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Heard on the Historical Trail



Congratulations to WSHS members **Wendy and William Owen**, of Cheyenne, for receiving the prestigious Dubois Award for their significant preservation efforts on residential properties. The award was presented by the Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board.

We know there are many of you who have been members in the Society for many years. Some of you have long ties to the state, and perhaps you have some family history to share. If you would like to share your stories for possible publication please do so. Also, remember that **Annals** can publish longer articles and would be pleased to consider your work. We appreciate all of you.

At the Third Thursday event in Sheridan you can find members of the **Sheridan County Historical Society** hosting a booth and sharing information about the chapter. What does your chapter do? Let us know.

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The 2017 Trek is History....

More than 86 people from Wyoming, Colorado and Tennessee, enjoyed the Society's annual Trek hosted by the **Natrona County Historical Society**. Headquarters for the event was the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum.

The exhibits at the museum, including a new exhibit about WWI, are all extremely well done in honor of Wyoming's military servicemen and women. Driving tours of the Casper Army Airbase in WWII were very well received and the information shared was news to most attendees. One of the first programs enjoyed was a presentation by WSHS member **Johanna Wickman** titled "Hollywood in Casper." Saturday found us loading buses for a trip to Midwest and Edgerton to tour the Salt

"trekked" quite a few miles out to the Banner Ranch Company (a Centennial Ranch and home of Governor B.B. Brooks and the McCleary family). Music was provided by the Merchant Family band.

On Sunday we enjoyed a tour of the Fort Caspar Museum, and some went to Hell's Half Acre, a geological phenomenon and site of where the movie "Starship Troopers" was filmed. **John Goss** talked about the archaeology his firm uncovered in the area. Others went to the Tom Sun Ranch to enjoy a tour of the Martin's Cove Mormon Handcart Historic Site, while others opted for a trip to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center.

The Treks are popular because where else can you get off the beaten path and go behind the scenes — no where!



Creek Oil Field Museum. Later in the afternoon **Lisa Thalken's** talked about Casper's historic Sand Bar district and the Prohibition Era. That evening we

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From the President...

Welcome to summer! Our busy summer was off to a great start with our annual Trek hosted by the Natrona County Historical Society. The programs (and food) were wonderful. Having an old-fashioned cook-out at the historic ranch owned by family of Governor B. B. Brooks was very enjoyable. I especially liked hiking down into Hell's Half Acre, and those who trekked to the Tom Sun Ranch (a component of Martin's Cove Mormon Handcart Historic site) had an equally enjoyable time. Special thanks to **Doug Cubbison, John Goss, Becky Steensland, Kem Nicolaysen, Johanna Wickman, Con Trumball, Robin Broumley, Lisa Thalken** and so many others who made this such a wonderful event.

As we gathered Friday morning many of us had just learned of the death of WSHS member **Mark A. Greene**, former director of the American Heritage Center, and our partner in many Society programs. Mark died in a one-car accident on Interstate 80 on June 21st.

Our former president, and retired Associate Director of the AHC, **Rick Ewig**, fondly remembered Mark. "I have wonderful memories of Mark, and I feel lucky and privileged to have worked side-by-side with him for thirteen years at the AHC." Both Rick, and current AHC Director, **Bridget Burke**, agreed that not

only was Mark a distinguished leader in the archival world, but that he transformed the American Heritage Center into a collection of national significance, and made the AHC a highly regarded beacon of best practices and innovation.

"Many on campus counted Mark as a friend, and those of us who do archival work now practice in a field that was transformed by his contributions," said Bridget. "He mentored many, and our success is part of his legacy, just as his own achievements counted on a robust and innately curious community of practice for inspiration. Persisting in that curiosity and believing in the community is how we honor him."

She added, "Mark's impact extended far beyond the American Heritage Center, and his passing will be deeply felt by many. A memorial service is planned for a future date. Mark wrote beautifully, with humor and passion; his words on archival values are still provocative. You can read his presidential address to the Society of American Archivists on the power of archives at www.archivists.org/governance/presidential/GreeneAddressAug08.pdf."

Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to Mark's wife, **Kathy Marquis**, and to all of his colleagues.

Tamsen

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WSHS/Platte County Historical Society member, **Henry Poling**, was featured in an article by Ray Hunkins in a recent issue of Range Magazine. In 1993 Henry became a paraplegic due to a ranch accident. "The last 23 years of Henry's life have been a profile in unyielding courage in the face of hardship," wrote Ray. "The good people of Platte county know Henry and they are right when they say he has true grit." Henry is an active rancher, active in the community, and makes great pies. Congratulations, Henry.

WSHS/Natrona County Historical Society member, **Tom Rea**, and project director of WyoHistory.Org reports that we've begun working with the Wind River Native Advocacy Center in Fort Washakie. The purpose will be to develop high-quality historical content and lesson plans about the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone people. Tom said, "This project will help the schools meet mandates in the Legislature's new Indian Education for All bill which directs the State Department of Education to revise its social studies standards so schools teach more about the history and culture of tribes of the region. The Society is able to continue this work (thanks to Tom) with financial support from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund, the Ellbogen Foundation, the Arapaho Business Council, and from two of the three reservation school districts. Stay tuned!

Communities and museums around Wyoming are currently presenting new exhibits on Wyoming in the Great War (known today as WWI). Don't miss the exhibit currently on view at the Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum in Casper. There are

others, including a window display in downtown Wheatland which was prepared by **Judy Wilson, Elvira Call and Patsy Parkins**, members of the WSHS/Platte County Historical Society. The Sheridan County Historical Museum, and Trails End in Sheridan also have exhibits on WWI which are focused on two Sheridan County veterans—George Ostrom and Paul Kendall. In addition, the Casper Museum Consortium Foundation is working on a traveling Doughboy Footlocker exhibit. The University of Wyoming also has a series of lectures planned. You can learn more by reading articles on the Society's WyoHistory.org website. If you have an exhibit you would like us to share please let Society headquarters know.

Please "like" the Facebook page for the Laramie Plains Museum. They'll be developing and sharing information about activities for Laramie's 100th anniversary coming up in 2018.

Lots coming up this Fall. Plan now to attend the Society's annual meeting in Cody the weekend of September 8th. There will be tours, the Awards ceremony and much more. In the meantime you might make your reservations **NOW!**

The weekend of September 15th the Jim Gatchell Museum in Buffalo is hosting an event to interpret the story of the Johnson County Cattle Wars. Most of the activities will take place at the historic TA Ranch where invaders faced off against the townspeople for days before the Cavalry arrived. A panel of speakers including Bill O'Neal, Tim Slessor, Bill Markley, and WSHS members **John Davis, Pete Simpson, Alan Simpson** and others will participate. For details call 684-9331.



THE EXCHANGE

CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORTS are due no later than August 15th. For details if necessary call or e-mail Society headquarters. It is important that EACH chapter provide a report.

CHAPTER OFFICERS: If your officers have changed please make sure Society headquarters has the information.

WYOMING: A PICTORIAL HISTORY: Chapters are invited to purchase this book to be used for raffles, membership drives, etc. Special rates apply. Contact Society headquarters for details.

REGISTER NOW: The Society's 64th Annual Meeting will be in Cody the weekend of September 8th. Registration forms are enclosed in this issue of *Wyoming History News*. Lodging opportunities are listed on page 5. It would be smart to make reservations immediately. **The Park County Historical Society** has wonderful activities and tours planned plus the winners of the Society's prestigious awards will be announced. This is your chance (members and non-members) to enjoy wild horse tours, a ride in the Yellowstone Bus, a trip to the Pitchfork Ranch, and visits to local attractions (and much more).

**Registration Deadline
is August 25th.**

Wyoming History Calendar

July 7-8-Laramie and Ames Monument. National Historic Landmark Dedication. Call 777-6311 or 766-5366 for details.

July 12-13-Casper. Summer Camp for future historians. Call 472-1847 for details. Pre-registration required.

July 15-16-Douglas. Fort Fetterman Sesquicentennial. Call 797-2493 for details. Or go to Facebook and search Friends of Fort Fetterman.

July 22-Goshen County. Dedication of the Hell Gap National Historic Landmark. E-mail jkwolf@uwyo.edu for details.

July 22-Laramie. Albany County Ranch Tour. Call 760-5590 to register in advance.

July 28-29-Powell. Annual Heart Mountain Pilgrimage. Register online at shopheartmountain.org/pilgrimage. If you're interested in being a sponsor of this event e-mail smihara12345@gmail.com.

July 29-Casper. Pioneer Trails Picnic, Fort Caspar.

July 31 - Voting *ENDS* for Top Ten Artifacts. Vote *NOW* and as many times as you wish!

August 2-Fort Phil Kearny. Wagon Box Fight

anniversary. Call 684-7629 for details.

August 8—Cheyenne. The big Birthday Bash! 150 years and going strong. Call 421-3788 for details.

August 15 - Deadline for chapters to send in annual activities reports.

August 19-Kaycee. Johnson County War Tour. Call 738-2381 for details.

August 21-Total Solar Eclipse. Glendo, Wheatland, Douglas, Jackson and Casper are planning huge celebrations. Watch your local calendars.

September 8-9-Cody. WSHS Annual Meeting hosted by the Park County Historical Society.

September 15/16-Buffalo. 125th Anniversary of the Johnson County Cattle Wars. For details contact the Jim Gatchell Museum, 684-9331.

Note: Area Code for all Wyoming phone numbers listed throughout the newsletter is 307

Wyoming History News welcomes information about events of interest to the general membership and others. Information should be sent at least a month in advance and should reach the WHN editor by the 15th. Send items to Editor, Wyoming History News, P. O. Box 247, Wheatland, WY 82201.

VOTE NOW FOR YOUR FAVORITE 2017 ARTIFACT

The Society, in partnership with the University of Wyoming Libraries, invites everyone, young and old, to participate in selecting "Wyoming's top Ten Most Significant Artifacts" for 2017. Submissions received from libraries, museums, historical societies and other institutions, were reviewed by a panel of independent judges to determine the top fifteen. The public is now invited to vote on the final top ten. **Voting ends on July 31st.**

Society president, Tamsen Hert, noted that the program was created in 2015 to celebrate the state's 125th anniversary. "I think our judges narrowed the field of submissions in such a way that it gives the public an opportunity to choose the top ten." Tamsen added that the program draws attention to the many fine institutions around the state that work diligently to preserve Wyoming's heritage. "In these days of budget cuts it is critical to continue to focus on our state's history."

You can begin your voting *NOW*. Winners will be announced in September at the Society's annual meeting. All ages are encouraged to vote as many times as you wish. Votes must be submitted electronically by going to the Society's website and clicking on the link "What's New," and then following the tab for 2017 voting. The link to the images AND the ballot is:

http://www-lib.uwyo.edu/wyoming/top_ten_historical_artifacts/T10SelectionTmb.cfm?yr=2017

Vote Now, Vote Often!!

Hotels and Motels for the Annual Meeting—Book Now

The Park County Historical Society is hosting the Society's 64th Annual Meeting the weekend of September 8th. Below is a list of accommodations—*It is critical that you book early.* There are other options too, such as B&Bs. For those contact the Cody Chamber at 587-2777. ***Please note: Wyoming has only ONE area code — 307.***

Host Hotels:

* Skyline Motel/Roadway, 1919 17th Street, 587-4201. This hotel is managed by the Wilder family, long-time Society members. Block of Rooms includes one queen bed for \$117.72, or two queen beds for \$128.18.

* Cody Motor Lodge, 1455 Sheridan Ave., 527-6291. Located downtown. No block available but call early and mention the WSHS and the rate will be \$80 plus tax for two people.

Others:

- * Irma Hotel, 1192 Sheridan Avenue, 587-4221. Buffalo Bill's hotel built in 1902.
- * Chamberlin Inn, 1032 12th Street, 587-0202.
- * The Cody Legacy Inn, 1801 Mountain View Rd., 587-6067
- * Best Western Sunset Motor Inn, 1601 8th Street, 587-4265
- * Kings Inn, 524 Yellowstone Hwy., 527-6604

Campgrounds:

- * Ponderosa Campground, 1815 8th Street, 587-9203
- * KOA Campground, 5561 Hwy 14-16-20, 587-2369
- * Absaroka Bay RV, 2001 14-16-20, 1-800-557-7440

Events begin on Friday, September 8th with registration from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details will be e-mailed to you upon receipt of registration. However, board meetings begin early Friday morning which will require arrival Thursday evening, September 7th.



Isn't it fortuitous that the cover of the 2018 Calendar of Wyoming History is that of early Cody, Wyoming! Get your calendars now — the images inside represent all areas of the state. Vendors and individuals can contact society headquarters for ordering. Email linda@wyshs.org.

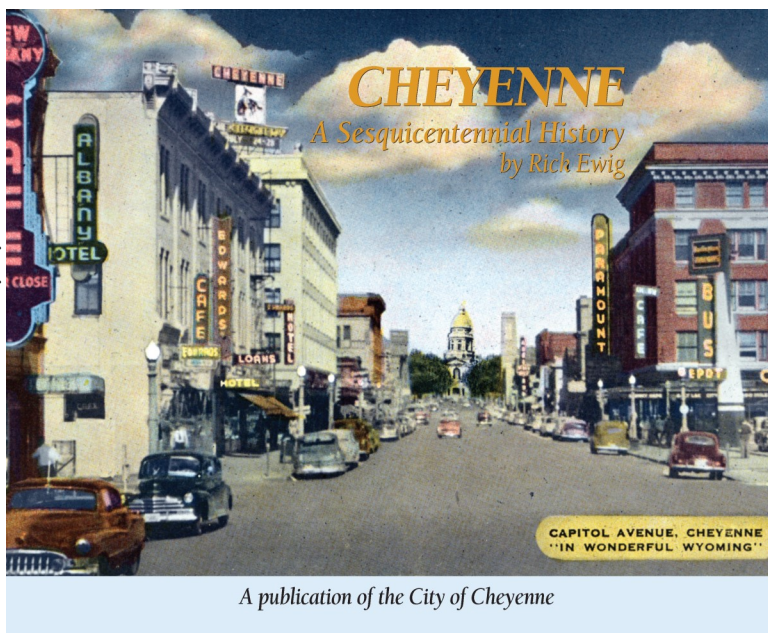
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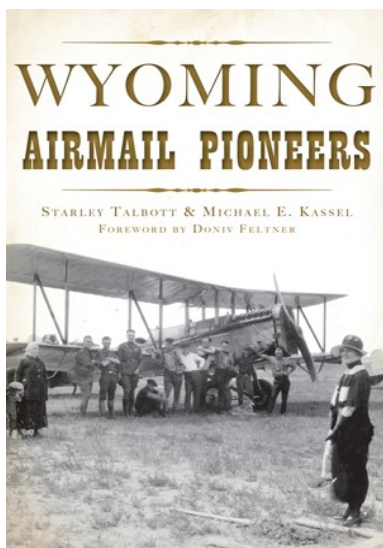
On the book shelf...

Cheyenne: A Sesquicentennial History celebrates the 150th anniversary of Wyoming's capitol city. This coffee-table book was written by WSHS member (and past president) **Rick Ewig**. Published by Historical Publishing Network on behalf of the City of Cheyenne, the book is a pictorial history of the Magic City of the Plains, with histories of the local companies and organizations that have made it great. To find out about signings, and where to purchase the book email Mona Pearl at wyopearl@outlook.com.

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The story of the United States Transcontinental Air Mail Service, the first of its kind in the world, is one of romanticism and danger. Though the U.S. Air Mail Service began on the East Coast, some of the frontier tales of the route through the Rocky Mountains were lost. The western leg of the airmail service from Chicago to San Francisco included the Mountain Division, headquartered in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The route through Wyoming, considered the most treacherous, provided harrowing tales of the pilots who risked their lives. *Wyoming Airmail Pioneers* is published by The History Press. Authors (and WSHS members) **Starley Talbott** and **Michael Kassel** celebrate these folk heroes, aviation legends and icons of western history. The authors plan to host several book signings throughout the region. For dates contact Starley at starwyo@yahoo.com.

Great American Eclipse

Have you heard that the Eclipse is coming to Wyoming on August 21st! It's going to be an exciting, yet intimidating event, especially considering the information floating around that our population could double. Communities in the path of the Eclipse are planning celebrations around this historic event. There are numerous websites out there to find out more information, here are just a few:

- Wheatland www.plattechamber.com
- Glendo www.glendoeclipse.com
- Casper www.eclipsecasper.com
- Douglas www.conversecountytourism.com/event/total-solar-eclipse/
- Jackson www.jacksonholewy.com

- State Parks www.wyoparks.state.wy.us/solar-eclipse
- General www.greatamericaneclipse.com/best-places-to-view/

Wherever you find yourself please stay safe and don't forget to wear your Eclipse glasses. It is our understanding the scientists, astronomers, photographers, and tourists. It is said that a "wave of Eclipse tourism will sweep across small town America!" The upcoming total eclipse is slated to be a US-exclusive – the first since 1776. Only those within the path of totality, which spans from Oregon to South Carolina, will be able to witness the full effect.



Welcome New Members and Thank You Donors

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Tommy Fleeman, Acworth, GA
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In Memory....

Our sincere condolences to the family of **Richard Hlousek**, a member of the WSHS/ Sheridan County Historical Society, who died on May 25th. RP worked for Burlington Northern Santa Fe RR for forty-two years ending his career as Chief Clerk. His friends remember him as quick-witted, and one who enjoyed a good joke, especially after enjoying friends and family where something that might happen would turn into a great story to tell later. RP was a very active member of the Sheridan Community. He and his son, Mike, were co-owners of Catering by RP. RP is survived by his wife, Jeri, their children and grandchildren.

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In Memory... WSHS member **Mark A. Greene**, retired director of the American Heritage



Center, died on Wednesday, June 21st. Mark served as director of the AHC from 2002 to 2015, and led the faculty and staff in all areas. Because of his leadership the Society of American Archivists (in 2010) awarded the AHC the Distinguished Service Award, the highest award and archival institution can receive from the SAA. Mark was also a Distinguished Fellow of SAA and served as its president from 2007 to 2008. After this retirement, SAA presented Mark the council's Exemplary Service Award in 2015.

After receiving a master's degree in history, Mark's first professional position as the lone archivist at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. He then went on to the Minnesota Historical Society where he worked as the Curator of Manuscripts Acquisition. Before coming to the AHC, mark was the Head of the Research Center program at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan. Mark was noted for the more than two dozen peer-reviewed articles and chapters about the archival profession. He was published in archival journals in various countries and also spoke about important archival issues at international conferences. He is probably best known for co-authoring with Dennis Meissner the article "More Product, Less Process."

The SAA set up an online page for friends, colleagues and admirers of Mark to comment about the different he made in the profession and in people's lives. Reading the comments is a true testament to the impact he had. You can add your comments by going to the SAA website and following the link. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mark's wife Kathy Marquis. A memorial service is being planned at a later date.

(Special thanks to Rick Ewig for this article)