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Heard on the Historical Trail



Chapters across the state have or will soon elect new officers. Please make sure that Society headquarters has contact information so the directory can be updated.

Members and guests of the **Platte County Historical Society** recently enjoyed a program presented by WSHS/PCHS member **Neil Waring** about the Civilian Conservation Corps work at Guernsey State Park. If you haven't visited GSP in recent years put on your list of things to do. Another opportunity led them to the historic wagons collected by Doug Kafka.

The **Weston County Historical Society** enjoyed a program titled "A Pilot's Story: A Dream Come True," by John and Kathy Gaston.

The history of the Freeland Cemetery near the Bates Hole region west of Casper was presented by Ardelle Martin to members of the **Natrona County Historical Society** recently. On December 8th they'll enjoy their joint Christmas program with members of OCTA.

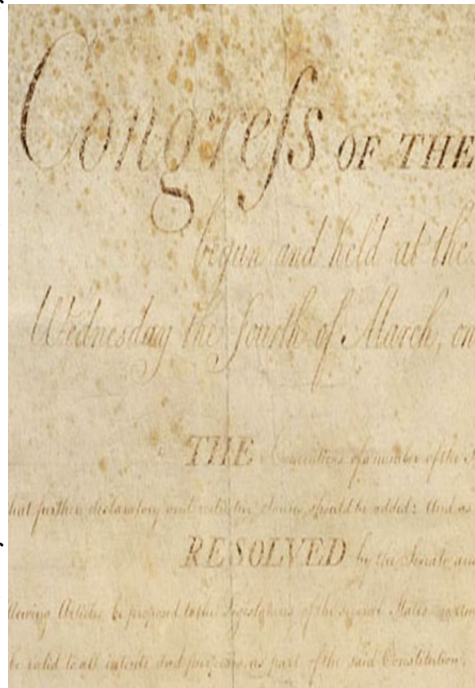
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AMENDING AMERICA Celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights

Wyoming Humanities is delighted to announce that they have arranged for placement of at least one Bill of Rights exhibit from the National Archives to be on display in every county in Wyoming for the 225th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights.

The kiosks will be on display at libraries and museums across the state beginning December 15th through February 28. "The Bill of Rights and You" spotlights one of the most remarkable periods in American history. The exhibit contains simple messages conveying the importance of the Bill of Rights, its history and implementation, and its impact today.

This project is brought to us by the National Archives in collabo-



ration with state Humanities Councils. As the permanent home of the original Bill of Rights, the National Archives launched a groundbreaking national initiative to explore the power of the Bill of Rights and our enduring system of government. Part of the national initiative — in addition to exhibits, educational and programming efforts—The Bill of Rights and You allows for an easy way to present key information about the Bill of Rights and its impact. Through partnerships, the Archives plans to distribute up to 2,000 units across all 50 states.

For more information on the initiative, visit www.archives.gov/amending-america, or contact Sheila Bricher-Wade via e-mail at Sheila@thinkwy.org. Her phone number is 721-9243.

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From the President...



We wanted you to get to know our new State History Day Coordinator a little better. I am pleased to introduce you to **Jessica Flock**,

a member of the Society for several years.

Jessica Flock, a Wyoming educator with a long association with teacher training and humanities programming in the state, has been appointed state coordinator for Wyoming History Day. The program, based at the University of Wyoming's American Heritage Center, is an affiliate of the National History Day program.

Flock has served since 2012 as the Wyoming workshop facilitator for the Teaching with Primary Resources program affiliated with the Library of Congress via the University of Northern Colorado. She has extensive experience as an educator, workshop presenter and business owner, and she has been an active part of the education and heritage communities around the state via presentations with the Wyoming Humanities Council and service with the Laramie Main Street Alliance.

Flock brings a passion and enthusiasm for history, geography and social studies to this new role. "I welcome the opportunity to energize and encourage students and teachers to participate in Wyoming History Day, and to make a positive impact on the lives of students and teachers

throughout the state," she says.

The National History Day program is a yearlong education program that culminates in a national contest every June. Wyoming History Day, administered by the American Heritage Center, occurs every year in April. History Day engages students in grades 6-12 in the process of discovery and interpretation of historical topics. Students produce dramatic performances, imaginative exhibits, multimedia documentaries and research papers based on research related to an annual theme. These projects are then evaluated at local, state and national competitions.

In 2016, over 700 students from schools around the state participated in Wyoming History Day. The program has wide support throughout the state, including Wyoming students and teachers, the American Heritage Center, the Wyoming State Historical Society, the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources, the John P. Ellbogen Foundation and community businesses including Taco John's, which sponsors an award for a student competing in the Wyoming History Day program.

Flock's office is in the American Heritage Center. She may be reached at JFLOCK@uwyo.edu or (307) 766-2300.

Thank you all for the work you've done throughout the past year. On behalf of myself and the Executive Committee we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Tamsen

(Article courtesy of UW Communications Office)

(Heard on the Trail continued from page 1)

WSHS member and author **Bill Sniffin** will be their special guest.

Messenger's Old West Museum in Cheyenne was the focus of the **Laramie County Historical Society's** fall meeting. In November WSHS member and author **Bill Sniffin** will be there guest. For every chapter he visits, Bill returns a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of his books back to the chapter!

WSHS/Albany County Historical Society member **Kim Viner** presented information about M. C. Brown in September, and last month the ACHS members enjoyed a program hosted by the **Cameron Green and RJ Lara** who were among those who traveled to Cambodia to study the country's museums and cultural heritage.

Congratulations to WSHS member **Ann Redman** of Cheyenne for being selected 2016 Woman of Distinction by the Wyoming Women's Council for Women's Issues.

The **Sheridan County Historical Society** recently welcomed Northern Cheyenne Chief Phillip Whiteman, Jr. who presented a program about Northern Cheyenne history and culture.

WSHS members **Cindy Brown and Barbara Bogart** were guests of the **Campbell County Historical Society** where they hosted a presentation titled "Oral History 101." If others are interested in sponsoring such a workshop please contact Cindy at 777-7036 or cindy.brown@wyo.gov.

Hot Springs Historical Society members enjoyed a presentation by WSHS/HSWS member and author, **Lea Schoenewald** who presented histories of several downtown buildings in Thermopolis.

Communities around the state are busy developing plans to celebrate the 2017 Eclipse event. To find out what State Parks and Cultural Resources are doing, and how you can get a prime viewing area, visit www.wyoparks.org. Don't dally! There are four venues located in prime viewing areas and SPCR will only take camping reservations up to February 1.

One of the nice things about some of the Society's projects are the comments we receive. This one, in relation to the Top Ten Artifact program, came from **Deborah Kubota**. *"I am the granddaughter of Mr. Azeka, who carved the haiku rock while at the Heart Mountain Camp. His daughter (my mother) Miyeko Azeka Kubota, now 94 years old, and the rest of his family are grateful for the prominent recognition that the Society has bestowed upon his art and its poignant history."* A result of that was being able to send Deborah the Top Ten poster and some other materials. She then, in turn, joined the Society! The hand-carved stone was picked as number four by those who voted. The poem on the rock (pictured below) reads: *"Mountain peak at my shoulder, thousand barracks, under an autumn moon"*

Photo: Courtesy of Heart Mountain Interpretive Center



THE EXCHANGE

AMERICAN NORTH WEST: David Sedley, a British educator and self-admitted "Americophile," is in the planning stages of developing detailed historical and cultural tours from the UK of the American North West, with the emphasis on Native American and pioneer history. To date, he has 8 full itineraries, six of which, to a greater or lesser extent, involve sites in Wyoming. These include:

Homesteaders Museum, Torrington, Grattan Fight Monument, Lingle, Western History Center, Lingle, Oregon Trails Historic Byway, Ft Laramie NHS, Oregon Trail Ruts, Guernsey - Register Cliff, Rifle Pit Hill Monument, Horseshoe Creek, Glendo, Fort Fetterman, Ayers Natural Bridge Park, Mary Hurley grave + Kelly Larimer massacre monument, west of Douglas, Casper - National Historic Trails Interpretative Center (Battle of Platte Station, Townsend Wagon Train Fight), Reshaw's Bridge (Evansville), Bessemer Bend/Red Buttes Crossing, Independence Rock, Kaycee, Hoofprints of the Past Museum, site of Dull Knife Fight, Teapot Dome, KC Ranch, TA Ranch, Hole in the Wall hideout, Buffalo - Jim Gatchell Museum, Occidental Hotel, Ft Phil Kearney + Fetterman massacre + Wagon Box Fight + Peno Creek Fight, Ranchester, Battle of Tongue River/Sawyer's Fight, Medicine Wheel, Lovell, Pryor Mnt Wild Mustang Center, Willwood (Heart Mnt WWII Interpretative Center), Cody, and Yellowstone NP.

He requests contacts with potential guides/historians/archaeologists/educators/Native American elders who might bring to life the histories of much of the above. He is specifically thinking about people who might give talks on Red Cloud's War, the Bozeman and Oregon Trails, and the Johnson County War. In addition, he would be keen to experience Shoshone and Arapaho culture, and would welcome any contacts within the tribes. Please email David at silverback_mon_amour@hotmail.co.uk.

Wyoming History Calendar

November 11—Nationwide. Veterans Day. Celebrate your veterans, past, present and future!

November 12—Casper—WSHS Executive Committee Quarterly Meeting, National Historic Trails Center beginning at 10:00 a.m. For details e-mail linda@wyshs.org.

November 18-Cheyenne. “Tinsel Through Time,” Historic Governors’ Mansion. Call 777-7878.

December 8-Casper. Natrona County Historical Society and OCTA’s annual Christmas dinner.

January 10-Cheyenne. 64th Legislature will convene at noon.

January 11-Cheyenne. Governor Mead’s State of the State message. 10:00 a.m.

Note: Area Code for all Wyoming phone numbers 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.

Preserve Wyoming Conference 2016

Each year the Society, in cooperation with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office, hosts an auction at the Preserve Wyoming Conference. Proceeds of the auction are distributed to applicants in an effort to make it more affordable to attend. This year the highly anticipated event was held in Rock Springs, and auction proceeds from previous years helped us send sixteen people to the event. Among them were thirteen students from WSHS Executive Committee board member, and professor, **Dr. Jessica Clark’s** history classes.

Savannah McCauley, a student in the Honors Wyoming History Class and a member of Sweet Memories: Historical Research at WWCC, sent us this note: *“Being able to attend the Preserve Wyoming conference this fall was an incredible privilege. I was inspired by the true passion that preservationists have for their jobs, and how much retaining the heritage of the past meant to them on a personal level. I was able to learn about the operation of Wyoming Main Street programs, at a depth that most students never have the opportunity to see. I learned for the first time that preservation is not just about restoring old buildings, but rather about maintaining the history and identity of communities, and I came to understand its real importance is in our modern, fast paced society. Being able to walk around those old buildings and experience the sights that we were talking about left a lasting impression that I will remember, and I learned that preservation is an imperative part of the fight to keep main streets the cultural hubs that they have always been.”*

We so appreciate everyone who participates in the auction (whether it is by donating items or purchasing items) so that the Society can continue to provide these travel stipends.

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

At Large

Grand Encampment Museum, Encampment
Deborah Kubota, Whittier, CA
Lockhart Cattle Co., Jackson

Albany County Historical Society

R. J. Lara, Laramie

Sheridan County Historical Society

Vaughn Creswell, Sheridan

**Wyoming Historical Foundation
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Jeff and Charlene Busk, Gillette
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Ray Robb, Lusk

Have you moved recently? Please let the Society know your new address. E-mail headquarters at linda@wyshs.org.



A time to consider...

The Wyoming Historical Foundation was created in 1967 to support the work of the Wyoming State Historical Society. The Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation. Your donations to the Foundation support:

- Wyoming History Day, a national academic competition for students in grades 6-12.
- Homsher Research Grants that provide financial assistance for Wyoming history research projects.
- Historical Society Awards Program that recognizes individuals and organizations that preserve Wyoming history.
- Special Projects such as the Schwiering Print project and the David Paulley History in Art Project.
- Julia Yelvington Adams Memorial Publications Fund the provides resources necessary to assist authors in publishing books.
- WyoHistory.Org, the Society's on-line encyclopedia that features original articles based on Wyoming's eclectic legacy.

In 2009 the Foundation and the Society established an endowment to assure the long-term sustainability of the Society. It is managed for us by the Wyoming Community Foundation. Your donations can be sent to the Wyoming Historical Foundation. P. O. Box 247, Wheatland, WY 82201. We sincerely appreciate each and every contribution. Please note that anything you contribute above and beyond your annual membership fee also goes directly to the endowment. You can also designate a specific program (above) to where you might like your donations to go. Unspecified gifts always go direct to the endowment.

Current foundation board members include Robert Melonuk, Fort Laramie; Rick Ewig, Cheyenne; David Kathka, Loveland, CO; Charlene Busk, Gillette, Pinky Ellis, Casper, John Waggener, Laramie and Joe Fabian, Wheatland. For details call 307-322-3014 or linda@wyshs.org.

HOMSHER RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITY

You may be familiar with the Society's Homsher Research Grant, or you may have noticed in previous issues of Wyoming History News that people from around the United States are awarded money to conduct research projects that relate to Wyoming history. This grant is a wonderful opportunity for researchers. Designed specifically to assist with funding for the research stage of your project, Homsher grants up to \$1500 are awarded. We all know that the beginning stage of a project can often be the most difficult. Explaining the purpose of what you plan to do and justifying the cost to drive around the country accessing archives can be challenging. Applying for the Homsher Research grant is a fairly simple process. Explain what your project is, how you intend to spend your budgeted funding, and describe the benefit the public will receive by the completion of your project. Show us how your project interprets an aspect of Wyoming's history and let us know how your project is different than any others that cover the same topic. Then, at the end of your project, submit a final report!

Last year the committee decided to pursue an online application system, which we will use that for the 2017 granting year. We also agreed to stick to the requirement that Homsher fund recipients submit their final reports in a timely manner. And, due to the never ending story of limited funds, the committee has also tightened our budgeted dollars to grant. We believe that this will make the process even more competitive and we are excited to award funding to quality applications. The deadline for applying is the last day of February, and applicants will be notified of the results by the first of June. For further information visit www.wyshs.org, or contact **Linda Fabian** via e-mail to linda@wyshs.org or Homsher Committee Chair, **Doug Cubbison**, at douglas.cubbison@wyo.gov.

In previous years recipients have utilized their funds in a variety of ways. The Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum used their grant to put the finishing touches on research for the autobiography of Senator George H. Cross. Another recipient was Andrew Guilliford from Durango, Colorado whose project is titled "The Woolly West: Understanding the Cattle and Sheep Wars in Wyoming and Colorado." Since the inception of the project in the

1990s many thousands of dollars have been committed to assisting individuals with research that results in our continuing education about Wyoming history.

[Editor's Note: The deadline for applications is the last day of February, 2017. Application forms will be available soon].



Enjoy the glitter, lights and decor that dress the Wyoming Historic Governors' Mansion during the "Tinsel Through Time: Remember When" Opening Reception, November 18th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Historic Governors' Mansion in Cheyenne has partnered with the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens, the Wall Family, the estate of Iva Bixby, and many more to feature family collections and decor through the ages. From cookie jars to Santas, holiday villages to salt shakers, this exhibit will be part of the magical evening as you stroll through the décor and holiday traditions of the Victorian era up to the groovy 1960s.

Enjoy a horse drawn carriage ride around the Mansion from S&V Carriages throughout the evening and then warm up inside the Mansion with carolers, entertainment, and refreshments in the sunroom.

"This is a wonderful way to experience holiday traditions from the past," says Superintendent Christina Bird. "The lights, decoration and family collections in the rooms will transport you a bygone era and get you in the holiday spirit."

The exhibit runs November 19 through December 23, Wednesday through Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm and December 24 from 9 am to noon.

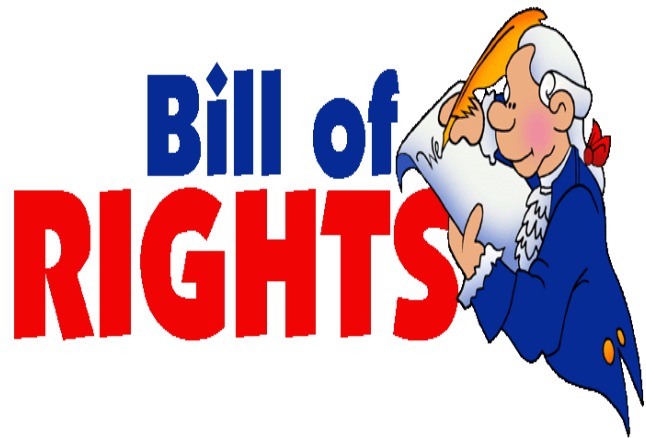
Please call 777-7878 for more information or go online at wyospcr.state.wy.us for a full calendar of Holiday events at the Wyoming Historic Governors' Mansion!

Venues for The Bill of Rights and You!

The Wyoming Humanities has identified the following locations who will host the exhibit “The Bill of Rights and You.” If you are interested in hosting the exhibit please contact Sheila Bricher-Wade at Sheila@thinkwy.org. Her phone number is 721-9243.

- Albany County Library, Laramie
- UW Coe Library/Union, Laramie
- Big Horn County Library, Basin
- Campbell County Library, Gillette
- Carbon County Higher Education Center and Rawlins Elementary Schools, Rawlins
- Eastern Wyoming College, Douglas
- Crook County Library, Sundance
- CWC Intertribal Center, Riverton
- Fort Washakie School Community Library, Fort Washakie
- Goshen County Library, Torrington
- Eastern Wyoming College, Torrington
- Hot Springs County Library, Thermopolis
- Wyoming Supreme Court Law Library, Cheyenne
- Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne
- Wyoming State Archives and Wyoming State Museum, Cheyenne
- Natrona County, Casper
- Community College Casper, Laramie
- Niobrara County Library, Lusk
- Park County Library, Cody
- Park County Library, Powell
- Park County Library, Meeteetse
- Platte County Library, Wheatland
- Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, Sheridan
- Sheridan Community College, Sheridan
- Sublette County Library, Pinedale
- White Mountain Library, Rock Springs
- Community College Rock Springs, Laramie
- Teton County Board of County Commissioners, Jackson
- Wyoming Humanities, Jackson
- Uinta County Library, Evanston
- Uinta County Library, Lyman
- Uinta County Library, Mountain View
- Washakie County Library, Worland
- Weston County Museum, Newcastle

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and staff of the WSHS!*

2017 Calendar of Wyoming History



An adventurous tourist attempting to enter Grand Teton National Park! (Courtesy AHC)

Pick up your 2017 calendar at one of the following locations:

- Casper—Wind City Books and Natrona CHS
- Cheyenne—Wyoming State Museum
- Cody—Park CHS
- Douglas—Converse CHS
- Encampment—Grand Encampment Museum
- Evanston—Uinta County Museum
- Ft. Bridger—Ft. Bridger State Historic Site
- Glendo—Glendo Historical Museum
- Gillette—Rockpile Museum and Campbell CHS
- Hanna—Hanna Basin Historical Society
- Jackson—Jackson Hole Museum
- Lander—Lander Pioneer Museum and Fremont CHS
- Sheridan—Best Out West and Sheridan Museum
- Rawlins—Carbon County Museum
- Rock Springs—Rock Springs Historical Museum
- Thermopolis—Hot Springs County Museum and Hot Springs CHS
- Torrington—Goshen CHS
- Wheatland—Wandering Hermit Bookstore and Platte County Library
- Call 322-3014 or linda@wyshs.org to order.

Note: CHS = County Historical Society