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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
801 SHERIDAN AVE., CAÑON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. PUBLIC WELCOME

HISTORY LESSON:

Everyone has heard of the Liberty Bell, but have you heard of the Justice Bell (also known as the Suffrage Bell)? A close replica to the Liberty Bell, the Justice Bell was driven around the country to bring awareness to build support for the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The clapper (the part that hangs inside the bell) remained fastened, the bell remaining silent to represent the silence of women in the federal political arena. Upon the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the Justice Bell rang out 48 times for the 48 states (Hawaii and Alaska were not states yet).

The Bell is modernly exhibited at **Valley Forge National Historical Park**, although I believe it is temporarily featured at Independence NHP for a couple of weeks in honor of the centennial.

From the Internet. See Florence Archive Facebook page for more information on the 19th Amendment.

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NO REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

LOUISE EWING BURG

Will present the program on September 20, 2020 telling the story of her grandmother, Lucy Ewing, who traveled the USA telling the tales of incarceration because of her activities for the suffragist movement.

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The Justice Bell was taken across America, silenced to represent the women's lack of vote.





**LOUISE EWING BURG
PRESENTER FOR THE PROGRAM ON
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 --- 2:00 P.M.
All Covid preventions will be in
place.**

Louise Ewing Burg portrays her grandmother, Lucy Ewing, who was jailed for picketing the White House, published her secret prison diaries in a three-part installment in a Chicago newspaper, and toured the country by rail with a small group of Suffragists who had also been incarcerated in Occoquan Workhouse, on a speaking tour called the Prison Special. Several local ladies have represented the activists who were also inspired to print and distribute a newspaper called the Aegis. The journey that was taken across the USA was successful.



The view from the "Hog Back" in 1886 towards the East side of Canon City, including the penitentiary.

The Colorado State Penitentiary was built in 1871-72 and was 15 years old at this time.
From the collection FCHS, Linda Nelson Zupan

DRIVING TOUR TO SEE OUR HISTORICAL BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT



OCTOBER 10, OR 11TH - WATCH FOR MORE INFO

The Garden Park School Group will be sponsoring a "Drive By" fund-raiser in October to help a grant match project. The group has received a sizable grant for more restoration work on the historic building. More info:
Call: 719 423 9481

CODE OF THE WEST

"The Code of the West was a gentleman's agreement to certain rules of conduct. It was never written into the statutes, but it was respected everywhere on the range." — Ramon F. Adams

- 1) Live Each day with courage
- 2) Take pride in your work
- 3) Always finish what you start
- 4) Do what has to be done
- 5) Be tough, but fair
- 6) When you make a promise, keep it
- 7) Ride for the Brand
- 8) Talk less and say more
- 9) Remember that some things aren't for sale
- 10) Know where to draw the line

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you to all the new members who have joined this year - we are glad you have joined us.

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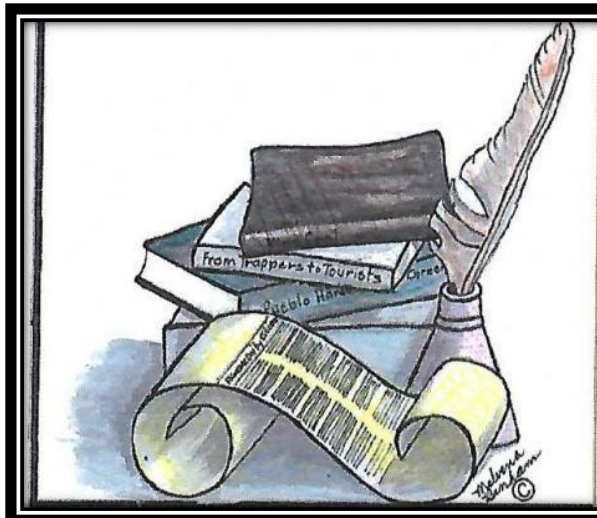
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FCHS from the collection of Linda Nelson Zupan, taken in 1886 of Cañon City from Smelter Hill (So. Cañon)

The view of Fremont Peak, Grant's Peak and area west of town.

Fremont Peak has a lower elevation at its summit when compared to some of Colorado's massive 14 and 13-thousand-foot mountains. It offers diverse desert flora and knock-out views. To access the **trail for Fremont Peak**, head to the East Ridge Campground in the **Royal Gorge Bridge and Park** where you'll find the radio tower access road.

This peak is the first thing you will see as you approach Cañon City from the East. The distinctive outline of "Star Watcher" lying on the top of the mountain is a well-known landmark of the area, and unless you have lived here a very short time, you are aware of the story about the reason she is lying on the mountain as a memorial to her bravery.

The silhouette is now known as "Star Watcher".

The story is told on the next page for you to remember, and realize there has always been controversy in this area, in this nation, and in the world between peoples, even of the same race.

FLORENCE PIONEER MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER

"Yesterday and Today" Pioneer Week September 15-19, 2020

The FPM Presents: "Yesterday and Today", September 15th-19th EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY/

In 1882, the pioneers of Eastern Fremont County began gathering and celebrating their new life with stories of their journey to our rich land, their trials getting here, songs, lots of food, with everyone drinking from the same cup. Later in 1927, the Florence Women's Club took the celebration to new heights and set the 3rd Saturday in September as the day to honor our pioneers of days gone by. Because Pioneer Day has been cancelled, the FPM will be hosting a celebration. See their website at: www.florencepioneermuseum.org.

LEGEND OF THE INDIAN MAIDEN ON FREMONT PEAK.

Excerpt from Daily Record,
Yesteryear by U. Michael Welch

Looking at the surrounding mountains, there is a mystique about various shapes, especially the ones steeped in legends. The most notable is Fremont Peak to the west of Cañon City, where locals are aware of and visitors can see an outline of a sleeping Indian on the horizon. As to legend, Cañon City was once the spot for Native Americans to spend the winters, where they bathed in the hot springs, searched for comfortable shelter and hunted. One year the Utes were camped near the river when a band of Blackfoot Indians came into the area.

While living in the-area, the Blackfoot braves could not find enough to eat, and they noticed there was food hanging in the Ute encampment. In desperation the Blackfoot braves crept into the other camp and stole some meat to keep from starving. However, the Chief of the Utes, Gray Wolf discovered the theft and tracked the thieves back to the Blackfoot camp. Gray Wolf vowed all of them would die and he told his warriors about the theft, and to kill them all.

He watched the Ute warriors kill the sleeping men, women and children. At the end of the battle, he suddenly heard a noise and saw a Blackfoot Indian holding a bundle up to him. As he lifted his knife to plunge into her, a Ute woman grabbed the baby from her, and she asked her to keep the belt because it would someday save the baby's life. She grew up, she turned into a beautiful maiden, and enjoyed listening to the Utes telling stories around the camp fire, especially the tale of the Indian who had died and **turned into a star**.

Because of this legend, she spent many hours sitting on a tree stump looking into the stars. She did it so much Utes nicknamed her "Star Watcher." Sometime after growing up she was betrothed to Running Deer, the son of Gray Wolf. In the meantime, the Blackfoot Indians remembered the slaughter of their people and waited patiently until Gray Wolf and his band camped in the same spot as the slaughter had occurred.

One day when they arrived in the area, the Blackfoot crept into the camp, while Buffalo Chief watched in the same way Gray Wolf had done so many years before. When he noticed a young Indian maiden crawling toward him holding something in her hand, he killed her.

When he looked down, he saw the belt, the one he had given to her so many years before. To his dismay, it was his daughter, who he thought had been killed. According to the Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center



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