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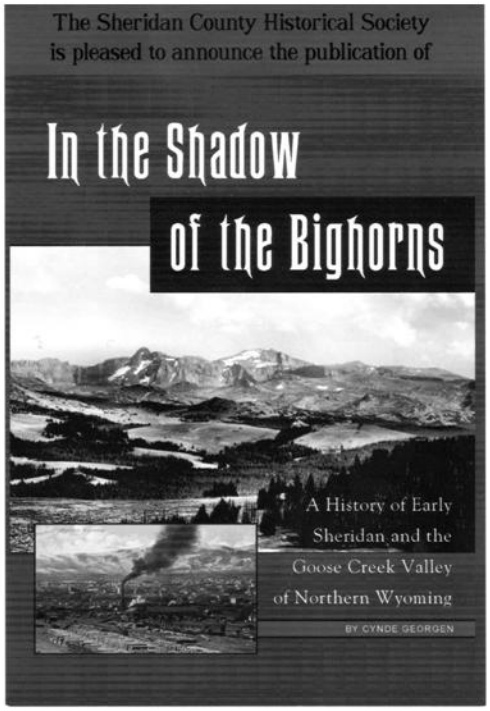
January 23 PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED BY CYNDE GEORGEN ABOUT HER NEW BOOK

In the Shadow of the Bighorns



A graduate of the University of Wyoming with a degree in history, Cynde Georgen has worked at the Trail End State Historic Site since 1988. She is a self-described 'museum junkie' and a practicing historian. She will be revealing the stories and photographs in her new book sponsored by the Sheridan County Historical Society. The book advertisement states: "*In The Shadow of the* Bighorns explores a number of factors that made Sheridan more than just a cowtown or a whistle stop on the railroad. In it, the reader will discover how the area blossomed and grew into the commercial and cultural hub of northern Wyoming. From the famous to the infamous, the Goose Creek Valley and its environs have been home to thousands of travelers and traders, settlers and salesmen, boosters and bootleggers. These are their stories." Cost of the book = $24.95 not including tax. You may order the book from us for $30.00 to cover tax and shipping charges. Or you may pick up a copy at either the Sheridan County Museum or The Bozeman Trail Museum for $26.45 which includes tax.

Cynde will be available to sign her book after the presentation.

Found in the Sheridan Enterprise—July 20, 1906 Dick Reed says that during his late sojourn on the ranch of Mr. George Brundage that gentleman set a big steel trap for a nightly visiting coyote, and the next morning found he had caught a skunk. He at once called Dick, who promptly knocked the skunk on the head with a piece of two-inch scantling. After dark, on the following evening, Mr. Brundage bethought himself that he had not reset his trap and sallied out to do so. In the dark, however, he accidentally caught himself by the thumb and at once shouted for Dick, who promptly responded bringing the two-inch scantling with him. Arriving upon the scene, Dick made a vicious pass with the scantling in the direction of the trap, Mr. Brundage meanwhile dancing one way and dodging the other, while he frantically yelled out: " I ain't a skunk, Dick: I ain't a skunk!" (Thank you Bob Legocki.)

We usually MEET THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH: -NEXT MEETING DATE-

JANUARY 23 @ 1p.m. - BIG HORN WOMAN'S CLUB

Carry In Lunch with Program to follow. (We are trying a new system. Maureen Badgett will be trained to set-up and clean-up for every meeting. We will still need helpers. Mona & Judy will train and assist her for the January meeting.)

We encourage members to pitch in and help where needed. Thank you.

Ken Schuster, Director at Bradford Brinton Memorial and Museum will be speaking on the lives and work of some of our early artists, including Bill Gollings, Ed Borein, and others. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., $14 per plate, on Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Kalif Shrine Temple, 145 West Loucks. Dinner is catered by Killy's Smokehouse Deli. Those wanting to attend the free program only should be in attendance by 6:30 p.m. Reservations requested by noon Tuesday, Jan 25, to the Sheridan County Museum, phone 675-1150. Please leave a message, if there is no answer, and staff will return your call to confirm reservations. The museum store/gift shop will be open this spring ~ Tues—Sat. From 1 to 5 PM.

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Charles and Lee Helvey
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The Hurlbut Family (First Dairy)

This is a portion of the Hurlbut family history found in the Big Horn Pioneer book. (It was written by Shirley Rae Holmes.) Their homestead was one of the earliest in Big Horn. They settled in 1881 on land that later became known as the Hidden Valley Ranch. Hurlbut Creek is the drainage just south of Red Grade Road. They lived here for many years after establishing the first dairy. In 1899, they moved to Pennsylvania. He had loved his life on the ranch in Big Horn. After he had moved back east it was his custom, when going from the house, to say to his wife, "Eliza, I'll be back in time to milk." A Big Horn friend sent him a bunch of early spring pussy willows. Mr. Hurlbut wrote back saying, "Those pussy willows truly brought me back to Hurlbut Creek without even a ticket."

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

The following was found in the Sheridan Enterprise—March 3, 1915

LAXATIVE FOR OLD PEOPLE—"CASCARETS"

SALTS, CALOMEL AND PILLS ACT ON LIVER AND BOWELS LIKE PEPPER ACTS IN NOSTRILS — DANGER!!

Get a 10-cent box now. Most old people must give to the bowels some regular help, else they suffer from constipation. The condition is perfectly natural. It is just as natural as it is for old people to walk slowly. For age is never so active as youth. The muscles are less elastic. And the bowels are muscles.

So all old people need Cascarets. One might as well refuse to aid weak eyes with glasses as to neglect this gentle aid to weak bowels. The bowels must be kept active. This is important at all ages but never so much as at fifty.

Age is not a time for harsh physics. Youth may occasionally whip the bowels into activity. But a lash can't be used every day. What the bowels of the old need is a gentle and natural tonic. One that can be constantly used without harm. The only such tonic is Cascarets, and they cost only 10 cents per box at any drug store. They work while you sleep——adv.

Aunt Margaret's Graham Bread

1 cake compressed yeast dissolved in 1/4 c. luke warm water.

Add: 1 3/4 c. luke warm water

2 T. melted shortening

1/4 c. brown sugar OR 1/4 c. honey

2 1/4 c. graham flour (sift out bran before measuring)

2 1/4 c. white sifted flour

1 1/2 t. salt

Stir liquid into dry ingredients and knead until thoroughly blended. Let rise in warm place covered with cloth until twice in size. Divide into halves and bake in approximately 7x4 inch pans (will greased).

Set Oven at 500 for about 5 or 6 minutes; then 450 for 15 minutes and finish at 350 (or a little less if it is getting too brown)

Bake 40 minutes.

This recipe is from Marcia Haworth. Her son, Paul & his wife Christina have just opened a meat shop in the old Carl's Shopping Center. It is called Sackett's Market and yes Paul is the Great-great grandson of John Sackett who was the original partner in the Big Horn Mercantile with Charles Skinner. See their web-ad be-low OR check out sackettsmarket.com.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED HELP: Melvine Rolston for selling 28 cookbooks in December and signing every one (101 years ~ 6 mo.) Gene & Diane Caiola (monthly mailings), Mona Brown (constant bookkeeping), Polly Hill (sending cards) and all those who donated to the Christmas Auction. Greatly Appreciated.

NICKERSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Nickerson Family Foundation has given the BHCHS a most generous donation of $5,000 to help with the Elsa Spear Byron Collection. The Wyoming Room at the Sheridan County Library will be the repository for this collection. The library has provided the equipment for this project to proceed. Scanning continues on a weekly basis. Mona Brown, Trish Coffeen and Judy Slack continue to scan photographs, diary pages and slides. THANK YOU TO SCOTT, ANNE, DAVID, GREG & PHILLIP FOR THEIR SUPPORT !!

The Sheridan Press Friday, September 15, 1939 BIG HORN: A large company of friends from this community were present at the Champion Funeral Home on last Wednesday afternoon to pay final tribute to its pioneer citizen, William Eckerson. The high esteem in which the deceased was held was evidenced by those present and by the beautiful floral offerings.

George Wells of the state bird farm left for Douglas, Wyoming last Thursday morning where he had an exhibit of game birds at the state fair.

Marvin Nottingham was a weekend visitor in the home of Floyd Jenkins.

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

1 Martha Ann Perry Clarkson
2 Vicki Grooms
7 David Clarenden
11 Roberta Sept Deti
13 Lorrene Martini
15 Ashley Galloway
19 Marelyn Blackley
21 George Coates
22 Harriet Clendenen
22 George Harper
22 Gayle Miech
24 Carolyn Griffith
24 Bert Dow
24 Dick Bodine
27 Leighanne Danko

Sorry for any misspelled names and wrong dates. Hope we caught them all this month.

Our Sincere Sympathies go out to the families of:

Opal Aline Arnoux
July 4, 1923 January 6, 2011

Opal passed away peacefully early on January 6. Her daughter, Judy and granddaughters, Danielle and Kara, were by her side.

Opal was born in East St. Louis, Illinois to David and May Park. She grew up in Marble Hill, Missouri and graduated from Lutesville High School in 1941. She became a registered nurse when she graduated from Missouri Baptist Hospital in 1944. Opal had a dream to go out west and help Indian people. She became a member of the Nurse Cadet Corp and traveled to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and began work at the public health hospital in Browning, Montana. There she met Henry Arnoux who was working at the hospital at the time; he actually picked her up from the train station! He journeyed to New York State shortly thereafter, to become an X-ray technician and they both knew they couldn't live apart from each other. When he returned they married on April 4, 1946 in Missouri but soon began traversing Montana in a mobile X-ray unit stopping at prisons, reservations, shopping centers to provide possible tuberculosis diagnoses. This odyssey stopped when she returned to Missouri to bear her first son, Jim, in 1947.

They moved to Elk City, Oklahoma and worked as a progressive community hospital. Two more children, John and Judy, followed in the next two years. Four years later they were in Rawlins, Wyoming working at Carbon County Memorial Hospital. By lucky happenstance two years later they visited Sheridan and Big Horn, Wyoming and fell in love with the countryside, the people, and the life this magical country afforded. She worked for a short while at Fort McKenzie VA hospital but soon became the head nurse in ER and Central Supply at Sheridan County Memorial Hospital. She loved her work where she excelled in all the tasks she took on. Singing and playing piano playing were passions. Her spot on clear alto voice was a beautiful addition to any musical endeavor at church, school, community musicals and especially, in her family gatherings where music was king.

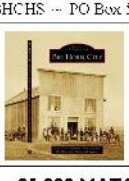
Opal continued to work in nursing after retiring from the hospital after thirty years, being an office nurse to Dr. Hogarty. She was one of the founders of the Sheridan Senior Center. She and Henry delivered Meals on Wheels, drove churches to church services, and was active in the Big Horn Women's Club. She was no stranger to cooking, canning, gardening, animal husbandry. She had the knack for making sure 4H projects, school work, and the lives of those around her were successful.

Opal was devoted to her family and especially to the love of her life, Henry. Theirs was the sweet love the poets praise. When Henry died two years ago, a light in her dimmed and though she tried to make sense of his departure, she missed him and her parents who preceded her in death. Opal is survived by her children, Jim (Gwen), Portland, OR; John (Colleen), Owasso, OK; and Judy, Sheridan; 6 grandchildren – Kara (Julio), Michelle, Danielle, Ashley (Ryan), Davin and Christopher and 5 great grandchildren – Carson, Caroline, Mia, Sophia and Riley. Her grace, steadfastness, generosity, love, and devotion will be missed.

Victor William "Bill" Slack
December 25, 1942 December 20, 2010

Victor William "Bill" Slack, passed away Monday, December 20, 2010 at Sheridan Manor. Bill was born December 25, 1942, in Evanston, Wyoming. He was the son of Victor J. and Jacqueline Slack. He attended Big Horn School and graduated in 1962. Bill enjoyed most of his life working as a ranch hand. He is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie of Sheridan; his father, Victor J. Slack; his sister, Mary Schwalb; and his brother, John (Judy) all of Big Horn and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Sheridan Manor Activities Fund, 1851 Big Horn Avenue or Payee Assistance Management c/o Dan Lick, PO Box 312, Sheridan, WY 82801.

Memorials may also be sent to the Big Horn City Historical Society. Thank you for remembering these ol' Big Horn friends. If you know of someone's passing and wish to send us the obituary, please send them to: BHCHS -- PO Box 566 -- Big Horn WY 82833 (I will miss their big smiles!! JS)



BIG HORN CITY

BOOK UPDATE!!!

The Arcadia Publishing date will be the week of May 9th.

Can't wait to see it!!!!

$5,000 MATCHING GRANT FROM FORREST MARS was received last fall!!

The Big Horn City Historical Society has been honored to receive $5,000 to help with the Elsa Spear Byron Project at the Wyoming Room. This match will allow us to digitize more of the collection in the coming months. Mr. Mars lives on the old Hurlbut homestead or more recently known as the Hidden Valley Ranch. THANK YOU FORREST FOR YOUR HELP!!! (I have more photos coming your way.)

The Big Horn Sentinel.

BIG HORN WYOMING SATURDAY [illegible]

BIG HORN. JAN. 3, 1885

LOCAL NEWS

1885.

"Chinnook".

Plenty of snow.

Don't make a mistake now and write it '84 instead of '85.

Everybody is getting his share of dancing this winter.

Mrs. Chas. Farwell has been lying seriously ill the past week.

All the county officers elect take the oath of office on Monday, January 5th.

John McCormick intends leaving tomorrow on a prolonged visit to the states.

The Star of the West saloon is having two club rooms added to the main part of the building. Contractor Austin is doing the work.

The roller skating rink craze has at last struck us. We are 150 miles from a railroad, but still it found its way to this isolated section.

The townsite company will hold their annual meeting next Monday evening at which time a new list of officers will be elected.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Burgess of Prairie Dog spent several days in Big Horn this week visiting friends. We acknowledge a pleasant call.

O.P. Hanna writes to his friends from Whichata, Kansas, at which place he is paying considerable attention to a member of the opposite sex.

Sleighing is excellent between here and Sheridan. It's just about the right distance between the towns for a nice ride these moonlight nights.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Stroud died on the night of December 23rd. The bereaved patents have the heartfelt sympathy of the community during their sad affliction.

The longest stage line in the United States is the Wyoming line, operated between Rock Creek and Junction City Montana, a distance of 410 miles.

A four-horse stage coach on the Red Cloud division on the Sidney & Black Hills line, with the driver and four passengers were lost a period of eight days during the late cold spell.

For nearly two weeks past, the thermometer has been ranging from ten to thirty-five degrees below zero, but the past few days the backbone of the cold snap has been broken and we are enjoying fine weather.

Manager Cooper, of the Sheridan roller rink, was in town this week and informed us that the rink is a successful institution. He has on hand a sufficient number of skates to accommodate all who may call.

The hops given in Sackett & Skinner's Hall on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve were not very largely attended, but were marked with the social and jolly time usually attending occasions of this kind in Big Horn.

Sackett & Skinner are getting in order their hall over the store with a view of turning it into a roller rink in connection with a dancing hall. They have ordered a lot of the celebrated Vineyard skates, and as soon as they arrive a grand opening will be given.

Charges have been preferred against S.J. Armstrong, agent of the Crows, for using his position to compel the Crows to sign a lease to John F. Blake and J.C. Wilson, trustees of the Colorado syndicate, of the greater portion of the Crow reservation for ten years, at one cent an acre.

W.S. Wittenmeyer, foreman of the Pratt & Ferris cattle company, has written to the Big Horn townsite company, relative to the price of lots and the price of putting up buildings. Evidently Mr. W. intends "catching on" to a female partner and retiring from the business of punching cattle.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- SINGLE ADULTS...$10
- COUPLE/FAMILY...$20
- BUSINESS.....$20
- ORGANIZATION...$20

DUES ARE ALWAYS DUE THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER.

Please send stories, poetry, comments, suggestions and contributions to:

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Wyoming Notes: (found on the WSHS 2006 calendar)

1843 ~ Rationing of shoes began

1869 ~ Governor Moonlight granted full pardon to Harry Longabaugh, " The Sundance Kid "

1919 ~ 35 striking miners arrested at Kooi for "assembling"

1870~ Ester Morris appointed 1st woman justice of the peace, South Pass City

1890 ~ Robert C. Morris suggested the "Equality State" as a fitting nickname for the state of Wyoming

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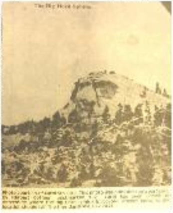

Thank you, Bob Legerski for these photographs. [illegible] has any other more recent photos of this rock formation, please let Caleb know. He is also looking for pictures of [illegible]
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Our February Program:
WYOMING'S KU KLUX KLAN

By Roxie Olmstead

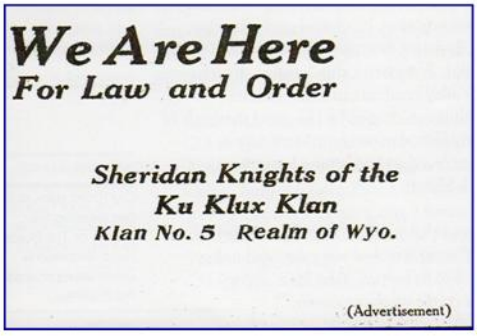
Freelance writer Roxie Olmstead writes in a variety of genres, her favorite genre being non-fiction. Roxie researched and wrote more than twenty local history articles in her native Kansas before moving to Wyoming three years ago. She, also, published a book about her town's founders. In Kansas she gave presentations from her research and writing to schools, churches and clubs. Her most popular topic proved to be the 1920s Ku Klux Klan. When she moved to Wyoming she began researching the 1920s Wyoming Ku Klux Klan, hopes to have her article published and is now prepared to give presentations on the subject.

Roxie held positions as an insurance agent, bookkeeper and secretary before retiring. She calls herself, "a late bloomer." as she didn't begin writing for publication until she was in her late fifties, had her first item, a poem, published at the age of sixty and today, at age 85, she has scrapbooks of 199 items published in a variety of genres.

Roxie Olmstead has been doing research in the Wyoming Room for several months. I have had the pleasure of visiting with her about her research on the KKK and found her to be a joy to listen to and learned about a topic I had no idea even existed here in Sheridan County. JS

Excerpts from Cynde Georgen's book *IN THE SHADOW OF THE BIGHORNS:*

"Originally founded in the post-Civil War South as a response to Reconstruction, the Klan reformed in 1915 with a focus on nativism, anti-immigration and anti-Communism policies…. In 1923, Sheridan's order (Klan Number 5, Realm of Wyoming Knights of the Ku Klux Klan) asserted that there were nearly "five hundred dues-paying Klansman" in Sheridan County." This was from an article in *The Sheridan Post January 16, 1923*, titled "White-Robed Klansmen Pay Post Visit: Leave Message for Public." (at right: a KKK advertisement)



Later that year in June, more activity was reported in an article in *The Sheridan Enterprise,* "Ku Klux Klan Holds Parade Here". In the spring of that year, the Klan burned a cross on Hospital Hill east of Sheridan and held a parade down Main Street during which "a large fiery cross illuminated by electric lights" accompanied the "white-robed Klansmen."

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Lily Bumbaca

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Memorials - Burt and Chloe Skinner for Bette Lou Skinner Klimek

And John and Judy Slack for Opal Arnoux

BHCHS Board: May 2010-Apr 2011

(*board term expires)

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The board of directors consists of 7 members, each serving a 3 year term. Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer) serve 1 year terms. Newly elected board members may serve as an officer if a position is open and they are willing to serve. Staggered terms provide a more stable governing team throughout long term projects. New Bylaws were accepted when we received the IRS 501c3 status. Bylaws are available from the secretary.

Our Sincere Sympathies go out to the families of:

Betty Lou Skinner Klimek

Betty died January 23, 2011 in Corvallis, Oregon. Betty was born July 19, 1929 in Big Horn to Gouverneur George and Modine (Witt) Skinner. She is survived by her brother Burt Skinner and four daughters, Sherry, Toni, Penney and Janey.

Kermit "Butch" E. Stephens

Kermit "Butch" E Stephens, 66, died Thursday, February 3, 2011 at his home in Beulah, WY. Mr. Stephens was born August 23, 1944 in Graham, TX to Adele and L.D. Stephens. He later served in the US Army in Germany and was a Vietnam veteran. Mr. Stephens lived in Sheridan until 1998 at which time he moved to the Black Hills area of SD. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Cliff Lyons and Pete Stephens. He is survived by two sons; Harald Stephens of Leominster, MA and Kermit Stephens Jr. of Eden Prairie, MN, two brothers; Niel Stephens of Sundance, and Chuck Stephens of Bighorn, WY; one grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

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1 SCOTT ECKERSON
2 JOHN CURRIE
10 HELEN BARD
11 JACK SEPT
12 BEA HUTSON
16 JIM CURRIE
20 JOYCE BILLINGS
30 BARB SARE
31 NORENE BAXTER

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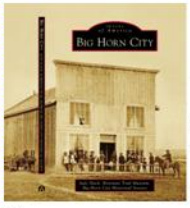
BOOK UPDATE!!! UGH!!!!!!



The final proof was received Feb 5. I discovered the Arcadia editor had lost several photos and captions. After many hours of "proofing", I was able to recreate the missing information. The editor finally found the lost files in her computer and apologized: "My sincere apologies. Yes, I have these changes and it was completely my fault, they were put in the wrong folder. I will incorporate all of these now and again I'm sorry for the confusion and that these went out to you without them." (I have requested another 'final' proof just to be sure she has the book the way we want it. Had heard of such nightmares. Glad I didn't send them the originals. JS)

Sheridan Post Enterprise
September 7, 1924
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Transcribed by Kay Wallick. Kay and her husband DJ Purcell are remodeling a house on the property where the dance hall stood. The rock formation of the dance hall is still standing. The editor decided to reprint the entire set of news articles on the dance hall fires. JS

BIG HORN DANCE HALL DESTROYED BY BLAZE AND $3,000 REWARD IS OFFERED FOR "FIRE BUG"

Employee Nearly Loses Life as Flames Attack Wooden Building—Rumor Says Man Drenched Place with Gasoline in Incendiary Plot—Outbuildings are Saved.

Believing that the fire which destroyed the Big Horn amusement hall Saturday morning was of incendiary origin, the Big Horn Amusement company Saturday offered a reward of $3,000 for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who started the $20,000 blaze.

"Bill" Nick, a middle-aged man who slept in the dance pavilion at night, barely escaped with his life when he awoke at 12:15 o-clock Saturday morning to find the entire building a mass of flames. Leaving his clothes and bed clothing behind, Nick rushed from the burning structure and called for help, but there were few persons within hearing distance and nothing could be done to halt the roaring fire.

The pumper engine of the Sheridan fire department made a run at 1 o'clock to the dance hall, which is located beyond Big Horn, about 10 miles from Sheridan, after Chief M.J. Troyer had been notified by the police department of the fire.

By pumping water from Little Goose Creek, the fire department, with the aid of Big Horn citizens, were able to save the engine house and the garage, but the main building was virtually demolished when the department arrived.

Between 25 and 29 persons were helplessly watching the blaze when the department reached Big Horn, and many of the men aided the firemen as two streams of water were played on the smoking ruins. The crowd grew in size shortly after 1 o'clock as many people were attracted by the light in the sky, which was visible in Sheridan.

Harry Mavrakis of Monarch, manager of the Big Horn Amusement company, announced that the company's investment was approximately $20,000.

The loss on the building will be approximately $6,000 over the insurance which amounted to about 80% of the entire value of the building, it was stated by C. V. Davis of the Agency of Service, which carried the insurance.

The amusement company, which began business scarcely more than one year ago, is considering plans to rebuild the structure, Mr. Mavrakis said, adding that nothing definitive could be announced, however.

No reason for the belief that the fire was of incendiary origin was given by Mr. Mavrakis, who said that no person or cars were seen about the hall Friday night or early Saturday morning and that the watchman did not see anyone when he was awakened by the fire.

The entire structure, including dance hall, lunchroom and ice cream stand was more than 160 feet in length and 60 feet in width. The dance floor was 60 by 100 feet in size and the lunchroom was 60 by 60 feet in size.

Nothing in the building was saved, and the loss included lunchroom equipment, piano and dance hall fixtures.

Rumors heard at the scene of the fire were that the watchman awakened to see a man throw a bucketful of gasoline on the building, touch the gasoline with a match and escape in a car. The rumors, however, could not be confirmed.

There had been no dance during the week at the hall because of the fair in Sheridan, but the regular Saturday night dance was to have been given.

The hall was first opened to the public on Labor Day, September 4, 1923 and was just one year and two days old at the time of the fire.

Help of any kind in the home sphere is obtained by the wise and up-to-date housewife through Ads

Sheridan (Wyo.) Post Enterprise

September 16, 1924

NEW RESORT RAZED BY FLAMES IN REPETITION OF BIG BLAZE AT BIG HORN ONLY FEW DAYS AGO

George Nick of Monarch is Arrested by Sheriff's Office—Oil Can Found Near Burned Building by Officers

The second disastrous dance hall fire within ten days, which destroyed the new Flores pavilion on the Big Horn Road, three miles south of Sheridan, early Tuesday morning at a loss of $10,000 was followed later in the morning by the arrest of George Nick of Monarch, who is being held pending further investigation of the fire.

A new oil can, found in the ditch near the blazing building, was the clue upon which authorities were centering their hopes for a solution of the "fire bug" mystery.

That the oil can, which smelled strongly of kerosene when found, was sold Monday by Otto Hanck, tinsmith at 59 West Works Street, was discovered Tuesday morning by A.D. Flores, owner of the burned building, who brought the can to Sheridan. The arrest of George Nick at 11 o'clock at Monarch by members of the Sheriff's office followed.

The fire which destroyed the nearly-completed Flores dance hall was virtually a repetition of the blaze which razed the Big Horn amusement hall on the morning of September 6. A watchman sleeping in a garage near the building awakened to find the interior of the building in flames at 2 o'clock. The building was in ruins in less than 20 minutes.

The building, which was 60 by 120 feet in size was to have been completed Saturday and the opening dance was scheduled for September 27. The loss will amount to approximately $10,000 or $4,000 above the insurance carried on the structure and materials, it was stated by Mr. Flores.

M. R. Miller and Jacob Mathews of Story, carpenters for Dick Thomas, contractor, were sleeping in the garage near the building at the time the fire started. Miller had gotten up at 1:30 o'clock and looked about the building. As there was a bright moon shining and no one around the premises, he retired again. Less than one-half hour later, Mathews awoke to find the entire floor of the dance hall on fire. He awakened Miller but there was nothing to be done to halt the fire, as the only water near the building was a well that had been drilled recently by Mr. Flores.

Because the truss rods for the roof had not been yet placed in position, the roof caved in as soon as the burning floor began to sag, and soon the entire structure was a mass of flames.

Work on the hardwood floor for the dance hall was to have started Tuesday, Mr. Thomas, the builder said, adding that some of his woodworking equipment was lost in the fire. His men had been at work on the building for 24 days and 90,000 shingles and 70,000 feet of lumber had been used. The building had a concrete foundation.

Mr. Thomas said that the work on the building was nearly completed, and that there were no shavings on the floor to aid a fire, as the floor had been swept preparatory to laying the hardwood floor. Mr. Thomas has built four other dance halls—Peters, Hotel Ledore, Big Horn and the American Legion Hall.

Mr. Flores, who was formerly connected with the Big Horn amusement company which conducted a dance hall at Big Horn, started construction of his own pavilion early in August.

Because of the fire which destroyed the Big Horn hall a few nights ago, Mr. Flores became suspicious when he found the tin oil container near the scene of the Tuesday morning fire. Mr. Hanck identified the can as one which he made and which a man came after Monday. The man did not give his name.

George Nick, who was brought to Sheridan shortly after noon Tuesday, was being questioned by the authorities during the afternoon in an effort to solve the mystery. He is a brother of "Bill" Nick, the watchman who was in the Big Horn dance hall at the time the building burned.

Wyoming Notes: (found on the WSHS calendars)

1890—Citizens of Sheridan and Johnson counties organized the Massacre Hill Monument Association to build monument on site of Fetterman Fight.

1992—Human thumb cut off in accident 6 months earlier found inside trout, Flaming Gorge.

1917—Wy Senate designated Dec 10 as Wyoming Day to commemorate the anniversary of the passage of woman's suffrage in Wyoming.

1870—first women chosen for jury duty in Laramie.

1876—Wild Bill Hickok married equestrian Agnes Thatcher in Cheyenne.

Sheridan Post Enterprise

September 17, 1924

MONARCH MAN DENIES THAT HE IS INCENDIARY

Big Horn Proprietor Gives Bond for Accused

George Nick of Monarch entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of arson in connection with the supposed incendiary burning of the Flores dance hall early Tuesday morning, when he was arraigned before Judge J. F. Hoop in Justice Court at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. Hearing of the case was set for September 25 in justice Court.

Bonds for Nick's appearance were set at $500 and were furnished by Harry Mavrakis, manager of the Big Horn Amusement Company, whose dance hall as also destroyed by an incendiary fire early on the morning of September 6. Nick is said to have an interest in the Big Horn Amusement Company.

The state was represented by John W. Songer, county attorney, in the action, while Nick was represented by H. Glenn Kinsley. Rumors that Nick had signed a confession were branded as false by Mr. Songer.

Meanwhile, the sheriff's office is continuing its investigation into the case and other warrants are expected. The officers are working on the theory that the men who purchased a new oil can from Otto Hanck on Monday may be able to shed light on the mystery, as the oil can was found near the scene of the fire.

The dance hall, owned by A.D. Flores of Big Horn, was just about to be opened to the public when it was burned to the ground Tuesday morning. The fire followed by 10 days the blaze that destroyed the Big Horn dance hall. A reward of $3,000 was offered by the Big Horn Amusement Company for the apprehension and conviction of the man starting the fire at Big Horn.

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Sheridan Post Enterprises

September 24, 1924

STATE OFFERS $500 REWARD FOR "FIRE BUGS" WHO STARTED TWO DANCE HALL BLAZES HERE

George Nick of Monarch, Arrested and Charged with Flores Crime, Faces Trial Thursday—Lack of Evidence, Policy Say

Five hundred dollars has been offered as a reward for the apprehension and conviction of every person implicated in the supposed incendiary burning of the Flores dance hall on the Big Horn road September 16.

Notification that the reward will be paid out of state money was received Wednesday morning by John W. Songer, county attorney from Gov. William B. Ross to whom the county attorney had made application for a reward for the

apprehension of the man or men guilty of the felony.

George Nick of Monarch, who was arrested and charged with arson in connection with the destruction of the dance hall is scheduled to have a hearing before Justice Hoop Thursday. Some sort of disposition of the case against Nick will be made at once, it was announced Wednesday noon, as officers are understood to believe now that Nick had nothing to do with the burning of the pavilion.

Bond for Nick's appearance set at $500 and was furnished by Harry Mavrakis, manager of the Big Horn Amusement company, whose dance hall was almost destroyed by an incendiary blaze early the morning of September 6. Nick is said to have an interest in the Big Horn Amusement Company.

An oil can, which smelled strongly of kerosene when found the morning after the fire near the sight of the burned pavilion, is the only clue officers have had upon which to base their search.

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All charges surrounding the fires were dismissed September 25, 1924

Local author Craig Johnson used these articles for his Christmas short story in 2009. If you haven't read his books you should pick one up soon. He writes about local places and folks and happenings. His mystery books featuring Sheriff Walt Longmire will be made into a new TV series on TNT.

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Seedless grapes
Brown sugar
Sour cream
Brandy or rum

Place layers of grapes in bowl, then sprinkle with brown sugar. Continue these layers until required amount. Pour thick sour cream with brandy or rum over top and chill well.

Variation: Use strawberries in place of grapes. Either makes an easy delicious dessert.

DECEMBER 24, 2010

At the Warehouse Market: Melvine Rolston signing cookbooks. Thank you for all that you do for us, Melvine. You are a treasure.

She signed them:

Melvine Rolston

101 yr. 6 mo.

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ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

MARCH/APRIL 2011

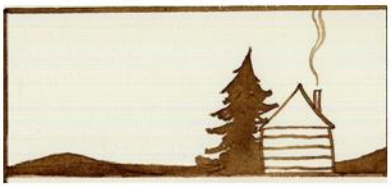
Please note: the March and April newsletters have been combined into one since the programs will be only 2 weeks apart—March 27 & April 10.

MARCH PROGRAM: FATHER DE SMET'S TRAVELS IN BIG HORN COUNTRY

March 27th meeting: Sheridan resident Scott Burgan will present, *"Father De Smet's Travels In Big Horn Country."* The famous Catholic priest and missionary Pierre Jean De Smet worked among numerous Indian tribes that occupied the northern Plains and Rocky Mountains from 1840 to 1870. De Smet served as an official emissary and interpreter during the important United States treaty signings of 1851 and 1868. Lake De Smet south of Sheridan is named for the missionary.

Scott Burgan was born and raised in Amarillo, Texas. While in Texas he attended Amarillo College where he took courses in photography and creative writing, and became interested in historic preservation. In 1998 Burgan moved to Sheridan, Wyoming, managing the lab at WyoVision Associates, in which he is a partner. Today he is an optical technician with the company.

Scott is the current president of the Sheridan-Johnson County Archaeological Society. He inherited the Glenn Sweem historical and archaeological collections, which he has catalogued and recorded. Parts of the Sweem collection have been given to the University of Wyoming, Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, Sheridan County Historical Society Museum, Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum, Buffalo, and Crow College Archives, Crow Agency, Montana. Scott Burgan is the author of *Big Horn Tales, Spanish Explorers in Wyoming,* with Gil Bollinger.



Our meetings are held at the Big Horn Woman's Club building located one block south of the BH Merc. Carry-in lunch starts @ 1 PM with the program to follow @ 2 PM.

For more information see page 2. Thank you.

APRIL PROGRAM: RANCH HISTORIES

The April meeting will be held early this year on April 10th. Helen Graham will be the presenter. She will speak on the Quarter Circle Bell and Horseshoe ranches. Helen says, "It's all about the land and its people." She has researched many ranches in Sheridan County and has focused on the homesteads in the northwestern part of the county. She is the author of two local Sheridan County history books and creator of the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library's Wyoming Room. She wrote *Pass Creek Country* and *Early Churches of Sheridan County, Wyoming.* She is a collector of history books, local women artists' paintings and an amateur collector of Abe Lincoln memorabilia. She has been a member of the BHCHS for many years.

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OUR MEMBERS ARE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

From left to right: Helen, Mary Ella, Warren and Dick Bard.

BHCHS Board: May 2010-Apr 2011

(*board term expires)

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	Elaine Hilman WC	(*2013)
	Judy Slack	(*2013)

The board of directors consists of 7 members, each serving a 3 year term. Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer) serve 1 year terms. Newly elected board members may serve as an officer if a position is open and they are willing to serve. Staggered terms provide a more stable governing team throughout long term projects. New Bylaws were accepted when we received the IRS 501c3 status. Bylaws are available from the secretary.

Our Sincere Sympathies go out to the families of:

Helen Bard

Helen M. Bard, 90, of Sheridan passed away on Friday, February 18, 2011 at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital. Helen was born on March 10, 1920 at Star, NE to Glenn and Mary (Wrede) Anderson. Helen grew up in Nebraska moving to Sheridan, WY in 1940. She married Warren O. Bard on September 1, 1946 in Hardin, MT. They ranched for the Erdman family in Big Horn, WY until Warren passed away in 1973. Helen was a member of the Holy Name Catholic Church. She enjoyed her yard and garden. Helen especially loved her granddaughter and great grandson's.

She is survived by one son Warren R. (Carol) Bard of Burns, WY, daughters Mary Ella (Paul) Hando of Sheridan, WY and Tammy D. (Ron) Burr of Buffalo, WY, granddaughter Lisa A. Bard, great grandson's Christopher and Charlie, and her sister Betty Smith of Warrensburg, MO and brother Glenn "Jiggs" Anderson of Dayton, WY plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials to honor Helen may benefit the Senior Center of Sheridan, WY at 211 Smith Street, Sheridan, WY 82801.

If you know of someone's passing and wish to send us the obituary, please send to: BHCHS ~ PO Box 566 ~ Big Horn WY 82833

We usually MEET THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH: -NEXT MEETING DATE- MARCH 27 @ 1p.m. - BIG HORN WOMAN'S CLUB

Carry In Lunch with Program to follow. (We are trying a new system. Maureen Badgett will be trained to be in charge of making coffee, turning on the oven, etc. but we still need help with set-up & clean-up.)

The helpers for MARCH ARE: Judy Dregoiw, Mary Moore, & Loretta Owen.

APRIL 10 WILL BE THE DATE FOR OUR APRIL MEETING:

The helpers for APRIL ARE: We will ask for volunteers at the March meeting.

July 23rd will be the day for the 130 th Big Horn City birthday party. More details coming……

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Rachel Pelissier
6	Kathy Hosford
8	Walt Legerski
9	Shawn Jensen
12	Donna Hutson
13	Katie Gorman
19	Makhailia Eckerson
20	Ed Symons
23	Mark Galloway
25	Gene Caiola

2011 BIG HORN RAMS:

It was a perfect ending to a perfect season. The Big Horn Rams defeated the Wyoming Indian Chiefs 74-58 at the Casper Events Center Saturday night, completing an undefeated 28-0 season and earning the title of 2011 2A Boys State Champions.

Sheridan Enterprise: June 7, 1902: While one of Moncreiffe's teams was standing near the depot Wednesday one of the horses became so frightened at the trains that it dropped dead.

July 11, 1891:
F.A. Hunt accidentally shot himself through the foot with a target gun at the brewery last Sunday and has not been able to get around very lively since.

(Thank you Bob Legoski.)

The Big Horn Sentinel.

BIG HORN, WYOMING, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1886

BUFFALO. FEBRUARY 13, 1886
LOCAL NEWS

Under the name of The Big Horn Canning company, several ranchmen on Prairie Dog have entered unto a partnership business with a view of canning garden products next season for Johnson county markets. Suitable buildings are at present being erected, and material from the east in the form of labels, tin, &c., has already been received. The enterprise should receive the hearty encouragement of our local dealers. .....

.....MET WITH REBUKE.....

Johnson county's member of the council, Mr. McCormick, was one of a committee selected by the legislature to take a run out to Carbon, on the Union Pacific, and investigate the real wants of the widows of husbands whose husbands were killed in the Almy coal mine disaster a short time ago, and for whose relief a bill was brought before the legislature asking the appropriation of $1,000 out of the territorial treasury. When our council representative and party arrived at Carbon, he was selected as main spokesman to enquire into the affair, but met with such rebuke from a lot of clanish miners that he was at once aware of the fact that it was like going among a lot of hogs seeking information, and therefore the delegation returned to Cheyenne in disgust. It is reasonable to suppose that "Mack" opposed the bill when it was brought up again in the council on the day following his return from Carbon. .....

.....SHERIDAN LETTER.....

On the morning of January 27th, born to the wife of S.N. Hardee, of Big Goose creek, a boy. .....

Dave Larison is again at his post of duty, apparently none the worse for his tussle with the blizzard. .....

S.M. & Kate Keeler have sold their ranch on Big Goose creek to Nettie B. Held, wife of Henry Held. .....

BUFFALO. FEBRUARY 20, 1886
LOCAL NEWS

The roads are in horrible condition. .

The deepest snow of the season fell Wednesday night. .....

The indefatigable rustler, J. Dow, of Big Horn, was among our agreeable visitors this week. .....

The service on the Big Horn and Ohlman stageline was recently reduced to semi-weekly. .....

Messrs. Lobban and McCormick are Johnson county committee members of a teritorial fair association which has recently been organized at Cheyenne.

T.J. Green, Big Horn; B.F. Perkins, Sheridan; C.L. Decker, Dayton; and W. A. Wrighter, Pine Tree Ranch, are authorized to take subscriptions for this paper and receipt for the same. ...

We look for the attendance of a large number of stockmen at the annual meeting of the Johnson County Stockgrowers' Association to be held here next month. Some very practical ideas of the working of the ranges will be brought forth. .....

Two soldiers out of B company, 9th infantry, deserted from Fort McKinney last Sunday night. One of them was at the time under sentence to serve three years in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, and it was through the assistance of the chum, who was guard at the time, that he succeeded in gaining his liberty. A detachment of mounted men are searching the surrounding country. ....

The editor is trying to locate an interview of Sam Mavrakis which will add to the dance hall fire history. Haven't found it yet but hope to share with you later this spring. JS

SUMMER 2011: ANY ONE HAVE A HOUSE OR RENTAL UNIT AVAILABLE TO RENT DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST FOR THE POLO PLAYERS AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES? CALL 307-674-6363 OR EMAIL jslack@wyoming.com FOR CONTACT INFORMATION.

Thank you, JS

The following letter was found in the Hepp family history. Thank you for sharing.

January 20th, 1932

Mr. Howard B. Lott,

Buffalo, Wyoming

My Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your valuable letter, and duly appreciate your kindness and consideration in writing to me, You will please understand that it has been a long time since I had my experience out there in your country, but will do my best to relate some of the experiences I had there during the years 1866, 1867, and part of 1868. I enlisted in the U.S. Army in the City of New York on the 29th day of March, 1866, in the 2nd Bn. If the 18th Inf. We came to Leavenworth, Kansas and then on through that rough country to the state of Montana, arriving at Ft. Reno sometime in May of 1866. At that time there were at Ft. Reno several men belonging to the 5th U.S. Calvary. We left two companies there to build Ft. Reno, and from there we went north and built Ft. Phil Kearney with four companies. We sent two companies to build Ft. C.F. Smith on the Big Horn. We originally had eight companies in our Bn., and four of them were used in building Ft. Phil Kearney. While at Kearney we had to follow the mountain for several miles to get our logs with which to build our stockade. The Indians were plentiful in the country at the time, and they followed us for eight months seemingly curious to know what we proposed t do and what our business was. Our officers finally obtained information that the Indians had planned to attack us, and from the few friendly Indians we learned that there were two groups of the crow Indians. Iron Bull was a peace chief, while Crazy Head was their war chief. Our Col. sent us to Clear Creek with a lot of mules (it seemed a favorite range for the buffalo there we hobbled our mules and took all the buttons off our uniforms to prevent the Indians from getting sight upon us with their glasses, placing our mules in a center, we took up our positions on all side, expecting the Indians to attack and attempt to take our teams, but for some reason the Indians failed to attack us, presumably, they must have learned that we were well prepared for their attack ad therefore would not force themselves out into the open for our reception. At that time Red Cloud was chief f the Sioux Indians, and he was undoubtedly the bravest Indians I ever saw, joining his forces against us, Red Cloud moved north in the forenoon, and we had to bring our mules to Fort Kearney for protection and to concentrate our forces. One of our men, Mike Donovan by name, was stationed north of the Fort guarding our teams, when he was attacked by the Indians and after outwitting them, and managing to maneuver himself in such a way as to make it back to the Fort, we found that the Indians had shot several arrows into his clothing, but save for fright and a few bruise, he was unhurt and very alert. I remember that the weather there at that time was very cold. On December 21st, 1866, we took seventeen wagons to the mountains for the purpose of securing wood to burn at the Fort. I remember that I was on the 2nd wagon from the front. After we got started for the mountains for the wood, our Major (Major Bridger), who was the best scout that the government had at that time, advised us to keep on the lookout for Indians, and further directed us to pass over the mountain ridges in a zigzag to prevent being cut down in case the Indians fired on us. When we had gone about one mile from the Ft. he Indians about 60 or 70 in number fired on u from under the hill. The soldier in the front wagon had his gun out of his hands; we at once doubled our wagons up and charged up the hill. After this attack on us we held our wagons and teams corralled for some time but the weather was so cold, that we anxiously hastened on to the mountains for fire wood. I was guarding the wagons while the other men were cutting the logs, when I saw three white men approaching from the prairie, they were men from Co. C, 2nd Cav., and from them we learned that 29 of their men had been attacked and killed by the Indians, together with 85 of our own men. The battle having taken place some two miles over toward Peno Valley. Upon learning of this we at once left for the Ft. with our wood wagons, and upon arriving at the Ft. our Col. (Col. H. B. Carrington) asked me if any of our men had been hurt. I told him that the Indians had attacked us but we had repulsed them.

The Col. then sent out Col. Fetterman to inspect and find out the position of the Indians. Col. Fetterman followed the Indians to Peno Valley and there engaged the Indians in a bloody fight. The Indians so greatly outnumbered our forces that they could not withstand the ferocious onslaught of the Indians and when the massacre was over, Col. Fetterman and 104 of his men were left dead upon the fields. When news of the fight reached our men at the Fort we took six wagons and went out after the dead. We found our boys as they were left by the Indians, their poor bodies in many instances were badly mangled, bruised and hacked. After loading the bodies in our wagons, we started back to the Ft., and after coming some distance down the mountain side, the roads became very rough and slippery, as snow had covered the ground and filled the gorges several feet. At a dangerous point on the mountain side our wagons turned over tossing the bodies of our comrades out in the snow drifts. We finally made it back to the Ft. It took us several weeks in the cold weather to dig the graves and bury our dead. After the battle was over we found several wagon loads of Indians arrows, and numbers of Indian ponies lying scattered dead over the ground for a number of miles. I sincerely trust that this bit of information may ge of some benefit and interest to you. If I could only be with you. I think I could much better relate many instances with explanations in a more satisfactory manner.

With kindest personal regards, and all good wishes for your success and happiness,
I am yours very truly,
Timothy O'Brien
215 Spruce Street
Texarkana, Texas

Sheridan County Historical Society:
MARCH 31 PROGRAM

Program Presenter is long-time Sheridan resident and State Representative, John Patton, of Sheridan.

Program: *The Unruly Americans: Then and Now*

John will speak on comparisons of U.S. Constitutional Government issues from 1789, to 2009. Patton 2nd term WY House 2009 to present. Served in House previously from 62 to 76, and in Senate from 1966 to 1972.

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., $14 per plate, on Thursday, March 31, at the Kalif Shrine Temple, 145 West Loucks. Dinner is catered by Killy's Smokehouse Deli. Those wanting to attend the free program only should be in attendance by 6:30 p.m. Reservations requested by noon Tuesday, March 29, to the Sheridan County Museum, phone 675-1150. Please leave a message, if there is no answer, and staff will return your call to confirm reservations. The museum store/gift shop will be open this spring ~ Tues—Sat. From 1 to 5 PM.

Sheridan County Historical Society:
APRIL 28th PROGRAM (reservations by Ap 26)

Sally Morton, Board Member, & Colin Betzler, Executive Director, of the Sheridan Community Land Trust

Will present the History of Land Preservation in Sheridan County.

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ICE CUTTERS: This photo was taken by Virginia Belle Benton Spear on their ranch south of Big Horn. Many of us remember the pond as "Wood's Pond". Moncreiffe Ridge in the background. The ice was cut and hauled to ice houses located around the town and on ranches. Notice the women are wearing dresses and long coats. This photo was taken from a glass negative. Thank you Marilyn for sharing your family history with us. We so enjoy the glimpses of the past. (Photo courtesy of Marilyn Bilyeu.)

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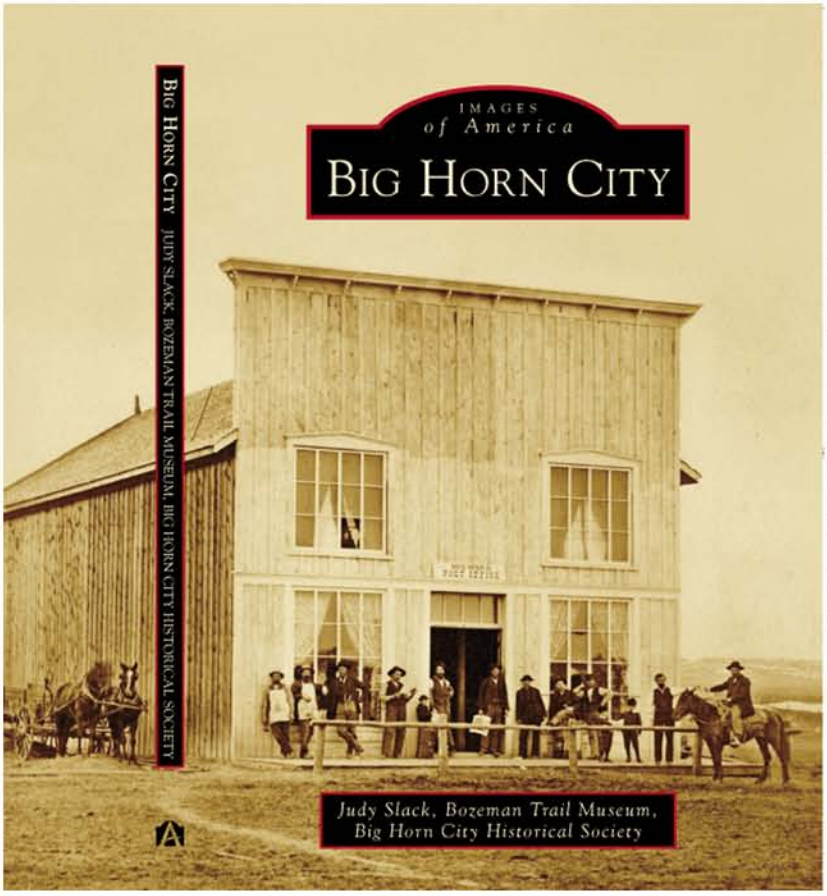

BIG HORN CITY BOOK

Judy Slack, author of the Big Horn City Arcadia Book, will present some of the photos and captions from the newly published paperback. This book is featured in the Images of America series and will be available for sale at the May 22 meeting.

The price is $23 including tax ($26 for mail-in orders). They will be available at our Bozeman Trail Museum during the summer season. Please send a check and delivery information to : BHCHS ~ PO Box 566~ Big Horn WY 82833 (see order form at bottom of page)

Sackett's Market & the Big Horn Merc will have books available to sell in May.

A supplemental index might be ready for purchase for a nominal fee.

130 th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR BIG HORN CITY

JULY 23 FROM 5 TO 7

7TH CAVALRY DRUM & BUGLE CORP TO PERFORM

FOOD VENDORS ~ BOOK SALES ~ RAFFLE (many items)

We invite all pioneer families to attend for a special introduction & gift.

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WANDA LIENEMAN

Visited by Airmen

Captain Colin A. MacKenzie, piloting a Cheyenne aeroplane flew over Sheridan and that evening visited the HF Bar ranch on his way to Buffalo. He returned to Sheridan Sunday evening, making flights here yesterday afternoon and expects to remain over today and possibly Wednesday. A part of the plans for today may include a trip to the Moncrieffe ranch where there is a very good landing ground and also to the IXL ranch near Dayton.

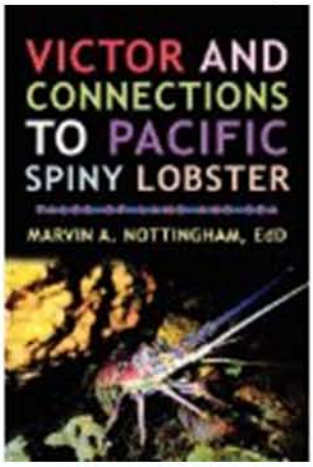
He is trying to visit all the summer resorts where there are landing grounds but inquiry yesterday brought the information that it might be impossible for them to land at the Eaton Bros. Ranch, but in the flight today they will look over that ground and if possible make a landing.

The trip from Buffalo to Sheridan, about 34 miles air route, was made in 20 minutes from the time they left the ground in Buffalo until they were circling over Sheridan.

From Sheridan Post: August 17, 1920

(Thank you Bob Legoski for sharing!)

Marvin Nottingham, former Big Horn-ite, has written a book titled *Victor and connections to Pacific Spiny Lobster.* It is available on Amazon.com (The Victor in his book is none other than Victor Garber.)



The museum is clean and ready for the tourist season. Thank you Maureen for all your hard work. The Bozeman Trail Museum will open Memorial Day weekend and will be open every Saturday and Sunday from 11AM to 4PM until Labor Day. FREE!

PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO MAIL IN YOUR BOOK ORDERS ~ THANK YOU !

Name:_____ **Phone # in case of questions:**

Address:_____ _____

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A new member gave me this recipe to share with you. He is new to our area. (Thank you Sandy!!)

MUM'S NEW ENGLAND BAKED BEANS (Sandy Baird)

FOR A SATURDAY NIGHT [AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING HARD TIMES]

One cup of dried beans* requires a 1 quart capacity pot. This recipe is for 2 cups of dried beans, which I make in a 2 quart crock pot. For our family of six Mum used 2 cups of dried beans in a traditional 2 quart ceramic bean pot. Later when it was just her & Dad she used 1 cup of dried beans in a 1 quart crock pot. I have successfully doubled this recipe in a large crock pot, but it required a longer cooking time.

Friday evening clean and wash 2 cups of dried beans. Pick out the imperfect & discolored beans.
Soak in fresh cold water overnight. Use plenty of water as the beans will soak it up & expand. There are shortcuts such as parboiling but just soak them overnight. It's easier, fool-proof and the better the water the better the beans.
The next morning [about 6:00 am is best] place a small onion in the pot. This can later be served or discarded.**
Add:

Beans
1 tsp dry mustard
½ cup blackstrap molasses
salt & pepper
1 tbsp real butter or olive oil
Cover with water

Cook until beans are soft and dark brown; about 8 hours. 250-300 degrees in a ceramic bean pot or on high in a crock pot. You may need to experiment with your oven/crock pot for the best cooking time. For my 2 quart crock-pot version I cook them on high for 8 hours and then turn it down on low until suppertime. This sometimes adds several hours and I believe improves the final product.
Check every 1½ to 2 hours. Keep beans covered with water.

*Many types of beans can be used but the ones I am familiar with are Yellow Eyes, Soldier, and Navy beans. Yellows Eyes and Soldiers make "big" beans and Navy makes "little" beans [like you usually get in a can]. We kids always voted for little beans but Dad usually got his way with big beans. I have not found Yellow Eyes or Soldier beans in Wyoming. I have used the locally available Great Northern beans with great success. They make big beans and are very good. Recently I've been switching between Navy & Great Northern. The best I've ever had were home grown Yellow Eyes dried on the vine by Uncle Sonny. Tonight [I'm writing this on a Saturday] will be Navy beans.

**The addition of an onion is a recent healthy substitution for the traditional salt pork [1" cube per cup of dried beans]. If you do use salt pork it is removed before serving and the butter or olive oil is not needed.

If a larger bean pot is used then it was common for a ruffed grouse breast [about the size of a large orange] to be added to the pot in addition to salt pork. Most any small game bird breast should work. I have been told that the old timers used a spruce grouse breast because it was a dark meat that greatly improved in the bean pot. I wouldn't know for sure because spruce grouse are a protected species in Maine where I grew up.

The traditional bean pot used in the oven is ceramic. However, an even more traditional way to cook beans is in a rock-lined earth covered fire pit for 24 hours using a cast iron Dutch Oven with a wired-on overlapping lid. These are called beanhole beans and use a special recipe including more salt pork. The pit is about 24" round & 4' deep. Hardwood coals surround the pot and a heated logging chain wrapped around the Dutch Oven helps things along. When prepared by a knowledgeable cook, these are the best of the best. A traditional Saturday night New England Baked Bean Supper [available Saturday night during the summer in every Maine town at the local church] includes:

- Baked Beans
- Potato Salad [with eggs]
- Hot Dogs [fried or grilled; never boiled]

- Bread [to soak up the bean juice]: Biscuits are common, as is brown bread, which is heavy, moist, dark bread especially made to go with baked beans and served hot. It can be made fresh or bought pre-made in a can and just needs to be heated. When serving brown bread the beans are served on top of the bread. My family always had fresh baked white bread still warm from the oven and served on the side with salted butter.

Many people add ketchup to their beans. The connoisseurs will scoff at this but it gets many kids [and adults] to enjoy the tradition. Make it available and let be those who choose to use it do so without giving them a hard time. They will come around on their own eventually.

Mum always ate leftover beans cold in a sandwich on Sunday morning but served hot they are part of a traditional Maine breakfast with biscuits, bacon, eggs, and hash browns. The best hash browns being made from last night's bakers that had spent the night in the fridge.

I lived in Ireland and England for a few years and beans on toast is a traditional lunch or light supper, but they had never heard of baking their own. If you want to experiment with the recipe sweeter beans can be had by replacing up to half of the molasses with real maple syrup. The beans will be much lighter in color and much too sweet for my taste. I only do this to accommodate guests when I know that this is their preference. A substitution that I usually make is to finely chop one cup of onion [for 2 cups of dried beans] and add it to the beans rather than use a whole onion. I also [approximately, I think] double the dry mustard that Mum suggests. I don't know for sure because for years I've just used what looks about right in my hand. If you want to serve home baked beans on any evening other than Saturday, let's just keep it between us.

"Revisiting Absaraka Park" By Bob Legoski

Not many people today remember Absaraka Park which began operation in 1903 as a summer camp with facilities to compliment fishing, hiking, camping and just relaxing in a mountain resort atmosphere, only two hours from the city of Sheridan.

The story of Absaraka Park is based on a chronology of newspaper articles from the years 1903 through 1931. The park was an enterprise of Henry Coffeen and his son-in-law Edward Gillette on property at the base of the mountain on Big Goose Creek. The family had homesteads, bought additional properties and some were inherited which formed the base for the park.

Over the years improvements to Absaraka Park were a dining hall which served meals to the guests, a dance floor above the barn, cabins and tents for rent, picnic areas on an island, swings and tennis and croquet courts. There was excellent fishing in Big Goose Creek and there were ponies to rent for excursions into the canyon to view the numerous waterfalls and other natural features of the park.

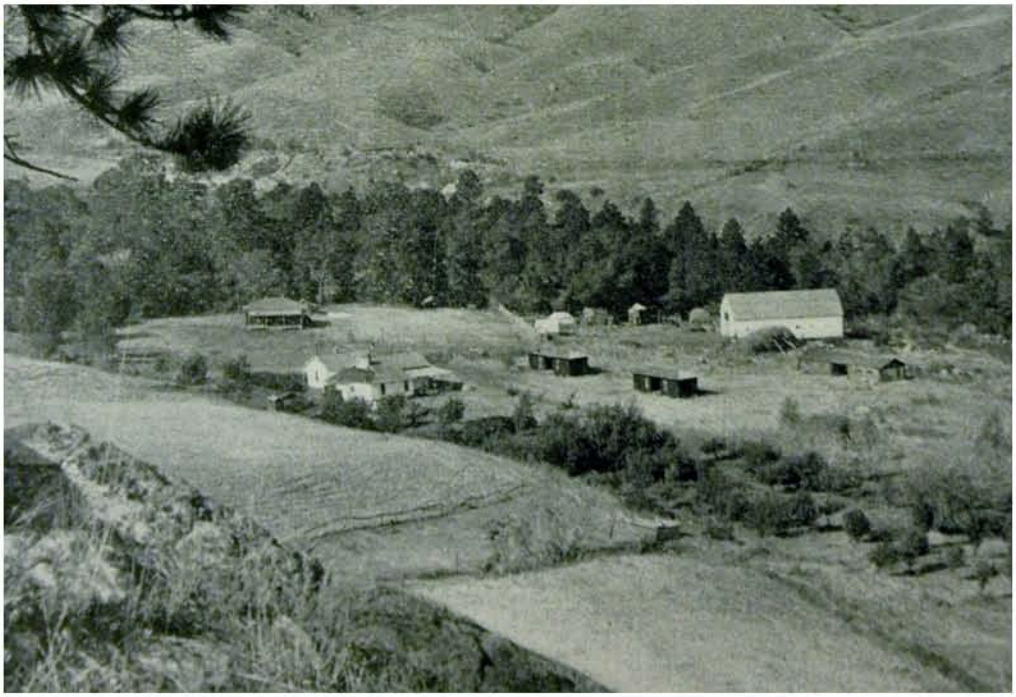
The Coffeen family supervised the operation of Absaraka Park with seasonal managers for around ten years, then they began leasing the property; first as Gabriel's Ranch which catered to eastern dudes. At this time local traffic was discouraged except by special invitation to the park. Following this venture the park operated for a few years as a private ranch, now owned entirely by the Edward Gillette family.

In 1926 Mrs. Gillette sold the Absaraka Park property to a man from Buffalo who operated the place again as a dude ranch. He built additional cabins to accommodate more patrons, and a magnificent headquarters building. This operation thrived until unfortunate circumstances in 1931 forced this owner to sell.

Once again the property became a private ranch, passing through three owners over the years and remains so to this day.

The Big Horn City Historical Society owns the copyright to this book and it is available for sale by them.

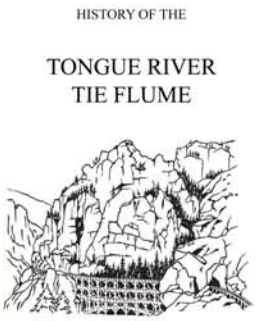
This photo is an early view of Absaraka Park which shows the dining hall, five cabins, the barn with a dance hall upstairs and an apple orchard.



We would like to thank Bob Legoski for his generosity and hard work. He has decided to donate the copyright of his Absaraka Park book to the Big Horn City Historical Society. The board has accepted and is willing to include the Coffeen Family Foundation (Coffeen Historical Informational Educational Foundation CHIEF, Inc.) in sharing the profits to assist them in start up fees. They are trying to qualify as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Their purpose is to protect the family photo collection. Many Coffeen photographs were used in Bob's new book.

We hope to have books ready to sell by June 15th. They will be in color & sell for $28 PLUS tax (add $3 per book for shipping.)

All graduates and friends of Big Horn School are invited to a potluck dinner at the Big Horn Women's Club, Sunday, August 21st from noon until 3:00 p.m. This is in conjunction with the class of 1961's reunion. (I won't say how many years that is - ok?) Please bring a dish of your choosing. Contact is: etudiant61-potluck@yahoo.com.



HISTORY OF THE

TONGUE RIVER TIE FLUME

By Bob Granum

The long awaited reprinting of this local book has finally been completed. The Sheridan County Library Foundation Board owns the copyright (Judy Slack was able to scan and prepare the file for self-publishing on LULU.com.) The paperback book will sell for $15 plus tax. The Bozeman Trail Museum will be selling these this summer and you may order copies from the:

BHCHS ~ PO Box 566 ~ Big Horn WY 82833

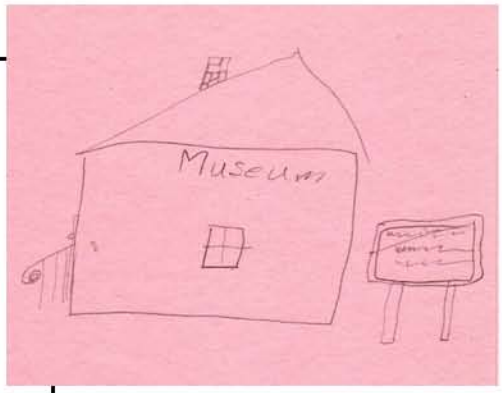
Please add $3 per book for shipping and handling. Each book comes with a map.

We usually MEET THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH: -NEXT MEETING DATE- MAY 22 @ 1p.m. - BIG HORN WOMAN'S CLUB

Carry In Lunch with Program to follow. The program will start about 2PM. (We are trying a new system. Maurine Badgett will be trained to set-up and clean-up for every meeting.)

Helpers are always welcome. (If you can help please be at the W. Club by 12:15) Thank you!!!!

Thank you notes from Spring Creek School in Decker, Montana: *Thank you Maureen for letting us come to the awesome museum. ~ I loved learning about things back in the older days. ~Thank you Maureen for the history.~Thank you for opening up so we could come out for the tour. (by Caden Moreland.) ~ I learned about cool things like that dentist thing. Then learned about the things in the book. I can maybe visit you again. (artwork below by one of the students.)*



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- SINGLE ADULTS...$10
- COUPLE/FAMILY.$20
- BUSINESS.....$20
- ORGANIZATION...$20

DUES ARE ALWAYS DUE THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER.

Please send stories, photos, comments and corrections to: BHCHS

PO Box 566~~ Big Horn, WY 82833

BHCHS Board: May 2010-May 2011

(*board term expires-elections @ May meeting)

President:	Mike Kuzara	(*2012)
Vice President:	Meshelle Powell	(*2012)
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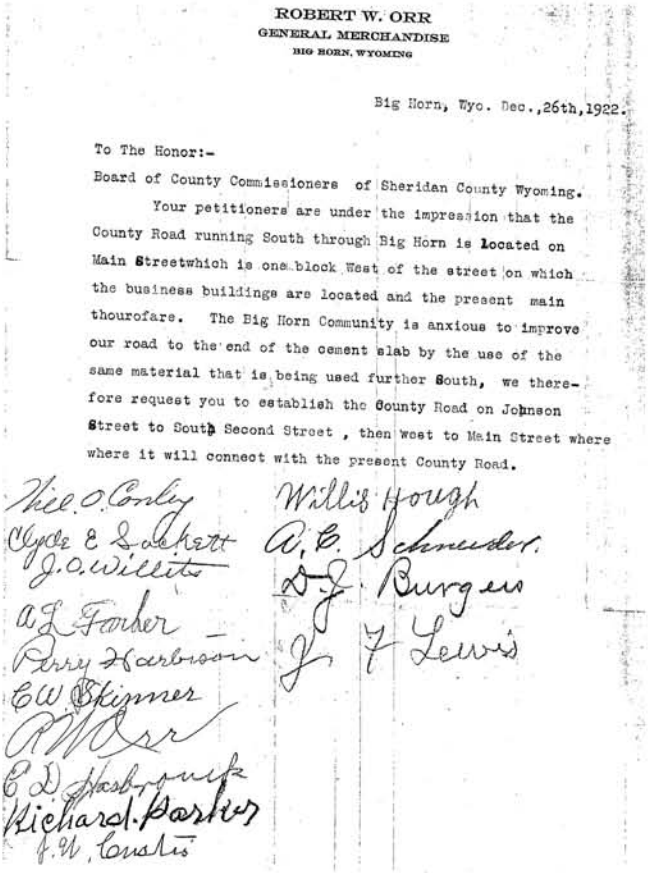
	Judy Slack	(*2013)

The board of directors consists of 7 members, each serving a 3 year term. Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer) serve 1 year terms. Newly elected board members may serve as an officer if a position is open and they are willing to serve. Staggered terms provide a more stable governing team throughout long term projects. New Bylaws were accepted when we received the IRS 501c3 status. Bylaws are available from the secretary.

During our planning meetings for the 130th Big Horn City Celebration, we were asking around to see who claimed the care and upkeep of Johnson Street (the one with all the businesses). We felt we needed to get permission to close it down for our 2 hour party. Well, about a month ago, Bob Rolston who is a BHCHS member and also serves as a Sheridan County Commissioner, sent me an email with the following legal papers. We now know (including the county—this information was a surprise to everyone– no one really knew until now) that our earlier pioneers requested and were granted that 3 blocks of Johnson Street and 1 block of South Second Street be established as a portion of the county road (County Road 103). Thank you Bob for sharing!! And thank you county for filling in the gigantic holes!



ROBERT W. ORR
GENERAL MERCHANDISE
BIG HORN, WYOMING

Big Horn, Wyo. Dec.,26th,1922.

To The Honor:-
Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County Wyoming.

Your petitioners are under the impression that the County Road running South through Big Horn is located on Main Streetwhich is one block West of the street on which the business buildings are located and the present main thourofare. The Big Horn Community is anxious to improve our road to the end of the cement slab by the use of the same material that is being used further South, we therefore request you to establish the County Road on Johnson Street to South Second Street , then west to Main Street where where it will connect with the present County Road.

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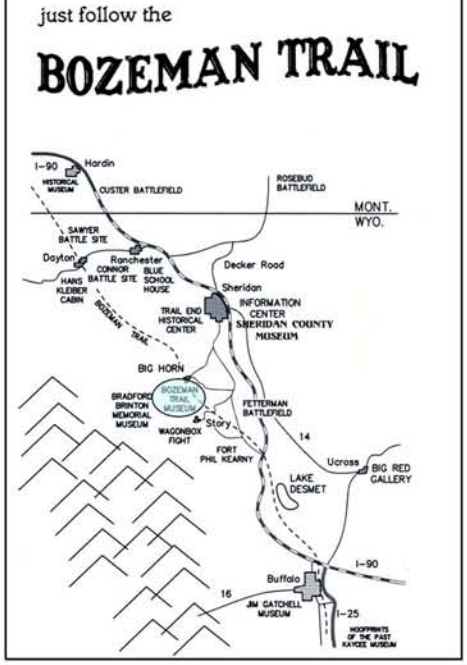
Our new map for our museum tourist handout brochure.



Attorney, were , by a vote of the Board approved and ordered filed:

A petition having been filed with the Board of County Commissioners requesting the establishment of Johnson Street in the town of Big Horn, Wyoming from a point in the center line of Third Street 523 feet west of the center line of the Concrete Road continuing from Johnson Street and Second Street to a point in the center of Main Street, according to the official plat of the said Town of Big Horn, Wyoming, a motion was regularly made and carried that the above road as petitioned for be and the same is hereby declared to be a regularly established County Road.

In the matter of the application of Anna Babione as Executrix of the Wm. H. Babione, deceased, for a private road across the North Half of the Southwest quarter and the South half of the Northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 54 North, Range 83 West of the 6th P.M., said application having been filed on January 4th, and a protest against the establishment of the same having been filed with the Board on February 6th, 1923, upon request of the Attorneys for the Petitioners and with the consent of the Attorney for the owner of the land over which said road is to be established the matter was laid over until the March 5th meeting of the County Commissioners.

A motion was regularly made and carried that the salary of the County Health Officer be

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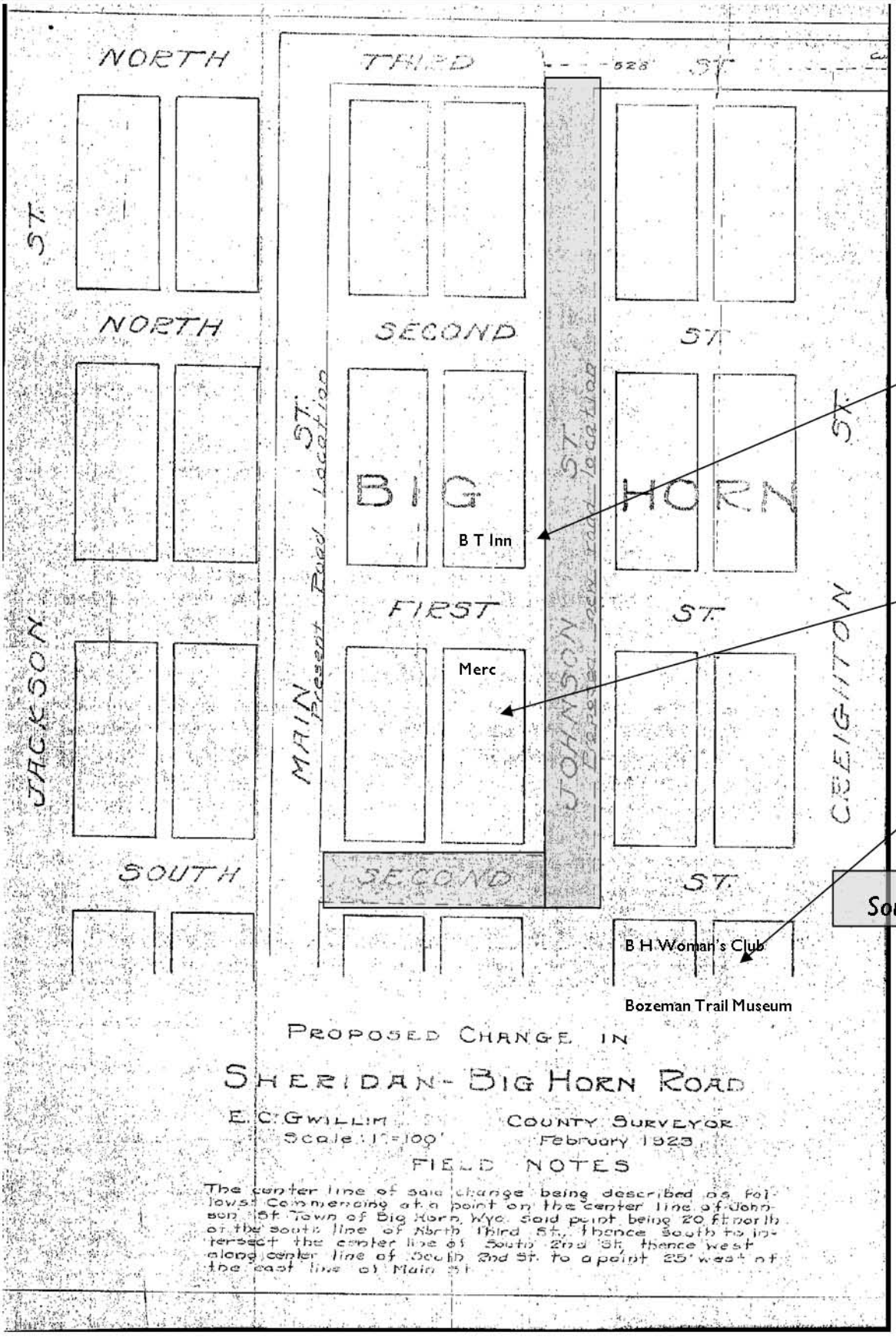

This is just to clarify the original map.

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Sheridan Journal ~ August 31, 1928 ~
Bradford Brinton's pulling machine.

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The Only Horse Pulling Machine in Wyoming or Montana

The above illustration shows the new $1700 dynometer, purchased by Bradford Brinton, wealthy Big Horn rancher, and loaned to the Sheridan county fair.

The machine, which is the only one of its kind in Wyoming or Montana, is mounted on a Ford truck, portability being one of its main features. The car has a locking-type transmission, and the gauge registers to within a fraction of a pound the pull exerted.

The champion pulling team of the world holds a record for pulling 35 tons on a wagon over a level paving. The record last year at Sheridan county fair was 6500 pounds on the stone sled, and much speculation is heard as to the ability of local pulling teams when their strength is pitted against the new pulling machine.

The contest at the fair will open on the morning of the second day, September 6, and will be open to all teams, in two classes, one for teams under 3000 pounds, and the other for teams 3000 pounds and over. Following the eliminations on Thursday, the finals will be held beginning at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, at which time the winning teams will be decided.

The machine, at present, is at Buffalo and is being used in the pulling contests of the Johnson county fair. George G. Paschal of Laramie will explain the operation of the machine at both fairs.

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ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

JUNE 2011

W. George Griffen at left, sitting on Absaraka Park dining hall porch. The woman and other man are unidentified. (Photograph from the Sheridan County Historical Society collection.)

"Absaraka Park Revisted" is the title of a new book written by Bob Legoski. It is now available for sale at the Bozeman Trail Museum in Big Horn (or call 751-4908). Bob will be giving a power point presentation at the Wyoming State Historical Society meeting on June 18th at noon in the Inner Circle at the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library about the creation of the book. He will also give a short presentation at our June 26 picnic at the Hilman Ranch.

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JULY 23 FROM 5 TO 7 & beyond
7TH CAVALRY DRUM & BUGLE CORP TO PERFORM
We invite all pioneer families to attend for special recognition & gift.
BOOK SIGNINGS + LIVE MUSIC + FOOD + RAFFLE
RAFFLE ITEMS INCLUDE: AN ORIGINAL HAND PAINTED ETCHING BY JOEL OSLIND TITLED *"Downtown Big Horn"* provided by Joel and Bradford Brinton Memorial. Camping package (with tent, 2 sleeping bags, cooler and 2 lawn chairs) donated by WalMart. 2 separate tours by Thunder Mountain Tours (Mike Kuzara). $50 gift certificate to Rib & Chop House. $50 gift certificate to Olivers. Toys from John Deere. Many other items.
$5 per ticket OR 5 tickets for $20

We usually MEET THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH: -NEXT MEETING DATE– JUNE 26 @ 4 p.m. - meet @ BIG HORN WOMAN'S CLUB @ 3:45 so we can car pool to the Hilman Ranch for a picnic. Tables and Chairs will be provided.

Pot luck picnic with short program to follow. The program will start about 5p.m.

Thank you Zane and Elaine for hosting this picnic !!!!

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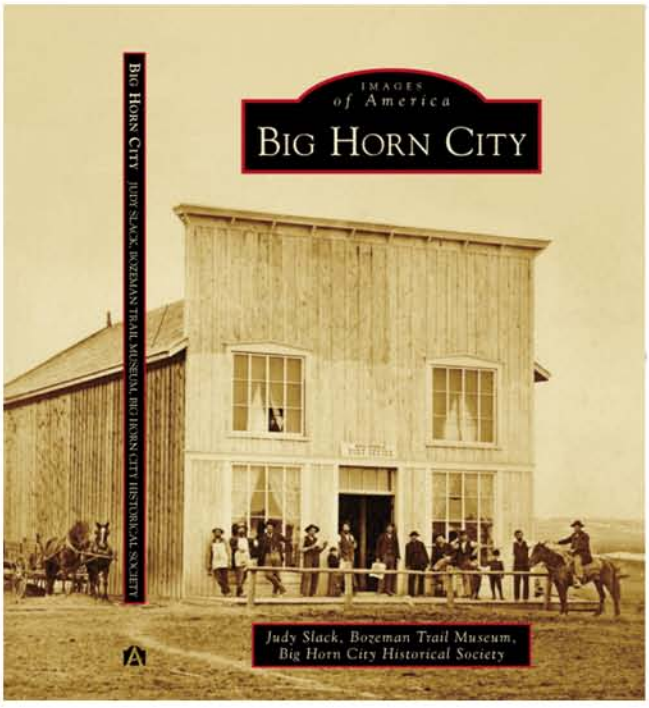

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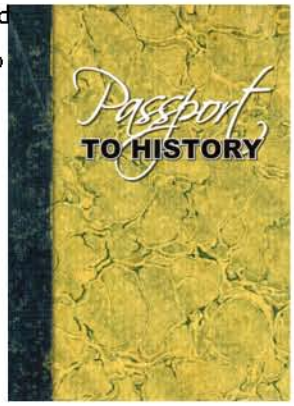

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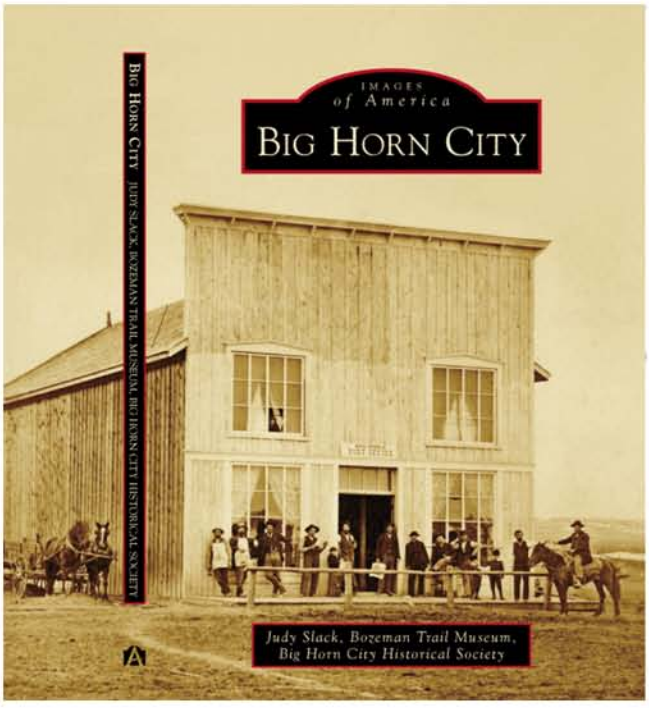

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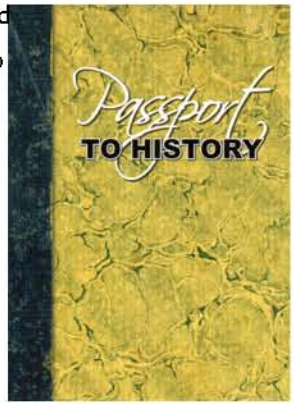

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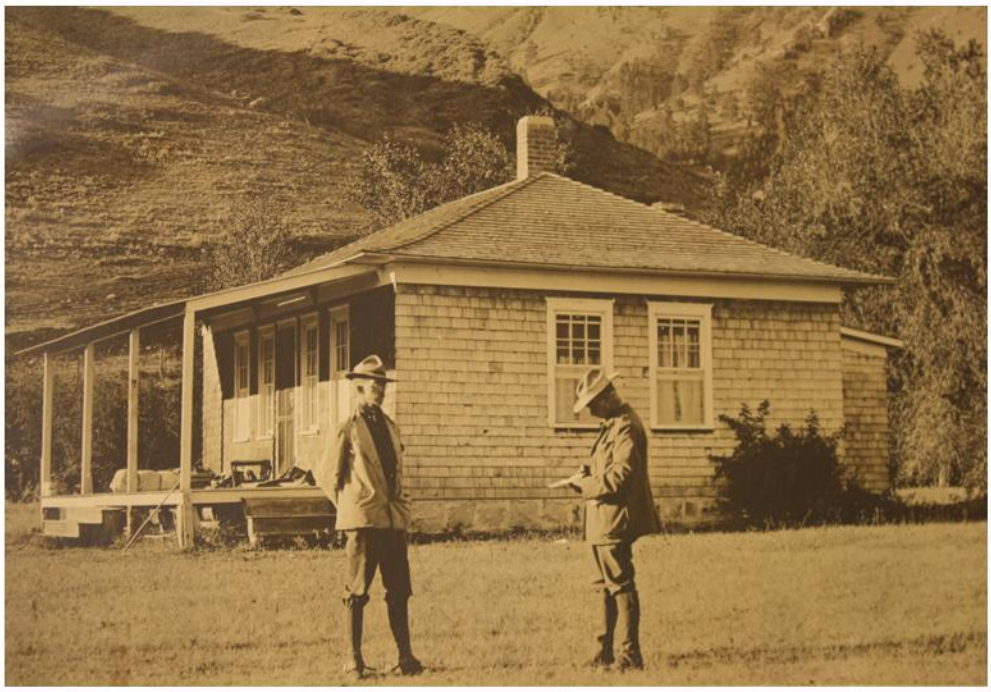

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(We have sold about 100 & are ready to order more.)

THE BOARD HAS SET THE MEETING DATES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR:

2011	2012
SEP 25	JAN 22
OCT 23	FEB 26
NOV 27	MAR 25
DEC 8	APR 22
	MAY 20

WE MIGHT HAVE A PICNIC JUNE 24.

REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE IN SEPT!! THANK YOU!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS….SEE YOU THERE.

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Our Sincere Sympathies go out to the families of:
Rachael Pelissier
Bernie Sare
Lydon Schwamb
Butch Stephens
Keith Ware
Dr. John Wilson
Sheila Garber
Edward Schunk
Harriet & John Clendenen

(We have lost many dear friends these past few months. If you are able to use the internet, The Sheridan Press Obituary files are viewable—free of charge.)

NEXT BOOK IDEA:

The BHCHS board has approved of another book. We would like to offer to the Big Horn families a book that they will help write. Each family will have 1 to 50 pages that they can use to write their family history using photographs and documents. They will be responsible for all typing of the stories and captions. We will have a format for them to use. Any suggestions? More info soon….

Another photo of the Big Horn Mercantile.

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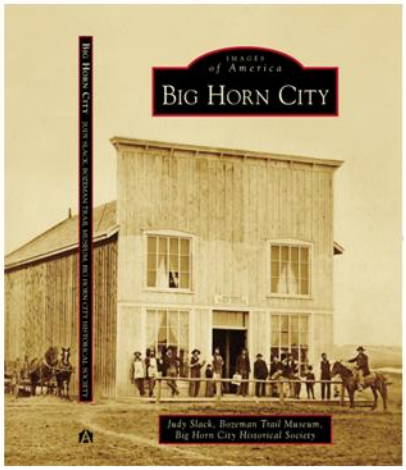

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Edward Schunk
Harriet & John Clendenen

(We have lost many dear friends these past few months. If you are able to use the internet, The Sheridan Press Obituary files are viewable—free of charge.)

NEXT BOOK IDEA:

The BHCHS board has approved of another book. We would like to offer to the Big Horn families a book that they will help write. Each family will have 1 to 50 pages that they can use to write their family history using photographs and documents. They will be responsible for all typing of the stories and captions. We will have a format for them to use. Any suggestions? More info soon….

Another photo of the Big Horn Mercantile.

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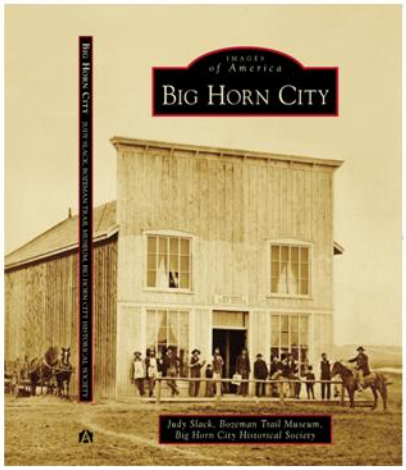

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Our October 23 program will be :
LARRY POINTER on his LATEST REPORT ON BUTCH CASSIDY

The October 23rd meeting of the Big Horn City Historical Society will be a talk by Larry Pointer, entitled "Who is Butch Cassidy? The Mystery Continues."

Larry says "A newly discovered manuscript reveals new details and poses new questions."

Larry Pointer, a native Sheridanite now living in Billings, is the author of "In Search of Butch Cassidy" and will soon publish another book on the subject. He has spent 40 years researching the proof that Butch Cassidy didn't perish in Bolivia but returned to the states and a new life. He speculates that Butch Cassidy (Robert LeRoy Parker)began a new life in Spokane, Washington under the name of William T. Phillips. He had opened a machine shop and manufactured The Phillips Adding Machine.

From Larry's book titled "In Search of Butch Cassidy" : *William T. Phillips. The back of the original photograph was dated 1916.*

Larry Pointer at the Hilman Ranch— 2010.

If anyone has information about Stephen Bettcher, please call his old Army buddy Harry Allen @ 478-474-1672. He is hoping to find out if Stephen had a family and where he worked after the Army. Stephen committed suicide in 1979 at the age of 38. He was the son of Edward and Lucille Bettcher. Thank you for any help you can share.

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JUST FOR FUN~~~~~~

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SHERIDAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Oct 27

Gary Temple, owner with his wife Marylee Moreland of the Meadowlark Gallery in Billings, will present a free Western Art Seminar at the Inner Circle of the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library beginning at 1:30 on Thursday, October 27. The focus of the seminar will be on the original Gollings' paintings at the Library, most of which are owned by Sheridan County School District #2, but will be participant-driven to include other western artists also.

That evening, Temple will present a power point program containing new findings about Gollings to be included in his upcoming third volume of Gollings' work. The dinner meeting will be held at the Shrine Temple at 145 W. Loucks with dinner at 6:00 and the free program at 7:00. The dinner is $14 and catered by Killy's Deli. For those wishing to attend the dinner, please call reservations in to the Museum at 675-1150 by noon on Tuesday, October 25. The back door will be open for guests who wish to use that entrance.

Temple is co-author of two previous volumes of work about Gollings, ***Elling William "Bill" Gollings: A Cowboy Artist*** and ***Gollings: More of the Story***, as well as ***Hans Kleiber: Wyoming Printmaker and Artist*** and ***Robert W. "Bob" Myers: Artist of the South Fork.*** Copies of his books will be for sale at the evening program, and Gary will be happy to autograph books at both events.

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	MAY 20

WE MIGHT HAVE A PICNIC JUNE 24.

REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE IN SEPT!! THANK YOU!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS….SEE YOU THERE.

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FAITHFUL DOG KEEPS VIGIL OVER MASTER

Ray Harper, Found Dying On Ranch After Search; Dies In His Home

Found unconscious yesterday morning in the hills near his Salt Creek ranch, Ray Harper, aged 48 years, son of Joe Harper, former Sheridan county commissioner, and a pioneer resident of the Banner community, died shortly afterward.

Dr. C. R. Halley of Sheridan, an old friend and family physician of the family, was summoned to Salt Creek, but death had resulted before his arrival there. He returned to Sheridan last night.

Death probably was due to an attack of paralysis, Harper having suffered a stroke on another occasion.

Harper left his home about 8 o'clock Monday morning to look for some horses that had strayed from his ranch, and having failed to return at 5 o'clock in the afternoon a searching party was recruited from neighbors and from the Salt Creek oil camp, at which he had employment. A search throughout the night failed to bring a clue as to Harper's whereabouts and it was only when daylight facilitated the searching that Harper was found unconscious yesterday morning. Exposure in the cool air of the night is believed to have hastened Harper's death.

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Ray Harper came to Banner 38 years ago wiht his parents, and had resided in that vicinity until recent years, when took a claim in the South Salt Creek region, working there and in the oil camps. He was unmarried.

Surviving him besides his parents, are two brothers and two sisters, Clyde and Floyd and Mariam of the home ranch at Banner and Mrs. Clara Surrena of Salt Creek.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Big Horn Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock; the body benig brought overland from Salt Creek this afternoon.

Harper's pet dog and faithful companion might have saved his life, if the searching party had heeded the animal's begging for them to go to his master. The dog seeking aid for his master, came to the seraching party in the darkness of night, and forgetful that he was more swift than they, ordered him to return to his master. Obediently the dog started swiftly away and was lost in the darkness before the party could follow. He was found with his master yesterday morning.

NEW FARM EXHIBIT

Wyoming Notes: (found on the WSHS 2008 calendar)

1909—No music allowed in saloons, Sheridan

1868-Congress created Territory of Wyoming

1936-Ernest Hemingway visited Laramie

1865-Arapaho village destroyed in Battle of Tongue River

MORE FUN~~~~~

Two frogs were on a lily pad flicking in flies. One said to the other, "Time's fun when you're having flies."

A fellow named Joseph was wanted by the Israeli police for looting in the port city of Haifa. He was th son of a German father and an ex-nun from Barcelona Spain. He was a former flute player an farmed occasionally. In short he was a Haifa-lootin' flutin' tootin', son of a nun from Barcelona, part-time plow boy, Joe.

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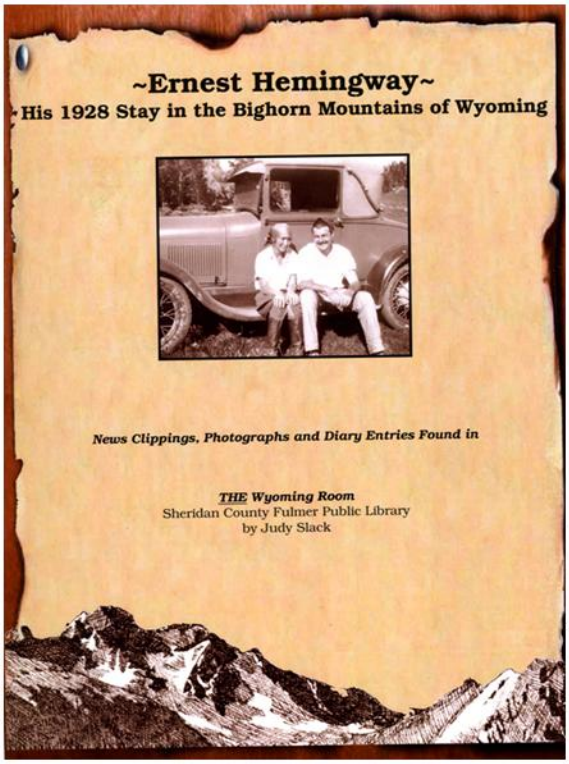

Ernest Hemingway ~ His 1928 Stay in the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming

By Judy Slack

NEW BOOK about Ernest Hemingway is available for sale now ($26.50 includes tax + $5 postage). The following is a quote from The Sheridan Press 10-8-2011:

Inspired by Sheridan's sweeping views of the Bighorns, Ernest Hemingway's opening line of "Wine of Wyoming" has traveled full circle: It served as inspiration for the cover of "Ernest Hemingway: His 1928 Stay in the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming."

Published in August, the book chronicles the writer's adventures in Sheridan County through news clippings, photographs and diary entries compiled by Judy Slack from the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library's Wyoming Room.

Slack hopes this will prove convenient to Hemingway scholars while protecting the aging documents, which are now archived.

Indeed, the reader can trace Hemingway's steps from Folly Ranch, where bountiful fishing and co-eds distracted him from finishing "A Farewell to Arms," to the Sheridan Inn, where summer heat finally drove him to Spear-O-Wigwam, where the writer finally finished his story — allowing time for hunting and general gallavanting.

Hemingway enthusiasts familiar with the spirited writer's past might infer the odd extramarital affair from a photograph or wonder how he came by his jugs of wine during Prohibition; however, informational gaps keep Hemingway's stay shrouded in mystery.

You can order your copy by sending your check (include name and address) to the Bozeman Trail Museum—PO Box 233—Big Horn WY 82833. Find new photographs never before seen. PLUS Bootlegging arrest records to answer the questions surrounding "Wine of Wyoming". ALSO an original signature found in the museum files…..JS

Newspaper items: Sheridan Enterprise—July 11, 1891—Two of our 'soiled doves" had a runaway Wednesday evening. Both were thrown from the cart and harness and cart were badly broken. The horse was stopped on the sidewalk in front of the Engine House. No bodily damage was sustained by the occupants.

Sheridan Post—August 31, 1899—Some cowboys that are camped near Higby came to town Tuesday evening and having partaken of some essence of hilarity, became quite familiar with our city. They fired a few salutes as they were riding down Main street shooting everything full of holes that was located 300 feet above the earth. No arrests.

Sheridan Post: July 2, 1891 –Coffeen & Sons have put up a new 30 foot awning in front of their storeroom.

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PRESENTS
80 YEARS IN THE KITCHEN
BY
MELVINE ROLSTON

WITH ADDITIONAL RECIPES BY
B.H.C.H.S. MEMBERS

MELVINE WILL HAVE A BOOK SIGNING:
NOVEMBER 7TH 2 TO 3 pm @ Sugarland Ridge

PUMPKIN CHEESE CAKE

4 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
1 c. white sugar
1/2 c. brown sugar
5 beaten eggs
2 c. pumpkin
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ginger
1/4 tsp. cloves
1 tsp. vanilla
9x13 inch graham cracker crust

Beat cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Add beaten eggs and mix thoroughly. Add pumpkin, spices and vanilla; beat. Pour into prepared crust. Bake at 325° for 60 to 80 minutes, or until firm around edges. Turn off oven and let set in oven for 30 minutes.

1922—Norman Perry when he worked at Folly Ranch. I found this photograph in a scrapbook while working on the Hemingway Book. John and Galen Chase are the real estate agents for Lynn (Erdman) Saez-Falcon, owner of the Folly Ranch. The Chase boys allowed me to look at the photos & later I was able to obtain permission from Lynn to scan all her photo albums (the digital copies will be held in the Wyoming Room). Mona Coates Brown & Trish Genereaux Coffeen work for me in the Wyoming Room. The three of us were able to identify a few people and buildings that were not labeled in these scrapbooks. Please come by the Wyoming Room & help us identify more folks !

Thank you……..Judy

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Photos of the Gallatin Ranch house taken July 11, 1924 by Jessamine Spear Johnson.

Thank you Tempe for sharing. (Tempe Javitz is Jessamine's Granddaughter.) If anyone can help us determine the layout of the house, please call or send us the information. Thank you. (Doc & Laura, I can print you larger copies. JS)

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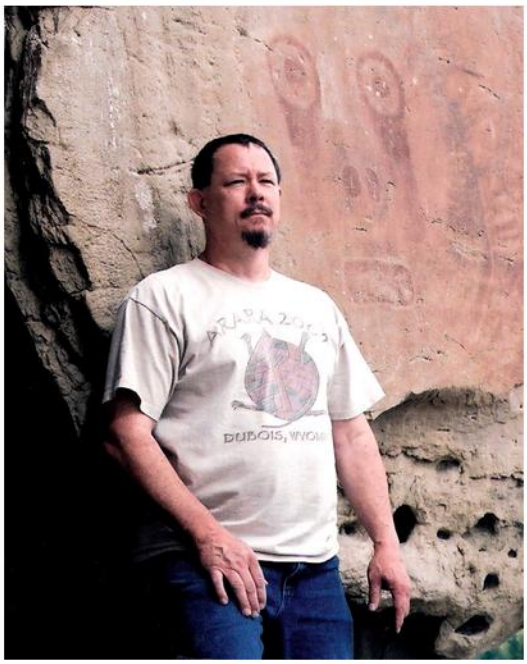

Nov 27 Meeting ~ Scott Burgan The Big Horn City Historical Society will meet on Sunday, November 27th. Following lunch, Sheridan resident Scott Burgan will present, "*Indian Rock Art from the Base of the Big Horns, A Photographic Presentation.*"

The program will feature photography from Burgan's many visits to rock art sites throughout Wyoming and Montana. He will discuss various aspects of documentation, from photographic techniques to subjective interpretation. Much of what is known today about rock art is loosely based on Native American descriptions of calendars and ledger drawings collected in the late 19th century.

Scott Burgan was born and raised in Amarillo, Texas. While in Texas he attended Amarillo College where he took courses in photography and creative writing, and became interested in historic preservation. In 1998 Scott moved to Sheridan, Wyoming, managing the lab at WyoVision Associates, in which he is a partner. Today he is an optical technician with the company.

Dec 11 Program ~ Nancy Mickelson on her ancestors ~ The Trabings Special meeting - December 11 at the Big Horn Woman's Club with a pot luck at 1:00.

The Trabing family will be the subject of a program given by Nancy Mickelson, at the December 11th meeting of the Big Horn City Historical Society. The Trabings had a freight business that started in Laramie and freighted up the Bozeman Trail to Ft. Fetterman and to Johnson County, having one of the first stores in Buffalo. In 1883 they sold their holdings in Buffalo and moved back to Laramie. At some point they lived near Big Horn. Trabing Creek and Trabing Flat are located south of Big Horn.

Nancy Michelson, a descendent of the Trabings, was born and lived in Laramie until moving to Sheridan County 14 years ago to be near her four grandsons. (October 2011 - Nancy, Jim, Coye and Judy finally located the Trabing Store site near Crazy Woman Creek. Nancy's grandson Coye is at right holding an old hatchet. Items found: square head nails, purple glass, thick clear glass, stove parts, horse shoes, button hook, carpenter's file and odd pieces of metal.) Thank you Jim and Coye for all your hard work digging!!!!

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Vanna Schwamb (on the left) & Nancy Mickelson studying a Trabing Crossing map & written documents.

Last summer, Nancy & Jim Mickelson were granted permission from the landowner to research the old Trabing site south of Buffalo. Vanna Schwamb and her friend Joan Bennet were invited to assist in the search for the old store. Vanna's grandmother Emma Harris (who was a descendant of Humpback Woman-Cheyenne Tribe) lived at Trabing when her father, George, ran the store. Cindy (Warner) Phillips and Judy (Currie) Slack, old friends from way back, were also invited to bring their metal detectors. We were unsuccessful in locating the store at that time but later in October items were found further north and west. The hill in the background is the hill where the Crazy Woman Battle was fought. The Trabing monument has been moved to the circle drive commemorating the battle and The Bozeman Trail. Nancy has been the most successful in being granted permission to visit the site...mainly because she is a Trabing descendent (and her caramel apple pie she made in October will most likely help for return visits.) Thank you Nancy for all your hard work in researching your family - which is also a huge part of our local and state pioneer history.

SHERIDAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

This is a formal invitation from the SCHS for you to join us for our annual Holiday dinner, silent auction, and program.

The date is Thursday, December 8, at the Shrine with dinner catered by Killy's at 6:00. The cost of the dinner is $14, and reservations need to be called in to the Museum at 675-1150 by noon on Tuesday, December 6.

The free program will be *A Cowboy Christmas* with John Shreve and Friends. It will begin at 7:00 and last about 45 minutes.

The silent auction will begin at 5:30 with bidding continuing before and after the program and winners announced about 8:00.

We sincerely hope you will join us.

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By Nathan Doerr and
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More about Norman Perry: (This was written in 1975 when Bette Berry was the editor of the BIG HORN NEWS.) NORMAN PERRY--By Dorothy McIntyre - Hats off to one of Big Horn's old timers! Norman Perry, 92 years young, born in Yugoslavia, October 12, 1883, son of Rod and Stoja Perry. Of four brothers and one sister, one younger brother still survives and is living in Yugoslavia. Their parents died in World War I. An uncle, Sam Perry, returned from the United States with such stories and happy tales, he talked 20 year old Norman into going back with him. Norman settled in Glenco, Ohio and worked as a painter until his health failed, and a doctor told him to "Go West". So 1905 saw Mr. Perry in Monarch, Wyoming, working around the mines, and on to California in 1909, to an automobile school, learning to drive and to repair cars. While he was there, the National Guard called, he joined, and was ready to go, but "-the Keiser knew I was coming, and stopped the war!" Wyoming called again, and while staying at the Sheridan Inn, Mr. Perry met Mike Evans, an Englishman and owner of the Tepee Lodge. He talked Norman into going to work for him as a cook and later dining room manager. After Mr. Fordyce bought the lodge, Mr. Perry stayed on. In all, he stayed there some 10 years. October 4, 1924 was a big day, when Mr. Perry bought the place he still lives in. He worked for the Sheridan Press in this area, and at his one love, painting and fixing homes. He always liked to make things look nice, he said. In Yugoslavia Mr. Perry belonged to the Greek Orthodox church, " ... but, as I got older, I joined the Great Round Church, so the Devil couldn't corner me!" (more on page 5)

Wyoming Notes: (found on the WSHS 1997 calendar)

1885 ~ Sundance paper noted weather so cold "chickens standing on one leg"

1897 ~ Proclamation by President Grover Cleveland created the Bighorn National Forest.

1881 ~ Big Nose George Parrott lynched in Rawlins.

1892 ~ One hundred tents occupied by families awaiting materials to build homes in Sheridan.

The Sheridan Post November 17, 1905

WANTED ~ NEW MEMBERS……..

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- SINGLE ADULTS…….$10
- COUPLE/FAMILY…..$20
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DUES ARE ALWAYS DUE THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!!

(Next newsletter will be out in January.)

FROM BOB LEGOSKI – recipe from Absaraka Park Guest Ranch

Five Hour Holiday Stew

2 lbs round steak 1" squares, trim fat
1 cup water
2 large potatoes cut up
1 medium green pepper, chopped
2 cans tomato sauce, medium size
few cheese slices chopped
6 carrots cut 1 inch
1 cup chopped celery
2 Tbs minute tapioca
fresh or canned mushrooms
Put in Dutch oven, cover and bake @ 250 for 5 hours

Add ½ carton sour cream before serving
Salt and pepper to taste

Disaster Planning: Several board members and our employees attended the WESTPAS Disaster Training this summer and fall. Other attendees were from museums, libraries and county offices located in northeast Wyoming. It was agreed to form a Northeast Wyoming Disaster Team to assist each other in the event of a disaster. Since we have no fire suppression nor humidity or temperature control at our museum, our collection of documents and photographs is at risk. The board decided to move the collection to a more secure site (some items are also stored at Judy's house). Since the Wyoming Room at the county library is the most logical safe place, the 'paper' collection will be moved by January. It will still be available, in fact it will be more accessible to patrons once it is inventoried, scanned and cataloged.

Which leads to the next subject~~

Archival Project: This fall we hired a young man to help with the inventory at the museum. His name is Pat Conraads and he is a senior majoring in History at the University of Wyoming. He has also been assisting with the inventory at the Sheridan County Museum. He has experience with the Past Perfect 5 cataloging program and has attended our disaster training seminars. Pat will be assisting us at The Wyoming Room in the archival process. This is a team effort and the project will take several months to complete.

(Norman Perry—Cont.) As a hobby, Mr. Perry played the violin, with religious music his favorite. Mr. Perry has a son, Owen, whose wife's name is Sybil; a grandson Robert Norman, wife Charlotte, and great-grandchildren . So, again, hats off to a good friend and neighbor of all of Big Horn, Norman Perry. Additional information on Mr. Perry was given by Hazel Bundy. She says of him: He at one time operated a small store out of his present home. He measured men for mail-order suits, and took care of yards and gardens in Sheridan. Norman also had a Nash car, vintage 1920's, blue in color, which was a familiar sight in the community. The Genereaux's purchased it, Pete partially restored it, and sold it about a year ago.

AT RIGHT: NORMAN PERRY @ FOLLY RANCH ~ 1922

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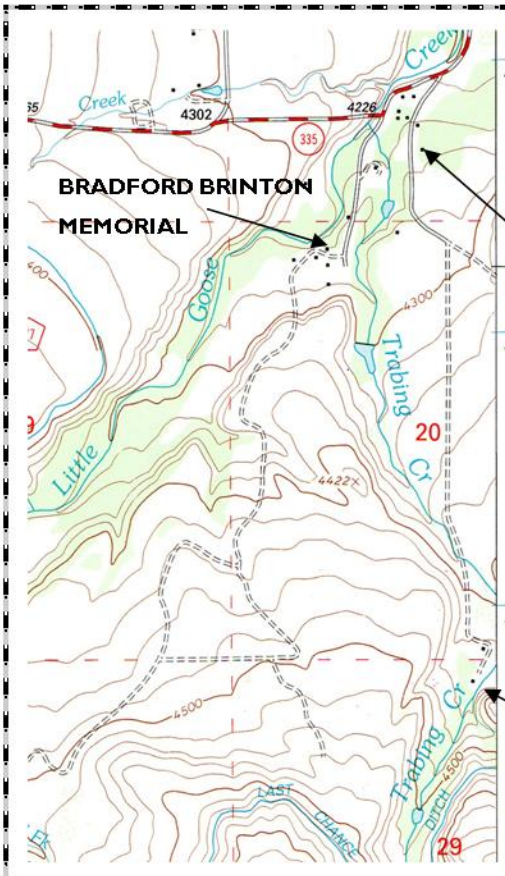
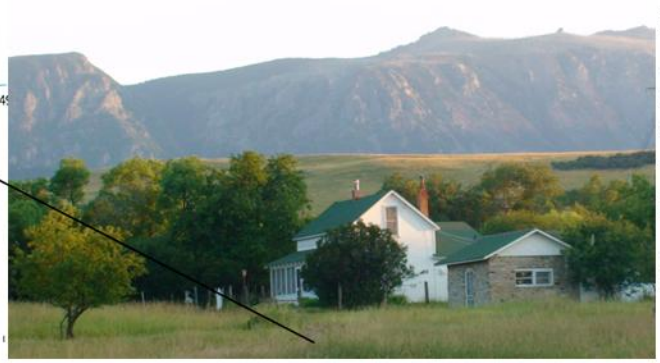


4945 The "Moon Gate" (circular opening in rock wall) at the Gallatin Ranch. This log building is the only remaining portion of the original house (featured in last month's newsletter. Below is the house at the old dairy.



Trabing Creek flows by this house and meets Little Goose Creek near the gate to the Bradford Brinton Memorial.