



Park County Historical Society

Newsletter - August 2017

Reflections on Bailey Day 2017

By Jim Glenn



Bailey Day was a good day on Saturday, June 24th.

Heather Mrzlack, Margaret Jaeger, Sue Glenn, Rebecca Gray and John Rankin dressed in character attire and several others visited McGraw dressed in vintage clothes. Volunteers smartly got McGraw Park ready for Bailey Day the Saturday and Friday before to make it look its best.

Flag:

Vern McAllister, his wife and 2 daughters raised and lowered the flag for us. Vern is the Vice Commander of the Bailey VFW and he had assistance from Joe Price, past Post Commander/current Post Surgeon, Melanie McAllister, Post Trustee, Madisenne and Kaedee McAllister, both Post Volunteers. Perhaps the Boy Scouts can participate next year to re-enact their participation in the 1974 dedication of the Entriken Cabin? Does anyone have a flag with the right number of stars for 1864?

Shawnee Schoolhouse:



Margaret Jaeger gave spinning demonstrations using flax fibers turning them into thread to make linen. Margaret was instrumental in finding an antique spinning wheel for the Entriken Cabin last year.

Left: Heather Mrzlack in attire



Day Cody phonographs 6-24-2017



Cody Harris presented his hobby of century-old phonographs (Victrolas?) including 78 rpm disks and cylinders ranging from 1873-1920. The music certainly was historical.

Could a schoolmarm be in character in the school next year too? John Rankin and Linda Watson choose the best available student chairs in the Schoolhouse and cleaned them up nicely. Then Sue and Linda added many school photos from years past.

Margaret video: <https://youtu.be/MvpTJrJSQVQ> (copy & paste to your browser)

Cody video: <https://youtu.be/gcsl8mpDvk0> (did anyone get a better video?)

Kayakers: <https://youtu.be/k6Xa3HvR19Q>

(Who has other videos?)

Caboose:

Rebecca Gray helped John Rankin give tours in the caboose and Rebecca says she has totally memorized Pat Mauro's video speech. We are considering more train videos of John Rankin, Leonard Wamsley and even the new Como locomotive for more variety next year. Next year maybe run video only once per hour to allow tour guides to "give tours themselves" and not overdose listening to the looped video.

Gold Prospecting:



Tina Flemming and her gang from Foothills Prospecting hope to return in 2018. She has suggestions for more banners and signs to get people across the hwy. She has a bluegrass band contact and would like to help us boost attendance.

Bill Douthett's panning booth location down near Crow Creek did not draw enough visitors which is a shame because he has some great knowledge. He may move next to Foothills Prospecting or combine with them next year. He asks that we save his bucket that he seeded with Iron Pyrite till next year for panning demos. Bill would like to share his knowledge of the river, the trails, and his research on the transformation of State Hwy 8 to 285 and the beginnings of several subdivisions, including Horseshoe Park.

Bailey Day booth:

John, Pat & Linda did a great job setting up the booth & canopy for hotdog sales. The combination of the 2 booths was well-done & organized. Thank you to Woode & Allison Wood for covering hotdog sales till 2:30pm & to Linda & Sue from then till closing.



John shows how to take down the Bailey Day Booth: <https://youtu.be/0V2LfS0PQX0>

Attendance and sales:

Attendance was down from 2015 - I estimate 150-200. I don't have numbers for 2016. We sold about 76 hotdogs (down from 130 in 2015).

Visitors wanting to help:

A handful of visitors told me they were interested in helping with projects here. Heather Mrzlack, Tina Flemming, Colin Hill, the Mark Entrekin family (possibly related to Elizabeth Entriken), Bill Douthett and others (need to get list together).

Questions and ideas for 2018:

Could we lure Cody back from college in Texas? Or lure Margaret back from Michigan?

More tour guides and characters? Could we attract a log home demo next year? This could contrast new vs old cabins. Can we get more kids to see the miniature horses?

The 5 miniature horses were fun and they were able to put out business cards and get contacts for their new business. We need to get them more visitors in 2018. Kids love horses if they know where they are.

More announcements made on Main Street about McGraw?

Can we find a volunteer announcer to promote and highlight those in character next year in McGraw Park? The announcements of gold nugget giveaways on Main Street drew more visitors to McGraw at 1, 2 and 3pm. Additional draws and announcements next year would help (Bluegrass band, Regulators, etc.)

Can we display photos and info about Helen McGraw Tatum and Harold Warren side-by-side as they were 2 of the major players getting the historical society and park started? Where were others involved then too that we need to remember? Jess Fitzsimmons?

Thanks to ALL for helping show off history to our visitors. It was very helpful that a lot of setup & cleanup was done prior to Saturday. What suggestions do you have for next year? The Bailey Day Committee was pleased at the activities scheduled at McGraw and they want to help us too. If there is a PCHS booth on Main Street next year, perhaps the folks that man it can help promote announcements.



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Volunteer garden planting on June 17th, 2017

We had the garden planting party on Saturday, June 17th at McGraw Park. Volunteers Sirus, Seth, Mike and Christi Upton, Jarred Cundith, Tepper McFarland and Sue Glenn created a bed and added flowers and mulch. Previously there were six individual shrubs/trees to mow around separately so mowing will be simpler now.

Video of completed garden: [https://youtu.be/ cU_88b0_c8](https://youtu.be/cU_88b0_c8) (Cut and paste into your browser)



The volunteer time added up to 67 hours with a labor value exceeding \$1000. Plant donations topped \$200 in addition to funds from the Park County Historical Society. To top it off, Marilee Buckley, Amber Taufin, Damon May and Tepper McFarland have scheduled to water the plants on a weekly basis.



Seth is proud of the shrub bed he built himself



1 bed to mow around instead of 4 beds

Jerry and Janet Burk and Jane Gilsinger continue their mowing and trimming at McGraw as they have faithfully done for years. When you like what you see at McGraw, say thank you to all these people.

I told folks that missed the planting party that we will have a painting party in the fall. Barbara Returns replied that she wants to help paint. Email me to be a part of something good:

jimglenncolorado@gmail.com

Board members cut down 8 trees at McGraw

Article by Jim Glenn

Board members John Rankin and Jim Sapp brought their chainsaws Saturday and Sunday to cut down 8 narrow leaf cottonwood trees that were dead or dying and had become dangerous. Several of these were planted next to Crow Creek when McGraw Park was new and have provided shade for many years. One suggested replacement tree is River Birch which is native to the area. Other ideas for shade?



Jim Glenn used his truck to help pull them down away from lights and other cars. John recycled large branches for firewood. Smaller branches will go to the Bailey Slash Mulch Site near the Peewee ball fields at CR-72.

Link to short video: <https://youtu.be/s6LeNwoCBhA>

Tool Shed Roof Repair on July 22nd, 2017

The following week John Rankin decided that since it had been 18 years since he put the last roof on the tool shed that it was time to stop the leaking and redo it. By 1:30pm it was hot up there. 90% done. If you have extra roof ridging to donate, please call John.



PARK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

C&S Railroad In Eastern Park County



Denise and Tom Klinger

**Saturday,
August 26, 2017
5:00 pm**

Shepherd of the Rockies
Lutheran Church
106 Rosalie Road
Bailey, CO 80421

Members \$8 - Guests \$10

by

Tom Klinger

A broad ranging presentation on the C&S line from Estabrook to Como including fish trains, Park County resorts, ice trains, a wreck or two, charcoal and a bit of snow in the Park.

Tom and Denise Klinger have lived in Wheat Ridge since the early 1960s and are retired educators. Tom has had an interest in trains for more than 70 years; he has modeled trains and chased (photographed) trains for many years.

The Klingers have written four books on the Denver South Park & Pacific and the Colorado & Southern railroads. The interest in the two lines was fueled by the many trips along its right of way en route to their cabin in South Park.

Books include: *South Park's Gunnison Division Memories & Then Some*; *C&S Clear Creek Districts Memories & Then Some*; *C&S High Line Memories and Then Some* and *C&S Platte Canyon Memories & Then Some*.

The website is: www.railroadphotos.com

ANNOUNCEMENT for PARK COUNTY LOCAL BUSINESSES

The Park County Historical Society, a 501(C)(3) corporation, is pleased to announce a new sponsorship program for local businesses. Headquartered in Bailey, the Historical Society is an integral part of the surrounding community and the county as a whole. Your sponsorship will ensure the Historical Society can continue preserving the heritage of Park County and your McGraw Memorial Park.

Park County Historical Society Sponsor Program

Benefits	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
	\$500	\$250	\$100	\$50
Sponsorship Certificate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Recognition in PCHS Newsletters	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Recognition in PCHS Announcements	Yes	Yes		
Recognition on PCHS Facebook page	Yes	Yes		
Recognition at History Events	Yes	Yes		
Recognition on PCHS Website	Yes			

Please contact Jim Sapp at 303.816.0944 or jimsapp7@msn.com to begin your support.

Or, you can find a link to the [Sponsor Application](#) on our website at www.parkcountyhistory.com

Visit the Park County Historical Society website at
parkcountyhistory.com

Park County Historical Society Membership Form

Student K-12 \$5 ☐ Senior Individual (60+) \$10 ☐ Individual \$15 ☐
Sponsor \$50 ☐ Sustaining \$75 ☐ Patron \$100 ☐ Corporate \$150 ☐ Life \$500 ☐

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Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

- ☐ Education & Research
- ☐ McGraw Memorial Park
 - _____ Host
 - _____ Maintain
 - _____ Help with collections
- ☐ Local History Archives
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Historic Preservation
- ☐ Publicity & Public Relations
- ☐ Staff Support

Please join or renew your membership today!

Send check and completed form to: Park County Historical Society, P.O. Box 43, Bailey, CO 80421
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