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## Heard on the Historical Trail



Happy belated birthday to the **Wyoming Historical Foundation**, the fundraising arm of the Wyoming State Historical Society. The Foundation turned 50 years old in November!

Congratulations to Albany County Historical Society chapter president, **Andrea Lewis**, on accepting a Museum Technician position with the National Archives at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum in West Branch, Iowa!

Members of the **Weston County Historical Society** held yet another successful celebration in honor of Wyoming Day, December 10th. They honored Weston County's women poets, Patricia Bock, Helen Kniff, Josephine Fulton and Rhonda Stearns.

WSHS member and author **Bill Sniffin** continues to trek across Wyoming, and is often a special guest of chapters. If you'd like Bill to visit your group contact him at [bsniffin@wyo.com](mailto:bsniffin@wyo.com).

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## *World War I—1917 to 1918*

A travelling exhibition featuring digital images of thirty posters from the collections of the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri will be on display at venues throughout Wyoming beginning in late January, 2017. Funding for the exhibit is provided by Wells Fargo Bank and the Fort Caspar Museum Association. Museum director, Rick Young, is coordinating the effort.

Jan 20-March 25—Casper, Fort Caspar Museum

April 3 – May 14 – Wheatland, Platte County Library

May 22 – July 2 – Cheyenne, Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum

July 10 – Aug 20 – Laramie, Laramie Plains Civic Center

Aug 28 – Oct 8 – Green River, Sweetwater County Historical Museum

Oct 16 – Nov 26 – Pinedale, Sublette County Library

Dec 4 – Jan 14, **2018** – Evanston, Uinta County Museum

Jan 22 – March 4 – Afton, National Guard Readiness Center

Mar 12- April 22 – Dubois, The Dubois Museum

April 30 – June 10 – Powell, Homesteader Museum

June 18 – July 29 – Riverton, Riverton Museum

Aug 6 – Sept 16 – Sheridan, Sheridan Fulmer Library

Sept 24 – Nov 4 – Gillette, Rockpile Museum

Nov 12 – Dec 31 - Casper, Fort Caspar Museum

The posters were used throughout World War I to entice people to enlist, buy bonds, save sugar, and more. The posters solicited courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice.

Educators are encouraged to visit [www.theworldwar.org](http://www.theworldwar.org) and discover curriculum materials that can be utilized in teaching students about "The Great War," in addition to visiting the poster exhibit when it comes to your community.

Exhibit coordinator, Rick Young, said there is a VFW post in each of communities hosting the exhibit, and veterans will be moving the exhibit from venue to venue across the state.

For details call 235-8463.



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# From the President...



Welcome to the New Year, 2017!

It is amazing how quickly a year passes, especially when filled with so many wonderful activities and events. We bid 2016 farewell, reflecting on some of those wonderful times we shared with our members. The new year always brings the next iteration of some of our projects and programs: Homsher Research Grants, Wyoming's Most Significant Artifacts and History Day. We have those to look forward to in the coming months. Then there are the gatherings to enjoy; the Trek in June and annual meeting in September. It is wonderful to have those locations already identified as we start the New Year.

Many of the sessions at the Western History Association conference in St. Paul in October focused on the National Park Service. In one particularly compelling session, I learned about a program that I believe Wyoming, and our communities should look into. These areas are "designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape." These areas tell the stories related to our nation's diverse heritage. And, the pertinent point, as I see it, the "NHA entities collaborate with communities to determine how to make heritage relevant to local interests and needs." These *are not* national park units. But, such designations could increase tourism to those areas because they are partners with the NPS! At a time when Wyoming's economy needs diversification, I think it is time for us to re-

examine the role of cultural heritage tourism and its contribution to our economy. For more information visit their website: <https://www.nps.gov/heritageareas/FAQ/>.

Wyoming has so many of these corridors, we should capitalize on this program. Note, one of these areas is the Cache La Poudre River National Heritage Area in Colorado. Most of the designated areas are found east of the Mississippi.

We have some news to celebrate as well. At our board meeting in November we discussed the probability that the Sweetwater County Chapter would go inactive. Indeed, the following day, the few members that attended the meeting did vote in favor of this. I turned to **Dr. Jessica Clark**, our at-large member from Rock Springs, to step in and provide whatever assistance she could. Following several conversations with her, and most importantly her hard work, dedication and connections, I am pleased to announce that the Sweetwater County Historical Society is transitioning to the **Western Wyoming Community College Historical Society**. Sweetwater County chapter members have received personal letters making this announcement. Thank you, Jessica for your hard work in making this happen. Also, congratulations are in order in that Jessica received a promotion to Associate Professor and her advancement to Division Chair. I am pleased to have you on our team.

As we enter 2017, we begin the cycle of recognizing and celebrating some of the landmark events in Wyoming. For example, Cheyenne celebrates 150 years! Not small achievements. In order to recognize such important dates, please let Linda Fabian know what these are or you can contact me at [wyshspresident@gmail.com](mailto:wyshspresident@gmail.com).

*Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year!*

**Tamsen**

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Life-long Wheatland resident, Lee Dunham, was the special guest of the **Platte County Historical Society** last month. Lee talked about his memories of growing up in Wheatland, and was able to share detailed information about each and every early business.

On January 15th the **Laramie County Historical Society** will host a program about Pilots of the US Air Service. For details call 635-2151.

The **Johnson County Historical Society** hosted “War Voices: Are You Listening,” in November. The program was about WWII Pacific and European Prisoners of War.

WSHS members **Cindy Brown and Barbara Bogart** were recent guests of the **Campbell County Historical Society** where they presented information about how to conduct successful oral histories.

The **Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office** will soon be sending out its updated 10-year plan. If you’re interested in receiving a copy please e-mail [natalya.lenz@wyo.gov](mailto:natalya.lenz@wyo.gov).

If you were a recipient of a **Homsher Research Grant** last year then it is about time to submit your final report.

Special thanks to Megan Lord, a student at Western Wyoming Community College, who worked with **Jessica Clark** in updating the Awards Manual for 2017. It will be released in January.

Several chapters enjoyed holiday dinners in conjunction with other like organizations. **The Hot Springs County Historical Society** enjoyed a get together with the Pioneer Association and the Hot Springs County Museum. In Casper the **Natrona County Historical Society** had their annual

gathering with members of the Oregon-California Trails Association.

WYO State Parks announces four premier viewing venues for the August 21, 2017 Total Solar Eclipse. They are currently taking reservations for the eclipse weekend at Glendo, Guernsey, Boysen and Edness K. Wilkins state parks. You can learn more by calling 1-877-996-7275 or online at [www.wyoparks.org](http://www.wyoparks.org). The reservation packages will only be available until February 1, or until all available reservations are filled. Don’t delay—



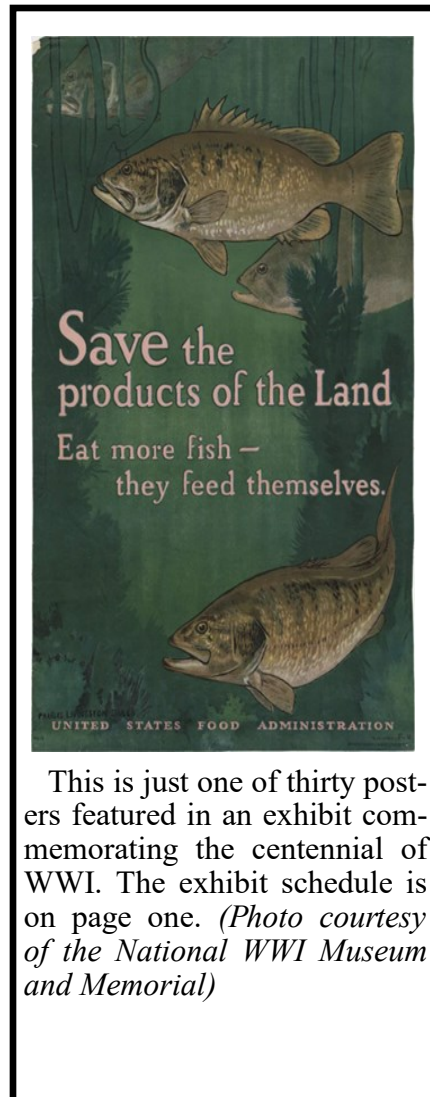
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This is just one of thirty posters featured in an exhibit commemorating the centennial of WWI. The exhibit schedule is on page one. (Photo courtesy of the National WWI Museum and Memorial)

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## Wyoming History Calendar

**January—Top Ten Artifacts of 2017.** Solicitations will begin in January. Watch newspaper and social media for details.

**January—WWI Commemoration—**Page one.

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

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

**January 22-Fort Bridger.** “Outlaws in Western Wyoming.” E-mail [el\\_carta@outlook.com](mailto:el_carta@outlook.com).

**April 10—Laramie.** Wyoming History Day.

**April 20-22-Boulder, CO.** CWAM Annual Meeting, Visit [www.cwam.org](http://www.cwam.org) for more information.

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

**August 21, 2017-Total Solar Eclipse.** Glendo and Casper are planning huge celebrations. Watch for details.

*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 15<sup>th</sup>. Send items to Editor, Wyoming History News, P. O. Box 247, Wheatland, WY 82201.

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- Glendo—Glendo Historical Museum
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- Green River—Sweetwater County Museum
- Encampment—Grand Encampment Museum
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- Lusk—Stagecoach Museum
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- Rawlins—Carbon County Museum and Frontier Prison
- Rock Springs—Rock Springs Historical Museum
- Thermopolis—Hot Springs County Museum and Hot Springs CHS
- Torrington—Hot Springs CHS and Museum
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## 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 on topics that relate to Wyoming history. This grant is 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 for the 2017 granting year. It was 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. The committee believes this will make the process even more competitive and 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](http://www.wyshs.org), or contact **Linda Fabian** via e-mail to [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org) or Homsher Committee Chair, **Doug Cubbison**, at [whitestar1864@hotmail.com](mailto:whitestar1864@hotmail.com).

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 com-

mitted 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].*

### *Congratulations!*

The Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office recently announced that the Downtown Casper Historic District has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places - NPS. "The physical and architectural development of the downtown reflects the importance of the railroad, the oil industry, as well as automobile travel along the Yellowstone Highway. As a county seat and later with the arrival of the railroad, Casper, Wyoming, grew to become the agricultural market center of Natrona County and major hub in central Wyoming."

This past fall the Ames Monument in Albany County in Wyoming was designated a National Historic Landmark. The large pyramid, which has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1972, honors brothers Oakes Ames and Oliver Ames, Jr., who were instrumental in the construction of the first transcontinental railroad. Architect H. H. Richardson designed the pyramid, which includes two 9 feet tall bas-relief portraits of the Ames brothers by sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens on the east and west sides of the pyramid's top. The monument is located about 20 miles (32 km) east of Laramie, Wyoming on a wind-blown, treeless summit south of Interstate 80. Staff at State Historic Preservation Offices are committed to preserving the places that tell the audacious story of Americans like the Oakes brothers. A

celebration will be held next Spring to commemorate this designation.

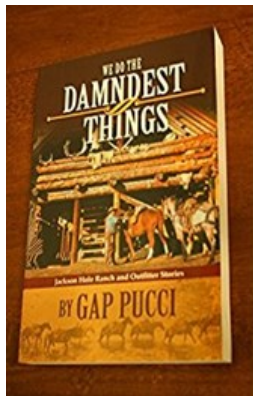


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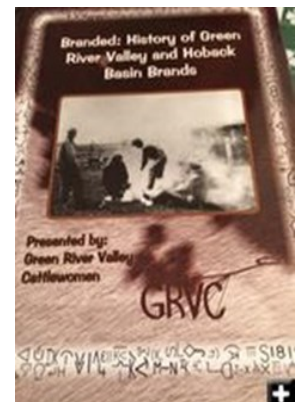
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## On the Book Shelf...



WSHS member, author and outfitter, **Gap Pucci**, received an award from the Society last fall for his book "*We do the Damndest Things: Jackson Hole.*" This delightful read features Gap's personal stories working as an outfitter out of Hoback Canyon. It includes stories of important people from the area who have since passed on. It is a vivid, first-person account of outfitting, a long-time important industry in Wyoming. It can be purchased from the author by calling 307-733-6318, or writing 11950 Camp Creek Road, Jackson, WY 83001. Just remember — if he doesn't answer right away it could be because they are snowed in without access to modern conveniences!

**The Sheridan County Historical Society** announces the availability of "Branded: History of Green River Valley and Hoback Basin Brands," published by the Green River Valley Cattlewomen. This book is the group's effort to develop and organized the first book of historical stories of brands in Sublette County and the surrounding area. To order this book that includes brands that date back to the 1870s call the Sheridan County Historical Society at 307-675-1150, Terrie Springman at 307-231-5565, or **Jonita Sommers** at 307-360-8023.





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### *IN MEMORY....*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of **Karen McLean** who died Sunday, December 4. Karen was a long-time member of the Sweetwater County Historical Society. Karen was a Business Education teacher for Sweetwater County School District #1 for thirty-five years. She retired in 2003. Throughout her life she was very active in the community, serving as president of the Rock Springs Babe Ruth League, and co-hosting Coal Camp Reunions. She published books and calendars about the history of coal camps in the area. Karen is survived by two sons and a daughter, along with a host of grandchildren.

Also to the family of **Gertrude Eddington** who died in Torrington this past October. Gertrude was born and raised on her parents' homestead in Torrington. Gertrude was known as a person you could always count on. She never missed a homemaker's council meeting, and was very proud of the fact that she was the first woman to serve on the Wyoming Wheat Commission. Gertie, as she was known to those near and dear to her, is survived by her husband, David, and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



WSHS member **William Walker** of Ohio died recently. He loved Wyoming history. Our condolences go out to his family.