



BIG HORN CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PO BOX 566
Big Horn WY 82833

ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

JANUARY 2008

JANUARY PROGRAM

The Historic Preservation Work Group of the Sheridan Community Land Trust will be giving a slide show presentation. Della Herbst, former Sheridan Mayor and Legislator and Dave Paullin, SCLT Executive Director will be the presenters with Judy Slack assisting. Della and Judy are board members. The trust organized in late 2005 at a time when the county was experiencing increased activity in coal bed methane drilling and subdivision permits. The Trust umbrella's 4 work groups: Affordable Housing, Working Agriculture, Open Spaces/Recreation & Historic Preservation. Our community (Sheridan County) is rich in history with many buildings, facades, archeology sites and other historically significant places. The Trust is here to help preserve these sites.



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SALES & PUBLIC RELATIONS: Meshelle Powell and Lenora Scott had a table display of books, placemats, pictures, etc. at the Big Horn Merc during the Christmas Day celebration. As reported by Meshelle: "It was a snowy morning and our area consisted of a card table. Lenora had brought placemats, jewelry and an assortment of books. We had a fair amount of people come into the Merc and our sales were around \$100.00 again. We have just about sold out on the jewelry and placemats and book sales were fair. It was worth having a table and visiting with people. We finished up about 1:30 in the afternoon. (Actually, Lenora and I drank coffee to keep warm and got lots of visiting in!) " Thank you, ladies!

BHCHS usually MEETS THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH: NEXT MEETING DATE JAN 27

@ 1p.m. BH Woman's CLUB—Carry In Lunch with Program to follow.

ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS: PLEASE MEET @ 11:30

THOSE MEMBERS HELPING THIS MONTH :

SET UP AT 11:30 : THE ROLSTONS & THE MONROES

CLEAN UP : THE SYMONS & MR. ELMGREN



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS****1 CARLETON PERRY****6 SUE THOBOBEN & JACKIE PERRY****7 LARRY GROOMS****10 ANN DANKO & MARY JANE
LEGRSKI****16 GINA DEWEY****23 EDITH LOU LAMERES****25 FAYE SYMONS & LENORA
SCOTT****26 HOLLY HARPER****27 TOM HARPER****28 VIRGINIA SEPT NIES****29 MARGARET MILLS KETHMAN****JOINT MEETING
A BIG SUCCESS**

Our December Christmas dinner meeting with the Sheridan Historical Society was well attended.

There were approximately 70 people who came to listen to Roy and Nancy Garber give a presentation on the J.O. Willits & the Garber family history. We were so sorry that Victor was not well enough to come so we will plan another joint get together to enjoy his stories.

I need to correct the November article: J.O & Hattie Willits lived in New Boston, Illinois not Iowa.

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The Big Horn City Historical Society was been granted the charitable non-profit organization status. Thank you for everyone's help in bringing this project to a successful conclusion. Now we can apply for grants and receive charitable donations.

SHERIDAN COUNTY**"Remembering Allen Fordyce"****Thursday Jan 24**

with Helen Fordyce and members of her family and friends plus a roving microphone for participants to share stories

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FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T HEARD THIS GREAT WILD STORY: (FROM SALLY SPRINGER'S TIDBITS)

BIG HORN CIRCA 1900s

The following interview was found in a file of various scraps of paper and letters written to the students in Mike Berry's class some years ago. It is a colorful, to say the least, story about Big Horn's past. The interview is not dated, but with the mention of the "Star of the West" saloon, the young Kusel boys and the interview with a young Nell Skinner, we think it should be circa early 1900s.

"This brief interview was an interview with Mary Alice Skinner, (Mrs. Charles Skinner), her daughter, Nell Skinner, and a Mrs. Katherine Overman.

Mrs. Skinner: "We had some excitement in the street late last Saturday afternoon. The Kusel boys came down from the ranch on two broncs they were breaking. The boys were all dressed up in new chaps and their best shirts to stay and go to the dance."

The Kusel ranch was (if memory serves me correctly - historically) northwest of Big Horn so the boys probably rode down from what is now the Parker Draw subdivision area - riding whatever short-cuts deemed necessary to get to the hub of Saturday night activity in Big Horn. To the best of all researching knowledge and Elsa Spear Byron's memory, the "Star of the West" saloon was that infamous watering hole on the west side of Johnson Street approximately where Norman Perry's ice cream show used to be - the corner lot now owned by Joe Schuchert.

More recently Harpers.

With doors always open this establishment ran 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In a seemingly constant state of remodeling, the "Star of the West" housed prostitutes upstairs with space for a tonsorial artist's shop and occasionally space for floating photographers. Downstairs was a saloon, card tables, etc.

Mrs. Skinner: "Just as they get in front of the Star of the West saloon, a couple of men, who were celebrating a birthday, came out the door and started shooting in the air. We ran out of the store to see what was happening. Just then a stray bullet cut across the back of Fred's saddle. (That was a close call for Fred. STS) His horse began to buck, frightened

the other horses and they all really stampeded. Bill Eckerson and Jack Dow got on their horses and hazed them out and up the road."

Now we have the Kusel boys on green-broke broncs bucking to the south and Fred Skinner's horse (who probably knew that bullet was a little close. STS) and the horses picketed in front of the mercantile catching a little shut-eye in the warm afternoon sun - stampeding north.

Mrs. Skinner: "Jack had young Fred Skinner and the Blaney boys load the birthday boys into the spring wagon and haul them home. This gave them a chance to sober up before the Kusel boys got back."

Nell Skinner: "We must have had a full moon last Saturday. The Kusel boys came back to the dance at Skinner's hall and had fun, but we had some other incidents. Two brothers from Dayton brought their sister over here. She didn't want to meet up with a young man, Lester (I can't make out the last name and it's probably just as well. STS), who had been pestering her when she went to dances. Along in the evening, here came old Lester. She was so upset she started to cry."

Now we have the dance in full swing. Dust covered Kusels dancing up a storm, Fred Skinner's anger over his prized bullet-ridden saddle (In remembering dear Fred, I'm sure one bullet appeared "bullet-ridden" to him. STS), and a Dayton damsel in distress.

Nell Skinner: "Her brothers took Lester outside to talk to him. Shortly they came back and got their sister and left the dance. One of the men in the dance heard someone yelling out behind the store. Some of them went to see what was wrong. There was poor Lester with his ear nailed to the out-house door!"

**THE BEST WAY TO MAKE A SMALL FORTUNE
GAMBLING IS TO START OUT WITH A BIG FORTUNE.
ANONYMOUS**



EGG NOODLES

Beat 2 eggs lightly, add 1 tbsp. heavy cream to each egg. Add pinch of salt, and flour to make a very stiff dough. Roll very thin, dredge with flour to keep from sticking. Roll into tight roll, then slice in thin strips. Drop in boiling soup. Boil 10 minutes.

FROM BETH MCELFRISH'S CHUCK WAGON COOKBOOK



BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

1st Bob Wilson, Ida Mae Heaton

4- Mona Brown

5- Mary Long

9- Loraine Lowe

11- Jeanne McIntosh

23- Donald Johnson

28- John Mills

29- Charles Helvey

30- Margaret Pilch

WALLICK FOUNDATION

Once again we have received a generous \$1,000 donation from the Wallick Family Foundation. The funds are greatly appreciated and will be used to help us continue to preserve our local history. **THANK YOU, BOB & JOAN, FROM ALL OF US.**

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY****NEWS FROM ORVILLE LANDEN**

Bill Landen of Casper, son of Orville and Donna Landen, was appointed State Senator by Governor Dave Freudenthal to replace John Barrasso after he was appointed to fill out the term of Senator Thomas. Bill is Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and Athletic Director at Casper College.

Many will remember the Landen family as they lived and went to school in Big Horn. There were five children: Delmar, Beulah, Orville, Jerry and Wayne. Mrs. Landen will be remembered as a wonderful cook. Dad Bill was a noted auctioneer. Written By Barb Sare

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WHO GAVE DONATIONS THIS MONTH TOTALING \$179 : Ruby Smithhisler, Joyce Billings, Margaret Kethman, Charles & Lee Helvey, Richard Garber & Elaine Henry, Robert Brent, Lily Bumbaca, SHS raffle, Frances Hansen, Mary Mackey, Ann & Ken Danko, and Gayle Miech.

We have also received \$500 from the Knights Foundation for the Sally Springer memorial scholarship fund.

Thank you for ALL your donations! You are the key to our success.



HELP!!! I am working on the last poster for the 40 page multiplex. This poster will honor Sally Springer. I am having trouble finding photos to use and would like to ask for your help. Does anyone have photos we can use or stories to share about Sally? It will be greatly appreciated.

Send to Judy at PO Box 566, Big Horn WY 82833 THANK YOU!!



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Gus & Rosa Olson and Emil & Laura Benson's children: the
Olson & Benson cousins. Left to right: Oscar & Sheila (front)
Benson, Bessie, Harry and Inga Olson. Taken in the mid
1920's. Photo courtesy of Gary McCoy (Inga's son)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- SINGLE YOUTH.....\$ 3
- SINGLE ADULTS.....\$ 8
- COUPLE/
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- BUSINESS.....\$20
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THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER.

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JEROME BROWN FAMILY AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE JOHNSON COUNTY CATTLE WAR

Jerome was a Johnson County Commissioner during the skirmish

Jerome Brown was a county commissioner during the Johnson County Cattle Wars. His daughter, Edna, wrote a biography and told about her experiences during the JCCW. She was 13 years old at the time and rode horseback to and from Buffalo along with rounding up their livestock on the Brown homestead north and east of Buffalo. These horseback rides took her places that put her in danger. Of course they personally knew the major players in the JCCW. Jerome was most definitely on the hit list since he served on the commission and had requested the arrest of the murderers of Jones & Tisdale.

Tom & Virginia Brown will be the presenters of this program, sharing stories that have never before been published. Tom is the great-grandson of Jerome and Clementine Brown. Marcellee Nelson will also be sharing photos of her grandmother Edna Brown Wood.

The Brown family originally moved to Big Horn in October 1887. They later moved to Buffalo in 1888 where he could make a living selling dairy products to Ft. Mc Kinney. Because of his excellent ability to make cheese he was known as "Cheese Brown". Edna wrote in her story about "Frank Grouard, who soon became a frequent visitor at our home." Jerome was elected to serve on the Johnson County Board of Commissioners in 1891.

They decided to move back to Big Horn in 1894 at which time he became involved in the Wyoming Collegiate Institute and the State Legislature. He continued to make cheese and sell dairy products. They bought the old Lambrigger homestead on Jackson Creek.

Virginia hopes to publish this biography and history of local pioneer life. Edna's story is fascinating and know you will enjoy her personal touch to their involvement in the JCCW and friendship with Frank Grouard.

PHOTO at right: Jerome & Clementine 1909 on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



TA RANCH TOUR

If you missed it last year or if you want to go again, mark your calendar for Saturday, May 31st. We will have the same wonderful BBQ brisket dinner as last year; Bob Edwards will again be our tour guide and we will travel in the same 48 passenger Big Horn School bus (no private vehicles unless approved because of physical handicap). The only thing that has not been finalized is the charge for the school bus and driver. This will be known by the March meeting. Talk to your friends and make plans for this great historical experience.

**DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST: THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY
REUNION HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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CLEAN UP : Diane Caiola, Patty Gingles & Adriene Brenner





BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

- 1 SCOTT ECKERSON
- 2 JOHN CURRIE
- 10 HELEN BARD
- 11 JACK SEPT
- 12 BEA HUTSON
- 16 JIM CURRIE
- 20 JOYCE BILLINGS
- 25 MARGUERITE MACKEY
- 27 BILL MCINTOSH
- 30 BARB SARE
- 31 NORENE BAXTER

DEDICATION

To our own Mrs. Vie Willits Garber, and the many other brave men and women who have pioneered this community, we affectionately dedicate this annual.



1948 BIG HORN YEARBOOK WAS DONATED TO THE MUSEUM BY JOHN GENEREUX. THIS ARTWORK WAS DONE BY GEORGE OSTROM. THANK YOU JOHN!!!!

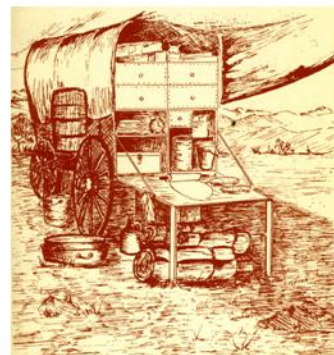
Is anyone interested in serving on our Big Horn City Historical Society Board?

Please call Meshelle Powell @674-5255 for more information.

Thank you & please note DUES are DUE!!

CHUCK WAGON COOKBOOK

IN MONTHS TO COME, I WILL BE RE-PRINTING SOME RECIPES FROM BETH MCELFFRESH'S CHUCK WAGON COOKBOOK. Beth was Joy Ash's half-sister. The art work on the cover was done by Alice Marron.



LEATHER APRONS

(When Hi Pockets taught me to make these dumplings he said, "This recipe came from the South with me, and many a cowpuncher trailing cattle up over the Chisholm Trail has enjoyed my Leather Aprons.)

2 cups flour
cold water

1/2 tsp. salt

Sift flour and salt, add water to make stiff dough. Roll paper thin. Cut into squares. Drop into boiling beef broth. Cook 12 minutes. (These dumplings are good in chicken broth or beans that are quite soupy. The secret of making them is to roll them very thin.)

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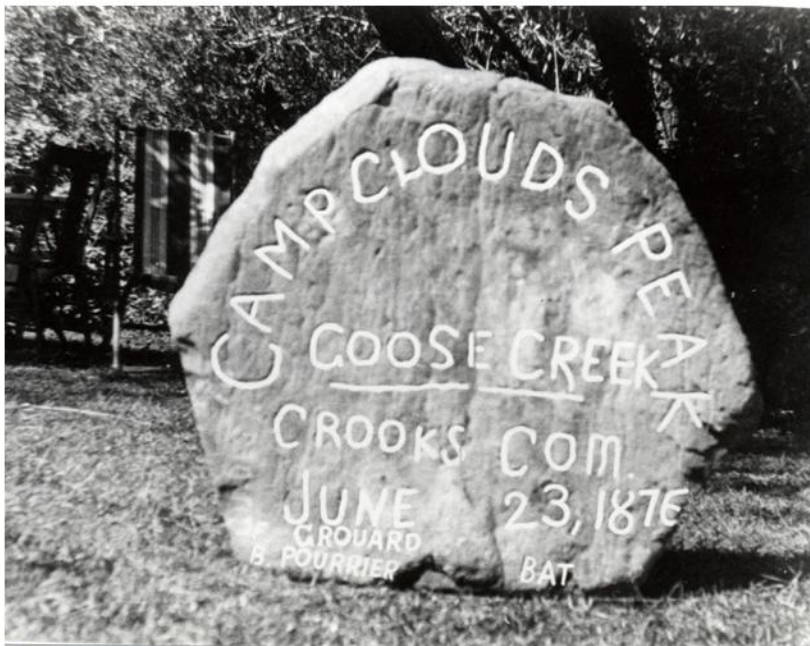
PROGRAM IS CYNDE GEORGEN
Supr. Tith End Stat. Historic Site

"Subjects of the Mikado: 1900-1930"

Sheridan County's Japanese Community"

How did they live? Why did they leave? What was their impact on the community? What was life like for them in Sheridan County?

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Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hilman on their ranch in the Little Goose Canyon. Their son, Zane, and his wife, Elaine, still live on the same ranch. Fred (1885-1983) is the grandson of Wm. 'Bear' Davis (1835-1902).

This stone is the property of Zane Hilman. It is on loan to the Big Horn Bozeman Trail Museum and is on display during our summer hours.

Burial Stone Found On Little Goose Ranch ¹⁹⁵⁴ Hearkens Back To Jim Bridger, General Crook

A burial stone which apparently hearkens back to the days of Jim Bridger and the time when General Crook and his command traversed this part of Wyoming, was unearthed last weekend on the Fred Hilman ranch in Little Goose canyon.

Hilman, S. Watts Smyth and L. D. Stevens were plowing irrigation ditches when the stone was turned over and brought to present-day light.

Two and a half feet across, the stone carries on its face this inscription: Camp Clouds Peak. Goose Creek. Crooks-Com. June 23, 1876. Grouard and Pourior. (Grouard and Pourior were guides with the Crook command and were so designated in the inscription) (June 23, 1876 was three days before General Custer

and his command were wiped out on the Little Big Horn.)

On the other side names are listed. They include Ute John and Jim Moore, 1866; Jim Bridger, 1851, 1862 and 1864, the dates probably indicating the time when these men found the burial stone and recorded their visitations for posterity. Also inscribed is the name Bill Burgess, sculptor, and a notation that the stone marks the grave of old Sebastian, government packer.

Students of early history of this part of the West, recall the names of Ute John and Sebastian and, of course, Jim Bridger is remembered as one of the most famous of the early frontiersmen who missed but little of present-day Wyoming in his trapping and other travels.



Frank Grouard was one of the most colorful characters during the early pioneer days of Big Horn City, Johnson County & Wyoming Territory. The editor has found personal stories about him in several of the family histories. He is mentioned in the O.P. Hanna, W.M. Jackson, Jerome Brown and Bear Davis files. Frank's father was a French missionary to the Paumotu Islands in the South Pacific. He married the daughter of a high chief and later moved to California. Frank was their 2nd son. You can read more in his biography by Joe DeBarthe—

THE LIFE & ADVENTURES OF FRANK GROUARD.

Yours Truly
Frank Grouard

September 2, 1876

Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, New York. The Sioux War--Further Sketches from Crook's Army.

Our correspondent in Wyoming Territory, who has furnished this newspaper with the most graphic sketches of great events in the present Indian campaign, forwards to us a precise outline of the grand council held at General Crook's headquarters, on Goose Creek, on the 15th of June. It will be remembered that a large body of Shoshone scouts joined Crook's force on the day previous, and that after resting a day they performed their war-dance at headquarters in the presence of nearly all of the army then at that point. General Crook held his council in the evening. The commander is shown in the illustration standing next to the broad-shouldered Frank Guard, the leader of the scouts; to the right of the fire, Louis Richaud, the interpreter, is partly hidden by the blaze of the burning fagots. The chiefs of the Upsaraki or Crows, and the Shoshone or Snakes, together with Crook's staff officers, formed the circle about the fire. General Crook's intentions and wishes were expressed personally to Richaud, who interpreted them in Sioux to Old Crow, and then this chief translated then to his people in their own tongue--rather a round-about way of arriving at a mutual understanding.

The Grand Council



MAJOR-GENERAL GEORGE CROOK



THIS INFORMATION WAS FOUND IN BOB LEGOSKI'S BOOK—**GENERAL GEORGE CROOK'S CAMPAIGN OF 1876**. Bob is a member of the Big Horn City Historical Society. Thank you Bob for all your hard work & valuable information.

Big Horn City Historical Society Board Meeting
January 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Marvin Monroe. Board Members present were Mona Brown, Judy Slack, and Colleen Rolston.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Judy provided an update on the Colorado/Wyoming Museum Conference. Gaylord, a museum supplier, will provide the tissue paper and boxes required to store our museum's textile collection. We discussed paying for lunch for the conference attendees and volunteers working on the storage project and having the lunch delivered through Meals on Wheels which always delivers to Big Horn on Thursday. More plans to be discussed in later meetings.

Marv presented the School's attorney's agreement for the loan of the Historic Bells to be displayed in the new Big Horn School. Marv and Judy signed the agreement which Marv will return to the schools attorney. We will keep a copy of the Agreement and a picture of the bells for our files. We will plan another trip to the TA Ranch and may invite others from the Sheridan Historical Society if needed to fill one bus. The Ranch does not have room to feed any more than 50+ bus passengers.

Judy will contact Scott to discuss preliminary plans for staffing the museum in 2008. Marv suggested another possible tour for the summer with Vic Garber guiding a group around the Big Horn area.

Meeting was adjourned.

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[**THANK YOU TO COLLEEN ROLSTON—OUR RECORDING SECRETARY, MONA BROWN—OUR TREASURER & MARVIN MONROE—OUR PRESIDENT. AND TO THE BOARD FOR ALL THEIR TIME AND HARD WORK.**]
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Big Horn City Historical Society
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The meeting was called to order by President, Marvin Monroe. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and showed a balance on hand of \$41,777.99. It was moved and seconded that we accept the report. Motion passed.

Judy announced the official document for the 501c3 had been received and we are now recognized as a non profit organization. We thanked Judy for all her work to get this done.

Marv announced that we could now let everyone know we have signed the agreement for the loan of the bells for the new Big Horn School. There will be a plaque to identify that they are ours and are on loan to the school. We will arrange for a picture of the bells and the plaque when the work is finished to display in the museum.

We discussed another trip to the TA Ranch and many people are interested. Marv will begin making the arrangements. There was also discussion regarding possible additional tours. No definite plans were made.

We adjourned and a program on land trusts was presented by Dave Paullin, Della Herbst, and Judy Slack.



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Wedding picture of Edna Brown
and Paul Ray Wood. October, 1897.

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MARCH 30th PROGRAM

WHAT IS IN STORE FOR THE ROSEBUD BATTLE FIELD SITE?

Bob Peterson, Manager of the Rosebud Battle Field Site will be the program presenter. All of the data has been collected from the various agencies, industries, property owners and the public. A comprehensive management plan will be developed and a phase-in on-the-ground project will commence under the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department. You can say you heard it first at the Big Horn City Historical Society as this will be the first public presentation since the completion of the study.

Carry—in lunch for members starts at 1:00. Program is open to the public—those wishing to come just for the program should be in attendance by 1:50 PM. Thank you.



After the battle of the Rosebud the Crows became dissatisfied at some imaginary wrong, and began preparations to withdraw from the campaign. They were in the act of riding off, without fulfilling their promise to return their arms to the Government, when the Fabricius of the Upsaraki, or Crow Nation, appeared upon the scene, and with outstretched arms and commanding voice, bade them surrender the guns which had merely been loaned them. Very reluctantly the Indians paused, and, riding to a designated spot, laid down the arms.

BOB LEGOSKI'S BOOK—GENERAL GEORGE CROOK'S CAMPAIGN OF 1876

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CLEAN UP : BARB & BERNIE SARE & MARILYNN MONROE





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rachel Pelissier
- 6 Kathy Hosford
- 8 Walt Legerski
- 9 Shawn Jensen
- 12 Donna Hutson
- 13 Katie Gorman
- 17 Helen Yetter
- 19 Makhailia Eckerson
- 20 Ed Symons
- 23 Don Mackey
- 25 Gene Caiola

CHUCK WAGON COOKBOOK

BY BETH MCELFRISH

VINEGAR DROP DUMPLINGS

(Here is something old-time ranch cooks made often. It makes a lovely dessert served with good cream.)

To 1 pint of hot water and 1/2 cup vinegar, add 2/3 cup sugar, 1 tbsp. butter, 1 tsp. nutmeg. Put the above on the stove to boil. Then drop in the dumplings. Place a tight lid on the pan and boil ten minutes.

to make the dumplings:

1 egg, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/3 cup milk, 1 tbsp. sugar, 1 heaping tsp. good baking powder: add flour and mix well to a very stiff batter. Drop by spoonful into the boiling water and vinegar. This will make 6 helpings.



CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Faye & Edgar Symons for the loss of her brother, Henry (Shorty) Jackson.

The Skinner family for their loss. Chloe Skinner passed away Dec. 21st. Her husband is Burt.

Alice Carnes passed away March 6. She was married to Richard Carnes.

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Thank you Thank You.

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"AFTER THE GAVEL"

With Sheridan's 14 most recent Mayors,
Thursday March 27
Max Debolt, Della Herbst, Jim Wilson and

Dave Kinskey

With a bit of Sheridan History, Drama, Some Surprises, and a Touch of Humor.

In 1891, on a motion from the town council it was ordered that "every able bodied citizen within the corporation, between 21 and 50 years of age, be required to furnish one day's work on the streets, crossings, alleys, and ditches, or pay \$3."

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THIER DONATIONS:

VICTOR GARBER FOR THE AIR CONDITIONER FOR THE MUSEUM BUILDING.

RANDALL & DEANNA PERRY for their donation to Mary Harper's memorial. ROBERT BRENT AND BARB & DON OEDEKOVEN FOR THEIR MONETARY DONATIONS.

BETTE BERRY's donation in Lin Luedtke's memory.

ZANE & ELAINE HILMAN FOR THE 3 ROLLS OF STAMPS FOR EACH MONTHS NEWS-LETTER....THANK YOU THANK YOU.

Longtime member, Meg Brickham, passed away in Fairfax County, Virginia on January 15, 2008. She was the granddaughter of early settlers, Bill and Florence Eckerson. During her infancy she and her parents lived on a homestead which they later sold to the Gallatin family. They moved to Connecticut but she spent many summers in Big Horn with her Eckerson grandparents. Those memories were among the best of her life. After her retirement she made several visits to Big Horn with her cousin, Donna Eckerson Angel. She loved to visit the many beautiful places in the area including the historic sites and museums. She was always extremely interested in Big Horn history. She will be interred in Big Horn's Mt. Hope Cemetery.

BIG HORN HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM WON FIRST AT STATE BEATING TONGUE RIVER.

TA RANCH TOUR WILL BE COMING SATURDAY MAY 31 ST.



The Big Horn school bus will arrive at the Big Horn Women's Club at 9:45 a.m., and we will depart promptly at 10:00 a.m. We will travel to the Gatchell Museum in Buffalo to pick up our tour guide, Bob Edwards. We will continue on old highway 87 south to site of Tisdale shooting, with a stop for a review of that event, after which we will go on to the TA Ranch, arriving about 11:45 a.m. BBQ beef brisket dinner will be served. During dinner, a program will be presented by the ranch owners and Bob Edwards followed by a tour of the ranch grounds with an explanation of where events happened. We will board the bus for return to Big Horn at approximately 2:00 p.m. and arrive back in Big Horn around 3:00 p.m. The cost for the trip and dinner is \$17.50 per person. Reservations will be taken prior to and following the BHCHS meeting on March 30th or by telephone to:

Marvin Monroe
P. O. Box 638
Story, WY 82842
Phone 683-2764

or

Mona Brown
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(Editor's note: I asked Elaine Hilman to write a short biography about their son Ross to add to the story about the Burial Stone found on the Hilman Ranch featured in last month's newsletter. Thank you Elaine.)

ROSS HILMAN

Ross was 5 years old when he decided to be an archaeologist. He was influenced by his grandfather Fred Hilman and Dr. William Mulloy of Easter Island fame. He followed his dream all through school graduating in 1976 from the University of Wyoming and then did graduate work at the University of Missouri. Over the years he did archaeological work in 8 states besides Wyoming where he has done extensive work all over the state.

A few years ago he quit field work and now works for the State of Wyoming at the University putting archaeological sites on the computer.

His wife works in the engineering department of the University. She is in charge of keeping all the computers in that department working. He has two daughters. The oldest, Ilene, is a freshman at the university majoring in anthropology. Joann has one more year of high school.

Our congratulations to: STORY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This note is just to inform you that Story has begun a Historical Society in conjunction with the Story Centennial Museum. We are still in our infancy, but we do have an elected board, which is as follows:

- Trustees – George Lunbeck, Ina Mitchell and Karylyn Petrie
These offices are to be held for three year staggered terms
(To be decided after completion of fiscal year ending July 2009)
- President – Jean Lunbeck
- Vice President – Joan Griffin
- Secretary – Patty Hoover
- Treasurer – Carol Metcalf
- Two representative members from Story Womans Club – Connie Archer and Patty Gingles

Dues are to be \$10.00 annually with our fiscal year beginning in July.

Our first fundraiser will be conducted on April 26th at the Story Woman's Club where we will be serving a spaghetti dinner for \$10.00 – free for those under 12. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM. We will also have speakers that have been in the Story area since the 1930's.

One of our objectives is to publish a book on all Storyites both past and present including articles, photos and memorabilia. We hope to start gathering these at our event in April.

Please inform all of your members about this event and hopefully some of them will have information to contribute to our Story book

If you have any questions you can contact Karylyn Petrie at 683-2193, Jean Lunbeck at 683-2497 or Patty Hoover at 683-2452



Wyoming Notes:

March 1870—1st woman chosen for jury duty in Laramie.

March 1941—Case of leprosy discovered in Sheridan area.

March 1926—Sheridan man threatened wife for refusing to converse in Italian.

March 1872—Yellowstone named first national park

LOIS GARDINER (1816—1890)

One Monday morning last, August 13th, Mrs. L.C. Gardiner, mother of Mrs. J. Lewis, Big Horn, fell asleep at her daughter's home to wake no more on earth.

Mrs. Gardiner was born in Chautauqua county, N.Y., June 24, 1816. She joined the M.E. church in 1841 and was a member of that denomination 49 years. She lived a quiet domestic, useful life, serving her children (of whom only one, Mrs. J. Lewis, survives), her neighbors and her God. She had lots of friends of all ages and classes and was ever ready with friendly word and glance and deed to comfort and reassure the lonely and sorrowing around her. She was confined to the bed about two weeks before she died, during which time her mind was active. We are sure that her loving spirit was conveyed upward, entering the realm and home of eternal love, beauty and bliss.

She was buried last Tuesday, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. S.J. Jennings. The members of the Congregational Church, Big Horn, sang appropriate hymns and the remains were followed to the cemetery by a large number of loving friends, who gathered to tender their last tribute of respect to one who lived so long and was much respected in their midst.

Karsten H. Mortenson

June 13, 1897

DIED.

Karsten H. Mortenson died at his home one mile west of Big Horn Sunday, June 13, 1897, at 12 m., after a week of severe sickness caused by stoppage and inflammation of the bowels.

Funeral services were held in the Congregational church of Big Horn at 12 m. Monday, Rev. Austin officiating, who preached a very touching and appreciative sermon, after which the remains were followed by a large and sympathizing procession of friends and neighbors to its last resting place in the beautiful little cemetery one mile east of the village.

Karsten B. Mortensen was born in Denmark August 21, 1856. After living in Germany a short time he came to America 21 years ago, and lived in Grundy county, Illinois until a little more than one year ago he moved to Sheridan county, Wyoming, and was comfortably located on a small ranch of his own.

He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and little five-months-old babe, an aged father, his brother Mads, and sister Mrs. Fred Arndt, of Sheridan county, besides other relatives and hosts of friends in Illinois.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kind attendance and help given us during the sickness and death of our husband and brother. Also for the handsome bouquets and wreath of flowers.

MRS. K. H. MORTENSEN.
KATE MORTENSEN.
MADS H. MORTENSEN.
MRS. FRED ARNDT.





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THE ABRAHAM ZULLIG FAMILY:
FRONT LEFT TO RIGHT: ABRAHAM ZULLIG, GEORGE ARCHIBALD
(ARCHIE)ZULLIG & ELIZABETH SHARON ZULLIG (WIFE)

BACK LEFT TO RIGHT: CONRAD ABRAHAM (CON) ZULLIG, WILLIAM
(BILL) ZULLIG, NATHANIEL (NATE) CROGHAN (SON-IN-LAW), SUSAN
BARBARA ZULLIG CROGHAN, HERBERT ELSWROTH ZULLIG

The Zullig Family is the final poster completed in the multiplex project. Because of several interruptions, diversions, power point programs, monthly newsletters, family illnesses, etc. this project has taken 3 years to finish. Hope you can all enjoy the pioneer family histories as much as I have putting these pages together. More will be shared in the upcoming newsletters. JS

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

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- SINGLE ADULTS.....\$ 8
- COUPLE/
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MT. HOPE CEMETERY History*Obituaries*Stories

For several years, our members have requested a program on the Mt. Hope Cemetery. There are volumes of records and obituaries to share, enough that there may need to be another day or two set aside to cover the fascinating history of our early residents. **Victor Garber** will be telling stories of some of his experiences opening graves and other facts about the cemetery. The Garber /Willits family has been involved with all facets of the cemetery since its beginning in 1885. **John & Pat Best** and **Emma Hall** will be reading several obituaries written in the ol' time flowery prose of a century ago. **Judy Slack** will present the history, maps and records.



Thomas Rose's headstone—1888



Veteran of Civil War, served in Union Army.



Sally Springer Memorial Bench

Dear Members: I would like to invite anyone who has a story or a unique photograph to share them with the society. Please send them to:

BHCHS — PO Box 566 — Big Horn, WY 82833



Also, it would be nice to hear from each of you about your family, employment, education, etc. We could have a BIO corner in our newsletter to help everyone keep in touch. Thank you, JS

DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST: THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY REUNION HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



BHCHS usually MEETS THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

NEXT MEETING DATE APRIL 27

@ 1p.m. BH Woman's CLUB—Carry In Lunch for Members with Program to follow.

Program is open to the public—please come by @1:50.

THOSE MEMBERS HELPING THIS MONTH :

SET UP AT 11:30 : Bob & Colleen Rolston & Marilyn Monroe

CLEAN UP : Lenora Scott & Marilyn Monroe





MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Shirley Dailey
- 6 Ron Dailey
- 9 Kathleen Bishop
- 13 Barbara Johnson
- 14 Susan Dow
- 20 Judy Slack & Ken Danko
- 22 Andy Long
- 25 Dolly Sept
- 28 Dwaine Gleason

MEMBERS: ANYONE WANT TO BAKE COOKIES FOR THE WORKSHOP?

CWAM Helping Hands: Making a Difference in Your Community - A Pre-Conference Learning Experience

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location - Women's Club, 335 South Johnson St. (next to the Bozeman Trail Museum), Big Horn, WY

Spend a day helping the volunteer-run Bozeman Trail Museum identify and store their historic clothing collection. Participants will learn how to write condition reports and descriptions for Past Perfect, properly store and display the items, and create exhibit labels and padded hangers. **MATERIALS DONATED BY GAYLORD!** No experience needed! Come to learn, share your knowledge or just meet new people! Lunch is provided.

Fee - FREE (\$10 donation to the Bozeman Trail Museum is appreciated)

Coordinators: David Ryan, Registrar, Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum, Colorado Springs, CO, Teresa Sherwood, Curator and Public Historian, Wyoming Territorial Prison State Historic Site, Laramie, WY, Dana Prater, Director/Curator, Sheridan County Museum, Sheridan, WY, Sharie Mooney, Assistant Superintendent/Curator, Trail End State Historic Site, Sheridan, WY

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT::: Anyone interested working in the museum this summer? Please call Scott @ 673-5997 or Judy @ 674-6363.

CHUCK WAGON COOKBOOK

BY BETH MCELFRISH



JONNY CAKE OR CORN BREAD

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 1/4 cups sweet milk | 1 egg |
| 2 tbsp. sugar | 1 tsp. salt |
| 2 tbsp. melted butter | 1 cup flour |
| 1 cup corn meal | 2 tsp. baking powder |

Mix well and pour batter into pan in which the butter was melted (melt butter in 8x12 inch cake pan), and bake until brown. By adding a little more milk, one can use this recipe for corn meal pancakes to be baked on a griddle.

THANK YOU TO :

Cynde Georgen of the Trail End Museum for the books she gave us on preserving our museum inventory. These will be very helpful in our future plans to display our collection.

SHERIDAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"REMEMBERING MARK BADGETT"

Presenters: Sonny Reisch & Mary Ellen McWilliams

Featuring a 17-minute DVD: **Along The Bozeman Trail with Mark Badgett**. It is narrated by Peter K. Simpson. Mark explored several hundred miles of the Bozeman Trail on foot, and many other historic sites in the area. He was among the founders of the Fort Phil Kearny/Bozeman Trail Association.

Sheridan County Historical Society Dinner and Program @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m. Please call Linda or Karen at 674-4436 for reservations by NOON Tuesday March 25. Dinner is \$15 per person which includes tax and tip. NO SHOWS will be charged the full price. So please be sure and come if making reservations. Program is free and those wishing to come just for the program should be in attendance by 6:40

**THE BIG HORN POLO FIELD IS FEATURED**

"Hurlingham", the magazine of the Polo Association, published in London, England, features Big Horn polo in both Winter and Spring issues. An article, "Flying High" by Sam Morton is featured in a handsome 4-page spread with photos at the Fordyce Field of the Big Horn Polo Club; the Big Horn polo team in the early 1900s; Oliver Henry Wallop; founders Skey and the late 'Skeeter' Johnston; the town of Big Horn and some action photos.

Also, Sam Morton's book "Where The Rivers Run North" is shown with the connection made to the history of polo at Big Horn, and a brief bio on the author. Another photo of teenagers from the Big Horn polo club getting the chance to play with top professionals at Skey Johnston's nearby Flying H Polo Club is featured separately. The photo was taken at the second year of the Archie MacCarty Memorial tournament where 3 of Archie's grandson's—Will, Ty and Ford—got to play with the pros.

And there's more... The Big Horn Historical Society is providing photos for an upcoming documentary on a young polo player, Santiago Torres, the 13 year old Argentine/American polo player, of great promise. Santiago was picked to play for the '07 US team in the FIP World Cup.

According to the producers, **"Take It To The Boards"** is more than just a film about Polo. It is about the journey of a group of young people from everyday backgrounds who dream of representing their country in a sport that is dangerous, expensive and seemingly exclusive. Never far behind the glamour and poetic beauty of horse and rider is the sport's reality of endless hard work, effort and struggle. " By Mary Ellen McWilliams (more to share in the May issue)

**TA RANCH TOUR WILL BE COMING
SATURDAY MAY 31 ST.**

The Big Horn school bus will arrive at the Big Horn Women's Club at 9:45 a.m., and we will depart promptly at 10:00 a.m. We will travel to the Gatchell Museum in Buffalo to pick up our tour guide, Bob Edwards. We will continue on old highway 87 south to site of Tisdale shooting, with a stop for a review of that event, after which we will go on to the TA Ranch, arriving about 11:45 a.m. BBQ beef brisket dinner will be served. During dinner, a program will be presented by the ranch owners and Bob Edwards followed by a tour of the ranch grounds with an explanation of where events happened. We will board the bus for return to Big Horn at approximately 2:00 p.m. and arrive back in Big Horn around 3:00 p.m. The cost for the trip and dinner is \$17.50 per person. Reservations will be taken prior to and following the BHCHS meeting on March 30th or by telephone to:

Marvin Monroe
P. O. Box 638
Story, WY 82842
Phone 683-2764

or

Mona Brown
830 E. Timberline Dr.
Sheridan, WY 82801
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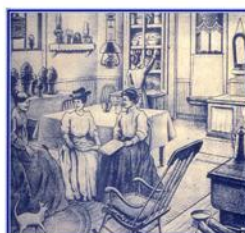
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MELVINE ROLSTON'S COOKBOOK

We will be featuring recipes from Melvine's cookbook that our BHCHS sponsors. She has been so generous in donating the proceeds to our society since the last printing. THANK YOU MELVINE (and to Gayle, her daughter) for all your generosity and help on this project.

BIG HORN CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS
80 YEARS IN THE KITCHEN
BY
MELVINE ROLSTON



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

YORKSHIRE PUDDING

1 c. milk
1/2 c. flour

1/2 tsp. salt
2 hen fruit (eggs)

Mix milk, flour and salt very well (use a blender, if possible). Add eggs, one at a time; pour in hot pan with about 3 tablespoons hot fat. Bake about 20 to 25 minutes in oven at 425° or 450°.

Wyoming Notes:

April 1883-snowfall of 2 to 4 feet reported statewide.

April 1886-Law proposed to regulate the corset so

"women do not lace too tight," Laramie.

April 1896-Chief Washakie sold Hot Springs at

Thermopolis to U.S. for \$60,000.

April 1890-FE Warren inaugurated 1st governor of WY

For those of you who missed our program in March, here is a sample of the stories shared by Tom & Ginny Brown. This was Written by Edna Brown about the JCCWar. Jack Bell would later be regarded as one of "the boldest operators" (thieves).

He was going the same direction as I, though keeping on higher ground. Finally he disappeared for a few moments only to reappear on the ridge that I would have to cross. As I came nearer to him he stopped and waited ~~for~~ waving his hat in salute. When I reached him I was surprised to find that it was our neighbor, Jack Bell. He remarked, "Which one of us is lost?" He looked at me intently for several seconds then said, with a serious inflection in his voice, "But aren't you afraid Miss Edna, of getting lost in these hills sometime?" "Why should I be afraid, when I always know where I am?" I said. Then again, he he gave me that steady look, as he said, "Oh lots of things, you know...all kinds of plum locoed varmints might grab you up." I laughed and said, "Oh, well, they would turn me loose again, anyway I am not scared of anything out here." I did not attach any importance to this conversation then. Afterward I remembered those words, and thought they may have had a certain significance. I had never felt the least uneasiness when alone with Jack nor with "Jumbo" McKenzie, nor with Billy Cameron.

EVA BURTON IS A NEW MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY AND WANTED TO SHARE THIS STORY ABOUT AN INCIDENT IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WYOMING. It will be featured in upcoming newsletters. Hope you enjoy this fascinating true story !

Myrtle Jane Thomas was born in 1882 in Sherman, Texas, the daughter of Elisha and Jane Brown Thomas. In 1895, at the age of 13 Myrtle came in a wagon to Wyoming with her Uncle Stanley. Myrtle's family in Texas was quite poor so she came to live with her aunt and uncle, Betty and L. H. Phink who lived on what is now known as the Bringer Ranch. To earn her keep she was employed by the Casebeer family who lived near her aunt and uncle, on the same ranch. While working for the Casebeers, Myrtle taught herself to read and write. Routinely, she worked as a camp tender for Bill Bates who lived on Currant Creek. In the summer he was out with his sheep on distant pasture and needed someone to bring him supplies. A young teen-ager was very capable of doing that.

the sheep were owned by Joe Young also sheriff + lived on Currant Creek Ranch
In 1896, during the sheep and cattle wars, Bill Bates and his man (or men) were pinned down on Little Mountain. The cattlemen had clubbed about 1,000 of his sheep to death. The following is the true, unchanged, uncut and unpublished manuscript of Myrtle Thomas Bates written in or around 1952. She intended at one time to write a book.

**THE TRUE, UNEDITED AND HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED
MANUSCRIPT OF MYRTLE JANE THOMAS BATES**

The early days in my life in Old Wyoming were very hard, but when I go back over them and just think them all out, it was quite interesting. It was in the spring of 1896, I think, was the most exciting of my life. We had been there for 7 months when one night about two o'clock in the morning there was a rap at our door. My uncle thinking it was someone wanting to finish the night, as so many times a man riding late would look for a place to rest and let his horse rest or hide out from someone. My uncle went to the door and there stood a man we all knew very well. My uncle made the remark, "Billy Casebeer, what brings you here at this time of the night-any trouble?" For Billy had sheep and the sheepmen and cattlemen were having it Battle to Battle. When Billy stepped inside and my uncle lit the lamp, he could see that Billy was covered with Blood. My aunt and I got up to see what could be done. He handed my uncle a slip of paper and said, "Take this as fast as you can to Joe Young. He is at his ranch tonight. Bill Bates came to my camp and I started out to take it myself but my horse was shot out from under me and I started to run and was shot through the shoulder. I ran for the brush and crawled far along for a long distance and then took a chance by following the bed of the creek and got here. Now Mr. Phink take it on, I am so weak I can't go any farther."

My uncle looked at him and said, "Billy, I can't, I could not ride fast enough to do any good. I am just too old to ride to do any good at all, but something must be done, they are killing the sheep with clubs, beating them to death by the hundreds. Bill Bates and the herder (his name was Joe _____) are trying to hold them off. They are on top of Little Mountain. The timber is so thick it makes it hard for his men."

I was standing there and Billy turned to me, "Myrtle, it is up to you

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Combination of 1951 BHHS graduates and the 4-H Club. Back: Donna Vandenberg, ??, Mrs. Tom White, Pat Kay, Melvine Rolston, Donna Bales, Janice White, Jeanne Moreland, Dorothy Kay, Jo Elaine Holloway. Front: Vie Garber, Pat Gleason, Martha Perry, Delores DeJarnett, Alice Davis, Kathleen O'Conner

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MAY PROGRAM

Get ready for some great entertainment. The rest of the world has Baxter Black and Toby Keith, but, right here at BHCHS on May 18th, we will have locals, Jim Hamilton and Jim Niner. They will entertain us with Cowboy Poetry and real Western Songs. Have some fun with these guys!

BOARD MEETING at 11:30 a.m. on the 18th. There are many items, mostly on the museum, that need to be resolved.

REMINDER: If you have made reservations for the TA Ranch trip on Saturday, May 31st, please be at the Big Horn Women's Club parking lot and ready to board the bus when it arrives at 9:45 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GENE AND CAROLYN GRIFFITH ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU TO THE HILMAN'S FOR COVERING POSTAGE COSTS !!!!!

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT —SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

The Museum is looking for summer help. Call Scott @ 673-5997



REFRIGERATOR PICKLES

1 gal. sliced cucumbers
(not too thin)
3 or 4 onions, sliced
4 c. sugar
4 c. vinegar
1/4 c. salt

1/3 tsp. turmeric
1/3 tsp. celery seed
1/3 tsp. mustard seed
1 c. diced celery
(optional)

Combine all ingredients, except cucumbers and onions, and mix well. Pour over cold cucumbers and onions. Add diced celery, if desired. Keep refrigerated.



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THOSE MEMBERS HELPING THIS MONTH :

SET UP AT 11:30 : Lenora Scott and Marilynn Monroe

CLEAN UP : Lenora Scott and Marilynn Monroe





June BIRTHDAYS

12 Les Coates
17 Elizabeth (Dow) Hager
18 Terri Meeker
20 Jack Dewey
21 Alice Carnes
25 Melvine Rolston (1908)
27 Gene Griffith

CONDOLENCES TO:

**THE PARKER FAMILY FOR
THE LOSS OF DAVE, 67.**

**THANK YOU: Gene Caiola and
Al Badgett for your help
cleaning the museum. AND-
Bill Mentock for scanning
documents for multiplex.**

July BIRTHDAYS

4 Pete Genereaux, Opal Arnoux
5 George Klepinger, Jerry Dewey
6 Bette Berry
8 Sandy Belus
9 Elaine Hilman
13 Oscar Benson
14 Shirley Dupree
15 Charlotte Smith, Phil Moore
16 Rene Adams
20 Dick Springer
23 Lee Helvey
25 Diane Caiola
27 Donna Angel
29 Nancy Caiola
30 Mildred Carroll

August BIRTHDAYS

2 Jim Clifton
5 Ann Gorzalka
6 Virginia Brown
8 Marvin Nottingham
11 Charlie Popovich
14 Toby Thobaben
16 Janet Holcomb
16 Jim Bilyeu
20 Jean Roelfsema
21 Diana Gorman
26 Sandra Gorman
27 David Clendenen

**THANK YOU: Gene Caiola
for delivering the meals for
the workshop & to BHCHS
for providing the lunch.**

SHERIDAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY A MUST SEE EXHIBIT

**“ Crazy Horse, Crook and the Battle on Rosebud Creek”
Plus “Brewing up History: The Story of the Sheridan Brewing Company”**

SPECIAL JUNE 1ST OPENING —To thank the community for its on-going support and to celebrate the 2008 season, the Sheridan County Museum will be reducing admission prices to just \$2 for adults and seniors. Children 12 and under will be admitted for free. In addition to reduced admission, the Museum will have special discounts in the Museum Mercantile, book signings by local authors, refreshments on the porch, and a program on General Crook's adventures in the Sheridan area presented by Bob Legocki.

Hours of operation: 1 to 5 May 10 to 6 June through August 1 to 5 Sept through Dec



Continued from April—Manuscript of Myrtle Jane Thomas Bates:

I was standing there and Billy turned to me, "Myrtle, it is up to you

to take this message through."

"All right, Billy, I will do it." I was a girl 14 years old but ready to do my part. My horse was got and saddled and Billy gave me the note and put me on safely and these were his words: "Myrtle, ride like Hell. You know you may get through, you may be killed, if you go you will take your chance for the cattlemen have men out watching every trail."

"I will go."

"Well, good luck to you and ride like hell and don't tell anyone your name. You had better go up through the road that goes through the pasture and across the river. Be careful, you will have to swim the horse for the river is high. Follow the river up 'till you reach the Tom Davis Bottom, then swim back across to this side, and there is that big open flat for about 4 miles before you hit the Ceaders. When you hit that flat, ride Myrtle, Ride! That will be the only dangerous place. You may have trouble, or you may be shot at."

I swam my horse back across the river and when I got out on the open flat I looked in all directions and headed for the Ceaders. I had gone only about a mile when I was riding as fast as I thought I could go. BANG, I was shot at and I just lay flat down on my horse and I know the shot scared my horse for we just flew across that big open flat. I was shot at 5 times. Twice I was just missed. It hit so close to my horse but we were soon in the Ceaders winding our way to the ranch just over the Hill and down to Current Creek where the ranch was located. I rode about fifteen miles. It was about 4 o'clock in the morning and I rode up to the ranch and pounded on the door. One of the men came to the door. I asked if Mr. Young was there. He was supposed to be there and have a Possey of men with him as he was the sheriff of Sweetwater County. Just then Mr. Young came to the door. I gave him Bill Bates' message. Bill Bates at that time was Mr. Young's foreman of his sheep and ranch and Mr. Young had told him to take the sheep to the Mountains and he would be there when he got there with the sheep. He would have a possey of our men and that the Mormon Possey from Utah would join him at the ranch and they would go in a body to the mountain ahead, but Mr. Young was one day late and the Mormon Possey had not got to the ranch yet. They must have had trouble. Also Mr. Young read the note. Called all his men and all the men at the ranch. Everything was in a great hustle and bussel. Mr. Young ordered another horse for me and sent me twelve miles farther along to the river. There I was to deliver another message to the sheriff that was leading the Mormon Possey They had got to the river late and the river was so high they decided to make camp for the night. The river was too high to cross in the dark. It was just getting daylight when I got to the river. I could see a small campfire on the other side and I knew the sheriff was there. Mr. Young handed me some matches when I started out and told me when I got to the river to take a sage brush and light it and wave it in a circle twice and then raise it above my head in beckoning wave. As I did that I got one in answer. Then I could see the men stirring around getting horses and soon hit the river. The water was high. They had to swim from bank to bank. But by

Sorry--HAD TO RUN THIS SIDEWAYS SO YOU COULD READ THE REST OF THE STORY

a posse and started for Wyoming near Green River. So we started out and got to the river 25 miles away. It was nearly dark and the river was so high we would have to swim it so we decided to wait until morning and hit it early. So the next morning we were preparing to get going and we saw a light come up from the other side of the river. It waved first into circles and then a beacon for us to come across. So we got everything ready and crossed and a young girl lead the way but she would not tell her name. I tried to get her to talk but she would not. You know, young man, I am writing a book and I would give anything if I had her name to put in my book."

My son knew at once who the girl was and after Mr. Case went out, my son came and told me so the next time Mr. Case came into the store I was there and I went up to him, took his hand and told him who I was and that I was the girl that gave him such a ride. After I told him a few things and that he was riding a black horse and that there was ten men in the bunch and my horse was a bay, he knew that I was the girl, and he was glad and so was I. He took my name and told me he was writing a book and now he could finish his book and put my name in it as Myrtle Thomas and a few years later I married Mr. Bates who was the foreman of the Young Ranch and had gone into business for himself. I saw Mr. Case twice after that. He was caretaker at Temple Square Grounds. I always wanted to get his book so as to finish my story.

Mrs. William Cannon was living in Rawlins, Wyoming, at the time of this ride and she said she read the whole story as it came out in the papers about the unknown kid leading the Mormon Posse through and Mr. Case was the Utah sheriff. Years after this incident Mrs. Cannon and the "Kid" got to be great friends raising our families together and as years have gone by down to 1952, Mrs. Cannon and I started out to find Mr. Case's book. We went to the Tabernacle Library and got some report on the book and from there they sent us to the Temple Square Library and there we found out from a lady by the name of Mrs. Dunn that Mr. Case never finished the book. He lost his eyesight and could not do anymore. He had worked as caretaker at the temple and tabernacle grounds for years before he passed away.

drifting down stream for quite a ways they got across. As they rode up to me I counted the men. There were 10 in the crowd. I gave the sheriff Mr. Young's message and told them I was to take them to a place called SugarLoaf Mountain and Mr. Young and his men would be there and go from there to the Mountain in a body scattering out as they reached the foot of the mountain. I said, "Please follow me." And as I started up the old Cherrekee trail there was one of the men said, "Young Lady I will ride with you if you have no objection." And as he rode up along side of me he said, "What is your name?"

I had been told not to tell my name so I rode on and on farther and farther and I said nothing. On and on we went. It was twenty-five miles from the river to SugarLoaf Mountain and at last we reached the spot where they were to meet. Mr. Young was there where he said he would be and the men met there. There were twenty in all. Well, my job was done. The men all thanked me and shook hands and the one that had rode with me shook my hand and said, "Young Lady, my name is Mr. Case from Utah."

Again Mr. Young changed horses with me and I started on my ride for home, another 25 miles. I rode slowly and took my time for I was tired. I reached home late in the afternoon. My uncle and aunt and Billy Casebeer were waiting and watching for me hoping for the best. When I rode up to the house all were glad. I had not had a bite to eat from the night before when I ate my supper until the next night, or anything to drink. I wanted to go to sleep rather than eat. I had made the ride of 77 miles, changing horses three times from two o'clock in the morning 'till five in the afternoon. The next day my uncle took the wagon and team and took Billy Casebeer to the Doctor in Green River City 35 miles away and two days later Bill Bates came down to see if I got home safely. He said that the sheriff and the Utah sheriff and Posse got there just in time as he and the herder were cornered and one man holding guard and they had killed over a thousand head of sheep besides crippling a lot. The sheriff took the two men one got killed who started to Utah. If they could get across the river into Utah then our men could not follow and they did not know the Utah sheriff was after them. They followed the two men who went into Utah and took them by surprise and captured both men and brought them into Salt Lake City, Utah where they had the trial and sent them to prison. The other two were taken by the Rock Springs Posse and were tried in Green River and sent up for 5 years. The one that was killed was buried. That was the last real trouble that was had in that part of the country but there was plenty all around.

It was many years later that I was in Salt Lake City and my son and I were running a small grocery store and every evening an elderly man would come into the store to get a few things on his way home from work and he always told my son about some of his experiences when a young man and the places he had been, and he asked my son where he was from and my son said his home was in Wyoming.

Mr. Case spoke up and said, "My boy the hardest trip I ever made was in Wyoming. The sheriff, Joe Young, had sent for help. So we organized

Wyoming Notes from the Wyo. State Historical Soc. calendar:

1943 Measles epidemic still raging in WY

1868—1st Union Pacific train arrived in Laramie

1922—northeastern WY hit by blizzard

1869—John Wesley Powell expedition on Green River

1908—Albany County Sheriff killed in ambush

1945—1.5 million pounds of wool shipped from Rock Springs

1945—German POW's brought to Powell to work



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO MT. HOPE CEMETERY

BERRY	TOWNSEND	SCHRATER
ZULLIG	SKINNER	ROLSTON
LOOMIS	SACKETT	CURRIE
DOW	WARNER	JENSON
DALY	SLACK	THOBABEN

AND AN EXTRA SPECIAL RECOGNITION (HOW DO WE THANK A FAMILY WHO HAS BEEN VOLUNTEERING SINCE 1885 ? — THAT IS 123 YEARS!!!)

THANK YOU TO THE GARBER FAMILY FOR ALL THAT THEY HAVE DONE OVER THE YEARS !!

JOHN COVER FAMILY 1907



DESMAE COVER March 19, 1907

DesMae Cover, the 3 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John cover, died March 19, 1907, of appendicitis. Burial was in Big Horn cemetery.

Editor's Note: The father John Cover is pictured in the photo at the bottom of this page. One source says it was taken in 1899. He was the foreman at the Malcolm Moncreiffe Polo Ranch.

COVER BOY

March 29, 1907

The 2 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. John Cover died March 29, only ten days after his 3 year old sister's death. The little boy was stricken with spinal meningitis, and his mother is ill at this time of the same disease.

Born in 1904, the little one is to be buried in the Big Horn cemetery.

MRS. COVER AT REST

Mrs. Josie Cover died at Big Horn Tuesday morning of heart failure after a lingering illness. She was the wife of John cover who for a number of years past has been employed as foreman at the Malcolm Moncreiffe polo ranch. Besides her husband and a little daughter two years old, she leaves a mother, Mrs. L. Schneider, four brothers, William, Arthur, Holly and Fred of Big Horn and one sister, Mrs. Sam Culbertson of Beckton, to mourn her untimely death. She was 23 years of age & highly esteemed by all who knew her. The funeral occurred from the Congregational church.

THE BIG HORN POLO FIELD IS FEATURED IN THE HURLINGHAM POLO ASSOCIATION MAGAZINE— hurlingham *[heritage]* SPRING 2008:



1 The 8th Earl of Portsmouth, Oliver Henry Wallop 2 The Big Horn Polo team in the early 1900s, in two-colour waistcoats, clockwise from top left: Johnny Cover, Guy Wood, Lee Bullingham, Malcolm Moncreiffe (kneeling)

In the mid-1920s the Gallatins hosted one of the world's great horse festivals, thrilling horsemen who travelled from 28 states to attend



THESE ARE THE PHOTOS WE SHARED WITH THE MAGAZINE.



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CHARLES FARWELL

Taken in the 1880'S
Husband of Louise (she was the 1st
to be buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery)
Photo courtesy American Heritage
Center, University of Wyoming

*You are cordially invited to an
Open House
to celebrate the 80th birthday of*

Marion "Dolly" Sept

*Sunday, May 25, 2008
3:00 - 5:00 PM*

*Westminster Hall
First Presbyterian Church
2121 Colonial Drive
Sheridan, WY 82801*

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SEPTEMBER 28 MEETINGS & PROGRAM:

BOARD MEETING at 11:30 a.m. Carry-in Lunch at 1:00 p.m. with a short meeting to follow.

PROGRAM at 2:00 p.m. —WAGON BOX FIGHT ARCHEOLOGY by Sonny Reisch

Sonny will discuss the 1993 – 94 and earlier studies. These studies verified the proper location of the battle site of the Wagon Box Fight.

These findings laid to rest the controversy between Sheridan and Johnson Counties on the location of the famous engagement on August 2, 1867, between the U.S. Army & the Lakota Sioux.

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Museum Attendant
Maurine Badgett

MUSEUM NEWS: Let me introduce you to Maurine Badgett. She worked at the museum this summer as our Museum Attendant. She will be helping with other projects throughout the year (labeling displays with her artistic calligraphy and assisting with the inventory). I want to thank her for all her time and enthusiasm. (JS)

At the May 18th Board Meeting, it was approved that we appoint a Museum Director and Assistant Director. Judy Slack agreed to take the Museum Director's position and Scott Burgan will serve as the Assistant Director. (Also, the multiplex is now finished.)

We had 230 visitors who signed our guest book this summer. They were from VIRGINIA, MASSACHUSETTS, CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, COLORADO, MICHIGAN, UTAH, OREGON, MONTANA, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, CONNECTICUT, SOUTH DAKOTA, IDAHO and numerous towns in Wyoming. We even had visitors from as far away as CHINA, SWEDEN AND ARGENTINA !!

And thank you to Roy and Marvin for installing the air conditioner. Again, thank you to Vic Garber for donating the AC window unit. We did have some hot days this summer and by September we actually needed a heater.

OH AND BY THE WAY....THE BIG HORN WOMAN'S CLUB HAS INSTALLED A NEW CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONER....GREATLY APPRECIATED !!!!! Thank you BHWC members.



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CLEAN UP : Lenora Scott & Judy Slack





ZUCCHINI PINEAPPLE BREAD

3 eggs
2 c. sugar
2 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. salt
1 c. oil
3 c. flour
1 c. nuts



2 c. grated zucchini
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 c. crushed pineapple
1 c. shredded coconut
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. soda

Combine eggs, sugar, vanilla and oil; beat well. Add zucchini. Measure salt, cinnamon, flour, soda and baking powder--add to mixture. Blend in pineapple, coconut and nuts. Bake at 350° for 1 hour. Two loaves.

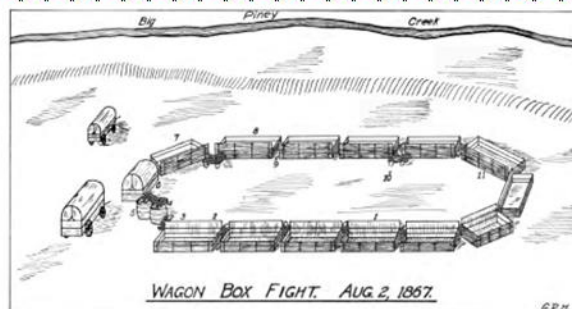
SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ruth Miller
- 2 Ray Hutson & Roy Scott
- 3 Gina Luedke
- 5 Agnes Songer
- 11 Jim Pelissier
- 15 Virginia Dillon & Ron Gorman
- 19 Helen Currie (1910)
- 21 Barbara Oedekoven
- 22 Jim O'Connor & Bill Lowe
- 23 Charlene Bodine
- 26 Ted Logan & Sheila Garber
- 30 Don Oedekoven

A MUST READ— *The Bozeman Trail* by Grace Raymond Hebard and E.A. Brininstool (1922)—historical account of Sergeant Samuel S. Gibson. I found this link on the internet when searching

“Wagon Box Fight”. www/books.google.com
Google has scanned the whole book (310 pages) for you to download (print if you like) and read. The interview regarding the Wagon Box Fight begins on page 43 and ends on page 87. It also has photos and sketches. To quote the book:

“I had been a member of Carrington's expedition from Fort Kearney, Nebraska, in May, 1866, and was at Fort Phil Kearney (then situated in the territory of Dakota, which included the present state of Wyoming) from the time of its erection until the post was ordered abandoned by the government early in the fall of 1868. —(1867) with the thermometer down to 25 and 40 degrees below zero most of the time. We had no fresh meat, no vegetables. —one small loaf of bread.”



FROM SKETCH FURNISHED BY SERGEANT SAMUEL GIBSON
Sketch by Gibson

SHERIDAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 DESSERT and PROGRAM

Delectable delicacies from the Sheridan College Culinary Arts Program On the Porch of the Sheridan County Museum

Thursday, September 25, 6:15 p.m. — Cost is \$6.00 per person -RESERVATIONS for dessert are required by noon on Monday, September 22nd

For reservations, call Karen or Linda at Prill Brothers, 674-4436. Those wishing to attend the free program should be in attendance by 6:30 p.m.

2009 Nominations for SCHS Officers and new Board Members will be announced

THE PROGRAM: “BUILDING ON THE PAST: Informal Conversations on Experiences in County Government”

With Presenters Ken Kerns and Ky Dixon

Two descendants from Sheridan County pioneer families, both former County Commissioners, Ken Kerns of Parkman and Ky Dixon of Big Horn, will be featured speakers.

Ken served as Sheridan County Commissioner for 12 years from 1987 through 1998 and Ky served 4 years from 2003 through 2006. They share a keen interest in our history as both have been involved with their family ranches for most of their lives. They plan to reminisce on a wide range of topics with a few very humorous happenings remembered.



**BIG HORN CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S
PRESIDENT PASSED AWAY JULY 12TH — He
was a wonderful leader and supporter of our mis-
sion to preserve history.**

Marvin Dee Monroe

Story resident Marvin Dee Monroe, 71, died July 12, 2008, at his home. A memorial service will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Champion Ferries Funeral Home with Pastor John Constantine officiating. Born Oct. 23, 1936, in Sheridan to Thomas and Freda (Pratt) Monroe, he attended Sheridan schools and graduated from Northern Wyoming Community College in 1956. On June 3, 1956, he married Marilyn Smith in Sheridan. The couple moved to Laramie, where they attended the University of Wyoming, and later moved to Canon City, Colo. Mr. Monroe worked for The Daily Record and later as a chemist at Cotter Corp. The couple purchased a Hallmark card and gift shop in 1969, which they owned until 1999, when they sold the business and retired to Story. He was a captain in the Army National Guard and retired in 1996 after 21 years of service. He enjoyed building log furniture, woodworking, and maintaining his Story home. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and Western history buff. He was serving as president of the Big Horn Historical Society at the time of his death and was also a member of the Sheridan County Historical Society and Story Historical Society. He was active in numerous business and sportsman organizations, Story Community Church, and the Men's Fellowship. He loved his family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He is survived by his wife; daughter Rita Rowe of Canon City; daughter Donna Monroe of Guffey, Colo.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorials can be made to Story Community Church, P.O. Box 415, Story, WY



THANK YOUS & OTHER NEWS: Gene & Diane Caiola celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer July 5th. **CONGRATULATIONS !!!!**

Thank you to everyone who baked cookies for the CWAM workshop in May. And thank you for everyone who attended to learn about preserving our collection .

Thank you Dee Clifton for the 1935 engineer's report on Park Reservoir and to Gene Griffith for delivering the envelope to the museum. Fascinating read and photos !!

Thank you to Joe and Virginia Evangeline for the items they gave us. And to Geri Usher for the 1942 Sheridan Press book and other items.

A special thank you to Nancy Marquess who donated 2 large trunks and several items that belonged to Iris Wood (Hicks) Marquess. We found a special case to display her collection.

Al Badgett was honored by the VA Medical Center for 20 years of volunteer service accumulating over 6,100 hours.



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JEAN MORELAND



PEGGY DUNLAP—Class Vice P.



DONNA BALES



DELORES DEJARNETT



MARTHA ANN PERRY



This summer the Sophomore class of 1949 (and other classmates) held a reunion and visited our museum. L to R: Kathleen Bishop, Jean Moreland McIntosh, Peggy Dunlap Little, Donna Bales (sitting), Dee DeJarnett Cochran, and Martha Ann Perry Clarkson.

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OCTOBER 26 MEETINGS & PROGRAM:

BOARD MEETING at 11:30 a.m. Carry-in Lunch at 1:00 p.m. with a short meeting to follow.

PROGRAM at 2:00 p.m. —MIKE KUZARA & COWBOY SONGS

The basis for my presentation is a book of cowboy songs copy written in 1910 and reprinted in 1911 by John A Lomax. It is very well used and fragile. There is a note written on the front fly leaf by Teddy Roosevelt congratulating Lomax for his collection of old cowboy songs. Most of the songs are only the poems, but there are at least a dozen music scores included scattered throughout the book. I will discuss the evolution of American music through my perception of it as I have heard it. There will be demonstrations of some of this music done vocally with guitar accompaniment and some with the accordion. All American music, with the exception of Native American, immigrated to this country from all over the world. Like the population, after a generation or two, a blend began to emerge which eventually became uniquely American. But at the same time it also regionalized and branched into the "Minnesota" sound, Bluegrass, Tex-Mex, Cajun, and the one very original American sound, the blues. Americans, in their everlasting exuberance, developed the square and round dances which took their cue from more formal and sedate ball room dances of old England and France. The Scotch and Irish who settled in the Ozarks and Appalachia tried to replicate the bagpipe music of their homeland using the fiddle which is the foundation of what is called Bluegrass. A Popular American song caused the Mexicans who heard it for the first time to mis-interpret part of it and the Americanos became known as "Gringos" because of that song. I'll reveal the name of that tune at the meeting.

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50 YEARS IN THE KITCHEN
BY
MELVINE ROLSTON



WITH ADDITIONAL RECIPES BY
MELVINE ROLSTON

CHEESE LOG BY MELVINE ROLSTON

2 (8 oz.) cream cheese (room temperature)
1 (8 oz.) extra sharp Cracker Barrel cheese
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. green pepper, grated
2 tsp. onion, grated
Pinch of salt
Ground pecans

Mix together cream cheese, lemon juice, green pepper, onion and salt. Grate sharp cheese and mix with other. With hands, make a log roll and roll in ground pecans. Serve with crackers, or it is very good to stuff celery. Also can wrap thin slices of ham around cheese mixture for tasty snack or hors d'oeuvre.

Thank you Sam Morton for your culinary comments in the 8/30/08 Big Horn Lampoon.....

Big Horn, new culinary center for Sheridan County

Methane production increase related to three bean salad.

Johnson Street: Move over Story; Big Horn is the new Culinary center of Sheridan County. The Bozeman Trail Inn, the old dance hall, is open and ready for business. A remodeled interior, and new menu draws customers back. The Last Chance Bar has Indian Tacos for Thursday lunch prepared by Aberdeen resident Kathy Arnoux. The Big Horn Mercantile, already serving a lunch and breakfast fare and world famous burritos, has gone on to serve Thursday night fare featuring Chicken fried Steak, Coconut Shrimp, and Prime Rib. The Powder Horn serves a bone in Rib Eye and the best shrimp cocktail in the county, every night save Sunday. The real feed, not only in Big Horn, but maybe the state of Wyoming, is the Big Horn Historical Society's dinner, every month. It's well worth the dues to the society.

The Guide Shack has salmon eggs, and the Last Chance still has the famous Sunday Morning "Steak and Eggs Special" for One Dollar. "That would be a pickled egg and a piece of Beef Jerky" said owner Jon "Spook" Scherry. Lonnie Wright proprietor of Wright's Iron Works, feeling somewhat out of the loop, mentioned that they could put a snack machine in his shop.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 MONNA MONK
- 3 BENDER CAIOLA
- 7 SHANE CAIOLA
- 8 RICHARD BROWN
- 13 FLOYD SONGER & KARLEY GLEASON
- 15 JOHN CLENDENEN
- 16 LILY BUMBACA
- 19 ROBERT BRENT
- 22 WYLA LOOMIS
- 23 DEE CLIFTON
- 30 JOHN ZULLIG

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH...

A fellow was invited to an old friend's house for dinner. The host preceded every request to his wife by calling her "sweetheart", "honey", "darling", "my love"...etc. The guest was quite impressed since they had been married almost 70 years!

While the wife was in the kitchen, the guest remarked how nice it was that he still called her those pet names. "To tell you the truth, I forgot her name about 10 years ago", the friend replied!



GET WELL WISHES: Many of our members have been ill and / or hospitalized in the past few months. We wish them all a speedy recovery and hope they are feeling comfortable soon.

Melvine Rolston (99) has fallen and broken a hip. She is recovering at Sheridan Manor.

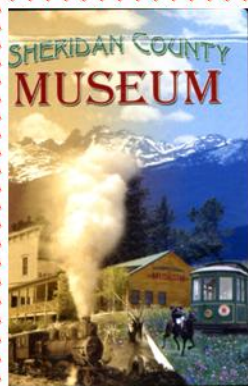
Loraine Lowe also broke a hip and is doing better.

Rene Adams has been feeling better. We know she will look forward to being outside to enjoy this beautiful fall weather we are having.

Elaine Hilman had knee surgery in September.

Marilyn Bilyeu was hospitalized this summer but is doing much better. Take Care.

OTHER ITEMS: BETTE BERRY HAS MOVED TO SUGARLAND RIDGE AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE VISITORS (1551 SUGARLAND #307 — PHONE # 307-674-9069)



SHERIDAN COUNTY MUSEUM

PLAYING CARDS—EACH DECK SELLS FOR

\$12 includes tax & shipping cost

This money maker has been one of the most popular projects for local museums. The Big Horn City Historical Society sponsored the Jack of Spades. It features Jack Dow, one of our earliest pioneers. Anyone wishing to buy a deck of cards please send a check along with your address to :

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THE STORY OF BEN WALKER by Sally Springer in the Tidbits Book (more on page 4)

A NEWSPAPER AND THE DEATH OF BEN WALKER

Big Horn was not always the family-oriented community the resident church goers had hoped for, but the West was young and raw and

the people who settled in Big Horn prayed that things would get better—that the little village would get “properized”.

In the fall of 1883, the townsite company was in place and the businesses were springing up. By being good neighbors and God-fearing people, the town was becoming what its inhabitants had hoped and prayed for. The one venture the town was lacking was a newspaper, a family type tabloid that would glue the folks of the area together. \$500 was raised for this enterprise and O. P. Hanna knew just the man they were looking for. E. H. Becker, a book agent who had had newspaper experience, would be their salvation if they could convince him to a business deal they had in mind.

By providing a home for the newspaper (which was built at approximately where John Drake's building is - and for those a little bit older, where Brownie Sinsel had his garage), pay for the equipment and arrange for two printers, Lew Knight and Faye Summers from Miles City, Mt., Hanna was able to convince Beck to publish the paper, and if he could pay back the initial investment of \$500, Becker would own the newspaper. The deal was made and Becker did in three years time own the paper. The three “newspaper men” roomed and boarded at the Oriental Hotel next door.

Becker knew that local news would sell the paper. He printed it on a Saturday morning and the price was 10 cents. However, he also knew that some of the more colorful events and happenings had to be included to give some “meat” to the readers. Because gold had been discovered up in the Big Horn mountains, some of the less desirable elements of humanity also arrived in the area with many of them scattered between Dayton and Big Horn close to the Wolf mountains. These men staked their claims on the eastern slopes, but as always with that four letter word “gold” - liquor, tempers and greed often took over common sense and because of one incident, E. H. Becker had a very colorful story for his first issue printed on September 13, 1884.

“The coroner's inquest over the body of the late Ben Walker, who was killed by Joseph O'Neil of Tongue River, was held by the dim light of a campfire, in the open air at 11 o'clock at night.”

5 STAGES OF FEMALE LIFE

1. TO GROW UP
2. TO FILL OUT
3. TO SLIM DOWN
4. TO HOLD IT IN
5. TO HECK WITH IT !

Wyoming Notes:

1880 CHEYENNE Social Club incorporated
 1923 'A real Christian is a motorist who can drive in Cheyenne without losing his religion' WY State Tribune report
 1861 Pony Express terminated
 1885 Owen Wister slept on store counter, Medicine Bow
 1908 Sheridan Man found petrified buffalo eye near Arvada
 1941 George Hopkins won bet by parachuting to top of Devils Tower, stuck there until rescued 6 days later.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS
OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS:**

Zane & Elaine Hilman (for postage)

Helen Yetter

Rene Adams

Tom & Ky Dixon

Casper Antique Club

Cate Sheehan

Tom & Paula Badgett

Caiola Family

Donna Angel

Ladd & Dee Cochrane

Richard & Jan Stephens

Helen Bard

George & Fern Coates

Meshelle Powell

Karen Kilmarx

Barbara Johnson

Maurine Badgett

Ben Walker news article—Vol 4 by Deck Hunter. Original article printed
in the first newspaper on September 13, 1884

THE BIG HORN SENTINEL

GONE UP HIGHER. Ben Walker Meets
Death By the Bullet. Which Is a Starter
For a Graveyard In the New Eldorado.

The new mining camp situated on the
headwaters of Wolf Creek and on the
north slope of the Big Horn mountains,
was thrown into a high pitch of excite-
ment on the night of September 8th, in
which Ben Walker, the original discover-
er of the mineral ledge, over which
considerable excitement as to its rich-
ness has been raised in this county,
met death at the hands of Joseph
O'Neil, a ranchman of upper Tongue
river, who had left his ranch as the
tide of the recent gold excitement
swept along, probably to make his for-
tune in less time than he could by fol-

lowing the occupation of tiller of the
soil.

The particulars of this affair, as
near as could be learned at the time of
going to press, are as follows: Walk-
er, we understand, undertook to be
chief of the camp, and sought either to
own nearly all the claims or have an
interest in them. O'Neil, which is a
man of considerable nerve, concluded
about a week or more ago to stake out
a claim and hold it. Walker, we are in-
formed, threatened his life a number of
times, but O'Neil paid but little atten-
tion to what Walker had to say as to
the right of the claim. On Sunday night
however, Walker followed O'Neil into
the latter's tent with a gun "as if to
shoot," O'Neil remarked, "I've got you
now, you d----d s-n of a b---h", and
at this instant O'Neil got the best of the
gun play, firing a gun of his own, the
result of which sent Walker to an un-
known camp. It is said that whiskey in
the camp had considerable to do with
the shooting, both parties having im-
bibed rather freely during the day.

Judge McGrath, who resides some
ten or twelve miles from where the
shooting took place, was sent for and
acted as coroner, empanneling a jury,
said jury returning a verdict to the ef-
fect that Ben Walker, there lying dead,
came to his death by a gunshot wound
inflicted by one Joseph O'Neil. A war-
rant was issued by Judge McGrath, and
placed in the hands of a deputy sheriff,
for the arrest of O'Neil, but his where-
abouts are unknown.....

Walker was about fifty-five years of
age, and well known throughout
Northern Wyoming and Montana. Until
recently he resided on a ranch on lower
Tongue river, some sixty miles from
Miles City.....



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



CUB SCOUT HALLOWEEN PARTY 1958—BACK ROW(UNDER "PACK 118") left to right: Mike Berry, Dennis Loomis, Donna Eckerson, Pete Henry, Roberta Moore, Jim Currie. Next Row: Bonnie Warner, ??, John Currie, Bill Johnson, John Slack, Ken Warner, Dick Bard, Leo Baker, ??, Thad Brayton, Marion Loomis. Sitting in chairs: Cindy Warner, Judy Currie, Mary Ella Bard, Jody Brayton, Dan Berry, Margie Brayton, Terry Bannas, Virgil Garland. Front Row (sitting on floor): Rick Clabaugh, Mike Brayton, David Moore, Don Norskog, Greg Eckerson, Randy Bannas, John Berry, Bruce Clabaugh, Charles Bannas. Anyone have any ideas who the unidentified are?



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Ben Walker's gravestone located on Walker Prairie (foreground),
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high country in background. Most beautiful spot !!

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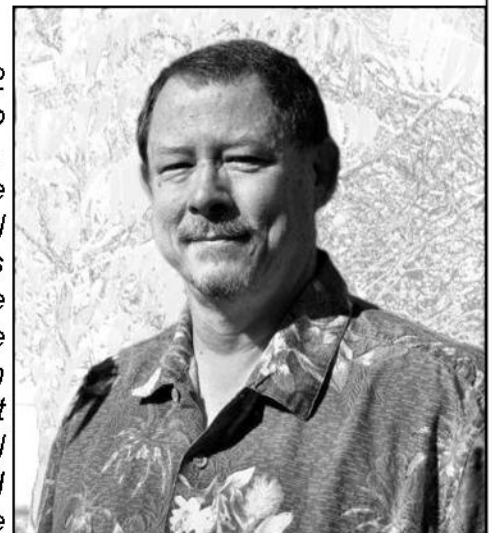
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ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

NOV 2008

"Following The Footsteps of History, Historians and Wyoming's Past"

Scott Burgan will be our program presenter at our November 23rd meeting. His program is titled: "Following The Footsteps of History, Historians and Wyoming's Past." He will briefly discuss a number of historians who have worked with Wyoming history, especially in our part of the state, from the earliest explorers, to some of our present-day researchers. The emphasis will be on his work with Glenn Sweem and Joe Medicine Crow. He plans to discuss some excerpts from obscure sources in those collections.



Scott Burgan was born in Amarillo, Texas and lived there for 42 years, until moving to Sheridan, Wyoming in 1998. He came to Sheridan as a partner in the business WyoVision Associates, where he currently works. Scott studied photography and creative writing at Amarillo College, and was involved in several historical and archaeological organizations when he lived there. Scott is currently president of the Sheridan-Johnson County chapter of the Wyoming State Archaeological Society. Scott inherited the historical and archaeological collections of the late Glenn Sweem in 2001, and has overseen the processing of that collection. Scott has also served on the board of the Big Horn City Historical Society. He has written a number of articles on military history and Native American history, Native American rock art, and the subject of colonial exploration in Wyoming.

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST MEETING

Roy reported that Bob Rolston has agreed to finish out the term of our late President, Marvin Monroe. The first order of business was a special election held for the position of president. Bob was unanimously elected. He will serve as president until the regular elections in April 2009. **THANX BOB!!!** Bob Rolston gave us an update on his aunt, Melvine Rolston. We were happy to hear she is recovering quickly. Bob also gently reminded members that additional help to set up and clean up at meetings would be greatly appreciated. Rene Adams (We were all so pleased to see her at the meeting) reported that the Big Horn Women's Club will be holding their Craft Sale on Dec. 6th. Our organization will have a table there, manned by Lenora Scott, to sell our books, cards, etc. All addresses **MUST** be up to date as misaddressed newsletters will now cost us additional monies.

BHCHS usually MEETS THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

NEXT MEETING DATE NOV 23 th



@ 1p.m. BH Woman's CLUB—Carry In Lunch for Members with Program to follow.

Program is open to the public—those wishing to come just for the program should be in attendance by 1:50 PM. Thank you

THOSE MEMBERS HELPING THIS MONTH :

SET UP AT 11:30 : Lenora Scott & Bob Rolston

CLEAN UP : Lenora Scott & Ginny Jenson Turner





CHUCK WAGON COOKBOOK

BY BETH MCELFRISH

SON-OF-A-GUN-IN-A-SACK

(Hi Pockets taught me to make this suet pudding 47 years ago. Hi Pockets made it a lot, and the cow-punchers loved it and gave it the above name.)

2 cups flour
1 cup canned milk
1 cup raisins
1 tbsp. soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg

1 cup bread crumbs
1 cup ground suet
1 cup molasses
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cloves

(Hi Pockets did not use nut meats, but I add 1 cup of chopped nut meats.)

Dissolve soda in molasses, combine flour and bread crumbs to which the salt and spices have been added. Then mix together the dry ingredients with the suet, raisins, molasses, nuts, and canned milk. Mix well, pour into a sack and boil in water for 2 hours.

Serve with FOAMY SAUCE as follows:

1/2 cup butter
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla

1 cup confectioner's sugar
2 tbsp. hot water

Cream butter and sugar, the egg well beaten, and the hot water until the mixture thickens, beating continuously. Add vanilla and serve.

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Sarah Danko & Sandra Johnson
- 10 Robert Caiola & Bernie Sare
- 16 Carol Orr
- 17 Dorothy McIntyre
- 26 Marilyn Bilyeu

THANK YOU TO : Ken Anderson for the wooden irrigation pipes. He found them on his property north of Big Horn on the old Bud Paul property. (will feature these in an upcoming issue) & thanks to Paul & Marelyn Blackley for helping with this donation.

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80 YEARS IN THE KITCHEN
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MELVINE ROLSTON



WITH ADDITIONAL RECIPES BY
B.A.C.H. TENDERS

MY FAVORITE DIVINITY FUDGE

1 c. water
1 c. glucose (white Karo)
4 c. sugar

4 egg whites, beaten
Nuts

Boil water, glucose and sugar until 238° or 240°. Then start beating 4 egg whites. When syrup is 245°, pour over egg whites and flavor. Add nuts and beat to right consistency and drop by spoonful on buttered pans.

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LIVE ON WHAT I'M
EARNING, I CAN'T
EVEN LIVE ON WHAT
I'M SPENDING!

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Remember the old Frank & Ernest by Bob Thaves



DECEMBER JOINT MEETING

All are Invited to our Special Christmas Season

DINNER and PROGRAM

Jointly Sponsored by the Sheridan County Historical Society and the Big Horn City Historical Society

At The Historic Sheridan Inn

Thursday, December 11, at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$16.00 per person, which includes tax and tip

Reservation are required by noon on Tuesday, December 9

For reservations, call Karen or Linda at Prill Brothers, 674-4436

Those wishing to attend the free program only should be in attendance by 6:30 p.m.



HENRY ASA COFFEEN

THE PROGRAM: "THE LIVES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF HENRY ASA AND HERBERT COFFEEN"

With Presenters Dana Prater and Judy Slack

Dana Prater (Director and Curator of the Sheridan County Museum) and Judy Slack (Director and Curator of the Bozeman Trail Museum at Big Horn) have been working with Marc Coffeen's widow, Trish, on the Coffeen photo collection project. The goal of this extensive project is to scan, preserve, and catalog the historic photographs in the Coffeen collection, primarily those taken by Herbert Coffeen in the early 1900s.

Dana and Judy will present some Coffeen family history and share a power point presentation of selected Herb Coffeen photos. Also, as part of the program, an edited version of a video taken by Scott Burgan of a meeting between Crow elder Joe Medicine Crow and Marc Coffeen will be shown. In the video, Joe identifies a number of Indians in some of the Coffeen photographs. Some of the Indian rugs from the Coffeen family store will also be on display during the program.

Henry Asa Coffeen and family arrived in Big Horn in 1884. Henry established a store; planned Big Horn's first cemetery; started a saw mill; and imported Morgan stallions from Kentucky. He also built the first fairgrounds in Wyoming Territory. Coffeen moved his family and businesses to Sheridan in 1887, where he was elected as Sheridan's third Mayor in 1888. By 1889, he was chosen to be Sheridan's delegate to the Wyoming Constitutional Convention, and later served as Wyoming's second Congressman from 1892 to 1894 under President Grover Cleveland. Henry was also instrumental in establishing Sheridan's Carnegie Library.

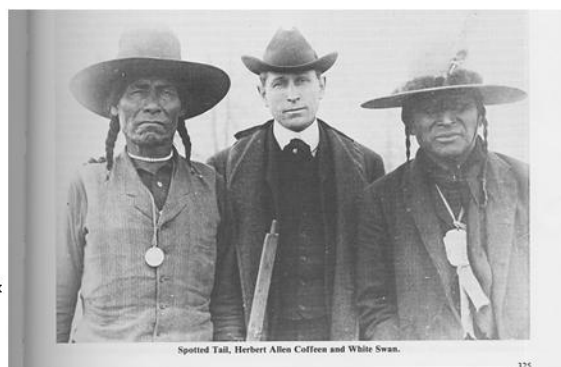
Herb Coffeen, Henry's son, became a well known photographer and took over the family store, "At The Sign of the Teepee", promoting local artists and Indian goods. He published *The Teepee Books*, which are now valuable collectors items.

Also at the dinner & program:

We will have several Silent Auction items (which could make unique Christmas gifts). They will include the Schwiering print of the Tetons, signed by the 5 Wyoming Governors, donated by SCHS; a handcrafted ladies' hat from Judy Slack; and one of Gudi Norwood's hand-knit Icelandic sweaters.



LEFT: Coffeen Store on Main Street in Sheridan. (Current location of The WYO Theater)
RIGHT: Spotted Tail (left), Herbert Coffeen & White Swan.



Spotted Tail, Herbert Allen Coffeen and White Swan.



THANK YOU AGAIN MARILYN

12 The Sheridan Press, Saturday, November 1, 2008

Bilyeu honored by local history buffs

By Dan Fischer*Staff Reporter*

Marilyn Bilyeu has given to the Sheridan community the cowgirl vest, photo enlarger and Western Heritage Award from the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame, among many other artifacts, that belonged to her late mother, Elsa Spear Byron.

Thursday, local residents active in historic preservation gathered at Sheridan County Museum to highlight Bilyeu's gifts.

The event featured a public announcement of Bilyeu's spring 2008 gift of her mother's diaries to the Sheridan County Fulmer Library.

In addition, during the summer, Bilyeu, now living in Berthoud, Colo., officially donated items displayed in Sheridan County Museum that were previously on loan.

"It's just a really significant gift to this community to preserve the items her mother used throughout her life," said Dana Prater, curator and director of the museum.

Byron, who lived in Big Horn and Sheridan, chronicled cowboys and Indians, horses and landscapes of the early-20th century West in black-and-white photography. She was inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in 1990.

The books Bilyeu donated will first be digitized at the University of Wyoming's American Heritage Center.

Judy Slack, a Big Horn City Historical Society board member who has been involved in the digitization process, said in addition to Byron's diaries, the collection includes her scrapbooks and the diaries of Byron's parents.

"We're so pleased that she's sharing it with the public," Slack said.

The Wyoming Room at Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library will be the final repository

of those documents. Karen Woinoski, Wyoming Room manager, said visitors to the Wyoming Room will have access to the books, except those with heavy damage. It is unclear at this time how access to the digitized books will work.

Slack said the digitization process will cost \$100,000, and the university is seeking grants to fund the project.

"Unless there is some private money raised, we just can't do it," said Rick Ewig, associate director of the American Heritage Center at the university. But he added he is "fairly optimistic" the money can be raised because of the importance of the documents to Sheridan history.

Slack said Byron's diaries contain incredible detail, including each day's weather, the books she was reading, what she studied in school that day, what she ate for lunch, and the tickets of every movie and play she attended. They also include photographs never before seen by the public.

"It's really extensive," Ewig said.

Bilyeu said she kept everything she could from her mother's life. It was important to her mother, Bilyeu said, that her heirlooms stay in Sheridan, because that's where she won her awards.

Sheridan County Museum captures Byron's life, re-creating the kitchen and bathroom where she developed her pictures, including the red light on the wall that alerted her children not to come in because she was working. Original Byron photos hang over the bathtub, re-creating her old drying method.

"I just can't believe how great it is," said Bilyeu, pointing out the detail of the room, right down to the cat on the floor.

"We're just very thankful," Slack said, "that we've got this much donated back to northern Wyoming."



The Sheridan Press/Michael Sullivan

Supporters of Sheridan County Museum on Thursday stand before part of an exhibit displaying photographic equipment used by the late Sheridan area photographer Elsa Spear Byron. Exhibit items were donated by Byron's daughter Marilyn Bilyeu (fourth from left) of Berthoud, Colo. Bilyeu has also donated items to the Big Horn City Museum and Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library. Pictured from left: Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library Wyoming Room Manager Karen Woinoski, Fulmer Library Director Cathy Butler, Big Horn Historical Society board member Judy Slack, Marilyn Bilyeu, Fulmer Library board Chairwoman Cissy Dillon, Big Horn Historical Society member Helen Graham, Sheridan County Historical Society board member Mary Ellen McWilliams, and Sheridan County Museum Director Dana Prater.



EARLY BIG HORN PIONEERS



Left to right: NANCY BURNS BROOKS, BERTHA FLEMING (MRS. CLYDE) SACKETT, DON ECKERSON, MADGE AUSTIN WADE, BERT ECKERSON, MAUD SKINNER LANGHELT, EDITH GERDEL KNODE, BELLE GERDEL GOODRICH, VIE WILLITS GARBER, JESSAMINE SPEAR JOHNSON & EDNA KILBORNE STEWART. Photo taken @ Hilman's June 14, 1959

Wyoming Notes: 1943 Commander of Douglas POW camp announced that 1,000 Italians would help with fall harvest.

1906 1st fatal auto accident in Wyoming. Young son of Rawlins merchant struck by car on street and killed.

1911 Calf "committed suicide" by drinking gasoline, Meeteetse



OTHER NEWS: *Big Horn Girls Volleyball team takes the state Class 2A championship.*

HA HA HA—I used to have a handle on life but it broke.
Don't take life too seriously: no one gets out alive.
Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.





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Early Big Horn residents, Cecil and Annie (Hammie) Nottingham. They
lived in the little white house at the SE corner of the school house hill.
More on this family in an upcoming issue....

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