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The Campbell County Rockpile Museum tells the story of the Powder River Basin.

John Daly, President
Tami Bishop, Vice-President
Rita Cossitt Mueller, Secretary-Treasurer
William Monahan
Lalia Jagers

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a. Brief Updates From The Director

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The next regular board meeting will be on October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
at the Rockpile Museum.

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**Rockpile Museum Board Meeting
CONSENT AGENDA – August 18, 2020**

Approval of Minutes

July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Expense Report

As of August 16th, there are 8 purchase orders from the regular budget to be approved and paid totaling \$1,590.07. There are at least four outstanding receipts from the general museum accounts including First National Bank Visa, Office Depot, Black Hills Energy, and Sign Boss that will need board approval following the meeting.

The August 2020 vouchers are as follows:

City of Gillette	\$750.52
Associated Glass	\$204.13
Menards	\$22.84
Shoshone Distributing	\$118.00
Coca-Cola Bottling High Country	\$30.00
Mountain-Plains Museums Association	\$300.00
Vista Leasing Company	\$98.00
Rocky Mountain Business Equipment	\$66.58

For the month of July, there were 21 vouchers from our regular accounts totaling \$5,573.15. Eleven were from FY19-20 totaling \$2,406.64. Ten were from FY20-21 totaling \$3,166.51.

Bill Monahan signed the following vouchers after the regular July meeting:

First National Bank Visa 2962	\$398.59
Office Depot	\$430.38
Home Depot	\$32.86
Menards	\$54.78
Shoshone Distributing	\$359.82
Wyoming Cowgirl Soap	\$221.90

REVENUE UPDATE: As of 8/16/2020 we have brought in \$1,122.61 in revenue. All but \$3.00 of this was in gift shop sales.

BUDGET VARIANCE for FY20-21 as of August 16, 2020

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**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
of the CCRM Board of Directors
July 21, 2020
Rockpile Museum, 6:00 p.m.**

A. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order a 6:00 p.m. by Board President John Daly, presiding officer.

Present: Museum Board Members: John Daly, Tami Bishop, Rita Cossitt Mueller, Lalia Jagers, and Bill Monahan.

Museum Staff: Director Robert Henning, Museum Educator Stephan Zacharias, and Exhibitions and Collections Manager Angela Beenken (via phone)

Absent: None

Guests: Brandy Elder, HR Director (via phone)

B. Approval of Agenda

Board reviewed agenda and John Daly called for changes or corrections. No changes or additional items were presented. Tami Bishop moved to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as submitted, Lalia Jagers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Expense Report

As of July 21st, there are 16 purchase orders from the regular budget to be approved and paid totaling \$4,129.81. Twelve of these are from FY19-20 and four are from FY20-21. There are at least four outstanding receipts from the general museum accounts including First National Bank Visa, Office Depot, Menards, and Home Depot that will need board approval following the meeting.

The July 2020 vouchers are as follows:

FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Charter Spectrum	\$54.99
City of Gillette Utilities	\$598.35
DeBoer Mileage Reimbursement	\$25.42
Joyce Jefferson	\$250.00
Henning Mileage Reimbursement	\$19.67
Office Depot	\$162.79
Gillette News Record	\$635.00
Basin Radio Network	\$200.00
Farcountry Press	\$135.96
Rocky Mountain Business Equipment LLC	\$56.34
First National Bank Visa 2962	\$263.73
Black Hills Energy	\$59.38

FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Vista Leasing Company	\$98.00
Menards	\$49.34
Target Digital Solutions	\$1500.00
Menards	\$20.84

For the month of June, there were 21 vouchers from our regular accounts totaling \$13,276.04 and 3 vouchers from the 1% accounts totaling \$1,387.38.

Lalia Jagers signed the following vouchers after the regular June meeting:

Reeves Mileage Reimbursement	\$17.73
Office Depot	\$229.76
Weston County Historical Society	\$40.00
Campbell County Historical Society	\$90.00
Sir Speedy	\$1,687.57
Home Depot	\$30.43
First National Bank Visa 2962	\$3,645.92
First National Bank Visa 9833	\$3,028.41
First National Bank Visa 2962 - 1% Youth	\$119.94
B&H Photo Video - 1% Veterans	\$841.14

REVENUE UPDATE: Final revenue for FY19-20 was \$9,645.32 which was down from \$12,896.82 the previous year. We only brought in \$74.79 in the last 3.5 months. So far this new year we have brought in \$355.04.

BUDGET VARIANCE for FY19-20 as of July 17, 2020
BUDGET VARIANCE for FY20-21 as of July 17, 2020

John Daly asked the board if they wished for any items to be removed from the consent agenda. No items were requested removed. Bill Monahan moved to approve all items of the consent agenda as presented; Rita Cossitt Mueller seconded the motion; motion approved unanimously.

D. Executive Session– Personnel

Rita Cossitt Mueller moved to convene an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Tami Bishop seconded the motion. No debate. Motion passed unanimously. Stephen Zacharias left the room; Angela Beenken severed the phone connection, and Lalia Jagers refrained from participation.

Bill Monahan moved to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular agenda. Lalia Jagers seconded the motion. No debate. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken following the executive session. Stephen Zacharias rejoined the meeting; Angela Beenken re-connected via phone.

E. Board Elections

President Daly opened the floor for nominations.

I. President

Rita Cossitt Mueller was nominated by Tami Bishop for the position of Board President and seconded by Lalia Jagers. Pres. John Daly called for further nominations three times. Hearing none Rita Cossitt Mueller was elected President unanimously. Pres. John Daly turned the meeting over to Pres. Rita Cossitt Mueller.

II. Vice President

Lalia Jagers was nominated by Bill Monahan for the position of Board Vice President and seconded by Tami Bishop. After calling three times for further nominations and hearing none, Lalia Jaegers was elected Vice President unanimously.

III. Secretary/Treasurer

Tami Bishop was nominated by Lalia Jagers for the position of Board Secretary/Treasurer and seconded by Bill Monahan.

Bill Monahan was nominated for the position of Board Secretary/Treasurer by Tami Bishop and seconded by Lalia Jagers. Pres. Rita Cossitt Mueller called for further nominations three times. Hearing none, she called for a vocal vote. The tie vote was broken by the chair and Bill Monahan was elected Secretary/Treasurer by a vote of 3 to 2.

D. Collections and Exhibits

I. Collections/Exhibits Department Update

DISCUSSION: Director Robert Henning went over the written collections update. The board appreciated the info about the collections. Lalia Jagers asked about the “no known donor” items which Angela Beenken discussed. Of note is the legal aspects of deaccessioning those items.

II. Digital Public Library of America

DISCUSSION: Robert Henning reported on the DPLA contract.

III. Collections Report

DISCUSSION: Robert discussed the nine (9) items donated since lifting the moratorium. He recommended holding item #3, the Beanery photo, for further research as he feels it is not actually the Beanery in Gillette.

A motion was made by Tami Bishop to approve the staff recommendations regarding the donations with the exception of item #3; seconded by Lalia Jagers. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Deaccessions

DISCUSSION: John Daly brought up the advantage of keeping the saddles as examples of the changes in saddle making. He also wondered if the saddles in our collection were periodically oiled. After discussion it was agreed that as the saddles were not used and would not be in the future, oiling is not necessary. A motion was made by Bill Monahan to approve the staff recommendations regarding the deaccessions; seconded by Tami Bishop. Motion passed 3 to 1.

E. Museum Program Updates

I. Visitation Report

DISCUSSION: Robert briefly reviewed the written report. Visitation is at about 50% of “normal” for our new normal. As there are no tours, outreach, group activities, etc., which account for 30-35%, it is about what is to be expected. Bill Monahan asked about social media. Stephen Zacharias reported time for creating posts has been limited since the reopening of the building.

II. Education Reports

DISCUSSION: Rita Cossitt Mueller noted that we have not seen a report from Penny Schroder for two months and would like to see one for August.

Stephen Zacharias stated that lots of staff time was spent cleaning until recently when the museum has seen more volunteers. The Juneteenth program saw 44 views but most only spent 3 ½ minutes on a 90 minute program. Not much activity on FB because the fair and library are posting over. Stephen is using his time looking at long term projects for when interaction with patrons returns. He noted that there are lots of unemployed museum workers because of the pandemic. Rita Cossitt Mueller said that long term planning can be more focused now that we know we will be in the current building for the foreseeable future. Also, that consulting fees might be lower because of the employment situation. John Daly commented that his two grandsons didn't realize that the Rockpile museum is a county museum. Robert Henning stated that Campbell County is not traditionally a museum attending county. Hence, we should focus on drawing tourists. He encouraged everyone to subscribe to the museum YouTube channel and to share it with everyone.

III. Schedule

- Aug. 13 – Dance Through the Decades 2021 Kickoff Meeting, 2:30 p.m.
- Aug. 18 – CCRM Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 20 – RMA Board Meeting, 2:30 p.m.
- Aug. 20-21 – Matt Avery artist in residence, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 24 – The Governor Lady: Nellie Tayloe Ross, 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 27 – MEGA Mixer at Gillette College (RMA Participating)
- Sep. 19 – 2nd Annual NEWY Arch Fair

F. Old Business

I. Logo Revisions

DISCUSSION: We again discussed the logo revisions and Rita Cossitt Mueller shared her prototype with the rounded tops to look more like the actual rockpile. Robert Henning would like to see adoption of SOMETHING. Bill Monahan moved to accept the logo with Rita's rounded tops and deeper hues. Lalia Jagers seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried.

II. School House Heating and Cooling

DISCUSSION: Robert Henning reported that the project is done! The Rockpile Museum Association funded almost \$7,500.00 to make it happen. Many thanks to them and especially the large donors Jerry Morel and Bill Hines.

G. New Business

I. Museum Assessment Program Follow-Up Visit

DISCUSSION: Robert Henning reported that a follow-up visit from Barbara Taylor is available at no charge. Discussion followed to bring the new board members

up to date on the assessment made three years ago. Robert stated that although there was no charge it was bound to be time consuming to have her return. He requested help in hosting Barbara Taylor. Tami Bishop stated that she needs to be aware of the economic downturn we are experiencing and that we would like to focus on drawing tourists. Tami Bishop, Bill Monahan, and Lalia Jagers all pledged to help with the hosting.

II. Potential Long-term Volunteer

DISCUSSION: Robert Henning reported that there is a possibility of a two-year volunteer from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The young man is unable to serve a traditional mission and is available to serve a local service mission. Discussion followed about insurance, duties, ability to dismiss at will if needed, etc. Robert Henning will proceed with an interview and evaluation.

III. Infrared Temperature Sensors

DISCUSSION: The county has a grant to provide COVID 19 temperature sensors. The museum will request one as it would be less invasive than a staff member taking individual patron temperatures. Safety of staff and patrons is a must.

IV. Basin Radio Heartbeat of the Community

DISCUSSION: Robert Henning reported that the Rockpile Museum is July's Heartbeat of the Community on the local radio stations. It amounts to 665 commercials over the month at an estimated value of \$13,300. The add is well done and talks mostly about the history of the museum. Note: 46 years ago today the Rockpile Museum opened its doors for the first time.

H. General Discussion

I. Brief Updates from the Director

DISCUSSION:

- Joel Marquiss has been elected to the board of the RMA
- The concrete pad for "Eugene" the bison is in the process of being installed.
- John and Dara Corkery recently made a significant donation to the RMA.
- The interstate eastbound billboard, lost earlier this year to high winds, has been repaired and lighted. A westbound one is being considered.
- It is unknown if the school district is going to allow field trips for students because of COVID issues. Penny Schroder is looking at doing the Pioneer School (4th graders) and WWII Days (6th graders) virtually.

- Robert Henning stated that he has put out \$1,500 worth of media adds that will show up on personal devices in August and September.
- The CARES Act committee training for distance programming will be a POD Cast training.
- There will soon be a quarterly newsletter coming from the RMA.
- Rita Cossitt Mueller asked about the crosswalk: The county has submitted the grant. It will be two or more years before construction if and when the grant is approved.
- Robert Henning reported that next fiscal year will probably see a 20% cut in county funding across the board.
- Rita Cossitt Mueller asked about the new museum signs: Robert Henning stated that the signs and funds are here; he will start that project as soon as some of the current ones end—before winter.

II. Other

DISCUSSION: None

I. Adjourn

There being no further business President Rita Cossitt Mueller adjourned the meeting at 7:50p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be on August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rockpile Museum.

July 21, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Secretary Rita Cossitt Mueller

CCRM Board Member

Date

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CAMPBELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT
BUDGET VARIANCE REPORT
721 - ROCKPILE MUSEUM - GEN ADMIN

Account Description	August Expenditures	2020 Budgeted	Y-T-D Expended	Encumbrances	% Used	Amount Left	% Left	Account Number
EXPENDITURES								
PERSONNEL SERVICES								
SALARIES AND WAGES								
FULLTIME - REGULAR	10,611.67	275,903.00	31,835.01	.00	11.53	244,067.99	88.46	6022.
FULLTIME - O.T.	41.01	2,250.00	41.01	.00	1.82	2,208.99	98.17	6023.
PART-TIME - REGULAR	639.00	5,000.00	1,389.00	.00	27.78	3,611.00	72.22	6024.
PART-TIME - O.T.	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6025.
SUMMER EMPLOYMENT GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6033.
ADD'L REQUESTED PAYROLL	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6038.
COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6039.
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS								
P/R TAX EXPENDITURES	847.42	21,662.00	2,511.94	.00	11.59	19,150.06	88.40	6041.
P/R BENEFIT EXPENDITURES	9,952.85	147,087.00	13,800.52	.00	9.38	133,286.48	90.61	6042.
FLEX SIGNUP	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6046.
	22,091.95	451,902.00	49,577.48	.00	10.97	402,324.52	89.02	
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES								
COMMUNICATION/TRANSPORTATI								
POSTAGE AND FREIGHT	.00	1,500.00	232.83	.00	15.52	1,267.17	84.47	6052.
TELEPHONE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6053.
PRINTING/DUPLICATING								
PRINTING/SPECIAL FORMS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6071.
BROCHURES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6072.
PUBLICITY								
ADVERTISING	.00	7,500.00	1,500.00	.00	20.00	6,000.00	80.00	6092.
PUBLICATION/LEGAL NOTICE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6093.
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS								
PERIODICALS	.00	150.00	.00	.00	.00	150.00	100.00	6101.
ASSOC. COMM. DUES. & FEE	.00	1,250.00	.00	300.00	24.00	950.00	76.00	6102.
UTILITY SERVICE								
ELECTRICITY	.00	11,500.00	.00	750.52	6.52	10,749.48	93.47	6112.
PROPANE, NATURAL GAS	.00	6,050.00	.00	.00	.00	6,050.00	100.00	6114.
GARBAGE COLLECTION	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6116.
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES								
FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECTIO	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6153.
MAINT/LICENSING AGREEMENTS								
OFF EQUIP MAINT CONTRACT	.00	2,000.00	98.00	164.58	13.12	1,737.42	86.87	6234.
HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6237.
TRAVEL - EMPLOYEES								
AUTOMOBILE	.00	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	100.00	6281.
AIRPLANE, TRAIN, BUS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6282.
MEALS AND LODGING	.00	300.00	.00	.00	.00	300.00	100.00	6283.
TRAVEL-OTHER								
AUTOMOBILE	.00	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	100.00	6301.
AIRPLANE, TRAIN, BUS	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	100.00	6302.
MEALS AND LODGING	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	100.00	6303.
OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES								
CONTRACT LABOR	.00	14,750.00	.00	.00	.00	14,750.00	100.00	6321.
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT								
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	100.00	6517.2
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/WRK	.00	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00	100.00	6517.3
TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATIO	.00	1,750.00	.00	.00	.00	1,750.00	100.00	6517.4
MEALS AND LODGING	.00	1,750.00	.00	.00	.00	1,750.00	100.00	6517.5
	.00	55,000.00	1,830.83	1,215.10	5.53	51,954.07	94.46	

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BUDGET VARIANCE REPORT
721 - ROCKPILE MUSEUM - GEN ADMIN

Account Description	August Expenditures	2020 Budgeted	Y-T-D Expended	Encumbrances	% Used	Amount Left	% Left	Account Number
SUPPLIES								
OFFICE SUPPLIES								
GENERAL SUPPLIES	.00	5,000.00	505.22	22.84	10.56	4,471.94	89.43	6531.
COMPUTER SUPPLIES	.00	4,500.00	.00	.00	.00	4,500.00	100.00	6532.
OPERATING SUPPLIES								
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING	.00	4,500.00	16.00	.00	.35	4,484.00	99.64	6554.
PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	100.00	6556.
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	.00	1,200.00	.00	.00	.00	1,200.00	100.00	6666.
GASOLINE	.00	750.00	.00	.00	.00	750.00	100.00	6673.
GIFT SHOP PURCHASES	.00	11,000.00	597.72	148.00	6.77	10,254.28	93.22	6706.1
EXHIBITS	.00	5,000.00	.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	100.00	6712.
SALES TAX PAYMENTS	.00	750.00	.00	.00	.00	750.00	100.00	6713.
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM SUPPLI	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	100.00	6733.
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE								
GENERAL VEHICLE MAINT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6755.
OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIP	.00	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	100.00	6762.
SECURITY SYSTEMS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6764.
GROUPS MAINTENANCE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6770.
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	.00	1,000.00	.00	204.13	20.41	795.87	79.58	6777.
SHOP SUPPLIES	.00	500.00	124.96	.00	24.99	375.04	75.00	6778.
EXHIBITS MAINTENANCE	.00	5,000.00	.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	100.00	6784.
	.00	41,700.00	1,243.90	374.97	3.88	40,081.13	96.11	
FIXED CHARGES								
INSURANCE								
VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6932.
OTHER INSURANCE	.00	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	100.00	6948.
SURETY BONDS								
OTHER	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6958.
BOARD EXPENSES	.00	2,500.00	91.78	.00	3.67	2,408.22	96.32	7026.
GRANTS								
OTHER GRANTS-ANTICIPATIO	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	7078.
INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM SERV	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	7092.
WYO ARTS COUNCIL	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	7093.
WYO COUNCIL - HUMANITIES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	7094.
NATL ENDOWMENT HUMANITIE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	7103.
	.00	3,000.00	91.78	.00	3.05	2,908.22	96.94	
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT								
GENERAL ITEMS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	7191.
ARTIFACTS	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	100.00	7242.
PROGRAM SUPPORT								
SPECIAL EVENTS	.00	10,000.00	.00	.00	.00	10,000.00	100.00	7362.
ACCRUED EXPEND - EOY ADJ	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	7532.
WAGE ADJUSTMENT FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	7533.
	.00	11,000.00	.00	.00	.00	11,000.00	100.00	
	22,091.95	562,602.00	52,743.99	1,590.07	9.65	508,267.94	90.34	

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COMPANY 00001 TOTAL	22,091.95	562,602.00	52,743.99	1,590.07	9.65	508,267.94	90.34	

COLLECTIONS UPDATE

9/10/2020

Cataloging

The June 2018 backlog is still in progress. There are 28 items remaining to catalog in the 2018.029 accession; the goal is to finish this by September 25th. Completed items are being temporarily stored in Cara's office until space can be made in storage. Then, Cara will work on the remaining June 2018 backlog (2018.026).

3 items that were donated as Digital Scans last month were cataloged by Cara, and 1 Staff Collected postcard from last month's donations was partially cataloged.

Social Media

Cara and Angela have continued to make weekly posts to Facebook on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The History Mystery posts have reached 5,622 people, had 8 identification comments, and a total of 591 engagements. The Cabinet of Curiosities posts have reached 5,989 people and had a total of 143 engagements.

Archaeology Fair

Cara sent out three press releases to County 17 and The News-Record for the virtual Archaeology Fair, the Spencer Pelton Program and the traveling exhibit "Artifact: A Cultural Heritage." Cara and Penny filmed a video to teach the proper way to excavate a site; Cara posted it to YouTube and Facebook. Cara has also been posting a different topic in archaeology to Facebook since September 1st. The posts have reached 5,506 people and had 90 engagements. The YouTube video has had 52 views. With the help of volunteers, Cara and Penny finished preparing the take-home activity bags and began giving them out on September 7th.

Approximately 30 bags have been given out so far. Penny contacted the schools to notify them about the bags. We have two contests happening and we've had 2 submissions for the large contest and 1 for the small contest so far. We will be filming a child do the dog travois activity on September 19th and that will also be posted to Facebook and YouTube. Spencer Pelton will be here on September 18th at 7pm for his program, which will also be filmed and livestreamed. Cara will continue to post to Facebook throughout September. The contest entries will be reviewed by Cara and Penny after September 30th and prizes will be awarded in October.

Professional Development

Angela and Cara have both signed up for an online Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums (CWAM) training session on mount making on September 14th.

Exhibits

The traveling poster exhibit from the Smithsonian *Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence* is currently on display. It will remain in place until December 31st.

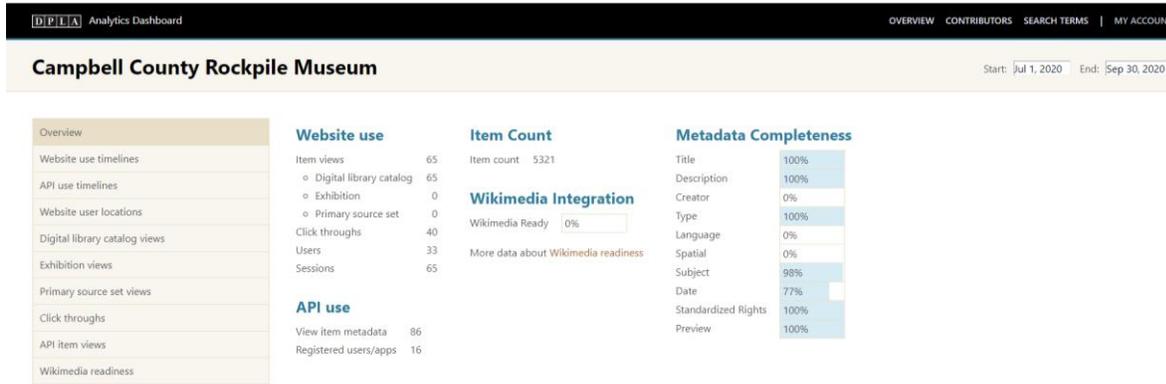
The traveling exhibit *Artifact: A Cultural Heritage* has been delivered. It is planned for installation in the Annex on the wall of the new storage. We are waiting to install until storage room equipment is installed and the outdoor signs are moved. The original plan was to install on Sept 14th although there is some delay and it may be an additional week before installation.

The sound has been installed in the blacksmith shop exhibit in the Annex building. It is connected to the motion sensor that also operates the lighting.

Angela requested staff input about upcoming programs and events so that a two-year exhibit plan can be developed related to those activities.

DPLA Update

There will be an ingest in October which will upload all cataloged items since July. The usage statistics below are from the start of the museum's participation in July 2020.



Collections Assessment

Angela is currently creating narrative about storage as it relates to the equipment needed for the new storage area. This information will be provided to Robert to use for the grant.

Annex Collections Storage

When the installation is complete, Angela and Cara will clean the space and place the shelving racks in the room. We will begin by moving artifacts from the courthouse basement and the courthouse annex. The Reece paintings will be stored temporarily on the hanging screens in the new storage space.

Volunteers

Bob Brown is currently working on research for upcoming homesteading exhibit. He is researching the saddle and the military service of Harvey Edwards.

Angela is meeting with Riley Degan on 9/11 to discuss a mentorship at the museum in collections.

Lucas has begun training to use PastPerfect so that he can start cataloging. He has watched the training disc and reviewed the new Procedure Manual.

A list of potential projects in collections was sent to Robert for the two-year volunteer anticipated to join the museum soon. This volunteer will work in collections and exhibits during their time at the museum.

Collections Report

Campbell County Rockpile Museum – September 2020

1. Iron Shot

Square footage of storage space required: 0.11 ft²

Recommendation: Decline – there is no clear provenance for this item. It would not tell a significant story about the Powder River Basin.

The donor found this under his porch at 108 Stetson Drive in Gillette. He does not know where it came from but assumes it was there before he bought the house. He said that the previous owners of the house were Dennis and Lori Schramm.

This appears to be solid iron shot. Shot was a solid projectile that included no explosive charge. There are no distinguishing marks, but possibly a casting mold seam around the center. It is approximately 4 inches in diameter and weighs approximately 15-20 pounds. There is an image in the collection, 2010.002.0286, that shows a cannon ball – description says it was from an 11 pound howitzer (probably meant 12-pound). It was found at the Bonepile site. The ball in the photograph appears similar in size to this donation, but cannot be confirmed.

2. 1945 Campbell County High School Yearbook

10 B/W Photographs and a TinType (see attached list)

Scan of B/W Photo 1941 Gillette Junior School Basketball Team

Scan of B/W Photo 1944 Junior High team, 2nd place winners (District Tournament)

Copy of a B/W Photograph of Donor's grandparents in Georgia before moving to Gillette

Photocopy of 2 Photos with detailed captions, titled "Vintage Wyoming."

Square footage of storage space required: 0.65 ft²

Recommendation: Accession all items into the Permanent Collection, except the Yearbook.

Decline the Yearbook due to condition. There are already two copies of the 1945 Yearbook in the Permanent Collection.

3. Rozet Baseball Uniform

Square footage of storage space required: 2.83 ft²

Recommendation: Accession into the Permanent Collection

Donor said that his father, James Cassidy, wore this uniform after he returned from the service, around 1952. He was born in 1917, served in the USMC in WWII and Korea (Platoon Sgt for the 1st platoon, Co. B, 1022nd Engineer Battalion of the WY National Guard 1961); he would have been in his mid-30s when he wore this uniform. Donor recalled that a man named Hank Sunders was also on the team and teased Cassidy (donor's father) about moving slow (due to his war injury). There are only 3 items in the collection related to James Cassidy, and they are all related to his military service. This item would contribute to a baseball exhibit. We have no other Rozet baseball-related items.

4. 15 Copies of "Powder River, Let'Er Buck" 2019 by Edith Efraimson

Square footage of storage space required: 0.65 ft²

Recommendation: Accession 1 into the Permanent Collection, 1 in the Education Collection, 1 in the Museum Staff Collection, and place 12 copies in the Gift Shop as the donor intended.

5. CD with Songs Written by Bud Pack

Square footage of storage space required: 0.17 ft²

Recommendation: Accession into the Education Collection

Wayne Elwood "Bud" Pack (1929-2018) was a Gillette-born man whose mother, Dallas Pack, homesteaded near Weston. Bud owned and operated Bridle Bit Rodeo Co. and produced rodeos for 3 years in Pine River, MN. He also owned and operated R & R Ditching in South Dakota. He was also a musician and song writer and played in the band Country Guitars for many years. The donor said that Bud played his music at dances all over this part of Wyoming, including the Powder River Dance Hall. He wrote all of the songs on the CD, but did not sing them and the songs were never copyrighted according to the donor. There is one song on the CD that was sung by Bud's son, Scott Pack. There are 37 items in the Collection related to Bud Pack, but none of his music.

6. Digital Scans of 70 Negatives and Scans of Several Photographs of Homesteader Dewey Thompson

Various documents concerning the sale and lending of Dewey Thompson's property

Square footage of storage space required:

Recommendation: Accession all items into the Permanent Collection.

The donor's grandfather, Dewey Thompson, was a homesteader on 320 acres of land located in Northeastern Campbell County (54N, 70W, West half of the west half of Section 25 and East Half of the east half of Section 26). Donor said this used to be Bertha, WY. We do not have a file or any artifacts relating to Dewey Thompson in the museum collection. This would contribute to building our archive of homesteading history in the Powder River Basin.

7. Atlas Electric Blasting Caps

Dupont Blasters Multimeter

Two Spools of Plastic Tubing

Two Bags of Ammonium Nitrate

Simulated Booster

Samples of Primacord Detonating Cord from Ensign Bickford

Square footage of storage space required: 1.02 ft²

Recommendation: Accession all items into the Permanent Collection

The donor used to train people to use this equipment. These items were all used as training props when the training department conducted MSHA safety classes to new and experienced miners at the Belle Ayr and Eagle Butte coal mines. (See attached history on the specific use of these 6 types of items). These items have excellent provenance and could be used in a mining display.

There are 3 blasting cap containers in the Collection, but no actual caps and none of the containers are the Atlas brand. There is a reel of detonating cord in the collection, but the donor is offering samples that are in their original packaging, with labels and diagrams of

how to knot the cord. Donor said that all active blasting elements have been removed from all items.

8. Digital Scans of two photographs – historic photograph of Gillette Avenue, donor's aunt playing piano with Rawhouser's Orchestra

Square footage of storage space required: 0

Recommendation: Accession into the Permanent Collection

Youth Education Board Report 9/15/2020

The first attempt at in-person programming since March has gone well. On August 20 & 21, 2020, Matt Avery came in as our artist in residence and worked on his saddle project for the day. A number of local and out of town visitors stopped in both days to visit with him and talk about saddle making and leather craft. At the close of the day on Friday, Mr. Avery shared that he had enjoyed the day and would be willing to do this again if we were interested.

The special program sponsored by the Wyoming State Historical Society and funded by the Wyoming Humanities Council featured Kay Sebring-Roberts Kuhlmann as former Governor Nellie Tayloe Ross was held on August 24, 2020 at 7 p.m. We had 22 people in attendance along with the presenter and the humanities scholar Dr. Diann Carlin and her husband. We also took this opportunity to Live Stream the event on our Facebook page and YouTube channel and had about 10 people watching the program from home. Ms. Sebring-Roberts Kuhlmann gave an entertaining and informative performance as Governor Ross, Wyoming's 14th governor of Wyoming serving from 1925-27 and former director of the United States Mint from 1933-53. It was interesting to learn of her successes and failures in passing legislation while in office and of the public speaking tours after her term in Cheyenne.

The Archaeology fair went Virtual in September and have been working alongside our very own trained archaeologist Cara Reeves and the Archaeology Fair committee to get the supplies and information prepared for the month's activities. We were lucky to have Bryan Cloud work with us to film some special activity spots for our Archaeology series that will be posted on Facebook and the Museum's YouTube channel. Mr. Chris Chitwood also donated a flint knapped arrowhead to be used as a prize for our soap knapping contest.

Pioneer school will be a virtual option this year as there is no safe way to social distance in the schoolhouse with classes of 15 to 25 students. Kathy Kintz and Carol Jandreau have signed on to be teachers. The education department has purchased Turkey feathers that, with instructions on how to make your own quill pen, will work for pioneer students and they will be able to keep them as a souvenir. We are in the process of securing sources for ink (waiting to hear back from Colonial Williamsburg about the source for powdered ink packets and testing out other ink that can be purchased at Walmart and Hobby Lobby). Slate boards that will work for each group of students to be able to have a more realistic experience.

The 6th grade WWII committee will get back together on September 25th and begin making plans for 2021. We have a tour of Energy Hall scheduled at 10:00 a.m. that morning, which will be followed by a planning session at the museum. The committee will make sure that things are in place for a Plan A in person version of the fair for March 23-24, 2021 which should basically be some updating and tweaking of the plans from last year. We will also work on a Plan B virtual version of the event. The rules in place from the Governor, Public Health, and CCSD when the spring arrives will determine which plan we follow. The committee will once again need to begin a search for at least 30 volunteers each day to help with an in person event.