime temperatures are milder.



A nesting female can’t do that, of course, as her eggs and later on, nestlings, depend upon her body heat to survive overnight, but she’s developed her own survival trick. Building a nest that is thicker and better insulated than other hummingbird species, a female Broad-tail keeps away near freezing temperatures by cozily tucking herself deep into the hollow of her nest.

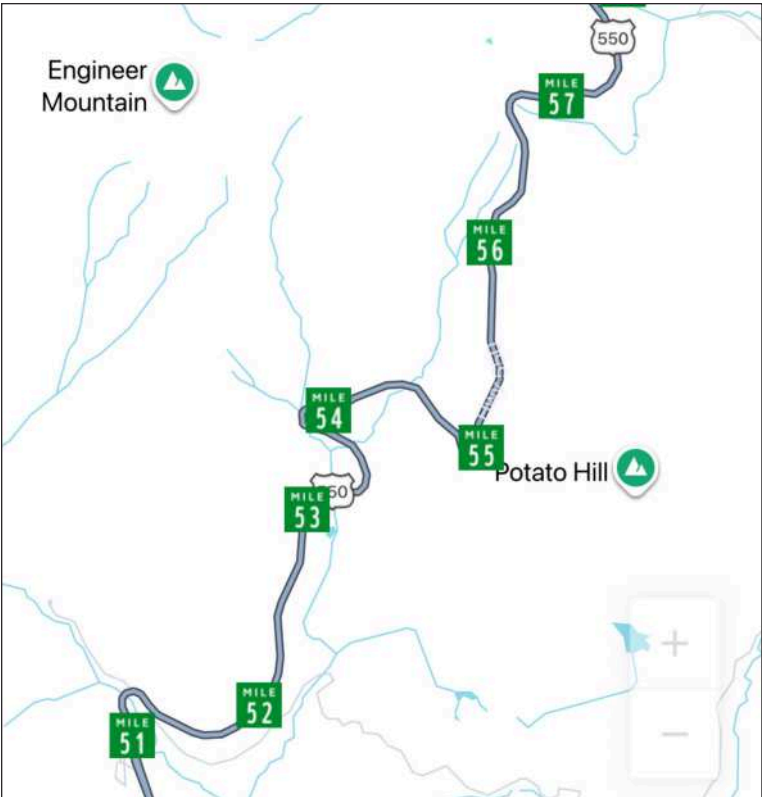
Broad-tailed hummingbirds serve as important pollinators of several wildflower species, especially ones that are a bit difficult for other pollinators to reach, such as Indian paintbrush. These flowers’ brightly colored red and orange sepals attract pollinators, but the actual flowers of this plant are the narrow green tubes which protrude from the sepals and need a long hummingbird tongue to penetrate. And while we always think of hummingbirds as foragers of nectar, researchers have discovered that an astonishing 80% of their diet is made up of insects and spiders. When a female is feeding her young, she may consume up to 2,000 tiny insects per day, and a study conducted by Cornell University’s Laboratory of Ornithology that followed a female hummingbird for two weeks reported that she ate nothing but insects the entire time. Some hummingbird experts thus describe these birds as insectivores that also drink nectar, rather than nectavores that supplement their diet with insects.

Anyone wanting to attract hummingbirds to their yards is encouraged to do more than just hang out a feeder. Cultivating nectar-producing native plants around the house will attract more hummingbirds because, in addition to providing superior natural nectar resources, native plants also attract more insects than exotic species do. A few trees (also preferably native!) in the yard will provide a favorable nesting location, and now all the necessary ingredients for successful reproduction are in place. The chances are excellent that a zinging territorial male will stake out your backyard, bringing summer’s sound of the mountains closer to home and establishing the next generation of these colorful little fliers.

Mary Grizzard is an amateur naturalist and volunteers with the San Juan Mountains Association

Two Motorcycles Collided on Coal Bank Last Week, Resulting in One Fatality

Last Wednesday around 2 pm, there was a collision between two motorcycles, one headed southbound on Highway 550 and one headed northbound at mile marker 55. 53-year-old Jeff Kiraly of Farmington, New Mexico, passed away at the scene of the motorcycle accident. Mile post 55 on Highway 550 is just north of the hair pin turn near Cascade Village in South San Juan County. The other motorcyclist, a 71-year-old Texas man, was heading southbound on Highway 550 and crossed the line, crashing into Kiraly, who was heading northbound on Highway 550. The collision sent Kiraly over the edge, and he was pronounced deceased at the scene of the accident per a Colorado State Patrol press release.



Motorcycle accident happened at mile marker 55



photo by Jim Harper

Silverton Medical Rescue responded to a motorcycle accident last Wednesday



photo by Jim Harper

Durango Fire & Resuce responed to call since it was in South San Juan County

DURANGO DESPERADOES: A New Book by Local Author

Submitted by Robert Boeder

When I moved to Silverton in 2002, I looked for a summer job and found one managing the Mayflower Mill self-guided tour and gift shop. Tourists going through the mill asked me questions about its operations, forcing me to learn about it so I would not have to lie to them when answering. Many times, I walked around the mill reading the descriptions of what was happening at various locations. One of the plaques in the amalgamation room caught my eye. It described thefts of gold sponges by security guards that happened in the early 1980's. I was captivated by this and wanted to know more, so I went to the office of then-Sheriff Sue Kurtz and

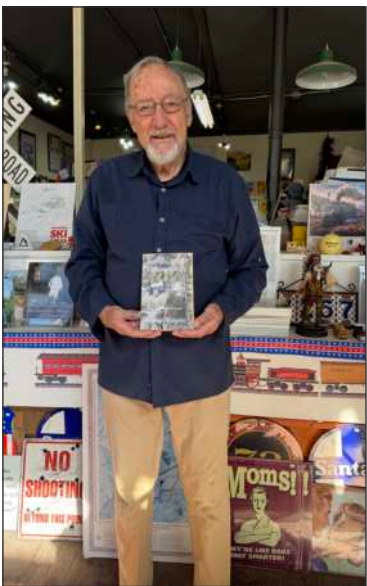
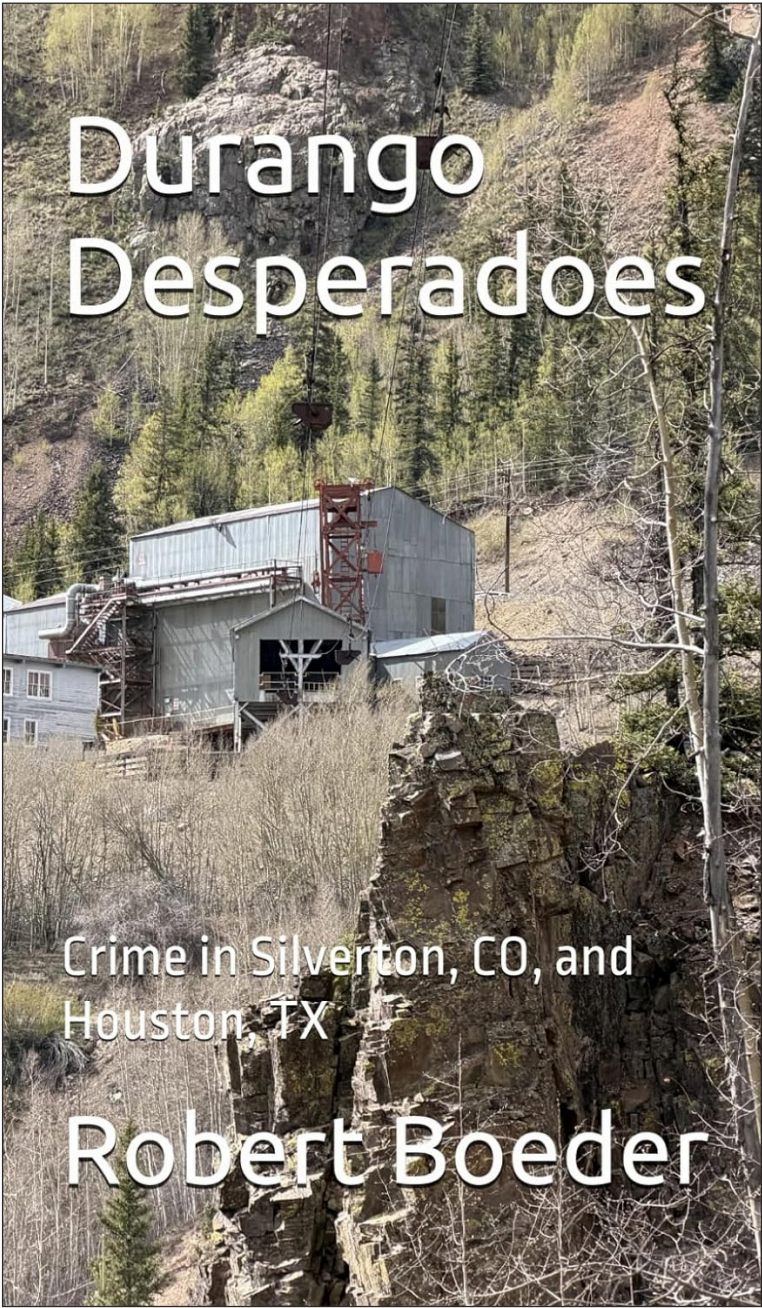


Photo by Robert Boeder
Author Robert Boeder showing his new book

asked if she had any records of the thefts. She sent her secretary, Melody Skinner,

downstairs into the basement of the Courthouse to bring up all the files pertaining to those crimes. Those files became the core of information that led me to write DURANGO DESPERADOES, the true crime story of how a gang of five (four from Durango, one from Silverton) staged successfully three gold thefts from the Mayflower Mill, then went on to attempt to extort \$15 million from Gulf Oil Corporation in Houston, TX. How they carried out those crimes and what happened to them will be entertaining to anyone interested in the recent history of southwest Colorado. The book is available at the Silverton Train Store and Fetch's t-shirt shop, both on Greene Street, and on Robert Boeder's Amazon book page.



Durango Desperadoes

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go,” she said. “Until I started seeing signs of rockslides and the tractor, and then things started getting scarier and scarier. And then the road was blocked, I busted a U-turn and said ‘cool, one more night in Ouray.’” Unable to make it home, Pasmin spent the night in Ouray, decompressing with locals, other stranded travelers, and other Silverton residents. “It definitely made me forget the anxiety I was having due to what Mother Nature was

throwing at us,” she said of her overnight experience. The following day, with Red Mountain Pass still closed, Pasmin proceeded to take the long way home through Telluride and Durango, “stopping to smell the roses along the way.” As the rains subsided and a collective sigh of relief could be felt. However, officials cautioned that the danger has not passed. Burn scars from the Gold Mountain Fire have left hillsides unstable, increasing the risks of future flash floods and mudslides. The previous floods and slides have now created paths that could lead

to more intense incidents in the future. Ouray County officials are working as quickly as possible with a federal program to implement long-term flood mitigation projects. The aim is to reduce future hazards, protect residents, and limit damage to homes and infrastructure. While the storms of July 29 have passed, they served as a reminder that in the mountains, the landscape is continually being reshaped by the forces of nature.



photo by CDOT
Cleanup was a big task for CDOT with 8 mudslides between Silverton and Ouray



photo by CDOT
Mudslide on Highway 550 near Chattanooga curve after the torrential rains last week



photo by CDOT
Mudslide on Red Mountain pass last week



Photo by Katey Fetch
The aftermath- a wall of debris along Highway 550 between Ouray and Ridgway



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DSNGRR sending thier front loader down the tracks from Silverton to help clear out mudslide that shut train down last Wednesday

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NOTICE

OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE IMPOSITION OF ASSESSMENTS AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF SILVERTON 8th AND BLUFF SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT AUTHORIZED BY THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, ELECTION.

1. Approval at Election.

To the extent required by Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, the imposition of assessments in the district, the issuance of special assessment bonds or other financial obligations payable from such assessments, and other matters in connection therewith, was approved by the voters of the District at an election held on November 4, 2025.

2. Improvements.

All persons are further notified that the kind of improvements proposed, the extent of the district to be improved, and the materials to be used are as follows:

Improvements to be constructed and installed shall include all the existing streets within the described boundaries of the District. Improvements to be installed shall include all elements of the public streets and surface or subsurface storm water drainage system within the District.

Roadway improvements shall be extensions consisting of sub-grade preparation, aggregate base course, drainage improvements, placement and preparation of gravel road base for a total installation of approx-

imately 805 linear feet in length of roadway, and approximately 425 linear feet of alleyway on the following platted roadways and alleys:

Roadways include Snowden Street (a portion between 7th and 8th), 8th Street from Snowden Street to Bluff Street, Bluff Street from 8th Street to 9th Street; Alleys include: a portion of the Block 58 alley from 8th Street, Block 55 alley from 8th Street to 9th Street.

Water and sanitary sewer line improvements shall consist of the installation of water mains, sanitary sewer mains, and appurtenances within the same limits as the roadway improvements.

3. Property to be Assessed.

The area to be included within the district and to be assessed with the cost of the improvements shall include the property more particularly described below:

Legal Description

Town of Silverton, County of San Juan:

Block 58, Lots 22-24
Block 58, lots 1-3
Block 55, Lots 10-12
Block 55, Lots 7-9
Block 55, Lots 4-6
Block 55, Lots 1-3
Block 56, Lots 13-14
Block 56, Lots 15-16
Block 56, Lots 17-20
Block 56, Lots 21-24

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that there shall be no assessments against any public rights-ofway. In the event any subsequent subdivision thereof includes any public rights-of-way, the assessment which otherwise would be imposed against such public rights-of-way will be deemed to be imposed uniformly, on an area basis, upon the remaining area of the subdivi-

4. Assessments.

The costs of such improvements, including without limitation costs of inspection of the improvements and the collection of assessments, capitalized interest, capitalized reserves, engineering and clerical services and supplies, advertising, printing, fiscal services, election costs, legal services in connection with the district, all costs related to the issuance of bonds or other obligations, and all other incidental costs, shall be assessed against the property in the district as set forth below. The assessments to be levied for the improvements shall be due and payable without demand within ninety (90) days after the effective date of the assessing Ordinance. However, all such assessments may be paid, at the election of the owner, in twenty (20) substantially equal annual amortized installments of principal and interest, payable beginning in 2027 and in each year thereafter until paid in full, with the last payment due in 2047. Interest shall accrue in all cases on unpaid installments of principal. Principal payments shall be in such amounts and at such times, and interest shall be at such rate or rates and payable at such times, as shall later be determined by the Board and set forth in the assessing resolution.

5. Estimated Costs; Method of Assessment.

It is anticipated that the Town will not pay any part of the cost of the improvements. The cost estimates and approximate amounts to be assessed as set forth below have been formulated in good faith based on the best information available but are not binding. After a hearing on the assessments the Board of Trustees may make such modifications and changes to the assessments as may seem equitable.

As shown by the estimates of the engineer, the probable total cost of the improvements within the proposed District is approximately \$1,500,000, all of which will be assessed against the property in the proposed District, subject to the provisions of the ballot question approved by the voters at the Election. It is anticipated that the cost of the improvements shall be assessed against the property on a per-lot basis within such assessment unit, regardless of the relative size or location of such lots. For the purposes of the assessments, each parcel of land which is built upon or eligible for a single-family building permit under the current land use regulations of the County shall be considered a lot.

There are 30 lots within the district. Each lot will be assessed the same amount which is estimated to be \$50,000. The Board estimates each lot will benefit from the improvements in an amount not less than \$50,000.

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The foregoing amounts are principal only, and do not include interest which will accrue if the property owner elects to pay in installments.

6. Time of Assessment. Upon completion of said improvements or any part thereof and upon approval thereof by the Town, or as soon as the total cost thereof is reasonably ascertained either prior to, during, or subsequent to the construction of the improvements, such cost shall be apportioned to the property in the district. Notice of such apportionment shall be given and a hearing will be held prior to the adoption of a resolution assessing such cost, all as provided by law.

7. Time and Location of Hearing. On August 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at an adjourned meeting thereafter, at the Silverton Town Hall, 1360 Greene Street, Silverton, CO, not less than 20 {20} days after the publication of this Notice, a hearing will be held on the imposition of assessments against the property in the District in order to construct the improvements authorized by the voters of the District at the Election.

8. Examination of Documents. A map, estimates, and a schedule showing the approximate amount to be assessed and all resolutions and proceedings are on file and can be seen and examined by any person at the office of the Town Engineer at any time during business hours on or before the date of the hearing referred to above.

9. Complaints and Objections. All complaints and objections that may be made in writing concerning the proposed improvements by the owner or owners of any real property to be assessed will be heard and determined by the Board of Trustees at the hearing specified above, or at some adjournment thereof, before final action shall be taken. Pursuant to §31-25-520, C.R.S., if written protests are submitted prior to the hearing by the owners of property within the proposed district or assessment unit, which property, based upon the proposed method of assessment, would bear more than one-half of the total proposed assessments within the district or the assessment unit, the Board of Trustees shall not proceed with the assessment unit based upon the preliminary order so protested.

(SEAL)

Town Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following public

hearing will be held to consider the adoption of An Ordinance Amending Municipal Regulations Concerning Outdoor Lighting In Silverton.

Notice is hereby given that the Public Hearing is scheduled as follows:

- Town of Silverton Board of Trustees Public Hearing: First Reading of the Ordinance on Monday, August 25, 2026, at 5:30 pm at Town Hall, 1360 Greene St, Silverton, CO 81433
- Town of Silverton Board of Trustees Public Hearing: Second Reading of the Ordinance on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 5:30 pm at Town Hall, 1360 Greene St, Silverton, CO 81433

The meeting materials, meeting agenda, and virtual meeting instructions are available on the Town of Silverton’s website: townofsilverton.colorado.gov. A copy of the meeting materials is available for public inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office located within Town Hall, 1360 Greene St, Silverton, CO 81433.

NOTICE is further given that all interested parties are invited to present written or oral testimony regarding this ordinance either prior to or during the public hearing.

In-person or virtual public comments will be taken during the public hearing. Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 19, 2026. Comments can be emailed to planning@silverton.co.us or mailed to the Community Development Department at Silverton Town Hall 1360 Greene Street (FedEx/UPS) PO Box 250 (U.S. Mail) Silverton, CO 81433.

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

Originally Posted in the Silverton Standards on August 6, 2026.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING OUTDOOR LIGHTING IN SILVERTON.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority conferred via C.R.S. §31-23-301, the Town of Silverton through its Board of Trustees (“Town”), is empowered to regulate and restrict the use of buildings, structures and land within its statutory jurisdiction, so long as such restraints are determined necessary to promote the general health, safety and welfare of the community; and **WHEREAS**, the Town has previously adopted regulations related to the lighting for The Town of Silverton per Municipal Code, Sec. 15-6-40; and **WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to amend the Code to lift some of

the restrictions previously adopted in the Outdoor Lighting Code; and **WHEREAS**, the Town is no longer seeking International Dark Sky Community Status and wishes to amend the Code to lift some of the restrictions previously adopted in the Outdoor Lighting Code; and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees deems it in the best interest of the Town to ease the restrictions and limitations regarding outdoor lighting in the Town of Silverton; and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees finds that the passage of this Ordinance promotes the health, safety, and welfare of and is in the best interests of the Town of Silverton.

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

Amendment to Chapter 15, Article 6, Section 15-6-40. Chapter 15, Article 6, Sections 15-6-40, is hereby amended with the deletion of stricken text and the addition of bolded, double-underlined text to read as follows:

Sec. 15-6-40. Outdoor lighting. (a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this Section is to:

- (1) Preserve and protect the natural dark sky resource;
- (2) Minimize light pollution, glare, light trespass, and sky glow;
- (3) Promote energy conservation;
- (4) Maintain nighttime visibility for safety and security;
- (5) Prevent unnecessary or inappropriate outdoor lighting;
- (6) Minimize nighttime lighting impacts on wildlife;
- (7) Maintain the rural atmosphere and character of the town; and
- (8) Make the town an attractive place for residents and tourists.

(b) *General Provisions.*

- (1) All outdoor light fixtures permanently or temporarily installed outdoors, except for those listed under Subsection (d), shall:
 - a. ~~Be the minimum necessary to provide for safety and functionality;~~
 - b. Be turned off when no one is present to use the light, **except within the MU-1 District;**
 - c. Be fully **or partially** shielded **and down-turned;** and
 - d. Be directed such that illumination is within the property boundary where the outdoor light fixture is located. This provision does not apply to publicly owned outdoor light fixtures.
- (2) The correlated color temperature of each lamp shall not exceed 3,000 Kelvins.
- (3) ~~The following lumen per net acre values are an upper limit and not a design goal:~~
 - a. ~~All uses except single-unit detached dwell-~~

~~ings are limited to 15,000 lumens per net acre and fixtures are limited to 1,600 lumens each.~~
~~b. Single-unit detached dwellings are limited to 10,000 lumens per net acre and fixtures are limited to 850 lumens each.~~

(c) *Specialized Outdoor Lighting.* (1) *Canopies.* Canopies for service stations and other overhangs may be illuminated provided all light fixtures

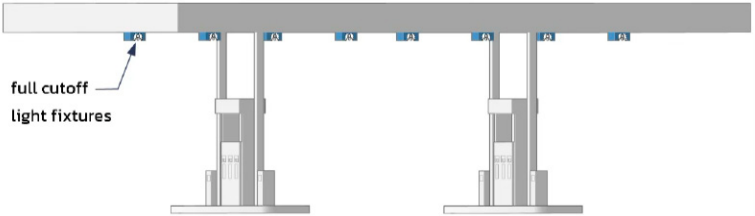


Figure Sec. 15-6-3: Canopy Lighting for Fuel Station

(2) *Outdoor Recreational Facilities.* Lighting for sporting and/or athletic facilities do not have to be fully shielded or be limited to 3,000 Kelvins if all the following are met:

- a. ~~Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) lighting guidelines (RP-6) are followed according to the appropriate class of play.~~
- b. ~~a~~ Field lighting is provided exclusively for illumination of the surface of play and viewing stands, and not for any other applications.
- c. ~~b~~ Illuminance levels are adjustable based on the task (e.g., active play versus field maintenance).
- d. ~~c~~ Off-site impacts of the lighting are limited to the maximum extent practicable.
- e. ~~d~~ Lights are extinguished by 10:00 p.m. or one hour after the end of play, whichever is later.
- f. ~~e~~ Timers are installed to prevent lights being left on accidentally overnight by automatically extinguishing them.

(3) *Publicly Owned Outdoor Lighting.*

- a. New publicly owned outdoor light fixtures shall only be installed where needed for safety and functionality.
- b. All new publicly owned outdoor light fixtures installed six months or more after the adoption of these regulations shall incorporate adaptive controls.

~~(4) Signs.~~

- a. ~~Luminance levels for operation between sunset and sunrise shall not exceed 100 nits (100 candelas per square meter, cd/m2) as measured under conditions of a full white display.~~
- b. ~~During the first hour after sunset and during the last hour immediately preceding sunrise, sign luminance shall not exceed 100 nits (100 candelas per square meter, cd/m2).~~

are mounted on the underside of the canopy and all light fixtures are full cut-off. Except for directed beam lighting, merely placing the fixtures on the underside of the canopy does not qualify as fully shielding the light fixture. Directed beam lighting mounted under the canopy is allowed, provided the light source cannot be seen from outside the property boundaries.

~~c. Sign illumination shall be extinguished completely during the hours the business is closed.~~

~~d. The luminous/illuminated surface area of an individual sign shall not exceed 40 square feet.~~

(d) *Exemptions.* The following are exempt from this Section:

- (1) Temporary emergency lighting in use by law enforcement or government agencies or at their direction;
- (2) Temporary lighting for events that do not create issues of light trespass or safety as approved by the Town Administrator for a period of up to seven days;
- (3) Temporary holiday decorative lights from November 15 through January 15 and one other seven-day period a year. Lights shall be extinguished by 10:00 p.m. and remain off until one hour before sunrise. Holiday decorative lights may blink, so long as the safety of any moving vehicle is not impacted;
- (4) String, bistro, and similar lighting, provided the emission of no individual lamp exceeds 50 lumens and no installation of lighting exceeds, in the aggregate, 6,000 lumens. These lights must be rated at or below 2,700 Kelvin. Lights shall be extinguished by 10:00 p.m. and remain off until one hour before sunrise;
- (5) Low voltage LED lights and solar lights used to illuminate pathways in residential areas, provided the lights are installed not more than 18 inches above the adjacent ground level;
- (6) The lighting of artwork that is outdoors and on publicly owned property. Lighting shall not exceed 850 lumens per artwork nor more than 3000 Kelvin. Lights shall be extinguished by 10:00 p.m. and remain off until one hour before sunrise;
- (7) Lighting on structures or signs for buildings on the

- National Register of Historic Places in which the lighting contributes to the historical significance of the building. Efforts shall be made to comply with the outdoor lighting standards where it does not compromise the historic integrity;
- (8) The lighting of federal or state flags, provided that the light is above the flag and faces downward;
- (9) Traffic control signals and devices; and
- (10) Lighting required by federal, state, county, or Town ordinance and regulations.
- (11) Marquee Lighting in the MU-1 District.**
- (e) *Prohibited Outdoor Lighting.* The following are prohibited:
- (1) Searchlights, sky beams, and similar lighting except as required by response personnel during emergency conditions;
 - (2) Blinking, flashing, rotating, or moving lights, including those used for signage. This does not apply to holiday-type decorative lights as exempted above;
 - (3) Lighting which produces any glare or distraction for any passing motorist;
 - (4) Neon or luminous tube lighting including any sign, except "open/closed" or "vacancy/no vacancy" type signs; and
 - (5) Mercury vapor lighting.
- (f) *Nonconforming Outdoor Lighting.*
- (1) All existing outdoor lighting that was legally installed before the adoption of this Section but does not meet the requirements of this Section shall be considered nonconforming.
 - (2) Nonconforming outdoor lighting is allowed to remain in use unless any of the following occurs:
 - a. Replacement of the fixture;
 - b. Non-use of the fixture for a period of six months; and/or
 - c. Damage to the light fixture such that the cost or repair is 50 percent or more of the cost to replace the fixture with a conforming fixture.
 - (3) No alteration may be made to outdoor lighting which would increase the amount of degree of the nonconformity.
 - (4) After ten years from the date of adoption of this Section, all nonconforming outdoor light fixtures shall be brought into compliance with this Section.
- (g) *Plan Submission and Com-*

- pliance Review.*
- (1) All applications for business permits, building permits, Sign Permits, Site Plan, Historic District Overlay Review, Planned Unit Development, Special Use Permit, and Simple and Major Subdivisions shall submit a lighting plan showing compliance with this Section. The lighting plan shall include the following information:
 - a. The manufacture's cut sheet for each proposed outdoor light fixture;
 - b. A site plan with property boundaries including all existing and proposed light fixture locations and their light spill;
 - c. ~~A table showing the total lumens by fixture and a calculation explaining the total lumens per net acre;~~
 - d. Total Kelvin for each proposed lamp; and
 - e. Other materials necessary to show compliance with this Section.
 - (2) Review of lighting plans shall be by the Town Administrator who may refer review to the Planning Commission if that, in their opinion, issues are present that require

What is in a name, and where do the names of our mountains come from? PART 2

Submitted By Jeff Burch

(Two weeks ago we ran PART 1 of the Names of Our Mountains)

Local Southwest Colorado author Jeff Burch is researching the histories of the names of the mountains around Silverton and wants your help. Jeff Burch is asking for any and all information on these mountains. What follows may be interesting reading for local mountaineers, hikers and mountain watchers, and trigger some memory of where the names came from, or some local name we do not know. Jeff is collecting comments at Info@Coloradothirteeners.com. Once all comments are gathered he plans to publish the list and stories, along with some, but not all, photos of these peaks, so it is on a permanent public record. "Hope you will help," said Burch. Here is the list, and what we know so.

Contact Jeff Burch at Jeff@Coloradothirteeners.com with any questions, comments and information on this part 2 list below:

Hwy 550 TO RED MOUNTAIN PASS

Lookout Peak VABM (13,661): Lookout Peak is among the highest 200 peaks in Colorado (known as the bicentennials). It is often remarked that Lookout Peak has a very fitting name as the views from the top extend far in every direction without obstruction. Although it is only three miles to a higher peak (U.S. Grant Peak), Lookout Peak's lineage follows the ridge divide of the Telluride section of the Sneffels Range all the way to the next higher peak, Gilpin Peak, 8.5 miles away, and over 12 miles away following the ridge. The saddle between Lookout Peak and U.S. Grant Peak at Ophir Pass is under 11,800', giving the south side of Lookout Peak nearly 1,900' of relief.

Because of the excellent views Lookout Peak was one of the few triangulation benchmarks used in the Hayden Survey and is a VABM as shown on U.S.G.S. topographic maps. See discussion of "VABM."

South Lookout Peak (13,357): Lookout Peak is said to be the big brother to this lower summit. (Source: <http://www.summitpost.org/south-lookout-peak/152771>) This peak offers similarly long views from its summit.

T11, Historically, and now newly named, Bridal Peak

(13,510): Update on reporting in "This Peaks of Telluride" (Burch, 2014). Through omission by U.S.G.S. mappers, Bridal Peak had at one time been lost: In a 1962 publication by U.S.G.S., listed as the "prominent" high points in the area surrounding Bridal Veil Basin, you see Lookout Peak (13,661), Unnamed peak north of Lookout Peak (13,614), Wasatch Mountain (13,555), Bridal Peak (13,510), Three Needles (13,481), La Junta Peak (13,472), Silver Mountain (13,470), Palmyra Peak (13,319), and Ballard Mountain (12,804). (Source: Geology and Mineral Deposits of the Area South of Telluride Colorado, Geological Survey Bulletin 1112-G, Prepared in cooperation with the Colorado State Geological Survey Board and the Colorado Metal Mining Fund Board, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1962.) By its location, and this historical reference, concluded that Bridal Peak was the true and original name of this 13,510-foot peak. With the support of San Juan and San Miguel County Commissioners, City Councils from Telluride and Mountain Village, and broad local support we applied to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and successfully had the name restored.

Bridal Peak should not be confused with the Unnamed 13,510 (same elevation) peak at head of the San Miguel Valley (Telluride) that is often thought to be Telluride Peak. The official Telluride Peak is one peak to the north of that mountain on the same ridge.

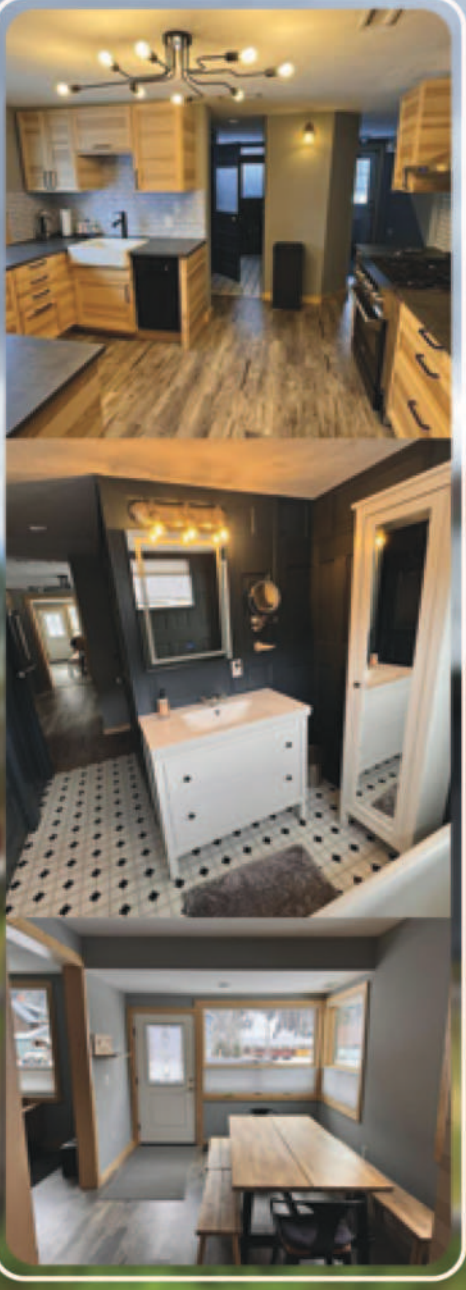
Three Needles – Also Three Needles Peak

(13,481): As we describe under the Needles, a "needle" is a term for a sharp pinnacle of rock. This peak has three. In 1902, in an article in the Telluride Daily Journal, it is referred to as Tripod Peak. (Source: Telluride Daily Journal, Monday August 04, 1902, Page 3)

Trico Peak (13,321): Also called Independence Mountain at one time, (Nossaman, Vol 3, Index) Trico Peak is so named because it is the common point among three counties, San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties.

Red Mountains 1, 2, and 3 (12,592, 12,219, and 12,890): This mountain is one of the few peaks of the area shown

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on Wheeler Survey maps in 1878 (shown as Red Pk. for Red Mountain No 3). These three crimson-colored peaks rise on the east side of U.S. Highway 550 south of Iron-ton Park. As you drive south on U.S. Highway 550, they are numbered sequentially 1 through 3. From the highway they look like typical moun-tain peaks, but from trails on Hayden Mountain you can see that they are really long ridges going west to east. They are red because of the massive amounts of iron (ferric) oxide they contain (URL 20). The erosion of these peaks gives Red Mountain Creek its dis-tinctive reddish-brown color (yellow boy), which it had long before any mining activity occurred in the area. On the earliest maps, the 12,890-foot summit is labeled Red Pk. The name Red Mountain appears on both Fischer’s 1883 map and Wheeler’s 1876 survey map. Several other peaks in the San Juan Mountains like-wise have prominent reddish coloration from iron ore and are also called “Red Moun-tain.”

Duco VABM (13,389): We believe that the Duco bench-mark is so called because it is located on the boundary between two counties. Similar in naming to Trico Peak just across the valley.

McMillan Peak (12,804): Was named after a guy named McMillan.... Ok, we could not figure this one out.

Ohio Peak (12,673): This peak was already named 1873. Named by veteran prospector Edwin Zipperlin for his native Ohio. His mineral samples from the mountain won a sil-ver medal at the Ohio Indus-trial Exposition of 1874.

SOUTH FORK MINERAL
CREEK

Bear Mountain (12,987): This mountain is named for the silhouette of a bear in the trees and avalanche slopes on the north facing slope of the mountain. This figure is

easily seen as you drive south on Hwy 550, just a mile past Red Mountain Pass, and then all the way until it passes out of sight approaching the Chattanooga switch. Another case of historic naming being changed over time, Bear Creek of the 1870s was at one time what is now the South Fork of Mineral Creek. This historic name, Bear Creek, may have been a rare case of a river tak-ing the name of the mountain above, instead of the reverse.

**Twin Sisters
(13,374/13,482):**

**Rolling Mountain
(13,693):**

San Miguel Peak (13,752): It is thought that the peak took its name for its proxim-ity to, and being in part the headwaters of, the San Miguel River. It is a very prominent peak on the ridgeline that forms the San Miguel Range.

Beattie Peak (13,342): James A. Beattie was the Sher-iff at the time of the famous robbery of the San Miguel Val-ley Bank in Telluride. Butch Cassidy and three others robbed the bank of \$24,000, none of which was ever recov-ered, on June 24, 1889. It is believed that a fourth man, ru-mored to be Bert Madden, Bert Charter, the Sundance Kid, or Dan Parker, assisted the outlaws by setting up the relay horses used in the getaway. Sheriff Beattie arrested Bert’s half-brother, Bill Madden, as he was dropping off a horse to an unknown man, assumed to be Bert. Madden was later re-leased due to lack of evidence.

While Bill Madden was cleared of any wrongdoing, the Telluride Town Marshall, Jim Clark, is said to have con-fessed to the Gunnison County Sheriff to playing a role in the crime. Clark is said to have received \$2,200 of the stolen money as payment for being out of town during the robbery (http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM41GZ_Butch_Cassidys_First_Bank_Robbery_Telluride_CO)

James Beattie was quite old by 1889 and had been sheriff for some time, which supports the idea that the original



Jeff Burch high up in the San Juans

name of what is now Sheep Mountain Ridge may have been for him.

We believe that what is now Sheep Mountain, off Lizard Head Pass, was at first named for Sheriff Beattie, and that Sheep Mountain was east of Hope Lake, and that shortly after the turn of the century these two peak names were switched.

Fuller Peak (13,761): Fuller Peak was shown, as named, on the 1898 USGS 1:62,500 Silverton quadrangle map. There is also Fuller Lake, shown on other maps as Full-er’s Lake, in Ice Lakes Basin. We believe the lake and the mountain were named after Joshua S. Fuller, who, along with Colorado Territorial Governor William A. Pile, filed a deed of sale for part of the Little Giant Claim on April 26, 1871. This was the first deed drawn for a property interest in the San Juans. Fuller was appointed the first Hinsdale County Assessor in 1874. When Hinsdale County was created in 1974, Silverton was in Hinsdale County. However, Fuller was defeated in the first county election later that year. He apparently did not cam-paign and was not interested

in keeping the job. (Nossaman, 1993)

Vermilion Peak (13,894): This mountain is named for the red-orange color it takes on when the sun shines on it. When the sun hits it right, the peak appears to almost glow red and orange. Vermilion means “flame-red.” (<http://www.summitpost.org/vermil-ion-peak/152743> and http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vermil-ion_Peak).

Golden Horn Peak (Ap-prox. 13,780): In the Europe-an Alps there are many peaks with the suffix “horn,” signi-fying a very sharp peak (Burch et al., 2012). Golden Horn, though two words, applies this naming convention. The golden comes from the color of the rock, similar to nearby Yellow Mountain, which looks golden in certain morning or evening light. Other “horns” in our area include Matterhorn and Wetterhorn Peaks, both east of Ouray. This peak looks like a spike in the sky from the Hwy 550 near Chattanooga but is actually easy to ascend from its west side.

Pilot Knob (13,738): Pilot Knob is not actually a knob, but rather a long ridge. It

takes its name from the fact that it looks very much like the pilot house of a river boat when viewed from the Trout Lake area (Personal commu-nication, Greenbank, 2013). It was originally called Castle Point, as shown on Fischer’s 1886 and 1891 maps and oth-ers (Fischer’, 1886 and 1891).

Ulysses S. Grant Peak (13,767): To state the ob-vious, this peak was named after U.S. Grant. Ulysses S. Grant (born Hiram Ulysses Grant) was the 18th President of the United States (1869-1877) (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ulysses_S._Grant). Grant was President at the time of both the Wheeler and Hayden Surveys of this area. On August 1, 1876 (28 days after the Centennial of the United States), President Grant signed a proclamation admitting Colorado to the Union as a state, earning it the nickname “Centennial State” (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado>).

Point Giesecke (Approx 13,100): This is a small thumb named for Lewis Giesecke, who, with Dwight Lavender, made the first ascent of it in 1932. (Lavender, 1932)



The Silverton Brass Band played a special performance Saturday night at the Great Western Rocky Mountain Brass Band Festival

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Hardrockers Holidays



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10:00AM KIDS EVENTS
**10:00AM HORSESHOE
REGISTRATION**
10:30 HORSESHOE START
**1:30PM CORNHOLE
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**2:00PM CORNHOLE
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**5:00PM ARM
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6:00PM JUNIOR ARM

**August 8
Saturday**

8am Kids Registration
**8:30am Adult Registration
Open**
**9:30am Wheelbarrow
Race (Kids After)**
**10:30am Hand Mucking
(Kids After)**
**12:30pm Single Man
Drilling**
**2:30pm Machine Mucking
*Novice immediately
following**
**3:30pm Tug-o-War
Tournament**
4:00 Single Jacking

**August 9
Sunday**

8:30 Kids Registration
**9:00am Adult Registration
Open**
**10:00 am Team Drilling
*Novice immediately
following**
12:30pm Hand Steeling
1:30pm Spike Driving
2:30pm Tug-o-War
**Award Ceremony to follow
last event**

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The Silverton Brass Band gave a special performance during the Saturday night GWRMBB festival in the school gym



The GWRMBB Festival concert on Saturday night was a full house



Silverton Brass Band piccolo player Pat Schmidt during the Saturday night concert at the GWRMBB Festival



Judy Zimmerman playing in the Silverton Brass Band during their special performance Saturday night at the GWRMBB festival



The horn section of the big brass band that played Saturday night in the school gym



Paulette Schmalz playing in the Silverton Brass Band in Harmony Park



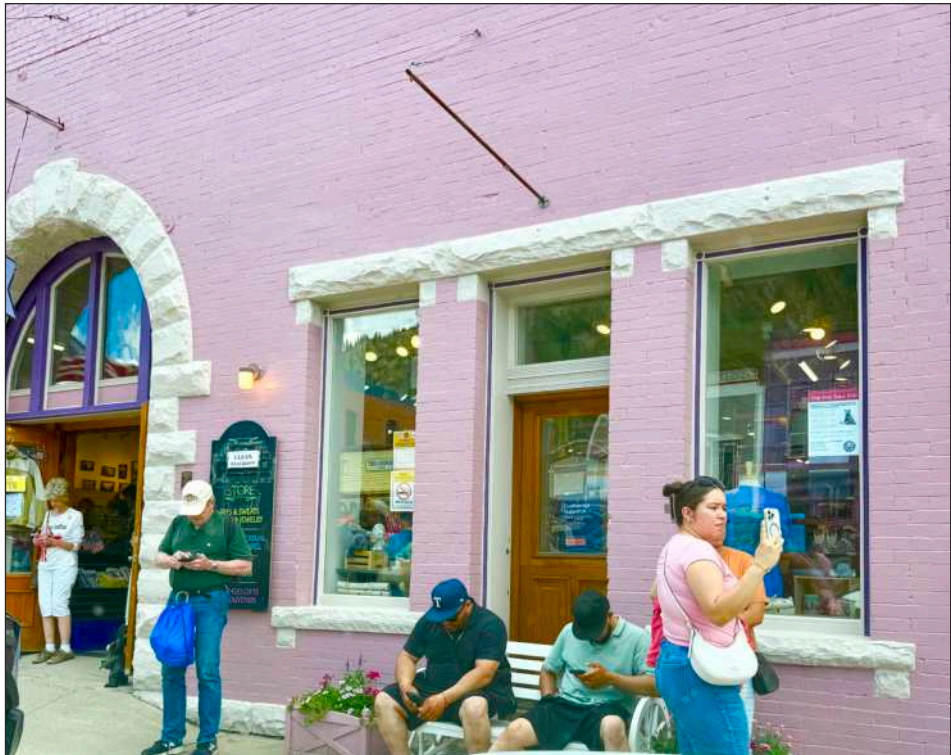
Loren Lew playing trumpet in the Silverton Brass Band concert in Harmony Park on Friday afternoon



Denny Kurtz playing the drums and Dave Emory playing cymbals for the Silverton Brass Band



Jackie Kerwin was all smiles as she banged the drum during their concert Friday afternoon



Candid moment - captured 5 tourists ALL staring into their phones on Saturday... Look up and see the majestic mountains that surround you



Scott Fetchenhier, Denny Kurtz, and Dave Emory during the Silverton Brass Band pre-concert that took place before the Great Western Rocky Mountain Brass Band Festival on Friday



photo by Kevin Lemmons
Joe Darr playing his tuba during the GWRMBB festival



The Silverton kids soccer team show off their certificates

photo by Sterling Blankenship



photo by DeAnne Gallegos
San Juan County Sheriff Steve Lowrance was interviewed in his office by the Durango Herald last Friday and was photographed by Jerry McBride



photo by DeAnne Gallegos
Joe Darr walking home with his instrument after the Silverton Brass Band concert in Harmony Park on Friday



photo by Kevin Lemmons
Willy Tookey has been a part of the Silverton Brass Band since the beginning years



photo by David Yarrow Photography Social Media post
Famous photographer David Yarrow did a photo-shoot on the train trussell just south of town, and the team booked out the Grand Imperial Hotel for the event



photo by Kevin Lemmons
A horn player during the Great Western Rocky Mountain Brass Band Festival this past weekend



photo by Kevin Lemmons
Gary Miller playing this brass instrument in Harmony Park



photo by DeAnne Gallegos
A ceramic Silverton Brewery cap from 1895 found in the mud down by the Animas River



Silverton Public Library held a movie night in the Grand Imperial Hotel Theatre Saturday night to a full house

photo by Jim Harper



photo by Nancy Stanley
Local artist Nancy Stanley shows off one of her commissioned pieces that features a Silverton alley



Way Back!

From the August 2, 1890 edition of the Silverton Standard: ELECTRICITY COMING BY SEPTEMBER 1.

The Silverton Electric Light and Power Co. are making good progress with the erection of the poles and expect to have them all up by the end of the week. The dynamos are here and the engine and boiler on the way. The building is completed, and the light will be running on or before September 1.

From the August 4, 1900 edition of the Silverton Standard: ‘HANDSOME HARRY’ DROPS DEAD ON THE WAY FROM TOWN JAIL

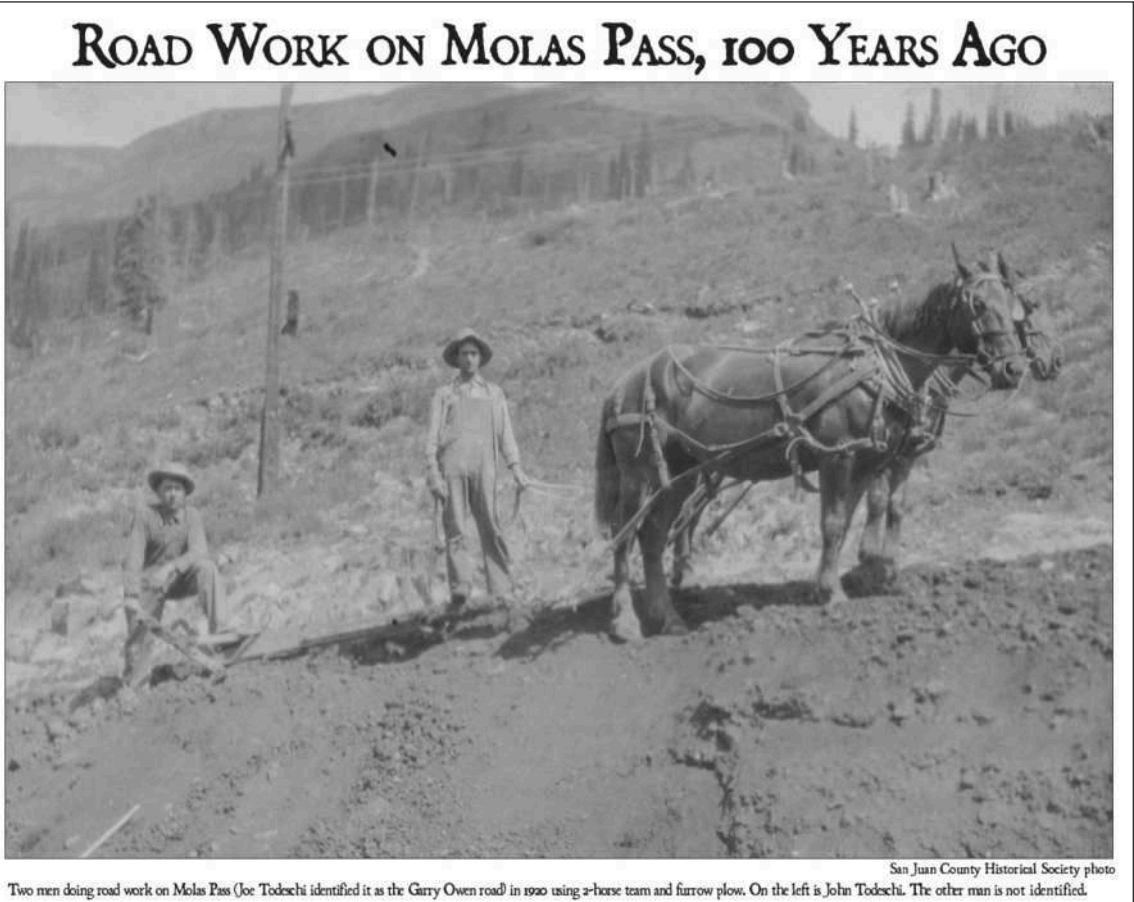
Harry Turner, known in these parts as “Handsomeness Harry,” who had been a roustabout in saloons for a number of years, dropped dead Wednesday night while being led from the town jail to the Trembath house, having become ill at the former place. He was addicted for several years past to the morphine habit, and heart failure from the effects of the drug is supposed to be the cause of his death.

EXTRACTS FROM THE GLADSTONE KIBOSH: This paper was not founded

for the purpose of mixing up in family affairs or injuring any person’s feelings, but we are forced to chronicle the following mishap: Last night Dooley came over to this office and borrowed our shotgun, leaving us to the mercy of our enemies for over an hour, which, of course, was an oversight on Mr. Dooley’s part. Shortly after his departure we heard the peculiar report of our shotgun and at the same time three yelps from a dog. De Smith’s dog was found dead in Dooley’s yard with about twenty buckshot holes in his body. The dead animal was buried about an hour after, and De Smith wants to claim damages from our friend. According to the city ordinance, which we were instrumental in framing ourselves, it states that an inquest shall be held, etc., etc. We do not believe Dooley killed the dog because he contributed to our campaign fund and is a paid up subscriber to the Kibosh. The dog must have died of fright.

From the Aug. 5, 1905 edition of the Silverton Standard: WEST HEADS SOUTH, EAST; WE MAY SEE HIM AGAIN Chas. West, a San Juan miner, left for a three-month visit to his home at Saltillo, Miss., this week. We’ll see West again providing he does not violate the shot gun quarantine rules in that state.

From the August 7, 1920 edition of the Silverton Standard: PANCHO VILLA DISCIPLE CHARGED IN SHOOTING SCRAPE. Eduardo Martinez, a former Villista, who tried to make one less American in a shooting scrape last week, was taken before Judge Hoffman on charges referred by Abel



Two men doing road work on Molas Pass (Joe Todeschi identified it as the Garry Owen road) in 1920 using a horse team and furrow plow. On the left is John Todeschi. The other man is not identified.

Dominguez, the one assaulted, last Saturday, and upon recommendation of Asst. District Attorney O’Rourke, of Durango, was bound over to the fall term of the district court. The bond was placed at \$500.00, and could not be furnished by Martinez, and as a result he has moved into the jail where Sheriff Kearney will keep an oversight as to his diet and general demeanor.

The testimony of witnesses in the case was of such nature that there was no other course open than to hold Martinez for assault with intent to kill and no other way out of the difficulty than to remand him to the District Court.

From the August 4, 1950 edition of the Silverton Standard & the Miner: IN THE MOVIES. Louella Parsons, Hollywood commentator, in a recently published column made

mention of Clark Gable and his picture, “Across the Wide Missouri,” which is currently being filmed at Molas Lake.

From the August 5, 1955 edition of the Silverton Standard: SILVERTON TO PORTRAY DENVER IN MOVIE. Silverton will stand in for Denver in “Great Day in the Morning.” Photographs of Denver in 1860 show it looked precisely like Silverton looks today. All 1200 people in Silverton will become actors in the Grainger production which RKO will release.

From the August 5, 1960 edition of the Silverton Standard & the Miner: TRAIN TURNING AWAY WOULD-BE RIDERS. The Silverton narrow gauge is increasing in popularity by the day. More people are coming into the area to ride the “last regularly scheduled

narrow gauge in the United States.” While the train is filled in capacity every day, hundreds are turned away because of no accommodations. Extra cars are available for repair that would haul an extra 100 a day but the D&RGW says “No!”

From the August 7, 1970 edition of the Silverton Standard & the Miner: COUNTY CLERK QUILTS. Sylvia L. Gaylord, county clerk of San Juan County for the past 23 years, submitted her resignation to the San Juan County Commissioners at their August meeting Wednesday evening. The San Juan Bar and Melodrama Theatre in Silverton has been sold by Dean Josephs to John Ross. Ross has announced that the bar will remain open all winter this year, to be managed by Pat Hooks with the assistance of Scotty Jackson.

Looking Back!

August 5, 2005 Anyone reading the Durango Herald last weekend must think Silverton is exploding with growth. An article in the July 30 edition entitled “Silverton turns the corner” predicted, “The next decade could see the town’s year-round population of approximately 600 double or triple, while building booms and the winter economy grows.” August 3, 2000 During the week of July 23 through July 30, John Wright live-trapped over 50 chipmunks raiding Samantha’s garden. John released them all at an undisclosed location in town. Somebody

said it might have been in the motor of a local classic pickup truck. Silverton’s First Congregational Church is restoring its historically significant building, one immortalized in a 1952 Ansel Adams photograph. August 3, 1995 Larry Raab recently defied the odds of natural selection during a trip into the Weminuche Wilderness. One afternoon, a mountain goat was perturbed to find Larry in the area. A confrontation ensued, with the goat backing Larry up a slope and ultimately leaping over his head. Suddenly, a coyote appeared and distracted the goat, giving Larry a chance to escape.

August 9, 1990 Two independent candidates will be running for county commissioner. One is Gerald (Jerry) Sandell, who will be trying to retain the seat he now holds. The other is Ernie Kuhlman, former county commissioner for eight years. Kuhlman lost his seat to Sandell by two points in the general election four years ago. Kuhlman and Sandell will be facing Republican candidate Mark Zempel. Zempel is managing partner of Cascade Village. ...The filing of Judy Zimmerman as an independent candidate for county assessor makes that race three-way also. Zimmerman, in her seventh year as Silverton’s public

librarian, will face incumbent Vincent Tookey (Republican) and Dorothy Zanoni, the Democratic candidate. Ameralis Lovato filed a petition as an independent candidate for county treasurer. Lovato, a bookkeeper and former Silverton town treasurer, will compete against Beverly Rich in November. August 8, 1975 The troubles with the Silverton television booster may be over. Sunday, Ernie Kuhlman, Bill Rhoades and Scotty Jackson spent 11 hours working on the system, while Fred Wolfe and Harmon Wilson both spent several hours working on the components related to the repeater.