



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

ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

SEPTEMBER 2006

NEWS—MAY 2006 MEETING: Election of Officers & Board Member Announcements

Officers & Board Members elected at the May meeting:

President—Bob Rolston

Vice President—Scott Burgan

Secretary—Barb Sare

Treasurer—Mona (Coates) Monk

Recording Sec—Bette Berry

Board: Scotty Scott, Marvin Monroe, and Meshelle Powell.

Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work AND time.

We want to remind members that dues are due this month. Please check your label for date of renewal. Membership cards will not be mailed unless you request it. Receipts for donations & memorials will be mailed

THANK YOU

Donations May to Sept.: \$200 from the Casper Antique Collector Club

Memorials for Larry Lewis: JoAnn Mulcahy

Thank you to BJ Perkins for working at the museum this summer, keeping it open for weekend visitors.

We are trying out a new format for the newsletter. Included will be a special one page section titled 'Mt. Hope Cemetery' which will feature documents, obituaries and photographs of early pioneers, headstones, family trees, and more. We will also feature a special interest photo on the back page.

Please send comments, suggestions and corrections to PO Box 566 Big Horn, WY 82833

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

RUTH MILLER	1
RAYMOND HUTSON	2
GINA LUEDKE	3
AGNES SONGER	5
JIM PELISSIER	11
GISELA ROMANJENKO	13
VIRGINIA DILLON	15
RON GORMAN	15
HELEN CURRIE (1910)	19
BARB OEDEKOVEN	21
JIM O'CONNOR	22
BILL LOWE	22
CHARLENE BODINE	23
TED LOGAN	26
SHEILA GARBER	26
GEORGIA MACDONELL	27
DONNA SHELLEY	30
DON OEDEKOVEN	30

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

John and Joyce Shreve, long-time Sheridan County ranchers, will present a light and entertaining program of early day cowboy tales and old time western music, some of which John has written. Joyce will show her talent with her dancing cowboy and will introduce the newest member of the show, the dancing mule. John has written several books of Wyoming and Sheridan County history and will have them available for sale and autograph.

WE MEET THE 4TH SUNDAY
OF EVERY MONTH:

-NEXT MEETING DATE-

SEPT. 24 @ 1p.m.

BIG HORN WOMAN'S CLUB
CARRY IN LUNCHEON
PROGRAM TO FOLLOW



DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM 3 FAMILIES—BOWMANS, DEWEY & LAMIE

BOWMAN—The museum has been given several books and items of clothing by the E.C. Bowman Family. One item was Elfie's hat - see photo. They have also donated a large sum of money to be used as the membership wishes.

This summer, Bette (E.C. & Elfie Bowman's granddaughter-Ruth King's daughter) and Phil Witt visited our museum to share a photo album. The photos from the early 1900's are of the various engineering projects of E. C. and W.D. Lovell plus several of the Box Cross Ranch where the Bowman's lived and worked from 1912-1945.

Mr. Bowman was an engineer on the Park Reservoir Dam which was finished in 1910.

BOWMAN



HORSE DRAWN SCRAPER USED AT PARK RESERVOIR



LAMIE



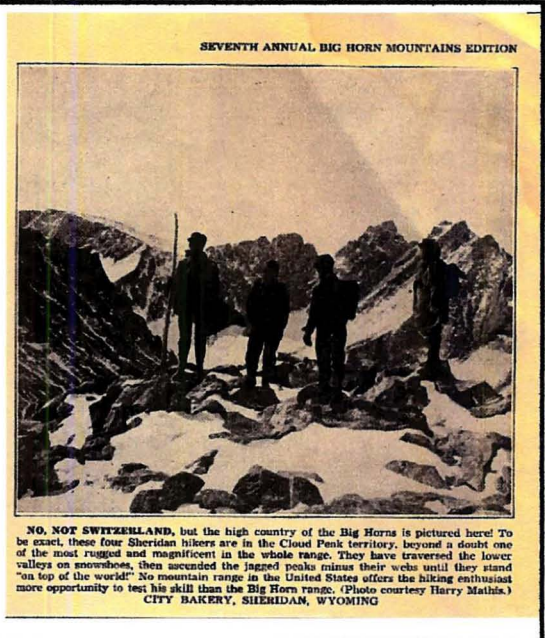
Photo from the Lamie collection : 1928
Big Horn School Picnic



Photo from the Lamie collection: Big Horn School torn down in 1931

DEWEY

DEWEY—Gina Dewey has sent old Sheridan Press tourism editions from 1938-40. They are filled with wonderful old photos. She also sent a shirt from the Sheridan Centennial celebration. Items are "Donated in loving memory of Clayton & Eva Dewey by their loved ones"



NO, NOT SWITZERLAND, but the high country of the Big Horn is pictured here! To be exact, these four Sheridan hikers are in the Cloud Peak territory, beyond a doubt one of the most rugged and magnificent in the whole range. They have traversed the lower valleys on snowshoes, then ascended the jagged peaks minus their webs until they stand "on top of the world!" No mountain range in the United States offers the hiking enthusiast more opportunity to test his skill than the Big Horn range. (Photo courtesy Harry Mathis.)
CITY BAKERY, SHERIDAN, WYOMING

Lamie— The descendents of Robert (1860-1940) & Dr. Mary (1865-1926) Lamie have sent a diary of Robert's. It covers a trip to Scotland in 1930, and 2 complete years 1933 & 1939. Along with the diary are photos of Big Horn. The Lamie's lived in the home one block west of the MERC (where the Vandenberg's lived and now the home of the Taberna's) [Spelling & grammar quirks retained for true character of his writing.]

THURSDAY MARCH 9, 1933:

It is rather cold with the ground covered with snow this morning. However before night the snow was nearly all gone. The men were again working on the School Bell Tower. It will be ready soon and it will be very pleasing to everybody to hear it ring again.

THURSDAY APRIL 6, 1933:

This is a lovely morning and was a beautiful Spring day. Mr. Roberts brought 48-30 lbs of coal from the mine. Sixteen years ago today America entered the World War.

(note: Robert worked as a custodian at the school)



JUNE 2006 ISSUE OF TRUE WEST MAGAZINE JOE LAFORGE FEATURED DANCER photo mentions Big Horn City Historical Society

F A N D A N G O

A Soirée at the Sheridan Inn

Sheridan, Wyoming, celebrates its win as the #1 True Western Town.

More than 1,000 people stood in the snow outside the historic Sheridan Inn on January 28 to celebrate the town being named *True West's* #1 True Western Town of the Year.

Local entertainers included the 7th Cavalry Drum and Bugle Corps, Fort Phil Kearny's Frontier Regulars, Native American dancers Joe LaForge and Shelly White Bear, and the New Sheridan Cornet Band, which performed 1880s-era music for the grand finale. Executive Editor Bob Boze Bell presented the town with a statuette, which will be on exhibit at the Wyoming Information Center museum. Renovation work continues on the historic Sheridan Inn, where Buffalo Bill Cody auditioned acts for his Wild West show. Soon, Sheridan's citizens will have something to show for the million dollars they raised in 2005: the history museum is expected to open this year.



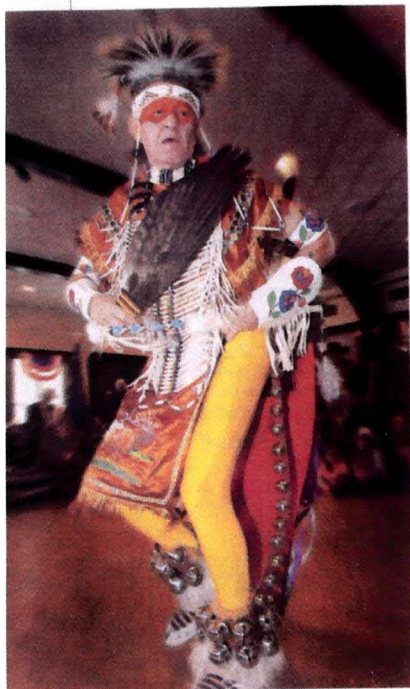
Gwen Turner releases white doves to create an atmosphere of hope for more historic preservation in Sheridan's future.

— BY ALAN CARROLL / THE SHERIDAN PRESS —

Crowds gather in the snow to listen to the 7th Cavalry Drum and Bugle Corps.



True West's award is accepted by (from left) Jim Schellinger, chairperson of Sheridan Travel and Tourism, Mayor Dave Kinskey and Penny L. Becker, executive director of Sheridan Travel and Tourism.



Joe LaForge (left), longtime president of the Big Horn City Historical Society, entertains the crowd with a traditional Crow dance.

— BY ALAN CARROLL / THE SHERIDAN PRESS —

Fort Phil Kearny's Frontier Regulars (above) join in the fun by shooting off cannonballs from a 12-lb mountain howitzer.

— BY ALAN CARROLL / THE SHERIDAN PRESS —

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Big Horn-Its People, Places, and Events



Judy (Currie) Slack is a Sheridan County native, raised in the Big Horn area. She is the Treasurer for the Sheridan Community Land Trust, and serves on the Historic Preservation Work Group to preserve historical buildings and sites throughout the county. She also serves on the Mt. Hope Cemetery Board as Secretary/Treasurer and has kept records, obituaries and maps for this territorial cemetery. She has recently received a State Historical Society Lola Homsher grant for \$900 to purchase equipment for work on a project of the Big Horn City Historical Society to archive the photos of the early pioneer families. (The Sheridan Historical Society supported her application). The slide presentation will consist of photos and documents covering 1878 to the present of sites and buildings around the Big Horn area. Some wonderful old photos are included, including an 1880s picture of the U.S. Cavalry riding towards the Big Horn Mountains.

BARBARA NORRIS MOORE passed away 8/6/06 after a long battle with cancer. Cards may be mailed to Phil Moore @ 406 S. Dennis Pl., Kennewick, WA 99336.

BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

MONA MONK
BRENDA CAIOLA
SHANE CAIOLA
RICHARD BROWN
FLOYD SONGER
KARLEY GLEASON
MARY MORELAND
JOHN CLENDENEN
LILY BUMBACA
MARILYN RIESER
ROBERT BRENT
WYLA LOOMIS
DEE CLIFTON

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FIRST ANNUAL BIG HORN COMMUNITY REUNION

The 1st annual community reunion was held July 15th on the most smoky, hot summer day Big Horn has seen in years. We had a wonderful turnout of approximately 100 folks. Most stayed and visited in the Woman's Club while some class reunions met at the picnic grounds. We will be continuing this tradition every year on rodeo Saturday (the 3rd Saturday in July). Mark your calendars for next year.....

FAMILY AND CLASS REUNIONS WELCOME. We hope to have central air and a large tent awning to accommodate a larger crowd.

PASS THE WORD & PLAN TO ATTEND.

POT LUCK PICNIC

July 21, 2007

Same place = BH Woman's Club

Same time = noon to 4PM

Photo: Jeanne Morland McIntosh





MT. HOPE CEMETERY

MHC
PO Box 233
Big Horn WY 82833

ESTABLISHED IN 1885

This is an attempt at sharing some of our local history by reprinting obituaries of some of our dearly departed pioneers that helped build our community. I will try to include photos when I can and other 'tidbits' (as Sally Springer would say). I hope you enjoy reading these as much as I have enjoyed sharing them. Thanks to Deck Hunter for doing such an excellent job in collecting these obituaries and many other valuable documents, photos and articles. I have collected information from Sally's files and Grandma Vie Garber's books as well. Some of you may have read this information. Excuse me for any duplications of obits. (It will be printed as close to the original handwriting, articles, etc.)

Judy Slack

LOUISE FARWELL

FEBRUARY 8, 1885

Death of an Estimable Lady

Early Sunday morning last the sufferings of Mrs. Charles Farwell were ended and she passed into the dread and unknown beyond. Her last moments were peaceful and calm, and she died as she had lived, a Christian lady. We regret that our community should have suffered the loss of so estimable a lady, but "death loves a shining mark". The community earnestly and deeply sympathize with the bereaved husband and grief-stricken relatives of the deceased. The funeral took place on Tuesday. Rev. Mr. Benton officiating. The remains were followed to the grave by a host of relatives and friends, and were interred in the Mount Hope Cemetery. This was the first natural death occurring in Big Horn, as also the first interment in the new cemetery. The deceased was almost thirty years of age, and had been wedded but a few weeks when she was stricken by the reaper.

First Meeting

On Cemetery Organization

School House in Big Horn Wyo

Feb 5, 1885

Meeting on cemetery organization was held according to previous appointment and called to order by J.O. Willits, Chairman.

The Chairman of committee on selection of grounds reported that they found suitable grounds and location in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec.10 Town54 -Range84 being about one mile east of town of Big Horn and on government land.

The committee further recommended the adoption of said location. On motion the report was received and the committee discharged. On Motion of W.E. Jackson the location recommended by the committee was adopted for cemetery. On motion of H.A. Coffeen the meeting proceeded organize a cemetery company for the purpose of locating and improving a cemetery. On motion the name Mount Hope was chosen as name of cemetery and company. On motion a committee of five was appointed on or-

ganization to complete the subscription list and attend to other necessary preliminary matters to report to next meeting.

J.O. Willits
J.H. Sackett
H.A. Coffeen
J.J. Wagoner
W.E. Jackson

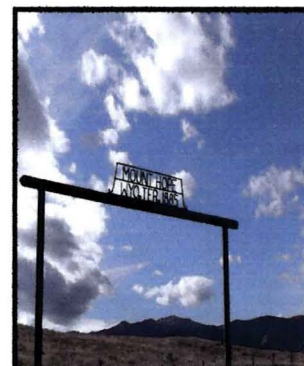
Were appointed.

BIG HORN WYO

FEB 5, 1885

We the undersigned subscribe the member of shares set opposite our respective names in the Mount Hope Cemetery to the shares being fixed at five dollars per share:

J.H. Sackett—one shares paid
W.E. Jackson—one shares paid
J.J. Wagoner—one shares paid
R.D. Darlington—one shares work
F.J. Woodley—one-two if in posts
J.O. Willits—one shares paid
J.W. Howard—one on gate with Austin
H.A. Coffeen—one shares paid
J.W. Austin—one-offers to put up good & suitable gate together with Howard
J.W. Custis—one shares paid
Fredrick Fofte—one deciding to work it out
A.J. Lambrigger—one if in work
Chas W. Skinner—one paid
Delos Babcock—one paid
Valentine Reece—one paid



The sign and gate were designed and built by blacksmith Lance Brown Sinsle. Many of you knew him as Brownie. His blacksmith shop was the location for the early Big Horn newspaper, The Sentinel.

HEADSTONE PROJECT

In 2003, the Cemetery board decided to mark the unknown and unmarked graves. We used old records that had been kept by Vie Garber, Sally Springer, Jim Berry and Deck Hunter. It was determined that we had 12 graves that needed to be marked "UNKNOWN" and 76 that needed markers (names and spaces were known but headstones were never set.)

Of course, we are still finding that some spaces are occupied that we had no records of burials. May they rest in peace...again. (Never a dull moment in pioneer history.)



AN "UNKNOWN" MARKER



Louise Farwell's headstone: 1st burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery



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FEATURED PHOTO OF THE MONTH



On September 12, 2006 the Bozeman Trail Inn had extensive fire damage. Note the smoke billowing from the wagon. A fund has been set up to help restore the Inn. Send donations to BHCHS. Photo courtesy of Anita Nichols.

We have received word that Bryan Anderson has been killed in a tragic accident in Tennessee. He was the grandson of Dick & the late Sally Springer. Our sympathy goes out to Dick, Jennifer and the Springer family.

ANNUAL

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NEWS from last meeting—

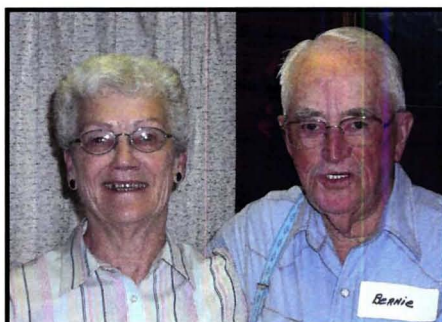
The membership has given the board approval to donate up to \$500 to the Shepard family. They own the Bozeman Trail Inn which was partly destroyed from a fire last month. A fund has been set up to collect donations for their personal needs. Donations may be sent to us at the above address. Let's help preserve this National Historic Site.

Thank you for your kindness.

CORRECTION: Mona Coates Brown has been elected as Treasurer, not Monna Monk. Sorry Mona & Monna. Does this qualify as Identity Theft?

THANK YOU

A huge thank you goes out to Barb Sare for her dedication on the newsletter over the past few years. And also to Bernie Sare for helping Barb



with the mailing (folding, sorting, labeling, etc.) They help out in so many ways. Thanks Barb & Bernie!!! (See Bernie as a young school boy P. 4)

BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

SARAH DANKO	8
SANDRA JOHNSON	8
BOB CAIOLA	10
BERNIE SARE	10
CAROL ORR	16
DOROTHY McIntyre	17
MARILYN BILYEU	26

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(Attn: Judy Slack)

OCTOBER PROGRAM

The program for the October 22nd meeting will be presented by Bob Edwards, Educator at the Gatchell Museum in Buffalo. It will be an overview of the Johnson County Cattle War from different perspectives of the groups involved.

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DATE-**

**Oct.22 @ 1p.m.
BIG HORN
WOMAN'S CLUB
Carry In Lunch
Program to follow.**



Joyce Dewey
1004 George Drive
Marshfield WI 54449

—OUR THOUGHTS GO OUT TO THEIR FAMILIES—

GENTLE REMINDER THAT DUES ARE DUE. THANK YOU.

OCTOBER MEETING—THOSE MEMBERS HELPING THIS MONTH :
SET UP AT 11:30: RENE ADAMS, SCOTTIE SCOTT & JUDY SLACK
CLEAN UP— GENE & DIANE CAIOLA, RENE ADAMS & LENORA SCOTT.



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Barbara Nottingham Johnson
Tom & Ky Dixon
Gerald & Karen Gardner
John & Harriett Clendenen
Janet Holcomb
Donna Rae Hutson
Norene Baxter
Joyce Billings
Martha Ann Clarkson
Alma Kilmarx
Noel Young
Margaret Kethman
Lily Bumbaca
John & Shirley Genereaux
Ray & Bea Hutson
Ruby Smithhisler
Marvin Nottingham
Lloyd Vandenberg
Bert & Cloe Skinner
Last Chance Bar
Joel & Brenda Caiola

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

JUDY MUSGRAVE

BIG HORN BASKETBALL TEAM:

(EARLY 1940'S)

Standing L to R: Mr. DeJarnett,
Jack Sackett, Earl Beckwith, Jack
Dow.

Seated L to R: Bill Kinnaman,
Ralph Blaney, Frank Blaney,
Bernard Sare.



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Program Presenter: BRUCE BURNS

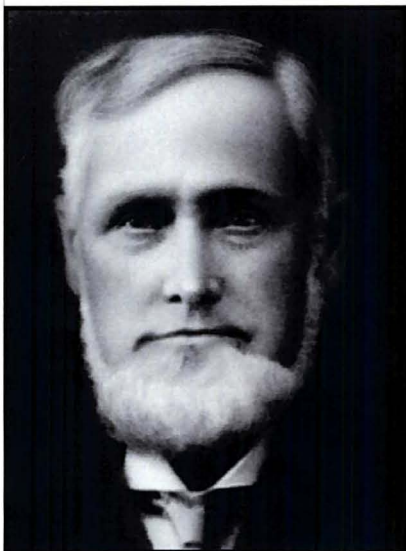
"Personal stories of Legendary Cowboy Curley Witzel"

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LINDA DAVIS

For her expertise, talent and time in framing the Pioneer Family Pages for the Multiplex. She is a descendant of the Parker family who settled in Big Horn in the early 1900's. Linda and her husband Larry own Davis' Gallery in Sheridan. Thank you Linda for all your hard work. (And we can't wait to see the Parker family photos to add to our collection.)

HISTORY NOTES:

Below: Jerome Brown, an early Big Horn Pioneer, was serving as a Johnson County Commissioner during the JC Cattle War.

**THE GOOD OLD DAYS**

This photo, through the courtesy of Mrs. Floyd Bard of Big Horn, shows the U. S. cavalry riding down Main street in Buffalo after intervening in a cattle war to save

ranchers from defeat by rustlers. Floyd Bard is the boy in the center kicking up dirt.

Johnson County War

Above: US Cavalry riding down Main Street in Buffalo after intervening in the JCCW to save the invaders. Floyd Bard (another early Big Horn Pioneer) is the boy in the center kicking up dirt. April 1892



MT. HOPE CEMETERY

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ESTABLISHED IN 1885

WILLIAM FIELD II

June 12, 1885

Died, near Big Horn, Friday, June 12th, 1885, of rheumatic fever, William II, son of Mrs. Mary A Field, in the 26th year of his age. His funeral took place this afternoon: interment in the Mount Hope Cemetery.

MARTHA H. RUMMEL: February 5, 1887 Last Monday afternoon the remains of Mrs. J. C. Rummel were laid to rest in the Big Horn cemetery. Mrs. Rummel was at the time of her death a resident of Beckton, but had previously resided in this vicinity and was quite well known, and highly esteemed. Mr. Rummel has the sympathies of the entire community. He is left with two infant children, one some three or four years old, the other only a few days. This was the second interment in the Big Horn cemetery this winter. (Below: Martha Rummel's headstone.)

**MRS. BOTTOM
PASSED AWAY
MAY 2, 1888**

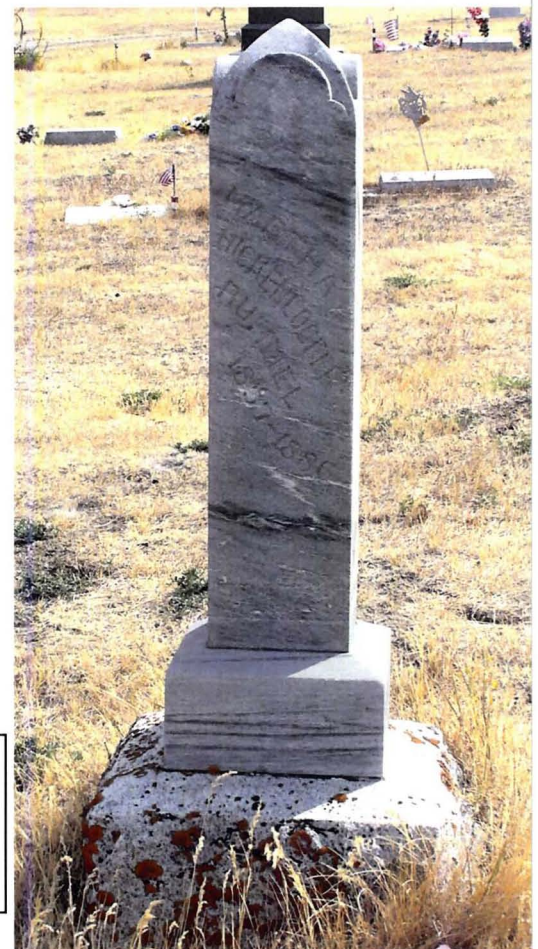
**MANY FOLKS WERE
NOT ABLE TO PAY
FOR A BURIAL PLOT
SO THE NORTH-
EAST CORNER OF
THE CEMETERY
WAS RESERVED. IT
WAS CALLED THE
POTTER'S FIELD.
TODAY WE REFER
TO IT AS THE PARK.**



JANET C. LOTHIAN MARCH 17, 1886

Mrs. P. Lothian died on Wednesday last, after a brief illness. Her body was taken to Big Horn, for interment. Mrs. Lothian leaves a husband and four children, the youngest only a few weeks old, to travel down life's pathway without a mother's care.

**MRS. WALSTON
PASSED AWAY
NOVEMBER 11, 1886**



Side Note: One of the four children was Cuthbertson "Bert" Lothian Dow. He was raised by Jack and Auntie Helen Cuthbertson Dow. Helen and Janet were sisters.



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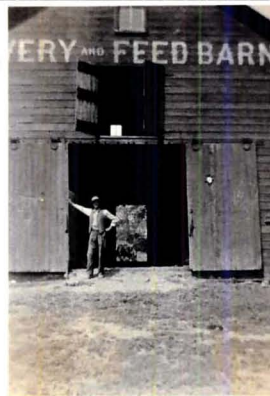
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FEATURED PHOTOS



William H Eckerson:

Bill was with several hundred other men who played a minor part in the Johnson County Cattle War. He was at the TA Ranch at the surrender of the hired "invaders". He said he had never seen a more relieved bunch of people than the invaders were when the soldiers from Ft. McKinney came to their (the invader's) rescue. Several other Big Horn men were also at this event, some of whom carried guns of men who had stayed at home. Photo on R: Bill's livery barn. (Current location of the Last Chance Bar)



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**OUR PRESIDENT BOB ROLSTON IS
A NEWLY ELECTED SHERIDAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**



Bob Rolston with his precious Aunt Melvine. Congratulations Bob. And we know you will do a fine job in leading our county during the coming years.

**BIRTHDAYS FOR
DECEMBER**

- 1 Carlton Perry**
- 6 Sue Thoboben & Jackie Perry**
- 7 Larry Grooms**
- 10 Ann Danko & Mary Jane Legerski**
- 14 Bob Harper**
- 16 Gina Dewey**
- 23 Mary Harper & Edith LaMeres**
- 25 Faye Symons & Lenora Scott**
- 26 Holly Harper**
- 27 Tom Harper**
- 28 Virginia Nies**
- 29 Margaret Kethman**

Helen Currie has been in the hospital for 3 weeks with pneumonia & congestive heart failure. She is doing better and will soon be living at Westview Nursing Home. Cards may be sent to PO Box 233 Big Horn WY82833

NOVEMBER 19th PROGRAM
DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

The November program will be presented by Vic Garber and Ed Schunk, and will be on the early development of storage reservoirs, diversions and irrigation systems bringing water to the Little Goose Watershed.

CORRECTION: Bernie Sare was on page 3 not 4 in the Oct. paper.

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**HEPP FAMILY:**

Karl, Elsie, Rosa, Clara, Lora (on horses) & mother Rosa standing.

(One family member titled this "Going to a funeral". Might have been young Harry's.

Anyone know?)



APRIL 26, 1913

GUS (standing) & ROSA's (on right) WEDDING PHOTO.

Emil Benson (sitting) & Lora Hepp (on left)

In 1918, Gus and Emil decided to move to Big Horn. They moved to the original Lambrigger homestead west of Big Horn on Jackson Creek (it was also the former Jerome Brown Dairy). The two families lived together in the home located where the Lambrigger Cold Springs Seed Farm had been in the 1880's. During the 1920's and 30's, the two men once again went into business together hauling freight up Red Grade for Teepee Lodge, Big Goose Ranger Station, and the club at Dome Lake. On the return trip they would haul house logs and corral poles down the mountain using teams of horses and wagons. Later the Benson's, built a log home with the logs brought off the mountains. (An excerpt from the Pioneer Family Multiplex.)

**CHRISTIAN JOHN HEPP**

THANK YOU TO FRED GRAY of Buffalo for sharing photos, stories and diaries of Christian Hepp. We now have more to add to our multiplex pages on the Gus Olson and Emil Benson families. Gus married Rosa Hepp in 1913. Then in 1917 Emil married Lora Hepp. Another Hepp sister, Clara White, later lived in Big Horn with her family.

CHRISTIAN J. HEPP FAMILY Left to Right: Elsie Hepp (Gray), (baby) Karl Hepp, Christian Hepp (father), Rosa Hepp (Olson—standing), Rosa Hepp (mother), (baby) Harry Hepp (he passed away at a young age), Lora Hepp (Benson) and Clara Hepp (White). Photo taken about 1905.

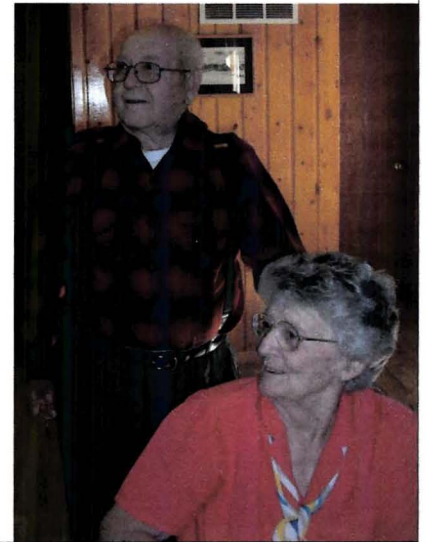


CHARLES W. SKINNER FAMILY: l-r: Fred, Mary (seated), Maud, Nellie, Charles W. and Jack.

Maud is Mary Harper's mother.



In 1880, the newly formed partnership of Sackett and Skinner was backed by the wholesale company of Baker and Graham of Cheyenne with enough groceries to fill four freight wagons. The group started for Little Goose Valley. Since Mr. Skinner had been freighting for some time, he had two wagons and twelve mules. Nels Darlington was in charge of the other two wagons which were owned by Sackett. Mr. Sackett rode horseback ahead to scout trails and crossings. Skinner and Darlington rode the left wheel mule on their respective teams. (An excerpt from the Pioneer Family Multiplex.) One of CW's wagons in photo to the right.



(Thank you for all you do) George and Mary Harper - they have been owners and guardians of the Big Horn Merc. Mary is Charles W. Skinner's granddaughter. Son Tom & Holly are current owners.



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A special thank you to Annette Rinaldo, CPA & Mary Ellen McWilliams of the SCHS for helping the BHCHS with questions we have on the 501c (3) Federal Tax status for non-profits. We are continuing to research the need for applying & to find a less expensive postal rate.

**BIG HORN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM
TOOK 2ND IN STATE IN THE 2A CONFERENCE.**

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Program Presenter: BOB EDWARDS OF THE GATCHELL MUSEUM WILL TALK ON "WILD MEN AND WILDER WOMEN--THE STORY OF OUTLAWS IN THE AREA."

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:
STEVEN & ADRIENNE REMMER****THANK YOU
TO OUR DONORS:**

Dee & Ladd Cochrane
Jay Dewey
William & Jeanne McIntosh
Gayle Miech
Don & Barb Oedekoven
Jim & Dee Clifton
Dorothy Enzi
Charlotte Smith

We also want to thank those who gave to the Bozeman Trail Inn Fire Fund.



1910 Park Reservoir:
Some of the photos to be shared at the next meeting. The top photo is labeled "Sluicing at Park Res. May 10, 1910". The lower photo is the camp site. (from the Bowman Collection)





MT. HOPE CEMETERY

MHC
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ESTABLISHED IN 1885

HUGH SKINNER

DECEMBER 1, 1887

Infant son of Wm. & Josephine Skinner

Infant Howard

December 1887

Infant son of Will & May Davis Howard

George Grundy
June 14, 1894

PF

TRAGEDY IN MOUNTAINS

George Grundy, the son of Charles Grundy, died as the result of accidental rifle fire in the Big Horn mountains. Young Grundy was in his father's cabin at the head of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Tongue River at the time of the accident. The men had been prospecting. Burial was in the Big Horn cemetery. DH

JAMES NEAL

MARCH 15, 1894

DIED

NEAL—At his home on Little Goose creek, six miles south of Sheridan, Thursday the 15th inst, James Neal at an advanced age.

Mr. Neal—Uncle Jimmy, as he was more familiarly known was one of the pioneers of Sheridan county and did his share toward the development of the country. He had a large circle of friends among who he was highly respected. He was taken sick about the 8th of the month, and after one brief week he passed away. His remains were interred in Mt. Hope cemetery on the following day. He leaves a wife to whom he was married about one year ago.

THE EDITOR WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK DECK HUNTER FOR ALL HER HARD WORK IN COMPILING THE VOLUMES OF HISTORICAL INFORMATION ON BIG HORN. If you see DH on any of these scanned articles that means Deck Hunter. She found and copied most all of the obituaries of folks buried in Mt. Hope. There are about 650 burials. THANK YOU DECK!!! JS

The photo to the right is Deck on the porch of the Merc taken in 1994 by Mark Junge, Wyo. State Museum. Photo found in the Spring/Summer 1994 Wyoming Annals in an article titled THE RISE & FALL OF BIG HORN CITY by Michael A. Amundson.



Deck Hunter on Porch of Big Horn Mercantile Co. 1994

Mark Junge, Wyoming State Museum



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"PAPA" LEM MARTIN'S CONSTRUCTION CREW. "He was outfitted in Boulder, Colorado with mule teams, five prairie schooners loaded with men & equipment." This photo was taken in Cheyenne, July 1884 on their way to Big Horn City, Wyoming Territory. Lem Martin fenced the land, built the Colorado Ditch & Big Horn Reservoir. He also built the Martin, Granger and Kearney Lake reservoirs. Family relatives in Iowa remarked, he had "water on the brain".

Lemuel Emery Martin married Minnetta (Minnie) Jackson in 1888.—BH PIONEERS

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375 MEMBERS. WE
SEND OUT 256 NEWS-
LETTERS. 285 HAVE
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ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

DECEMBER 2006

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**And a Happy Healthy NEW YEAR
to all our members.**

After our next meeting there will be a hayride-caroling party. It will start at 3:30 Dec. 17th. There will be a chili supper following the hayride. The Big Horn Community is welcome to attend. Janet Ruleaux, BH music teacher, will have her students help with the caroling. The BH Lions Club will provide the chili, the Womens Club will provide drinks and the Historical Society will provide desserts (we are asking for members to bring cookies or brownies in containers that can be taken on the hayrides.)

DECEMBER 17th PROGRAM

Member, Tom Ringley, has researched material and written a book about the HF Bar Dude Ranch from its beginning in the early 1900's to the present. He will give the program on this subject and will have his books available for purchase.

You are invited to attend the

140th Anniversary tour of the Fetterman Battle
Beginning at 9:30 am @ Ft. Phil Kearny December 21

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

If anyone wants their birthday listed, please send it to us.

Thank you.

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

GIFT IDEA:

**MELVINE'S
COOK BOOK
\$16 EACH**

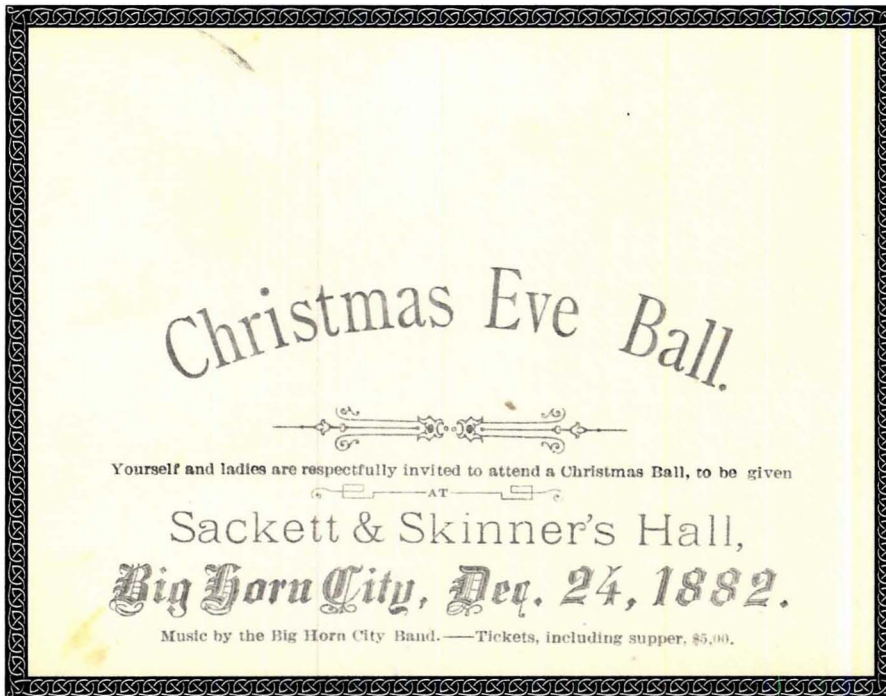
**We usually MEET THE 4TH
SUNDAY OF EVERY
MONTH:**

-NEXT MEETING DATE-

Dec. 17 @ 1p.m.

BIG HORN WOMAN'S CLUB

**Carry In Lunch
Program to follow.**



Christmas Eve Ball
Youself and ladies are
respectfully invited to at-
tend a Christmas Ball, to
be given

At
Sackett & Skinner's Hall,
Big Horn City, Dec. 24,
1882.

Music by the Big Horn
City Band.—Tickets,
including supper, \$5.00

This invitation was printed on heavy cream colored paper with gold gilded edges. I added the border and tried to reprint the font but could not recreate this beautifully printed invitation.

FROM O.P. Hanna's autobiography page 85: YEAR 1882—That winter Sackett and Skinner built what we considered then a big store and dance hall over it in Big Horn. The dedication of the hall was a big event. It was advertised far and near: people came from all over the country. The sleighing was good, the weather fine but rather cold. Many came from a long distance and when they arrived there were no hotels or places in Big Horn to accommodate them as far as sleeping was concerned. A crowd of 14 men and women came over from Buffalo, forty miles distant, in a big four-horse bob sled. When they arrived they were wondering what to do, just as I came along. I knew most of them and, after the greetings, some one called out, "Hanna, how are you fixed for accommodations at your ranch?" I replied, "Oh, plenty of room up there, just drive on up." Well, I had 2 rooms. I will never forget how the girls looked when they got up to the cabin and began to look it over. I said, "Now, see here, girls, I know what you are thinking—"Where in the world are we all going to sleep?" We have plenty of bedding and you have a lot more in your sled. You girls can make down your bed in one room and we men in the other. On the outside of the cabin, hanging up, is plenty of deer and elk meat, and there are all kinds of vegetables in the root house, a good stove to cook on, and my sister has made you welcome. Now all you have to do is to help her cook. What better do you want?"—After the work was done we all went to Sackett and Skinner's hall to the big dance. Every one had a jolly good time.—The weather turned very cold and stormy, the snow was drifting badly and it was not safe for those living at a distance to start home. They were all made welcome and for three days it was 'on with the dance, let joy be unconfined'. We would dance awhile, eat awhile, and sleigh-ride awhile: then go home and eat some more.—Finally when the storm cleared up, the visitors said, "Good-bye" and started for home.



Ski Photo from the Marc Coffeen Collection. Note: the REAL ski poles. And all the ladies are wearing dresses!! Thanks Marc for sharing. Ice skating on the Jackson pond. The girls are wearing dresses. The building on the hill is the Wyoming Collegiate Institute. No names or dates on either photo.

Gisela Romanjenko passed away November 17th at Westview Health Care Center. She was a member of our society for several years. Memorial Services will be held December 9th at the Big Horn Church. Our condolences go out to her family.

DECEMBER MEETING—THOSE MEMBERS HELPING THIS MONTH :

SET UP AT 11:30: Scottie Scott & Bernie and Barb Sare

CLEAN UP: Lenora Scott & Mona Brown



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The editor just
wanted to acknowl-
edge our dearest
friend and valuable
volunteer:

Bette Berry.
She wrote the Little
Goose Post from
1975-1981. She
does so much for
our historical soci-
ety, Mt. Hope
Cemetery and the
Women's Club.
Thank you Bette for
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