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Goshen County Historical Society: I'm Living History

Editor's Note: Article by A. Marie Hamilton and reprinted with permission from the Torrington Telegram.

The **Goshen County Historical Society** held a writing contest called 'I'm Living History' as part of its *Go Collect. Go Learn. Go Explore: Go Goshen* program over the summer and announced two winners for its inaugural event: the winners were sixth grader Esther Foster and third grader Henry Schmick.

In its first ever summer history writing contest, in which the Historical Society worked with Goshen County Public Library and Goshen County Visitors Center, the organization invited all children around the county to participate in a writing competition. The guidelines required participants to write about something concerning history, wildlife, travel, geology or reading and named a number of ways for children to find inspiration as a writer, including the library. There was a total of four age categories: kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth grade, sixth through ninth grade and tenth through twelfth grade.

The first age group were required to write a three-sentence paragraph about what they learned exploring Goshen County through the various topics by picking one topic. The second age group had to write at least half a page, the third age group had to write a full page and the oldest age group had to write at least two pages.

Third grader, Henry Schmick, 8, of Torrington from Valley Christian School wrote about Fort Laramie in his winning submission. Schmick wrote: "One thing that I learned was how important Fort Laramie was. It provided protection settlers needed because of the Indians. They also provided a bridge so that the settlers could get across the river into the fort. When settlers needed help the fort would also send soldiers across the bridge to help them. They called it the Army Iron Bridge." Adding, "When settlers made it to the fort, they went to a store to get supplies and food. The soldiers of the fort also bought things from the store. The store was run by a man called the sutler. The sutler was not in the army, but he did get supplies for the

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**From the
 President. . .**

Dear friends—
 It's been an amazing fall in Wyoming. Even down here in windy Cheyenne, there are still some leaves clinging to the trees. This time of year always makes me reminisce about past holiday seasons. I encourage you all to take some time to remember and make holiday memories with family and friends this year. Share some of the memories, write down a family recipe, and even take a photo or two for the next generation. (Linda will find this suggestion ironic, because I'm very camera shy). But I firmly believe that family and local history serve as an important backdrop to much of the research and writing being done about Wyoming history.

Thank you for your support and donations with the fall non-event fundraiser. It is going great. As **Charlene Busk**, one of our stalwart Wyoming Historical Foundation board members, is prone to say – if you have any family members or friends interested in history, consider gifting a Calendar of Wyoming History, a membership, or one of our books like *Wyoming History in Art* or *Snow Chi Minh Trail*. They are quick and easy Christmas gifts, and a great values for the price. Information regarding memberships and the other products can be found on the Wyoming Historical Society website at <https://wyshs.org/about> and <https://wyshs.org/publications>, or by emailing linda@wyshs.org.

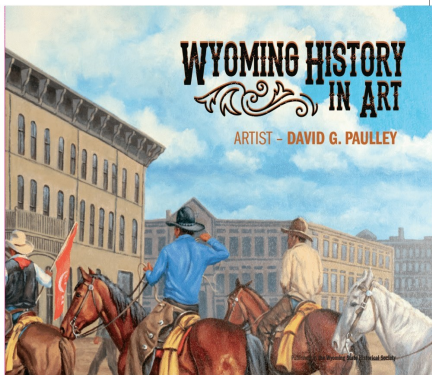
Speaking of reminiscing, I always like to celebrate national food days, like Chocolate Chip Cookie Day (August 3rd), Donut Day (November 5th), and Brownie Day (December 8th), etc. Baked goods, what is not to like! But, I think it is also a great idea to consider historical commemorations. Here are a few selected upcoming tribute days or months. Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11th, as the anniversary of the end of World War I and it celebrates the service of all United States veterans. November is Native American Heritage Month, as well as Aviation History Month. Lastly, December 10th is Wyoming Day, in commemoration of the signing of the territory's Women's Suffrage Act. These commemorative days encourage us to take the time to reflect on the past and important historical events or subjects. The **Weston County Historical Society** always does something for Wyoming Day. Maybe your chapter could come up with a way to celebrate these special commemorations. The Society's Executive Committee is working hard on many of the recommendations made at the Annual Meeting. One of which was to remove the word *State* from our name. The necessary paperwork has been submitted to the Secretary of State's Office. Additionally, chapters have received the all-new Speakers List that is full of ideas for programs. It will also be available online soon.

I look forward to providing more details about short- and long-term goals as they fall into place. This includes unveiling the Society's new logo soon.

I wish you all a great holiday season!

Cindy

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will be entered into a drawing to receive their choice of a print from one of Dave Paulley's original paintings featured in our award winning book *Wyoming History in Art*. Donations received between October 1 through December 15th will be included in the drawing. Send your donations to WHF, 1505 Estes Lane, Gillette, WY 82716.

The Society, in partnership with Wyoming Humanities, Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund, American Heritage Center, and the Wyoming Arts Council hosted a statewide tour of *A Sissy in Wyoming*, a play by WHS member and playwright, **Gregory Hinton**. The readers theatre style performance was about Wyoming native Larry "Sissy" Goodwin (1946-2020), a dad, veteran, peace activist and public speaker. Sissy enjoyed life while wearing women's clothing, for which he suffered much abuse. Even so, he enjoyed much success as a power plant control operator and college professor. Each performance included a question and answer period with Gregory and Sissy's wife, WHS member **Vickie Goodwin**. The play was drawn primarily from an oral history of Sissy's wife conducted by WHS past president **Leslie Waggener**, an archivist at the American Heritage Center. She said, "Thanks to the WHS and other sponsors the play was able to tour to nine Wyoming communities. I was at seven of those stops and can attest to the warm response to Greg's play everywhere we went. We so appreciate the Society for believing in the value of this project."

Chapters recently received the *2022-2023 Speakers List* featuring talks by WHS members that can be enjoyed via Zoom and/or in person if distance allows. Topics range from The Flyboys of Bomber Mountain to The Photography of Jessamine Spear Johnson to The Rudersdorf Sisters of Wyoming to the Second KKK in Wyoming, and much more. Member speakers are from Wyoming, California,

Arizona and Ohio. The idea was born during COVID to give chapters a way to keep members engaged once things let up a bit. The list is an ever-changing document so if you have something you would like to present please let Society headquarters know.

The Wyoming State Archives Speaker Series will host a talk by WHS member **Evan Green** on November 10th at 7 p.m. titled *The Barrel of History*. Evan will share some stories he has uncovered while researching the firearms in the Wyoming State Museum's collections. You can participate in person at 2301 Central Avenue, Cheyenne or virtually. For details visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/wyoming-state-archives-speaker-series-834529>, or send an email to WHS member and Wyoming State Archivist **Sara Davis** at sara.davis@wyo.gov.

WHS member **Clay Gibbons** will be a guest of the **Johnson County Historical Society** on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m. His talk *The Banditti of the Plains* will be held at the library.

On December 6th the **Natrona County Historical Society** will host its annual holiday event at the Casper Country Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. Special guest will be Con Trumbull who will talk about the history of railroads in Central Wyoming. More details can be obtained by contacting Becky at 307-259-3350 or Robin at 307-259-4174.

Fifteen Wyoming ranch families were recognized as 2022 Centennial Farm and Ranch honorees for owning and operating the same farm or ranch for 100 years or longer. WHS member **Bethany Kelly**, who works for the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office said those recognized were from Campbell County, Sheridan County, Carbon County, Albany County, Washakie County, and Sublette County. For more information about the 2023 application go to <https://wyoshpo.wyo.gov/> and follow the Centennial Farm and Ranch Program Link, or email Bethany.kelly@wyo.gov. The deadline to apply is July 1, 2023.

The **Campbell County Historical Society** will feature WHS member **Kylie McCormick** who will present a three-part workshop delving into the Holocaust on November 5th, 12th and 19th, each beginning at 10 a.m. to Noon at the Campbell County Library. Session 1 is "An Introduction to Judaism and Jewish Culture Before the Holocaust." Session 2 is "Anti-Judaism and Antisemitism before 1933," and Session 3 is "The Holocaust." For more details email Mary Kelley, marykelley@vcn.com.

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November 5-12-19-Gillette. Three part series about the Holocaust at the Campbell County Library, each beginning at 10 a.m. Contact marykelley@vcn.com for details, or call the library, 307-682-3223.

November 10-Cheyenne. The Barrel of History at the Wyoming State Museum, 7 p.m. 307-777-7022 for details.

November 15-Buffalo. Banditti of the Plains, Johnson County Library, 6:30 p.m. 307-684-5546.

December 6-Casper. Annual holiday event hosted by the Natrona County Historical Society. Casper County Club, 5 p.m. Call 307-259-3350 or 307-259-4174 for details. Reservations required.

December 10-Statewide. Wyoming Day, established in 1869 when Territorial Governor John A.

Campbell signed the bill known as the women’s suffrage act into law. What will you do to celebrate?

December 15-Deadline to donate and have your name included in a drawing for a Dave Paulley print. Send your donation direct to the Wyoming Community Foundation , 1505 Estes Lane, Gillette WY 82716.

Future Dates of Treks and Annual Meetings
June, 2023—Star Valley Historical Society (Trek)
September, 2023—Park County Historical Society (Annual Meeting)

We are looking for invites in 2024, will it be you?

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 linda@wyshs.org

Traveling Archivist Program

The Wyoming State Archives, the Wyoming State Records Advisory Board, and the University of Wyoming's American Heritage Center are collaborating on a project aimed at establishing a Traveling Archivist Program (TAP) in the state of Wyoming. The program will result in an information network among records stewards from Wyoming’s local libraries, museums, and archives, and it is hoped this will facilitate discussions on understanding, caring for, and providing responsible access to the cultural heritage resources in our region.

Jordan Meyerl, project archivist for the program said, “We are planning to conduct a survey of small cultural heritage institutions in Wyoming to determine their needs.” The information collected and the network created will create a structure for a program that will provide much needed sup-

port to Wyoming’s smaller institutions, as well as to help public libraries with local history manuscript collections.

To be included in the survey, or for more information contact Jordan Meyerl at jmeyerl@uwyo.edu, or WHS member **Sara Davis**, Wyoming State Archivist at sara.davis@wyo.gov, or WHS member **Leslie Waggener**, AHC Simpson Archivist at lwaggen2@uwyo.edu.



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army, so he and his store were inside the fort and safe. If Fort Laramie was not a place, settling in the West would have been much harder. Good thing it is still here so we can look upon the place that helped and protected settlers.”

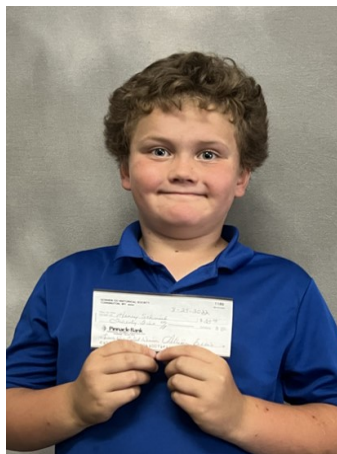
Yoder sixth grader Esther Foster, 11, wrote about the life of a bobcat. Foster wrote: “Did you know that the bobcat is also known as the red lynx? We’ll be talking about the bobcat’s anatomy, their hunting habits and their babies. First, we will talk about the anatomy of a bobcat’s body. Bobcats have long fur on their body to keep them warm and they also have long tufts of fur on their ears that help them hear well. Next, they have wide and furry paws that help them walk on snow. A bobcat’s paw is referred to as a giant snowshoe because their paws are long and wide. A bobcat has a short tail that is said to be a ‘bobbed tail.’ Their tails are what gave them their name, the bobcat. As you can see, a bobcat’s body is important to their daily lives.” Adding, “Next, is talking about their hunting habits. Bobcats like all cat species are obligate carnivores. Bobcats cannot eat plants, in order to survive they have to eat meat. When a bobcat is hunting, they have certain tactics that they use. One of them is to climb on top of something and then they will jump on their prey. Another tactic is to stalk their prey, then they grab their prey and eat it. A bobcat’s diet is usually made up of small animals such as rabbits, hares and sometimes squirrels. In conclusion, bobcats have interesting ways of hunting.”

“Last, is talking about the bobcat’s babies. A bobcat baby is called a kitten like house cat babies. When a bobcat has her kittens, she will usually have one to six kittens in one litter. She also has more than one set of kittens in her entire lifetime. The kittens stay with their mother for about nine to twelve months. During that time, they learn the skills they need to have in order for them to have a good lifestyle. When the kittens go off on their own the kittens stay together for a few extra months, then they leave officially and have their own lives. Bobcat kittens are important because if a bobcat doesn’t have kittens their population will go down even more than it has in the past. As you can see, these kittens have to have a certain lifestyle that will provide them with a good future. “Closing with, “the bobcat’s body, their habits for hunting in the wild and their kittens are important for their lives out in the wild. These things are important for them to not be killed by predators. Thinking about the

bobcat, do you think that all these things are essential for them to live a strong, long and healthy life?”

Each winner was presented with a check for \$25 for winning their age group from the Goshen County Historical Society in partnership with the Goshen County Visitors Center. The Goshen County Historical Society says it would like to continue the summer writing event again this upcoming year and will announce it at a later date.

Cindy Brown, WHS president, expressed her thanks to the *Torrington Telegram* for the above article, and added the Executive Committee’s congratulations to the Goshen County chapter for developing such a wonderful project. Cindy noted that a Wyoming History Research and Writing Contest was discussed at the recent annual meeting that would be open to all persons interested in Wyoming history. “The idea is still being fleshed out, but in the meantime we encourage all chapters to come up with similar ideas that further develop interest in the history of our great state.”



Henry Schmick, age 8, from Valley Christian School in Torrington wrote about Fort Laramie.

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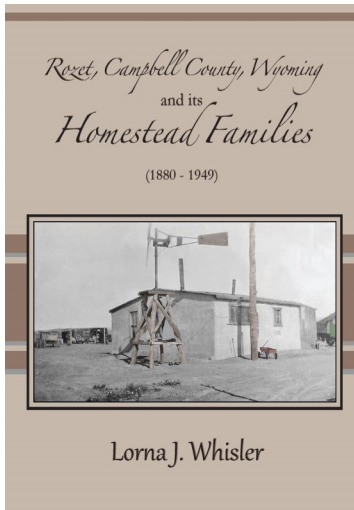
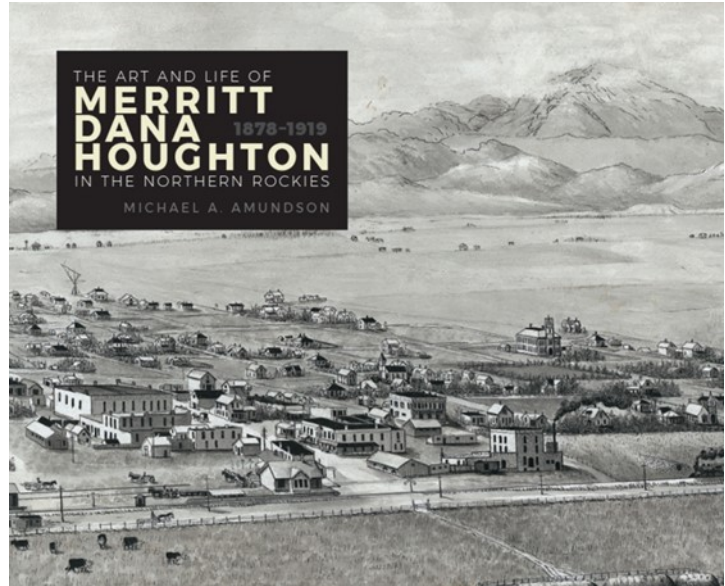
December 10th is Wyoming Day in celebration of the women’s Suffrage Act, signed into law by Territorial Governor John A. Campbell in 1869.

On The Bookshelf...



The **2023 Calendar of Wyoming History** features more than a dozen historical photographs, along with 365 daily tidbits of happenings in Wyoming. Get yours now at museum gift shops and local bookstores statewide. Orders can also be placed by contacting Society headquarters at linda@wyshs.org or calling 307-322-3014. In this photo dated January 27, 1911 little Beth Wood of Encampment looks like she is patiently waiting for a sleigh ride! Photo courtesy of the American Heritage Center.

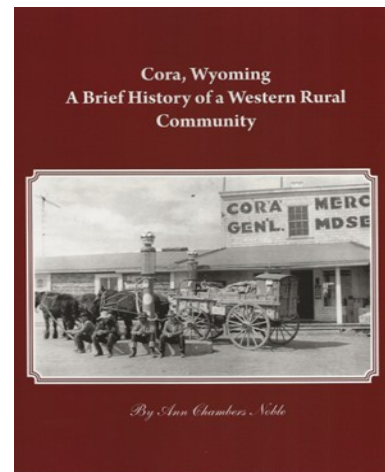
WHS member, historian and author **Michael Amundson**, a professor of history at Northern Arizona University, brings to life the pen-and-ink drawings that Houghton created over a twenty-four year period during his time in Wyoming and the Northern Rockies. Mike said, "Houghton's work depicts the infrastructure of the new settler society that was remaking the west." The cover photo is a sketch Houghton did of Wheatland in 1905. The book will be available the end of January. Order yours in advance from the University Press of Colorado/University of Wyoming Press or by searching the title or from your local bookseller.



WHS/Campbell County Historical Society member **Lorna Whisler** has loved local and family history for as long as she can remember. Her paternal and maternal grandparents homesteaded in the Rozet, Wyoming area and this new book tells the story of those settler families and the communities they founded. This book presents a long list of family names that many will remember, people who shaped Wyoming's landscape and society. You can order this book from the Campbell County Historical Society, or pick it up at the Rockpile Museum, or your local bookseller.

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WHS member, author and historian **Ann Noble** shares the 130 year history of Cora, a typical small, rural Wyoming community whose existence was vital to land-locked ranchers. The Cora townsite is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is the oldest remaining unincorporated community in Sublette County. The book can be ordered from your local bookseller, or by contacting the Sublette County Historical Society/Museum of the Mt. Man, 307-367-4101.



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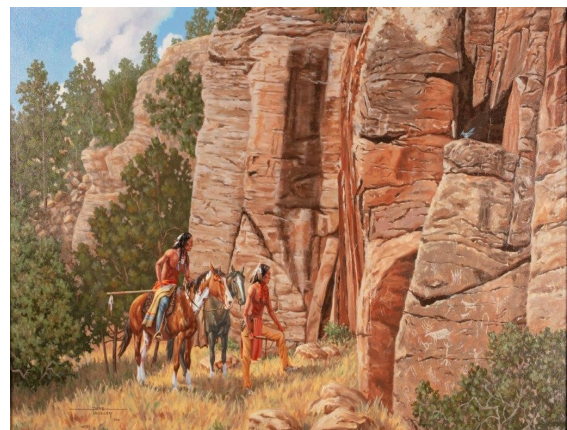
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Our sympathies go out to the family of long-time Goshen County Historical Society member, **Richard “Dick” Glandt**, who died in Torrington on September 26th. A military veteran and a graduate of the University of Wyoming, Dick began his career with the USDA, retiring in 1974. He and wife, Marilyn, bought a farm north of Torrington and expanded their hobbies which included renovating a collection of old tractors and cars, fishing, and harvest. They also enjoyed traveling abroad. Dick devoted time and energy to serve the needs of his community and his church. He and Marilyn were married for fifty-eight years. He is survived by Marilyn, two sons and their wives, along with two grandchildren, a brother and sister-in-law. A full obituary can be viewed by going to the Colyer Funeral Home website.

