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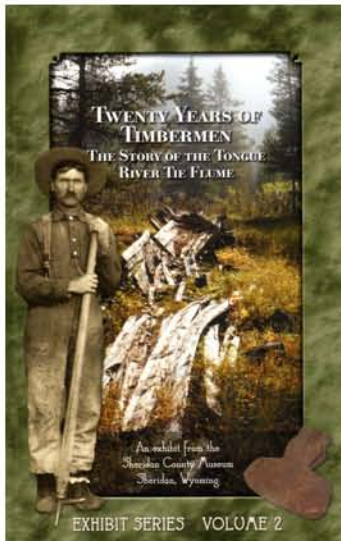
ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

JANUARY 2012

JANUARY 22 PROGRAM ~

TONGUE RIVER TIE FLUME

BY HELEN LAUMANN & NATHAN DOERR



The program will feature the history of the Tongue River Tie Flume and new photographs used in the Sheridan County Museum's new Exhibit Series book (at left). The Tongue River Tie Flume played a unique role in the early history of Sheridan and the surrounding area. Between 1893 and 1913, the flume served as a critical yet innovative means of transporting railroad ties and cut lumber from the Bighorn Mountains to the valley below. Though much of the flume has deteriorated or been vandalized over the past 98 years, its story lives on and enchants locals and visitors alike. Join Helen Laumann and Nathan Doerr—authors of *Twenty Years of Tim-*

berman: The Story of the Tongue River Tie Flume—as they explore the history of the Tongue River Tie Flume. (lower right: 1898 photo from the BHCHS Jack Webb Collection)



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS:

We would like to acknowledge the following for all their hard work to make our monthly meetings a success.

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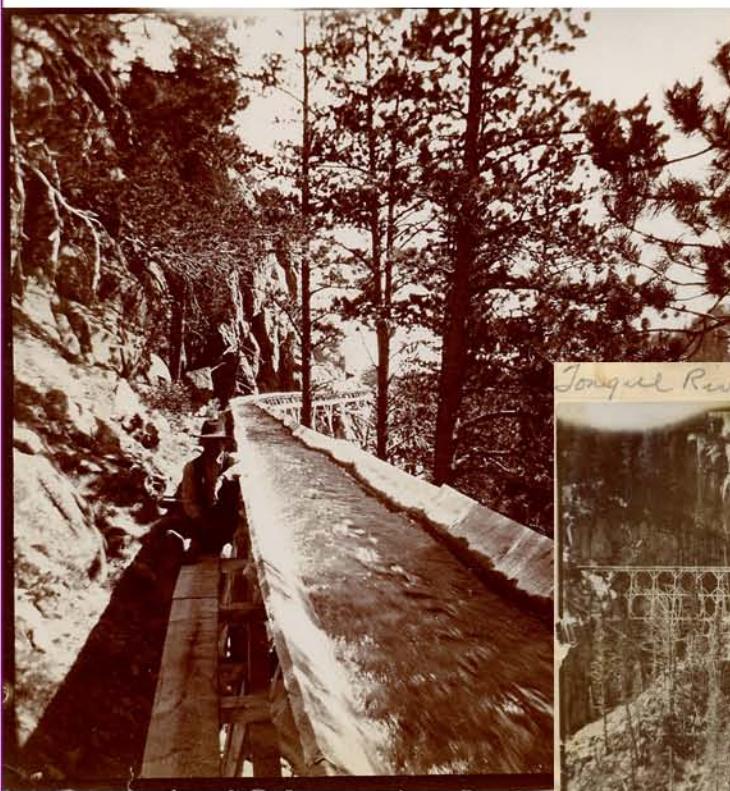
SHERIDAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING ~ Thursday January 26



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wanting to attend the program only should be in attendance by 6:45.

Sam will be speaking on the process of writing about E. A. Whitney. He has recently completed two books for the Whitney Benefits. One is titled "The History of Whitney Benefits" and the other is "Solace in Numbers ~ A Biography of Edward A. Whitney" (see photo at right that was published in The Sheridan Press special edition on Whitney Benefits.)



*Elt Waisner
by McShane lumber
Camp flume*

"Elt Waisner by McShane lumber camp flume."

1898 From the BHCHS Jack Webb Collection



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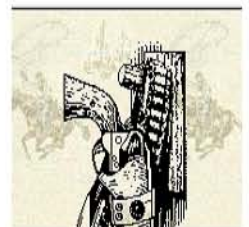
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FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM:

KEN HEUERMAN

The Value of
Western Books



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We would like to introduce you to the Nickerson Family who have continued to support our efforts in preserving the Elsa Spear Byron Collection. Their recent \$5,000 grant, along with the matching funds from Forest Mars, continues to help us with our work.

We are currently cataloging & transcribing her 1911 diary.

THE NICKERSON FAMILY. One of The Bozeman Trail Museum's major supporters has been the Nickerson Family Foundation. Members of the foundation board are; back row, left to right: David, Phillip and Gregory Nickerson. Front row: Scott and Anne Nickerson.

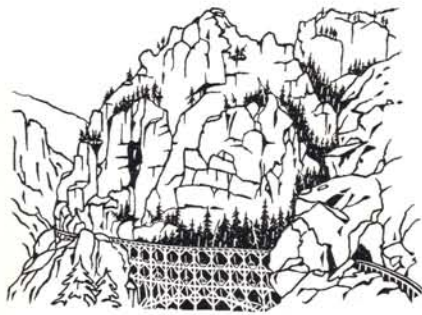


Greg also worked for a summer in our museum.
(Photo courtesy of the Nickerson Family—found in the BIG HORN CITY book)

We greatly appreciate their support !!

HISTORY OF THE

TONGUE RIVER TIE FLUME



By Bob Granum

This is a reprint of the original hardback.

This paperback book is now available for \$15.00. Please send \$20 per book to cover tax, shipping and handling. Each book comes with a map.

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Wyoming Notes: (found on the WSHS 1997 calendar)
1925 ~ Nellie Tayloe Ross sworn in as first woman governor.
1899 ~ U. S. Senator Francis E. Warren introduced a bill for the erection of a government post near Sheridan. Fort Mackenzie.
1893 ~ Sheridan Post editorial urged construction of road over mountains to Big Horn County.
1949 ~ Wyoming legislature passed anti - drunk flying bill.

GALLATIN HOUSE FLOORPLAN - Prepared by Don De Jarnett (11/6/2011)

I found it very interesting, especially the Gallatin house. I have enclosed a floor plan as I remember it. I spent a lot of time playing with Sandro Buef and we did a lot of exploring under the thing. He had a trap door in his closet. The whole house only had about a three foot high crawl space. We spent many hours under it escaping from intruding Indians or worse. You could go, on your hands and knees, from his bedroom to the kitchen. Really neat stuff for an 8 year old.

You asked for a floor plan. I believe that the wing on the left is the Buef's wing and the west side of the house. I just don't remember the wing on the right. I do know that the kitchen, dining and Chesco's room was on the east of the big living room. That must be the building on the right in the picture. I do remember that part of the house had an attic as we explored that also. I don't think the pond was there at that time. We spent a lot of time on it in a canoe. It wasn't very big as I recall. Jim Malen was also one of our gang. He should remember the layout, too. Is he still in Sheridan?

(He mentions they were not allowed in the room near the front entryway which was most likely Goelet Gallatin's library. They also had to be quiet if they went by this room and the Buef's bedroom was definitely off limits. Other than that they) "had complete run of the house and that we did."

Sandro and Malen built model airplanes in the greenhouse across from the Kitchen and west of the Betchers house. I don't remember anything growing in it. Sandro flew his planes in the fireworks field south east of the house. We parked cars whenever the Buefs had a party after we were about 12 or so and that was pretty neat. So I have driven up and down the circle drive many times.

Mrs. Gallatin was instrumental in bringing my dad to Big Horn in 1938. She was on the school board. She loved him and he her. Bea Buef carried on her board work after her death. My dad thought so much of Mrs. Gallatin and Mrs. Buef. In fact Mrs. Buef got him going with the Brown Swiss dairy cattle. If the truth was known, they probably talked more cow than school. I wish I had seen the house as an adult. It probably wasn't as big as I remember it. Even as a 10 year old, I thought it was a super neat house! And it was.

Sincerely yours,

Don De Jarnett

Thank you Don for helping us with the Gallatin house information. If anyone else has memories of the floor plan or other tidbits of information, please send them our way. (I think Meta Connell's room and the utility/sewing room was on the left side of the house.) JS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~ since some months we are short of space in the newsletter ~**JANUARY**

1 Ida Mae Heaton
 4 Mona Brown
 5 Mary Long
 9 Loraine Lowe
 11 Jeanne Noland
 23 Donald Johnson
 29 Charles Helvey
 30 Margaret Pilch

FEBRUARY

1 Martha Ann Perry Clarkson
 11 Roberta Sept Deti
 15 Ashley Galloway
 19 Marelyn Blackley
 21 George Coates
 22 George Harper
 23 Gayle Miech
 24 Carolyn Griffith
 24 Bert Dow
 24 Dick Bodine
 27 Leighanne Danko

MARCH

1 Scott Eckerson
 2 John Currie
 10 Jack Sept
 11 Bea Hutson
 16 Jim Currie
 20 Joyce Billings
 30 Barb Sare
 31 Norene Baxter

APRIL

6 Kathy Hosford
 12 Donna Hutson
 13 Katie Gorman
 23 Ed Symons
 25 Gene Caiola

MAY

5 Ron Dailey
 8 Mike Connell
 9 Kathleen Bishop
 13 Susan Dow
 20 Ken Danko
 28 Dolly Sept
 30 Meshelle Powell

JUNE

5 Laura Galloway
 12 Les Coates
 14 Richard Garber
 25 Melvine Rolston
 27 Gene Griffith

JULY

4 Pete Genereaux
 8 Elaine Hilman
 14 Shirley Dupree
 20 Dick Springer
 23 Lee Helvey
 25 Diane Caiola
 27 Donna Angel
 29 Mildred Carroll

AUGUST

2 Jim Clifton
 5 Ann Gorzalka
 6 Virginia Brown
 8 Marvin Nottingham
 11 Charlie Popovich
 14 Toby Thobaben
 16 Janet Holcomb

AUGUST—CONT.

16 Jim Bilyeu
 20 Gene Roelfsema
 21 Diana Gorman
 25 Elaine Henry
 26 Sandra Gorman

SEPTEMBER

1 Ruth Miller
 2 Ray Hutson
 2 Roy Scott
 13 Perk Connell
 14 Vic Garber
 15 Virginia Dillon
 15 Ron Gorman
 21 Barbara Oedekoven
 22 Bill Lowe
 21 Charlene Bodine

OCTOBER

1 Monna Monk
 1 Vic Slack
 3 Bender Caiola
 7 Shane Caiola
 7 Richard Brown
 13 Floyd Songer
 13 Karley Gleason
 15 Lily Bumbaca
 19 Robert Brent
 22 Wyla Loomis
 22 Dee Clifton
 30 John Zullig

NOVEMBER

8 Sarah Danko
 8 Chris Galloway
 8 Sandra Johnson
 16 Carol Orr
 26 Marilyn Bilyeu

DECEMBER

1 Carleton Perry
 6 Jackie Perry
 7 Larry Grooms
 10 Ann Danko
 16 Gina Dewey
 20 Myrna Grimm
 23 Edith Lou Lameres
 25 Faye Symons
 25 Lenora Scott
 26 Holly Harper
 28 Virginia Sept Nies
 29 Margaret Kethman





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This photograph is from Hank Kusel's photo album. Location and year not known. It is an old International Harvester automobile...maybe a rebuilt.??



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KEN HEUERMAN ON THE VALUE OF WESTERN HISTORY BOOKS

Ken will be talking about the items that make a book more valuable. He will bring examples but also encourages the audience to bring books and ask questions about their collections. He wants to make this an interactive presentation and enjoys teaching the importance of what makes books hold their value. He would like to focus on Wyoming History at our next meeting.

Ken owns and operates the book stall at the Best Out West Mall. He has been a collector of western books and postcard for many years.



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From September through December 2011 ~

Joyce Billings	Scott Burgan	Tom & Ky Dixon
Nancy Marquess	Ann Gorzalka	Dave Clarendon
Pete Genereaux	Wm. Legerski	Sandy Baird
John Drake	Richard Stephens	Ladd Cochran
Ron Dailey	Ann Custis	Edgar Symons
MarceLee Nelson	Forrest Mars	Casper Antiques



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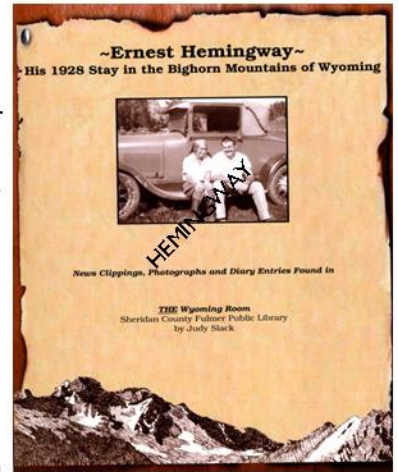
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Judy will discuss the publishing of this book on Ernest Hemingway's 1928 visit to the Big Horn area. She will share the rare (some never before seen) photographs found in the Wyoming Room along with the newspaper clippings and arrest records for the alleged bootleggers who supplied him with beer and wine. The book is available for sale through the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library GIFTSHOP website.

Judy Slack is a life-long resident of Big Horn. She serves as the volunteer editor of the Big Horn City Historical Society newsletter and as director of the Bozeman Trail Museum. She works to preserve pioneer family history by archiving photographs, diaries and scrapbooks. She is the Librarian for the Wyoming Room at the Sheridan Fulmer Public Library and also serves on the Historic Preservation Work Group for the Sheridan Community Land Trust.

Our Sincere Sympathies go out to the families of:

Suzanne Pelissier Hill.

Suzanne Pelissier Hill "Boo" was born in Denver, Colorado to Helen Ruth Kettering and Jack Marley Pelissier.



(The obituary has not been provided in The Sheridan Press at the time this Newsletter went to the printers.)

FERNANDE GARBER. Fernande D'Haeyer Garber, age 86, of Ismay passed away on Friday, February 3, 2012 after a graciously courageous struggle with Parkinson's. Fernande was born on July 31, 1925 in Gilly, Belgium. She came to America from war torn Europe in March of 1946, journeying to Big Horn, Wyoming where she worked for the Wallop family. On May 31, 1947 she married Eugene Garber and they lived in Wyoming while Gene completed his studies at Laramie.

Christina Anne (Garber) Murphy. November 7, 1962 – November 30, 2011 Sheridan resident Christina Anne (Garber) Murphy, 49, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital of complications related to liver disease. Christy was born Nov. 7, 1962, in Sheridan to Deborah (Hosford) and Richard Garber.



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SNAKE KILLS 2; ONE IS DROWNED

REASON OF SUND. MOTHER EX
THREATENED BY LOSSES OF
ONE DAY.

INFANT FALLS INTO WELL 39

Two Other Children are Found Dying
of Reptile's Poisoning Shortly
Afterward.

(Special to the Enterprise.)
Sundance, Wyo., Oct. 25.—Losing
three children in one day has prostrated
Mrs. Lent Henderson, of Sundance,
and fears are entertained that the
unfortunate woman may lose her reason.

Death took three victims from the
Henderson home quickly and in tragic
form, two of the children from the
effects of a rattlesnake bite, and the
third drowning, while the mother was
caring for the other two.

Mrs. Henderson was in the yard
with her baby when she heard violent
screams from the house. Putting the
baby down on the ground she ran in-
to the house to find that both her el-
der children had been bitten by a large
rattlesnake, which was coiled near by.
Mrs. Henderson quickly killed the
snake and then began dressing the
wounds of the children.

While thus engaged she heard a
scream from the baby and rushing out
found that it had crawled to the well
and fallen in. Forgetting the chil-
dren in the house, the distracted mo-
ther vainly attempted to rescue the
baby from the deep well. When she
reentered the house her older chil-
dren were dying from the effects of
the poison. They passed away short-
ly afterward.

As I was doing research in the Wyoming Room this month, I found this article. What a sad, sad story!! This happened in Sundance, Wyoming in 1909. JS

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Wyoming Notes: (found on the WSHS 1997 calendar)

1889 - Gov. Moonlight granted full pardon to Harry Longabaugh, 'the Sundance Kid'

1932- Coal black antelope seen leading herd at Newcastle

1878 - First long distance telephone call from Cheyenne to Laramie

1870 - Presidents Day—Ester H. Morris appointed first woman justice of the peace at South

Pass City

HELEN BRINTON'S RECIPE ~ RING MOLD

1/2 cup sour cream

1/2 cup molasses

1 egg

1/2 cup sugar

2 cups flour

1 tsp. soda

1 tsp. ginger

1 pinch of salt

Bake.

Editor has not tried this recipe.
Just found it in our museum files. I
suppose one would bake it at 350
until done. Enjoy! If anyone tries it
let us know how it turns out. JS





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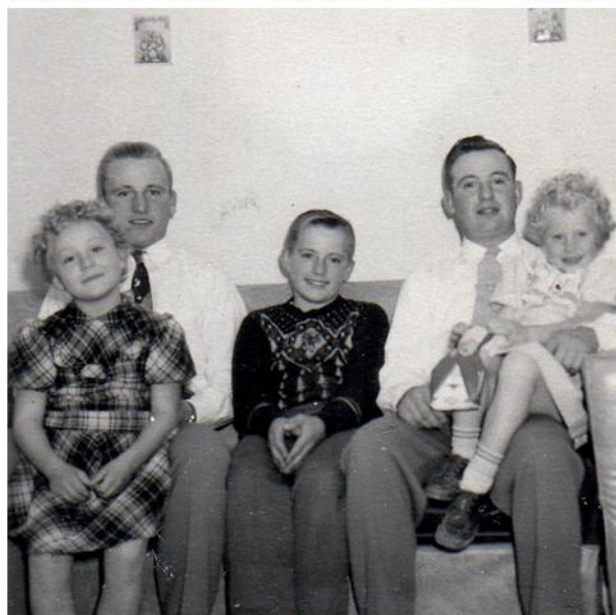
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This photo of Joe and Loretta Genereaux's
children was found in one of Helen Currie's
scrapbooks. The Genereaux Family moved to
Big Horn in May 1945. From left to right:
Frances, Robert, Pete, John and Trish (date 1953!).

THE GENEREAUX FAMILY

Joe & Loretta were married February 9, 1932. They
moved to Big Horn during the war and times were tough.
Loretta wrote in the Sheridan Heritage Book, "We came
to Big Horn and rented a cabin, slept on the floor and used
apple crates for furniture. Our boys John (11), Robert (10)
and Eugene Peter (6) enjoyed this very much."



Joseph & Loretta Genereaux - 50th wedding anniversary.
Sheridan Heritage Book P 436.



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MARCH 25 PROGRAM ~



SUBJECTS OF THE MIKADO: The Japanese Population of Sheridan County 1900-1930

In this lively presentation, Sheridan author Cynde Georgen examines one of Sheridan County's "disappeared" populations: the Japanese rail and mine workers of the early 20th Century. Through words and images, both the general background and the personal stories of this unique group of people will be revealed.

Three main topics will be addressed: Why did the Japanese come here in the first place, why did they leave so suddenly, and what were their lives like while they were in Sheridan County.



Left to Right:

Maie Butler

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Grace Smith

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Loretta Genereaux

??

?? Sitting

Please help us identify these ladies.....thank you! JS

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Lifting the Hoods Off of Our Grandfathers: A New Way to Present History, or a Cheap Shot?

While researching his family history, John Sutton discovered that his grandfather was a member of the 1920s Ku Klux Klan and that his ancestors had crossed the color line from black to white. These apparent contradictions challenged Sutton to dig deeper. John's presentation explores the complex pathways of his research and how his efforts to get at the past revealed as much about the present dynamics of his own family and his relationship with his father. His family's story is an American story about the role of race, politics, and community on a family's past and present.



John Sutton is a writer, instructor and grant manager currently working at Sheridan College. Writing with a historical focus has always been important to Sutton. His latest project (more than a decade in the making) is a creative nonfiction narrative based on historical research into his own family entitled *Becoming White: A Family's Journey from Slavery to the Ku Klux Klan*. He won a 2008 National Endowment for the Arts/Wyoming Arts Council Creative Nonfiction Writing Fellowship for two excerpts of *Becoming White* entitled *Writing Floyd* and *Floyd: Every Patriotic Man Doing His Duty*, Noblesville, Indiana, Fall 1922-Spring 1923. That same year Sutton was awarded the 2008 NISOD Excellence in Education Medal. More recently, he was a semifinalist for the X.J. Kennedy Award in Creative Nonfiction for different selections from the book. Sutton received English degrees from the University of California, Berkeley (B.A. with honors) and M.A. from New York University. Sutton works as an ETSS Grant Manager at Sheridan College where he has also taught college success, English composition and creative writing classes.

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Victor Slack October 1, 1920 – February 20, 2012

Victor J. Slack, 91, passed away Monday, February 20, 2012, peacefully during a nap at his home. Victor grew up in Evanston, Wyoming. He married the love of his life, Jacqueline Eyre of Lyman, on February 15, 1942, three days after signing up for the Army Air Corp. He always had something funny to say or maybe it was just a look that would make you smile. Victor was preceded in death by his wife Jackie and sons, Bob and Bill. He is survived by his daughter Mary Kay Carroll and his son John (Judy) Slack all of Sheridan, Bob's wife Joanie of Prescott, Arizona and Bill's wife Bonnie of Sheridan. Also, he is survived by nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to Easter Seals, 991 Joe Street, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801 or the charity of the donor's choice.



Fay J Symons December 25, 1925 – February 18, 2012 Fay passed away peacefully on Saturday, 18 February, 2012 at the Billings Clinic in Montana at the age of 86. Fay is survived by: Edgar W Symons, husband, Carl (Darley) Symons, Bellingham WA, son, Curt Symons, Sheridan WY, son, Bob (Rita) Symons, Cheyenne WY, son, Gail Symons, Pewaukee WI, daughter, Byron Elmgren, Sheridan WY, brother-in-law Shirley (Clarence) Snelling, Denver CO, sister, Kenneth (Jean Coffman) Jackson, Honolulu HI, brother, Carol (Rich) Dau, Sheridan WY, sister, Irene Jackson, Sheridan WY, sister-in-law, eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers Memorials can be made to the First United Methodist Church of Sheridan, 215 W. Works, Sheridan, WY 82801 or to Sheridan Johnson Community Foundation, 313 S. 2nd, Laramie, WY 82070.



SOUR CREAM PIE

1 c. sour cream
1 c. ground raisins
2 Tbsp. flour

1 c. sugar
2 eggs, separated

Mix flour with sugar and stir into sour cream (almost whipped). Add yolks which have been well beaten. Add raisins. Pour into pan lined with crust and dust top with cinnamon or allspice. Bake in rather slow oven, like custard. Meringue for top.

STRAWBERRY PIE

2 c. powdered sugar
1 stick margarine
1 large egg
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. vanilla

1 c. sliced strawberries
Little lemon
Little sugar
1 c. whipped cream

Cream powdered sugar and margarine until light and fluffy. Add egg, salt, vanilla and blend well. Spoon in baked pie crust and chill. Fold berries into whipped cream and spoon on top of other chilled mixture.

Rhubarb Crunch or (apple)
4 cups cut up rhubarb
1 cup sugar & 1 tbsp flour
2 egg yolks, nutmeg
pinch salt

In bottom of 8x8 baking dish

1/2 cup flour
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup butter

*make crumb
sprinkle over top
bake until done*

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BY
MELVINE ROLSTON



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1868 ~ first hanging in Cheyenne
1881 ~ Big Nose George Parrott lynched in Rawlins
1870 ~ First woman chosen for jury duty in Laramie
1916 ~ Spinsters' convention held in Gillette

Do you remember the corner store and gas station as you enter Big Horn? This was Jack & Lois Broderick's Christmas Card to The Currie Family. Probably in the 1950's.



The sign says
"BRODERICK'S
CASH STORE"

WHO IS BUTCH CASSIDY?



Coming Soon!!!

BANDIT INVINCIBLE

Larry Pointer has been researching the life of Butch Cassidy for 30 years. Brent Ashworth has been collecting rare documents for 30 years. Together they have combined the original manuscript written by W.T. Phillips, in the 1930's, with current research to produce a fascinating book of mystery and intrigue.

\$ 40 + \$2.40 tax = \$42.40 plus \$5 for postage LIMITED NUMBER PUBLISHED.

LARRY'S NEW BOOK IS HERE! Larry will be at the next meeting ~March25~ to sign books.



We need help identifying everyone in this photograph. We think this is a 1956 or 1957 Bible School photo.

Back Row: Joyce Dewey, (dark dress?), Nadine Shaw?, Ann Helvey, Bill Blackburn, Tom Bard, Patty Edmiston, Betsy Bettcher, Donna Eckerson, Linda Parker?, Dixie Avery.

Third Row: Sue Landis, Bea Babyon, Tom Logan, Jean Mills, Jay Dewey, (lady?), Carol Bard, Nancy Hanslip, Judy Mills, Teddy Logan, Roberta Sept, Sue Helvey.

Second Row: (Lady?), Martin Anderson, Harley Miech, Ben Anderson, Marion Loomis, Betty and Lilly Coates, Jim Currie, John Blackburn, Billy Miech, (white shirt?), John Currie, and Virginia Sept.

Front Row: Judy Currie, Leta Coates, Janice Scobee, Sharon Miech, Ginger Parker, Sandra Scobee, (white dress?), Susan Garber, Greg Eckerson, Jack Sept, Mary Ann Blackburn, Donnie Norskog, Bruce and Rick Clabaugh, Chip Garber.



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May 20th, 1961 at the Big Horn Woman's Club honoring older members.



Left to right: Maie Butler, Eva Nichols, Gertrude Brownlee, Anna Schmid, and Mrs. Rose.



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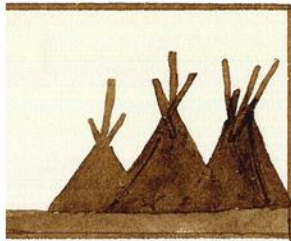
APRIL 22 PROGRAM ~

MARVIN DAWES

Marvin Dawes is a member of the Crow Tribe. He belongs to the Mountain Crows and his present name was chosen by his adopted family in honor of Senator Henry L. Dawes the sponsor of the General Allotment Act of 1887.



Marvin is a Park Ranger at the Little Big Horn National Monument at Crow Agency, Montana.



As a dedicated historian, Mr. Dawes said he planned to enumerate the origin of place names in the area and would explain the Crow Teepee ceremony: why the Crow use four poles to begin erection of the tent as compared to three typically used by the other Tribes. Marvin says he is deeply committed to preserving Indian Culture and history and cataloging historical sites.

The Editor would like to thank Mona Brown for all her hard work as treasurer and providing the mailing list and address labels for the monthly newsletter. I would also like to thank the Office Copy Shop for all their hard work in getting the newsletter ready (we had a communication error last month so hope we will have double sided pages for April). AND a special thank you to Gene and Diane Caiola for all the hard work they do to tape, fold, label and stamp the nearly 200 newsletters each month. PLUS a big thank you to Elaine Hilman for the great programs this year. I also want to thank every one who helps out with our dinners. We always have wonderful food and great help.....**THANKYOU THANKYOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!!!! JS**

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MAY 20
PICNIC in JUNE?



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Call Elaine

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APRIL 22 @ 1 p.m. - meeting @ BIG HORN WOMAN'S CLUB.

Carry In Lunch starting @ 1:00 with Program to follow. (We will continue with our new system. Maurine Badgett will be in charge of set-up and clean-up for every meeting. We will still need helpers.) We encourage members to pitch in and help where needed. Thank you.



SHERIDAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING~ APRIL 19

Dave Clarendon local rancher will give a presentation on water rights and ditches, past present and future. Clarendon's knowledge about water comes from his experience as a rancher and his service on several ditch company boards; he currently serves on the Lake DeSmet County Coalition. In the past he worked on surveys for the Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The dinner and program will be at the Kalif Shrine Temple, with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. and the program following announcements. Killy's Catering is furnishing the dinner, and the price is \$14 per plate. Reservations need to be made by noon Tuesday APRIL 17, by calling the museum at 675-1150. Those wanting to attend the program only should be in attendance by 6:45.

Some of our upcoming projects:

The Board has approved to sponsor a biography on Melvine Rolston. Judy will be working with Lyle and Gayle (Melvine's children). If anyone has a cute story or photographs that we could use please contact us.

The Board has approved to assist with the Coffeen postcard project. CHIEF, Inc. needs help with a fund raiser. It was decided to reprint 5 early Coffeen postcards (originally printed by Herbert Coffeen for the Sign of the Teepee Store). This will be a money maker for the museum as well.

The Board has approved to reprint Deck Hunter's 5 volume set "History of Big Horn City". Mary Masters will be making corrections that Deck had collected from pioneer families. If anyone has corrections they would like to see in the next printing please contact us. We will also add information, photographs, obituaries and other data.

The Board has approved to partner with the Sheridan County Museum/Historical Society in a book on George Ostrom's art and family history. George Jr. and Mary Lou Ostrom Robbins have shown great support for the project and we are progressing quickly to scan and take photos of artwork. On a side note: The Bozeman Trail mural has been hung in the new elementary school so it is back up for the public to enjoy.

Our Sincere Sympathies go out to the families of:

DOROTHY PAT SMITH:

Funeral services for Pat Smith, 78 year old Buffalo resident will be held Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 a.m. from the Adams Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Connie Cranston officiating. Private family interment will be in the Sheridan Cemetery. Donations in Mrs. Smith's memory may be made to the United Methodist Church in care of the Adams Funeral Home at 351 N. Adams in Buffalo. Dorothy Patricia Smith was born on September 1, 1933 in Sheridan, Wyoming to Burtis and Dorothy (Sackett) Kay. She spent most of her childhood in Big Horn where she attended grade school and was active in 4-H. She graduated from Sheridan High School with the class of 1951.



She is survived by her husband Richard of Buffalo; two sons, David W. Smith and his wife Susan of Houston, Texas and Kevin J. Smith and his wife Cathi of Abilene, Kansas; one brother Wallace Kay of Seattle Washington; four grandchildren, Ashley and Tanner Smith of Houston, Texas and Austin and Shaleigh Smith of Abilene, Kansas; two step granddaughters, Stephanie Witt of Lindsborg, Kansas and Victoria Mestl of Osceola, Nebraska. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister Arlene Sackett Kay of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Arrive in your Vintage Auto

Join us in Celebrating

Ground Breaking Ceremony

Broke Ground April 4, 2011 with Vintage Equipment

Our New Museum Building

Sunday, April 29, 2012
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Big Horn County Historical Museum
HARDIN, MONTANA

In our last newsletter there was a comment made about Big Nose George (Parrott). I have since found out more and am not sure all of you will enjoy this bit of history. Fact is truly stranger than fiction.



He had been involved in an attempted train robbery near Medicine Bow. A special two man posse was sent out after Big Nose George (BNG) and his men, however, the lawmen were shot and were not found for several days. BNG finally was captured and tortured until he confessed to the crimes. He was allowed a trial, convicted, sentenced, then while waiting execution a mob took him from the jail and hung him. "Suddenly an unnamed man appeared and requested that Dr. Osborne go with him to see if Big Nose George was dead. When Dr. Osborne arrived at the scene of the lynching he saw Big Nose with his hands tied behind his back" But the lynch rope broke and he fell to the ground. They made another noose of heavier rope and this eventually did the deed. Dr. Osborne was asked to

certify
the
death.

At first he refused to do so and the body has hoisted once more, and left to hang for another day. Finally he was cut down.

(continued on following page)

TERRITORY OF WYOMING) ss
Carbon County)

WANTED

At an inquisition holden at Rawlins, in Carbon County on the 23rd day of March, A.D. 1881, before me, A.G. Edgerton, coroner for said county, upon the body of George Parrott, alias Big Nose George, lying dead, by the jurors whose names hereunto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath to say that said Parrott, alias Big Nose George, was forcibly taken from the jail by a party of masked men to us unknown, taken to a telegraph pole and there hung by the neck with a rope until he was dead.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

(The information was taken from *The Legend of Big Nose George*. A booklet by the Carbon County Museum.)

The undertaker prepared the body of Big Nose George for burial. It is related that the nose of the dead man was so large that it interfered with the lid of the coffin and that excess pressure had to be exerted to close it and to nail it down. Big Nose George was not destined to "Rest in Peace." Dr. John Osborne, Dr. Thomas Maghee, and young Lillian Heath who was working as an assistant to Dr. Maghee had the casket opened and the body removed. The doctors wanted to study Parrott's brain to see if there was some physical reason for his criminal behavior. The skull cap was crudely sawed off to get at the brain and it was later given to young Miss Heath.



First he molded George's death mask using plaster of paris. The casting is without ears because while struggling as he choked to death, George's ears were worn off by the rope. Next he removed the skin from Parrott's thighs and chest. This flesh was tanned and the greater portion of it made into a pair of shoes that Dr. Osborne wore proudly. For example, it is interesting to note that in the fall of 1892, John Osborne was elected the first Democratic Governor of the State of Wyoming and that he wore those shoes to his inaugural ball in 1893.



The dismembered body of Big Nose George was kept in a salt solution in a whiskey barrel for about a year while further dissection and experimentation continued. After the experimentations were complete, the barrel, George and all, were buried in the yard behind Dr. Maghee's office. George was all but forgotten until May 11, 1950, when workmen excavating for a new building on Cedar Street, unearthed a whiskey barrel of bones behind the building that years before had been Maghee's office. This barrel contained numerous human bones including a skull with the top sawed off.

A crowd quickly gathered to view the grisly remains. Someone remembered that Dr. Lillian Heath had kept a skull cap of a lynched criminal named Big Nose George as a memento. She was still alive and well in her eighties and living in the home that her father had built in Rawlins in 1880. Her husband, Lou Nelson, brought the skull cap to the scene and it fit perfectly to the skull found in the barrel. For locals this proved that the bones were those of Big Nose George Parrott. Subsequent DNA testing directed by the Wyoming State Crime Lab verified their belief.



Photograph of shoes worn by Governor Osborne to his inauguration can be found on the next page along with the photo of Dr. Lillian Heath holding his skull cap.

Coming soon: a new book about Henry Coffeen written by Mike Mackey.

MAY 1897

Coffeen's

SUGAR, best quality, we are selling at the rate of 16 pounds to the one dollar. Think of it and come and buy. If our present stock gives out we have a new lot coming to sell at the same bottom price.

COFFEE—Arbuckle's and German are only 15 cents a package at Coffeen's new store.

OUR DRIED FRUIT is equally low and the quality is fine—about 20 varieties.

A WORD MORE ABOUT SOAPS.

OVER 4000 pounds of soaps of various kinds are just received. First and best in laundry soap is **SILK SOAP**—a very fine soap and only 5 cents per bar.

Next is Santa Claus and White Eagle, both good soaps and well known generally throughout the country. These are 5 cents per bar or 6 for 25 cents.

Next in our list comes Fern and White Russian, soaps that will do for general use.

Gold Dust and Sea Foam washing powders are both good.

Wrisley's Hard Water toilet and Pine Tar and Mechanic's toilet soaps are "fetchers." Call and get free samples.

Yes at Coffeen's.



FROM THE WYOMING NEWSPAPER PROJECT....

Tin and Plumbing Shop in Connection with the Store.

Ugly Women Made Handsome.

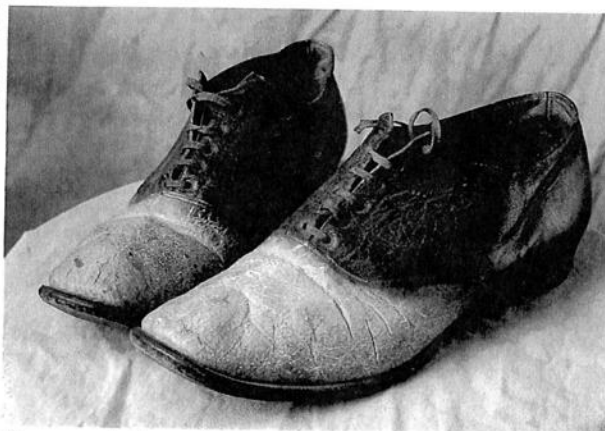
Homely, black, spotted, decayed teeth make many handsome women repulsive, while clean well-cared-for teeth make many homely women positively fascinating. Did you ever stop to think that the teeth were the first part of a person you looked at, and continued to during conversation?

FRACKELTON, The Dentist.

MRS. W. E. M. STEWART comes highly recommended by both Eastern and Western Conservatories as a

The Sheridan Post May 20, 1897 :

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Shoes made from the skin of Big Nose George.



Dr. Lillian Heath holding skull cap of Big Nose George Parrott-George Francis Warden.



Wyoming Notes: (found on the WSHS 1997 calendar)

1947 - Sheridan hen named national "Miss Slick Chick"

1955 - 39 inches of snow fell in one day Sheridan April 4

1892 - Nate Champion killed at KC ranch by Johnson County invaders April 9th

1883 - Snowfall of 2 to 4 feet reported statewide April 23

1922 - Teapot Dome scandal uncovered by US Senate investigators



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1940 CENSUS IS NOW AVAILABLE ~ FREE ~ ON LINE AT ANCESTRY.COM

BIG HORN AREA HAS SEVERAL PAGES. The population for the area was about 1300.
More will be shared in upcoming newsletters. Note: column 11 lists the age. We now
know that Zane Hilman was 12, Bob Rolston was 4 & Floyd Songer was 15.

Line	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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2							—, Jane R	Son	2	M	W	12	S	Yes	7	Oregon
3			215	R	15	yes	Hilman, Erle O	Head	0	M	W	30	S	No	44	Montana
4							Weaver, Blair	Farm Hand	X	M	W	31	S	No	8	Wyoming
5							Margina, Ace's	Farm Hand	X	M	W	40	S	No	8	Wyoming
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MAY 20TH PROGRAM ~ NOTE DATE (3RD WEEKEND DUE TO HOLIDAY ON THE 4TH WEEKEND)

MIKE KUZARA ON KUZARAVILLE

Per Mike: "Est. 1900 when my grandfather George arrived here from Pennsylvania and purchased the place which had a 2 room shack at the time. Over the years he built it up to contain a saloon, electric plant, bakery, store, gas station, ice-house, butcher shop, smoke house, blacksmith shop, and a cluster of miner's cottages. The place sat beside the Goose Creek crossing of the Higby Road which, except for the interurban railway was the only access to the mining camps of Acme-Monarch-Kooi-Kleenburn-Model & Carneyville. The closing of the camps and the children moving on to other places saw activity decline through the 1950's. When George died, my parents Mike and Betty Kuzara took the place over, Mike was killed at the Acme power plant and Betty tried to hold on but sold the place to Frank Stuerbens in 1992. Only one of the original outbuildings remain and the original house is somewhere inside the current structure which has been extensively remodeled." Mike will bring artifacts from this old town.



Big Horn County
Historical Museum & Visitor Center - Hardin, MT

JUNE 16
SATURDAY

WE ARE PLANNING A TRIP TO THE HARDIN MUSEUM.
YOU MAY CAR POOL. Parking will be available at the west end of
the Sheridan County Museum parking lot.

Meet at 10 AM (or just meet us in Hardin at the Museum at 11 AM.) You may bring your own lunch and any refreshments you wish or stop on the way at your favorite restaurant. (Some of us might stop at the Trading Post just north of Custer Battlefield.)

We will be able to purchase tickets at the group rate.



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THE DAY AUNT EM SHOT THE INDIAN

by

Elsa Spear Byron

This article was found in the Elsa papers in the Wyoming Room. (continued on page 5)
Larger photo of Emily on back page.

All her life, my Aunt Em lived next door to disaster. As the years went by, it took all the relatives to help feed her and the fourteen children she produced and to rescue them from the predicaments in which they seemed perennially involved.

But the time she shot the Indian brought disaster right inside the door of the DeWitt cabin at Junction City, Montana. The Big Horn River joined the Yellowstone at this point and most of the white settlers lived north of the big river. Aunt Em, her husband, John, and two infant sons lived on the south side which was Crow Reservation country.

It was January 31, 1887, one of the coldest days of that winter and the ice had frozen across the river. Aunt Em had put her babies down for their afternoon nap when a young Indian girl came to visit her. Aunt Em was proudly showing her new "22" rifle to the visitor when she heard a commotion in the chicken yard. Knowing it was caused by Indian dogs, Em ran out into the yard, gun in hand, and fired at the dog, but she was horrified when she looked up and saw a young Indian man appear suddenly from the creek-bank behind the dog. He stood there for a moment, then crumpled and fell to the ground. She knew that she must have shot the boy, but he was at least 100 yards away, and her gun was only a "22" with a short BB cartridge. It seemed impossible that she could have killed him. As Em ran back to the house, she passed the Indian girl who laughed at her for missing the dog and then went on her way down the path. Em didn't dare speak about the Indian she had seen fall, for she was alone on that side of the river with about 700 Indians camped around.

Trembling and scared, she closed the door and sat down. In a short time, she heard the tell-tale Indian death cry. It was indescribably weird, echoing for miles along the bluffs. Men in the town across the river recognized the cry, and several gathered with John DeWitt to cross the ice and go to where the Indians were huddled around the dead boy. There was a small blue mark on his temple and one old Indian, wiser than the rest, said, "Let me see, one time I saw mark line like that made by bullet." He knelt down and with his knife pressed on the mark and out popped the bullet.

John knew at once that it had come from his wife's gun, as there were no others like it in the community. He quickly went to the house and asked Aunt Em if she had fired the gun that day. She told him about shooting at the dog, but she could not admit that she had seen the Indian youth fall. The Indian girl, who was really his sister, had not seen the boy fall, so no one questioned her further.

It was eight years before Aunt Em could bear to tell anyone that she had seen the boy crumple and fall.



WALT LONGMIRE NEW TV SERIES STARTS JUNE 3RD

Fans of New York Times Bestselling Author, Craig Johnson, have a lot to look forward to this spring and early Summer.

Johnson, who calls Wyoming home, will have a brand new TV series, "Longmire," on the A&E TV network this June. The show is based on his mystery novels. His eighth book in his Walt Longmire series, "As The Crow Flies," will be released by Penguin Publishing on May 15th. "As the Crow Flies," Johnson said, will answer some of the lingering questions in his Walt Longmire book series. Johnson added, "But it'll probably just raise more (questions). I feel that's the life-blood of a series, the complexity of the characters and I don't see the lives of my characters getting easier."

Even though Johnson's novels are in a series, he said they can also be read stand-alones.

Craig Johnson's official Website: <http://www.craigallenjohnson.com/>

A&E TV's official website: <http://www.aetv.com/>

Official website of "Longmire," the drama TV series based on Johnson's bestselling mystery series: <http://www.aetv.com/longmire/>

We are anxious to read 'As the Crow Flies' and see the new TV show. Thanks Craig !!!!!

The Bozeman Trail Museum will be open this summer on weekends 11am to 4pm



Crow Sweat Teepee

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PACKETS OF 6 POSTCARDS WILL BE SOLD THIS SUMMER FEATURING ORIGINAL COFFEEN POSTCARDS FOUND IN THE WYOMING ROOM

Bradford Brinton

Memorial & Museum

Big Horn, WY. The Bradford Brinton Memorial & Museum opens its doors earlier this year with a free day on Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day. No need to wait until Memorial Day weekend to check out this year's summer exhibition in the Reception Gallery: *Kelsey and Oriet Circling the Globe* featuring bronzes by T.D. Kelsey and pastels, watercolors, oils and drawings by Julie Oriet. Hours have also been extended, and the Museum is now open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday to Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

(Mead Creek)
Big Horn, Wyo.
May 1st, 1909.

My dear Miss Clark:-

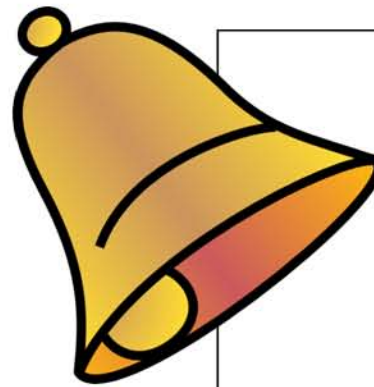
The Mead Creek school really closed the 29th; but, yesterday the McCormick School and thirty-six of our patrons and friends visited us.

I am sending my report to you today. I shall bring you our exhibit book when I come to town.

I want to thank you for the samples of paper you sent. They were a great help and we enjoyed making the little language books very much.

Sincerely yours,
Vie Willits.

This letter was found in the Laya Collection at the Wyoming Room. It was a letter written to Edith K.O. Clark who served as the county superintendent. It was dated May 1st, 1909 and written by Vie Willits (she later married Alvin LaRoy Garber on July 18, 1911) Bill Laya served as a county commissioner and was able to protect a file box of Miss Clark's letters that were being tossed during the time that the county superintendent office was being closed.



Wyoming Notes: (found on the WSHS 1997 calendar)

1923 ~ Hog ate 40 pounds of mash, destroying evidence in bootleg case. Kemmerer

1934 ~ Casper range men warned of 'unusually large and virile rattlesnake crop.

1911 ~ Dayton's Susan Wissler elected Wyoming's first woman mayor and the second woman mayor in the U.S.

1974 ~ John "Liver-Eating" Johnston reinterred in ceremonies near Cody.

1948 ~ 38 contestants entered the 137 mile horse race between Sheridan and

Billings. 1943 ~ 'B-17 crashed in Big Horns (hence Bomber Mtn.)

PROGRESS REPORT

The Deck Hunter Books are being edited. If anyone has corrections or additions please mail or email them to us.

The Melvine Rolston biography is going to include a DVD of her 2005 cooking program and an interview conducted in April of this year. We hope to have photographs and a timeline ready to proof soon. The plan is to include the biography, photographs and DVD in her cookbook the next time we go to print.

George Ostrom's book is also in the works. The permission form has been completed and the scanning is done. Now to put it all together!!

The Indians were restless at this time and hard to deal with because several of them had been arrested for butchering cattle and had been taken to Billings. This caused a bitter feeling toward the whites, and the shooting accident was like touching a match to tinder. There was a great pow-wow amongst the Indians. Their idea of mourning was to slash themselves and cut off their finger joints, so they could suffer pain as well as grief. That evening Uncle John went to the camp to show his sympathy and friendship. The chief, Big Ox, sat in the tepee with his dead son in his arms, rocking back and forth and crying aloud. By his side was a tin basin on a block and lying beside it was a sharp knife. The basin was half full of finger joints.

The DeWitts had to leave their cabin and go across the river to Aunt Mary and Uncle Paul McCormick's house, as the Indians were uncontrollable. The crying and howling continued for days, and some of the old people nearly died from the self-inflicted wounds in such cold weather. They would not be pacified until the dead boy was paid for, so Uncle Paul gave them most of the food in his trading post, and the DeWitts gave blankets and about \$100 in money. They learned afterwards that it was all given away by the boy's family, so they would be left poor and could really mourn.

Aunt Em was determined to go back to their own cabin to live. They stayed just one night, because as soon as the DeWitts went into their house, the Indians came, and all night long they walked round and round and round with moccasins squeaking in the snow at every step. By day break, Em was ready to give up and move across the river to live.

The people of Junction City contributed a casket and a new suit of clothes for the dead boy, and he was buried in the cemetery on the highest hill. That evening, the chief stood by the grave after the others had left, howling and chanting until the sun went down and it was completely dark. This he did once every month as long as Aunt Em lived within hearing distance, which was for three years.

This incident was printed in newspapers all over the country. The Police Gazette, on its front page, pictured Em in buckskins and a broad brimmed hat. The DeWitts heard from people they had not heard from in years. Paul McCormick received letters from people with whom he had crossed the plains many years before. He was instrumental in settling things with the government officials, since he was considered one of the most influential and honorable men in Montana. He was liked and trusted by the Indians. As one old Indian remarked, "Paul McCormick wasn't a squaw man, but he was just as good."

Junction City disappeared years ago as the Yellowstone overflowed and changed its course; nothing remains but the old cemetery and the lonely grave of an Indian boy. Many years later, Aunt Em met Big Ox on the street in Billings. He spoke no greeting and looked straight through her as though she were a spirit from the tragic past.



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JUNE 16 SATURDAY

WE ARE PLANNING A TRIP TO THE HARDIN MUSEUM.

YOU MAY CAR POOL. Parking will be available at the west end of
the Sheridan County Museum parking lot.

Meet at 10 AM (or just meet us in Hardin at the Museum at 11 AM.) You may bring your own lunch and any refreshments you wish or stop on the way at your favorite restaurant. (Some of us might stop at the Trading Post just north of Custer Battlefield.) We will be able to purchase tickets at the group rate. (Cost will be about \$5 each depending on senior rates.)



(Mead Creek)
Big Horn, Wyo.
May 1st, 1909.

My dear Miss Clark:-

The Mead Creek school
really closed the 29th; but, yesterday,
the McCornick School and
thirty-six of our patrons
and friends visited us.

I am sending my
report to you today. Shall
bring you our exhibit book
when I come to town.

I want to thank you
for the samples of paper
you sent. They were a
great help and we enjoyed
making the little language
books very much.

Sincerely yours,
Vie Willits.

This letter was found in the Laya Collection at the Wyoming Room. It was a letter written to Edith K.O. Clark who served as the county superintendent. It was dated May 1st, 1909 and written by Vie Willits (she later married Alvin LaRoy Garber on July 18, 1911) Bill Laya served as a county commissioner and was able to protect a file box of Miss Clark's letters that were being tossed during the time that the county superintendent office was being closed. Do to poor quality in the May newsletter we will try to reprint the letter here. We encourage folks to have the newsletter sent via email so you can receive crisp, color copies. Thank you and we will try harder to be sure the Office Copy Shop Printer provides better quality.

Thank you to George Ostrom and Mary Lou Robbins for the ORIGINAL G. Ostrom Sr. print in honor their sister Patsy. We will feature it in the September newsletter.

We usually MEET THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH. We normally do not have a June newsletter. NEXT MEETING DATE WILL BE SATURDAY JUNE 16. THANK YOU TO ALL THE FOLKS WHO HELPED WITH THE MAY PROGRAM.



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Saturday June 23

**Learn about the Johnson County War & famed out-
laws such as Butch Cassidy, Sundance Kid and Kid
Curry at the actual sites of historical events.**

DULL KNIFE BATTLEFIELD

Sunday June 24

**Hear this final chapter in the Indian wars on the actual
battle site and learn the amazing stories and details as
it unfolded.**

To register please contact: Hoofprints of the Past Museum

307-738-2381 curator@hoofprints.of.the.past.org

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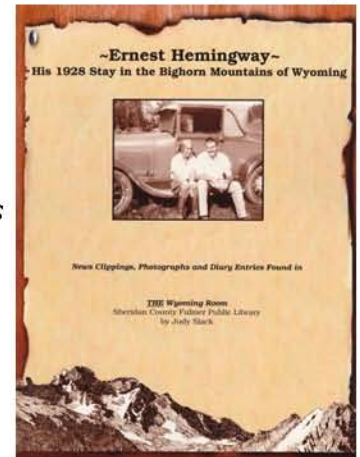
SEPTEMBER 2012

SEPT 23 - Judy Slack to present program on her book titled:

"Ernest Hemingway ~ His 1928 Stay in the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming"

I will be giving a power point program on the book which will include news clippings, rare photographs and diary entries archived in the Wyoming Room at the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library. I will also display a special artifact that has been given to the Wyoming Room. It was a hostess gift given to Eleanor Donnelley Erdman by Ernest Hemingway.

The proceeds of the book benefit the Wyoming Room archival program. Books will be available for purchase (\$26.50 including tax).



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THE FALL OF 2012 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

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Explorers of this region" from late 1700's to early
1800's"**

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to pitch in and help where needed. Thank you.**

Fountain City Argus - May 29, 1879

A Tragedy Caused by Jealousy.

CINCINNATI, O., May 22.—A terrible tragedy took place this morning near Waynesville, Warren county, O., at the residence of Capt. W. R. Hoel, commander of the United States steamer Lily, used to supply the beacon lights along the Ohio river. The result was the instant death of Capt. Hoel, and the severe wounding of Dr. J. B. Hough. Capt. Hoel who was about 45 years of age, and who won distinction during the late war as a commander of some of the wooden gunboats that did such excellent service on the Mississippi and Tennessee and other rivers, thought he good reason to be

JEALOUS OF HIS WIFE.

He therefore resorted to strategy to make himself certain. He gave out last night that he was going to Cincinnati, as he often does. Instead of doing so he secreted himself in his house. The night was passed without any cause for suspicion, but he did not reveal himself this morning, except to a colored servant with whom he had an understanding. It was not long after breakfast until Dr. J. B. Hough, a prominent citizen of Waynesville, formerly a member of the faculty of Miami Medical college, of Cincinnati, called to see Mrs. Hoel, and she received him in the parlor. The servant-girl reported this fact to Capt. Hoel, and he directed her to

LOOK THROUGH THE KEY-HOLE

and tell him what was going on. She did so, and soon reported that Mrs. Hoel was seated on Dr. Hough's lap, and that she was kissing him. Infuriated by this startling disclosure, Capt. Hoel waited for no ceremony or explanation, but armed himself with a huge navy revolver and petrified his wife and her paramour by appearing in their presence. The now furious husband leveled his pistol at Dr. Hough, called him a damned villain, and fired. The ball missed its aim, Mrs. Hoel, with a shriek, fled from the room. Capt. Hoel fired again, but again without effect. He

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CLUBBED THE PISTOL

and began beating the doctor over the head with the butt of the revolver. During this part of the affray the revolver was discharged and the ball pierced Hoel's heart, killing him instantly. Dr. Hough is resting easy to-night, and it is thought he will recover.

An inquest was begun to-day by Esquire Mannington, at which the hired man of Capt. Hoel testified that Dr. Hough had been coming to see Mrs. Hoel ten or fifteen times recently,

REMAINING A LONG TIME,

sometimes five or six hours; this while the captain was absent on duty on his steamer. Mrs. Hoel had not been confined to her bed by sickness in that time. The colored girl called the doctor in this morning, saying

in that time. The colored girl called the doctor in this morning, saying she was sick. He had been to the house of a tenant. Eleanor Allen, the colored girl, testified that Capt. Hoel came into the dining-room at a quarter of 9, and told her to look through the key-hole into the parlor where Mrs. Hoel and the doctor were. She saw that Mrs. Hoel was sitting on Hough's lap, and was kissing him. She told this to Hoel, and he opened

the door and shot, and Mrs. Hoel rushed from the room. Mrs. Hoel testified that she was in the parlor talking to the doctor, who had been called in to prescribe for the servant girl, when her husband opened the door and immediately began to shoot. Dr. Hough denies emphatically that any sort of improper relations existed between him and Mrs. Hoel. Mr. Hunt, a brother of Mrs. Hoel, says that Hoel has for a number of years been insanely jealous, and three years ago threatened to shoot him. The inquest will be continued to-morrow.

Dr. Hough is an elderly man, and not at all the sort of man who would be suspected of such conduct as Capt. Hoel charged him with.

Thank you to Jim and Nancy Mickelson for the article at left. While doing research on her great-grandfather, August Trabling, they found this news article.

**SALLY SPRINGER
SCHOLARSHIP
WINNER**

Kourtney Puckett is the graduate who has been given the Sally Springer Scholarship. She will be going to U of Wyo studying in the pre-med field. Her parents are Kathy Stetheit, Big Horn and her dad is Robert Puckett who lives in Casper.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 Ruth Miller
- 2 Ray Hutson
- 2 Roy Scott
- 13 Perk Connell
- 14 Vic Garber
- 15 Virginia Dillon
- 15 Ron Gorman
- 21 Barbara Oedekoven
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Sophie Pelissier January 18, 1941 - August 15th, 2012

Her childhood aspiration to become the "next Debbie Reynolds" would be put on hold when, on November 10th, 1962, she married Jack E. Pelissier, whom she had met at Eatons Ranch, where her family were regular guests. They lived briefly in San Diego, California while Jack completed his service in the United States Marine Corps, returning to Sheridan in 1964. Sophie's first career was as wife, mother, and homemaker. As her time allowed, she became an avid tennis player, spent several years as an aerobics instructor at the YMCA, and later, starred in several productions for the Carriage House Theater. Sophie is survived by her husband Jack, of Big Horn, WY, daughter Suzie (Andrew Stewart) of Los Angeles, CA, son Jay (Lauren) of Thousand Oaks, CA, and son Peter (Cathy) of Big Horn, WY. She was affectionately known as "Toots" to her four beautiful grandchildren, Will, Lulu, Bennett and Jack. Her sister Sally Lilly and her brother Lew Shepley, both of St. Louis, MO, also survive her. She will be missed by all. A memorial service and celebration of her life will be held at The WYO Theater at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 6th, 2012. Memorials in Sophie's memory may be made to The WYO Theater, Inc., 42 N. Main Street, Sheridan, WY 82801.



William P. Lowe September 22, 1920 - August 17, 2012

William P. Lowe passed away August 17, 2012. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on September 22, 1920 to Robert Pate Lowe and Edna Marie Lawson. Bill joined the US Coast Guard in 1942 and served aboard the attack transport "Hunter Liggett" in the South Pacific. He married Alice Loraine Jackson on June 18, 1947 in Idaho Springs, Colorado. They recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with friends and family in their home. Bill met Loraine while working at a Credit Office in Denver, Colorado. They had made their home there for 18 years when a work transfer brought them to Big Horn in 1965. They opened their own business, "A World of Color" in Sheridan at the old train depot. They restored the building to it's original historic state, fulfilling his passion. Surviving him is his wife, Loraine Lowe, daughters, Terri Meeker, Bartlesville, OK; Marilyn Rieser, Craig, CO; Georgia Macdonell, Rifle, CO, Gina Luedke, Silt, CO, nine grand-children and seven great-grandchildren. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Denver, CO Memorial donations can be made to Hospice of the Big Horns, 1401 W 5th, Sheridan, WY 82801



LARGE BELL (NOW BLACK) was used from 1931 through 1970's. It was first hung in the bell tower south of the old brick school building. In the 1950's it was placed on the Shop Building. At sometime in the late 1970's, the bell was taken down and placed in the scrap iron pile. This was due to some mischeivous students who would attach a very long piece of clear plastic fishing line to the bell. At all hours of the night the bell would ring, waking up the town. It was decided to remove the bell and store it in the southwest corner of the school property. In the fall of 1982, the football team took the bell and hid it prior to Homecoming. The intent was to return it to the Homecoming bonfire but instead it remained hidden for many years. The alumni decided to return the bell to the Bozeman Trail Museum. They called their second grade teacher, Mrs. Currie, and she met them at the museum in Big Horn and accepted the donation. It was due to the mischeivous behavior of 2 different groups of students, this bell was saved. It could have ended up being sold as scrap iron, never to be used again as a school bell. Thanks to these students the old school bell was preserved. It was painted black to match the smaller Wyoming Collegiate Institute bell. It had been several different colors due to the many years of graduating Seniors spray painting the bell. The bells are on loan from the Big Horn City Historical Society to School District #1. If ever the school district no longer wishes to house the bells, they are to be returned to the Big Horn City Historical Society and the Bozeman Trail Museum. The bells currently stand nearly where they where located in the distant past. (August 2012)



1938 - Bell Tower was located on the south side of the old brick school building (hard to see through the leaves).

INDUSTRIAL ARTS



Left to right: Jimmy Garber, Jack Pellastier, Jack Sipe, Donald DeJarnett, Peter Perry.

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Shop - Big Horn School
1954

1954 - Large Bell on the old Shop Building with large wheel.

1950 - Bell Tower was located on the south side of the old brick school building. Shadow on the wall near fire escape.



Bell Tower Shadow

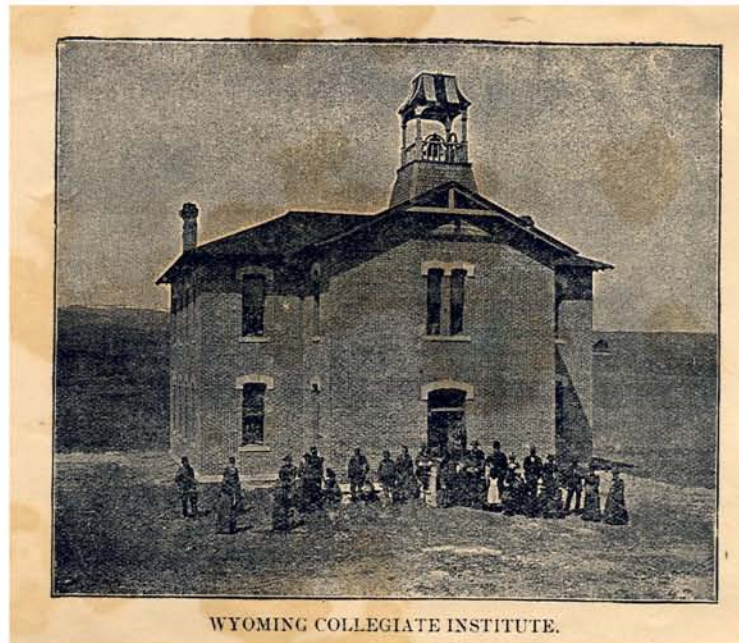
1950



The bells have been moved back to the school grounds....see last page.

Wyoming Collegiate Institute Bell The smaller bell with a wheel / rope pull.

In 1892, the Wyoming Collegiate Institute was built on this site (about where the elementary gym is now located). The land had been donated by W. E. Jackson and the brick were made just south of the school property along Jackson Creek. This bell was used until 1931 when the old collegiate building was torn down and a larger 3 story brick school house was built. The larger bell (see other photos) was installed in a bell tower. The older bell was then returned to the Jackson (Helvey) family. Sometime in the later 1900's Bob Helvey donated the Wyoming Collegiate Institute Bell to Sheridan College. Once the Bozeman Trail Museum was established by the Big Horn City Historical Society was given the bell. This was done January 12, 1996 where it has been on display until moved to this new bell tower August 21, 2012. It is on loan to District #1 from the Big Horn City Historical Society.



AT LOWER RIGHT: George Harper looks on as Toby Thobaben moves the bell into the museum.



1/12/96

The Sheridan Press/Dan Cepeda

GOING BACK HOME — Toby Thobaben helps load a historic bell into his truck for the move from the Sheridan College Library back to Big Horn Thursday afternoon.





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**NEW BELL TOWER ON THE BIG HORN SCHOOL GROUNDS. Photo
courtesy of Deer Run Graphics. (Thank you Stan!!)**



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OCTOBER 2012

OCTOBER 28 - Scott Burgan will present "The Larocque Expedition to Tongue River and The Big Horn Mountains in 1805"

The program will include an introductory discussion of early explorations by French and Spanish parties into present day Wyoming and the Northern Plains. The Larocque expedition visited the Goose Creek area of modern Sheridan on their 1805 expedition; and were in the Mandan villages with Lewis and Clark during the winter of 1804-05.

Scott Burgan is an optical technician at Wyovision Associates in Sheridan. He moved to Sheridan in 1998 from Amarillo, Texas.



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Thank you to Maurine Badgett for working the summer months at the museum. We also appreciate her hard work in setting up and cleaning at our pot luck dinners. I also want to thank Pat Conraads, Michael Dykhorst and Kevin Knapp for helping with the inventory and storage at the museum. And thank you Dolly Sept for being so helpful during the summer as Maurine's substitute.

Thank you also to Gene and Diane Caiola and Mona Brown for all their help with the newsletter. And thank you to all who help out at our meetings !!!!!!!

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WYOMING STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARD

Big Horn City Historical Society's *BIG HORN CITY*

BOOK RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION AWARD IN SEPTEMBER. Excerpts from the nomination:

PUBLICITY INFORMATION/REASON THIS PERSON/PROJECT IS NOMINATED:

Historical Accuracy:

Author Judy Slack strives towards accuracy in all she does for history. A lifelong resident of Big Horn, she knows the history well. She is volunteer editor of the Big Horn City Historical Society newsletter; a director of the Bozeman Trail Museum (housed in an old renovated stage station), and is presently the Director of the Wyoming Room at the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library.

Completeness of Coverage:

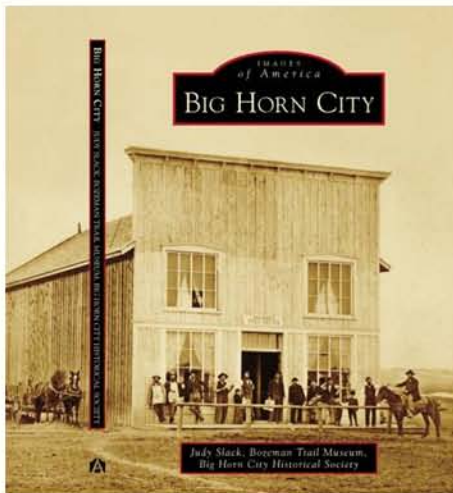
Judy's Introduction is well worth reading...she takes the reader back to 1700 when this was the center of Crow Country, and brings us up to the beginning of the book with a photo and outline of Oliver Perry Hannah, the first white resident of what is today Sheridan County.

Quality of Writing

Cutlines are precise, interesting, and informative. Again, the Introduction is particularly interesting and significant.

Usefulness:

There is a good deal of interest in the unique town of Big Horn and its diverse peoples. Judy's inclusion of some who did not live in the town, or its outskirts, but whose activities related to the history of the town and areas, enhances the usefulness of the book. Examples would be the inclusion of Bozeman Trail historian, Mark Badgett, and Dr. Joe Medicine Crow, nationally known author, historian, and anthropologist of the Crow tribe.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION: When you order your books from Amazon or online the BHCHS only makes **89 cents** per book. So PLEASE order your books from the Bozeman Trail Museum so we can

profit \$10 per book
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The poem on the next page was found in Bette Berry's newsletter "Little Goose Post".

January 14, 1976 Vol. 1, Ed. 23, Big Horn Bulletin

Some years ago, Miggs Garber wrote the following poem as a tribute to her old Majestic kitchen range. It turned out to be one of the winning entries in a contest conducted by radio station KWYO. It will surely bring back memories to some of you!

TO MY OLD COAL STOVE

Good-by, you black curiosity,
You coal-chewing, ash-spewing
cast-iron monstrosity.

So long, I'll shed no tears,
You zero-wooling, coffee brewing
warmer of fronts and rears.

Adios, needer of scouring,
Prompter of sighs, burner of pies,
Majestic and over-powering.

Farewell, my friend unique,
My kitchen-warming, non-conforming
ugly old antique.

Goodby. You've won release
Faithful old-timer.
Rust in peace!



Above Spear Lake 1936 - L to R - Annabelle Johnson, Bradford Spear, Bobby Connell, Ann?, Cynthia?, Gus? And Elizabeth? (Anyone know the last names?)

OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Marcia Haworth:

Marcia Quale Haworth, 78, of Riverton passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at her home in Riverton. Marcia Quale was born November 30, 1933 in Rochester, Minnesota to David George and Clare Louise (Gatchell) Quale. Her parents were both pharmacists, and moved the family back to Clare's hometown of Buffalo, Wyoming to work in Gatchell's Drug Store with Clare's father, Jim Gatchell. Marcia had extensive Wyoming family history as she was a descendant of the Sackett's from Big Horn, and the Gatchell's from Sheridan and Buffalo. She attended school in Buffalo, Wyoming and graduated from Johnson County High School in 1952. She attended the University of Wyoming from 1952 - 1953 and attended one year at St. Mary's School in Rochester, Minnesota. In 1953 she met Henry Huntsman Haworth, Jr., a surveyor at that time, and on February 7, 1954 they were married in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Buffalo. The couple lived in Greeley, Colorado from 1954 - 1956, Billings, Montana from 1956 - 1970, Thermopolis from 1970 - 1990, and Riverton after 1990. The couple worked together in Mr. Haworth's offices as he was a hearing specialist owning Wyoming Hearing Aid Service in Thermopolis and Riverton. She is survived by three sons, David Huntsman Haworth (Maggie), Paul Sackett Haworth (Christina), and Frederick "Rick" Quale Haworth (Marie); two daughters, Anne Haworth Root (Tim) and Jane Haworth Juve; fifteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Marcia's name to St. James Episcopal Church 519 E. Park Avenue, Riverton, Wyoming 82501, the Kalif Shrine, Shriner's Children's Hospital Travel Fund, P.O. Box K, Sheridan, Wyoming 82801, Sahida Temple No. 86 Daughter's of the Nile (for the benefit of Shriner's Hospital for Children), 1367 Emerson St., Sheridan, Wyoming 82801, or Special K Ranch, P.O. Box 479, Columbus, MT 59019.

Bob Edwards:

April 9, 1947 - Sept. 30, 2012 Funeral services for Bob Edwards, 65, of Buffalo, who passed away at his home Sunday, Sept. 30, will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 5 at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Buffalo with Father John Myer officiating. Interment will be in Willow Grove Cemetery with graveside services to follow the funeral. After retirement from District 1, he went to work for the Gatchell Museum as their educational director where he was instrumental in bringing together the Nate Champion Statue as well as many valuable artifacts for the museum. Bob was featured on PBS and the History Channel as an expert on western history. Donations in Bob's memory may be made to the Bread of Life Food Pantry; the Gatchell Memorial Museum or the Western Wing of the Occidental Museum in care of the Adams Funeral Home at 351 N. Adams in Buffalo.

(Bob gave many interesting programs on the Johnson County Cattle War and colorful pioneers. He wrote many local history books.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~ since some months we are short of space in the newsletter ~**JANUARY**

1 Ida Mae Heaton
 4 Mona Brown
 5 Mary Long
 9 Loraine Lowe
 11 Jeanne Noland
 16 Bob Noland
 23 Donald Johnson
 29 Charles Helvey
 30 Margaret Pilch

FEBRUARY

1 Martha Ann Perry Clarkson
 11 Roberta Sept Deti
 15 Ashley Galloway
 19 Marelyn Blackley
 21 George Coates
 22 George Harper
 23 Gayle Miech
 24 Carolyn Griffith
 24 Bert Dow
 24 Dick Bodine
 27 Leighanne Danko

MARCH

1 Scott Eckerson
 2 John Currie
 10 Jack Sept
 12 Bea Hutson
 16 Jim Currie
 20 Joyce Billings
 30 Barb Sare
 31 Norene Baxter

APRIL

6 Kathy Hosford
 12 Donna Hutson
 13 Katie Gorman
 19 Ed Symons & Mark Galloway

MAY

Jay Dewey (Date?)
 5 Ron Dailey
 8 Mike Connell
 9 Kathleen Bishop
 13 Susan Dow
 20 Ken Danko
 25 Dolly Sept
 30 Meshelle Powell

JUNE

5 Laura Galloway
 12 Les Coates
 14 Richard Garber
 25 Melvine Rolston
 27 Gene Griffith

JULY

4 Pete Genereaux
 8 Elaine Hilman
 14 Shirley Dupree
 20 Dick Springer
 23 Lee Helvey
 25 Diane Caiola
 27 Donna Angel
 29 Mildred Carroll

AUGUST

2 Jim Clifton
 5 Ann Gorzalka
 6 Virginia Brown
 8 Marvin Nottingham
 11 Charlie Popovich
 14 Toby Thobaben
 16 Janet Holcomb

AUGUST—CONT.

16 Jim Bilyeu
 20 Gene Roelfsema
 21 Diana Gorman
 25 Elaine Henry
 26 Sandra Gorman

SEPTEMBER

1 Ruth Miller
 2 Ray Hutson
 2 Roy Scott
 13 Perk Connell
 14 Vic Garber
 15 Virginia Dillon
 15 Ron Gorman
 21 Barbara Oedekoven
 22 Charlene Bodine

OCTOBER

1 Monna Monk
 3 Bender Caiola
 7 Shane Caiola
 7 Richard Brown
 13 Floyd Songer
 13 Karley Gleason
 15 Lily Bumbaca
 19 Robert Brent
 22 Wyla Loomis
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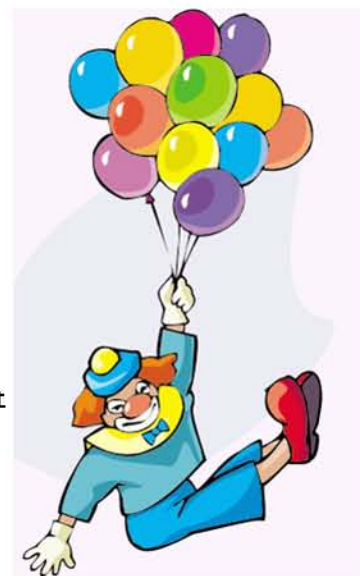
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NOVEMBER

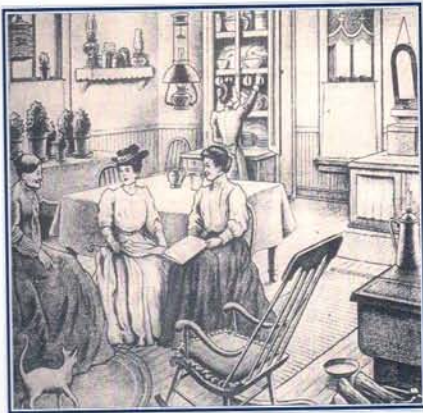
8 Sarah Danko
 8 Chris Galloway
 8 Sandra Johnson
 16 Carol Orr
 26 Marilyn Bilyeu

DECEMBER

1 Carleton Perry
 6 Jackie Perry
 7 Larry Grooms
 10 Ann Danko
 16 Gina Dewey
 20 Myrna Grimm
 23 Edith Lou Lamerres
 25 Lenora Scott
 26 Holly Harper
 28 Virginia Sept Nies
 29 Margaret Kethman
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 AND CORRECTIONS.
 (We currently have about
 240 members. Not all are
 listed here.)



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BOO'S BUNS or SINY ROLLS

2 cup warm water

makes about 2 dozen rolls

3 T. Yeast

1 T. salt

1/2 cup sugar

3/4 cup oil—canola works best

3 eggs

7 to 8 cups flour (dough should be this side of sticky)

Frosting: 1 cup butter

4 + cups powdered sugar

1 t. of maple or vanilla flavorings

2 oz. cream or sour cream to make spreadable with electric mixer

Dissolve yeast in water in large bowl. Add rest ingredients except flour. Use electric mixer to thoroughly combine gradually adding 3 cups flour. Remove mixer and slowly add remaining flour. Dough should be malleable just beyond sticky. Start with 7 cups and add more if needed. Let rise covered by wax paper until double. Knead down and return cover. When dough rises again pat down unto ball and remove to a lightly covered large surface with enough flour to prevent sticking. Roll out into large rectangle. Spread small amount of butter over entire surface. Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon over surface and roll into a large cylinder. Cut rolls into 3/4 inch rolls and place in greased pans. Sprinkle sugar and cinnamon on cut surfaces. Allow rolls to rise until double in size. Bake at 375 degrees for twenty minutes until rolls begin to show some brown. Check as size sometimes determines length of baking time. When rolls are ready, remove from oven and let stand a few minutes before frosting.

OSTROM BOOK

Yes I am working on the book. I have 9 chapters almost done with 3 more to go. So far it is 235 pages....the bucking broncho chapter was planned to be 20 pages and it is now 49 + . I am hoping to get it to Nathan by November for him to edit. (I'm a good "pile-it" !! I now have 9 piles on my desk.)





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"Doc" Robert (Bob) Connell - Some early day photos.





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ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

NOVEMBER 2012

NOVEMBER 18 ~ CYNDE GEORGEN & STEVE BASKINS

Cynde Georgen comes from old Northern Wyoming stock, her great-grandparents moving to Buffalo in the 1890s. After ten years spent in publishing and broadcasting, she began her long association with the Trail End State Historic Site in 1988. Her latest book is "In the Shadow of the Bighorns: A History of Early Sheridan and the Goose Creek Valley of Northern Wyoming." Pennsylvania-born Steve Baskin is a relative newcomer to the West, but he says in his heart he always wanted to be a cowboy, so this is the perfect place for him. He has operated Lost Arts Restoration for nearly 20 years, and has found fame and glory as a thespian at both the Wyo and Carriage House theaters, and as a percussionist with the Celtic Sage Irish band (among others). Cynde & Steve met on a blind date in 1987; they married in 1989 and have been talking loudly ever since.



Cynde and Steve's program is entitled "He Stands Ready To Marry Me: The Unlikely Romance of Jessie Carman and Jack Neal." Through the use of photographs, correspondence, newspaper articles and governmental archives, it shows - entertainingly - how a little piece of gossip proffered over a cup of coffee led a fledgling historian on a very personal search for "the rest of the story."



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**December 16, 2012 — Kevin O'Dell "Connor and the Connor
Battle Field".**



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MARY ELLEN MCWILLIAMS

The Big Horn City Historical Society (and myself, Judy Slack) would like to thank Mary Ellen for nominating our book for a state award. Mary Ellen has worked countless hours to help preserve Sheridan County history. It takes time to write up all the nominations for these state awards and she always is thinking of others when she writes comments praising the publications, field trips and other award nominations.

Mary Ellen was instrumental in saving Fort Phil Kearny and served on the Frontier Alliance Board for many years to help preserve and educate the public about The Bozeman Trail. She has also been a long time member of the Sheridan County Historical Society, Child Advocacy Services, Wyoming State Arts, Parks and Cultural Commission, the State Library Board and the Whitney Benefits Board.



She spent numerous hours writing grants and has had a successful record in securing hundreds of thousands of dollars. Yet she herself has never taken a dime for her work and is truly a dedicated volunteer. She has been instrumental in establishing the historical columns and photographs to the Sheridan Press in recent months. Thank you Mary Ellen for your kindness and generosity of time. We know you are very busy taking care of John now and we wish you both the best in health and happiness. (Thank you also for your amazing stories and articles. I admire your writing and organizational skills. Without your nomination, I am sure our book would not have been entered into the competition.)

**1950**

Edgar (Foster) and Hazel Bundy. He was born in London July 4, 1903. He came to Big Horn on an invitation from Robert Walsh (polo fame). Foster operated the Big Horn Merc from 1960 until his death in June 1974. (I think he worked at the Merc for a time before taking over the management.) He also worked at Bradford Brinton.

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THE HISTORY OF 'APRONS'

Remember making an apron in home ec? (Yes - and also in 4-H!)

I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, because she only had a few, it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the menfolks knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes. Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw. They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I never caught anything from an apron but love.



Thank you Tempe Johnson
Javitz for sending us this
article on aprons.

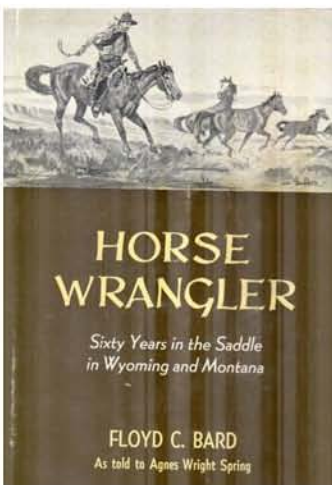


Wyoming Notes: (found on the WSHS 1985 calendar)

- 1886- Corset regulators proposed in Laramie
- 1869- 1st territorial legislature convened
- 1880- Cheyenne Club incorporated
- 1872- Territorial penitentiary completed in Laramie
- 1869 - 300 bushels of turnips harvested at Fort Sanders

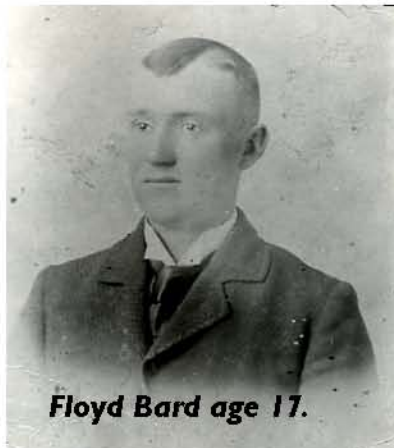
You might be from a small town if——

- You know what 4-H is
- You've ever been to a party in a pasture, barn or gravel pit.
- You've dated a friends ex-girlfriend/ boyfriend and thought it was normal
- Your teachers remember when they taught your parents
- The closest McDonald's is a two hour drive away
- So is the closest mall
- You bragged about getting pipes for your truck for your birthday
- Your car breaks down outside of town and news of it gets back to town before you do
- You wave at all on-going traffic because you likely know them



As I typed the above tidbit, I thought back to when I read the Floyd Bard book "Horse Wrangler". He may have embellished some of his stories but he was always sincere in describing other people's horses. He knew their color, their temperament and their names.

(Much like my brothers would know the make and model of the car or truck and who owned the vehicle.) I want to share a couple of pages from Floyd's book describing Johnny Tisdale and Ranger Jones. Floyd knew them both when he was a boy and these experiences must have stayed with him for many years.



Floyd Bard age 17.

It was near the end of November when I came for my lunch one day, and Johnnie Tisdale was at the restaurant having his lunch before he left town that afternoon. He and Dad were in deep conversation, so I didn't say anything. Just ate my lunch in the kitchen and beat it back to school.

The next day when I came for my lunch, there was plenty of excitement everywhere. Charley Basch had just ridden into Buffalo with the news that his neighbor had just murdered Johnnie Tisdale out in the sand draw near the Cross H ranch. When someone asked Basch how he knew that it was his neighbor, he said, "I knew the big sorrel horse that he was riding and the bearskin overcoat he had on."

Basch said just as he rode up on the bank of the draw he heard a shot, then another one. Then he saw Tisdale fall back on the loaded wagon as if dead. His neighbor then mounted the big sorrel and caught the team. Basch said when his neighbor saw him sitting on his horse taking it all in, he yelled to Basch to get back up that road and keep his damn mouth shut. While Basch was making a detour he heard two more shots. That afternoon Red Angus, the sheriff, and a posse went to investigate and bring the body into Buffalo. Here is what they found. Down in the sand draw about two hundred yards below where the old stage road crossed the draw there was Johnnie Tisdale lying back among some Christmas toys and supplies. Johnnie was dead with a bullet hole between his shoulder blades. The bullet after passing through Johnnie's body lodged in the neck of Eagle, the big white work horse, causing the loss of a lot of blood. There side by side lay Coalie and Eagle, the team, shot

CATTLE WAR IN JOHNSON COUNTY

between the eyes, yet hitched to the wagon. That afternoon another team was hitched to the wagon to bring it into Buffalo. The loaded wagon was left in the wagon and buggy shed at the Brick livery stable. Tisdale's body was taken to a little one-room log building not far from the court house. This was at four o'clock just as school was dismissed. Kidlike, I beat it across to this little building where the sheriff was going through the pockets of Johnnie's coat. Here he found a large-sized bill fold which had in it some paper money along with some papers. The sheriff then took off the vest and the shoulder scabbard with Johnnie's six-shooter yet in the scabbard. The hard wood handle of the gun had a fresh-made dent where a bullet had hit. The vest had a bullet hole through from the front of the vest and one from the back of the vest. What else was found I don't know as I had to beat it for the restaurant.

The next day must have been Saturday for I got a pony and rode out to the big sand draw which was not far from Buffalo. I didn't have any trouble in finding the place where Johnnie was murdered in cold blood. Just a little way across the draw there was a large spot of dried blood where old Eagle had nearly bled to death from the bullet wound in the neck. Down along the sand draw were Coalie and Eagle. And right here is where I got off my pony and had a big cry. It was just about like a part of my own family being murdered. Just the year before this Tisdales had been so good to me. Mrs. Tisdale had even done my washing along with the family wash. While I sat there crying I thought of what Flagg had said about the old Irishman would be out for revenge. It looked as if this was true. It wasn't a month since the gunmen had tried to get Nate and had failed. When I got back to Buffalo it was a little after noon. There at the restaurant there was a cowboy or nester who was getting

The Big Horn Sentinel

BIG HORN. APRIL 18, 1885.
LOCAL NEWS

Robert Wilkerson, who was so unfortunate as to have a leg broken a few ago, is recovering rapidly.

Johnson, the photographer, obtained last Sunday, an excellent view of Little Goose creek canyon at the falls.

"Oh, my, that terrible wind!" was the remark made by a lady in front of Sackett & Skinner's store one day this week as a gale raised her about six inches above the sidewalk. It has always been a mystery to us why the female sex have not conceived the idea of sewing a few pounds of shot in the skirts of their dresses in a country subject occasionally to high winds.

We send a larger number of copies of this paper to Buffalo than to any other postoffice in the county. This shows that the people over the hill appreciate our efforts to give them a live and newsy publication.

Hereafter THE SENTINEL, as a matter of news, will publish in full the proceedings of the board of county commissioners at their regular meetings, even if it is contrary to the wishes of that body.

HORSE WRANGLER

ready to leave town for Powder River. I heard one of the men say to Rinker, "Ranger has been missing the last three or four days. Better keep a close lookout for the buckboard tracks."

Just as Jim Ricker crossed over the Muddy Bridge he saw where the buckboard tracks had left the main road. He followed these tracks for about a hundred yards down along Muddy Creek. And there he found Jones shot to death, with three bullet holes through his body. The team had been turned loose and the harness lay in a pile. Ranger was yet in the seat of the buckboard. With a part of the body over the back of the seat, his head was resting on the floor of the buckboard. This was the second or third of December and the body was stiff as a board. He was left this way while the rig was trailed behind another rig into Buffalo and up to the rear of the undertaker's place of business.

OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO THE FAMILY OF:

Toby Thobaben who passed away in late October. He was a member of the BHCHS. No obituary was available. (We will miss seeing you in your Sheriff's car.)





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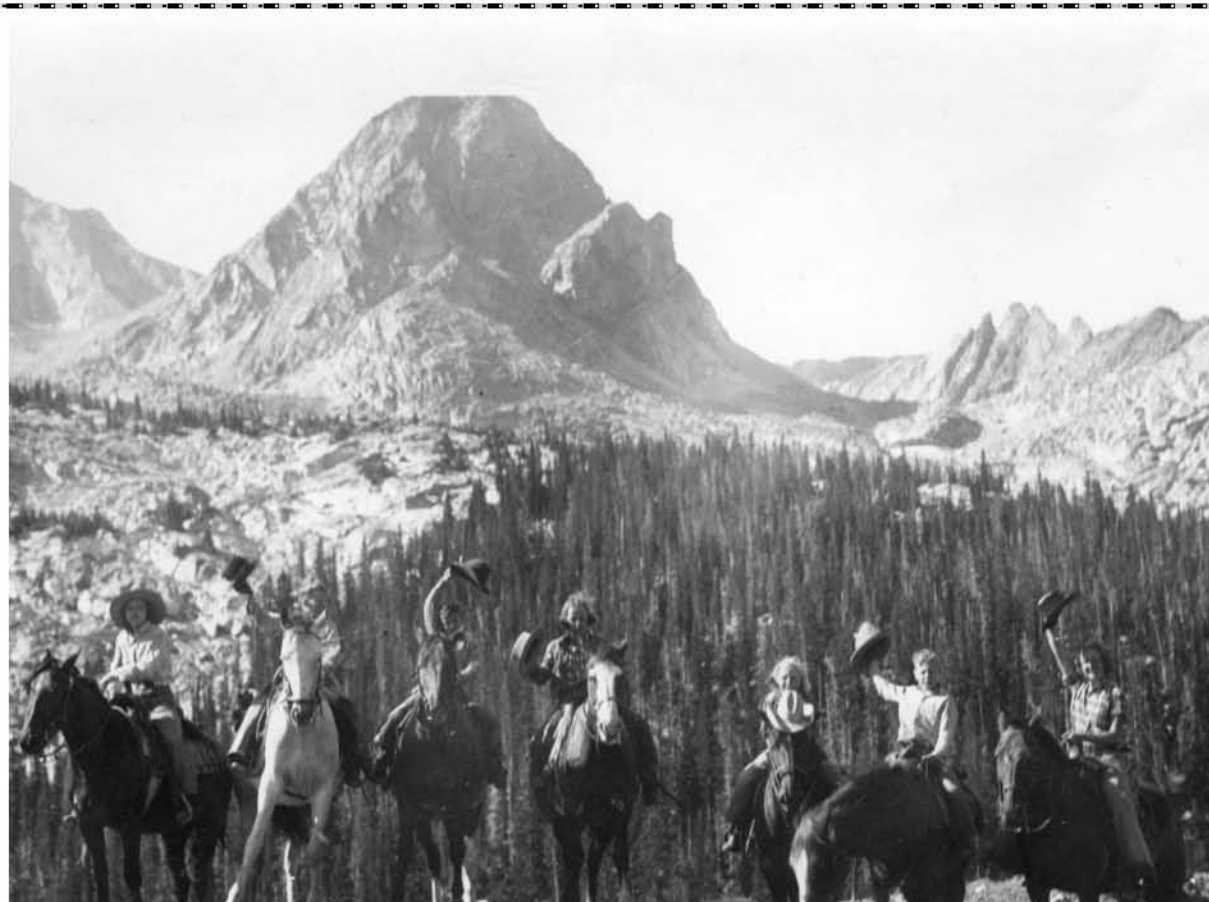
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Above Spear Lake 1936 - L to R - Annabelle Johnson, Bradford Spear, Bobby Connell, Ann, Cynthia, Gus And Elizabeth Rudolph. Thank you Doc & Laura Connell for calling and giving me the last name. Doc said this was Willis Spear's last trip around the loop. And that Paddy Ryan was the horse wrangler. Greatly appreciated!



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DECEMBER 16 - NOTE PROGRAM CHANGE

***FLAKES & FORTUNE ~ GOLD IN THE NORTHERN
BIGHORN MOUNTAINS***

BY HELEN LAUMANN

Every mountain range in the west has its legends of men searching for gold. Their dreams of getting rich were not always realized, but the abandoned mines and old cabins remain to tell their stories. The Big Horn Mountains has tales of a Lost Cabin Mine and men who are still searching for its location. Bald Mountain City became known as "The City of Broken Hearts" when it's riches of gold floated away.



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December 16, 2012 - Helen Laumann
on the Gold Camps of the BH MTNS

Upcoming in 2013 - Mike Mackey on
his new book about Henry Coffeen +
Michael Dykhorst on the Davis & Jack-
son Family (early Big Horn Pioneers)
Spring 2013 - Kevin O'Dell "Connor
and the Connor Battle Field".

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BILL GOLLINGS

This art work was found in a small pamphlet titled "A Gollings Sketchbook".

The information was reprinted from "Montana, The Magazine of Western History."

I thought the winter scene would remind the reader of our little town a century ago.

Merry Christmas & a Happy Healthy New Year!

JS



MARYLEE M. MORELAND WITH HER BRONZE OF BILL GOLLINGS

On November 17th, Marylee Moreland's bronze was unveiled at the Sheridan County Museum. It is now on display outside the entrance. It is one of the most beautiful sculptures with the finest patina. The face, especially the eyes, have fine detail. To see the work process involved visit the website :

<http://www.meadowlarkgallery.com/EWGollingsMonument.html>

(And yes she is related to the Morlands from Big Horn. She is Wilson's niece.)

DOUBLE DIVINITY

Helen Currie

Mixture #1:
3 cups sugar
3/4 cup water
1 cup white syrup

Mixture #2:
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup water

Beat 3 egg whites - to stiff peaks

1 tsp. flavoring: vanilla, almond, or peppermint; add last

Cook mixture #1 in a heavy skillet; stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cook without stirring until firm ball stage is reached. While mixture #1 is cooking, get mixture #2 ready to put on a fire as soon as mixture #1 is done. When mixture #1 reaches firm ball stage, pour it slowly over beaten egg whites, beating constantly until mixture #2 reaches very firm ball stage. Then pour mixture #2 into other mixture. Beat until candy will not adhere to finger when lightly touched. Add flavoring. Drop onto waxed paper using a spoon or knife.

Editor's Note: My Mom, Helen Currie, made hundreds of batches of this candy over the years at Christmas. Yummy!



UPDATE: I am working on the last chapter of the George Ostrom biography. If anyone has stories and photographs to share, please send them to PO Box 566, Big Horn, WY 82833. (also if you have any art-work that you are willing to share we might have room to include extra drawings.) At right: George in WW I



Remember we have books for sale.

The board is working to update our website for the upcoming season.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!

Story-Big Horn Christmas Bird Count

This is the 40th year of the Story-Big Horn Christmas Bird Count since the counts inception in 1974. Although this count may not be a historic event, it is an important reminder of the longevity of some of the counts. Audubon's Christmas Bird Count is the oldest scientific database on bird populations in the world. All of the counts are on line so they may be looked up by anyone, anytime.

To participate in this year's Story-Big Horn count on Saturday, December 29, 2012 call Compiler-Organizer Jean Daly at (307) 674-9728 email: djdaly@fiberpipe.net. Some of the other counts near are the Sheridan CBC, December 15, 2012, call Pete Mohseni: 307-674-7917 or email: trmspm@sheridan.k12.wy.us; Buffalo CBC, December 16, 2012, call Deane Bjerke, (307) 684-2798, or email dbjerke@bresnan.net

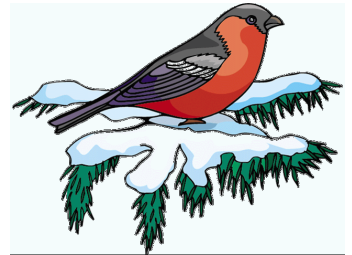
All three of these counts are along the face of the Big Horn Mountains configured so they do not overlap.

There are 20 Christmas Bird

Counts held in Wyoming.

Each count is a 15 mile diameter circle with a specific predetermined center. The circle is divided into fairly equal areas with a team of 2 to 4 for each area. A circle

may be divided into as many areas as is appropriate for the circle. Participants are supposed to count all of the birds that they find during a 24 hour day. National Audubon's rules require us to spend at least eight hours in the field. We write down the name of the species seen and the number of birds tallied for that species. Groups go by car, skiing, and walking on our count or at feeders. They may also tally birds at night such as owls. All of this takes place within a 24 hour period. Several feeder watchers also take part in the count observing the birds that come into their feeder being careful not to over-count the birds as they flock in to feed. Feeder watchers are an integral part of the each count as well as the field observers. (Jean Daly)



Thank you **Dick Dickinson** for asking us to research his family. And a special thank you to **Jon Scherry** for lending us the photo of the Moncreiffe Cowboys. This is the clearest copy we have found.

See page 4 & 5 for related story. Enjoy! JS



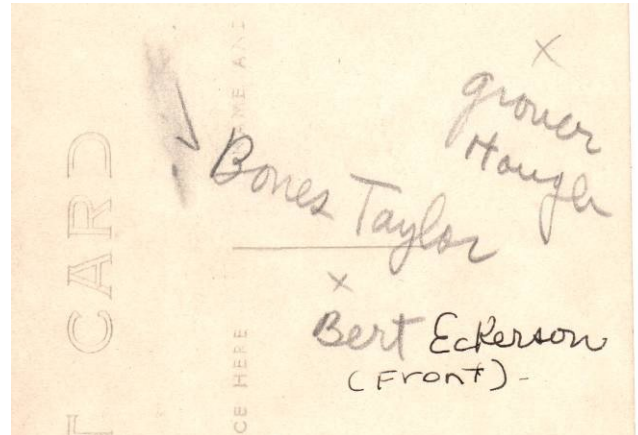
OLD TIME COWHANDS AT THE MONCREIFFE RANCH AT BIG HORN. (from The Sheridan Press. Date unknown.) Shown are a group of cowboys who worked for the Moncreiffe brothers (William and Malcolm) at their ranch at Big Horn at the turn of the century. The Moncreiffe brothers fulfilled a big contact for supplying horses to the British government for use in South Africa during the Boer War, from March, 1901 to May 1902. 20,000 head of horses were handled by this firm. Those of course were not all produced upon the ranch but were purchased in this and adjoining states, the best coming from Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. These were all inspected on the ranch by army officers, branded the peculiar "turkey foot" brand of the British army and the horse's number burned into his hoof. (correct identification found in three publications are: man standing at left in business suit is British Army Buyer Captain Heygate. Third from right is Malcolm Moncreiffe, Second from right is William Moncreiffe and First at right is Henry (Noll) Wallop. Bill Eckerson man standing in back first on the right.) Others pictured here are: Ed Basky, Bill Stambaugh, Tex Fox, Elmer Hurst, Floyd Bard, Ed Bryce, Luther Barker, George Weber, Art Seal, Harry Stevenson, Grover Hough, Bones Taylor, John Cover, Pat Mulcare, Buster Hough, Jim Enos, Clyde Sackett, Fred McCloud, Lee Weir, Buford Nottingham, Bill Conley, Don Eckerson, Ray Stambaugh, Marvin Verley and Lee Dickinson. (Photo courtesy Floyd Bard.) To quote Sam Morton's book *Land of the Horse*: "Large horse breeders like Oliver Wallop went bust, but made a small comeback when the Spanish American War broke out, and the US Army came west to buy horses in 1897. Two years later, England went to war in South Africa, and Wallop formed a partnership with the Moncreiffe brothers to sell horses to the British cavalry. With Luther Dunning at his side, Wallop scoured the west from Omaha, Nebraska, to Ontario, Oregon, to find 25,000 horses for the British Army to send to South Africa. These horses were shipped on a train to Sheridan and then trailed to Big Horn where they were inspected by the British officers. They were then shipped by train to New Orleans, and then by boat to South Africa." (NOTE: They built a lane from the Big Horn ranch to Ulm to herd the horses more efficiently. The lane can be seen near the Prairie Dog exit—north about a mile—on both sides of the interstate—County Road 32-34 & Jim Creek Trail Road that crosses Hwy. 14. It was used for many years to trail cows and sheep to and from the mountain.) The inspections on the Moncreiffe polo field featured some wild bucking by the horses, and spectacular riding by the crew of cowboys."



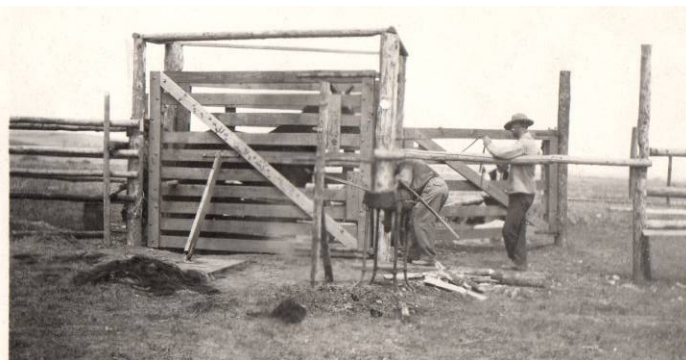
MONCREIFFE COWBOYS. Bones Taylor standing at right, Grover Hough standing at left and Bert Eckerson sitting in front. (per markings on back of photo.)

GEORGE WEBSTER at right. The name in the newspaper article is "Weber" but could have been "Webster".

ALL PHOTOS FROM THE ECKERSON COLLECTION, BIG HORN CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.



Bill Eckerson (hoof branding)
Don Eckerson (corral hand)
british cavalry inspection
world war # 1



HOOF BRANDING. Horses were branded on the hoof with the 'turkey foot' brand of the British Army and the horse's number burned into his hoof. Bill Eckerson was the father of Don and Bert Eckerson. (at right: the back of the above photo: World War I)



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Zane Hilman seeing the grave of his great-grandfather for the first time. William "Bear" Davis died in 1902 from diphtheria on a trip to Rock Springs, Wyoming to buy horses for the Boer War. His body was not allowed to return home to Big Horn, Wyoming because of the sickness. Three generations got to see some of their history as he was accompanied by his son, Ross Hilman, and his daughter Ilene Choad, and Zane's daughter Diana Volk. Photo by Diana Volk.