

FREMONT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON
SUNDAY -JANUARY 20, 2019 - 2:00 P.M.

ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER **Becoming Detectives of History**

The Museum Director of the Royal Gorge Regional Museum will be presenting a program that will highlight all the cool resources and programs the museum has to offer the public. From their Reading Room to their specials tours and outreach programs, the museum is the place to engage in our local history.

The program will then segue into a hands-on activity where you get to be the museum curator investigating an artifact.

Here is your chance to discover what artifacts can tell us about the time and place in which they were made and maybe something about the person who owned it. You will never look at an everyday object the same way again!

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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church,
801 Sheridan Avenue, Cañon City
2:00 p.m. - Public Welcome
Refreshments served

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MUSEUM STAFF



From the left: Katie Conrad, Curator of
Collections and Exhibits

Kathleen Eaton, Community Outreach
Coordinator

Rachel Smith, Services Manager/ Archival
Librarian

Lisa Studts, Museum Director

Brandon Mares, Museum Assistant

HISTORY OF THE ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER

The Municipal Building was built in 1927 with the help of local businessman Dall DeWeese. He helped to acquire funding for the construction of the building with the condition that the second floor of the building would always be a museum. He also stipulated that the building be fireproof, with concrete floors and sturdy walls to hold large taxidermy mounts. DeWeese even designed the fireplace on the second floor that incorporates dinosaur fossils, petrified wood, minerals and a part of a stalactite. The first artifacts displayed in the museum were, of course, items collected and donated by Dall DeWeese. The world famous artist Robert Amick a native son of Fremont County, also has several paintings on display.

Denver architect Eugene Groves designed the building. He also was the architect of the former Cañon City High School (now the Middle School), the Administration Building at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, and the American Mountaineering Center in Golden, Colorado, just to name a few. The Municipal Building is listed on the National Register of Historic Properties as well as the Fremont County Heritage Commission's Local Landmark Registry.

Today, the Cañon City Municipal Building houses the Heritage Center's exhibit galleries, program room, and research room. You will be greeted by knowledgeable docents and volunteers who will gladly assist you with your genealogical, historical, family and regional questions. Welcome to a really great educational and interesting experience. (Excerpt from the Website of the RGRM&HC) Contact Number 719 269 9036

RIGHT: A NEW SIGN FOR THE HISTORY CENTER

The City of Cañon City recently contracted with Mountain Masonry to construct a "real" sign in front of the Museum (along with the Allosaurus Dinosaur) and that work was completed in summer of 2018.

The brick and stone signage is an important addition to the vintage look of the structure, and a good identification for the building that used to be the Municipal Building, and many people still consider the "Place to Pay the Water Bill." The finished sign is ready for the New Year. (Courtesy photo RGRM&HC)



The City of Cañon City is pleased to print the Fremont County Historical Society Newsletter as a contribution to the Society. Thanks for all you do for Fremont County History!



AUGUSTUS MACON WELL AT 1315 RIVER STREET

DAILY RECORD --DATE SEPTEMBER 14, 1958

HEADLINE:

Old Landmark of Cañon City is Being Razed

One of the oldest houses in Cañon City, believed to be 92 years old located at 1315 River Street is being razed. Claude Dowan, owner, expects to erect a business building on the site, later.

Dowan learned that the house is on the Augustus Macon Ranch and apparently had been built by Macon. The stone and adobe structure still was in good condition.

The old well on the place is another landmark and Dowan is planning to keep it as such. It is a hand-dug well, 42 feet deep, walled up with rocks and was dug possibly three quarters of a century ago. *(Info from RGRM&HC)*



RIGHT:
The Augustus Macon home at 1315 River Street. Purchased and lived in by the Leonard and Bolin families for 50 years.



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The new Starbucks store on the corner of 13th and Royal Gorge Boulevard is now a historical site. They have allowed the City and FCHS to preserve this 140 year-old well on the property so all may enjoy a true historical monument to the pioneers.



The Starbucks Company was kind enough to include this old well in their plans for the beautiful new facility. The City of Cañon City produced the plaque and the well surround, as well as the bench which gives this unique perspective to the historical scene. Enjoy.
(Photos: Carol McNew)



(Photo: Bushnell, prospector, Coaldale) Mineral exploration and prospecting were a definite part of the civilizing of the wild west. We still have exploration going on today – this is our heritage.



FREMONT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SUPPORTS THE
GARDEN PARK SCHOOL PROJECT

The January program of the Historical Society will include the presentation of a check to the Garden Park School Group who are working very hard to restore the Garden Park School building to a usable condition for community enjoyment.

A new wall has been built on the west side. The building is receiving a grant for further engineering studies to complete the inside, and hopefully with some help from the community, will be able to get bullet-proof windows installed, since there are some vandals who like to shoot at them.

The Historical Society is extremely interested in preserving all the historical buildings that represent the pioneering and ranching experiences that we have nearly forgotten.

Join us on September 20, to show your support for this great project. We will be presenting a check to Peggy and Curt Sorenson, as representatives of the Garden Park School restoration committee.

The Board will "Pass the Hat" as we always do, and a portion of this money will also be contributed to a worthy cause.

SPECIAL AWARD WILL BE GIVEN AT THE PROGRAM:

We will be presenting our annual "Doc" Little Historian of the Year award. This award is in recognition of someone in the community who has contributed time, money and demonstrated enthusiasm for the various historical projects that that will help to encourage our next generation to learn about and appreciate those who have come before.

For more information: fremontheritage.com

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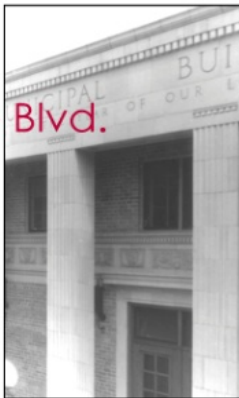
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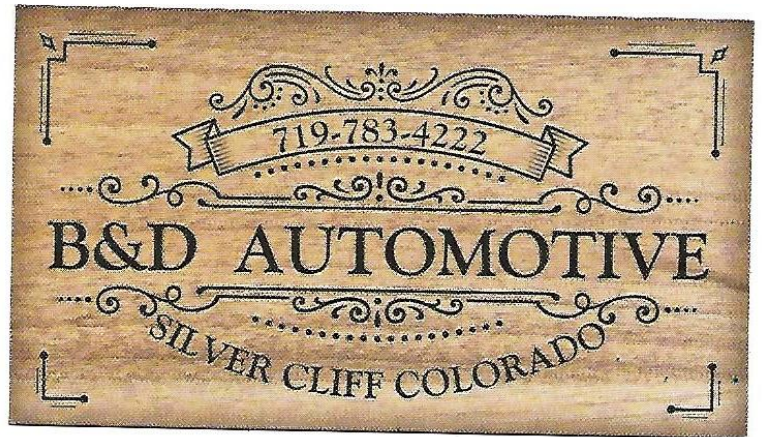
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