



# Wyoming History News



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## Heard on the Historical Trail



Congratulations to WSHS past president, **Bill Dubois**, on being named “Official Historian Laureate” for Cheyenne’s 150th Anniversary! Bill taught American and Frontier history in Cheyenne schools for 37 years. He is well known for his volunteer work and has served on numerous board including Cheyenne Historic Preservation, the foundation of the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center the Historic Governors’ Mansion, the Cheyenne Concert Association, the American Heritage Center, and was founding chair of the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum. Cheyenne’s sesquicentennial celebration will take place the week of August 6-12. Visit [www.cheyenne150.org](http://www.cheyenne150.org) for more details.

WSHS member and author **Bud Alley**, from Signal Mountain, TN will be touring Wyoming in September. He is a sought-after speaker and would love to have an opportunity to share stories about his military background and the

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## Cody, Wyoming—Small Town, Big Appeal

This spring Cody was featured in an article by Chris Wollston in the *VIA*, the official magazine for Triple AAA. He notes that when Buffalo Bill Cody decided to invest his name and part of his fortune in the new community, he expected big things, and “Cody has done Buffalo Bill’s appealing vision proud.”

We hope you’ll all join us in Cody the weekend of September 8th when the Park County Historical Society hosts the Society’s 64th annual meeting.

There is so much to take in, whether it’s the tours the chapter has lined up for us, or a side trip to Heart Mountain. If you decide to stay longer you can always go to Yellowstone, or explore the Buffalo Bill State Park, or the Buffalo Bill Dam, just to name a few.

Throughout the weekend you will enjoy a scavenger hunt in historic downtown, a Wild Horse Tour, a reception at Old Trail Town, rides in the historic Yellowstone Bus, a reception and dinner at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West and much more.

Highlighting the weekend will be the general membership meeting on Saturday, September 9th.

This is your opportunity, as a member, to provide input into the Society’s activities. We hope each chapter will have a representative present. New board members will be announced, and bylaws reviewed. One of the most anticipated events of the annual meeting is the Awards luncheon where nominees from all over the region will be recognized for their extraordinary achievements in keeping Wyoming’s history alive.

The registration form was in last month’s newsletter — if you can’t find it call 307-322-3014 or email [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org) for a new copy. Accommodations are listed on page 4 in this issue.

Once you register you’ll receive a detailed itinerary with specific locations to pick up packets, etc. See you in Cody!

We hope to see a representative attend from each of the Society’s chapters.



(Courtesy Image)

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**From the President. . .**

Eclipse Greetings! I cannot believe I am already writing my column for the August newsletter! Seems like we were just in Casper enjoying the Trek! Following a quick family trip to Arkansas, I was back in time to enjoy the festivities of the dedication of the Ames Monument as our 26<sup>th</sup> National Historic Landmark.

We had a great turnout for both the symposium, where we enjoyed presentations on the history of the Union Pacific Railroad, the Ames Brothers, architect Henry Hobson Richardson and the context for this monument being placed at this point along the tracks. Thanks to the endeavors of Anna Lee Frohlich and the Ames Family for having the vision to see this through. And, recognition as well to the late **Larry Ostresh** and **Jerry Hansen** for all the work they contributed to this project. If you would like to view photographs from the event, follow this link: <http://wyshpo.state.wy.us/> -- there is a link for the photo page there.

There are so many landmark events occurring across Wyoming this summer, I only wish I had more days to attend all of them. I will be attending the dedication of the Hell Gap Paleo-Indian site as Wyoming's 27<sup>th</sup> *National Historic Landmark*, near Guernsey on July 22. During my tenure as president it has been a privilege to work so closely with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation

Office staff (and WSHS members) **Mary Hopkins** and **Judy Wolf** on these collaborative programs.

Last week I attended an event at the Territorial Prison and enjoyed meeting Robert Fuller, star of the western television show, *Laramie*. I was astounded at the turn out – over 400 entered the gates that day! Beyond that, the Robert Fuller fans came from across the globe to attend. It was just fun! I even got to get my photo with him. Guess this is my summer for being part of Wyoming's popular culture.... from *Starship Troopers* to *Laramie*!

Finally, I hope you are all excited to be returning to Cody for our annual meeting. Please get your rooms reserved and your registration sent in. We will have a great time, as always, in September.

As we approach the meeting some business matters will be of interest to you. Elections are underway – your ballot is enclosed in this issue. Remember that this is the first year that we are electing an out-of-state, at-large, board member. There are also two other positions up for election, please be sure to read about

the candidates and make your selections. The other business includes Bylaw changes. Familiarize yourself with these changes (page 3) and come to the annual meeting prepared to discuss and/or vote on this change. One final plea as your president. Please consider putting yourself forward as one of our volunteers. We need members on several committees. Your next president will be looking for new representation and we need your help to continue growing our engagement, our programs, our membership.

*See you in Cody, in September.*

(Heard on the Trail continued from page 1) men he's had the privilege to serve with and lead. You can reach Bud at 615-587-2073 or alleybud@gmail.com. His program would be very appealing to your members!

Congratulations to WSHS past president **Jeremy Johnston** on receiving his PhD in History from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. Jeremy is the

Curator of Western History at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. The Wyoming cultural Trust Fund recently awarded several thousands of dollars to institutions and organizations around the state who are working to save our cultural and historical heritage. For example:

- Nicolaysen Art Museum
- Sheridan College
- Sublette County Historical Society

- Washakie Museum
- Wyoming Archaeological Foundation
- Atlantic City Historical Society
- Museum of the American West
- Wind River Native Advocacy Center
- Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board

#### Revision to current Bylaws to be voted on at General Membership Meeting, September 9, 2017

As required proposed revisions must be published in Wyoming History News prior to the Annual Meeting. This proposed revision has been prepared by the Bylaws Committee, and approved by the Executive Committee. It cleans up the current language and includes encouraging chapters and others to be aware of and encourage local preservation efforts as it relates to the state's cultural and physical heritage.

#### Current:

Section 5: **Historic Preservation:** This Committee shall be composed of from five (5) to seven (7) people appointed by the President of the Society as follows:

1. At least one of the Wyoming advisors to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
2. At least one member of the staff of the State Historic Preservation Office.
3. The representative of the WSHS serving on the Consulting Committee of the SHPO.
4. The other 2 to 4 members shall be appointed for three year terms on a rotating basis. The president of the WSHS shall serve as an ex-officio member.
5. The Committee shall focus on activities for the promotion and preservation of any historical heritage of our state; encourage documentation of historic sites buildings, and archaeological features that might be threatened by destruction or construction; and they shall keep the Executive Committee of the Society informed of sites which might be endangered.

This Committee shall select the recipient of the Maurine Carley Memorial and the Outstanding Preservation Project awards and arrange for presentation of these awards at the annual meeting.

#### Proposed:

Section 5: **Historic Preservation.** This committee may have as many as seven members to include: One from the Executive Committee to oversee the committee and its duties; up to five members of the Society, and a member of the State Historic Preservation Office who can be invited to serve on the committee. The president of the WSHS shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

The committee shall review nominations for and select the recipient of (1) the Maurine Carley Memorial Award and (2) the Outstanding Preservation Project Award and arrange for presentation of these two awards to the recipients at the annual meeting.

The committee shall encourage chapters and other statewide organizations in their preservation efforts as it relates to Wyoming's cultural and physical heritage.

## Wyoming History Calendar

**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 17-Douglas.** Wyoming Pioneer Day. Call 359-3850. `1

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

**August 19-21-Total Solar Eclipse.** Glendo, Wheatland, Sunrise, 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*

*Courtesy photos of the Ames Monument Dedication in 1882, and from the ceremony on July 7-8. I wish you could see this in color — I wonder if the sky was as blue back then as it was on July 7-8! You can view more photos at*

<http://wyoshpo.state.wy.us/>



*Then  
(1882) and  
Now  
(2017)*



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.

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

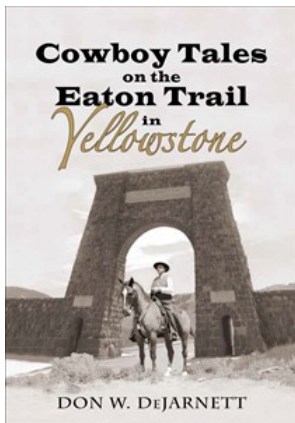
\* KOA Campground, 5561 Hwy 14-16-20, 587-2369

\* 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.

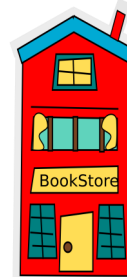
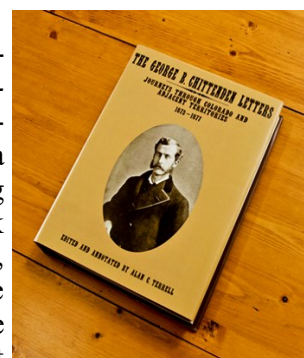


## On the book shelf...



WSHS member **Don DeJarnett** from Billings introduces us to his new book *Cowboy Tales on the Eaton Trail in Yellowstone*. The book takes you on a 20 day camping tour through Yellowstone and Teton Parks with the author taking you along while following the original trail of cowboy Howard Eaton’s trip in 1906. You will be entertained with fascinating stories on the “wonders of wonderland” along the way. Howard Eaton and his brothers established the world’s first “Dude Ranch” in Medora, ND, and in 1904 moved the Eaton Ranch to Wolf, Wyoming. This book is a treasure trove of western and park lore. You can e-mail the author at [dejarnettwriter@gmail.com](mailto:dejarnettwriter@gmail.com), or call 406-254-2425.

WSHS member **Alan Terrell** from Junction, Texas is proud to announce the second printing of his book *The George B. Chittenden Letters: Journeys Through Colorado and Adjacent Territories 1873-1877*. George Chittenden was a topographer with the Hayden Expedition and although he didn’t keep a formal journal of his adventures he did write frequently to his mother describing his travels during this pivotal period in Western American History. This book is a collection and transcription of his personal letters home. The author said, “The year 1877 would be of particular interest to many in Wyoming because that’s when Chittenden moved about the south central part of the state.” He added, “Researching and illustrating this part of the project was one of the most enjoyable ventures in my life. Wonderful memories of camping out, hiking, and climbing some cool mesas and seeking many wonderful historical locations.” Contact Alan at [alan7beck@hughes.net](mailto:alan7beck@hughes.net).



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Red Cross nurses working in the Senate Chambers of Wyoming’s Capitol building during World War I.

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*(Photo from the collections of the Wyoming State Archives)*

Please review the following information about the candidates running for a position on the Executive committee. The ballot is enclosed and should be returned to Society headquarters no later than September 5th. Thank you for voting.



**SE Representative—Rick Robbins**, a member since 1999, of Wheatland is running for a second term. Rick is a retired educator, having taught high school social studies for twenty-nine years. Rick loves every aspect of Wyoming history and gets involved in promoting it as often as possible. He is a member of both the Platte County Historic Preservation Commission, and the Wheatland Historic Preservation Commission. He is active in the local chapter, and has been instrumental in preserving a one-room school-house that will be open for display later this year. Rick has also served on the PCSD Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Arlene, love to read, travel, garden and enjoy their grandchildren. He looks forward to continuing his service to the Society.



**At Large (In-State) - Alice Cornell** of Jackson, a member since 2015, is retired from the University of Cincinnati Libraries, Archives and Rare Books Department. She is an accomplished editor whose work can be found in numerous research publications highlighting Native American and Western materials. Her work provided many opportunities to undertake research and explore the west. A family vacation brought her to Wyoming in the late 50s. She wanted to stay but it took another 50 years before she was able to finally call Wyoming home! Alice serves on the Society's Publications Committee, and is chair of the Collections Committee. She would enjoy using her time and expertise to support the mission of the Society.



**At Large (In-State) - Jane Gebhart** is a born and raised, proud native and current resident of Gillette, and a member of the Society since 2005. Inspired by her paternal grandmother's family history stories of early Sundance, Jane caught the local history bug early. The preservation and sharing of Wyoming's proud history to the next generation of history enthusiasts is important to Jane. She has been a member of WSHS/Campbell County Historical Society for the past 8 years, and served on the Wyoming Historical Awards Committee for the past 5. As Reference Specialist with the Campbell County Public Library for the past 25 years, she is the undisputed go-to for all local history research matters that arrive at the library. Jane looks forward to the possibility of serving on the Executive Committee.



**At Large (In-State) - Tisa Davis Cheney**, a Wyoming native born in Laramie, raised in Mountain View, Kemmerer, Albin, and neighboring states, is the fifth generation of both paternal and maternal families of Southwest Wyoming. She has been a member of the Society since 1994. Tisa has worked for the Fort Bridger Historical Association for the past 23 years. She spent 10 years on the Uinta County 4-H council, 20 years as a Girl Scout leader, a couple years with TRACKS and is currently working with a group promoting tourism in SW Wyoming. She and her husband Dan have 5 grown daughters who were involved in activities across Wyoming, giving them a chance to explore! As an employee of the Fort Bridger Historical Association, and a long-time WSHS member, Tisa has been aware of the many aspects, changes and advancements of the Society over the years, and would enjoy serving on the Executive Committee.

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This is the first time in the history of the Society that out-of-state members have been able to run for a seat on the Executive Committee. This change took effect in 2016 when members voted on the Bylaw change at the annual meeting. We are thrilled that two of our long-time members agreed to run.



**At Large (Out of State) - John Shields**, a native son of Pine Bluffs, has a deep and abiding interest in Western history, and would welcome the opportunity to serve the membership as a member of the Executive Committee. Three manuscripts resulting from his 2007, 2009 and 2011 Lola Homsher Endowment grants, were each published in the *Annals of Wyoming*. In 2013, he collaborated with Mike Mackey, also a WSHS member and historian, of Sheridan, on the book titled, *Protecting Wyoming's Share: Frank Emerson and the Colorado River Compact*. John earned Bachelor and Master degrees in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Wyoming. John has worked as Agricultural Engineer for the Water Accounting and Verification Group of the Boulder Canyon Operations Office (BCOO) of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and lived in Boulder City, Nevada, since March 2014; he previously served as Interstate Streams Engineer for the Wyoming State Engineer's Office in Cheyenne for a little over 30 years, where he was the State Engineer's primary staff member for Colorado River Basin interstate water matters.



**At Large (Out of State) - Michael A. Amundson** is professor of History at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, teaching the American West and Public History. His mother grew up in Kemmerer and his grandmother in nearby Sublette. He earned a B.S. in History and Journalism at UW in 1988 and an American Studies M.A. in 1990, writing about Big Horn. A Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska followed in 1996, writing about uranium mining, including Jeffrey City, later published as *Yellowcake Towns*. In 2010, the WSHS awarded his "These Men Play Real Polo: The History of an Elite Sport in the 'Cowboy' State, 1890-1930" as the best magazine article, and he has published three books rephotographing Cheyenne photographer J.E. Stimson: 1991's *Wyoming Time and Again*, 2013's *Passage to Wonderland* about the Cody Road, and 2014's *Wyoming Revisited*. His latest book, *Talking Machine West*, examines cowboy songs played on wind-up phonographs, while his next project explores a pre-WWII 3D photographer from LaGrange. Mike remains connected to Wyoming and the WSHS from Arizona and would love to give back by serving on the Executive Committee.

### ***Ames Monument Dedication and Symposium deemed a huge success***

WSHS member **Starley Talbot Thompson**, Cheyenne, said attendees had the privilege of mixing with and meeting more than 40 members of the extended Ames family and other history buffs during historical presentations at the Laramie Historical Railroad Depot and at the monument during the dedication on July 7th and 8th. Oliver and Oakes Ames were financiers who were instrumental in facilitating the complete of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1860, with the backing of President Abraham Lincoln. The monument, built in 18823, stands on the windswept prairie east of Laramie at 8,247 feet, the highest point of the Union Pacific Railroad, though the tracks were later moved. The 2017 event featured renowned historians and a visit from President Lincoln (aka John Voehl of AbeLincolnAlive.com).







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**Wyoming Pioneer Association plans busy State Fair!**

**Thursday, Aug. 17 • Wyoming Pioneer Day** PRE-REGISTER \$20 per person  
 8:30 a.m. Ruthe James Williams Convention Center PO Box 1545, Douglas WY 82633  
*Annual Meeting • Guest speaker Cat Urbigkit • Lunch included in registration*

**All Week • Exhibits in Wyoming Pioneer Cabin, Historic Buildings Open**  
*Silversmiths • Leatherwork • Jewelry • Artists • Historic Grist Mill Open • Special Exhibits*

**Sunday, Aug. 20 • Cowboy Roundup Reunion** Tickets are \$20 per person  
 Available at Pioneer Cabin all week or by phone at 307-359-3850  
*Begins after the Wyoming State Fair Ranch Rodeo Finals*  
*Saddle display • Live Music*  
*Food & Drinks • Cash Bar*

*Come see friends from across Wyoming!*

*"Take me back to old Wyoming!"*

***Sunrise Wyoming 8-21-17 Eclipse***

Experience the Total Solar Eclipse at beautiful, historic Sunrise, Wyoming located just a few miles north of Guernsey. WSHS member and owner of Sunrise (designated a US Historic District), **John Voight**, invites you to experience an archaeology fair, tour of the historic sunrise Iron Mine, tours of the Powars II Archaeological Site, children’s activities and guided hikes. For specific details go to [www.SunriseEclipse.com](http://www.SunriseEclipse.com) or e-mail john at [johnjavaman@gmail.com](mailto:johnjavaman@gmail.com).

A highlight of WSHS President Tamsen Hert’s summer was meeting Robert Fuller, star of the western television show, *Laramie*.

