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Everything Carbon County.

Tuesdays
7:00-8:30 pm
CCHEC Main Campus, 705 Rodeo Street
Free to the public

**Step Up for Kids
Juvenile Justice in Wyoming**

Presenter: Linda Burt

**Wyoming Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union
Executive Director
October 11, 2011**

Currently up to 85% of Wyoming juveniles are processed through adult courts. This presentation will focus on the history of juvenile justice in Wyoming, including continuing efforts to provide a unified juvenile court system for Wyoming youth that provides rehabilitation and restorative justice principals. Local organizations will also be available to talk about opportunities for children.

Linda Burt graduated from the University of Wyoming with a Juris Doctorate in 1991. She previously attended Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado and the University of Colorado. Prior to becoming an attorney she worked for the Adams County Department of Social Services and spent a number of years working as the Executive Director of Community Action Agencies in both Colorado and Cheyenne. Her undergraduate degree is in Public Administration.

Since obtaining my law degree Linda has worked for Legal Services and had a small private practice. She has been with the American Civil Liberties Union for 13 years and is proud to be associated with the ACLU, the largest law firm in the United States.

**Heart Mountain, Wyoming: Lessons from the Past,
Guidance for the Future**

Presenter: Christy Fleming

**Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation's Area Manager
October 25, 2011**

This presentation is a photographic timeline beginning with the posting of the exclusion orders in March and April of 1942, through life at Heart Mountain, to leaving camp, to the present day efforts of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation to preserve this history to make sure it never happens again. Attendees will learn about the history behind the Heart Mountain Internment Camp and will be introduced to the new Heart Mountain Interpretive Learning Center.

Christy Fleming has worked at the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation's Area Manager since November 2010. Prior to joining the Heart Mountain project, she worked for 13 years with Bighorn Canyon, a national recreation area that is part of the National Park Service in Lovell, Wyoming. There she served as the South District lead interpretive ranger. She has a range of experience that includes interpreting and managing the Bighorn natural and cultural resources. Christy is a member of the Homesteader Museum board of directors and the Lovell Kane Area Museum board of directors. She is also a member of the Park Country and Wyoming Historic Societies.

Fleming is a graduate of Powell High School and Northwest College, where she earned an Associate of Arts degree in pre-forestry. In 2000, she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Wyoming. In 2008, she self published The History of Garland as Told by the Residents.

Water on the Front Range: A Multi-State Issue

Presenter: Aaron Million

November 1, 2011

The presentation will discuss the Historical relationship between the Upper Basin, (Wyoming/Colorado/Utah/New Mexico) and the Lower Basin, (California/Arizona/Nevada) with regards to developing a multi-state water and hydropower project to benefit the Upper Basin. And what the project is and isn't, and current state of permitting will be discussed. All relevant information will be presented and evaluated regarding the background on the project and will be related to the needs of the Green River and Flaming Gorge overall.

Aaron Million is the Managing Partner and Principal of Million Conservation Resource Group, Inc., headquartered in Ft. Collins, Colorado. The company was formed in 2005 to plan, permit, engineer, and build the Regional Watershed Supply Project. The project will transport a new water supply of approx. 200,000 ac.ft. from the Flaming Gorge Reservoir/Green River system for the benefit of agricultural producers, environmental interests, and municipal and industrial water supply entities located throughout Southern Wyoming and Colorado. The water supply idea was developed by Mr. Million through graduate work studies in resource economics at Colorado State University with a focus on environmental issues.

Raised on a ranch at Green River, Utah, Mr. Million's professional background and expertise has centered on the balanced management of agricultural lands and natural resources throughout the Western U. S. His water supply planning expertise goes back four family generations to the Green River basin starting in the early 1900's.

Mr. Million has been focused on environmental issues related to private sector involvement and assistance in meeting public policy objectives related to conservation, regional land use planning, and mitigation of environmental and agricultural impacts. Mr. Million has future policy and political interests.

Million Conservation Resource Groups determined collaboration and public/private business model will help in solving some of the regions' water and natural resource challenges. The company is moving to pioneer creative, environmentally responsible partnerships to address water needs for the current and future citizens of the region and to use pragmatic alternatives to best protect our natural resources.

From Sugar to Diamonds

Presenters: Gabe and Jody Lopez,

Presenters through the Wyoming Humanities Council

November 8, 2011

This presentation tells the history of the Rocky Mountain League of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress, which got its start among Hispanic agricultural workers in the 1920s and quickly spread throughout northern Colorado, southeast Wyoming, and western Nebraska.

Gabe and Jody Lopez are community researchers, authors and exhibit curators from Greeley. They were finalists for the 2009 Colorado Rockies Hispanic Adult Leadership Award.

Wyoming Weather & Photography

Presenter: Reid Wolcott

Photographer and Meteorologist with the

National Weather Service in Riverton

November 15, 2011

Reid Wolcott will discuss the wonders of Wyoming weather through photography. From the harsh winters, to monsoon season, Wolcott will bring the beauty of wonderful Wyoming to you. Wolcott will discuss some of the available photographic and meteorological tools he uses to create his photographs. Anyone who is interested in weather or photography is encouraged to attend!

Grizzly and Black Bears in Wyoming
Presenter: Brian DeBolt, Wyoming Game and Fish
Department Bear/Wolf Management Specialist
November 29, 2011

Brian DeBolt will discuss general bear biology. Attendees will learn how to properly distinguish between black and grizzly bears and conflict avoidance information.

Brian received his Associate of Science in Biology from Sheridan College, his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and Management from the University of Wyoming and his Master of Science in Zoology and Physiology from the University of Wyoming.

Brian is the Bear/Wolf Management Specialist for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and is the head of the department's Predator Attack Team. He is also a Certified Professional Wyoming Peace Officer, has been a Wyoming Game and Fish Department Game Warden since 2001 and a Wyoming Game and Fish Department Bear Management Officer since 1999.

Brian has worked for 17 years trapping grizzly bears, black bears and mountain lions all over Wyoming. Brian has worked extensively in law enforcement, education and wildlife conflict management during this time. He currently works in NW Wyoming and helps coordinate large carnivore management for the Department while working closely with recreationists, property owners and other Federal and State agencies.

The History of I-80
Presenter: John Waggener, Archivist, American Heritage
Center, University of Wyoming
December 13, 2011
Tour 6:30-7:00 pm, Presentation 7:00-8:30 pm
Valley Community Center, 255 West Osborne, Baggs

Take a tour of the new Valley Community Center and learn about the history of the highly controversial stretch of I-80. The presentation covers the routing controversy, construction, the impact of the bypass of US30 and efforts by the highway department to keep the road open.

John Waggener was born and raised in Green River and has spent much time traveling I-80. There has never been a shortage of stories related to the stretch of highway between Rawlins and Laramie, often referred to as the Snow Chi Minh Trail. The controversy surrounding this 77-mile stretch of highway led John to begin researching the evolution of this road. This presentation covers this history. John received both his B.A. and M.A. degrees from UW in geography and education. He has been a faculty archivist at the American Heritage Center, the archive of the University of Wyoming, since 2001.

Transportation will be provided from Rawlins to Baggs. Call 328-9274 to reserve your spot.

Drugs on I-80
Presenter: Kebin Haller, Wyoming Division of Criminal
Investigation Deputy Director
January 10, 2012

Presenter Kebin Haller will discuss drug trends, community consequences and effects and the drug couriers of I-80.

Kebin graduated from Rawlins High School before receiving his Associates Degree in Business from Casper College. He then went on to receive his Bachelors in Administration of Justice from the University of Wyoming. He is a FBI National Academy Graduate.

Kebin's professional experience includes working for the Rawlins Police Department, DCI Southwest Enforcement Team as a Task Force Office, DCI Northwest Enforcement Team as a Special Agent, DCI Southwest Enforcement Team as a Special Agent and Deputy Director of Operations, DCI.

Kevin is also a proud father of three children. He enjoys spending time with wife and children. Activities include working out, hunting, fishing, camping, boating and kid's athletics.

Sinclair and its History
Presenter: Leon Corpuz
January 17, 2012

The Spanish Influenza Epidemic of 1918 in Wyoming
Presenter: Shaun Hayes, presenter through the
Wyoming Humanities Council
January 24, 2012

This presentation provides historical context for the events surrounding the outbreak of Spanish influenza in Wyoming in 1918-19, including efforts to fight World War I.

Shaun Hayes is an archivist at the American Heritage Center in Laramie.

Trucking in Wyoming: The World Via I-80
Presenters: Sheila Foertsch, Wyoming Trucking Association,
Inc. Managing Director
Delbert McOmie, WyDot Chief Engineer
January 31, 2012

This presentation will be an in-depth look at the trucking industry and its impact on the nation and state of Wyoming, as well as a broad look on how I-80 impacts the communities along its route.

Sheila D. Foertsch is a Wyoming native, born and raised in Newcastle, Wyoming. She graduated from Bassist Institute in Portland, Oregon in 1976, moved to Casper following her marriage to husband, Dave, and began her career with the Wyoming Trucking Association in August, 1976. She was named WTA Administrative Assistant in 1978 and WTA Managing Director on December 1, 1993.

She has served as Chairman of the Western Trucking Association Executive Council twice and also served as Chairman of the national Trucking Association Executive Council. Continued on next page.

She currently serves on the Heavy Vehicle Electronic License Plate, Inc. Board of Directors and has served on the HELP, Inc. Executive Committee. She is active in the Multi State Highway Transportation Agreement/Western State Transportation Alliance. She has completed several gubernatorial appointments on committees for carbon sequestration, workers comp and other transportation issues. Sheila just completed a two year term as President of the Wyoming Society of Association Executives and will complete a two year term as President of the Wyoming Capitol Club in early 2012.

Del McOmie was appointed the Wyoming Department of Transportation's Chief Engineer on May 17, 2000, and has been with the department for 32 years.

As chief engineer he oversees the department's five field operating districts, along with the Engineering and Planning and Operations divisions and the Construction and Maintenance programs.

A native of Lander, Wy., he earned his bachelors degree in civil engineering from the University of Wyoming, where he was part of the department's Laramie Design Squad. His WYDOT career has spanned 13 different positions in five cities, including resident engineer, maintenance staff engineer, district construction engineer and district engineer.

McOmie is a member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Standing Committee of Highways. He is also the Chairman of the AASHTO Subcommittee for Traffic Engineering and serves on the Board of Directors for the National Committee on the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

He is a former Task Force Chair for Work Zones on the AASHTO Subcommittee on Systems Operations and Management and served a year as secretary-treasure of the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (WASHTO) beginning in July 2002. He is a 2004 graduate of Leadership Wyoming.

Three Strikes and You're NOT out - of Prison, That is!

Presenter: Duane Shillinger

February 7, 2012

Raised on the Crow Indian Reservation near Wyola and Lodge Grass, Montana, Duane Shillinger eventually migrated to Sheridan, Wyoming where he graduated from High School. Then after graduation, he entered the US Navy and spent four years traveling the Mediterranean sea and associated countries. After the Navy, Duane attended and graduated from Sheridan College and later from the University of Wyoming. In 1967, Duane became employed at the Old Prison in Rawlins as a counselor. He eventually was advanced to administrative assistant, then to deputy warden, and in 1978, Governor Hershler appointed Duane as warden. Duane was to be the last warden of the old prison and the first warden of the new state prison located south of Rawlins.

In 1995, Duane retired from the prison after serving nearly twenty-nine years in a variety of capacities. Following retirement, Duane wrote and had published two books: the first an examination of the Territorial Prison system, the book is titled "Wyoming ... attitudes, short ropes long falls, prison walls..."; the second book, an examination of the state prison system from 1901 to 1981... the book is titled: "In Wyoming's Prison Hungry Men May Become Vicious Men... 1901 to 1981"

Duane continues to examine a number of odd, quaint, and incongruous events and activities related to the old prison.

From the Brink of Extinction:

The Black-footed Ferret Story

Presenter: Martin Grenier, Nongame Mammal Biologist

February 14, 2012

The black-footed ferret has been the focus of one of the most costly and controversial recovery efforts to date in North America. Once considered the rarest mammal in the world, the black-footed was rescued from extinction by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Reintroduction efforts were initiated in 1991 in Carbon, County Wyoming. Since then wildlife managers have made remarkable strides in recovering the black-footed ferret. This presentation will focus on the history of the recovery program, highlight accomplishments in Shirley Basin, Wyoming, as well as discuss the future outlook for successful recovery of the species in North America.

BLM / Wyoming Honor Farm Wild

Horse Cooperation Partnership

Presenter: Amy Ruhs

February 21, 2012

Hybridization in Birds

Presenter: Matt Carling, Assistant Professor of Zoology and the Curator of Vertebrates at the Berry Biodiversity Conservation Center at the University of Wyoming

February 28, 2012

Matt Carling is an Assistant Professor of Zoology and the Curator of Vertebrates at the Berry Biodiversity Conservation Center at the University of Wyoming. His undergraduate work was done at University of Michigan; his master's is from the University of Idaho and his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. His research interests include genetic variation and functional differentiation within various species of birds. His research has led him to know a great deal about bird migratory patterns, including those that migrate through Carbon County.

Award-Winning Film, “The Sand Creek Massacre”

Presenter: Donald L. Vasicek, Writer/Filmmaker

March 6, 2012

The Sand Creek Massacre is an award-winning documentary film that tells the story of the Sand Creek Massacre. The story is told from the point-of-view of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people. It depicts their raw emotions, 140 plus years later as they describe what took place at Sand Creek on November 29, 1864. These stories are based on their oral histories. Nothing is left to the imagination. Graphic images accompany the telling of the Sand Creek Massacre.

Award-winning writer/filmmaker Donald L. Vasicek studied producing, directing and line producing at the Hollywood Film Institute and at Robert Redford’s Sundance Institute and screenwriting at The Complete Screenplay, Inc.

He wrote, directed and produced the documentary film, “The Sand Creek Massacre.” It was awarded best short film at The Indie Gathering Film Festival, best Native American Film at The American Indian Film Festival and the prestigious Golden Drover Award for Best Native American film at the Trail Dance Film Festival. The film was recently catalogued into Smithsonian Institute Libraries.

Don is on the board of directors of the American Indian Genocide Museum in Houston. He is presently co-writing and co-producing a feature film about a Muslim woman married to a Christian man. Don is the founder and owner of Olympus Films+, LLC, a global writing and filmmaking company and a screenwriting volunteer on AllExperts.com and Kasamba.com.

**Murder Mystery Dinner-
Murder Among the Mateys
March, 2012**

Call 328-9274 to reserve your spot and for ticket prices.