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Mule Skinners, Jehus and Whips

Come celebrate the National Day of the American Cowboy on Saturday, July 27th at 1:00. The Friends of the Museum will be hosting a program to honor early Fremont County Freight Routes and Stage Coach Routes and the fearless folks who made them possible.

The presentation will include several areas of Fremont County where freight routes and stage routes were used because train rails had not been laid to our pioneer towns.

Please come and enjoy a trip to the past and learn how our Fremont County pioneers traveled the beautiful, but not always the safest, back roads. Learn how brave stage coach and freight wagon drivers moved our ancestors to their new homes and kept them fed after they arrived.

The afternoon promises to be filled with history, adventure, and entertainment. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

History in the Making

The **Historic Bike Tours** will continue on the second Saturday of each month through September. July will feature Tunnel Drive; August will be a trail ride coordinated with Ashlee Sac and FAR. The season will conclude in September with a leisurely ride through downtown.

Old Timer's Coffee meet the first Thursday of each month at 9:00a.m. July will not meet due to the July 4th holiday. The August discussion will focus on South Canon.

Museum Day Camps for children will continue in July. Eight to ten year olds will investigate Pioneers and Westward Expansion, Mining and King Coal, Paleontology, and Bridges. Each session includes a presentation, activities, tour, snack and a craft. Come join in the fun.

Doc Susie, My Neighbor:

Presentation by Owen Briggs - Saturday, August 3 at 1:00. Owen Briggs will present a program on Doctor Susan Anderson, one of Colorado's earliest female doctors.

STEAM Activity Day will be on August 17th, between 10:00a.m - 2:00p.m.

Check the museum's calendar for the schedule of all activities, registration and waiver forms.

<https://www.fremontheritage.com/friends-of-the-museum>

Genealogy Program & Classes

Join us at the museum on Saturday, July 13th at 1:00 for an introduction to genealogy program led by Terri Meeks.

Tracing Your Female Ancestors will introduce attendees to the various records and resources available to help find your elusive ancestor's maiden or even given name.

The Provision of Births - See the Registrar - All the records of Births, Deaths, and Marriages are kept in the County Clerk's Office in the County of the State in which the Birth, Death, or Marriage occurred.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COCKE COUNTY
REPORT OF BIRTH
VITAL STATISTICS DEPARTMENT—COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Form 200-A, 1927
10-343-29

1. SPED Name of Child: NOVAK
2. Sex: FEMALE Race or Color (If not of the white race):
3. Number of CHILD of this Mother: _____ How many are living (if all):
4. Date of this Birth: Feb 16, 1900
5. Place of Birth: 107 W. 23rd Street: LOUISIANA
6. Residence of Mother: No. _____ Street _____
7. Place of Birth: a. Father: _____ TOWN _____ STATE OR COUNTRY _____
b. Mother: _____ AGE OF _____
8. Full Name of Mother: NOT LISTED
9. Full Name of Father: ANTON NOVEK
10. Occupation of Father: _____
11. Name and Address of Nurse or Attendant (if any):
12. Reported by: ANNIE SOBOSKI Telephone: 412-1
From _____ at _____ Residence: _____ Telephone: _____

WITH PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

This certificate should be returned on a separate Birth Report. The Registrar's Office of the County Clerk should be notified, if possible, when this certificate is made, and should, in every case, be reported to the County Clerk of the County in which the birth occurred. In case of more than one child at a birth, a SEPARATE RETURN must be made for each, and the number of such, and the number of birth, must be stated.

Terri will follow up this program with a series of genealogy classes on the second Saturday of each month from September through March. Classes will meet at the museum from 1:00 to 3:00p.m. Each two hour session will provide an in-depth study of a specific record group. Topics will include: How to Get Started and Tips for Organization; Census Research; Vital, Church and Cemetery Records; Courthouse and Library Research; Military Records; Immigration, Emigration and Naturalization; and Sharing the Results of Your Research.

STEAM Activity Day

As the name implies, this program will be a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) focused activity day. The drop-in program will have a variety of hands-on activities including bridge building, tower building challenges, and paper airplanes. Participants can let their imagination help them create objects with every day products such as a raft made out of tinfoil and straws that support the weight of coins. The program is geared towards elementary age children but all ages are welcome to participate. Join us on Saturday, August 17th between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for some educational fun.

New Scanner Has Arrived

How exciting is a new scanner? Well, if you have over 6,000 old photos to preserve and a lot of needs in the future, then a scanner is pretty exciting. The Friends of the Museum and History Center provided the money to make this possible for the staff at the Museum and History Center. The scanner is an Epson Express 12000XL from Lasersoft Imaging. It has easy to use software with color correction and a preview window to show what you are working on. It is also capable of scanning graphic arts projects and can remove scratches and dust from old negatives and slides. The step by step directions make it almost work itself! What a fantastic machine to help with all of the preservation work at the Museum and History Center. Thank you to all of our members; it is your dollars and your support of our activities that have made this gift to the museum possible.

Royal Gorge Bridge Celebrations

The museum hosted a number of events during the week of June 6th in recognition of the 90th anniversary of the start of construction of the Royal Gorge Bridge. Tracy Harmon from the Pueblo Chieftain came to the museum on June 5th for a Royal Gorge Community Discussion. Members of the community were invited to share stories, photos, and memorabilia about their personal or family history with the Royal Gorge Bridge all of which were recorded.

Staff, members of the Friends of the Museum and guests came to celebrate the official opening of museum's Suspended Through Time exhibit on Friday, June 7th. Everyone delighted in seeing the brightly lit bridge, reading the construction history and seeing the treasures from the museum's collection. The parachute elicited much speculation. Snacks and conversation were in abundance.



The week culminated with the presentation of Back Story: The Men Who Actually Built the Bridge on Saturday, June 8th. Terri Meeks introduced us to 13 of the carpenters, steel workers, welders, and laborers who worked from June 6 to December 8, 1929 to build the Royal Gorge Bridge while also describing the economic framework in which construction took place. Most of the men came from central states and had previously worked on

farms but some came from the east coast with unusual occupations like silk weaver. Many of the men made their homes in Canon City and continued to work in local industries while others returned to their home states. We look back with appreciation, admiration, and recognition of their place in this piece of history.

Historic Bike Tours



Warm weather activities are in full swing. Twenty-five people showed up at the Lakeside Cemetery on Saturday, May 11th to kick off the summer season of bike tours. This first event featured flat surfaces and no traffic making for an easy start for cyclists. Luise Barton, who has worked to photograph and upload tombstone information to findagrave.com gave a short talk on cemetery etiquette. Kathleen Eaton conducted the tour giving participants valuable information about the history of the cemetery and each of the featured

tombstones. James Goodlett was the first burial in 1875. High-wire performer Bird Millman O'Day, George Rockafellow, Ralph Wann, Hall of Fame football player Earl "Dutch" Clark, Royal Gorge bridge welder Alex Lockhart, Fremont County's last living Civil War Veteran Joseph Smith, and Civil War veteran Eunice Vipond were all featured on the tour.

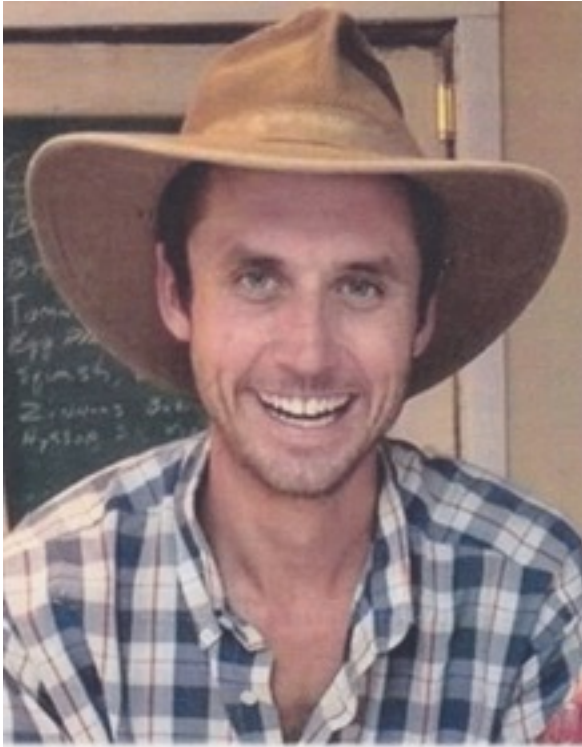


"Orchards" was the topic of the June 8th bike tour. Everyone met at Canon Exploratory School and rode south a short distance to view what was, at one time, the fair grounds area where Pawnee Bill and his wife May, the "Champion Girl Horseback Shot of the West" performed. We then headed north where Kathleen Eaton told us about the Canon City meteorite which actually struck a house 3.18 km north of the post office in 1973. (Distance from the post office is how meteorites are documented)!

We pedaled uphill to Telck's Hillside Orchard where Paul Telck regaled us with stories about the art and science of apple growing especially the Colorado Orange apple. He answered numerous questions about apples and everyone promised to return in the fall when the apples were ripe.

Wanted: Unique Fabrics

The museum is looking for fabric scraps to put together small booklets so people can touch different types of fabric while looking at our next exhibit. Corduroy, satin, linen, lamé, silk, velvet, anything unique will be greatly appreciated. If you have any fabric scraps that measure 4" x 6" or larger, donations are welcome. There is also a similar need for batting. If you have any of these fabrics, you can bring them to Katie Conrad.



Denny Stately

Denny Stately was a very active member of the Friends of the Museum and History Center. Although he left young in years, he left lasting positive and loving memories with all who were lucky enough to have known him.

His joy of life was enthusiastically spent accomplishing many projects considered challenges both in his farming career and as a volunteer.

Without hesitation he took on jobs that seemed impossible to others and he brought about amazing results that actually tended to improve the Museum and History Center and our community. He really did spread the seeds of love (his legacy) and was a mentor to both old and young alike to continue this goodness. He will be sorrowfully missed.

Hike With a Paleontologist

Led by Andrew Smith, participants had the chance to actually hike up to the site of the Marsh-Felch quarry and view the area where excavations occurred in the late 1800s. This was a bit of a scramble, but well worth the chance to actually stand where excavations were once done. Many excellent questions were asked regarding paleontology and Andrew shared his extensive knowledge of the field with his answers. Hopefully, each participant walked away feeling more knowledgeable than when they arrived.





Museum Day Camps

Summer is here and the camps for 6 and 7 year olds kicked off on Wednesday, June 12th. The program on Pioneers, Westward Expansion and the Rudd Cabin featured games, activities, a tour of the Rudd Cabin, and snacks. Playing a life-sized board game was a great way to discover that it might have taken 3 months to cross the prairie to arrive in Colorado, you could have purchased a ranch, cattle and chickens, but you might also have experienced adversity.

Old Timers Coffee

The Postal Service in Fremont County was the focus of the June 6th coffee. Rural carriers, letter carriers, and clerks with 20 to 32 years of service met to recall and share lively stories about clip-on ashtrays, inspector lofts, manual casing, relay boxes, snow storms, dog bites, pistols, and even prison breaks and drug busts. All agreed



that it was the people on their routes that contributed to their enjoyment of the job. Generations of families were known to these folks so that when a letter was addressed simply to Grandma, with a street and no number, they knew where to deliver it.

25 Fallen Angels

A small group of family and friends met at the Lakeside Cemetery on Mother's Day for a Celebration of Love and to honor 25 angels. Carol McNew of the Fremont County Historical Society introduced Luise Barton who reconstructed the burial records for these babies and children and who had coordinated with the Colorado Correctional Industries to make tiny crosses identifying each of the children. Rex Brady, Director of Parks, and Luise performed a ribbon cutting ceremony and a blessing of the "fallen angels" was pronounced by Carol McNew.

This ceremony marked the culmination of a multi-year investigation by Luise. While researching the cemetery for Historic Local Landmark status, she discovered two blocks that didn't appear on the cemetery map. Working with Nancy Masimer at the museum, the two ladies found a map dated May 15, 1916 showing the two missing blocks and a second map that showed the names. Luise enlisted that assistance of Ron Taylor, a volunteer at the museum, who was able to find obituaries for 16 of the 25 burials, all children from birth to 8 years old.



The photo shows sisters Patricia Aragon Reyes and Maria Aragon Stucker beside Luise Barton. The sisters had visited the cemetery as children with their parents. In later years they had seen the open, unmarked area but had forgotten where their four siblings were buried. In 2018 they met Luise and found out about her work to identify the burials. They attended the ceremony finally discovering where their sister Mary Margaret and three brothers Joe L, Joseph Thomas, and Peter Raymond were interred. Luise provided the following list of children:

John Alarcon (1930)
 Joe L. Aragon (9/13/1940 - 12/17/1940)
 Mary Margaret Aragon (1933-1938)
 Roger Babbitt (9/29/1940-9/30/1940)
 Infant Ferkel (1931)
 James P. Franco (1933)
 Mary Garcia (1943)
 Francis Lobato (1930)
 Lido Martinez (1942)
 Posy Montoya (1933)
 John W.. Moschetti (1928)
 Phillip Resendez (1929)
 Infant of Charles Salas (1930)
 () Burial Date Only

Manuleta Alarcon (5/12/1930 - 10/2/1930)
 Joseph Thomas Aragon (1939)
 Peter Raymond Aragon (2/24/1948-2/24/1948)
 Fransco Crenelas (1929)
 Fredrick Franco (8/31/1941-9/2/1941)
 Infant of Chris Gallegos (1939)
 Marcelina Gonzales (1934)
 Ella Martinita Martinez (1928)
 Baby girl Mercado (1942)
 Infant Moschetti (1929)
 Rafaila Ortiz (1931)
 Anacieto Salas (7/12/1922-8/14/1930)

Downtown Historical Markers

The museum continues to work with the city and Rotary Club to provide information for historical markers along Main Street. Three more markers are anticipated with focus on the local prison industry, the movie industry and two notable buildings: the Strathmore Hotel and Raynolds Bank.






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