



Park County Historical Society

Quarterly Newsletter - March 2010

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

February 17, 2010 the steering committee administrating the GOCO grant has met twice. The priorities for the first meeting were to define the budgeting and accounting documentation. We are going to use separate Excel files for each project and submit quarterly reports to Gary Nichols. Also we defined the first steps to begin the restoration of the Keystone Bridge. The new deck will be aluminum planking that simulates wood. The rails will be aluminum, Victorian style called Essex in black. The original color of the bridge was black and so it shall be again. The second meeting was to define the landscaping but Susan Lambert was not present so we changed the topic to the modifications to the annex. We met with the architect Steve Harris to finalize the design of the restrooms. An entrance from the annex to the restroom nearest the annex wall will allow use of the restroom in the winter as the restroom in the annex will be changed to a storage room. Three windows will be installed in the annex, two on the east wall and one on the south wall. They will be non-opening and meant to provide only light. The office will be expanded by seven feet toward the south wall. Seven feet by fourteen feet porch with a cement slab will be added to the front of the building. The goal for all of the projects is to use low maintenance materials. The landscaping meeting will be next on the steering committee plan. One of the priorities will be the selection of the benches and picnic tables so they can be ordered in time for use on Bailey Day, July 31, 2010.

The survey of the PCHS properties had to be revisited because of inconsistent definitions from different deeds and of pin locations. It is now complete. The plan was to merge the three parcels, the Morrow Mountain lot, 18.89 acres, and the two lots where the building are, into one large lot but many issues surfaced that now makes that plan incomplete. There are too many details to explain all of the efforts used to combine the three lots. Now we learn that the Morrow Mountain property cannot be combined with the two lots across the river because it is metes and bounds and the two lots are platted from a subdivision. The State does not allow the two types of property to be combined. The two lots on the north side of the river will be combined into one lot, so PCHS will have just

two lots, one on each side of the river. The rezoning of the Morrow Mountain lot will be presented to the Park County Planning Board on April 13, then before the county commissioners on May 20, and the confirmation will be June 3, 2010. That application is 33 pages in length and twenty five copies were required by the county. That totals 825 printed pages!

A casino night is planned for in April at Sweet Fanny Adams. This is a fundraiser with the potential to earn well over a thousand dollars. We have not set the date to hold a rummage sale this spring at the Memorial Park and we plan to have that date set soon. That date may depend on the construction projects in the park. Roger Christenson has completed the set up to sell historical merchandise on the internet. He has registered PCHS with Missionfish. They have a program that asks people that purchase from eBay to make a donation to non-profits such as PCHS. A separate checking account has been set up to handle the monies from the auctions and keep the account separate from the main account. This will make it easier to account for the different types of income for PCHS. The increase in fundraising activities is driven by the need to fund the maintenance of the improvements to the park. We anticipate an increase in insurance fees with the expected expansion of coverage for an extended parking area, and to cover liability of events held outside of the park. Another rummage or garage sale should be planned for the fall. We could use more help in doing these events, and please let any member of the board know of ideas that you have for fundraising. Two ideas that still need to be pursued are selling a cookbook with recipes for high altitude baking and cooking. Also sell a passbook type of historical publication, listing sites in the county that earns points when the sites are visited. When all of the sites have been stamped, a prize would be given. Another idea is to publish a coloring book with pictures of historical sites like the buildings in Memorial Park. These are products that could be sold on the internet and year round as well as many of the PCHS CDs. Help is needed to make some of these ideas work so please step forward to volunteer and further increase the success of PCHS.

Arthur Hall president

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Photo caption reads "Fourth of July, 1904, at the Whale mines. U.S. flags are mounted on the storm doors of the house. One of the miners, third from the left, and his wife are shown in the picture. I am second from the left. My brother is at the far right. Next to him is Harry Bennett, my mother's brother."

The Whale Mines and the house in the photo were at the top of Hall Valley. The ridge behind the house is the continental divide. Claude Cyrus Street ("I" in the caption) and his family lived there year-round for about



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2010 South Park Symposium

On **June 25 and 26** the sixth South Park Symposium will take place. Attending lectures and going on the field trip during the Symposium is a great way to learn about Park County's rich history, natural resources, and new preservation projects. Lectures on June 25 will include talks about Park County Historic areas, including Shawnee, Bailey's McGraw Memorial Park (presented by our own Pat Mauro!) and the South Park National Heritage Area. After a lunch break, we'll get a bit of history, about homesteading on the Elkhorn Upland and the miners' partner: the burro.

On the morning of the 26th discussions will focus on natural resources: Natural gas and water rights in South Park, and ice age land forms. In the afternoon, it will be back to history: sheep herding, and the salt making industry at the Salt Works Ranch. Then it's off on a field trip, to visit some of the ice age landforms left in Park County. The Symposium lectures will take place in the Midway Cafetorium on the RE-2 School District campus in Fairplay. There will be a registration fee. We will get information posted on the Park County Historical Society web site at www.parkcountyhistory.com. Hope to see you there!

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ 1/2 Day 6/25 ___\$4.00; Full day ___\$8.00

Address _____ 1/2 Day 6/26 ___\$4.00; Full day ___\$8.00

_____ Two full days ___\$15.00

Park County Ice Age Landforms Fieldtrip afternoon 6/26 ___\$5.00

Leave Fairplay 2:15 P.M. ends around 5:00 P.M. Trip Leader-Donald McGooley

___ Volunteer to be a trip driver & could take ___ persons besides myself

Checks Payable to South Park Symposium, Send to P.O. Box 311, Como, CO 80432-0311

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ✓ PCHS meetings are held on the 1st Friday of each month at the Shawnee Community Center at 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ McGraw Memorial Park open Memorial Day weekend.
- ✓ June 12, Field trip to Elevenmile Canyon, to visit the path of the Colorado Midland Railroad
- ✓ July 31, Bailey Day McGraw Memorial Park Open

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Secretary's Letter

This month's meeting was well attended with fourteen people enjoying the ambiance of the Platte Canyon Community Center in Shawnee.

This is an exciting time for the Historical Society as the planning for implementing the Great Outdoors Colorado Grant is underway for improving Morrow Mountain and McGraw Memorial Park.

There are several exciting trips planned for this year. I look forward to seeing old and new members of the historical society on out outings and at our meetings.

Regards,

Doug Stephens
PCHS Secretary

If you would prefer to visit the PCHS website for the latest newsletter or have it sent to you via email please contact Yvonne Garrison at jygarrison1@yahoo.com

Park County Historical Society Membership Form

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- 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!

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Donations are fully tax-deductible – Park County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation

Your membership in the Society helps preserve the history of Park County

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Historical Archives Holds Open House

The Park County Local History Archives will have a special open house on Friday May 7 10:00 to 2:00 at the Bailey Public Library. The month of May is Historic Preservation Month. For more information contact Jane Gilsinger 303-838-2159.

The Archives is open each Friday from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Bailey Public Library.

The Shawnee Tea Room

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Open

Wednesday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Address correction requested.