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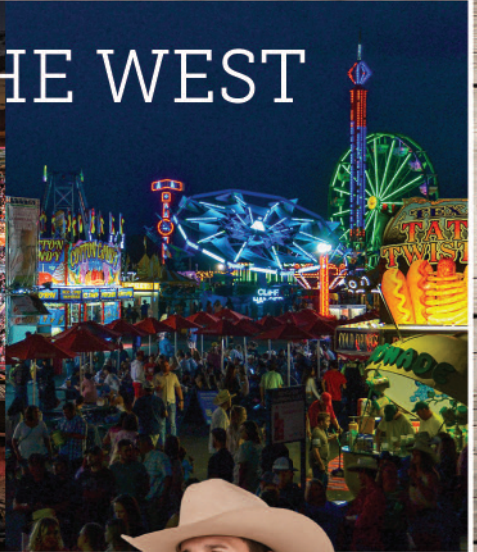
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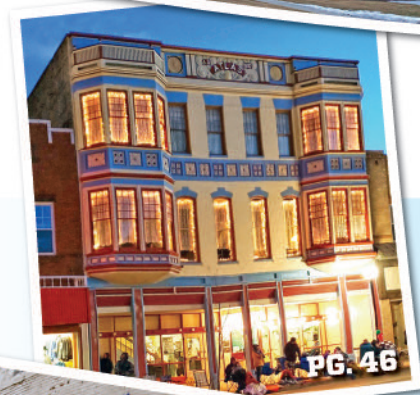
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Welcome To Cheyenne

In 1867 the City of Cheyenne was established. Within five months of its startup, the city boasted a population of over 4,000 people and earned its rightful nickname "The Magic City of the Plains." Although we currently have a population of over 65,000 residents, we enjoy seeing new faces, hearing your stories from other places, and watching each of you revel in the magic of our fair city.

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 Francis E. Warren Air Force Base) was selected as a site for an Army Post. As the saying goes, our military roots run deep, wherein Cheyenne is home to the Wyoming Air Guard, Army National Guard, and the only National Veteran's Cemetery in the state of Wyoming. We value our military personnel and deeply appreciate all those who serve(d).

While you are here, we invite you to enjoy the sights and wonders around town, which will tell you about the rich history of our great community. On every corner of Capitol Avenue to 17th Street and places in between, you will find bronze statues that honor the heritage of both our city and state. More than \$1.4 million was generously donated to showcase renowned authors, iconic photographers, early explorers, and family matriarchs and patriarchs who left behind a worthwhile legacy. If you have a moment, walk around our downtown area and learn more about each statue's importance. Also, don't forget to take a picture of your favorite one!

Our parks and Greenway system are some of the best trails you will find. We have a 40-mile, non-motorized Greenway path that allows hikers, bikers, skateboarders, and strollers to navigate around the city. We have numerous public and private museums, including the Wyoming State Museum, the Historic Governor's Mansion, and the Old West Museum. Our state Capitol recently completed a monumental renovation and restoration in 2019 and the results are remarkable. I encourage you to visit my favorite addition to the community – the Grand Conservatory and Orangerie at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens located in Lions Park. We also have a High Plains Arboretum that sits at an elevation of 6,200 feet and is one of our hidden gems.

Another fan favorite we're notably famous for is hosting a 10-day rodeo experience you won't find anywhere else. Every year during the last full week of July, our city attracts half a million cowboys and cowgirls from all over the country to take part in 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 town! For an entire week and a half, visitors enjoy our parades, pancake breakfasts, nightly concerts with the biggest names in country music, Championship Bull Riding, western art shows, Native American art and cultural festivities, and of course, the famous award-winning rodeo itself.

Here in Cheyenne, we take pride in cultural and recreational opportunities as well. Our Civic Center, which houses the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra, offers numerous productions for all age groups. Productions from the Cheyenne Little Theatre are some of the finest you will ever attend, with performances shared between the Mary Godfrey Theater and the Historic Atlas Theater. However, the historic Union Pacific depot is the crown jewel of our downtown...Since the first train rolled into town over 150 years ago, Cheyenne and Union Pacific have been very close partners. We are thankful for our humble beginnings; being a start-up community that was created due to the expansion of the railroad. In honor of our history, we implore you to visit our Historic Depot and Plaza and learn more about our transcontinental contributions. Feel free to pose next to our Big Boots and share your photos instantly using the free public Wi-Fi we offer within the plaza's range.

On behalf of the City of Cheyenne's Governing Body and the residents of Cheyenne, welcome to the "Magic City of the Plains." We hope your time here is both magical and memorable and you decide to visit again soon!

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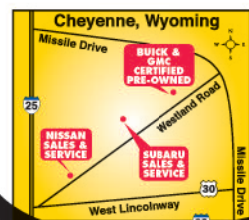


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With a population of over 65,000 people, Cheyenne has become an anchor in the growing economy of the Front Range of the Rockies. It is home to numerous museums, art galleries, theaters, parks and Laramie County Community College. Some of the best outdoor 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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host to United States presidents, famous authors, and neighborhood children. It is now your turn to be our guest.

The stately mansion, designed by Charles Murdock, was modern in 1905 because of its central plumbing, hot water heat, and combination gas and electrical fixtures. This two-and-a-half story structure's portico features solid sandstone Corinthian columns that were quarried in four sections, carved on-site and assembled. Construction of the mansion began in the spring of 1904 and was completed that fall. Governor Bryant Brooks and First Lady Mary Naomi Brooks opened the house in January of 1905, beginning a long tradition of entertaining and community service at the mansion by Wyoming's first families.

Governor Stanley and First Lady Bobby Hathaway were instrumental in listing this historic home on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969. In July 1977, the Historic Governors' Mansion opened to the public as a historic house museum. In 2004, an extensive restoration was done on the mansion and it now reflects the history of the home through the various eras.

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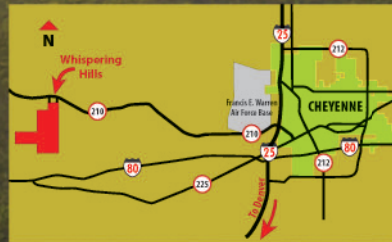


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You know the legends of Old Cheyenne, have you experienced new Cheyenne though? With a dedication to history, this cutting-edge capitol city allows you to experience cowboy culture right next to artisans, fantastic chefs and a music scene set to rock your socks off.

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 127th Cheyenne Frontier Days™ featuring the best athletes, concert performers and western celebration you can find July 21st-July 30th.

For more information or to keep planning your trip visit www.cheyenne.org. ■



A collage of three promotional cards. The first card is titled 'Buck Off' and features a silhouette of a cowboy on a bucking horse. The second card is titled 'Daddy of the Malt' and features a glass of beer. The third card is titled 'the Legendary pass' and features a pair of cowboy boots. The cards are set against a background of a red and white patterned fabric. At the bottom of the collage, the text 'VISIT CHEYENNE' is written in a large, white, serif font, with 'CHEYENNE.ORG' below it. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the collage.



Southeast Wyoming Welcome Center

The Southeast Wyoming Welcome Center provides visitors with a front porch experience into Wyoming. The center showcases the very best that Wyoming has to offer. The interpretive displays boast

an entrée of what lies along the road ahead. Travelers are surrounded by sights, sounds and encouraged to participate in several photo opportunities, like spending a moment in jail with Butch Cassidy, then bustin' out in one of two secret passages or viewing a life-sized cast of a Colombian Mammoth that was found in Wyoming!

The building and grounds design also piques the interest of many, with rammed earth walls, several sustainable features and nearly a mile of walking trails that meander through the property. History buffs appreciate the significance of the building's orientation aligned with the original Park-to-Park Highway that once connected Mesa Verde National Park to Yellowstone National Park. Four-legged travelers are grateful for a large fenced-in pet exercise area.

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The facility is powered in part by renewable wind energy, and it also boasts super-efficient office space and systems. The NWSC was awarded LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, in recognition of its outstanding sustainable design and construction. ■

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Millionaires Row

At First You See It, & Then You Don't

Written by Vickie Sherwood

There is always a struggle between historical preservation and modernization for the good of the people. Cheyenne is no exception and struggles with that dilemma. The 'Magic City of the Plains' got its name from its exceptional growth after the Civil War when in 1867 President Lincoln ordered the railroad to 'go west' to connect our entire country from 'sea to shining sea'. If not for the President's insistence, Cheyenne would not exist. General Grenville Dodge with a surveyor was sent to find the best route through the formidable Rocky Mountains. Legend has it that a war party chased General Dodge and his small band of men from what is now Casper, WY south to the Native American Cheyenne tribal lands. The surveyor and his crew found what turned out to be the best option for the railroad to go through the treacherous mountain range. Sherman Hill became a legend in its own right and marks one of the lowest elevation mountain passes in the western United States.

By winter there were 4,000 people in Cheyenne and the train tracks were in place. With the railroad and cattle came an influx of people and the need for law and order. So, with that need came the building of government facilities. Cheyenne was chosen to be the Territorial seat and the legislative processes began. The Capitol building site was chosen 'north of town on the prairie' and subsequently became the 'edge of town'.

Cheyenne's gentlemen desired women to marry and to start families. But how to coax ladies from the east out to the middle of the high plains was a challenge. A landmark decision solved that problem when Wyoming granted women the right to vote in 1889. Ladies came and married the cattle barons, businessmen and legislators that resided in huge homes on Carey Avenue (then called Ferguson Street). These homes were magnificent structures and Carey Avenue was termed 'Millionaire's Row' in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Cheyenne was deemed one of the wealthiest cities in the West. Other mansions were built to the east of the Capitol but not in such blatant display or succession. Electricity was also

one of Cheyenne's firsts with the Bresnahan House on the corner of 17th and Carey. It was one of the first houses in the U.S. to have incandescent (filament) lighting and electricity. Outside, streetlights replaced gas lanterns and some of the first electric lights in the United States graced our streets. In 1952 the Bresnahan House was sold and subsequently torn down. Unfortunately, so many of these beautiful mansions would suffer the same fate.

Early Cheyenne residents built magnificent churches you still see today, and they were erected in close proximity to many of the grand mansions. As these church's congregations grew, the buildings needed additions. The grand buildings that house Cheyenne's worship services are still proudly standing in all of their glory. The intermingled homes that surrounded them, however, are not. It wasn't just the churches that needed the valuable land and as Cheyenne grew, certain 'amenities' were needed.



Bresnahan House Photo Courtesy of Wyoming State Archives

Theatres and an opera house were built hosting performers from all over the world to come and entertain the people. New government buildings expanded and many of the beautiful mansions were the victims of 'eminent domain' and torn down to make way for these new structures. As the capitol complex expanded, the houses continued to come down. Some avoided destruction and

were actually moved, including one that was split in two and taken further north past the Capitol by oxen and wagon. Others were moved east towards Lake Minnehaha and what is now known as Holliday Park and are still there today. One of the mansions, known as Castle Dare, crumbled in the moving process and was never reconstructed.

Today there are only a few grand mansions left standing in their original location. On 24th Street and Carey Avenue, on the southwest corner across from the Capitol Building of Wyoming is the historic Idleman Mansion and represents the last of the 'old girls' on Millionaire's Row. It looks different today on the outside where the front steps have been enclosed to preserve the carved wood. The grand porch was also encapsulated to house a much-needed chapel. The original wrought iron fence still surrounds her. For many generations, The Idleman Mansion

had been known as Schrader's Funeral Home, but is now in the Capitol Complex. During the recent reconstruction of the Capitol building, the mansion was sold to the State of Wyoming for government offices.



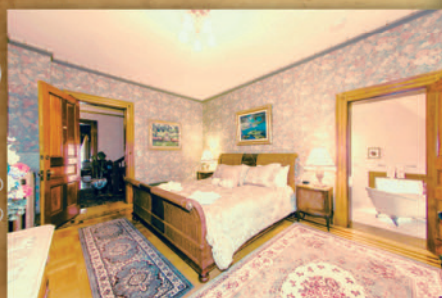
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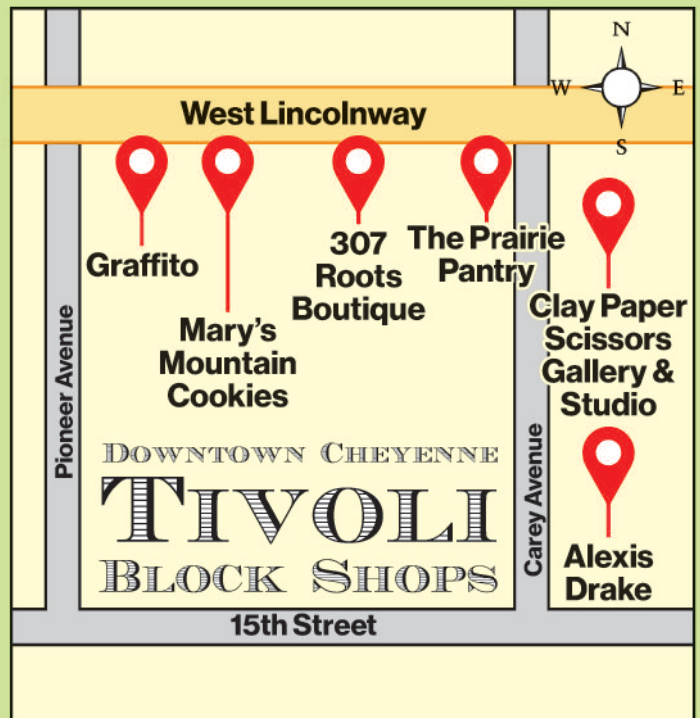
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The Transcontinental Railroad map embedded in the terrazzo floor of the Cheyenne Depot lobby is just one of the building's highlights. The original wood benches in the lobby still bear the cigarette burns from soldiers in transport. The "Coupler Building"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



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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 Regional Medical Center Offers First-of-its-Kind Treatment for Heart Disease

In 2022 Cheyenne Regional Medical Center became the first hospital in Wyoming to use Shockwave technology to safely open a patient's coronary artery that was blocked due to a buildup of calcified plaque.

"Shockwave technology allows cardiologists to fracture problematic calcium using sonic pressure waves so that the artery can be expanded and a stent placed to safely restore blood flow to the heart," said Dr. Abdur Khan, the Cheyenne Regional Medical Group interventional cardiologist who performed the procedure in CRMC's cardiac catheterization lab.

The new technology is a novel application of lithotripsy, an approach that uses sonic pressure waves to safely break up kidney stones.

Dr. Khan also used the new technology on a second patient who underwent a cardiac catheterization that same afternoon. Both patients responded well to the treatment and were discharged home safely the next day.

As people with heart disease age and their disease progresses, plaque in the arteries hardens into calcium deposits that can narrow the arteries.

Calcium makes an artery rigid and often difficult to reopen with conventional treatments. This includes the use of balloons, which attempt to crack the calcium when inflated to high pressure, and atherectomy, which drills through the calcium to reopen the artery.

"Shockwave technology is considered a safer option than more conventional treatments since it creates sonic pressure waves that pass through soft arterial tissue and disrupt calcified plaque by creating a series of micro-fractures," Dr. Khan said. "After the calcium has been cracked, the artery can be expanded at low pressure and a stent safely implanted to improve blood flow, with minimal trauma to normal arterial tissue."

The coronary application of Shockwave therapy has been widely adopted in Europe, where more than 25,000 patients have undergone a coronary procedure using the technology. The therapy has been in use in the United States since 2021.

"The cardiology team at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center is steadfast in our commitment to giving our patients access to innovative procedure like Shockwave technology," Dr. Khan said. "It is exciting to be able to offer a new form of treatment for our most complex patients and especially a treatment that has been shown to be safe and improve outcomes."



Francis E. Warren Air Force Base

Francis E. Warren Air Force Base celebrates 156 years of active duty July 4, 2023. F.E. Warren is the oldest continually active base in the Air Force and is the home of the 90th Missile Wing, charged with maintaining about 150 Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles. The complex spans 9,600 square miles across Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska. The base is one of

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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In January 1930, the post was renamed Francis E. Warren in honor of Wyoming's Territorial Governor and 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. 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 the 389th Strategic Missile Wing on July 1, 1961. The 389th deactivated on March 25, 1965, and was replaced by the 90th Strategic Missile Wing. With that 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 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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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:

The Rotunda

Artisans recreated the spectacular 1888 trompe l'oeil finishes in the rotunda and monumental corridors. Trompe l'oeil means to "fool the eye" and is a painting style creating a three-dimensional effect.

The Four Sisters

Visitors can enjoy the "Four Sisters," a group of allegorical bronze sculptures representing Truth, Justice, Courage, and Hope standing guard in four niches on the third floor of the Rotunda. These niches sat empty for 130 years until the statuary was commissioned for the restoration.

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.

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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 50 statues, in order to expand the project and cover a larger portion of downtown. Many of the bronzes are currently in place, with



remaining pieces continuing to be installed.

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 June 10, 2023. Information about the ceremony can be found at 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, call Harvey Deselms at 307-432-0606, or stop by Deselms Fine Art at 303 E. 17th Street in Cheyenne. ■

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sports, allowing all sizes of watercraft. At Crystal Reservoir, the smallest of the three reservoirs, visitors can enjoy shoreline fishing for brown trout, rainbow trout and



kokanee salmon, as well as boating with small motorized and non-motorized watercraft. Upper North Crow Reservoir, a day use area, has a very natural setting 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



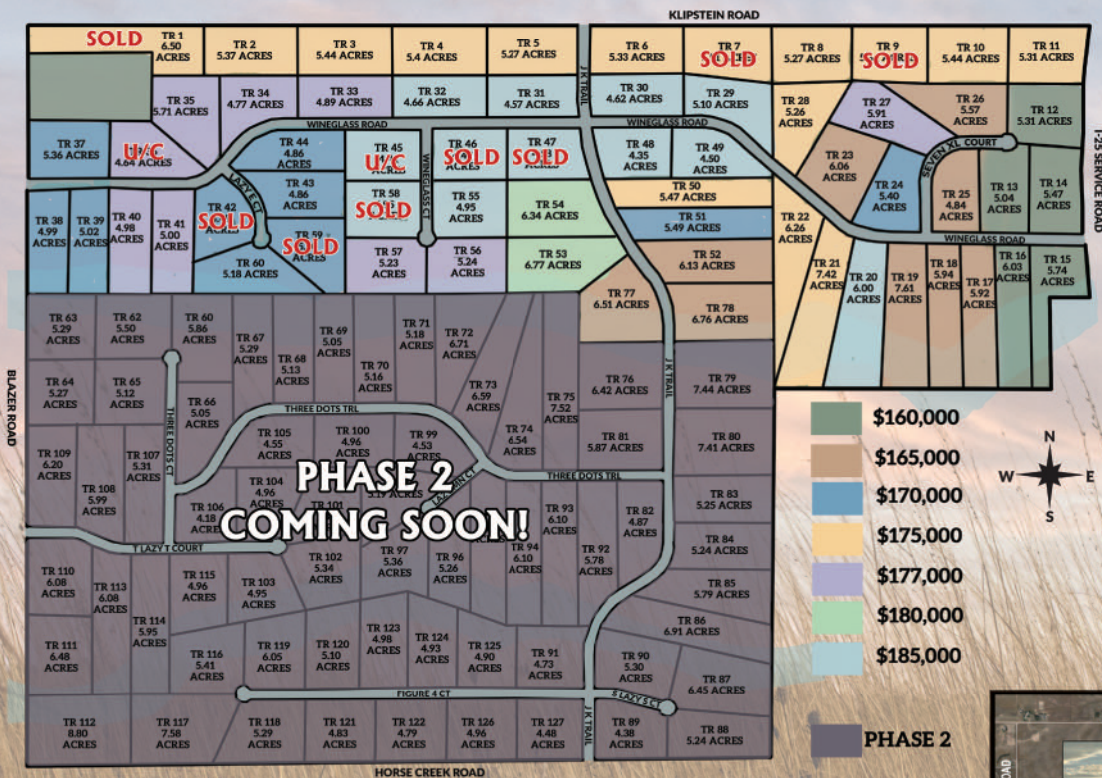
May, the park is a prime area for bird watching, including golden eagles, red tailed hawks, Swainson's hawks and turkey vultures. Numerous varieties of wildflowers create a colorful show in the spring and early summer months. Large mammals, such as elk, mule deer, antelope, mountain lion and black bear, 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](https://www.artsandparks.com). ■

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Orangerie, attached to the Conservatory, is a favorite rental venue for parties and celebrations of all kinds, as are the Gathering Rooms. In the heart of it all is the Tilted Tulip Gift Shop, where you can find unique merchandise and souvenirs. There are balconies on the second and third floors that allow you to view the plants from above; here you will also find orchids, bonsai, cacti, and succulents.



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The Paul Smith Children's Village is a must-see children's garden for all ages. The Village's underlying theme is to teach concepts of sustainability through design and function. The Children's Village received the LEED Platinum award, the highest level of certification for a green building and landscape, from the United States Green Building Council.



The exterior gardens provide visitors a chance to experience a vast range of garden styles and types of plants. Here you will find a labyrinth, a rose garden, an herb garden, and the new Crevice Garden and Water-Wise Garden where you can see alpine and drought adapted plants.

There would not be a Cheyenne Botanic Gardens if it were not for our enthusiastic and devoted volunteers. They provide a majority of the physical labor for the Gardens. They help us keep the plants in the conservatory looking their best and help us grow thousands of bedding plants that are used throughout the Cheyenne City Park System. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please visit our website: www.botanic.org.

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Hours:

The grounds are open from dawn to dusk daily. The Shane Smith Grand Conservatory and Paul Smith Children's Village Hours are: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed on Mondays June-August. September-May, the conservatory is closed Sundays and Mondays. Hours may vary for holidays throughout the year. Be sure to check the website at www.botanic.org for more information.

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The Cheyenne Frontier Days™ Old West Museum is located on Carey Ave., on the northeast corner of Frontier Park. The Museum is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm year-round and offers extended hours during the Cheyenne Frontier Days™ celebration. Military, senior, and group discounts are available, and children five and under are free. For more information, please visit us online at www.Oldwestmuseum.org or call 307-778-7290. ■



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In 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 through May. The programs feature historical ranch history, cowboy and

cowgirl history 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 24, 2023, 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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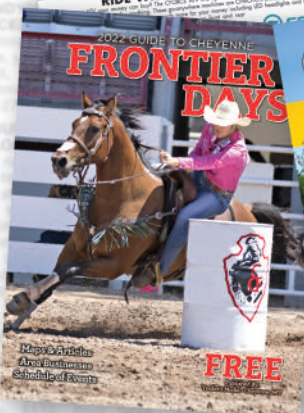
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Cheyenne Little Theatre Players 94th Season!

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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.

2023-2024 marks the 94th 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!

2023-2024 Cheyenne Little Theatre Players Season:

The Old-Fashioned Melodrama: ***The Gamboling Girl, or Little Lady Lost, or Buried in Gravel***, Director: TBD

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Young Frankenstein Director: Travis Kirchhefer

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A Christmas Story Director: TBD

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Dorothy in Wonderland Director: TBD

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Carroll. Dorothy Gale has made her way to the end of the Yellow Brick Road, and the wonderful Wizard of Oz is just about to help her get back home to Kansas. But before she can hop into the wizard's balloon, another whirlwind appears



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Bloody Murder Director: Justin Batson

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Laramie County Library System: Experience the Best of the West

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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.

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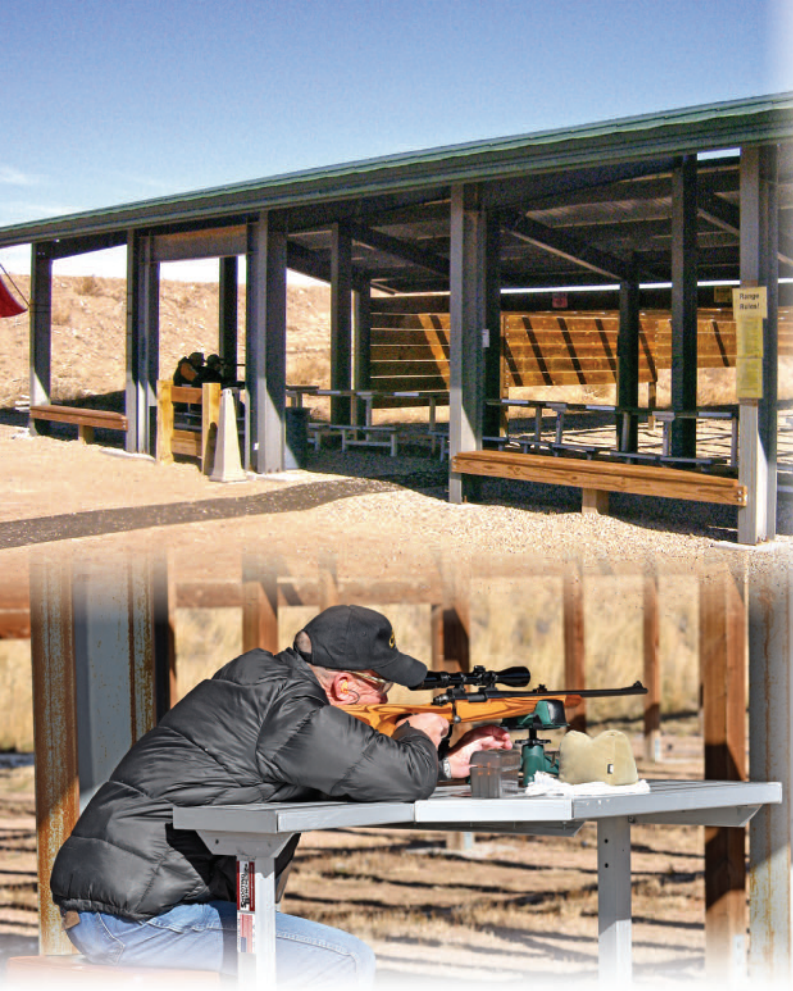
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LCSSC provides the public with many firearms training courses, including NRA Basic Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun courses. Range Safety Officer, Refuse to be a Victim, Concealed Carry Education, Home Firearm's Safety, Archery, Women's Only, and Firearms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

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LEADS recently welcomed Stag Arms and TBC Manufacturing and Eagle Claw Fishing Tackle broke ground on a new 115,000 square foot facility earlier this year in the shovel-ready business park,

the Cheyenne Business Parkway. Cheyenne is already home to companies like Microsoft; Sierra; Magpul Industries; Echostar/Dish Network; 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.

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

Written by Loretta McCollum and Eddie Fernandez

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 artists create purposeful outdoor art in an effort to beautify the community. Festival goers looked on as talented street artists, armed only with cans of spray paint, transformed massive outdoor canvases into colorful statement pieces right before their eyes. But that was not

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all; live music, food trucks, and family friendly activities were 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."

Last year was the first year that Paint Slingers partnered with

the city to create an event that included Paint Slingers, the 4 Ever West Tattoo Fest, and other alternative art exhibitions. It was the first year for Culture X (Culture Expo). At the first Culture X (2022), the Paint Slingers' main stage was along the top level of the downtown

Spiker parking garage. The top level has become a hot spot for vandalism so teaming up with the city to make it the main stage has both greatly reduced the illegal vandalism, while also giving the Paint Slingers' artists a collective



space to paint and also create an immersive art event during the weekend of Culture X. This summer it will, once again, be the main stage for Paint Slingers featuring live DJ music, vendors, and of course, the live art exhibit featuring over 30 artists. Paint Slingers' founder Eddie "ILEST" Fernandez stated, "I love the new event setting. It brings us back to the roots of everyone painting together like we used to in the lot of the Depot Museum when I started this event in 2017 along with the 4 Ever West Tattoo Fest." This year Paint Slingers will be a part of the Culture X event again, running from July 14-16 with Saturday being the best day to attend and see the artists in action. It's located on the top level of the downtown Spiker parking garage. ■

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Cruising the Strip: Cheyenne Cruise Nights

Written by Loretta McCollum and Traci Collins

Long 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, most of our cruising is 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 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 Nick’s Fast Track Auto Centers, Doug Arnold and Charles Dahlin. They had a conversation about possibly doing a “cruise” night. The men thought that this would be an opportunity for the community to come together while still following social distancing protocol. Dodgson, who is also the host of KGAB radio’s Saturday morning

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Kar-Gab program, said "Let's talk about this on the radio show this weekend and see what people think." Dodgson invited fellow car enthusiasts to showcase their vehicles on an upcoming Saturday evening in downtown Cheyenne. Dodgson 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, 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 and non-profits struggling due to the pandemic. Participants and observers came downtown and filled outdoor dining spaces and placed takeout orders. Cruise Night also selected a non-profit-of-the-week. Donation stations for the non-profits were set up for them to collect contributions. Since its inaugural season, Cheyenne Cruise Nights helped local charities and non-profits raise over \$80,000 for participants and the local community.

Keeping the tradition going, Cheyenne Cruise Nights 2023 starts the third Saturday in April, 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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POPULATION	Laramie County Approximately 100,863
ELEVATION	6,063 FT above sea level
CLIMATE	233 sunny days a year (Annual average)
.....	Rainfall: 16"
.....	Annual average snowfall: 59"
TAXES	State Income Tax: NONE
.....	State Sales Tax: 4%
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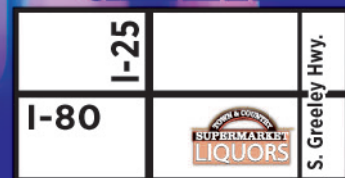
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