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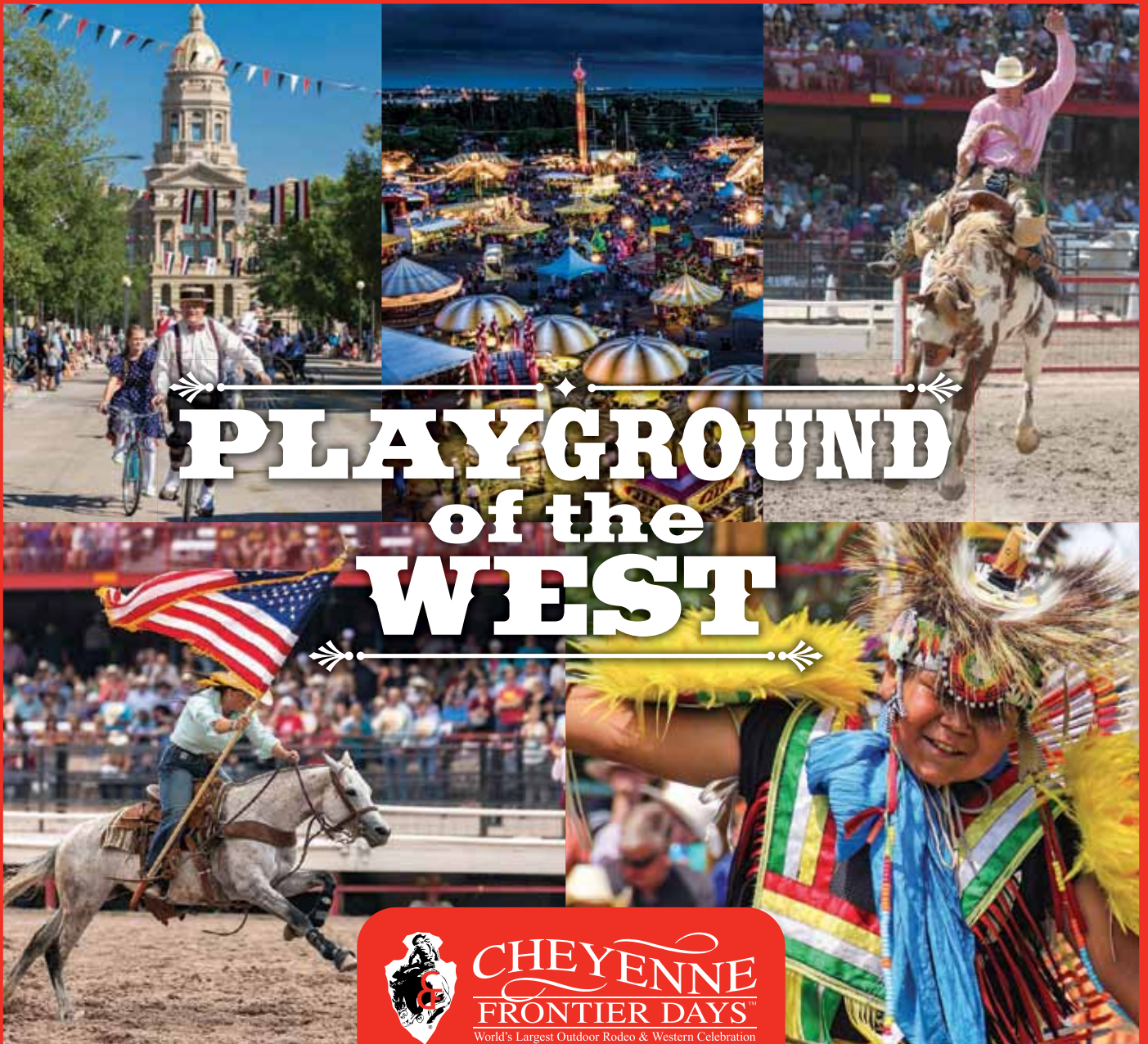
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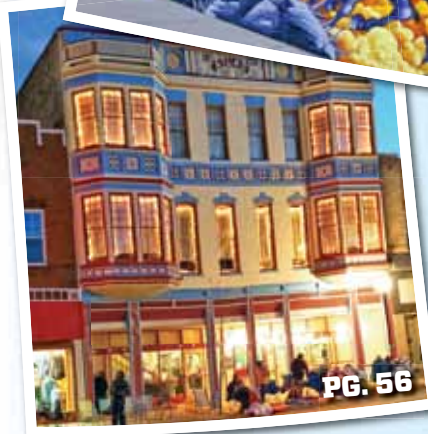
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The City of Cheyenne is inextricably linked with the military. In fact, the city was "born" on the same day Fort D.A. Russell (now F.E. Warren Air Force Base) was selected as a site for an Army Post. Cheyenne is home of the Wyoming Air Guard, Army National Guard, and the only National Veteran's Cemetery in the state of Wyoming. Cheyenne deeply values our military personnel and those who served.

While you are here, I hope you will enjoy the rich history that makes Cheyenne great. During the last full week of July, Cheyenne will host the 126th Cheyenne Frontier Days™ also known as the "Daddy of 'em All"®. This annual western celebration is the largest outdoor rodeo in the world and is the pride of our city. The "Daddy" is staffed by thousands of volunteers who dedicate countless hours year-round to make the last full week of July a one-of-a-kind experience. These men and women are the backbone for the CFD™ experience – a 10-day celebration chock full of parades, pancake breakfasts, the biggest names in country music, Championship Bull Riding, western art shows, Native American arts and culture, and of course, the famous award-winning rodeo itself. The addition of a newly constructed multi-purpose building located in the heart of the CFD™ park provides a modern upgrade to this world-class event and opens the door for year-round opportunities for conferences, events, and so much more.

Cheyenne boasts cultural and recreational opportunities as well. Our Civic Center, home of the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra, offers numerous productions for all age groups. Cheyenne Little Theatre productions are some of the finest you will attend, with performances shared between the Mary Godfrey Theater and the Historic Atlas Theater. The historic Union Pacific Depot is the crown jewel of our downtown. The first train rolled into town over 150 years ago and since that day Cheyenne and the Union Pacific have been close partners. Although this downtown fixture is noted for its historical significance, the area received a modern upgrade thanks to a \$150,000 donation by Microsoft to install free public Wi-Fi in the Historic Depot and nearby Depot Plaza.

Our parks and Greenway system are some of the best you will find. I encourage you to visit my personal favorite addition to our community, the Grand Conservatory and Orangerie at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens located in Lions Park. And one is never too old to visit the Paul Smith Children's Village while you are there. The High Plains Arboretum is located just five miles northwest of Cheyenne at an elevation of 6,200 feet and is one of our hidden gems.

A 40-mile, non-motorized Greenway path allows hikers, bikers, skateboarders, and strollers to navigate around the city. We have numerous public and private museums including the Wyoming State Museum, Historic Governors' Mansion, and the Old West Museum. Our state Capitol recently completed a monumental renovation and restoration in 2019 and the results are remarkable; ensuring this historic landmark remains vibrant for generations to come.

Again, welcome to Cheyenne, the "Magic City of the Plains". I hope your time spent here is memorable and magical.

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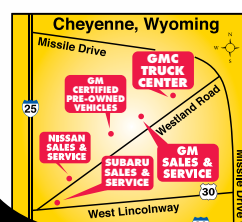
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The downtown area is the perfect place to start your adventure. Larger than life murals scattered around the city's center adorn buildings that date back to the 1800s and now house restaurants, retail experiences, breweries and galleries. The collection of muraled walls continues to

expand adding flavor to an already arts centric community. If you have children with you, complete the Andy Lope and Shy Anne scavenger hunt to receive free stickers at the visitor center inside the Depot.

A must experience is the Wild West Historic Trolley Tour. Departing four times on weekdays, three times on Saturday and twice on Sunday from the Cheyenne's Historic Train Depot, this tour tells tales of gunfighters, Cheyenne firsts and all the stories that create the Legend of Cheyenne. Looking to save a couple of dollars? Purchase the Trolley Plus Pass. For \$20 you receive a trolley tour

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Looking to escape the city and breathe fresh mountain air? Curt Gowdy State Park is your ticket to adventure. With trails for hiking, running and mountain biking along with water recreation and camping, your outdoor adventure is ready at the pace you want to set.

At night Cheyenne comes alive with music. You can catch live performances at the Civic Center, The Lincoln, The Outlaw Saloon, Terry Bison Ranch and other bars, breweries and performing arts venues. Everything from funk to classical to country is on the set list.

Don't forget Cheyenne is your home for rodeo as well. The Hell on Wheels Rodeo series features seven performances across the summer and of course you won't want to miss the 126th Cheyenne Frontier Days™ featuring the best athletes, concert performers and western celebration you can find July 22nd-July 31st.

For more information or to keep planning your trip visit [www.cheyenne.org](http://www.cheyenne.org). ■



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# Cheyenne Bronze Statue Project

Visitors to downtown Cheyenne will enjoy exploring a variety of unique pieces of outdoor art, including brightly painted eight-foot-tall cowboy boots and giant outdoor murals. The most recent addition to the downtown art scene features several bronze sculptures that are part of the Capitol Avenue Bronze Project, a community endeavor that seeks to honor the history and heritage of Cheyenne and the state of Wyoming.

More than a decade ago, Cheyenne businessman Harvey Deselms, proprietor of Deselms Fine Art, envisioned adding a series of art pieces to downtown Cheyenne that celebrate the legacy of the area in a format that will last for generations to come. Visits to other communities in the region led Deselms to embrace bronze statuary as the most appropriate medium, given the durability of the material, and its association with western culture.

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The idea rested in Deselms' imagination for almost 10 years. Then in 2020, Deselms discovered that Patrick Collins, now Cheyenne's mayor, shared a parallel vision of bringing more art into downtown, and the Capitol Avenue Bronze Project was conceived. A committee was formed to oversee the project and solicit donations from the community. The response was overwhelming.

"This project is a great example of creating 'pride of place'," according to Deselms. "Our city, and the entire state of Wyoming share a special place in the history of the American West, and this is a way to leave a lasting legacy through art. As visitors make their way between the depot and the capitol, they have an opportunity to visit one of our many locally owned businesses. Downtown Cheyenne really has a lot to offer."

The original plan was to install a statue on every street corner along Capitol Avenue from the former Union Pacific Depot, all the way to the state capitol, 28 in total. That goal has been exceeded, as commitments have now been received for 32 statues. The committee now hopes to expand the project to include 50 statues covering a larger portion of downtown. Many of the



bronzes are currently in place, with remaining pieces scheduled to be installed by the fall of 2022.

The statues convey stories of the region, and feature famous historical figures, explorers, settlers, Native Americans, animals, and scenes from everyday life. Each statue sits on a pedestal crafted from bricks matching those of the historic UP depot. Each one features a tribute plaque with an image description, as well as donor, and tribute information if applicable. Local and regional artists have been recruited to sculpt the pieces.

As the project continues to evolve and develop, the city of Cheyenne will hold a dedication of the project, and the work completed at that time, on July 27, 2022. Information about the ceremony can be found at [capitolavenuebronze.org](http://capitolavenuebronze.org).

If you find yourself in downtown Cheyenne, be sure to make a trek down Capitol Avenue, and take in this unique outdoor art exhibit.

For more information on the Capitol Avenue Bronze Project, funding a statue, or making a donation in any amount, please visit [capitolavenuebronze.org](http://capitolavenuebronze.org), call Harvey Deselms at 307-432-0606, or stop by Deselms Fine Art at 303 E. 17th Street in Cheyenne. ■



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With a population of over 65,000 people, Cheyenne has become an anchor in the growing economy of the Front Range of the Rockies. It is home to numerous museums, art galleries, theaters, parks and Laramie County Community College. Some of the best outdoor recreation and scenery in the country is within an hour's drive of

the city. Cheyenne maintains the charm of the Old West, while still offering all of the amenities of a modern city.

"The Magic City of the Plains" sprang into existence in 1867, when General Grenville Dodge of the Union Pacific Railroad established a tent city here for workers of the first transcontinental railroad. Shortly thereafter, Army General C.C. Auger established Fort D.A. Russell for the protection of the growing new community. Soon settlers began to arrive and brought with them new cultures, as well as new businesses, which included cattle, trading and mining. This influx of new people to the open prairie forever altered the lifestyle of many of the nomadic Plains Indians, including the Cheyenne, after whom the city was named.

The Transcontinental Railroad, eventually connecting both coasts, was the first modern mode of transportation linking Cheyenne to the rest of the country. Today, Cheyenne remains a major hub for interstate transportation with I-25 North and South, and I-80 East and West.

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The Transcontinental Railroad map embedded in the terrazzo floor of the Cheyenne Depot lobby is just one of the building's highlights. The original wood benches in the lobby still bear the cigarette burns from soldiers in transport. The "Coupler Building" is a gorgeous addition to the Depot. The building serves as a beautiful viewing

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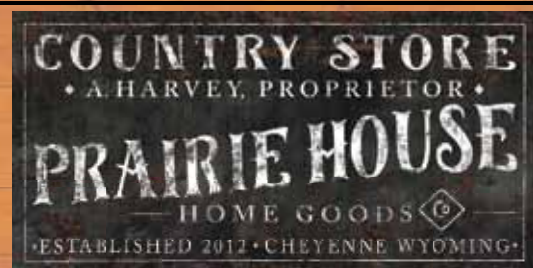
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Cheyenne Frontier Days™ (CFD) began in 1897. It seemed the "Magic City of the Plains" that had grown so rapidly needed a tourism boost. In late August, Frederick Angier, Traveling Passenger Agent of the Union Pacific Railroad, approached Colonel E.A. Slack, editor of the Cheyenne Sun-Leader, about staging an event in Cheyenne that would attract train travelers from Colorado. Angier cited successful excursions earlier that summer to Loveland, Colorado, for Corn Day and Greeley, Colorado, for Potato Day.

Angier and Slack convinced the new mayor, William M. Schnitger and local businessmen to have the first Frontier Day on September 23. The first CFD committee was formed to develop an event that would attract visitors and attention to Cheyenne. They had less than one month to publicize it; and some critics said it wouldn't amount to much. They were mistaken.

Cheyenne Frontier Days™ has grown from a small event into the World's Largest Outdoor Rodeo and Western Celebration. For Cheyenne, it is the biggest attraction a city could hope to create. Visitors from all over the nation and different parts of the world travel to Wyoming each July to take part in the "Daddy of 'em All®."

Historically, the rodeo has been the main event of Cheyenne Frontier Days™. Other activities have come and gone through the years. Baseball games were popular during the first years. Riding, roping and bison wrestling were also part of the week's events. Until the mid-1920s, non-rodeo activities took place downtown. In 1927, the licenses for street-side entertainment were denied,

and the midway and carnivals began. In 1929, "Frontier Nights®" opened as an evening attraction. Visitors could also gamble in false saloons or spend the evening in the dance hall.

Beginning in the early 1930s, an increasing number of celebrities began to attend the festivities. Actors came to have fun and promote their new films. In the 1950s and 1960s, stars from television westerns participated in Cheyenne Frontier Days™.



Native Americans weren't a part of the first event, but public demand brought them to the second annual Cheyenne Frontier Days™. Shoshones from the Wind River Reservation took part in the early years. By the late 1920s, Oglala Lakotas represented the Native Americans. The Southern Plains Indian Dancers participated for the first time in 1980 and they returned each year until 1996. Several different groups have taken part since 1997, including the Wind River Dancers and the Little Sun Drum and Dance Group.



Parades have long been a part of CFD, and the early parades featured cowboys and military regiments. Dazee Bristol, a prominent citizen and CFD volunteer, designed floats for the parades and created saloons and a lynching bee. Some of these historic floats can still be seen in the parades.

Through all the changes, the rodeo has been the heart of it all. By the 1920s, two or three women's events were included in the rodeo. The economy and World War II changed women's roles, and by 1948 women's events were no longer part of CFD. In 1973, barrel racing was offered and then dropped after 1981; and brought back as a night show feature in 1991.

The rodeos have brought fame and glory as well as tragedy and sadness to Cheyenne. In 1989, bull rider Lane Frost was killed after completing one of his best rides during that year's CFD. A statue now stands in tribute to his life and legacy outside the Old West Museum.

Cheyenne Frontier Days™ is a special gathering, and it couldn't happen without volunteers who donate their time and effort to the event. Tasks range from sorting stock; caring for the world's largest horse-drawn carriage collection and a remarkable period clothing collection; mucking horse stalls; directing traffic; manning gates; the care of a large media contingent; serving as hosts to the tens of thousands of spectators who enjoy the variety of events; the care and maintenance of an 88-acre park with barns, grandstands, exhibit halls, food facilities and arenas and thousands of other grizzly little details that

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Cheyenne's leading employers; more than 4,000 civilians and military personnel work on the base.

F.E. Warren AFB today is a far cry from its beginning as Fort D.A. Russell back in July of 1867. Fort Russell was established to protect Union Pacific Railway workers from attacks during the construction of the Transcontinental Railway. The first troops stationed at Fort Russell, under the command of Colonel John D. Stevenson, lived in tents during the first year while building wood framed quarters. The fort was made a permanent post in 1884 and rebuilding began in 1885 with \$100,000 from the War Department. The original wood structures were replaced with 27 brick buildings and the fort was landscaped with over 1,000 trees. Fort Russell was the training center for the Artillery along with being a cavalry post. In 1889, the Medical Corp was established with Fort D. A. Russell as one of two posts chosen to officially train Hospital Stewards. As you can see, the post had a varied military past.

During the Spanish-American War in 1898, the 8th Infantry departed Fort D.A. Russell for Cuba along with the Wyoming National Guard, which was mobilized and mustered into Army service in the Philippines during the Battle of Manila. During the 1901 Philippine Insurrection, units from Fort D. A. Russell served in the Philippines. The 10th Infantry returned with a Queen Mary Tudor cannon forged in 1557, and that cannon is still displayed on base today.

Times were changing, however, and the cavalry was becoming obsolete. After 60 years of service, the cavalry left the fort in 1927, with the last horse leaving in 1943. While being used as a training facility during World War II, Fort Russell became one of the largest military posts in the country.

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first State Governor. Warren had received the Medal of Honor at age 19 during the Civil War and served as a U.S. Senator for 37 years. The post was renamed in his honor. F.E. Warren became an Air Force base in 1947. Interestingly enough, the post has had only one dirt airstrip, which was built as a cross-country mail airstrip. Although modern pilots never used the field, it was made famous when WWI Ace Captain Eddie Rickenbacker survived a crash on the field. In 1919, the "Western Flying Circus," led by Major Carl Spaatz also used the field.

On February 1, 1958, the 4320th Strategic Missile Wing was activated at F.E. Warren. The wing was re-designated shortly thereafter as the 706th Strategic Missile Wing with three squadrons: the 549th, 564th and 565th Strategic Missile Squadrons. These Airmen stood up the first Atlas D model ICBMs on Warren. The first missiles arrived in November 1959, from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. The wing re-designated on July 1, 1961, as the 389th Strategic Missile Wing. The wing deactivated on

March 25, 1965, and was replaced as the 90th Strategic Missile Wing. With the deactivation went the Atlas D missiles.

For nearly 60 years, the base has gone through much realignment of missile systems, with another change, Ground Based Strategic Deterrent, coming in the near future. From the Atlas D to Minuteman I, Minuteman III

and to the Peacekeeper, the base has transitioned from Strategic Air Command, Air Combat Command, and Air Force Space Command to Air Force Global Strike Command. On July 1, 2008, the wing at F.E. Warren AFB was re-designated the 90th Missile Wing.

Some famous people have been stationed at F.E. Warren AFB over the years. They include: General Billy Mitchell, General Mark Clark and General Benjamin O. Davis, Sr., Doctor Walter Reed, Sammy Davis Jr., country singer Chris LeDoux and music legend Neil Diamond. ■





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# A Life Saved

A Cheyenne man's story of how his community and its hospital saved his life

Damon Tweedy doesn't remember much about November 7, 2021. "I had a heart attack when I was at work at Walmart, but I don't remember a lot about what happened," he said. Damon was told that a nurse and certified nursing assistant who were shopping at the Cheyenne-area Walmart performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on him until the ambulance arrived. Damon's wife, Katina Tweedy, also told her husband that he "coded" twice in the ambulance on the way to Cheyenne Regional Medical Center (CRMC).

Damon regained consciousness while he was being treated in CRMC's emergency department (ED). "I thought I'd had a seizure," he said. Damon has experienced severe seizures for the past several years, as the result of a head injury he sustained during an auto accident. Damon was surprised to find out he'd had a heart attack. "That wasn't my first thought,"

he said. That evening Damon was admitted to CRMC's Telemetry unit, where his heart could be continuously monitored. "I got really good care on the Telemetry unit," he said. "Dr. [Abdur] Khan and the physician assistant and all the people on the sixth floor were really wonderful to me."

## **Damon undergoes heart procedure**

The day after being admitted to CRMC, Damon underwent a cardiac catheterization. "I had about a 95% blockage in one of my major coronary arteries. It's the one they call the 'widowmaker.' " During the procedure, Dr. Khan, an interventional cardiologist at CRMC, opened the blockage and stents were placed to keep the artery open.

Shortly after, Damon returned to work and started participating in CRMC's cardiac rehabilitation program, where he exercised under supervision in a small group setting and

received encouragement as well as education about heart health. "It's a good program," he said. "It helped me regain strength and confidence."

## **Damon and Katina express gratitude**

Damon and Katina want the community to know they are extremely grateful for the help Damon received on November 7 and in the days and weeks after. "It was such a comfort that they let my daughter and me stay with him," Katina said of the three days and nights that Damon spent at CRMC. "It was nice that we could be there to reassure him."

Thinking back, Damon said it was a good thing that he was at work when he had the heart attack. "I'd really like to find out who the nurse and CNA were so I can thank them for saving my life," he said. Damon is also grateful to the emergency medical technicians who revived him in the ambulance, and he wants the community to



know how much he appreciates the care and treatment he received at CRMC. “If it weren’t for all these different people who helped me, I probably wouldn’t be here,” he said.

### **The rest of the story**

On January 24, Damon was back at work and started feeling out of breath and had a squeezing sensation in his chest. He went to CRMC’s ED to find out what was happening. He was having another heart attack and was admitted to the Telemetry unit for care. He also met with Dr. Damon Kennedy, a cardiothoracic surgeon with the Cheyenne Regional Heart & Vascular Institute.

“Dr. Kennedy told me that I would need a triple bypass to fix everything that was going on with my heart,” Damon said. Damon underwent the open heart procedure two days after going to the ED and then spent the next few days recovering in CRMC’s intensive care unit. “I can’t say enough about the kindness and care I received when I was at the hospital. Everyone was so good to me,” Damon said.

### **Damon meets nurse who performed CPR**

A CRMC newsletter about Damon’s story was published the same week that Damon had the bypass surgery and was recovering in the ICU. “A CRMC nurse practitioner read the story,” said Kim Coulter, a clinical liaison for CRMC’s Acute Rehabilitation Unit. “She knew I had helped resuscitate someone at

Walmart and thought this had to be the same person.” A couple of phone calls later, Damon gave permission for Kim to visit him in the ICU. “It was very emotional,” Damon said. “Katina and I were so happy to finally be able to thank Kim.”

It was also an emotional meeting for Kim. “I didn’t know what had happened to Damon after he was taken away by the ambulance,” she said. “I was very worried and concerned about him. I thought about him a lot and hoped that he was OK.” Kim shared that she felt an “overwhelming sense of joy and relief” when she found out that Damon had survived and was finally able to meet him and his family.

“Their kindness and thankfulness really touched me,” she said.

Kim also thanked the other Walmart shopper who helped perform CPR on Damon: “I want to thank him for being there, for being a kind, helpful and reliable person who was willing to step in when it mattered most.”

As of late February, Damon was making good headway on his road to recovery. “I walk as much as I can and am looking forward to getting back to doing cardiac rehab and back to work,” he said.

Damon said his outlook about CRMC and Cheyenne continues to be positive. “Through all this, I’ve had a lot of support, from my co-workers, everyone I’ve met at the hospital and people who’ve heard what happened to me,” he said. “It’s good to know my family and I live in a place where people really care about each other.”



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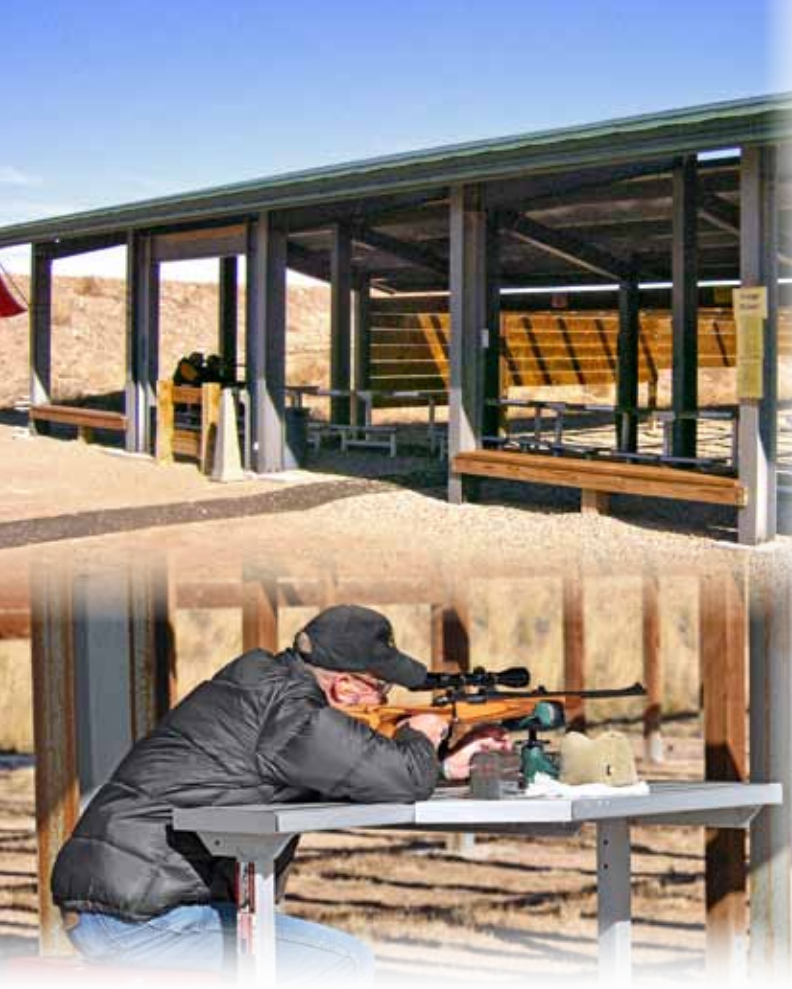
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LCSSC provides the public with many firearms training courses, including NRA Basic Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun courses. Range Safety Officer, Refuse to be a Victim, Concealed Carry Education, Home Firearm's Safety, Archery, Women's Only, and Firearms Instructor courses are also available, as well as more advanced firearms training.

Providing safe, fun recreational shooting opportunities are the primary goals of LCSSC staff and volunteers. Some of these activities include themed shooting events for Halloween, Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day, etc. Watch for these fun events! Everyone is welcome to participate.

Wide ranges of recreational shooting programs are also available at LCSSC. Children's programs include 4-H Shooting Sports, Post 6 Shooting Sports and Girl and Boy Scouts of America. The children of the community are given the opportunity to learn safety first, while enjoying recreational shooting activities. LCSSC also offers NRA/Winchester Marksmanship programs for rifle and pistol shooters (junior and adult), as well as Wyoming Game and Fish Hunter Education classes. Other anticipated fun activities may include leagues and a bowling night (shoot bowling pins for points and prizes).



LCSSC provides the community a high-quality, first-class shooting experience. Its goal is to make the Laramie County Shooting Sports Complex a community center for recreational shooting activities, along with firearms education. The range emphasizes firearms safety, youth programs, corporate events, recreational and competitive shooting.

Join the fun at Laramie County Shooting Sports Complex, 13802 Bullseye Blvd., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009. 307-775-7484. Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **GIVE IT A SHOT!** ■

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# The Wyoming State Capitol

**T**he Wyoming Capitol, the state's architectural crown jewel, beckons visitors to experience firsthand the over 130-year history of the People's House.

An extensive four-year rehabilitation project, completed in 2019, restored the Capitol's historic grandeur while modernizing the building's systems, addressing code and life safety issues, and increasing public meeting space.

This invasive work created a rare opportunity to restore historic features and uncover elements throughout

the building that had not been seen for decades. Removal of suspended ceiling tiles exposed arches, decorative paint, crown moldings, coffered ceilings, and decorative column capitals and revealed original ceiling heights. The entire building is worth exploring, but here are the top five must-see stops:

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#### **The Four Sisters**

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#### **Historic Supreme Court Chamber**

The Wyoming Capitol earned its National Historic Landmark status for its importance in the

history of women's suffrage. In 1889, the state's constitution was signed in this chamber, becoming the first state in the nation to affirm women's right to vote, hold office, and sit on juries. The restoration of ornate decorative elements make this chamber unique. The extensive trompe l'oeil paint in a vibrant color palette dates back to 1888. From the restored balcony, visitors can examine the Capitol's oldest and most elaborate chandelier, which hangs underneath a jewel-like stained glass lay light.

#### **The Vaults**

On the garden level's east side, a 12,000 lb. vault door from the 1920s is displayed. The restoration uncovered vibrant oil paintings on six other vault doors located in the center of this level, while an exhibit on the west side details the exterior restoration.




#### **Notable Leaders**


The bronze sculptures of Esther Hobart Morris, who was the nation's first female justice of the peace, and Chief Washakie, leader of the Eastern Shoshone people, are located near the future site of an interpretive center in the Capitol Extension.

The Capitol is open for self-guided tours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except state holiday closures. ■


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# Cowgirls of The West

**I**n 1995 the Cowgirls of the West, 501c(3) non-profit organization, was formed. Under the guidance of one of the founding ladies, Gerrie Bishop, the group has grown to nearly 200 members. The mission of the Cowgirls is to provide a free museum where the public may learn of the rich heritage of women and their role in settling the Wild West that continues to this day. The museum and gift shop are located at 203/205 West 17th Street in downtown Cheyenne.

The Cowgirls sponsor a monthly luncheon/program during the months of September thru May. The programs feature historical ranch history, cowboy and cowgirl his-

tory and many stories of the families who homesteaded or founded businesses in the West. All events are open to the public as the Cowgirls of the West continue in their role to help educate and share the rich history of the area. Women's suffrage is also featured in our museum. There is a plaque on 17th Street, downtown Cheyenne, honoring the women who won the right to vote. The Cowgirls of the West membership of women and men host their major fundraiser brunch and fashion show on the first Monday of Frontier Days™. This fundraiser enables our volunteers to open the museum free of charge during the months of May thru September. This year, the brunch will be on July 25, 2022, held in the Grand Ballroom at Little America. The brunch is the major event for ladies attending Frontier Days™, hosting nearly 600 women and men. Our membership does not require that you rope or ride but that you have the Spirit of the West inside. Our museum was noted in the New York Times, Cowboys and Indians and several other magazines as a place not to be missed when visiting Wyoming. We welcome school groups or other groups interested in history. If your group would like to visit please call 307-638-4994 or write to P. O. Box 525, Cheyenne, WY 82003. ■



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In 1978, a group of volunteers established the Museum to preserve the historic carriage collection used

in the annual Frontier Days™ Parades. Today, with a collection of over 160 carriages, the Museum boasts the largest, most diverse collection of Western Carriages in the United States. Guided by a mission to cultivate a rich educational space for the diverse, international community served by, and rooted in, the American Western legacy of Cheyenne Frontier Days™, the Museum now houses a collection of over 150,000 items, which includes Cheyenne Frontier Days™ artifacts, the history of the region's ranching families, and top-tier Western art.

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The Museum features three Western art shows throughout the year. The Western Spirit Art Show & Sale features contemporary and traditional Western art and regional artists. The CFD™ Western Art Show & Sale features the nation's top artists presenting original art that celebrates the heritage of the American West. Our brand new exhibit, New Frontiers Art Show & Sale will celebrate cutting edge Western art to show that our Western legacy is continuing to evolve.

The Cheyenne Frontier Days™ Old West Museum is located on Carey Ave. in the northeast corner of Frontier Park. The Museum is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. year round and we offer extended hours during Frontier Days™. Military, senior, and group discounts available; children five and under free. For more information about the CFD™ Old West Museum, please visit us online at [www.oldwestmuseum.org](http://www.oldwestmuseum.org) or call 307-778-7290. ■

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With paint colors selected to match a Wyoming prairie in bloom, the facility's walls immediately immerse you in the western experience. The subtle purples, golden yellows, and soft greens will make you feel at home on the range as you learn about western and local history with the library's extensive nonfiction collection. An expansive collection of books, DVDs, and CDs with Wyoming authors, settings, or connections are all indicated by a sticker on the spine and will give you great insight into the Wyoming experience. You can also enjoy an incredible view of the Wyoming State Capitol Building from the third floor while you sip on a hot drink or cool lemonade from the Library Café.

Not only is Laramie County Library System a great place to begin your exploration of Cheyenne, it's also an award-winning organization. Laramie

County Library was named Library of the Year in 2008 and was recognized as one of the country's top children's libraries in 2012 and 2015, making it one of the best in the west and a can't-miss stop while visiting Cheyenne.

Laramie County Library has books, research materials, knowledgeable librarians and everything else you'd expect in a visit to a top public library, but it also has some accommodations that may surprise you, including:

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If you're just visiting Cheyenne, Laramie County Library accepts all Wyoming library cards and issues day passes for the Computer Center. Anyone is welcome to peruse the stacks, attend an event, or check out the incredible exhibits on display! All visitors are also welcome to utilize the free Wi-Fi and 10¢ per page Wi-Fi printing.

As you enter the library, look for the Library Café at the end of the first floor gallery near the east entrance. On the west end of the gallery, you'll find the entrance to the library's collections along with the Greeter Desk where library staff can point you in the right direction. On each floor, you'll find library staff at Ask Here desks who are ready to assist you.

The library's first floor is home to the multimedia, magazine, and fiction collections, along with a Cards and Accounts desk where you can get a library card and find more information about your account. You can support the Library Foundation by purchasing books from the Book Sale Room, and return your books in the energy-efficient, user-friendly sort machine.

The second floor is dedicated to children and teens. This vibrant space is full of computers, books, and interactive activities for kids of all ages. You can explore My Library Place, an interactive literacy center for infants and toddlers; the Early Literacy Center, where young readers can play while strengthening their literacy skills; and the Teen Zone, where teens can study, use computers that are up-to-date with the latest gaming software, and enjoy the expansive young adult collection.

The third floor houses a wide-ranging nonfiction and reference collection along with the Computer Center. You can peruse the Special Collections Room that contains the Western History Collection, the Genealogy and Family History Collection, Wyoming History Collection and the Trails Collection which details the overland trails that crossed the west. If you head to the Capital Room, you can read silently and enjoy an incredible view of the

state's capital city, including the beautiful capitol building. You can find fun and unique information on this floor as well, such as Wyoming cattle brand books dating back to 1917 or old Cheyenne Frontier Days™ programs (including one that dates back to 1930).

The library also hosts diverse events and exhibits that explore a variety of themes and topics. You can listen to an author read an excerpt from his or her latest book, watch a screening of an award-winning film, participate in an art project, and more! Pick up a monthly calendar for information about the dozens of events that occur monthly for all ages.

Laramie County Library System can help make the most out of a visit to Laramie County; the materials, exhibits, and events will assist any visitor in learning more about this western community, from its history to its contemporary culture. Whether you are a local resident or a brand new visitor, Laramie County Library System can provide you with a big western welcome every time you walk through the door.

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**T**he Cheyenne Regional Airport was “put on the map” on September 8, 1920 when the Chicago-to-San Francisco leg of the Columbia Transcontinental Airmail Route was inaugurated. It was one of only fifteen national locations to serve as an airmail station. In the late 1920s, in an effort to increase revenues, airmail companies, such as Boeing and Western Air Express, began to augment their airmail service with passenger service. In 1929, after changing their name to the United Aircraft and Transport Company, Boeing established their main

overhaul base in Cheyenne. The number of jobs created by this base grew to exceed 500 in subsequent years.



The late 1920s and early 1930s provided a gradual shift in the aviation industry from delivering the mail to transporting passengers. Several changes occurred at the airfield as a result of this new trend. In 1925, four brick hangars replaced the original wooden hangar that had burned down in 1924. The building that currently houses the Wyoming Department of Transportation-Aeronautics Division was originally built in 1929 as the passenger terminal. Flight safety was improved through the use of nationwide radio-range-finding stations. Cheyenne’s station, one of 400 across the nation, was located at Fort D.A. Russell, now F.E. Warren Air Force Base, and provided a fix to the east-west runway.

The United States’ entrance into World War II in December of 1941 would bring additional business to the airport. In an effort to maintain the supply of B-17s being used on the battlefronts, a modification center was set up on the north side of the airport. B-17s would leave factories on the west coast and stop in Cheyenne for final outfitting prior to departing for the air front lines. The Cheyenne Modification Center was a huge facility that employed 1,642 workers at its peak. After the war, United Airlines took over the modification center in a lease agreement with the government and moved most



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The introduction of the DC-4 in 1939 changed the face of the commercial aviation industry. The DC-4 could fly from Chicago to California nonstop at an altitude of 18,000 feet. The ability to cross the Rocky Mountains without having to follow a mountain pass made a stop in Cheyenne unnecessary. While the war may have brought more business to Cheyenne, it did nothing more than delay the inevitable. In 1947, United's maintenance facilities moved to San Francisco while their flight training division moved to Denver. In what almost appeared to be a compensatory move, United did move its stewardess training school to Cheyenne in 1947. However, 14 years and 83,000 graduates later, the training school also left Cheyenne to make a new home in Chicago.

The new terminal construction was completed in the fall of 2018 as a replacement for the aging terminal facility built in 1960. The new terminal and vehicle parking lots are located on Airport Parkway, to the east of the previous facility. In addition to the convenience of the new terminal, SkyWest Airlines operating as United Express, provides daily nonstop service to Denver International Airport for Cheyenne and surrounding communities since November 2021. With the new terminal and new air service, Cheyenne Regional Airport stands as a welcoming gateway to the State of Wyoming and the Capitol City of Cheyenne.



Cheyenne is a city rich in aviation history. What was once a 200-acre field is now a multi-million dollar industry covering over 1,000 acres. The airfield is the base of operations for the Wyoming Air National Guard and several corporate flight departments. With strong leadership and support from the community, there is little doubt that Cheyenne Regional Airport will continue to maintain an exciting position in the aviation industry. ■



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Even in these difficult times, Wyoming has remained open for business and continues to welcome those, both employers and employees, looking to leave other states. As the economic development organization for Cheyenne and Laramie County, Cheyenne LEADS has a dedicated staff whose focus is strengthening both the local and state economy through their work with businesses, entrepreneurs, and workforce.

LEADS recently welcomed Stag Arms and TBC Manufacturing and announced that Eagle Claw Fishing Tackle will be moving into one of

their shovel-ready business parks, the Cheyenne Business Parkway. Cheyenne is already home to companies like Microsoft; Sierra; Magpul Industries; Echostar/Dishnetwork; and Lowe's and Walmart Distribution Centers. As the world continues to change businesses look at Wyoming, in particular Cheyenne, for sites in which to move their companies.

For over 35 years Cheyenne LEADS has been part of an effort to help build and diversify Cheyenne and Laramie County's economy. To learn more, go to [Cheyenneleads.org](http://Cheyenneleads.org). ■



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# Paint Slingers Street Art Festival: Painting the Town (Literally)

Written by Loretta McCollum

Visitors to downtown Cheyenne can't help but notice the vibrant murals adorning the exterior walls of several local establishments. Much of this outdoor artwork is a direct result of the Paint Slingers Street Art Festival; an annual event where local and regional art-

ists create purposeful outdoor art in an effort to beautify the community. Festival goers look on as talented street artists, armed only with cans of spray paint, transform massive outdoor canvases into colorful statement pieces right before their eyes. But that's not all; live music, food trucks, and family friendly activities are also a huge part of the three-day festival.

Public art projects such as this not only encourage revitalization, they also serve as a deterrent to vandalism. Paint Slingers festival founder and participating artist Eddie Fernandez puts it like this, "It's a great way to promote public art and

the impact it can have in the community. It discourages destructive forms of expression like graffiti." Promoting awareness and appreciation of public art was a driving force behind creating the festival six years ago. Fernandez goes on to say that, "Positive public art can become a recognizable part of the community's identity, drawing visitors and increasing exposure for local businesses."

In the months leading up to the festival, organizers put out a call for walls and artists. Businesses can apply to "donate" a wall to be painted during the event. Artists are paired up with property owners, and both parties collaborate on the design.



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The 2022 4-Ever West Tattoo and Paint Slingers event will be July 15-17, 2022 in downtown Cheyenne, with up to 50 artists expected to participate. Many artists will have some of their smaller pieces available for purchase. As in previous years, there will again be live music and food. A Saturday night concert is also in the works. The heart of the festival is 707 West Lincolnway, home of local marketing firm West Edge Collective.

Last year West Edge partnered with Paint Slingers and became an official festival sponsor. According to



West Edge's community engagement manager Desiree Brothe, the partnership just makes sense. "The novelty of the festival aligns with West Edge's forward-thinking cre-

ative process," she explains. "We love the event because it is different. It focuses on cultural art and street art. It's unique." In addition to providing space for the festival, West Edge helps cover hospitality costs incurred by the artists.

Brothe is very much involved in the operations side of the festival, helping to secure artists, vendors, paint partnerships, and other donations. She also plays a role in matching artists with property owners who donated their wall to be painted. She points out that, "Most pieces are well-received. Political and religious images are off-limits. Many designs are of a historical or cultural nature."



It's worth a drive through downtown Cheyenne to check out these unique designs. A location list can be found at [painslingers.org/gallery](https://painslingers.org/gallery). Better yet, if you find yourself in Cheyenne July 15-17, head to the festival for a one-of-a-kind experience.

Festival news and updates can be found on the Paint Slingers website, [painslingers.org](https://painslingers.org). ■

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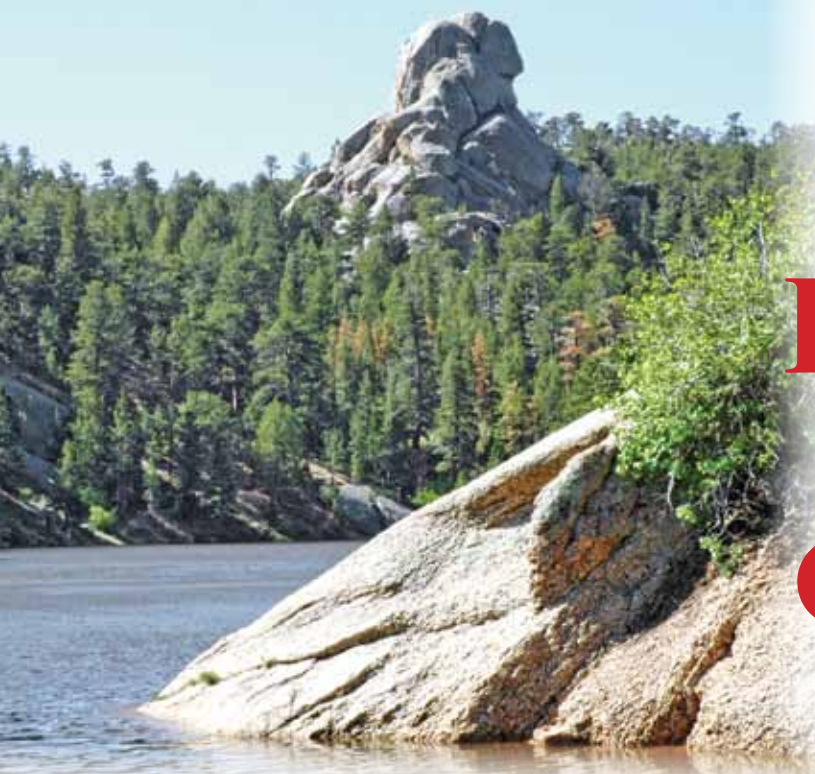
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All three are stocked with fish and are popular year-round. Granite Springs Reservoir offers excellent rainbow trout, and kokanee salmon fishing as well as space for water sports, allowing all sizes of watercraft. At Crystal Reservoir, visitors can enjoy shoreline fishing for brown trout, rainbow trout and kokanee salmon, as well as boating with

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and non-motorized boating is allowed. Anglers can find a unique opportunity to catch tiger muskellunge and splake, as well as rainbow, brown and brook trout at Upper North Crow.

The richly varied landscape of the park includes granite rock formations, timbered slopes, aspen groves, meadows, streams and reservoirs. Beginning in April and early May, the park is a prime area for bird watching, including golden eagles, red tailed hawks, Swainson's hawks and turkey vultures. Numerous varieties of wildflowers create a colorful show in the spring and early summer



months. Large mammals, such as elk, mule deer, antelope, mountain lion and black bear, regularly roam the park.



Visitors should also keep an eye open for the variety of small mammals that call the park home.

Recreational opportunities abound at Curt

Gowdy—campgrounds, picnic areas, playgrounds and the archery range. The park has also become a favorite destination for mountain bikers, hikers and equestrians with its 26-mile non-motorized trail system, which was awarded an "Epic" designation by the International Mountain Bicycling Association. The region's natural granite landscape makes for excellent hiking and riding and is an important part of the trail system. Hynds Lodge, open to small or large groups by reservation, is also located at Curt Gowdy State Park. The park is open year-round, weather permitting.

To visit Curt Gowdy State Park, take State Route 210 (Happy Jack Road) to County Road 106. For more information, call the park at 307-632-7946 or visit [ArtsParksHistory.com](http://ArtsParksHistory.com). ■



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# Messenger's Old West Museum

**M**essenger's Old West Museum, located at 616 Crook Avenue, contains one of the area's largest private collections of Old West Memorabilia. Charlie and Katie Messenger started the collection over 30 years ago and opened the museum to the public 20 years ago.

The museum now has nearly 30 horse-drawn vehicles on display including Buffalo Bill Cody's personal carriage and harness. Several are presented in natural settings. They have a collection of firearms dating back to the early

1800s and an impressive 600-piece Indian arrowhead collection. Come see their Old Fashioned kitchen, bedroom, spinning wheel, rope maker and much, much more. Take a stroll down memory lane as you view the historic wagons in a realistic setting as they crossed the United States in the 1800s and cars dating back to 1903. Their Royal Coach is a must see, as it is similar to the Royal Coach the Queen of England may have ridden in.

Messenger's Old West Museum is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ■

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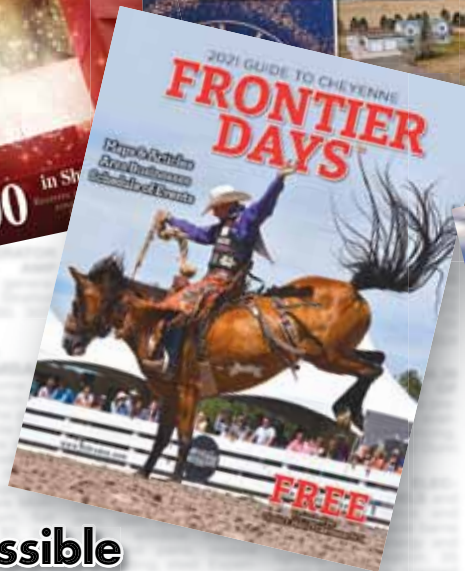
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# Cruising the Strip: Cheyenne Cruise Nights

Written by Loretta McCollum

**L**ong before the internet with its virtual meeting places, or cell phones and instant messaging, weekend cruising was a popular way to socialize. Every Friday or Saturday night, young people gathered in cities and towns across America to swap stories and show off their “wheels” by taking a few spins up and

down Main Street. Cruising was that generation’s version of a chat room. Today we do most of our cruising on the information highway. However, in the spring of 2020, a group of Cheyenne residents and business owners decided to change that by resurrecting the tradition of street cruising in the form of Cheyenne Cruise Nights.

It was April 2020, and COVID-19 had already tightened its grip on the nation. Phrases like “social distancing” and “face coverings” were now part of our daily vocabulary. Large indoor gatherings were no longer an option. Businesses adhered to limited capacity restrictions. This was to be our new normal for the foreseeable future. We contemplated our options.



Enter Nick Dodgson, owner of Cheyenne Motorsports, and host of KGAB radio’s Saturday morning Kar-Gab program. During one of his broadcasts, Dodgson invited fellow car enthusiasts to showcase their vehicles on an upcoming Saturday evening in downtown Cheyenne. He thought that this would be an opportunity for the community to come together while still following social

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distancing protocol. He explains it like this, "We were all stuck at home, and this seemed like a great way to bring people together without compromising safety." He went on to say, "It's something that all ages can come out and enjoy." He was right.

The first Cruise Night was well received, with approximately 300 vehicles making their way through downtown Cheyenne. Socially distant spectators lined the streets in support. The event continued gaining momentum, with some weeks attracting over 1,000 participants in every mode of transportation imaginable.

"We had classic cars, late models, trucks, motorcycles, and even bicycles," said Dodgson, "Everyone and anything was welcome."

In addition to being a family-friendly event, Cruise Nights helped support local businesses struggling due to the pandemic. Participants and observers alike provided a much-needed economic boost for downtown establishments by filling outdoor dining spaces and placing

takeout orders. But it didn't stop there. Event organizers took it one step further, selecting a non-profit-of-the-week, and setting up donation stations to collect cash contributions. In its inaugural season, Cheyenne Cruise

Nights collected and distributed \$40,000 to local agencies.

Hoping to keep the tradition going, Cheyenne Cruise Nights 2022 starts Saturday, April 23rd and continues through October. Drivers and their vehicles gather in downtown Cheyenne, hitting Warren and

Central Avenues at about 7:00 p.m. every Saturday night. So, bring your lawn chair, your folding chair, your Bel Air, your Ferrari, your F-150, your Harley, or even your Schwinn. Just show up and enjoy!

For more information and the latest updates, including a listing of this season's chosen charities, visit the official Cheyenne Cruise Nights Facebook page. ■

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# Cheyenne Little Theatre Players 93rd Season!

In the late 1920s and early 1930s, the vaudeville circuit was dying. With the advent and popularity of motion pictures, live travelling performances were becoming less profitable, and so communities across the country had access to fewer and fewer opportunities to experience live theatre. In order to fill this gap, many cities and towns started up their own acting groups, and began performing plays with community members doing the acting and directing. It was known as "little theatre".

In February of 1930, here in Cheyenne, a group of friends had met for their usual bridge night, and as the evening wore on this idea of "little theatre" was brought up and discussed. Four of the attendees felt that this type of performance theatre was just what Cheyenne needed to fill the cultural gap that was growing as live touring shows became scarcer, and in May of 1930 the Cheyenne Little Theatre Players produced their first performance, beginning a decades long tradition of quality regional theatre.

2022-2023 marks the 93rd season of The Cheyenne Little Theatre Players, and this season we continue to celebrate the support of our community through volunteerism, donations, sponsorship, and patronage! Thank you!

## 2022-2023 Cheyenne Little Theatre Players Season:

The Old-Fashioned Melodrama: ***Treachery Makes the Heart Grow Fonder*** or ***All's Fair in Love and Villainy*** or ***The Showdown at the Sarsaparilla Saloon***,

Director: Nancy Stange

Sally Sarsaparilla is fed up with waiting for a marriage proposal from her dim-witted beau Danny DoGood, while Bella BadLove is tired of the failings of her partner Peter Pigwallop, a "bad" guy who can barely manage unpleasantly annoying. Together, they concoct a scheme to make the two men achieve success despite themselves!

## ***Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella***,

Director: Mary Hall

This adaptation brings new life to the story of a young woman forced into servitude who dreams of – and achieves – a better life. Cinderella features some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most beloved songs, including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible," and "Ten Minutes Ago."

## ***The Outgoing Tide***, Director: Jim Rolf

In a summer cottage on Chesapeake Bay, Gunner has hatched an unorthodox plan to secure his family's future but meets with resistance from his wife and son, who have plans of their own. As winter approaches, the three must quickly find common ground and come to an understanding—before the tide goes out. This drama hums with dark humor and powerful emotion.

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**Anne of Green Gables**, Director: TBD

In this faithful dramatization of the first part of the beloved classic, Marilla Cuthbert and her brother Matthew request an orphan boy to help work their farm. They are mistakenly sent a high-spirited girl named Anne Shirley. Marilla attempts to send Anne back to the orphanage but ultimately agrees to let her stay at Green Gables. The trials and tribulations Marilla fears come to pass as Anne insults Marilla's best friend, "loses" Marilla's most cherished brooch, smacks the school's prize pupil with a slate, and inadvertently gets her best friend, Diana, drunk on cherry cordial. She also turns out to be bright, charming, resourceful and full of irresistible imagination!

**Accomplice**,

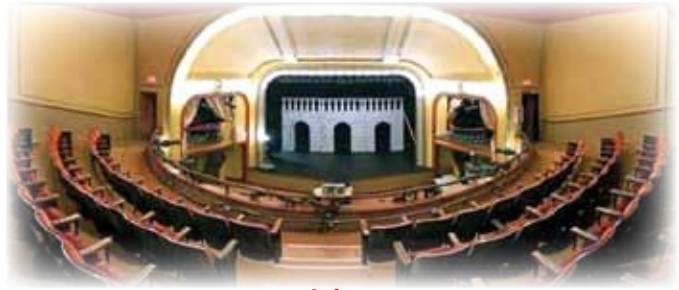
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Winner of the Mystery Writers of America's coveted "Edgar" award and written by Tony® award winner Rupert Holmes, *Accomplice* has thrilled audiences on Broadway, across the United States and around the world. This theatrical roller coaster will trigger screams of laughter even as audiences vow to keep its secrets hush-hush. The story begins in Dartmoor, England at the stylish weekend retreat of the affluent Derek and Janet Taylor, and both adultery and murder are in the air. But we will soon learn that all is never as it seems in this electrifying game of trickery and misdirection!

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*Little Shop of Horrors* is a delectable sci-fi horror musical with an electrifying 1960s pop/rock score by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman.

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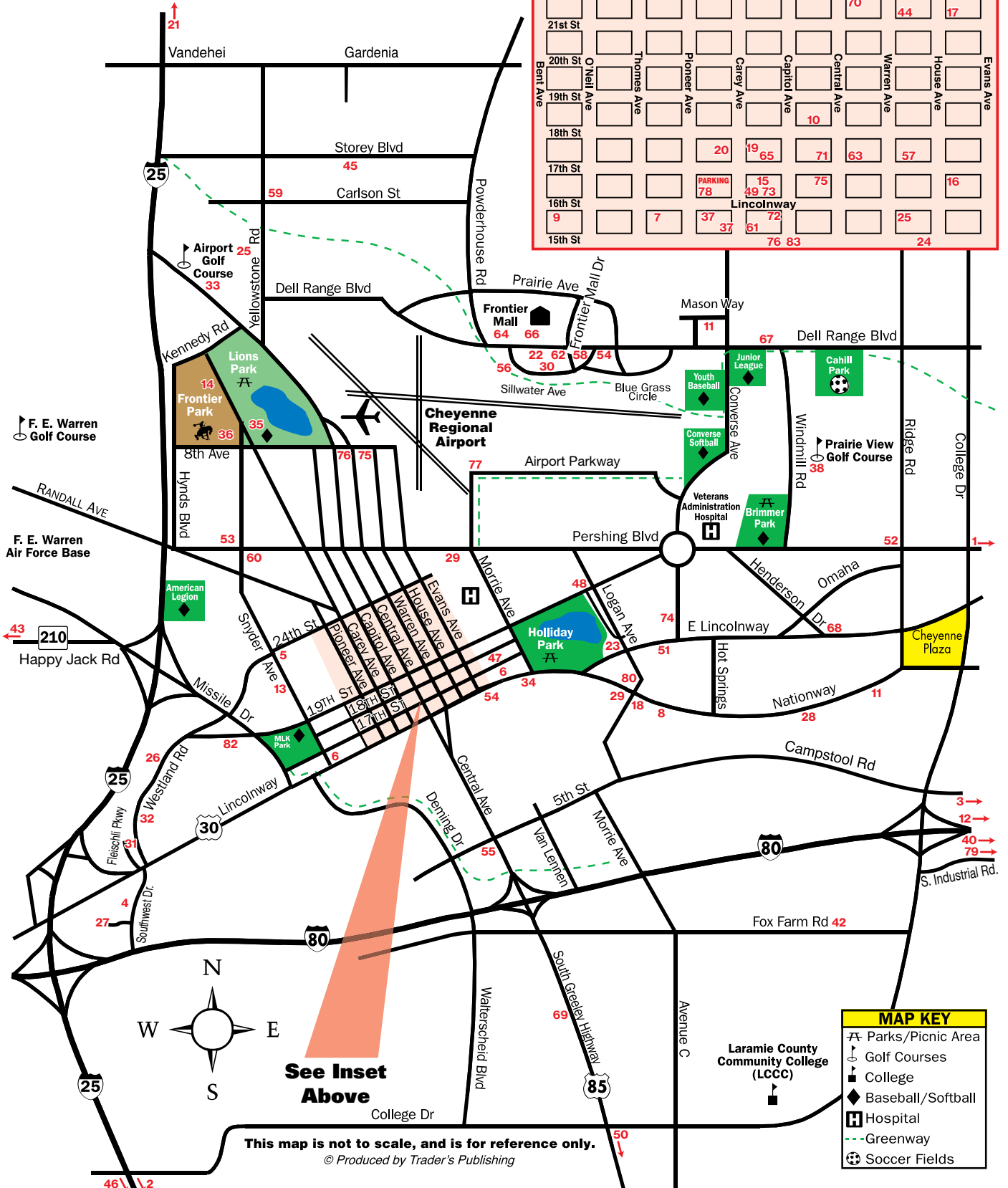
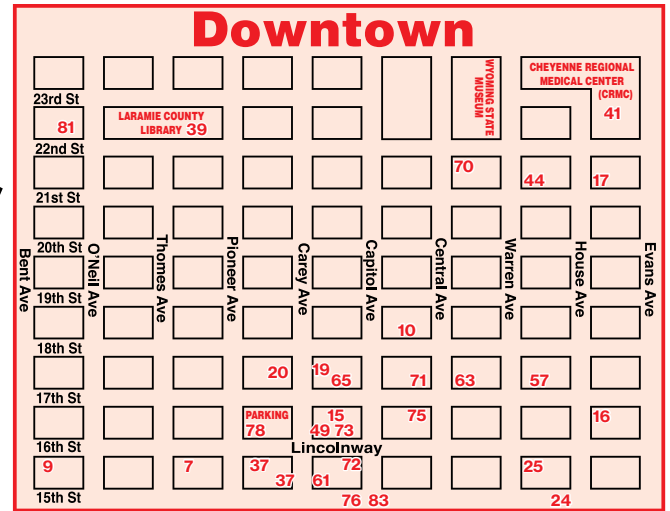
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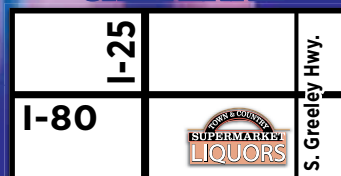
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