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New Accession



Smokey the Fox was once part of the historic Buffalo Bill Fur Salon, owned by Katie and Claud Brown. The platinum fox was preserved by taxidermist Jesse Frost and recently donated to the Cody Heritage Museum by Dick and Jeanne Nelson.

THE ALL CODY MVP BY EV DIEHL

I was so lucky! I arrived in the Cody area at the perfect time - 1960.

Over the next 60 years I co-habitated with the mid-modern era of Cody's historic characters. After moving to Pinedale recently, my wife Susan and I were debating as to who would stand out as our favorite mid-historic Codyite.

I was involved in a wide variety of associations, most recently with the Cody Heritage Museum, which houses the histories of early pioneers like Buffalo Bill Cody, Agnes Chamberlin, the Frosts and Richards, Nielsons, and Bill DeMaris, and now expertly mothered by Lynn Houze and Marge Wilder.

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Ev Diehl joined the Cody Heritage Museum Board in 2007 and oversaw the renovation of the DeMaris House. When he and his wife, Susan, moved to Pinedale, he switched to Advisor status for the CHM Board.

From our President/Director

While our attendance this season was down by about 400 visitors, we still had a wonderful summer! It's always fun visiting with the tourists: finding out where they live, if they've been to Cody before, are they headed into Yellowstone or have they already been there, etc. Sometimes we feel like we're a mini-Cody Chamber of Commerce offering basic Cody information and making recommendations. We also receive a lot of positive feedback about our museum which is very nice to hear.

We held an outdoor Open House on August 3rd, honoring the Buffalo Bill Dollies, the can-can dancers from the 1960s and 70s and started by Katie Brown. Five of the original Dollies attended: Fern Bath, Sandy Klomparens, Bettie Marie Daniels, Norma Wheeler, and JoJean DeHony. We served lunch and had a silent auction. Robyn Cutter from the Park County Archives related the history of Katie and Claud Brown's Buffalo Bill Fur Farm.

The museum's newest acquisition, "Smokey" the platinum fox, was on display for all to see in a beautiful case made by the late J. Mike Patrick (NewWest Furniture). Many thanks to Jeanne and Dick Nelson for their donation! Our event drew many visitors and raised some money for us, as well. Thanks to all of you who participated in some way; we appreciate your support.

Lynn



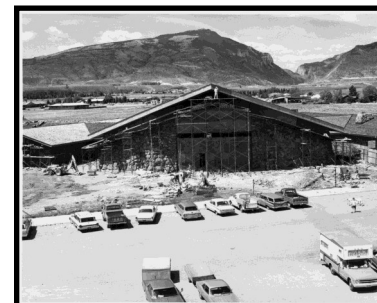
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I also spent a few years at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, now the Center of the West, which reaches further back in time to creatures and early tribes, and then Remington and Colt and all those good old boys. Dealings with Peter Hassrick, Wally Reber, Joy Comstock, George Horsecapture, Paul Fees, and Herb Houze bring back great memories. And great board members I knew like Peg Coe and Jim Nielson, Bill Ruger, Bill Self, Merlin Olsen, and my wife's godfather, Curt Gowdy. But what I remember now are the great acquaintances of my era and how I didn't realize it at the time, I would develop so many treasured memories.



Center of the West circa 1960s



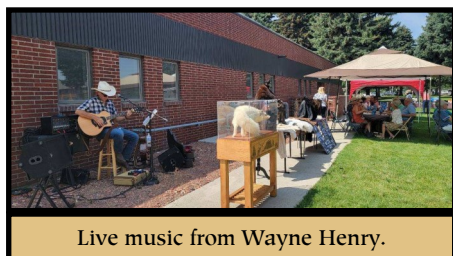
Senator Hank Coe

In 1960, I played football for the Northwest Community College Panthers in Powell. My teammates were Cody's Paul (Trainer) Campbell and Laramie's John Deti, our quarterback. Coaches were Harold Farmer, Spike Vannoy and Hank Cabre. Speaking of history, my future father-in-law, Bill Strannigan, played semi-pro baseball in Cody, (before going on to be UW's basketball coach, where legend has it, he dated a few of the, at the time, infamous Codyites.) When I first arrived in Cody my then brother-in-law, Hank Coe, introduced me to the crowd at the Director's Club, which was vibrant with...

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2024 Summer Fundraiser

On August 3, 2024, the Cody Heritage Museum hosted an outdoor lunch, silent auction, live music, and a guest speaker. Robyn Cutter of the Park County Archives spoke about the historic Buffalo Bill Dollies dancing troupe and the 1960s era Buffalo Bill Fur Salon. Over fifty people purchased tickets ahead of time and attended on a warm but beautiful day. Volunteers and board members cooked pulled pork, beans, coleslaw, and chocolate brownies. The fundraiser generated _____ for the Cody Heritage Museum. We wish to thank everyone who attended, brought delicious homecooked food, and volunteered at the event. Thank you for your support!



Live music from Wayne Henry.



We had a great turnout for our summer fundraiser on August 3rd.



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...characters like Bob Dohse, Jessie Spragg, Don Kurtz, Dick Steck, Ron Hill, Jim Hayes, Kenny Nelson, Doc Johnson, Jack and old Jack Manning, Doc Koehler and Larry Bugs Sporer. And one of my favorite characters, Chuck Badovinas.

Before purchasing "Living Waters Health Spa" from Emmett Knox and turning it into the Cody Athletic Club, I spent many an early morning with Glenn and Olive Nielsen, and later, Bill Nielsen, failing to negotiate a racquetball club on the golf course. During my early years of sports there were the players in and around the Cody Athletic Club like Bucky Hall, Sox Freeman, Rich Profrock, Tony Martoglio, and Mario Ibarra and Brad Funston and the Troxel brothers, Jeff and Tim. And "Ruthless" the Recreation Director.

During my Cody Chamber of Commerce association and my downtown years with the Cody Rodeo Company stores, I associated with Paul Hoffman and Bob Berry, head of Pacific Power. I remember Paul saying to me "I don't know anything about that but I know you're wrong." Downtown merchants like Bob and Sandy Newsome (Sunlight Sports) and Chief and Keith Seidel and Roberta Sankey. Banker Doug Weedon bailed me out of one dumb deal. And then there was Dewey Vanderhoff. I'm working toward my nomination from the middle Cody ages. There is a favorite in there somewhere, but so many to choose from...My close friends were Que Mangus, Nic Patrick, Dan Sell, Gordy Allison, Bob Brown and the Feeley brothers, John, Bill, and Ted. And my sailing buddy, Mike McCue. And my family - a lasting memory of beautiful and gracious Dr. Theo Riley and my brother-in-law Mike. And sister-in-law Marty Coe. I love my nephew HR Coe, who was a perfectionist during the restoration of the Chamberlin Inn. And my wife Susan, who's creative talents surfaced big time. And support from our family, daughters Kelly Statton and Marcy Martin and son-in-law Brian Martin. HR also oversaw the restoration of the DeMaris House, which now embraces the Cody Heritage Museum.

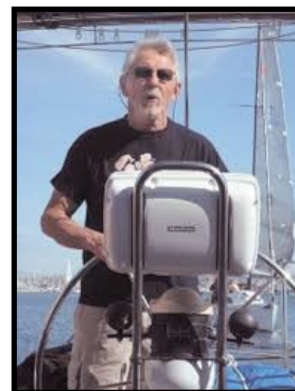


The original Chamberlin Inn a century ago

I'm in my 80's now and have to admit that a tear occasionally sneaks down my cheek as I revisit memories of dearly departed Cody characters. The restoration of the Chamberlin kind of introduced us to an international clientele, but still, my favorite people, were our tradesmen - the likes of Joe Weaver and Donny Anderson. And, all the local support we received from folks like the Simpsons: Al, Ann, Bill, Colin, and Sue. I remember showing Al around the hotel one day and when I asked him what he would like to see he said "all of it". Made my day. I served on the Park County Historic Preservation Commission with Dr Larry Todd and Matt Hall. Our failure to preserve West Cody's geyser

cones was a real disappointment. And later the Cody Architectural Advisory Committee with architect Keith Pryor. I wasn't around during the early famously recorded history of Cody, but I was around during a wonderful unrecorded span of years when it was blessed with a lot of truly unforgettable folks. And I have left a great many out.

But now, after searching and sorting through an almost lifetime of characters that I loved and was grateful to have been associated with, my favorite choice ... is a man who is still among you. A man blessed with a heartfelt sole, great humility and a wonderful compassion for his neighbor and one who harbors one of the greatest wits I know. A man that I wish I had made the effort to spend a lot more time with. A Cody roofer, by the name of Doug Blough.



Author Ev Diehl sailed to the South Pacific in 2014 before returning to Wyoming.

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