

**MAY  
2025**



# Newsletter

## Summer is just around the corner

### Tourist season is springing up all over

#### Depot Days



One of the first events that signals the beginning of summer every year is Depot Days. The UP Steam Shop, home of Big Boy 4014, the Heritage Collection in the Roundhouse, and the Cheyenne Depot Museum all open to the public for a two-day train extravaganza. On May 17 and 18, get full access to the trains at the Cheyenne Depot, featuring Harry Brunk's Union Central & Northern model railroad, the SLICK-X O-gauge modular model railroad, and more.

Ticket price includes museum admission and a brief tour of the Union Pacific Steam Shop where you can get up-close-and-personal with the largest steam locomotive in the world, Big Boy. A trolley will escort people to and from the steam shop, with departures scheduled every 30 minutes from the Depot. Prices increase at the door, so make sure to buy early to save!

Tickets purchased in advance for non-members are:  
\$20 for adults  
\$10 for ages 13-18  
Kids 12 and under are free.

Tickets purchased at the door for non-members are:  
\$25 for adults  
\$13 for ages 13 – 18  
Kids 12 and under are free.

Visit [cheyennedepotmuseum.org/depot-days](http://cheyennedepotmuseum.org/depot-days) or call (307) 632-3905 for tickets.

#### FOTP Announcements

Fridays on the Plaza (FOTP) is Wyoming's largest outdoor summer music festival, bringing free, live entertainment to downtown Cheyenne every week from the beginning of June to the end of August. Now in its 20th year, the series has grown from a small local gathering into one of Cheyenne's most cherished traditions.

In celebration of their 20th anniversary, FOTP invited local artists to compete for a chance to be the opening act for one of the Friday concerts at an event they dubbed, "Sound Surge." Customers at Black Tooth Brewery piled in to hear the contestants and vote on their favorite. Winct, a local freestyle artist, claimed the title as the very first winner of Fridays Sound Surge. But surprise! Not only is Winct joining the lineup — FOTP is contracting all five local bands who competed. That's right, every single band is getting a spot on the Fridays stage this summer. Look for local favorites Year of the Pig, Jared Strayer, It Gets Worse, and Gene Clemetson & The Mashup to round out the roster.

The full lineup of FOTP is scheduled to be announced on April 30th, so keep an eye (and ear) out for the full slate of summer concerts.



# Experience Cheyenne in a Whole New Way

“Experience Cheyenne” is an event tailored specifically for hospitality workers eager to provide outstanding visitor experiences in our city. This event offers flexibility, allowing you to join us at any point during the evening and stay as long as you like.

Join us for a refreshing evening at our Experience Cheyenne event on April 29th, set amidst the lush surroundings of the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens. This gathering is tailored to enhance the knowledge and networks of frontline hospitality workers, just in time for the bustling spring and summer seasons, including the upcoming wedding season.

This event offers a unique opportunity to see how the Botanic Gardens serve as a perfect setting for special events and to gather ideas that can be passed along to guests and event planners. No matter your role in guest experiences, this evening will provide valuable insights and enjoyable networking in a spectacular setting. We look forward to welcoming you to a night of discovery and connection at one of Cheyenne’s most beautiful locales. Let’s make the most of the upcoming season together.

And we have something new! Bring a business card or fill out a raffle ticket at the event to enter. We will draw and announce the winner following the venue tour. Don’t miss this chance to win while enjoying an evening of insight and networking.

## Event Details:

- Date: Tuesday April 29th
- Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- Location: Cheyenne Botanic Gardens

## Schedule:

- 5:30 PM: Meet at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens for a guided tour. Explore the stunning plant collections and beautifully designed features that make this venue a top choice for summer events and weddings.
- 6:30 PM: After the tour, enjoy a curated selection of charcuterie provided by Bountiful Cravings.

To RSVP, email Amber at [amber@cheyenne.org](mailto:amber@cheyenne.org). Your RSVP is a commitment; by confirming your attendance, you help us manage resources efficiently and avoid unnecessary costs to our generous local caterers and small business owners. Thank you!



## CALENDAR

### May 2-4, Event Center at Archer

Great Western Alpaca Show

### May 3rd, Pine Bluffs Distilling

The 7th Annual Corgi Derby

### May 17, The Lincoln

Bingo Loco



## LODGING STATISTICS

April 2025		Change from last year	YTD 2024
Lodging Occupancy Percentage	54.4%	10.1%	49.3% (0.1%)
Average Room Rate	\$97.40	-0.5%	\$98.12 (.05%)



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