



# *Park County Historical Society*

*Quarterly Newsletter - September 2015*

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## **Letter from the President**

As always a huge thank you to Yvonne Garrison for continuing to publish and email all the PCHS members our Newsletters. You do a magnificent job and are deeply appreciated.

I am now the newly elected President of the Park County Historical Society and will do my best to keep the Mission statement going. Dee Brown has moved to Maryland to be closer to her family and live in a lower elevation. As President, she did an awesome job getting things moving in a forward direction again. Thank you Dee! Linda Watson is now our newly elected Vice President. She lives in Hartsel and is getting folks on that side of Park County involved with the PCHS. During Hartsel Days (August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) we, Craig, Linda and I, brought in 16 new members and raised \$286.00. We are planning to have a booth at Hartsel Days again next year.



2015 started out in an eerie manner. Christie Wright was our first speaker on March 14<sup>th</sup>. She talked about “Robbers and Murderers in Park County”. Two of those were the infamous Reynolds Gang and the Espinosa brothers. Christie is the author of “South Park Perils” and “All That Lies Beneath” ....two very informative books on Park County.



On April 11<sup>th</sup>, Dr Peter Modreski, a Geochemist and Geologic Specialist, was our speaker on the geology of Park County. There was also a field trip in May of which Jim Glenn and Pat Mauro organized. Dr. Modreski will do another geology presentation next spring on a different part of Park County.



Gary Higgins and Jackie Powell were scheduled to do our May presentation but the weather chose not to cooperate. They have been rescheduled to be our speakers, on the history of the Snowstorm Dredge, on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

John Redmond will be our speaker on October 17<sup>th</sup> portraying Pastor Sheldon Jackson, another well known figure from South Park. Rex Rideout will honor us with his presence once again on November 14<sup>th</sup>.



We had a sign made acknowledging 1-Derful Roofing for reroofing the Way Station last fall. Craig made a plaque and he and I hand delivered it to the owner, Ron. I've never seen a smile that big! He said he never expected anything from us and was quite excited to receive it. I now try to send business his way.

We have also had a brass plaque made to honor Harold Warren, founder of the Park County Historical Society in 1969. It will be cemented into the ground by the blue spruce tree that was planted in his honor. There is also a poem his wife wrote, framed and on a wall in the Shawnee school house, which is located in McGraw Memorial Park.

The lawn and flowers bring life to McGraw Memorial Park. Thank you to those who are making this happen.

There is a lot of exciting things happening, membership is growing and many are learning about Park County history that is never ending. We have only touched the surface.

To all our members, thank you for supporting the Park County Historical Society! And thank you Board members for all your hard work! You are all greatly appreciated.

Karen Christenson  
Proudly, the President of the Park County Historical Society

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## Newsletter in Review

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### **Vice President Letter**

Hello to All You History Buffs, My name is Linda Watson and I live in South Park, which happens to be the Southern Part of Park County. I have owned property here for 41 years and lived full time for 19 years. I have been a member of the Park County Historic Society for over 2 years, and helped Karen prepare all the wonderful food that many of you have enjoyed at our special events with Guest Speakers. I was recently voted in as your Vice President and I am hopeful to add to this special Club with my energy and location to bring more people together and their diverse stories of our Park County.

I have spent this summer locating current day owners of Historic Properties and meeting on those properties with them to share their knowledge of and photograph the Buildings, and get their stories that could otherwise be lost. Tarryall School was one of those properties along with Gotlieb Fluhmann's Cabin. I also went to Hartsel Days and along with Karen and Craig, set up a booth for the Historic Society where we signed up 16 new members.

Lots of excitement in my neck of the Park County because for the first time we will be planning to have dinners and guest speakers at the Hartsel Community Center, so people on this side of the pass will have an opportunity to be included. I look forward to meet you at our functions and please introduce yourselves, Thank You and let's make Park County Historical Society the best Organization, Remember, It all starts with YOU.

Linda Watson  
Vice President

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### **PCHS Geologic Trip Ascends Mt. Bailey**

On Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Park County Historical Society took their 1<sup>st</sup> trip for the 2015 summer season. A group of 36 attendees met at Fawkland/Weeks Park in Burland Ranchettes to ascend Mt. Bailey. Although it's not a long hike the view obtained from the short hike is extraordinary! The trip was planned by the PCHS to go back as far in history as they'd ever gone! The purpose of the hike was to study the geology of the mountain.

Our trip leader, who attended to educate the group, was Pete Modreski a geologist with the US Geological Survey. Pete was the guest speaker at the March PCHS Dinner Event, which he gave a presentation on geology in the Park County vicinity. Pete offered to host the geologic hike up Mt. Bailey to educate us on the ancient history of the mountain, named after William Bailey founder of the town bearing his name. As we hiked up the mountain Pete would stop and speak to the crowd on various rock types/formations, explaining terms, such as Gneiss, Pegmatite, Granite, Sedimentary, Metamorphic, igneous and schist. Everyone



was enthralled to actually discover the various processes and types of rock which makes up Mt. Bailey and the other formations surrounding the area around the mountain. When we reached the top of the trail the 360 degree panoramic view was truly inspiring! With the view of the town of Bailey below we were able to pick out the various mountains/peaks as



Pete explained their age/formation type with precise detail, as everyone soaked in the spectacular view! We hiked down Mt. Bailey back to the park and enjoyed our sack lunches. After lunch we went back towards Hwy. 285 to the t-ball park next to the highway. Behind the baseball diamond we could see the stagecoach grade of the Bradford Toll Road, which preceded the arrival of the railroad in Bailey in 1878. We then drove up Park County Road 43 where Pete had pointed out a pegmatite outcropping near Deer Creek Elementary School. With our newly found geological knowledge we were able to discern the various rock types at this location. We ended another great trip with PCHS there. Keep history alive in Park County!

Director Pat Mauro

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

**9/12/15 - Gary Higgins and Jackie Powell will be speaking on the history of the Snowstorm Dredge.**

**10/17/15 - John Redmond will be our speaker portraying Pastor Sheldon Jackson, another well known figure from South Park.**

**11/14/15 - Rex Rideout will present poems and songs from the 1800 and 1900 American West.**



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Student K-12 \$5       Senior Individual (60+) \$10       Individual \$15   
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I would like to help with:

- Shawnee Branch
- 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!**

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