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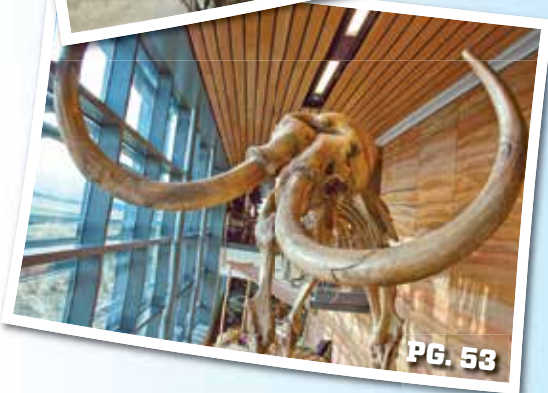


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# Welcome To Cheyenne

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 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 many corners throughout downtown, you will find 70 bronze statues that honor the heritage of both our city and state. More than \$2 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, and we’ve been designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community. We have a 47-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 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 Playhouse and the Historic Atlas Theatre. 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!

***Mayor Patrick Collins***

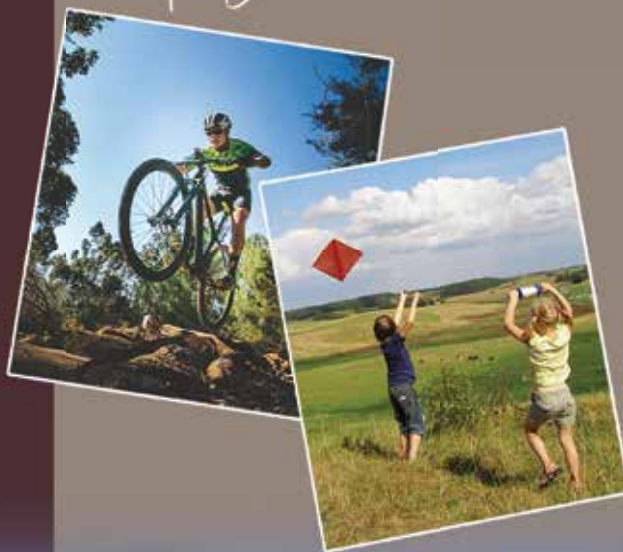
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With a population of over 65,000 people, Cheyenne has become an anchor in the growing economy of the Front Range of the Rockies. It is home to numerous museums, art galleries, theaters, parks and Laramie County Community College. Some of the best outdoor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

## **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 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 and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Memorial Day through the end of September. ■

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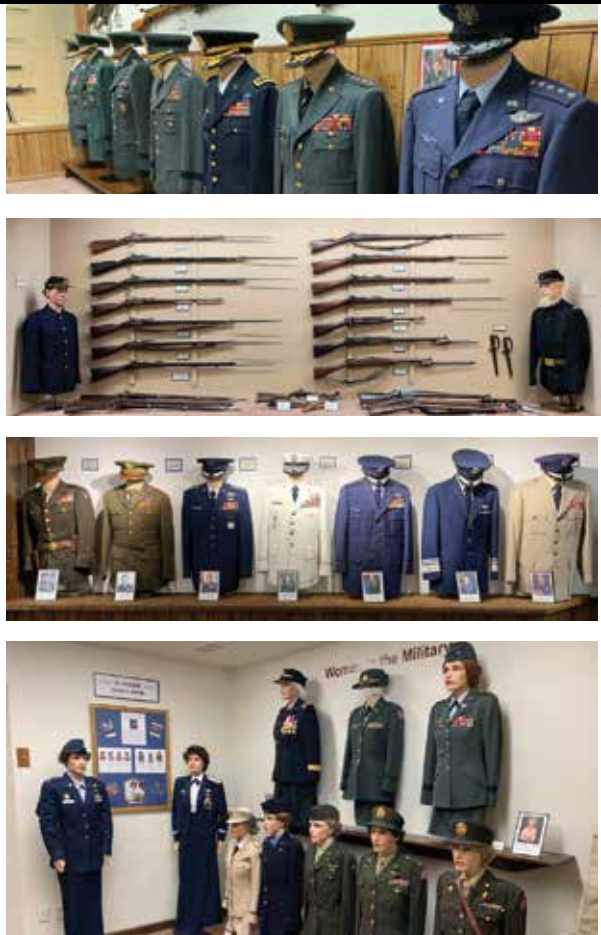
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The Transcontinental Railroad map embedded in the terrazzo floor of the Cheyenne Depot lobby is just one of the building's highlights. The original wood benches in the lobby still bear the cigarette burns from soldiers in transport. The "Coupler Building" is a gorgeous addition to the Depot. The building serves as a beautiful viewing area of trains passing by and an entrance to the second floor baggage attic where the world famous Union Cen-



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The mansion has been 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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# Francis E. Warren Air Force Base

**F**rancis E. Warren Air Force Base celebrates 158 years of active duty July 4, 2025. 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 with more than 3,000 civilians and military personnel working on 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 has 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, as well as two bells from the Church of San Lorenzo de Martir in Balangiga, Eastern Samar. While the cannon is still displayed on base today, the bells were returned to the Philippines in 2018.

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 was re-designated as 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 numerous realignments of missile systems. Another modernization effort to the Sentinel weapons system is due to replace the Minuteman III. 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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# Cheyenne Frontier Days™ Daddy of 'em All®

**E**ach July, thousands of visitors descend on our friendly western town to enjoy the World's Largest Outdoor Rodeo and Western Celebration. The Daddy of 'em All® celebrates its 129th year as the leader of rodeo action. Top rodeo cowboys and cowgirls from around the world will compete for cash and prizes, during the 2025 rodeo season.

Cheyenne Frontier Days™ (CFD) began in 1897. The "Magic City of the Plains" 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 passengers 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 na-

tion 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, but brought back as a night show feature in 1991. CFD featured Women's Breakaway Roping for the first time in 2019.

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 Cheyenne Frontier Days™. 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 must be accomplished for the event to succeed.

Visitors from around the globe make Cheyenne Frontier Days™ a destination for an authentic Western experience, and a learning opportunity about the history and culture of the West. The past 129 years have seen millions of people travel to Cheyenne to experience this great event located in the heart of the American West. Join us July 18-27, 2025 as we celebrate another year of "The Daddy of 'em All!" ■

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# Cheyenne Botanic Gardens: Hidden Treasures

**T**he Cheyenne Botanic Gardens, located within Lions Park, includes the Grand Conservatory offering an oasis to Cheyenne residents and visitors alike, along with nine acres of beautifully maintained grounds and landscape designs; and the award-winning Paul Smith Children's Village.

In the Grand Conservatory, there are three floors of plant displays, an Orangerie, a Gallery where art is displayed, and a classroom. The conservatory includes a 40-foot palm tree, a variety of lush tropical plants from around the world and a breathtaking water feature. There is also indoor and outdoor seating for visitors to relax and take in the beautiful surroundings. There is even a World War II vintage periscope on the second floor.

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. In following its commitment to sustainability, 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 Paul Smith Children's Village was the first in the nation to



receive this award and our staff and volunteers work very hard to maintain this honor.

The exterior gardens provide visitors a chance to experience a vast range of landscape designs. These unique landscapes present a beautiful assortment of native, water-wise perennials and annuals cared for and maintained by our volunteers.

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 and support our staff. In addition, they have helped us grow and plant over 50,000 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](http://www.botanic.org).

## **Cheyenne Botanic Gardens**

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## **Paul Smith Children's Village**

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## **Hours:**

The Cheyenne Botanic Gardens is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and also Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. June through August. We are closed every Monday for maintenance. Hours may vary for holidays throughout the year. The grounds are open to the public from dawn to dusk. Visit our website: [www.botanic.org](http://www.botanic.org) or call 307-637-6458 for more information.

## **Admission:**

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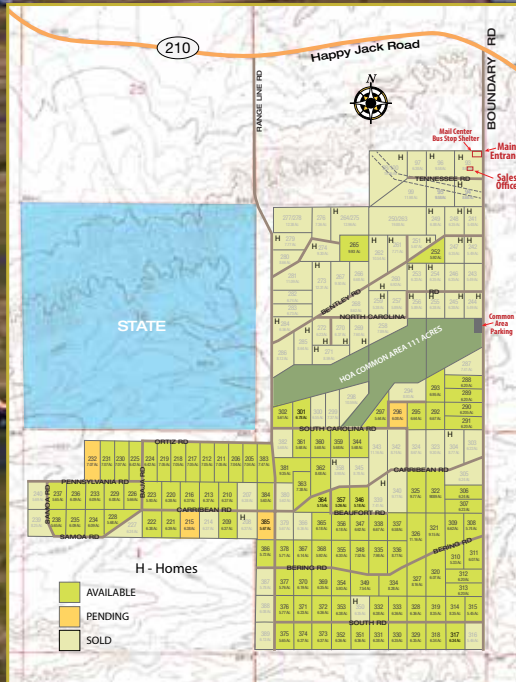


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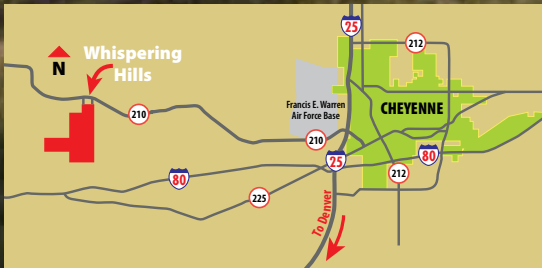
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# Exploring the New Old West

**Y**ou know the legend of Cheyenne, but have you experienced the Cheyenne of today? Here, history, cowboy culture, and artisanal craftsmanship intertwine with gourmet dining and a vibrant music scene that will blow your socks off.

Begin your journey downtown, where larger-than-life murals adorn buildings from the 1800s. These historic structures now house restaurants, boutiques, breweries, and galleries. The murals continue to expand, adding a splash of color to this arts-centric community. If you have children,

embark on the Andy Lope and Shy Anne scavenger hunt to earn free stickers at the visitor center inside the Depot.

A must-experience is the Wild West Historic Trolley Tour. Departing on weekends October to April and daily from April to September from the historic train depot, this tour shares the tales of gunfighters, Cheyenne firsts, and the stories that shape the Legend of Cheyenne. For just \$35, the Legendary Pass grants you a trolley ride and includes adult admission to the Cheyenne Depot Museum, the Cheyenne Frontier Days™ Old West

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Museum, and the Nelson Museum (which also features the Military Memorial Museum). The pass also offers discounts to Quebec 01 Missile Alert Facility State Historic Site, Curt Gowdy State Park, and the Terry Bison Ranch Bison Train. Download it at [cheyenne.org](http://cheyenne.org).



While downtown, explore the Daddy of the Malt Craft Beverage Trail with a free downloadable pass. Sample local brews at four breweries and one distillery, with buy one, get one free deals at each stop. Feeling adventurous? Head to Pine Bluffs and earn a stainless-steel pint glass to take home.

Ready for fresh mountain air? Curt Gowdy State Park offers trails for hiking, running, and mountain biking, alongside water recreation and camping. Your outdoor adventure awaits at your own pace.



As night falls, Cheyenne comes alive with music. Catch live performances at the Civic Center, The Lincoln Cheyenne, The Outlaw Saloon, Terry Bison Ranch, and other bars, breweries, and performing arts venues. From funk to classical to country, there's something for every music lover.

Cheyenne is also home to rodeo magic. The Hell on Wheels Rodeo series features six performances throughout the summer. And don't miss Cheyenne Frontier Days™, showcasing top athletes, concert performers, and a grand western celebration from July 18th to July 27th.

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

This is a large promotional graphic for Cheyenne. At the top, the text 'ROUND UP YOUR SAVINGS' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif letters with a slight shadow, set against a blue sky with white clouds. Below this, there are several images of passes: a 'Buck Off' Cheyenne Savings Pass with a buck silhouette, a 'Daddy Malt' pass with a wooden barrel, and 'the Legendary pass' with a cowboy boot. To the right is a large, white cowboy hat. At the bottom, the text 'VISIT CHEYENNE' is written in a large, white, stylized font, with 'CHEYENNE.ORG' underneath it in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. A small circular icon with the number '78' is in the bottom left corner.



# CFD Old West Museum

## Experience the Rodeo Legacy All Year Round!

**T**he Cheyenne Frontier Days™ Old West Museum offers a captivating journey into the heart of the American West, showcasing the rich history and timeless traditions that shaped the region. Located in Cheyenne, Wyoming, this museum celebrates the people, events, and culture that define the West, with a special focus on the legendary Cheyenne Frontier Days™ rodeo.

Inside, visitors will discover a fascinating collection of cowboy gear, vintage rodeo memorabilia, and Native American artifacts—each piece telling its own story of life on the frontier and the lasting legacy of Cheyenne Frontier Days™. With both permanent and rotating exhibits, the museum provides a dynamic, educational experience for visitors of all ages.

# EXPERIENCE

## The Legacy

Step into the history and heritage of the world's original extreme sport at the Cheyenne Frontier Days™ Old West Museum. Explore our renowned collection of rodeo artifacts, western art, and interactive exhibits that bring the spirit of Cheyenne's rodeo legacy to life.

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The museum also explores the region's railroad history, military influence, and the rise of the American rodeo, offering an enriching experience for anyone interested in Western heritage. A standout feature is the museum's impressive carriage collection, which is a must-see for visitors.

In addition to its exhibits, the museum hosts world-class art shows each year. The Western Spirit Art Show and Sale in March is one of the largest

open-call juried shows, featuring both contemporary and traditional Western art from local and national artists. The CFD Western Art Show and Sale in July kicks off right before Cheyenne Frontier Days™, showcasing top Western artists from across the nation.

The museum is located at 4610 Carey Ave. and is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with extended hours during Cheyenne Frontier Days™. Military, senior, and group discounts are available, and children 12 and under enjoy free admission. For more information, visit [www.oldwestmuseum.org](http://www.oldwestmuseum.org) or call 307-778-7290. ■



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## Lions Park

Lions Park is located across from Frontier Park, home to Cheyenne Frontier Days™, and has something for everyone. At the center of the park is Sloan's Lake, open to boating, fishing, and paddleboats. Just to the west of the lake sits the City of Cheyenne Kiwanis Community House. The facility is available to rent for weddings, reunions, birthday parties and seminars. Behind the Community House is the William N. Brimmer Amphitheater, where summer concerts and movie viewings are held. Don't miss the tree house from the Urban Forestry Division, hiding on the edge of the park! This multi-story structure gives you the opportunity to look at Cheyenne from a bird's point of view. Lions Park also has a mini golf course, the Cheyenne Aquatic Center and Spray Park, Botanic Gardens, playgrounds, covered shelters (some are rentable!), volleyball courts, softball, and soccer fields.

## Holliday Park

Holliday Park is located on Lincolnway, east of downtown Cheyenne, and is home to the largest steam locomotive ever built, the "Big Boy 4004." Tipping the scales at 540,000 pounds, it's one of only eight surviving of the original 25 made. In the park, there are two large shelters that can be reserved for any special event. Holliday Park wraps around Lake Minnehaha. The park has basketball, volleyball, tennis courts, horseshoe pits, and two playgrounds.

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### David R. Romero Park

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### Kiwanis Park

Close to downtown and in Cheyenne there is another beautiful piece of Wyoming that has been set aside for future generations. 105 acres of Shortgrass prairie ecosystem has been purchased with public 6th penny funds for \$2.5 million in 2020. The Cheyenne Kiwanis Club has donated \$250,000 to provide future park amenities. Native wetlands boast a bird sanctuary with over 50 identified bird species. In its early stages of being preserved as an official park, there are 3/4 of a mile of graveled walking paths and multiple two track trails as well as a gravel parking lot. There are a few of the civilized noises but for the most part, if you stay quiet and listen you will hear the birds and critters who live in the golden grasses and in the beautiful blue water that travels through this awesome piece of native America. It is worth the visit!



### Indoor and Outdoor Swimming

The Cheyenne Aquatics Center features two water slides, a lazy river, a zero-depth entry pool with play features, and lap lanes. This pool is located on the outskirts of Lions Park. Across town, in South Cheyenne, the Johnson Pool is outdoors and features a diving board. Open swim is offered daily during the summer, weather permitting.

### Golf Courses

Cheyenne's prime golf season runs from mid-to late-May through October. Cheyenne has four golf courses, two of which are maintained by the City: Airport Golf Course (18-hole), Kingham Prairie View Golf Course (9-hole), Little America Golf Course (9-hole), and the Cheyenne Country Club (private 18-hole). The Airport Course hosts the Wyoming Open every July. If you're looking to take up the game, try a lesson from the pros at the Airport Course.



### Activity and Sports

Check out the Clay Sturman Bike, Blade, and Skate Park. Opened in 2007, it has half pipes, ledges, rails, and bowls for the beginning to extreme riders, bladers, and skaters. The skate park is in Brimmer Park on Pershing Boulevard.

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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. At Crystal Reservoir, the smallest of the three reservoirs, visitors can enjoy fishing for brown trout, rainbow trout and kokanee salmon, as well as boating with small motorized and non-motorized

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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 35-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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**W**hen people think of Wyoming, they envision cowboys, rich western heritage, and Cheyenne Frontier Days™—traditions we proudly embrace. However, Cheyenne, Wyoming, with its nearly 100,000 residents (comprising Laramie County), is so much more.

Cheyenne's quality of life is what most people only hope for - restaurants and shopping opportunities, good schools, low crime rates, great outdoor spaces, blue skies, clean air, and an involved community.

Beyond its lifestyle appeal, Cheyenne is also a hub for business opportunities. With shovel-ready business parks, an average commute of just 14 minutes, workforce training grants, and access to a labor pool of over 183,000 individuals, Cheyenne is attracting the attention of companies from across the country. Did we mention that Wyoming is consistently ranked #1 by the Tax Foundation's State Business Tax Climate Index due to a favorable tax model of no state corporate tax, inventory tax, or individual income tax?





Even during challenging times, Wyoming remains open for business and continues to welcome those, both employers and employees, seeking new opportunities. 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.

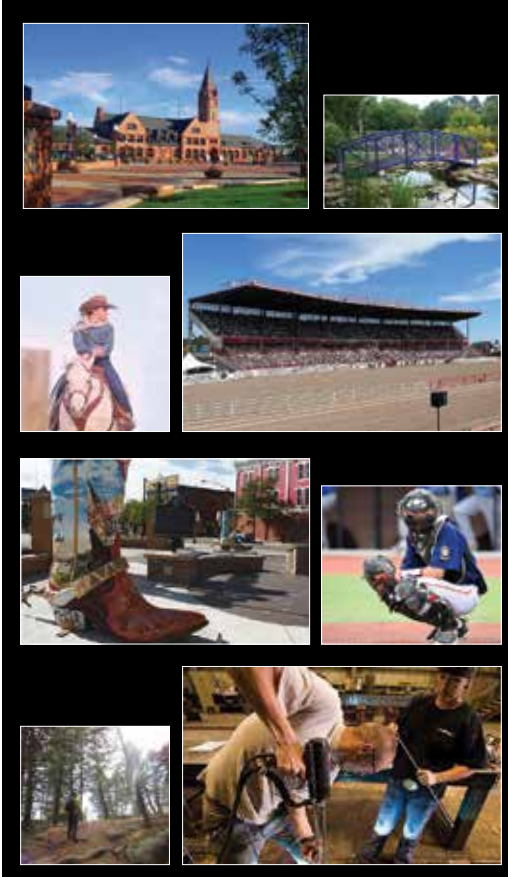
Eagle Claw Fishing Tackle recently joined the community and will begin operation this year, while UMC Innovation has nearly completed construction on a 20,000-square-foot facility in the North Range Business Park. Major employers such as Microsoft, Searing Indus-

tries, and Stag Arms call Cheyenne home, as do Lowe's and Walmart distribution centers. As the world continues to change, businesses are increasingly considering Wyoming, particularly Cheyenne, as a desirable location for relocating their companies.

For almost 40 years, Cheyenne LEADS has supported the community by fostering thoughtful economic development, making Cheyenne a desirable location to visit, live, and grow.

Whether you're here for a short stay or considering making Cheyenne your home, you'll find a perfect balance of heritage, opportunity, and quality of life.

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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. On each floor, you'll find library staff at Ask Here desks who are ready to assist you.

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Laramie County Library System can help make the most out of a visit to Laramie County; the materials, exhibits, and

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# Cruising the Strip: Cheyenne Cruise Nights

Written by Loretta McCollum and Susann Robbins

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 thought about our options.

Enter Nick Dodgson, owner of Cheyenne Motor-sports, Doug Arnold, and Charles Dahlin. They had a conversation about possibly doing a "cruise" night. The

**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, 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

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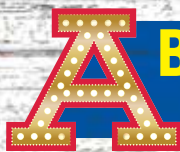
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The first Cruise Night was well received, with approximately 300 vehicles making their way through downtown Cheyenne. Socially distant spectators lined the streets in support. The event continued gaining momentum, some weeks attracting over 1,000 participants 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 nonprofits 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 were set up for the nonprofits to collect contributions. Since its inaugural season, Cheyenne Cruise Nights has helped local charities and nonprofits raise well over \$250,000 for participants and the local community.

In early 2024, Nick Dodgson and Doug Arnold decided to step away from Cheyenne Cruise Night as active organizers to focus on their families and other endeavours; while still being active volunteers and supporters. Taking over as the director of Cheyenne Cruise Nights was Susann Robbins, who has been active with the cruises since they started in 2020. Now in her second season, Robbins continues to bring her background in nonprofit work and love for cars to the event.

Keeping the tradition going, Cheyenne Cruise Nights 2025 starts Saturday, April 19, and continues through November 1, 2025. Drivers and their vehicles gather in downtown Cheyenne, hitting Warren and Central Avenues at about 6:00 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!

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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



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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 Har-

vey 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.

The idea rested in Deselms' imagination for almost 10 years. Then in 2020, Deselms discovered that Patrick

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Collins, now Cheyenne’s mayor, shared a parallel vision of bringing more art into downtown, and the Capitol Avenue Bronze Project was conceived. A commission was formed to oversee the project and solicit donations from the community. The response was overwhelming. The entire project has been funded by private donations.

“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 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, we now have 70 statues in place and 15 more lined up for 2025. Two dozen artists are represented in this ever growing public collection.



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.

The project continues to develop, expanding to many more corners of Downtown Cheyenne, far exceeding the 28 hoped for on Capital Avenue just 4 short years ago. Please contact Harvey at Deselms Fine Art for maps and more information, call 307-432-0606 or email [deselmsart@aol.com](mailto:deselmsart@aol.com). There are more corners to fill, if you are interested in sponsoring a bronze please call or come by Deselms, 303 E. 17th Street in Cheyenne and visit.

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We are proud of what we have accomplished together. From the daily operations that ensure safe and ef-

ficient travel to the collaborative efforts that help us plan for future expansion, our airport is more than just a place where planes take off and land. It is a shared asset — a space that connects us to the world and allows people to come together, whether for business, family, or leisure.

But none of this would be possible without the support and cooperation of the community. In 2024, the Cheyenne Regional Airport had its highest number of passengers — 56,188 to be exact. This has prompted our

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First and foremost, we would like to extend our deepest thanks to the local businesses that have made the airport their home. Your partnership not only enhances the airport's appeal but contributes to the local economy by creating jobs and fostering growth.

To our local government officials, including the Wyoming Department of Transportation Aeronautics, Cheyenne Regional Air Focus Team (CRAFT), thank you for your continued partnership in making the airport a priority. Your support for necessary infrastructure improvements, safety initiatives, and minimum revenue guarantee ensures that our airport is not just a transportation center but a driver of positive change for everyone in the region.

To the residents who take pride in the airport's success, we are grateful for your understanding and enthusiasm. Whether you're attending a public meeting, participating in community events, or sharing your feedback, your engagement shapes our decisions and keeps us aligned with the values and needs of the community. Your support makes it possible for us to improve, innovate, and thrive.



We would also like to recognize the hard-working airport staff whose commitment to excellence ensures that every flight, every traveler, and every interaction is handled with care and professionalism. Behind the scenes, from the operations team to customer service, maintenance workers and the TSA staff, each of you plays a critical role in maintaining the high standards that define our airport.

Finally, to the travelers who choose our airport time and time again, thank you. Your confidence in our services, your patience through any challenges, and your enthusiasm for what we offer fuels our ambition to improve. It's your stories, your journeys, and your experiences that remind us of the true value of what we do.



Together, we are building more than just an airport. We are building a thriving, interconnected community. We are fostering opportunities for economic growth, enriching the lives of those who live here, and opening doors to the world.

As we look to the future, we are excited about the possibilities. There is still so much to be done, and with your continued support, we are confident that our airport will continue to be a source of pride for this community and beyond.

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The LCSSC is operated by Laramie County for the purpose of being accessible to everyone. The range can be used on an hourly pass basis, or a yearly access fee can be purchased for families and individuals who participate in recreational shooting activities more frequently. To honor military, law enforcement, veterans and seniors of the community, discounts are given on yearly access fees.

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!** ■



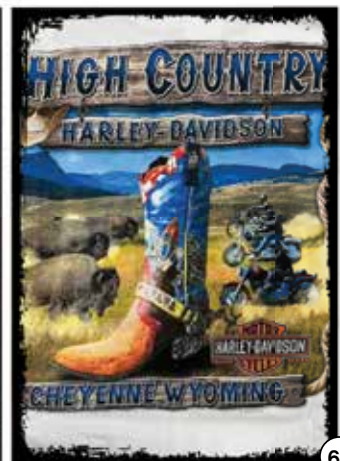
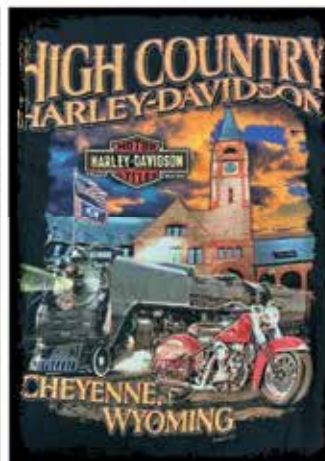
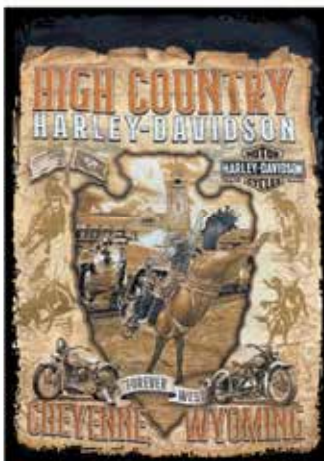
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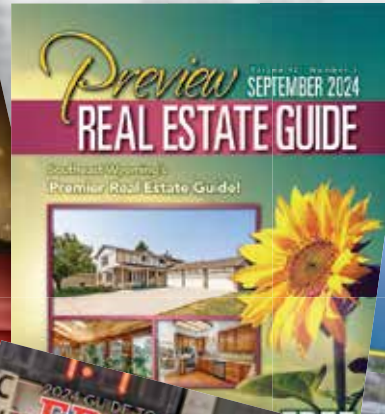
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moment in jail with Butch Cassidy, then bustin' out in one of two secret passages or viewing a life-sized cast of a Colombian Mammoth that was found in Wyoming!

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.

The center has something to offer all travelers and is easy to find at I-25 and Exit 4, High Plains Road. The Welcome Center is open daily during the summer months. Check [travelwyoming.com](http://travelwyoming.com) for more information. ■



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# Cheyenne Little Theatre Players 96th Season!

In the late 1920's and early 1930's, 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



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2025-2026 marks the 96th 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!

**2025-2026 Cheyenne Little Theatre Players Season:**

The Old-Fashioned Melodrama: *Chicken Plot Pie or The Flaky Fowl Fakery or Your Goose Has Been Cooked.* 7/10-8/3 at the Historic Atlas Theatre. Director: Nancy Stange. Granny Wilder and her granddaughter Rose run the Wilder West restaurant, home of Granny's award-winning chicken pot pie. When Meemaw, head of Meemaw's Cordial Pie Company, comes to town with her three bumbling offspring to acquire the recipe, by any means necessary, can Rose, Granny, and Rose's fiance Sheriff McQueen stop Meemaw, save the restaurant and live happily ever after?



*Newsies* Dates: 9/26-10/12 at The Mary Godfrey Playhouse. Director: Jessie Klein. *Newsies*, is based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story. Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies" rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right when titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense. *Newsies* features the now classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe".

*Snow White and the Seven Dwarves of the Black Forest* Dates: 11/7-11/16 at The Mary Godfrey Playhouse. Director: TBD. Join us as Snow White, seven funny little men, an absent-minded king, Bella, his new wife (part queen, part witch), the handsome and conceited Prince Good-hearted, and many other new characters retell the story of Snow White.



*Miracle on 34th Street, the Play* Dates: 12/5-21 at The Mary Godfrey Playhouse. Director: Brenda Lyttle. This heartwarming holiday



story reminds us of the magic and wonder that can be found during the Christmas season. Based on the classic movie, Kris Kringle, an elderly man living in a retirement home, gets a job working as Santa for Macy's. Kris unleashes waves of goodwill and asserts that he is the real Santa Claus! As Kris is taken to court to judge his competence, the case turns and

places the judge in the position of deciding whether Santa Claus is real! One little girl suspects the truth!

*Almost, Maine* Dates: 2/13-3/1/2026 at The Historic Atlas Theatre. Director: Jeff Tish. Welcome to Almost, Maine, a place that's so far north, it almost doesn't exist! One cold, clear, winter night, the residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways.



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**Chicago Dates:** 5/15-31/2026. Directors: Jay Batson/Nancy Stange. It’s the “Roaring Twenties” in Chicago, as Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and con-



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# The Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra

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"I'll admit I might have been a little skeptical about how a tiny city in a vast state whose population per square mile rounds down to zero can support a first-rate

regional orchestra. Turns out, I didn't have much to worry about. I may not be a musician, but I ran orchestras for 10 years. Take it from me, the Cheyenne Symphony is indeed a first-rate regional orchestra."

What's all the buzz about? The symphony attributes its success to its energetic and engaging Music Director and Conductor, William Intriligator, enthusiastic musicians who often times travel hundreds of miles to perform in Cheyenne and a very supportive community including donors, volunteers and audience members.

So, if you want to hear it for yourself or get involved, give the folks at the symphony a call at 307-778-8561 or visit: [www.cheyennesymphony.org](http://www.cheyennesymphony.org).

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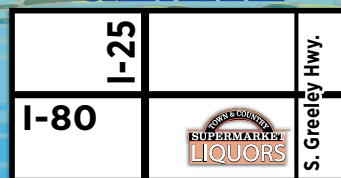
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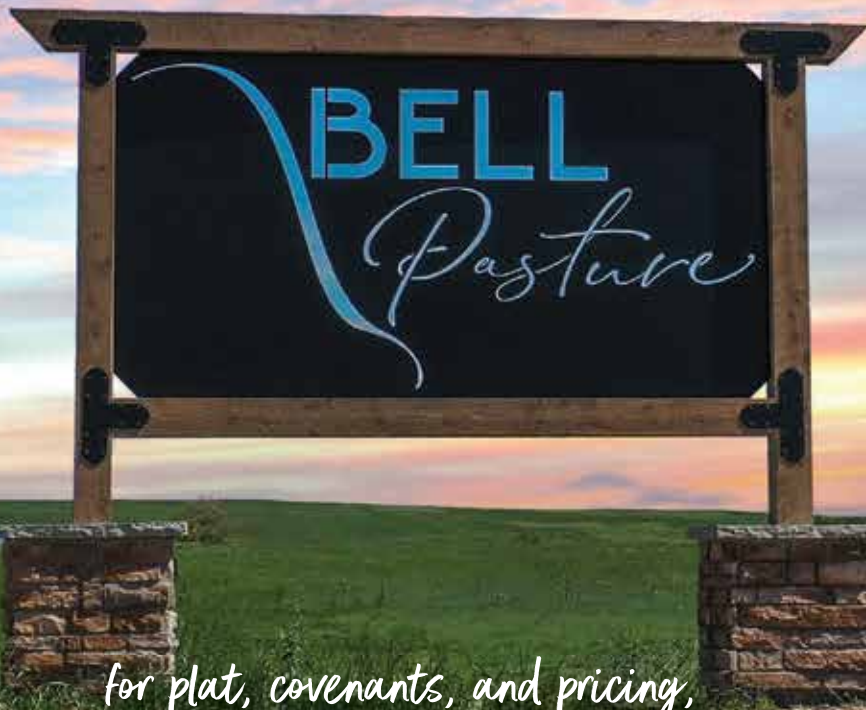
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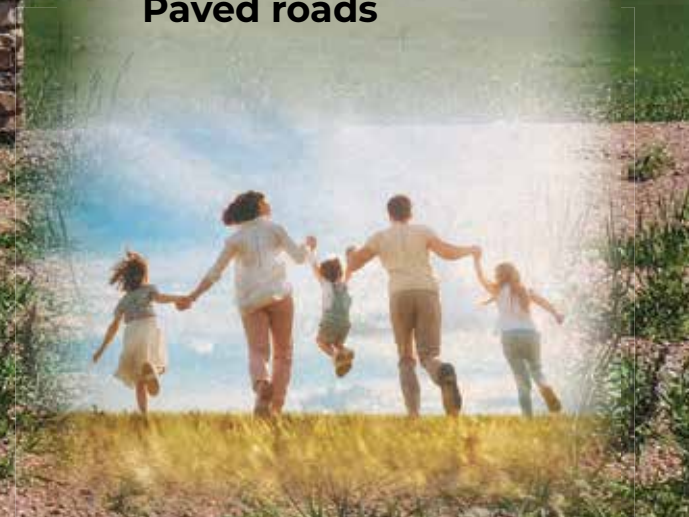
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