



# Wyoming History News



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## Heard on the Historical Trail



The **Platte County Historical Society** created a year-long exhibit of members of the community who served in WWI. The exhibit has been on display at various locations throughout Platte County. The Ora Call Unit of the American Legion is preparing for its 100th anniversary in 2018 and will be utilizing the exhibit as part of that celebration.

WSHS president **Doug Cubbison** recently presented Indian Doughboys in the Great War to members of the Sheridan County Historical Society. Doug is very interested in visiting chapters. Please contact him direct at whitestar1864@hotmail.com or call 472-1857.

Congratulations to WSHS member **Dr. Bridget Burke** on being named University of Oklahoma Libraries Associate Dean for Special Collections.

Members of the **Hot Springs County Historical Society** enjoyed their annual Christmas Holiday get together.

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## *Non-Event Huge Success*

The Wyoming Historical Foundation's second annual "non-event" has turned out to be quite the success according to **Charlene Busk**, treasurer. "To date we have received more than \$7,000 in donations," she said. "Donors chose to give to the Society's long-term endowment, WyoHistory.Org, Wyoming History Day or the Homsher Research Grant Project." "Many donors have split their gift amongst several."

**Mike Jording**, past president of both the Society and the Foundation Board of Directors explained, "The Wyoming Historical Foundation by its name infers something from the past. The past is the cultural and preservation activity of Wyoming people who have been members of the Society for many years; their vision represents the knowledge and hope of people who could be identified as Wyoming patriots; some are alive, and others have passed on. They loved learning about Wyoming and sharing Wyoming with others. They personally invested in the Wyoming idea. Some became self-educated in Wyoming's history, and some taught others about Wyoming's past. In so doing, they became

patriots wanting to ensure that the trail was not lost.

Who among our members would not have enjoyed the knowledge and experience of Wyoming had it not been for the Society? Would we have been able to visit Cambria in Weston County, the Dale Creek Bridge site in Albany County, or the TA Ranch in Johnson County had it not been for our association with the Society. Would our members like **Tom Rea** have researched the history of Ella Watson and James Averell, or would have **Mary Kelley** have done the Arcadia book on Gillette, or would have **Starley Talbott** done the Platte County book if it were not for relationships with the Wyoming State Historical Society? It is important to support the activities of the Society and Foundation as they lay the groundwork for the next decade or century. Financial contributions are a way to keep that light of patriotism alive in Wyoming; it is a means of giving support to the organization that provided us the pathway to learning about and loving Wyoming." Your gifts are deeply appreciated (see page 6 and 7).

Thank you!

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## From the President...



Fort Fetterman was established in July 1867 as the southernmost military post on the Bozeman Trail. The Army closed Fort Fetterman in 1882, and the fort became Fetterman City, anticipated to become the county seat of the new Converse County. But in 1886 the railroad bypassed Fetterman City, and Douglas was founded instead. The next year Theodore Pringle established a tent saloon along the muddy morass that constituted the city's Main Street – shortly afterwards followed by a frame structure. In 1906 Theodore Pringle constructed a substantial two-story brick building on the same location, which he named the College Inn Bar. The College Inn Bar was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979, and is the oldest continuously operated business in Douglas and Converse County. The historic structure still retains the spectacular 1906 Brunswick Bar and its furnishings.

Unfortunately, by early in 2017 the bar had suffered from years of minimal maintenance, was in extremely poor repair, listed for sale, its survival in doubt. WSHS/Converse County Historical Society members **Scott and Jacey Bauman** purchased the College Inn Bar in August 2017. Following an extensive rehabilitation, during which all historic components of the bar were faithfully protected and preserved, Scott and Jacey reopened the College Inn Bar in early November. Even the pair of golden eagles that greeted visitors since the day that Theodore Pringle first opened the swinging doors of his saloon were carefully cleaned and returned to their place of honor. When you enter the College Inn Bar, you literally step back into Wy-

oming's past, and are experiencing firsthand our nation's lore and legacy. If you listen carefully you can hear the voices of yesteryear discussing sports, politics, international events, the economy, livestock, horses, hay, business, service and sacrifice...and yes, the Wyoming weather.

This is a textbook case of how historic preservation contributes to our economy. Today, an important business that was in danger of closing its doors forever just months earlier, keeps the lights burning along North 2nd Street. The College Inn Bar serves as a "bookend" to the historic downtown of Douglas. The 1906 building has been saved, retaining the historic appearance and architectural persona of one of the Cowboy State's most distinctive communities, and maintaining the ability of the town and county to attract tourists and visitors off the interstate. Through the efforts of Scott and Jacey this small, locally-owned business continues to employ workers, support community events, sustain local vendors, and contribute state and local taxes. And they are representative of hundreds of other small business owners throughout the state, who are utilizing historic preservation to foster the Cowboy state's heritage tourism based economy. The **Converse County Historical Society** will host our Annual Meeting next September, and I encourage all our Society members to discover the history and heritage of Douglas and Converse County. In the meantime, if you find yourself driving the byways of our wonderful state, support Society members Scott and Jacey and over eleven decades of Wyoming saloon legacy at the College Inn Bar!

Linda and the board and committee members of the Society wish all our friends and colleagues a very Happy New Year!

Until Next Time,  
**Doug**

(Heard on the Trail continued from page 1)

WSHS member Sam Mihara who was raised at the Heart Mountain Internment Camp during WWII, has scheduled speaking engagements statewide (see calendar on page 4 for details). If you would like to have him speak for your group contact him direct at smihara12345@gmail.com or call 714-813-6291. Hearing Sam recall his experiences is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

WSHS member, Author and historian, **John Waggener**, has been enjoying presenting "*Snow Chi Minh Trail*" to audiences statewide. The book is available at local bookstores across Wyoming, or by contacting the Society at linda@wyshs.org.

The **Albany County Historical Society** enjoyed a recent talk by author Lori Howe about her book, *Voices at Twilight*. The book was a first place winner at the Society's annual meeting last September.

As is their tradition, the **Weston County Historical Society** recently celebrated Wyoming Day by featuring women artists of Weston County. If you are interested in helping at the chapter level please contact **Mike Jording** at 746-2113.

If you're in Casper make time to visit the historic Bishop Home on 2nd Street. The home demonstrates how people lived over a century ago and welcomes tours. Call 235-5277 for details.

The **Goshen County Historical Society** hosted a program by WSHS member and columnist **Bill Sniffin** in December.

The **Laramie County Historical Society** will feature retired attorney Mary Guthrie who will speak about Women of the West on Sunday, January 21. For details call 635-2151.

WSHS/Johnson County Histori-

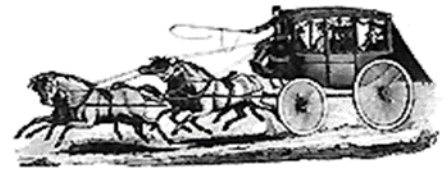
cal Society member **Sylvia Bruner** presented a talk to her neighboring **Sheridan County Historical Society** friends about the final flight of the "Scharazad," a B17 that crashed in the Bighorn Mountains in 1943. If you're interested in hearing the talk contact Sylvia at 684-9331.

The Wyoming Veteran Museum's collection of George Ostrom's WWI artwork will be on display at the Nicolaysen Art Museum in Casper through January 14th. The museum is located at 400 East Collins Street. A story about the Wyoming soldier turned artist can be enjoyed on the Society's online encyclopedia, [WyHistory.Org](http://WyHistory.Org).

The **Fort Bridger Historical Association** will host the Society's annual Trek on June 29-July 1. They're hoping you'll consider staying over for the commemoration and reenactment of the 150th year signing of the 1868 Treaty between the US government and the Eastern Shoshone and Bannock Nations.

WSHS member **Bob King**, of Casper, will be the guest of the **WWCC Historical Society** on January 10th when he will present "Checkerboard Wyoming: Oil Refineries and Railroad Affects." Email [wegner13@msn.com](mailto:wegner13@msn.com) for details.

The **Goshen County Historical Society** will host WSHS member **George Zeimans** at their meeting on January 23rd. For details email [bondhouser@gmail.com](mailto:bondhouser@gmail.com).



## The Exchange

**ANNALS OF WYOMING:** If anyone has the following back issues please contact Bruce Liddic at [brliddic@gmail.com](mailto:brliddic@gmail.com):  
10/1926-Volume 4/2.

10/1930-V 7/2

1932-V9/1

1933-V9/4

1973-V45/1

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Opportunities abound at the Jackson Hole Historical Society & Museum. For details call Brenda at 733-2414 or [brenda@jacksonholehistory.org](mailto:brenda@jacksonholehistory.org).

**JOB HUNTERS:** The Colorado -Wyoming Association of Museums has job openings. For details visit the website at [cwam-us.org](http://cwam-us.org). Their will host their annual meeting in Cheyenne this April. For details visit [www.cwam-us.org](http://www.cwam-us.org).

**SNOW CHI MINH TRAIL: The History of Interstate 80:** The second edition will be out soon. Order your copies now! Author **John Waggener** is available for presentations to your chapter if you're interested. Contact Society headquarters at [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org) for details.



## Wyoming History Calendar

**Through January 14-Casper.** George Ostrom's WWI artwork is on display at the Nicolaysen Art Museum.

**January 25—Sheridan.** Sheridan County Historical Society & Museum Gala featuring Michael Martin Murphey. For details about the event please email [john.woodward@sheridanmuseum.org](mailto:john.woodward@sheridanmuseum.org).

**March 14—Sheridan.** WSHS member Sam Mihara will be the guest speaker at the Sheridan Museum. Call 675-1150 for details.

**March 15—Buffalo.** WSHS member Sam Mihara will be the guest speaker at the Jim Gatchell Museum, and the high school. For details call 684-9331.

**March 16—Gillette.** WSHS member Sam Mihara will be the guest speaker at the Gillette High School.

**March 20-Laramie.** Albany County Historical Society presents a program by John Waggener, Snow Chi Minh Trail. Call 766-5652 for details.

**June 29-July 1-Fort Bridger.** The Society's annual Trek will be hosted by the Fort Bridger Historical Association. Watch for details.

**July 26-Heart Mountain.** Annual Pilgrimage. Early registration begins February 1. Visit [www.heartmountain.org](http://www.heartmountain.org) for details.

*Laramie turns 150 years old in May, 2018.  
Watch for details!*

**Note: All phone numbers are 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Send items to Editor, Wyoming History News, P. O. Box 247, Wheatland, WY 82201.

### *2018 Calendar of Wyoming History Available at...*

**Buffalo** – Jim Gatchell Museum

**Casper** – Natrona County Historical Society, Wind City Books

**Cheyenne** – City News and Wyoming State Museum

**Cody** – Legends Bookstore, Park County Historical Society

**Douglas** – Converse County Historical Society

**Encampment** – Grand Encampment Museum

**Evanston** – Uinta County Museum

**Fort Bridger** – Fort Bridger Historical Association

**Gillette** – Campbell County Historical Society, Rockpile Museum

**Glendo** – Glendo Historical Museum

**Green River** – Sweetwater County Museum

**Hannah** – Hannah Basin Historical Society

**Jackson** – Jackson Hole Museum

**Lander** – Lander Pioneer Museum

**Laramie** – AHC, Second Story Books, UW Bookstore, Albany County Historical Society

**Lusk** – Stagecoach Museum

**Rawlins** – Carbon County Museum and Frontier Prison

**Riverton** – Meadowlark Books and Fremont County Historical Society

**Rock Springs** – Rock Springs Historical Museum

**Sheridan** – Best Out West and Sheridan Stationary and Sheridan Museum

**Sundance** – Crook County Museum

**Thermopolis** – Hot Springs County Museum and Story Teller Books

**Torrington** – Goshen County Historical Society and Prairie Creek Books

**Wheatland** – Platte County Library and Wandering Hermit Bookstore

**Wright** – Wright Centennial Museum

Or, Society Headquarters at [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org)



January image: Natrona CHS Pep Orchestra in 1931. Photo courtesy Wyoming State Archives.





*Editors' Note:* Several times a year I am asked "What is that monument on Interstate 25." On October 13, 1998, Wyoming Highway Patrolman Chris Logsdon was responding to a report of a drunk driver going the wrong way on the interstate. Upon Trooper Logsdon's arrival at the scene he found himself head to head with the driver, and served to avoid a head-on collision, causing his patrol cruiser to flip several times. The driver turned out to be a 92-year old motorist who was not drunk at all, but lost and confused, and driving on the wrong side of the divided highway. Patrolman Logsdon died instantly, leaving behind a wife and four children. So, the next time you're traveling south on Interstate 25, outside of Wheatland, take a moment to remember those who gave all.

(Photo by Linda Fabian)

Society president, **Doug Cubbison**, with WSHS/Converse County Historical Society members **Scott and Jacey Bauman** at the historic College Inn Bar in Douglas. Scott and Jacey purchased the bar in August, 2017 and have been working on renovations. The bar will be one of the stops during the 2018 annual meeting in Douglas this September.



America's #1 Singing Cowboy  
**MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 6<sup>SHOW</sup> PM**

**Sheridan County Historical Society & Museum Gala**  
 Holiday Inn Convention Center  
 1809 Sugarland Drive Sheridan, WY  
 5:00 PM DOORS | 6 PM DINNER & SHOW  
 TICKETS: \$125 PRE-SALE ONLY  
 OuthouseTickets.com | MichaelMartinMurphey.com

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Michael Martin Murphey will be performing for the Sheridan County Historical Society & Museum Gala on January 25th. For tickets call the museum at 675-1150.

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

### **At Large**

Barney Voerdin, Cody  
Charles Carpenter, Columbia, SC  
Christopher Sudol, Laramie  
Cody Switzer, Gillette  
Craig Hines, Casper  
Dave Lively, Grand Lake, CO  
David and Julie Danielson, Prescott Valley, AZ  
Elizabeth Kretchmer, Redmond, WA  
Eric Waltzer, Riverside, CA  
Gary Walden, Carpenter  
Jackson Yager, Cheyenne  
Joanna Pace, El Cerrito, CA  
John Moran, Laramie  
Kathy Dolan, Casper  
Ken and Chris Pasley, Wheatland  
Linda Kiisk, Cheyenne  
Lucas Fralick, Gillette  
Marian Betancourt, Brooklyn, NY  
Matt Johnson, Dayton  
Tucker and Jean Smith, Jackson  
Vance and Sandy Brewer, Pinedale

### **Albany County Historical Society**

Jamie Green, Laramie

### **Campbell County Historical Society**

Judy McCullough, Moorcroft  
Lorna Whisler, Natural Bridge, VA

### **Carbon County Historical Society**

Elaine McDonald, Rawlins  
Gary Chapman, Rawlins, WY  
Jacob McDonald, Rawlins  
Mark Flaherty, Oklahoma City, OK

### **Converse County Historical Society**

Ammia Murray and Shelden Poage, Lost springs  
Bruce and Debbie Murray, Lost springs  
David Austin, Douglas  
Frank and Theresa Eathorne, Douglas  
Michelle Bingham, Douglas  
Tammy Delyea and Emily Velasquez, Douglas

### **Fremont County Historical Society**

Paul and Suzanne Crofts, Lander

### **Johnson County Historical Society**

Randy and Sharon Miller, Buffalo

### **Laramie County Historical Society**

Adele Beldie, Cheyenne  
Charles Rand, Cheyenne  
Dan Lyon, Cheyenne

### **Natrona County Historical Society**

Robert and Helen Lamb, Casper

### **Park County Historical Society**

Joyce Harkness, Ralston

### **Platte County Historical Society**

Dave Miller and Tandi Wise, Wheatland  
Edith Privratsky, Wheatland  
Frances Heller, Wheatland  
Jeff Loseke, Wheatland

### **Sheridan County Historical Society**

Beki Sersland, Sheridan  
Tempe Javitz, Menlo Park, CA

### **WWCC Historical Society**

Basil and Eileen McCulley, Rock Springs  
Carlos Gonzales, Rock springs  
Rhys Forsgren, Rock Springs

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### **Homsher Research Grant Project**

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Ann Noble, Cora  
Bertha Ward, Laramie  
Bud Alley, Signal Mountain, TN  
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David Kathka, Loveland, CO  
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Richard Osman, Denver  
Robert and Beth Melonuk, Fort Laramie  
Robert Murray, Beaverdam, VA  
Sandra and Wayne Holyoak, Rozet

### **Wyoming History Day**

Alma O'Hare, Reliance  
Ann Husky, Gillette  
Ann Noble, Cora  
Bud Alley, Signal Mountain, TN  
David Kathka, Loveland, CO  
Don and Marjorie Sanborn, Glendo  
Dona Bachman, Carbondale, IL  
Donna Wallace, Golden, CO  
Gail Robinson, Green River  
George and Sharon Martin, Cheyenne

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Barbara Costopoulos, Guernsey  
Benjamin Roman, Story  
Bertha Ward, Laramie  
Bud Alley, Signal Mountain, TN  
Clint Gilchrist, Pinedale  
Dave Foreman, Cheyenne  
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Dona Bachman, Carbondale, IL  
Donna Kenney, Cody  
Gary Blyth, Sheridan  
George and Sharon Martin, Cheyenne  
Governor Mike and Jane Sullivan, Casper  
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Jennifer Tennican, Jackson  
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Karen Dickenson, Los Altos, CA  
Kim Viner, Laramie  
Lance McNees, N. Salt Lake UT  
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Robert King, Casper  
Robert Murray, Beaverdam, VA  
Sandra and Wayne Holyoak, Rozet  
Tom Rea, Casper

**(Wyoming History Day continued)....**

Ken and Pat Kennedy, Wheatland  
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Marge Wilder, Cody  
Myrna Sharp, Gillette  
Patsy Parkin, Wheatland  
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Priscilla Baker, Laramie  
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*Save the date: The Fort Bridger Historical Association  
will host the Society's annual Trek June 29th-July 1.*

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## *In Memory...*

Our condolences to the family of WSHS/Hot Springs County Historical Society member **Larry Marcott** who died in September. Larry was a proud Wyoming native with an amazing career in the Peace Corp, as a National Park Ranger, and director of the Hot Springs County Museum.

And to the family of **Jean Geer**, a member of the WSHS/Campbell County Historical Society. Jean was born in McFadden and lived in Wyoming her entire life.

Also to the family of **Lowell Anderson**, a life member of the WSHS/Park County Historical Society. Lowell attended more Treks than any other member it seems. He was always cheery and you could always expect to receive his card with the word of God on it. A military funeral was held on November 9th in Riverton.

WSHS/Park County Historical Society member **Donald Nafus** died in Cody at the age of 94. Don also served in the military as an aircraft mechanic and an engine specialist.

WSHS/Laramie County Historical Society member **Lois Mottonen** died on December 6th in Cheyenne. Lois was a past president of the chapter, and actively involved in the community. She was a pioneer in the field of accounting.

Condolences to the family of WSHS past president Ruth Lauritzen Ruess upon the death of her husband, **Donald Ruess**, who died on December 7th in Green River.