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## Heard on the Historical Trail



River Gayton, the Wyoming History Day recipient of the Society's Clara Jensen Award, writes that he's become very passionate about the history of the "Black 14." In fact, he has started a movement to create a better monument on the campus. He invites you to sign his petition at [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) and search "Black 14 Wyoming," to help his cause.

The **Sheridan County Historical Society & Museum** has hired WSHS/SCHS member **Ariel Downing**, as the manager of the mercantile. Ariel is a retired educator, and a native Wyomingite.

WSHS member, the **Hoofprints of the Past Museum** in Kaycee will host their annual Hole in the Wall tour on June 10th, and the Johnson county War Tour on August 19th. Call 738-2381.

On June 24th WSHS member, **Jim Gatchell Museum** will host a Living History Day. Call 684-9331 for details.

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## 2018 Calendar of Wyoming History

Once again calendar editor **Rick Ewig**, and graphics designer, **Vicki Schuster**, have created a beautiful calendar full of charming tidbits and beautiful historical photographs. The calendar should be ready for delivery during the Trek, but orders are being taken now for both vendors and individuals.

Rick's introduction to this year's edition contains images from both the Wyoming State Archives in Cheyenne, and the American Heritage Center in Laramie. Each image illustrates various aspects of life in Wyoming through the years. Included are scenes of a typical Wyoming coal mine, a not totally unexpected April snowstorm, and the Virginian Hotel Bar in Medicine Bow, plus many more.

Rick said, "The year 2018 is especially significant because it is the hundredth anniversary of the ending of what was then called The Great War. This calendar contains a number of daily entries directly related to World War I."

According to T.A. Larson's History of Wyoming, there were approximately twelve thousand Wyomingites in military service, about six percent of the population, somewhat above the national average. Many communities held events to send off their young men to join the military. Cities arranged "street demonstrations, band concerts, fireworks, suppers, dances and farewell gifts. "The Great War" ended on November 11, 1918. To order calendars contact Society headquarters at [linda@wshs.org](mailto:linda@wshs.org).

The "Third National Army Contingent from Carbon County" during May 1918.

This and many more historical images relating to World War I can be found in the new calendar. *Photo courtesy American Heritage Center.*



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## From the President...



Summer always brings a whirlwind of activity. In short order we will be gathering for our annual Trek in Casper. This looks to be a great weekend

filled with opportunities to visit some of our historical treasures and learn about some of our lesser known history. I always look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new and potential members. Don't forget to get your registration form in by June 17!

Fast on the heels of the Trek is the dedication of the Ames Monument as a National Historic Landmark. The information packet and registration form for the event are now online at <http://wyoshpo.state.wy.us/>. This is a two-day event beginning Friday, July 7 at the Laramie Historic Railroad Depot. The day will be filled with presentations by such renowned scholars as James Ehernberger, Ethan Carr, Maury Klein and Mark Wright. Anna Lee Ames Frohlich, Ames descendant, will share her special insights with us. That evening we will conclude with a social hour and dinner at Depot Park. On Saturday, July 8, festivities move to the Ames Monument State Historic Site. Bobbie Barrasso will serve as Master of Ceremonies. A number of special guests, including Governor Matt Mead, and our Congressional Delegation, Senators Mike Enzi and John Barrasso and Representative Liz Cheney will be in attendance. But

you can read all about the plans on the aforementioned link! Participation is limited, so make sure you get registered for all or part of the weekend's schedule.

Two weeks later is the National Historic Landmark Dedication for the Hell Gap Paleolithic Site. As I mentioned before, it is so important to see the results of so much work come to fruition with both of these nationally recognized landmarks. Congratulations to the SHPO staff for seeing these nominations through to the end.

Later this summer you will be receiving this year's election ballot. This will be the first year we are electing an at-large board member who will be representing our members outside Wyoming's boundaries. I want to thank those individuals willing to step up and run for this position. It is important to expand our membership and bring new ideas and insights into our management. This is especially true in light of chapters not having sufficient volunteer support to continue to operate. At a time when our budgets are being reduced and the value of our cultural heritage institutions questioned or worse, closed, we need to demonstrate our support through our actions. So thank you to all who have devoted hours of your time to support our chapters, our society, and our programs.

With that, just a quick reminder to VOTE for your favorite ten artifacts!

Looking forward to a fun Trek. See you there!

*Tamsen*

(Heard on the Trail continued from page 1)

Several historical organizations in Casper have joined together to host a Pioneer Trails Picnic on July 29th on the grounds of historic Fort Caspar. The event begins at 2:00 p.m., bring a potluck side dish, chairs, blankets and feel free to dress in pioneer garb.

The Albany County Cattle Women ranch tour is scheduled for July 22nd. Participants will visit ranches in the upper Big Laramie Valley area south of Woods Landing. Pre-registration is required by calling 760-5590 by July 15th.

Members of the **Hot Springs county Historical Society** recently enjoyed a presentation by WSHS member **Ray Shaffer** that focused on the routes, reasons and characters who forged a system of communication and travel throughout the area.

Congratulations to WSHS member **James Ehernberger** whose articles about Wyoming's railroad history are being published in the *Wyoming Tribune Eagle*.

WSHS/Natrona County Historical Society member, **Jamie Wait**, was recently named Wyoming Small Business Person of the Year! In May she hosted a chapter program based on her specialization in restoration and preservation of damaged items.

Members of the **Platte County Historical Society** joined forces with the Laramie Peak Museum to create a World War I exhibit in the windows of a business in downtown Wheatland. The exhibit features photographs and artifacts, and will be up for several weeks.

Members of the **Park County Historical Society** recently enjoyed a presentation by **Brian Beauvais**, Park County Archivist, titled "Discovering Local History at the Park county Archives."

Special thanks to all the chapters and WSHS members who nominated someone for an award. The awards committee is working tirelessly on the nominations. Winners will be announced in August, and recognized at the Society's annual meeting to be

held this year in Cody the weekend of September 8th.

The current issue of *Annals of Wyoming* has proven to be quite popular and in high demand, thanks to the article about Tom Horn by WSHS members **John Davis and Larry Ball**. The article featured the original shorthand notes taken by Charles Ohnhaus of Tom Horn's confession. The notes were found at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West! Extra copies can be purchased by emailing Society headquarters at [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org).

Quite often the Society is asked to donate books for a variety of silent auctions. We thank WSHS member **Gap Pucci** who recently donated a couple of his latest books, *We Do The Damndest Things*, to be used as necessary.



Do you have information about this old furnace? Dennis Ridnour of LaVista, Nebraska came upon it last fall during his annual Elk hunting expedition. It's in the Medicine Bow National Forest near the junction of Routes 129 and 130. He marked his GPS for hunting purposes. The coordinates are N 41 33.765/W 106.15.699. He would love to know more about its history. Email him at [ridnourdeerhnr@aol.com](mailto:ridnourdeerhnr@aol.com) if you can share details. Make sure you copy [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org).



## THE EXCHANGE

**FLYING COWBOY:** WSHS member, author and historian **James Fuller** is looking for information on the "Wheatland Flying Cowboy." He'll use the information in his book about the Blizzard of '49. E-mail him at [discoveringshistoryheritage@gmail.com](mailto:discoveringshistoryheritage@gmail.com).

**ANNALS OF WYOMING:** The Society has numerous copies of back issues if you are interested. They are \$6.00 each plus postage. To order send an e-mail to [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org). Several volumes/issues are available for the following years:

- 1921 to 1968
- 1992 to 2006
- 2008 to current.

This is a perfect opportunity for libraries and individuals to round out their collections.

**CHAPTERS:** Easy fundraiser...*Wyoming: A Pictorial History and Schwiering Prints*. Contact Society headquarters for details at [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org).

**ANNUAL TREK:** If you've misplaced your registration form contact Society headquarters at [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org) and another one will be provided.

**CENTENNIAL RANCHES:** If you have, or know of someone whose ranch is a 100 years old or older and still operating in the same family, please contact Erica Duvic at 777-3418. The deadline is July 17th.

## Wyoming History Calendar

**June 10-Kaycee.** Hole in the Wall Tour. Call 738-2381 for details.

**June 23-25-Casper.** Natrona County Historical Society will host the annual Trek.

**June 24-Buffalo.** Living History Days. Call 684-9331 for information.

**July 4-Cheyenne.** Kickoff for 150 years of Cheyenne's history. Email wyopearl@gmail.com.

**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 22-Goshen County.** Dedication of the Hell Gap National Historic Landmark. A lunch will follow the ribbon cutting and dedication. 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](http://shopheartmountain.org/pilgrimage). If you're interested in being a sponsor

of this event e-mail [smihara12345@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.

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

### BOOK NOW FOR THE TREK

Ramkota Hotel—\$84.99—307-266-6000

Courtyard Marriott—\$83.00 307-473-2600

For more contact the Casper Chamber of Commerce at 234-5311

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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www-lib.uwyo.edu/wyoming/top_ten_historical_artifacts/T10SelectionTmb.cfm?yr=2017)

***Vote Now, Vote Often!!***

***GOOD NEWS.....this ends a three-year long odyssey***



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March 17, 2017

The Honorable John Barrasso  
United States Senator  
2120 Capitol Avenue, Suite 2013  
Cheyenne, WY 82009

Attention: Jamie Gronski

Dear Senator Barrasso:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your inquiry dated January 16, 2017, on behalf of your constituent, Ms. Linda Fabian. Ms. Fabian wrote in her capacity as executive secretary of Wyoming Historical Society.

Wyoming Historical Society recently reacquired tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and received a new group exemption number. Ms. Fabian asked for your help because the Society's affiliated chapters continue to receive notices saying they are no longer tax-exempt.

I apologize for the inconvenience the Society and its chapters experienced and appreciate that you brought this to our attention. I am pleased to tell you that we are updating our records, in our next scheduled update, to associate the chapters with the Society's new group exemption number. The subordinate organizations should no longer receive these notices.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have questions, please contact me at 202-317-8989.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Barrasso".

## ***This and That....***

### **Wyoming History Day**

Congratulations to all Wyoming History Day students progressing on to Nationals! Held at the University of Maryland campus, the students get an opportunity to meet other students from across the United States as they present their projects to a panel of distinguished judges. State History Day coordinator, Jessica Flock, said that judging is the capstone of the History Day program. "Judges are responsible for assessing student entries based on the quality of the historical research, the relationship to the theme "Taking a Stand in History," organization and clarity of the presentation, and compliance with the rules of the competition. While there the students also enjoy visiting historical sites and museums throughout the District of Columbia, and also get a chance to visit with Wyoming's congressional delegation. Good luck!

### **Great American Eclipse**

Have you heard that the Eclipse is coming to Wyoming! 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, here are just a few:

- Wheatland [www.plattechamber.com](http://www.plattechamber.com)
- Glendo [www.glendoeclipse.com](http://www.glendoeclipse.com)
- Casper [www.eclipsecasper.com](http://www.eclipsecasper.com)
- Douglas [www.conversecountytourism.com/event/total-solar-eclipse/](http://www.conversecountytourism.com/event/total-solar-eclipse/)
- Jackson [www.jacksonholewy.com](http://www.jacksonholewy.com)
- State Parks [www.wyoparks.state.wy.us/solareclipse](http://www.wyoparks.state.wy.us/solareclipse)
- General [www.greatamericaneclipse.com/best-places-to-view/](http://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/best-places-to-view/)

### **National Register of Historic Places**

In order for a property to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places it must possess historic significance and integrity. The significance of the property can be related to its association with a historic event or trend, an important person, or for its distinctive design or architecture. Additionally, archaeological sites that have the demonstrated ability to provide significant knowledge about history can be eligible for listing. The property must retain the majority of its historical materials and character. If the

property is eligible for listing then a National Register Nomination Form would have to be completed and approved by the State Review board. The nomination would then be forwarded to the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. for final approval.

It should be noted that listing in the National Register does NOT bring about restrictions on private property owners to alter or use their property. Additionally, listing in the register does NOT prevent a private property owner from demolishing a building.

Special thanks to Brian Beadles, Historic Preservation Specialist with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office for this information. If you would like to explore the possibility that a particular property is eligible for listing please contact Brian directly. He can be reached via e-mail to [brian.beadles@wyo.gov](mailto:brian.beadles@wyo.gov), or by calling 777-8594.

### **Chapter Presidents and Secretaries**

Please remember that the Bylaws require that you submit an annual activities report **no later than August 15th**. These reports are bound and provided to attendees at the annual meeting. Questions? E-mail [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org).

Recognize these youngsters? Rick Ewig, Phil Roberts, Linda Fabian, Dave Kathka. At the 46th Annual Meeting, Buffalo, Wyoming, 1999.



***Welcome New Members and Thank You Donors***

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***In Memory....*** Longtime WSHS member, **Dr. Donald Bothen Hunton**, died in Cheyenne on May 1 at the age of 89. Dr. Hunton was born in Wheatland to Donald Evan and Magda Bothen Hunton. He was valedictorian of his high school class in 1946, and graduated first in the class of 1950 from the University of Wyoming where he majored in zoology with a pre-medical focus. He received his M.D. from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1954, and completed his residency at the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Hunton was influential the medical community, and a creative innovator in the practice and business of medicine. He is survived by his two children, Donald E. Hunton and Janice A. Hunton.

Our condolences also to the family of **WSHS/Park County Historical Society** member, **Martha Kinkade**, who died in Cody in May at the age of 104. Martha was a very active member of her community, and her work as a needlework artist was highly respected. She was one of several artists selected from each county to execute the design of Wyoming wildflowers for the dining room chairs at the Governors' Residence in Cheyenne, a Centennial project. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched during her 104 years on earth. Martha is survived by three children and their families, 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

**Glyda May**, another long-time Wyomingite, and a member of the **WSHS/Platte County Historical Society** died on May 1 in Wheatland. Glyda was an active partner in she and her husband's ranching operation, and was very active in the community. She helped write the Platte County Heritage Book, and was a long-time supporter of the fair. Glyda is survived by several nephews and nieces, plus eleven grand-nephews and nieces.

And, to the family and friends of long-time **WSHS/Laramie County Historical Society** member, **Frances Hardy** who died in January. Frances was a mentor and friend to so many people. She was especially well-known in press circles, and if you knew her, you knew she always had a joke or two to share. Frances was a volunteer at the Wyoming State Museum, a member of Westerners, and Wyoming Press Women.