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## Old Timey Movies Are Back!

What better way to celebrate the coming of Fall than watching old timey movies at the museum. Let's rewind the clock to 1965 and 1973 as we once again highlight movies that were filmed here in Cañon City. Because of variance restrictions each movie will be shown two nights in a row and you will need to register with the museum for the showing of your choice. Each movie will start at 6:30 and will run approximately 96 minutes.



Following is a schedule of the featured films:

September 17 and 18 - Cat Ballou, a comedy starring Jane Fonda and Lee Marvin (for which he won an Academy Award).

September 24 and 25 - The Brothers O'Toole, a western spoof starring John Astin and Steve Carlson as two con-artists on a gold hunt in 1890 Colorado.

A \$4 donation is suggested. Join us for free popcorn and four evenings of historic entertainment.

## History in the Making

**Collecting COVID-19 Data** - To preserve the local history of the pandemic for future generations, the museum is asking participants to share your recollections in 750 words or less. Simply go to their website <https://museum.canoncity.org> and select Collecting COVID-19.

**Walking Tours** - Since group activities are limited at this time, download and explore some of the walking tours that are available right in our backyards. Three tours are available: Old Cañon City and Macon Addition, Tunnel Drive, and Old Cañon.

**Hike With A Paleontologist** - The museum's presence on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) continues to grow with videos. Join Andrew Smith for a history and exploration of the Garden Park Fossil Area.

Follow the museum's activities on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com). Simply look for the Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center to get tuned in to all the articles and activities.

If you are interested in viewing photos from the museum's collection, follow us on instagram at [rgmhmc](https://www.instagram.com/rgmhmc).

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

<https://museum.canoncity.org>

## Fiber Optic Cable

While the city might have started trenching to lay fiber optic cable back in December, it took until July to arrive at the museum! The digging which began on July 9th lasted two weeks. Holes have been drilled in the museum and the cable itself will hopefully be installed during the fall.



The faster internet speeds will allow the museum to livestream programs, to render some of their educational videos and to host [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).



A promotional poster for a genealogy program. The background is dark with two white skeletal hands reaching out from the sides. The text is in white and orange. At the top, it says "ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL MUSEUM &amp; HISTORY CENTER". The main title is "SKELETONS IN YOUR FAMILY CLOSET" in large, bold, orange letters. Below that, it says "Join us for a genealogy program about how to research the hidden history of your family presented by Terri Meeks. The program is free and open to the public but registration is required as space is limited." At the bottom, it says "Visit museum.canoncity.org or call (719) 269-9036 to register." and "TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 1:00 PM" in orange letters.



## Triceratops Winner Announced

The Friends of the Museum announced the winner of our silent auction at a small ceremony at the museum on Tuesday, July 21. Grandmother Karen Rau made the winning bid thinking the rocker would be the perfect gift for her granddaughter, McKenzie. The board and museum staff were present to welcome Ms. Rau and her granddaughter for the presentation and to express our thanks.

The ceremony could not have come at a better time. McKenzie turned two on July 24th and Karen left on July 29th for a year in Iceland to pursue a Master's Degree in rural economic development. She will be attending a satellite campus of the University of Akureyri in a small fishing village of 2500 in the northwest just off the Arctic Circle.

Karen, who lives in Rayma, visited the museum in February with a friend as part of a tour of Cañon City museums. When she saw the triceratops, she knew she had to put in a bid.

Karen and her husband have three sons: one in the Army and her youngest a local artist. McKenzie's parents are middle son Colby, a policeman in Limon, and Jessi, a community center preschool teacher.

McKenzie and bear quickly mastered riding the dinosaur and are sure to enjoy many happy riding hours in the future.



## STEM Activity

The museum hosted a take-home STEM activity day on Saturday, July 18. Activities provided included a make your own paper baculite (a prehistoric ocean dweller), a balancing robot, and a paper airplane activity. The activities were designed to introduce topics such as center of gravity, wind resistance, and paleontology. One activity introduced 5 different types of bridges, including suspension bridges. The task of the participant was to identify what type of bridge should be built in a certain situation.



## Purple Heart Program

Luise Barton and Kathleen Eaton jointly hosted a walking tour honoring Purple Heart veterans in Lakeside Cemetery on August 8th. Luise gave us an overview of the military section of the cemetery. Over 1500 veterans from the Civil War forward are buried throughout Lakeside. She has worked tirelessly to identify those 24 who have earned the Purple Heart: Howard H. Ambrose, Ray Adam Archuletta, Joseph E. Balagna, Jeremiah Mark Barnard, Ray Barr, Delmar Charles Bunker, Charles William Burns, Harry Palmer Chadwick, William W. Day, Woodrow L. Epperson, William F. Fancher, Donald Eldred Francis, Kenneth Howard Fritts, Harvey Lee



Hahn, Charles Milton Harris, Joseph Albert Paris, Wilfred R. Richter, George Romontio, William Corbitte Rutherford, James Oram Salyer, John VanCleave Skeeters, Russell Earl Stimatze, Leland F. Uhlenhopp, and Joseph Daniel Verneti. If you know of other veterans who have earned the Purple Heart and who are buried in Lakeside Cemetery, please contact the Museum

Kathleen presented a brief history of the Purple Heart as well as biographies of World War I veteran Charles Harris; World War II veterans Woodrow Epperson, George Romontio and Russell Stimatze; and Vietnam War veteran Ray Archuletta. Not only did these men win the Purple Heart most of them also won additional honors and medals for their service.

## Genealogy Goes Virtual

Genealogy has moved into the 21st Century! Terri Meeks, in coordination with the museum, conducted an introductory genealogy class, Climbing Your Family Tree, via Zoom on Saturday, August 22nd. Many thanks to Kathleen Eaton who served as coordinator and moderator par excellence and Brandon Mares for providing great technical support. Participants were introduced to the many varying types of records available for genealogical research and where these resources might be found. They were also able to submit questions. Getting the Most Out of the Federal Census will be presented on Saturday, September 26th at 9:00 via Zoom. Pour a second cup of coffee or tea and join us.





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