



## **Happy Jack Chalk Mine Association**

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### **Introducing Our Podcast**

HJCMA is excited to bring our story to life through two weekly podcasts available on our website:

- **“Peak View”**- Covering current events and project updates
- **“Chalk Talk”**-Exploring regional history from the 1800’s to current today

### **Building Our Team**

- **General Manager:** Brian Shafer
- **Accounting Administrator:** Kathy Sorensen

Additionally, our **Season tour guide applications** is now live on our website, helping us build a strong team for the 2026 season.

### **Grant-Funded Planning in Process**

We are nearing completion of the **Hart Family Foundation Grant**, Focused on planning and development:

- **Landscaping plan Consultant:** Carl Buller
- **Historian:** Garry Wells

This phase will be completed by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** and lays the ground work for future improvements and preservation efforts.

### **Looking ahead**

From fundraising success to infrastructure improvements and digital expansion, this off- season has been one of progress and momentum.

We extend our sincere thanks to every volunteer, donor, and supporter who continues to believe in this project.

We look forward to welcoming you back for an exciting new season at Happy Jack Peak & Chalk Mine.

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### **Ghost Story Tours- A haunting Success**

This past fall, HJCMA hosted our first-ever **Ghost Story Tours**, and the results exceeded all expectations.

Local supporters generously volunteered their time and talents, with special thanks to the young ladies who led the storytelling efforts. Supported by our committee members and board, the event was both engaging and memorable.

### **Outcome:**

- **Over \$6,000 raised**
- **100% of proceeds reinvested into the project**

This event showcased the power of community involvement and creativity-thank you to everyone who made this possible.

### **FEMA Security Grant Completed**

HJCMA successfully completed the **NE-NSGP Security Grant**, enhancing the safety and protection of the site.

This project was led by **DTS (Doug's Telecommunications Service)**, whose expertise ensured the professional and efficient installation of our new security system.

### **Expanding our Digital Presence**

Our Media team and Webmaster have taken major steps forward in connecting with the public:

- **Launch of our official website**
- **Active engagement on Instagram and Facebook**
- **A centralized platform for Events, updates, and project information**

These tools allow us to better share our story and keep visitors informed year-around

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