



News From The Red Caboose

FALL 2010



A Major Makover for the Yellowstone Gateway Museum

The museum has completed its 33rd year of operations! It was a successful summer and we are now getting ready for winter. And what a winter it is going to be. We are getting ready for the first major makeover of the museum since the shop was built out back in the mid 1980s.

This winter the museum will begin the upgrading of its electrical system and installation of a heating and air system (HVAC). We are arranging for design plans to be completed by January and then will bid out the actual construction project for this long awaited project.

The museum will be getting a new electrical service with more service available; new lighting, and updated outlets. Along with this will be the installation of an HVAC system. This system will allow us to heat the building in the winter and cool it in the summer. There are a couple of great outcomes from doing this.

During the summer of 2011 we will be able to cool the building down, especially the up-stairs portion, to a pleasant temperature. For visitors this will make their visit more enjoyable. In the past, at times, visitors have had to cut their visit short due to the heat. In 2011 we will be able to be open to the public for the first time in the winter months! We may only open three or four days a week, but we will be open and available for visitation. We can advertise that "The Museum

is one of the Coolest Places to visit in the summer" and "One of the Hottest Attractions in the winter."

The second outcome will be a better environment for the collections themselves. In the past the freezing temperatures in the winter have created an unsafe storage problem for items we have out. Even keeping the temperature at 55 to 60 degrees most of the time will provide for a more stable environment for the collections. The new system will control the humidity as well. This will bring us up to a new level of professionalism in our museum management.

One of the big head aches for us will be need to move the collections out of the museum during construction, then moving them back into new displays when construction is completed. This move will allow Museum Registrar Laura McCarthy to begin to get a better idea of our collections; what condition they are in; where they are located, and match them to collection inventories. Each item will receive an inventory number then be packed for movement.

We have been getting the back shop up-stairs storage area ready for this move. Shelving has been getting cleaned and put up. This area was insulated when it was built and we hope to maintain a temperature of 55 degrees for the winter. This will stabilize the collection conditions and also give us an idea of what energy costs are going to look like when we



start our system up in the new building.

Laura will be conducting training classes this fall for volunteers to help in the move. If you are able and interested in helping this fall and winter with the move you are invited to attend. We can use the help.

It is an exciting time and one that is full of challenges for us. Moving an entire museum collection is no small task and can not be taken lightly. A lot of preparation and planning has already gone into this project and we are ready to face the work to get the job done.

In the end we will not only provide for a safer and temperature controlled environment for the visitor and collections, but will also begin the start of re-displaying our museum. This make over will be fun and make the Yellowstone Gateway Museum one of the premier visitor attractions in Southwest Montana. If you can't be here to help out, look for the grand re-opening next spring. See you there! ❖

— Paul Shea
Museum Director



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Whithorn Quilt Raffle • Class of 1950 • HVAC Update • Educational Collaboration



WHITHORN QUILT

By Pat Miller
Friends Project Chair

The Friends of the Yellowstone Gateway Museum announce the winner of the Bill and Doris Whithorn photo quilt drawing. Doris Whithorn drew this winner from the several hundred tickets. The Friends sincerely thank all who purchased tickets and supported this summer project. Jody has a special place for this prize and was very happy to have been chosen by Doris.

The Friends especially give thanks for the gift of material and the hours of quilting given so generously by Sally McKiernan of Livingston with assistance from Bobbie Williams, President of the Friends. More than \$900 was realized by the sales and will be applied to a project yet to be chosen at the Yellowstone Gateway Museum.

Quilt winner Jody Allen has lived in Livingston for the last ten years. For several years she worked for the Corporation of the Northern Rockies and was Director of the Livingston Farmers Market and the Sustainability Fairs. She is now semi-retired but works as a part time receptionist and full time gardener. She sells her produce at the Farmers Markets. She also enjoys geneology and is researching her family history and is compiling this history for her family. She has visited the Museum many times and enjoys the history it portrays.

We thank Jody for taking a chance on the quilt and making room in her home for this historical wall hanging. ❖❖❖



PARK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1950

25 classmates along with their wives and husbands gathered in Sacajawea Park August 21st to swap stories and enjoy a few hours together along the Yellowstone. The event was catered by Matt's Deli. Graduates Left to Right; Doris J. (Clement) Robb; Carole (Reid) Fagerli; Fred Martin (and Shirlee); Joyce (Boehm) Savall, (and Hoss); Rosie (Pugliano) Hiatt; Bob Watson (and Katy); MAYBE Shirley (Hole) Gunnels; Joseph Hogg (and Marlys); Jean (Martin) Egeland; Jackie (Deeny) Fuhrer; MAYBE Dorothy (Werle) Schleicher; Carlo Cieri (and Elsie); Rosalie (Mayer) Corson; Jack Shanstrom (and Audrey); Mary Lou (Goddard) Shields; Marlene (Young) Mantzey; Jim Ricci (and Shirley); Dick Johnson; Pat (Tripp) Stewart; Pat Hash; Harold Stewart; Russ Jordan (and Marlys); Libby (O'Neil) Barnhart (and Bob); David Rigler (and Rose); Hunter DeVault; Dan Voyich (and Marie).

SNAPSHOTS IN TIME COLLABORATION

By Merrilee Bryan
Area Educator

East Side School and Park High School have joined with the Yellowstone Gateway Museum in a Museum-School Partnership grant. We will be exploring the theme of diplomacy through Leaders, Language, Culture and Resources. East Side fifth grade teachers Mrs. Robin Lovec and Mr. Luke Shelton with East Side Librarian Ms. Merrilee Bryan will collaborate with Park High World Cultures class students led by their teacher, Mr. Bill Shannon and PHS Librarian Ms. Suzanne Goodman to research and study these concepts. This fall members of Mr. Shannon's class will travel to Heart Butte High School to begin the process by learning how to access primary documents.

They will then create teaching trunks containing pertinent artifacts to illustrate their research. Yellowstone Gateway Museum is setting up digital archives to augment their study. Using these resources Fifth Grade will then create their own projects.

COMMUNITY: Throughout the year a series of speakers will address students and parents in the East Side Library on topics like Visions of the future, Star Stories of the Blackfeet and the history and archaeology of Fort Parker.

CULMINATION: East Side Fifth Grade will host a Crow Agency Fifth Grade at our annual Fort Parker day in late May 2011 to share a new diplomacy between our communities on the Great Bend of the Yellowstone.

CELEBRATION: Yellowstone Gateway Museum will present East Side's Fifth Grade projects in a gala opening exhibit in June 2011. These projects will be on display throughout the summer season. ❖❖❖

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A COUPLE'S LIFETIME OF ADVENTURE

HISTORIANS BOB AND ALICE MURPHY

By Pat Miller
Yellowstone Gateway Museum

I recently spent some time with Alice Murphy, up Deep Creek way, in the most incredible mountain setting that Paradise Valley offers. The deer were sharing the fields with the horses. A large bald eagle circled this perfect setting looking for dinner. Their large windows frame all of this and more.

Though her husband has been gone since October of 2008 he is still very much present. The bear hide, Indian artifacts and blankets, pictures of Yellowstone Park and their adventures as husband and wife adorn the walls of this special home.

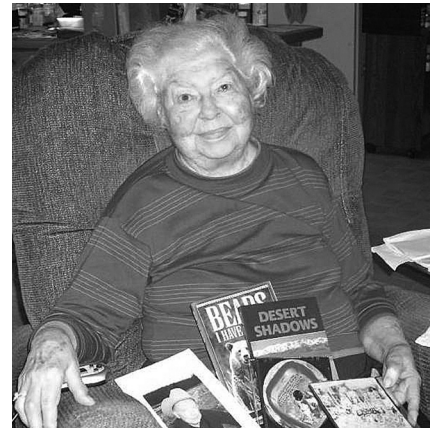
Alice was a Bigelow of Gardiner, Montana. This was an old historical name in the area and well known. Bob and Alice were married in Livingston at St. Mary's Catholic Church in October, 1945.

At the time both were employed

by the National Park Service. She was Secretary to the Superintendent and Chief Ranger of Yellowstone National Park.

The marriage and adventures of this couple cover years of service with Yellowstone Park, Glacier National Park, Theodore Roosevelt National Park in No. Dakota, Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, Wind Cave National Park in So. Dakota, Devil's Tower National Monument in Wyoming, Death Valley National Park in southern California and Lassen Volcanic National Park in northern California. They were privileged to travel with heads of state, dignitaries from all walks of life and from all over the world. One reason they were so well known and so popular over the years of service is that it is very evident after meeting Alice that "the honest touch of the west and of Montana left its mark on all those they met."

Following Park Service retirement in 1977 Bob and Alice moved to Paradise



Valley, where Alice still lives. In visiting with this interesting lady I gathered they enjoyed a real love story filled with life and adventure. This is evident with her home full of pictures of their life. The Museum Gift Shop is privileged to carry one of Bob's books "Bears I Have Known".

It was my pleasure and honor to meet and listen to a true historian of National Park history. ❖❖❖

MUSEUM HEATS UP

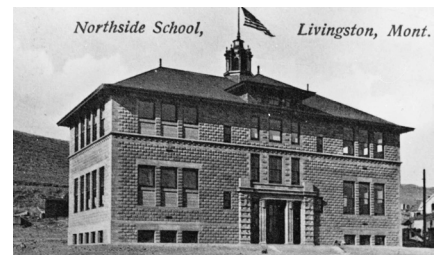
By Laura McCarthy
Museum Registrar

For years the museum has been filled with the "warmth" of the Friends and people passionate about saving history. Now, the Yellowstone Gateway Museum has the opportunity to put real heat in the historic Northside School. Some of you may have been students of the Northside School; many have donated artifacts to the YGM collection; and all of us have enjoyed exploring our exhibits and seeing what the history of Park County has to offer. Climate control is needed to save our generations of artifacts, documents, and photographs donated to the museum. The Museum has been raising funds for the installation of a Heating Cooling and Air Conditioning, or HVAC, system. We have successfully raised the money for Phase I of the project. YGM

acquired \$67,100 of funding through the U.S. Department of Energy- Energy Efficiency Competitive Block Grant program for the electrical upgrade needed for a new heating system. A successful grant by Nittany Grantworks to the Montana Department of Commerce gained us \$76,985 to purchase and install the air handling equipment.

We are still applying for grants and other contributions to provide for Phase II of the project, including high efficiency attic insulation and repair of the existing doors. The Friends raised a great amount of "seed" money to initiate the project and contributed the entire donation box proceeds from this summer. Now we are incredibly close to realizing the goal of an energy-efficient and up-to-date climate control system in the Museum.

Our goal is to raise an additional \$107,560 through grants and contributions from people like you.



The Northside School, 1908. [YGM 2006.044.0784]

No amount is too small, and any help will bring us closer to improving the Northside School for visitors, volunteers, and our treasured history.

If you would like to contribute to this cause and save our treasures for generations to come, please send donations to: The Friends of the Yellowstone Gateway Museum, P.O. Box 815, Livingston, MT 59047.

Make your funds go directly to the heating and cooling project by writing "HVAC" in either the "Other Donation" section of your donation envelope or in the memo section of your check. ❖❖❖

ANSWERS to POP QUIZ: 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (b)

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Pop Quiz: Park County History

- 1) What was Livingston first called?
 - a. Clark City
 - b. Emerald City
 - c. Whitefish City
 - d. Yellowstone City
- 2) In Emigrant Gulch, most of the ore wagons were probably made by...
 - a. Chevrolet
 - b. Ford
 - c. Studebaker
 - d. Toyota
- 3) Which former president served as a ranger in Yellowstone Park?
 - a. George Bush
 - b. Jimmy Carter
 - c. Gerald Ford
 - d. Ronald Reagan
- 4) Montana women first voted for president in what year?
 - a. 1910
 - b. 1914
 - c. 1918
 - d. 1920
- 5) Teddy Roosevelt ran for reelection in 1904. How did he do in Park County?
 - a. He came in first
 - b. He came in second
 - c. He came in third
 - d. He came in last

ANSWERS TO POP QUIZ ON PAGE 5

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE YELLOWSTONE GATEWAY MUSEUM!

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