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AMERICAN DAY OF THE COWBOY

PROGRAM JULY 30, 2016 - 1:00 P.M.

MUSEUM EVENT CENTER

ROY AND LINDA ROPER - THE ROPER RANCH

“Roy asserts they are not long-time residents in Fremont County, having lived here only 40 years, working with many farm and ranch people during my career with the Conservation Service. I actually did more of the conservation work after my retirement in 1958, such as help with strip-mine rehabilitation”.

THE GOODNIGHT BARN PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Laurel Campbell, Co-Chair of the Goodnight Barn Preservation Committee, covers a bit more detail on the cattle drives, the Texas Longhorns, the historic areas that Goodnight and his drovers chose for swing stations and, of course, the settling of his Pueblo Rock Canyon Ranch in 1868. She also talks about the Nolan Land Grant, the large range the Longhorns grazed, including the Babcock’s Hole Ranch in Wetmore, CO, the building of his magnificent stone barn in 1870 and his eventual move to the Palo Duro Canyon in the Panhandle of Texas in 1876.

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Rudd House Exhibit by Cañon Exploratory School Students

On Friday night, May 20, 2016, the public was introduced to and educated by the exhibit put on by the Cañon Exploratory School students who had taken on a very historic project. The Rudd House project was absolutely wonderful.

The crowd of over 180 people was certainly entertained and enlightened as they toured through the museum looking at the exhibits - from the genealogical tree (apple tree, of course), to the timeline of the Rudd family and their many trials and tribulations. The crowning glory of the exhibit was the mock-up of the Rudd Stone house, which stands behind the museum to this day. This portrayal of the house, from the front façade to each room carefully furnished in period and the portraits of the family on the walls, was perfect!

The refreshments served by the Friends were well received, and the many families that attended were refreshed with brownies and veggies, as well as lemonade and water to drink. The crowd was exceptionally well represented by the many students who worked on the project and were there to explain the intricacies of their creations. The Friends are always seeking additional members to help support the Staff of the Museum. Please pick up your envelope at the Museum and send in your support for great events such as this.

The Museum Staff was on its toes, and presented the exhibit in the most educational and interesting manner - as well as taking many hours of their time to help the students produce this historical depiction of one of the most famous of our pioneer families in Cañon City.

I would urge you to visit the museum soon, and wander around from the Timeline to the Rudd Cabin which will be opened by the staff for tours.

What a great way to teach history, and how to make a presentation to students in the 7th and 8th grades of Cañon Exploratory School.

For more information: Carol McNew, 275-1468
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REPLICA OF THE RUDD HOUSE INTERIOR - STUDENT MADE



GENEALOGY TREE



STUDENTS WHO EXHIBITED





ABOVE: The Rudd family timeline and travels was very carefully researched by the students, with the help of the staff.
LEFT: The Friends furnished sustenance for the crowd to enjoy during their visit to the exhibit.
BELOW: A family who came to see what their student accomplished.



SYNOPSIS OF CHARLES GOODNIGHT/ROCK CANYON RANCH PRESENTATION AND SLIDE SHOW

The Presentation is an approximately 30-35 minute talk and slide show on the history of Charles Goodnight’s life and his Rock Canyon Ranch in Pueblo, Colorado. Its main focus is on Western Heritage in Colorado and preservation of the same for our future generations.

Linda Crawford, Co-Chair of the Goodnight Barn Preservation Committee, uses the first half of the presentation to speak to Goodnight’s early life, his arrival in Texas, his jobs as a youth and teen (including Indian Scout and Texas Ranger) that prepared him for his life-long work in the cattle trail and ranching business later in life. She also speaks to his early interest in Texas Longhorns, his partnership with Oliver Loving and the first cattle drives they did together.

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Left: Linda Crawford, Co-Chair of the Goodnight Barn Preservation Committee, Inc. Right: Laurel Campbell, Co-Chair of the organization and contact for most information in this article. Email her at laurelcampbell@comcast.net



The local story of homesteading, ranching and building of the infrastructure of the agricultural part of Fremont County will be presented by ROY ROPER:

Roy Roper was born March 2, 1925 in a frame home two miles south of Goodpasture near Beulah. CO. His education consisted of attendance at a one-room school house at Cedar Grove from 1930 to 1939, Beulah School one year, (39-40), and graduated from Central High School, Pueblo, CO in 1942. He attended Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College in Fort Collins (now Colorado State University) and graduated in 1950 with a B.S. degree in Agriculture.

Roy entered the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served through 1946, during WWII as an electrician on a Cruiser, USS Vincennes, serving in the South Pacific Theater. He worked as a District Conservationist for 33 years with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, then another 21 years in retirement work, with a final retirement in March of 2005.

He is married to Linda Roper. They had four children, 2 sons and 2 daughters. Roy enjoys several hobbies – mainly gardening, hunting, fishing, camping, genealogy, local history and writing his life history for his family.

(photo by Carol McNew)



Linda and Roy Roper, Canon City, CO



DIGGIN IT THE DINOSAUR EXPERIENCE IN FREMONT COUNTY EXHIBIT - opened June 4, 2016, with a large crowd of interested people in the newest and best local Fremont County discovered dinosaur bone exhibit - featuring Fremont County denizens and their habits. This is still available for anyone who would like to come in and take a look. Pictured are the luscious "Jurassic Cakes" furnished for refreshment.

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INTERN HELPS THE STAFF IN MANY WAYS**

She is almost done with her formal education at Adams State College in Alamosa, and this summer she is getting credit for an incredible experience in the real world as an intern at the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center.

Alexa Ashley, who is a native Cañon City girl, has decided her life is headed toward a major degree in Theater, and a minor in Anthropology. She expresses her interest in the historical stories of the past which she has found in the Museum and History Center. She conducts tours throughout the exhibit area, explaining the various types of diverse heritage available in Fremont County.

Alexa's parents are Jennifer and Sean Garvin, of Cañon City, and she is living here for the summer with them. She has a fiance', and is planning a 2017 marriage when she has achieved her degree from College.

Alexa's special interest in the History Center is the Family files and the genealogy aspect of the History Center Collection. She readily helps with any research that happens to be presented to the staff, as well as her tour guide duties throughout the two-story building.

Alexa spends 18 hours a week as an intern/volunteer at the Museum and History Center. She started her experience here on June 1, 2016, and will be returning to College in August to complete her education.



Alexa Ashley, Intern at History Center
Photo by Carol McNew

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