

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

## Giving back to Cannonville

### From Machele, Admin....

Be sure and get your 2025 Business Licenses as soon as possible.

Office hours 9:30-12:30 Mondays

### From John, Roads....

We're making plans for the County to help smooth out some of our potholes in May

### From Clyde, IT/Treasurer....

Our town recently passed the State's Cyber Security Audit with flying colors. Nicely done, Mr. Heath.

### From Melanie, Parks....

The restrooms and kitchen will undergo some needed work this spring.



### From Stewart, Fire....

We're looking to celebrate Earth Day (4/22) with another firehouse/town clean-up Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### From the Mayor....



#### HAPPY EASTERING

The Promise Rock town hall Meeting was held on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>. The developers presented their conceptual ideas about land usage, buildings, and Promise Rock itself. Many folks expressed concerns for and against. There is a good summary of the events in the 3/27/2025 Insider "**Residents of Cannonville Push Back on Promised Rock Development,**" issue number #1608.

Other SITLA questions about their management practices from the meeting have not been answered, to the best of my knowledge. The petitions, survey results, and other sentiments against the proposal are still be summarized. The immediate legislation surrounding SITLA was pushed to the next session, which is disappointing. I received the attached letter from one of the attendees. **Other letters welcome.** [mayor@cannonville.gov](mailto:mayor@cannonville.gov).

The Town received a County Tourism grant for "Holiday Tourism." The money is being made available to all towns in Garfield County. Thanks again to our team for making our holiday tree lighting such a success. The Cannonville Party, I'm told, was the motivation for the County Holiday grants.

Cannonville irrigation water will be activated April 6<sup>th</sup> if all goes well. Watch for leaks and needed repairs.

Contact Michele Nelson to reserve the park for your summer reunions.

Town Council will be April 16<sup>th</sup> this month at 7pm.

### From Alma & Klint, Water....

The secondary water source has been approved and certified allowing the tanks to fill from the Cannonville Spring if necessary. It's a completely solarized system. Nicely done.

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MAYOR BILL SCOFFIELD  
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Dear Mayor Scoffield,

In my mind I ask, "what happened as a result of the PROMISE ROCK Meeting last Saturday?" And, where lies the future of our beautiful Rock?

I, like the rest of us, admire the Pastoral Beauty of that majestic rock and do not want to see that " Perfect Picture of the West" defaced by development of any kind. However, the lot has already been cast for the destruction of our tranquil Heritage by the making of our once private Rt 12 into a Scenic National Bi-Way, and having our County inviting people nationally, and internationally to come and view our natural beauty But, We are the custodians of our natural beauty that God has created for all men to see, and we must share His beauties.

As I mentioned at the meeting, the people who own the property, SITLA, have the right to sell any property they own. If they do not sell it to ELASTIC ARCHITECTURE, they will just advertise the property again and sell it to the next development company. The problem is the next development company may not care what the people of Cannonville think, and soon Promise Rock will be covered by rental units like the rock we used to see going into St George on the right. A rock that is now hidden forever by destructive development. With my 60 years' experience in architecture, I am very familiar with the developers who immediately pack the highest part of the hill with rental units, because those are the ones that get the most money, that would ruin Promise Rock forever. ELASTIC'S proposal does not plan on putting any development on the Rock what-so-ever. They will just leave it "as is". The rental units will be across the creek next to the hill.

In ELASTIC'S presentation, the only buildings next to the rock will be a stable for horses, and a Heritage Museum with studios for Art & Crafts, and a place to eat that services the visitors to the rock. The land will be kept as Horse Pasture. The Horse Stable can be moved Eastward if we want it to be.

I think these people have come up with a good use for the land. They are sensitive to our wishes and will work with us in any way they can. I am afraid that if the land is sold to another entity, they will destroy the Rock and the land.

The only other thing I can see that will secure the Rock from development is this.....The day after the meeting I was talking to a Cannonville Native who mentioned a long and wonderful story how the Native Americans, during the time of her Grandfather, that were friendly with the white man, wished to be buried in the ground like the white man. And they were buried at the foot of Promise Rock. Mabe you could talk to the people at Elastic Architecture and see if they would be willing to put Promise Rock into a heritage Foundation, along with 100 foot of land at the base of rock. That way the Rock will be safe throughout History. The Resort would be made the Custodian of the rock [ trash. Etc ]. Also, their clientele is of the fabric that is advantageous to the town. At \$ 4,000.00 to \$ 5,000.00 per night in a villa, we would get the more sophisticated and best behaved of all.

I would hate to see Elastic Architecture be passed over. I dread seeing who the next advertisement will attract. I guarantee the next one will not have the same concept to save the Rock.

Sincerely,

Tony Devroude,

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