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Heard on the Historical Trail



Most chapters are on summer break yet they seem to remain busy! Congratulations to Platte County Historical Society and Campbell County Historical Society for the success of their recent fundraisers in the form of playing cards, each one containing a different historical photograph of the respective areas.

WSHS/Sheridan County Chapter member (and former legislator) John Patton shared his program "The Unruly Americans: Then and Now" at a recent meeting of the chapter.

Through September 4, the National Historic Trails Center in Casper will feature works by young artists from Wyoming Indian High School.

Check it out—www.wyohistory.org. Congratulations to the WSHS and Tom Rea, project director, for receiving a Cultural Trust Fund grant for this project.

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Historic Evanston Site of 2011 Annual Meeting

The community of Evanston and historic Uinta County will be the site of this year's annual meeting. A full weekend of adventure, education and entertainment awaits you. Registration begins Thursday, September 8th. Committee meetings (Finance, Foundation, Executive, and others) will begin that afternoon, followed by a "hobo" dinner at the historic Roundhouse Complex. Friday will bring a variety of tours and presentations, each designed to showcase the area that is rich in history. Busses will take us to the Fort Bridger State Historic Site where we will enjoy a look at the totally renovated Black & Orange Cabins, and walking tours. Then it's off to the historic Guild Ranch. Later that evening we will enjoy a talk by well-known archaeologist Dr. Dudley Gardner and Martin Lammers, President of the Fort Bridger Historical Association.

Saturday morning will begin with the annual general membership meeting. It is important that your chapter's voice be heard, so please plan on attending. The highly anticipated awards luncheon will begin at noon, and includes revealing all the winners who have been nominated for a wide variety of awards. The traditional banquet that evening will feature delightful company, entertainment and more!

Please come and join in the fun, learn more about the history of the area and, most importantly, represent your chapter's voice as the Executive Committee addresses a variety of issues, including changes to the Bylaws and Constitution which were published in last month's issue. Everyone, members and non-members are invited.

This year's event is hosted by the Uinta County Museum and City of Evanston, in cooperation with the Fort Bridger Historical Association. The schedule can be found on page five and the Registration Form is enclosed. The registration deadline is August 22nd.



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The Society's mission is to educate, support and foster the study of Wyoming history.

Visit www.wyshs.org

From the President. . .



Dear Friends --- The 58th annual meeting of the WSHS is fast approaching. This is the year-end cycle for the Society and an important opportunity for members to attend and represent their chapters. Everyone is welcome to attend and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there. I respectfully request that all chapters please consider sending at least one representative so your chapter can have a say in what you expect from the Wyoming State Historical Society.

It is important for chapter secretaries to submit their annual reports to Linda by August 22nd. Your report is crucial for recording the various activities and programs sponsored by the chapters. It also gives other chapters ideas about how they might improve their functions. I know you've all been very busy the past year and we're excited to hear what you've been doing.

Ballots have been coming in fast and furious from members across the United States. Thank you for voting – it is sincerely appreciated. If you have not yet sent in your ballot please do so by the 15th of August. I want to thank Charlene Busk and Tamsen Hert for running, and encourage all of you to think about being on the Executive Committee. Next year there will be three seats

available. If you're interested just let us know, please.

Thank you to all of the chapters or individual members who nominated someone for an award. The awards luncheon is a highlight of the annual meeting and it is going to be very exciting. The chair of the Awards Committee, Judy Musgrave (Sheridan), tells us she received more nominations this year than any other. Thank you to Judy and her committee, Lynn Houze (Cody), Cindy Brown (Cheyenne), and Linda Fleming (Baggs) for their efforts. Soliciting nominations, reviewing nominations and connecting with the nominees is a huge effort and one they do with ease (or so they make it appear).

We owe a special debt of gratitude to Kay Rossiter (Uinta County Museum) and Jim Davis (City of Evanston) for helping us out of a tough situation regarding the annual meeting. They, along with Marian McLean, Selina Zuehlsdorff and Tisa Cheney, have been a huge part of putting together events for the weekend that will appeal to everyone. Bring a guest!

Lastly, thank you to all our members from Wyoming, virtually every state in the union, and several overseas. Without you the Society would not be able to guarantee that Wyoming's past remains accessible to present and future generations!

Rick

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Congratulations to WSHS/Sweetwater County member (and board member) Russ Tanner for being invited to speak and cut the ribbon at the dedication of the new interpretive sign at the Granger Community Cemetery.

The Wyoming Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources will host a cultural heritage tourism conference in Cody on October 6-9. For details call WSHS member Sara Needles at 777-7498.

WSHS member and director of the Alliance for Historic Wyoming, Hilery Lindmier, reports a successful tour of the historic Gothberg Ranch in Natrona County. The ranch was homesteaded in 1885 and functioned as a sheep ranch until the late 1950s. The current owner has undertaken huge steps to preserve and restore this piece of ranching history.

The Platte County Historical Society, in partnership with the Wheatland Kiwanis Club, successfully hosted their 4th annual historic ranch tour. This year's hosts were the Collins and Twiford ranches near Glendo, both over 100 years old and still operated by the same families. Proceeds benefit chapter projects and scholarships.

Hats off to WSHS/Greater Yellowstone Historical Society member Dr. Sharon Kahin, Christ Episcopal Church, and the folklore department at Utah State University for hosting a Crow pipe ceremony at Heart Mountain in Powell.

Congratulations to the Hanna Basin Historical Society and the Carbon County Cemetery Association for getting the Carbon Cemetery named to the National Regis-

ter of Historic Places.

The personalities, differences and similarities of Wyoming lawmen Tom Horn and Ed Cantrell will be explored at a Lawman's Symposium in Buffalo on September 23-24, 2011. WSHS member, author and historian Chip Carlson will relate key events in the Tom Horn episode of the late 1890s-early 1900s, with emphasis on Horn's controversial trial and conviction for the 1901 murder of Willie Nickell. Horn was hanged in Cheyenne after his conviction for the murder of 14-year old Willie Nickell. Historians continue to debate whether Horn actually murdered the boy. Ron Roberson, a former Wyoming State Highway Patrolman and range detective, worked closely with Ed Cantrell in the 1960s and 1970s. In 1978, Cantrell, then Chief of Public Safety in Rock Springs, shot one of his deputies between the eyes while they were sitting in an unmarked police car in the parking lot of the Silver Dollar Restaurant and Saloon. Roberson, who was the first state-deputized range detective in Wyoming, will recount his association with Cantrell. Jackson trial lawyer Gerry Spence defended Ed Cantrell and gained an acquittal in the 1979 trial held in Pinedale. For details about the symposium call 684-7793 or 684-7064.

Tom Horn is shown here (right) at the jail in Cheyenne awaiting trial. Horn was hanged the day before his 43rd birthday on November 20, 1903.

(Photo courtesy of author and historian Chip Carlson)

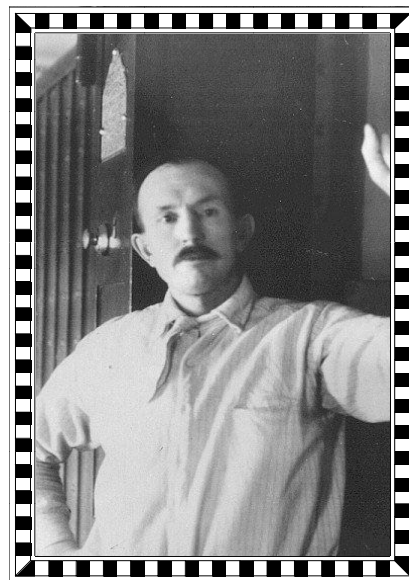


The Exchange

Chapters—please send in names and contact information of your new officers. Also, your annual activity report is due August 22nd.

OCTA will host its 2011 National Convention in Rock Springs August 8-13. For details visit www.octa-trails.org.

WSHS/Platte County Historical Society member Patsy Parkin announces the release of her newest effort, *"A Real Top Hand: John Benjamin Kendrick."* Patsy always loved the book *"Cowboys and Cattle Trails"* by famous Douglas author Doris Shannon Garst. Patsy received permission from Doris's son and co-author of the book to retype and slightly revise the original. For details visit www.spiritquestpress.com.



Wyoming History Day Students Excel!

Wyoming was represented by 48 students at the recent National History Day competition at the University of Maryland. State History Day Coordinator, Dick Kean, and History Day administrator, Rick Ewig report that the following Wyoming students placed in the top twenty (out of more than 2,000 from around the nation) or received a special award:

- **Jacob Zumo** and **Jackson Ivey** from Cheyenne's East High School received one of the highest honors for their documentary titled "*Citizens Without a Country: A Fight for Freedom, Debate Surrounding the Heart Mountain draft Resistance.*" The History Channel awarded them \$5,000 cash as recipients of the Outstanding Entry Tied to an Historic Site." Their teacher is Ann Zumo.
- **Grace Williams** from Jackson Hole High School placed 8th in the Senior Individual Exhibit category for her project titled "*The Allegiance Debate: Civil Rights or Civic Duty?*" Grace also received the Wyoming Outstanding Entry Award, Senior Division. Her teacher is Jeff Brazil.
- **Louisa Austin** and **Montana Sannes** from Lander received the National History Day's prestigious United States Constitution Award. Their performance was titled "*The Written Word: An Undiplomatic Approach to a Historically Debated Topic.*" Their teacher is Gayla Hammer.
- **Brandi Haupt**, **Maddison Dillon** and **Ashley Christopherson** from Casper's Kelly Walsh High School placed 13th in the Senior Group Exhibit category for their project titled "*Ping Pong Diplomacy: The Week That Changed the World.*" Their teacher is Jim Horne.
- **London Homer-Wambeam** from Casper Home School placed 14th in the Senior Individual Documentary category for his work titled "*The Hindenburg: Debate, Diplomacy, Disaster.*" His teacher is Laurie Homer.

- **Jessica Ross** from Holy Name School in Sheridan received the Wyoming Outstanding Entry Award, Junior Division, for her website project titled "*The Farmers' Story and the Prisoners' Glory in Wyoming During the 1940s.*" Her History Day coach is Nathan Doer.



Jacob and Jackson



Grace and Jessica



Montana, Louisa and teacher Gayla Hammer

Wyoming State Historical Society 58th Annual Meeting**Hosted by the Uinta County Museum, City of Evanston in cooperation with the Fort Bridger Historical Association and Uinta County Historical Society****September 8-11, 2011****Registration Fee: \$70.00 person for all meals and programs. Registration form enclosed.****Thursday, September 8, 2010—Roundhouse Complex**

Noon to 5 p.m.—Registration

Noon to 3:00 p.m.- Various WSHS Committee Meetings

3:00 p.m.—Executive Committee Meeting (all welcome)

6:00 p.m.— HOBO dinner provided by the City of Evanston.

Friday, September 9, 2011—Beeman-Cashin Building

8:00 a.m.— Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.—Busses depart for Fort Bridger. Tour and box lunch.

1:00 p.m. —Board busses for Guild Ranch Tour (mid-afternoon Dutch Oven treat)

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. —On your own

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. —Social hour at historic Joss House

7:00 p.m. Dinner featuring guest presenters Dr. Dudley Gardner and Martin Lammers

Saturday, September 10, 2011— Mixed Venue

8:30 a.m. - Registration and Continental Breakfast in the atrium of the Uinta County Courthouse

9:00 a.m. to Noon – General Membership Annual Meeting

Noon to 2:00 p.m. – WSHS Awards Luncheon at the Insultek Building

2:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. – No host tours—Strand Theatre, the Evanston Hotel, Uinta County Museum, etc.

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.—Social hour at the Insultek Building followed by banquet, speaker and entertainment

Sunday, September 11, 20118:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.—Farewell breakfast and group photo on the historic Turntable (*pictured on page 1; photo courtesy Evanston Main Street*)Please register **no later than August 22, 2011** or earlier if possible. Mail completed form with check payable to **RRinc** and mail it to the address below:**WSHS Annual Meeting
% RRinc
1200 Main Street
Evanston, WY 82930**

Note: The price is all-inclusive, and the committee regrets they cannot break-out prices if you can not attend the entire event. Thank you for understanding. Motels are listed on the separate registration form, enclosed. Make your reservations early.

Wyoming History CALENDAR

August 8-11, Rock Springs—29th Annual OCTA National Convention. For registration information go to www.octa-trails.org.

August 22—Deadline to register for WSHS annual meeting in Evanston.

September 8-11, Evanston—Fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Wyoming State Historical Society. Pre-registration required by August 22nd.

September 23-24, Buffalo—Lawman Symposium: A Comparison of Tom Horn and Ed Cantrell. Call 684-7793 or 684-7064.

Through September—Archaeology Awareness Month. Contact Judy Wolf at judy.wolf@wyo.gov or 766-5366; or Ashley Rooney at ashley.rooney@wyo.gov or 777-7566.

All Wyoming phone numbers in WHN are preceded by the same area code—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.



September is traditionally Archaeology Awareness Month in Wyoming. Created in 1990, the event better acquaints the public with the discipline of archaeology.

Each year the staff of the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office creates an impressive award winning poster, tee-shirts, and activities that promote cultural resources around the state. This year's poster features an image of a beautiful hide painting by Eastern Shoshone artist Codsigo, also known as Cadzi Cody. Born about 1866, his artwork was transitional because he adapted traditional materials and art forms familiar from prehistoric petroglyphs, pictographs and decorated leather goods. The Codsigo painting features dancers, hunters, buffalo and horse figures and pre-dates 1900. For a complete schedule of events, or to order posters and tee-shirts, go to www.wyoshpo.state.wy.us and click "Archaeology Awareness Month," or contact Judy Wolf at 766-5366 or Ashley Rooney at 777-7566.

(Painting by Cadzi Cody/SHPO)

2012 CALENDAR OF WYOMING HISTORY AVAILABLE NOW!

Calendar editor, Rick Ewig and his bevy of helpers have put together a bang-up calendar for 2012. The color, the little nuances not seen before, and the wonderful photographs from the collections of the American Heritage Center say it all. The images of children, basketball teams and businesses help speak to us about the way Wyoming was and, in some instances, still is. And, as always, the daily tidbits pulled from the pages of newspapers across the state make for some enjoyable reading. We would be remiss in not recognizing the outstanding work that Pioneer Printing in Cheyenne does for the Society. They have produced the calendar for us since the very first one came off the presses in the early 1980s, and it is obvious they take pride in their work. Order forms were sent to previous vendors and chapters in May.

If you have not yet placed an order, or if you're a new vendor and wish to place an order please do so soon. Quantities are limited, so make sure you don't miss out. Chapters—you too. The calendar is a sure-fire fundraiser and has been known to help increase memberships. They make wonderful gifts for friends and family, or business associates. *Order now!*



The May image on the 2012 calendar features a young baker advertising Earl's Bread, produced by the Brandenberg Bakery in Lovell, ca 1930s.

(AHW Photo/Hugo Janssen Collection)

Available (so far) at the following locations:

Casper: Ralph's Book Store, Natrona County Historical Society (Jackie Ellis)
Cheyenne: Wyoming State Museum, City News
Cody: The Thistle, Park County Archives
Evanston: Uinta County Museum
Ft. Bridger: Fort Bridger Historical Association
Glendo: Glendo Historical Museum
Gillette: Rockpile Museum, Campbell County Historical Society (Charlene Busk)
Green River: Sweetwater County Historical Museum
Hanna: Hanna Basin Historical Society
Laramie: American Heritage Center (Rick Ewig)

Lander: Fremont County Historical Society (Pat Schultz)

Powell: Powell Office Supply

Rock Springs: Rock Springs Museum

Sheridan: Sheridan County Historical Museum

Sundance: Crook County Historical Society (John Shoffstall)

Torrington: Goshen County Historical Society (Dick Glandt or Bob Melonuk)

Thermopolis: Hot Springs County Historical Society

Wheatland: Platte County Library

Vendors: To purchase calendars e-mail linda@dancewyoming.com or call 322-4237.

They are going fast!

**ATTENTION CHAPTER
PRESIDENTS AND/OR
SECRETARIES**

Your year end activity report is due by August 22nd. Don't miss the opportunity to share your chapter activities. Mail your report to WSHS, P. O. Box 247, Wheatland, WY 82201.

IN MEMORY

Special thanks to **Kathleen and Richard Ferry** of Oakland, CA and the **Laramie County Historical Society** for donations in memory of long-time WSHS friend Fritz Mueller.

Welcome New Members

*** Denotes status as formerly an At Large Member**

Natrona County Historical Society
Margo Perry, Casper

Sheridan County Historical Society
Rod and Sukey Ross, Wynano
Shirley Voler, Sheridan
Sandra Smith, Sheridan

At Large

John LeClair, Mesa, AZ
Laura Lee Scheiber, Bloomington, IN
Northern Arapahoe Language & Cultural Commission, Arapaho

Renewing your membership in a prompt manner helps keep programs of the WSHS strong. Thank you for renewing. Membership makes a great gift for that special someone, a professional colleague or for the person who has everything...everything that is but a membership in the WSHS. At Large members can renew via PayPal at www.wyshs.org. New At Large members can also join via the same method. Or, of course, via the US Postal Service.



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