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The Cheyenne Depot Museum Newsletter

CHEYENNE FARMERS MARKETS



Cheyenne Farmer's Market

What's more refreshing than a leisurely stroll through the farmer's market? Every Saturday, starting the first weekend in August and ending the first weekend in October, local and regional vendors line 15th Street in downtown Cheyenne (between Pioneer Ave. and O'Neil Ave.) to sell their produce, honey, jams, bakery items and more.

The Cheyenne Farmer's Market is the perfect place to find your fresh produce. There are no stores with such quality foods. So come grab the ingredients you need for that perfect farm to table supper.

Winter Farmer's Market

After the cold weather settles in and it becomes a little too chilly outside to enjoy the outdoors, the Cheyenne Winter Farmer's Market makes it way into the Depot Lobby.

The cold weather isn't a deterrent from getting your fresh ingredients and baked goods. There is also much more to explore than just amazing food items as well. The Winter Farmer's Market also includes homegoods, body care products, hand crafted goods, and much more.

-Brady Brinton, CDM Digital Media Director

DEPOT PLAZA SPLASH PAD



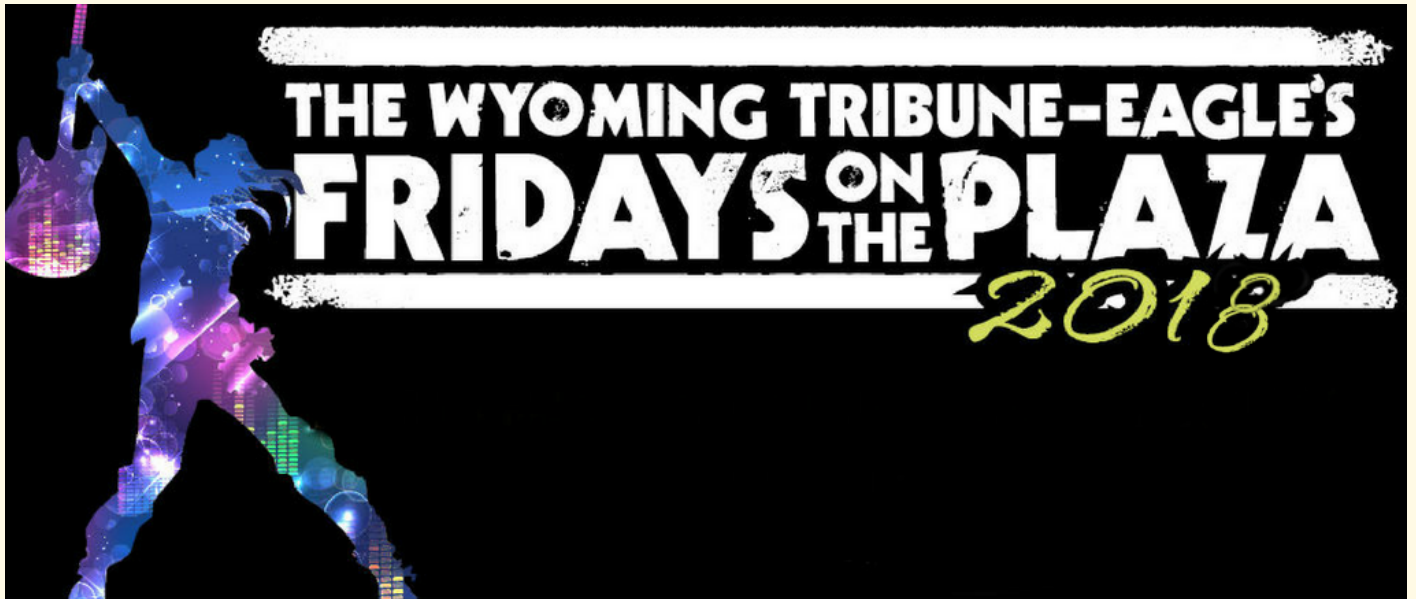
The Splash Pad project proposed for the Cheyenne Depot Plaza has found some reverence as fundraising efforts have proven fruitful. Those pitching in include local children selling lemonade and mowing yards, the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce with their \$5k donation donors making pledges during a telethon to raise funds for the new attraction.



Visit Cheyenne and the City of Cheyenne have been working diligently to raise funds to make the Splash Pad a reality, and have nearly reached their goal of \$550,000. The funds raised are currently at \$505,000. For more more information or to make a donation, go to <https://www.cheyenne.org/splashpad/> or call Visit Cheyenne at (307) 778-3133.

-Brady Brinton, CDM Digital Media Director

FRIDAYS ON THE PLAZA



As summertime winds down and we settle into autumn, it means it is time to say goodbye to Fridays on the Plaza for the season. This year's installment of the annual concert series was quite possibly the best to date. The Friday on the Plaza's line-up for the year consisted of an array of artists covering multiple genres. Thank you to all of those that continue to support Fridays on the Plaza and the Cheyenne Depot.



This year's Fridays on the plaza received an immense amount of support indeed. Over 60,000 people attended the concert series. It is great to see such an outpour of support for this great event and the Cheyenne Depot Museum in cooperation with the City of Cheyenne hope to continue to grow the success of the weekly shows and to keep raising the bar with the acts and amenities such as the food trucks and yard games that have been added over recent years.

-Brady Brinton, CDM Digital
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AFTER PROMONTORY

Proposed exhibition March 2019 – March 2020

The traveling exhibition, *After Promontory*, marks the 150th anniversary of the completion of the first transcontinental railroad. The exhibition is being organized by The Center for Railroad Photography and Art in Madison, Wisconsin.

After Promontory examines a far wider perspective than just the events tied to the hammering of the golden spike on May 10, 1869. This unique exhibition considers the events at Promontory to be the start of a larger phenomenon; that transcontinental railroads profoundly reshaped the human geography of the West, giving birth to the region we recognize today.

After Promontory, consists of 25 images, divided into three groupings:

- The First Transcontinental (15)
- Photography and the Transcontinental Imagination (5)
- The Continuing Legacy of the Transcontinental (5)

We would appreciate your financial support to bring this timely exhibition to the Cheyenne Depot Museum beginning in March of 2019. Your contribution will be recognized in the exhibition and all related PR.

A special thanks to the Laramie County Chapter of the Wyoming Historical Society and Jack Mueller for their financial support.

Thank you for your interest in funding this exciting exhibition.

Christy McCarthy
Director, Cheyenne Depot Museum



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MUSEUM NOTES



Happy Fall from the Cheyenne Depot Museum!

Over the past few weeks, we have been filling our members in on the changes happening here in the museum. We have updated our collections system, updated our audio tour, and made some modifications to our exhibits. Now we are about to tackle our largest undertaking yet on the road to being the best museum we can be, building an interpretive plan.

An interpretive plan is a guiding document for museums and other cultural institutions. It provides guidance for exhibitions, membership, education and other public programs, and evaluation. We need you, our valuable members to help us with that last step.

We need to discover our strengths, and places we can improve. We need to figure out what it is that draws people to our museum and how we can capitalize on that further. We need to know what we can do to become a bigger part of the Cheyenne community and strengthen our partnerships with other museums and businesses.

Enclosed with your newsletter is a detailed survey. We know that just about every place you visit or do business anymore has a survey and that they can be tiresome, but this is not just any survey. Think of it more as a written interview. As you will see the questions will require some thought; about what you like about the museum, what you would like to see more or less of etc. but your input is absolutely vital to the future of the Cheyenne Depot Museum. You may either complete the form electronically and e-mail your responses to Ashley@cheyennedepotmuseum.org, or you may mail them into the Depot at P.O. Box 2160, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

Our members are the heart of our organization, and we value your opinion greatly. Thank you for your help.

- Ashley Page, CDM Education &
Exhibits Assistant

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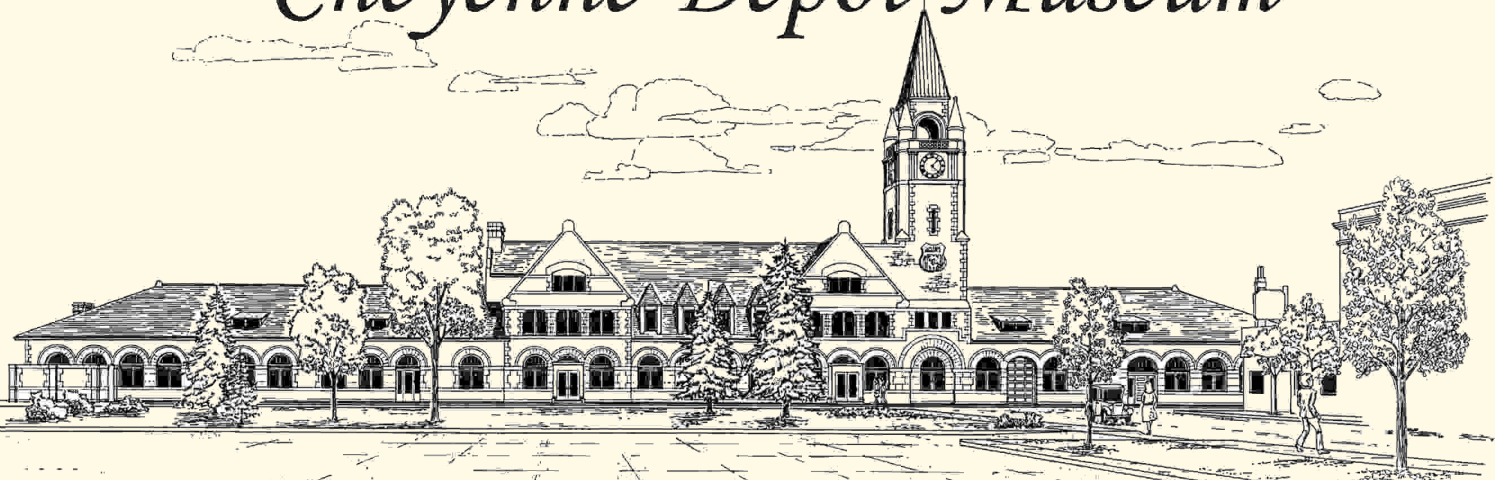
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The Summer Event Season at the Cheyenne Depot Museum was very busy and had many different attractions to offer to visitors.

The 2018 outdoor event season at the plaza was very successful, with an estimated 60,000 visitors from far and near attending free cultural festivals, concerts, food competitions, farmers markets, and various fundraisers for noble causes. An additional 11,000 people visited the gift shop and museum in May through August alone. We are quickly becoming one of Cheyenne's premier year-round attractions, bringing visitors from around the globe to see the world famous Harry Brunk model railroad and a glimpse into the history, the glamour and romance of the train area that is at the heart of Cheyenne and its origins.

It is now time to look ahead to the Unveiling of the restored Big Boy, No. 4014, which will be in the spring of 2019. Union Pacific's historic steam equipment will embark on a special journey along the transcontinental route.

As soon as we have more details on the times of departure or any other information we will be keeping you updated through our website. This is going to be a very exciting time and we are looking forward to sharing it with all of our members.

We would appreciate any donations you can provide for us to move forward with the After Promontory Exhibit. This is a great opportunity for us to educate our visitors about the history in Promontory.

The Museum staff is working to create new and exciting exhibits that will transition throughout the year. Thank you to all that donated to the museum in 2017 and the start of 2018, we could not be moving forward with your contributions.

Christy McCarthy
Executive Director

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