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Celebrate Cheyenne!

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Happy Birthday, Cheyenne!

As Mayor of the Magic City of the Plains, it is my honor to host Cheyenne's sesquicentennial year activities and celebration. As you will see in this "memory book," we chose to mark the occasion with many official observances and activities.

In this memory book, we have collected what we believe you'll want to recall in the future – the full schedule of events. There are photos of the City Council, along with photos of the amazing Cheyenne 150 Steering

Committee that helped me organize the week. We've listed the names of the fine area historians that helped us to create our History Day – and we've included the agenda for the History Day presentations.

Also noted are the fine businesses and individuals that provided the majority of the funding so that this full schedule of ways to celebrate was free to the City of Cheyenne.

It is not an easy thing for a city to survive and thrive into its 150th year – but Cheyenne has done that. It is in no small part due to citizens like you that show pride in your city and practice good stewardship of our resources. So all these festivities are for you because you <u>are</u> the City of Cheyenne.

Let's celebrate Cheyenne 150!

Marian J. Orr

Mayor - City of Cheyenne



150TH CELEBRATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Presenting Sponsor Black Hills Energy

JUL 4 Kickoff in the Park

Romero Park • 1317 Parsley Blvd • 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Celebrate the naming of the city at a ceremony on the banks of the Crow Creek. Annual CFD fireworks at night.

Sponsored by Tyrrell Auto Centers

AUG 5 Freedom 5K

Laramie County Library • 2200 Pioneer Ave • 8:30 am

Join Cheyenne Firefighters for their annual race honoring the storied history of firefighters in Cheyenne.

AUG 6 Celebrating 150 Years of Faith

Cheyenne Civic Center • 510 W 20th St • 10:00 am

An interfaith gathering to celebrate Cheyenne's rich and diverse history of faith, featuring Rev. Warren Murphy.

AUG 7 Meet the Mayors

Atlas Theatre • 211 W Lincolnway • 5:30 pm

Cheyenne's seven living mayors share their memories and vision at this roundtable discussion. (By invitation only.)

Sponsored by Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce and Town & Country Liquors

AUG 8 Encapsulating Time

Romero Park • 1317 Parsley Blvd • 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Mayor Orr and the City Council dedicate a time capsule commemorating this auspicious moment in our history.

Sponsored by Reiman Corp and Coldwell Banker/TPE

AUG 8 150th Party on the Plaza

Cheyenne Depot Plaza • 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

A blowout birthday party for the ages, complete with a huge cake, food, live music, and a fireworks finale!

Sponsored by Samson Energy, Mechanical Systems Inc, First Interstate Bank,

RE/MAX Capitol Properties and Taco John's International

AUG 8-10 Sherman Hill Model Railroad Club

Cheyenne Depot Lobby • 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

A modular HO scale railroad layout and train memorabilia will be displayed in the historic Depot lobby.

AUG 10 History Comes Alive!

Cheyenne Civic Center • 510 W 20th St • 2:00 - 9:00 pm

A variety of speakers talk about Cheyenne's rich diverse history on this "come and go" agenda (see pages 6-13).

Sponsored by Town and Country Liquors

AUG 11 Tiptoe Through the Tombstones

Lakeview Cemetery • 2501 Seymour Ave • 9:00 am

Meet some of Cheyenne's departed famous and infamous characters on this living-history presentation and walk.

AUG 12 Classic Car Show

Cheyenne Depot Plaza • 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Cheyenne has a rich history of celebrating transportation. Some of the best examples of classic cars will be on display.

AUG 12 Cheyenne Celebrates Friends & Family

Lions Park Amphitheater • 4603 Lions Park Dr • 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Bring the family! Activities, food and games for children of all ages, plus a Cheyenne Civic Concert Band performance.

Sponsored by Halladay Motors

AUG 12 Gala in the Gardens

Chevenne Botanic Gardens • 710 S Lions Park Dr • 7:00 pm

A black-tie evening event at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens' new Grand Conservatory. (By invitation only.)

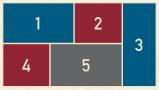
Sponsored by Blue Federal Credit Union and Union Pacific

AUG 12 "Tap in to History" Pub Crawl

Downtown Cheyenne • Drinking hours

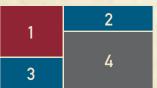
An iconic brewery and bar tour through six historic downtown locations, including "Cheyenne 150" beers!





- 1: Tent City, Cheyenne. 1867
- 2: Pilot Amelia Earhart at the Cheyenne airport pictured with William G. Haas, Miss Frontier Edith Gogerty and Ed Storey. 1932
- 3: A saleswoman tending to a display at JC Penney Co. 1943
- 4: Former President, Theodore Roosevelt at Cheyenne Frontier Days. 1910
- 5: A marching band at Fort D.A. Russell. 1890





- 1: The newly constructed Wyoming State Capitol building. 1888.
- **2**: The first Minuteman Missile transporter-erector to arrive at the F.E. Warren Air Force Base. 1964
- 3: Members of the Second Baptist Church congregation during the 1930s.
- 4: A Union Pacific locomotive in the Cheyenne Frontier Days parade. 1938

HISTORY COMES ALIVE! PROGRAM

3:00 p.m.	Opening Remarks: PHIL VAN HORN, Cheyenne 150 Committee Member/Event Coordinator CYNTHIA LUMMIS, Master of Ceremonies MAYOR MARIAN ORR
3:30 p.m.	Union Pacific Railroad Brings the Magic – JIM EHRENBERGER
4:00 p.m.	The Early History and Influence of Fort D.A. Russell and Camp Carlon Cheyenne – RICK EWIG
4:30 p.m.	MAYOR MARIAN ORR presents Cheyenne's Historia Laureate, BILL DUBOIS. A Social and Cultural History of Cheyenne
5:00 p.m.	High Plains Bonanza: An Overview of Cheyenne's Cattle Industry – ALAN KIRKBRIDE
5:30 p.m.	Women Who Made a Difference – MARY GUTHRIE
6:00 p.m.	INTERMISSION
6:30 p.m.	Thunder on High: Cheyenne's Early Aviation History – MICHAEL KASSEL
7:00 p.m.	Home of the Atlas: History of the Atlas Mille at FE Warren AFB – JIM WIDLAR
7:30 p.m.	From Railroad Town to State Capital: Cheyenne Growth and Development in the Territorial Years — PHIL ROBERTS
8:00 p.m.	The Indomitable Spirit of Cheyenne – JAMES FULLER
8:30 p.m.	The "Spirits" of Cheyenne: Local Paranormal Lore – JILL POPE

DISPLAYS

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
Fred Freimuth photo collection
Cheyenne Frontier DaysTM
Old West Museum
Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities
Wyoming Children's Society
quilt collection
Cheyenne Depot Museum
Wyoming State Museum
books for browsing and for sale
Wyoming National Guard
150th Time Capsule contents
Union Pacific
F.E. Warren Air Force Base

COMMITTEE

Marietta Dinneen	Will McLaughlin
Bill Dubois	Mona Pearl
Rick Ewig	Glenn Robertson
James Fuller	Paula Taylor
Mike Kassel	Phil Van Horn
Christy McCarthy	

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND PRESENTER BIOS

3:30 p.m.



JIM EHERNBERGER

Union Pacific Railroad Brings the Magic

It was UPRR that was instrumental in the transition of our region from The Great American Desert to the vibrant city Cheyenne has become. While

surveying and building the first transcontinental railroad into Wyoming, the bravery and risk taking the workmen faced are, indeed, historic. Jim will discuss the military involvement in protecting those workers; the lack of timber; and the importance of the coal development as carbon for fuel. You'll learn about the development of towns along the southern corridor of Wyoming, from wide-open spaces to present cities, where the larger cities originated as railroad terminal; and how the livestock industry evolved; and the overall need for moving products to support the commerce that makes us what we are today.

James L. Ehernberger, who lives in Cheyenne, has been researching Wyoming railroad history for nearly sixty-five years. He is well known as a railroad photographer, historian and author.

Starting a 34-year railroad career with the Union Pacific in 1953, Ehrenberger had a successful career, and honed his interest in railroad history and preservation. His vast collection is being transferred to the American Heritage Center at Laramie.

At age 17, two of his photographs were published in a national magazine, and from that time he has assisted many authors with photographs for their publications. He has authored or co-authored 15-railroad books and most recently, he produced 38 locomotive pictorial books for the Union Pacific Historical Society. He is a regular contributor to The Streamliner magazine, a quarterly publication of that Society. He has been featured on several PBS documentaries, including the BBC and a German PBS station. The most recent documentary that he was instrumental in was the Wyoming PBS 1949 Blizzard program.





RICK EWIG

The Early History and Influence of Fort D.A. Russell and Camp Carlin on Cheyenne

Cheyenne and Fort D.A. Russell have been intricately linked since both were founded in 1867. The city and

fort quickly formed economic and social bonds which benefited both. Camp Carlin, during its slightly more than twenty years in operation, also significantly assisted Cheyenne as it grew from a new community to the state's capital. The presentation will explore the early history of Fort Russell and Camp Carlin and examine their close relationship with Cheyenne.

Rick Ewig recently retired from the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming. Prior to working at UW, he was employed by the Wyoming State Archives, Museum, and Historical Department. He is the author of Cheyenne: A Sesquicentennial History sponsored by the City of Cheyenne.



BILL DUBOIS

A Social and Cultural History of Cheyenne

Cheyenne's historian laureate is a wealth of information about all aspects of Cheyenne's history. In this presentation, Dubois will emphasize

the era when the cattle barons were the kings and built some of the city's finest mansions. These men and women demanded the fine arts of the day and entertainments that matched their wealth. Excellent schools and churches were built, along with a fine new hospital. The railroad brought the latest items of fashion so relatives in the East and England would not think less of them. It was the golden age for Cheyenne.

William R. Dubois is the recently-named Historian Laureate for the City of Cheyenne.

Dubois spent his career as a teacher of history in the Cheyenne schools for 37 years. He is a past president of the Wyoming State and Laramie County Historical Societies, and served on the Centennial Committee for the State of Wyoming. He was selected to serve on the State Parks and Cultural Commission.

Dubois is the co-author of The Magic City of the Plains - Cheyenne at 100; Landmarks of 1976 - The Plains Hotel;

and the book celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Greater Chamber of Commerce. He served as the first public relations chairman for the Cheyenne Frontier Days Committee; and as chairman of the committee creating the Old West Museum. Dubois was named Man of the Year by the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce; and was awarded the Community Spirit award by the Wyoming Tribune-Eagle. He is a proud member of the CFDTM Hall of Fame.



William Dubois was named *Historian Laureate* by unanimous resolution of the Mayor and City Council in July of 2017.

5:00 p.m.



ALAN KIRKBRIDE

High Plains Bonanza: An Overview of Cheyenne's Cattle Industry

Lifetime rancher Alan Kirkbride will share an insider's perspective on the cattle industry in and around Cheyenne.

With the coming of the railroad and a foothold taken on the high plains, new residents looked around at a rich and exploitable resource: the mid-grass prairie, apparently there for the taking. In a few years there were 60,000 cattle within 100 miles of Cheyenne. Cheyenne was where this opportunity met civilization. The cattle business influenced the culture, the wealth, the growth and the politics of this new city and state.

Alan Kirkbride's family has been raising cattle, and for 60 years also sheep, in Laramie County throughout its established history. Arriving in 1889, the year before statehood, multiple generations of Kirkbrides have made these grasslands their livelihoods and the Cheyenne area their homes.

Although Alan has business and civic interests in town, he considers his gifted calling to be full-time stewardship of a beautiful piece of God's earth.

5:30 p.m.



MARY GUTHRIE

Women Who Made a Difference

Contrary to romantic lore, hardworking and committed citizens, rather than gunslingers and dance hall girls, created vibrant communities in

the West. Many women were instrumental in the development and success of early day Cheyenne.

This presentation will introduce you to some of the wonderful women who made a difference.

Mary Guthrie served as a Deputy Wyoming Attorney General and the Cheyenne City Attorney. Her grandfather, who came to Wyoming in the 1880s, was a prominent sheep rancher in northern Wyoming; her great uncle was a Cheyenne businessman by 1884. (He also was an infamous member of the Invaders who participated in the Johnson County War).

Guthrie has lived in Cheyenne for 40 years and is involved in many community activities.

6:00 p.m.

Intermission

6:30 p.m.



MICHAEL KASSEL
Thunder on High: Cheyenne's Early
Aviation History

In 1911, when the first planes flew in Cheyenne's skies, no one could foresee the place

that aeronautics would have in our city.

From 1920 to 1949 our city sat at the apex of the commercial aviation world. It was home to the world's first transcontinental air mail route; the cradle of Boeing's sprawling airline empire; the home of the world's first stewardesses; and home to one of the greatest aviation innovation centers the world has ever seen. The best and most famous aviators in the nation flew through Cheyenne regularly and the people of Denver had to catch a flight through our city to get almost anywhere else in the world.

Join Michael Kassel as he explores this remarkable and little-known role Cheyenne played in creating our modern era of flight.

Michael Kassel is a well-known historian in the Rocky Mountain West. Since 2001, he has been with the Cheyenne Frontier DaysTM Old West Museum, where he is currently the curator of exhibits. Prior to coming to Cheyenne, he served in a variety of leadership roles at museums in the Midwest. His presentations are much sought-after for their wealth of knowledge and Mike's entertaining delivery.

Kassel holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of Wyoming and is currently an adjunct professor of Early/Modern US and Wyoming History at Laramie County Community College.

7:00 p.m.



JIM WIDLAR
Home of the Atlas

Cheyenne is proud of its military heritage. What is now F.E. Warren Air Force Base is unique in the country because it has been an active military

installation throughout Cheyenne's existence.

While much is discussed and written about Camp Carlin and Fort D.A. Russell, we sometimes overlook the fact that Cheyenne is the home of America's first operational Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) wing. In this presentation, you'll learn what that meant for the United States Air Force and for Cheyenne.

Airman First Class (Sep.) Jim Widlar enlisted in the Air Force on December of 1960 and was assigned to the Strategic Air Command's 706th Strategic Missile Wing (ICBM-Atlas) at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base (AFB), Wyoming. He was an Atlas-D Missile Mechanic assigned to a launch maintenance crew with the 389th Missile Maintenance Squadron.

He was on alert during Defense Readiness Condition Two (DEFCON 2) the Cuban Missile Crisis, and again following President Kennedy's assassination in 1963. Widlar also had a temporary duty assignment to Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, to assist in four Atlas-D missile launches.

Upon deactivation of the Atlas-D weapon system in 1964, he received an early separation from the USAF and relocated to Silicon Valley, California, where he finished his career in the electrical construction industry.

Widlar, now semi-retired, lives near Boulder, Colorado, as a founding member of the Association of Air Force Missilieers, and as a volunteer at the F.E. Warren AFB Heritage Museum where he served nearly 50 years ago.

7:30 p.m.



PHIL ROBERTS

From Railroad Town to State Capital: Cheyenne Growth and Development in the Territorial Years

Few cities have a first "history" published six months after their

creation. Such was the case with Cheyenne.

This presentation will begin with that Saltiel and Bartlett history and then describe the growth through the territorial period as Cheyenne residents planted trees, built water systems, and parlayed the city's strong associations with the Union Pacific Railroad (the territory's largest landowner and employer) into preeminence as capital city, home of the only newspapers circulated territory-wide, and home to wealthy cattlemen.

Roberts will explain how the city's growth coincided with the railroad's presence—and what benefits or disadvantages came from that relationship; and he'll discuss Cheyenne's rich multi-cultural and ethnic diversity.

Phil Roberts has taught Wyoming and Western history at the University of Wyoming since 1990.

A native of Lusk, Wyoming, he attended public schools in Torrington, Thermopolis, Worland and Cody.

He is a graduate of the University of Wyoming and the UW College of Law. He holds the Ph.D. in history from the University of Washington (Seattle).

8:00 p.m.



JAMES FULLER

The Indomitable Spirit of Cheyenne

A crash of thunder or a flash of a lighting has yet to deter the spirit of those living in Cheyenne. Even the strongest of winds or coldest

of winters can't cause those who live here to be shaken by the fury of a winter blizzard that has swept across these plains or a dry, hot summer.

In this presentation, Fuller will outline a few of Cheyenne's worst disasters and tell us how the people of Cheyenne survived and thrived.

James Fuller joined the United States Air Force at the age of 18. During his time in the United States Air Force, he completed his higher education, currently holding a Master of Arts in American History with American Military University. Stationed at F.E.Warren Air Force Base, the Fuller family fell in love with Wyoming's people, lifestyle and natural beauty. Since Fuller retired in 2014, they are proud to call Cheyenne "our new home town."

Fuller has a particular passion for the preservation of historic buildings. He has worked with numerous boards and non-profit organizations that support those efforts. In addition, he provided all of the historical research for the Wyoming PBS documentary "Storm of the Century: Blizzard of 49," which was nominated for a Rocky Mountain Region Emmy Award and went on to gain national recognition with PBS.

He is currently completing his first book, The Wyoming Blizzard of 1949: Surviving the Storm.

8:30 p.m.



JILL POPE
The "Spirits" of Cheyenne: Local
Paranormal Lore

Join Jill as she spins tales about the spirits that linger in this hell on wheels town we know as Cheyenne. She will

share accounts of paranormal experiences that locals have endured in the historic buildings of downtown.

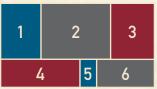
This will be a fun and informative wrap up to the evening's presentations!

Jill Pope is the author of Haunted Cheyenne and Haunted Warren Air Force Base, books that are part of the History Press Haunted America series. Jill manages the Cheyenne Street Railway trolleys and has collected Cheyenne ghost stories for the past fifteen years to be relayed in the annual trolley ghost tours.

Pope has worked for Visit Cheyenne—the convention and visitors bureau—as the Director of Operations and Visitor Services for the past fifteen years. As part of this position she manages four Cheyenne Street Railway Trolleys which offer daily historic tours, Halloween ghost tours, and Christmas light tours. She enjoys interacting with visitors from around the country and the world, finding that the more different we are, the more alike we are.

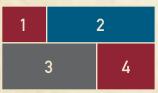
During Pope's tourism career, she has written the trolley's historic tours presentation, spinning information on the unbridled origins of this western town. She includes the history of the haunted locations to allow the reader to better understand the paranormal activity. Pope has always been interested in the unexplained and unproven. While she is a bit of a skeptic, she continues to follow the current research as it unfolds.





- 1: James and Harriet Elizabeth "Liz" Byrd outside the USO building. 1946
- 2: Electricity being hooked up at the Fort D.A. Russsell headquarters. 1909 (Nat. Geo. photo)
- **3**: View of Capitol Avenue at night from the Depot. *1950s*
- 4: The Big Boy steam engine at Holliday Park during the 1985 flood.
- 5: Renowned local historian Marietta Dinneen. 2017
- 6: The Cheyenne supercomputer at NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research). 2017





- 1: Belt buckle from the 100th Cheyenne Frontier Days. 1996
- 2: Local buses at W.E. Dinneen's Garage and Filling Station. 1928
- 3: 16th Street, Cheyenne. 1868
- 4: Tail turret modification of the B-17 Flying Fortress during World War II. 1943

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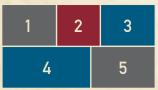












- 1: Digging out from the blizzard of 1955—just six years after 1949 "Storm of the Century."
- **2**: The Mountain States Bell Telephone building on the corner of Capitol Avenue and 17th Street. 1906
- 3: Interior of the Historic Plains Hotel. 1935
- 4: The Ellis Confectionery Shop. 1897
- 5: The Union Pacific Depot at the south end of Capitol Avenue. 1930

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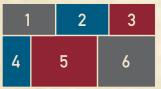
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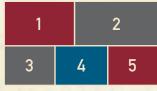
Mayor Orr and the Steering Committee say "Thank you!" to the numerous businesses and individuals not listed, who contributed to the success of the 150th Celebration.





- 1: The Cheyenne Bicycle Club in the 1890s.
- 2: The Nagel residence built in 1874 was the first brick home built in Cheyenne.
- 3: An aerial view of the Cheyenne Veterans Affairs Hospital. 1934
- 4: Celebrate 150 banner outside the Historic Cheyenne Depot. 2017
- 5: President Franklin D. Roosevelt and wife, Eleanor, leaving St. Marks Episcopal Church. 1936
- **6**: A Cheyenne Electric Railway street car.





- 1: Children dressed up for Cheyenne Frontier Days.
- 2: An aerial view of the Capitol and surrounding neighborhood in the 1950s.
- 3: The Lion and the Mouse playing at the downtown Lincoln Theatre. 1928
- 4: U.S. Cavalry members in formation at Fort D.A. Russell.
- 5: The Crown Bar on 16th Street. 1966

Black and white photographs courtesy of the Wyoming State Archives, except page 14 #5 and #6, page 15 #1 and page 20 #4.

CITY OF CHEYENNE ELECTED MAYORS

1867	H. M. Hook
1868	L. Murrin
1869	W. W. Slaughter
1870	J. H. Martin *
1871	Jervis Joslin *
1872	M. Sloan *
1873	M. V. Boughton *
1874	George Cassels *
1875	I. C. Whipple *
1876	L. R. Bresnahan *
1877	D. Fisk *
	L. R. Bresnahan
1880-1881	F. E. Addoms
1881-1884	Joseph M. Carey
1885 (2 mos.)	
1885-1886	A. H. Reel
1887-1890	Charles W. Riner
1891-1892	L. R. Bresnahan
1893-1895	Ed F. Stahle
1896-1897	Samuel Merrill
1897-1900	William R. Schnitger
1901-1902	
1903-1904	M. P. Keefe
1905-1906	D. W. Gill
1907-1910	P. S. Cook
1911-1912	L. R. Bresnahan
1913-1914	
1914-1917	R. N. La Fontaine
1918-1919	Edward W. Stone

1920-1923	Ed P. Taylor
	Archie Allison
1926-1929	Charles W. Riner
1930-1931	Cal Holliday
1932-1933	J. F. Weybrecht
	Archie Allison
1940-1943	Ed Warren
44 (5 mos.)	
	Bruce S. Jones
1946-1947	John J. Mcinerney
1948-1950	Benjamin G. Nelson
1951-1952	
1952-1953	R. E. Cheever
1954-1957	Val. S. Christensen
1958-1961	Worth Story
1962-1965	Bill Nation
1966-1967	Herbert Kingham
1968-1969	George R. Cox
1970-1971	Floyd Holland
	James D. Vanvelzor
1973-1976	
1977-1988	Donald Erickson
	Gary Schaeffer
	Leo A. Pando
	Jack R. Spiker
2009-2016	Richard L. Kaysen

CITY POPULATION

1870 1,450	
1880 3,456	
1890 11,690	
1900 14,087	
1910 11,320	
1920 13,829	
1930 17,361	
1940 22,474	
1950 31,935	
1960 43,505	
1970 41,254	
1980 47,283	
1990 50,008	
2000 53,011	
2010 59,466	
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