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HISTORY DAY 2025

**"ARCHAEOLOGY OF
THE STURGIS &
MEADE COUNTY
AREA"**

*Saturday,
June 7, 9am-4pm,
Sturgis
Community Center*

**Edited by
Logan Lamphere**

History Day June 7, 2025: Archaeology of the Sturgis and Meade County Area ... *Logan Lamphere*

Sturgis & Meade County History Day will once again be held Saturday, June 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Community Center.

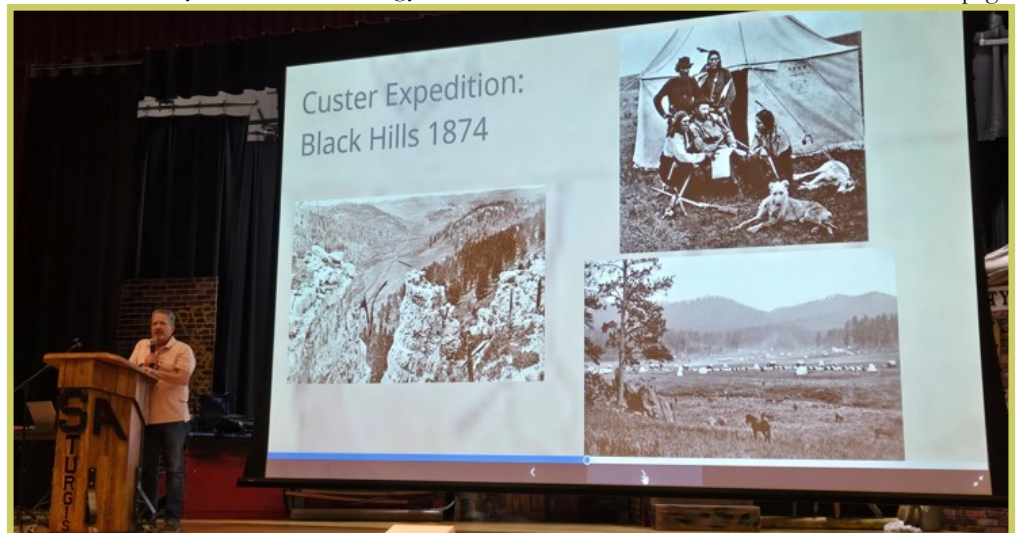
The theme this year is "Archaeology of the

Sturgis and Meade County Area."

Keynote speakers will give presentations in the Sturgis Community Center Theater.

Booths displaying local history and related organizations will be in the Community

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Mark Rambow introduces Bill Swanson, who gave a presentation on the 1874 Custer Expedition at History Day 2024. (Photo by Logan Lamphere)

Old Fort Meade Museum Opens May 17

The Old Fort Meade Museum will open for the 2025 season on May 17. Hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The season runs through September 30. A cleaning day will be held Saturday, May 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Board members and volunteers are welcome to help. The Museum's annual meeting will be held Sunday, April 27, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Meade County Senior Citizen Center. Following the business meeting, Dr. David Wolff will be presenting on his book *Landmarks of the Black Hills Gold Rush*.

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by and main lobby.

The Meade Room will be used for overflow booths, refreshments, and a place for attendees to mingle and talk about the speakers after the presentations.



A booth from the Bear Butte Creek Historic Preservation Council at History Day 2024 (Photo by Logan Lamphere)

During the first two weeks of June, the Bear Butte Creek Historic Preserve will once again be conducting archaeological digs at “Soap Suds Row” near Fort Meade, with students and professors from USD and Augustana.

The students, professors, professional archaeologists and volunteers will be participating in History Day to share their latest findings.

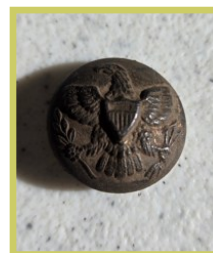
Tours of the Soap Suds Row dig site at the Bear Butte Creek Historic Preserve will also be given.

A presentation of previous year's digs will be given by Katie Lamie from the South Dakota State Archaeological Research Center from Rapid City.

If you would be interested in setting up a booth or being part of a presentation, please contact Jim Holland at jbholland74@gmail.com or 605-484-7063.



Photos from the 2024 Soap Suds Row dig at the Bear Butte Creek Historic Preserve (Photo by Logan Lamphere)



Obituary: Hugh E. Ingalls

December 29, 1929 - February 12, 2025

*Reprinted from
Kinkade Funeral
Homes, Sturgis, SD.*

Hugh E. Ingalls, 95, of Maurine, SD, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, at Monument Health Sturgis Hospital. His loving and devoted wife of 74 years, Eleanor, died eight days earlier.



Hugh was born Dec. 29, 1929, in Faith, SD. He was the second of five children born to Lawrence and Marie Ingalls.

Hugh experienced hardships early in his life. His mother died when he was 9 years old, and the Depression made life difficult for the family. As a result, Hugh grew up shouldering responsibilities beyond his years. The values of honesty, hard work, perseverance and a striving for excellence instilled in him by his family and his faith in God enabled Hugh to let hardships help shape him into an effective and inspiring leader and a kind and generous person.

He attended grades 1-8 at Royal Center School in Meade County and graduated from Sturgis High School and South Dakota State University. While attending SDSU, Hugh became a pilot and enjoyed owning and flying airplanes throughout his life.

Hugh has been widely recognized in the state cattle industry and nationally as a "true stockman" who volunteered to promote the cattle industry and the Angus breed. Cattlemen across the state sought his leadership in local and state organizations, respecting his honesty, integrity, calm disposition and skill in handling challenges.

He served more than 40 years as a delegate to the National Angus Convention. He also served on the board of directors of the Central States Fair and the Black Hills Stock Show and helped lead the Livestock Committee for 20

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Obituary: Eleanor LaVonne Ingalls

September 18, 1930 - February 4, 2025

*Reprinted from
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Eleanor (Boe) Ingalls, 94, of Maurine, SD, stepped into glory on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025 at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Sturgis, SD.



Eleanor LaVonne Boe was born Sept. 18, 1930, in a farmhouse near Vale, SD. She was the fourth of ten children born to Rudolph and Opal Boe.

She grew up on the farm with her parents, her grandparents and many brothers. As the only girl in the family at that time, Eleanor enjoyed special treatment from her Norwegian grandparents who lived in an adjoining part of the house.

When she was 8 years old, two important events happened. She finally got a sister to add to her 5 brothers, and the family moved to a ranch near Colony, Wyoming. In addition to doing lots of chores, Eleanor recalled many days spent playing in the Wyoming hills, returning home when her mother rang a bell on a post in the yard.

About 1942, the family moved back to the farm near Vale. Three years later when she was in high school, her father bought a grocery store in Vale, and the family moved to town. Along the way, three more brothers were added to the family.

Eleanor attended high school in Newell and Vale. Among other activities, she was on the basketball team and played coronet in the band. Because her mother was not always well, Eleanor regularly fixed meals for their family of nearly a dozen people. During her senior year, Eleanor and her brother Bryce took turns taking days off from school to run the grocery store and the boardinghouse above the store. In this situation and so many others throughout her life, she proved herself to be willing

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Ingalls' Obituaries (cont'd)

years, acting as "Livestock Ambassador" to thousands of cattlemen.

Hugh also served many years on school boards, as a 4-H leader and in his local church. Hugh and Eleanor together built a legacy of hospitality and excellence. They instilled these same values in their six children.

Hugh received many awards over the years, including South Dakota State University's Eminent Rancher award and the Black Hill Stock Shows Stockman of the Year and Silver Spur awards. He was an American Angus Association Heritage Foundation inductee.

This past September, Hugh was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame. In his induction speech, Hugh humbly thanked the many great partners throughout his life, including family, neighbors and associates. First and foremost, he thanked Eleanor. "She has been by my side through both good and challenging times," he said. "I would not be here receiving this prestigious award without her love and support."

Beyond the accolades and awards, Hugh was a loving and caring husband, parent, grandparent, neighbor and friend. He was guided by his faith in God and his savior Jesus Christ. He was honorable and always tried to do the right thing and be there for others. He was humble and kind. He loved people. He will be greatly missed.

Hugh is survived by his six children: Marie (Daniel) Shilling, Peggy Rahn, Dan Ingalls (Monica Obregon), Kenny (Dana) Ingalls, Beth (Terry) Hotchkiss, and Laila (Phillip) Brownlee; 18 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Elaine (Neal) Rowett and Virginia Brandt; sister-in-law Jean Lewton, Sandi Boe and Connie Boe and brother-in-law George Boe; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death his wife Eleanor, his parents Lawrence and Marie Ingalls, his sister and brother-in-law, Mable and Calvin Stomprud, brother and sister-in-law Dale and Marie Ingalls, brother-in-law Mike Brandt, stepmother Ann Ingalls, and son-in-law Fred Lambing.

A memorial has been established to Cedar Canyon Bible Camp. Donations can be directed to Kinkade Funeral Home or sent to Cedar Canyon Camp, in care of Prairie Home Church, 17010 US Highway 212, Faith, SD 57626.

to do whatever job needed to be done.

After graduating from Vale High School in 1948, Eleanor attended an accelerated teacher-training program at Spearfish Normal School. She began her first year of teaching a few weeks before she turned 18.

During the fall of her second year of teaching, she met Hugh Ingalls at a community dance in Vale. Eleanor recalled saying to a friend, "Who's that good looking guy? He must be from California." Hugh's dashing good looks and his kindness quickly won her over, and the two began dating. Her students used to tease her when her cowboy pilot buzzed over their school in his little red and white airplane.

Eleanor and Hugh were married at the First Lutheran Church in Newell on June 1, 1950. After a honeymoon trip to Yellowstone National Park, the couple moved into a small house along Horse Creek, just below Horse Butte in northwest Meade County. Children soon followed, starting with Marie then Peggy, Dan, Kenny, Beth and Laila.

While the family was growing up, Eleanor sewed her own clothes as well as most of her children's. She raised a large garden and did lots of canning. She was a master at stretching a dollar, which was especially important during the lean early years. She taught her children how to cook and sew and made sure they had access to piano lessons, even if it meant driving them the 75-mile round trip to Faith.

Eleanor was an active partner in the ranch operations. She ran the windrower and moved cattle. She paid bills, kept the books, and assisted Hugh any way she could as they acquired land and grew their Black Angus herd. Eleanor put a lot of food across the table, feeding hungry ranch hands, neighbors and relatives who would squeeze around the expanded table in her tiny kitchen.

Eleanor was also involved in her church and the community. For many years she taught Sunday School and could be counted on to help with whatever project the church had going. She especially enjoyed several years of leading after-school Bible clubs in area schools. She loved teaching, and one year in the mid-60s she even dusted off her teaching certificate when she was asked to step in after a teacher left partway through the

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Obituary: Elenaor LaVonne Ingalls (cont'd)

year. She went back to college that summer and taught another full year.

Eleanor loved to tell stories (she was a Boe, after all!), and she loved to laugh. She sometimes couldn't contain her laughter, especially after successfully bluffing in a card game.

She cherished spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her siblings and her friends. Most of all, she loved Hugh. She supported and stood by him through good and challenging times, during periods of timely rains as well as droughts and blizzards. She enjoyed being with him and sharing their lives together. They would have celebrated their 75th anniversary this coming June.

When she was diagnosed with a heart condition in December, Eleanor remained positive. "I've lived a great life," she said. And as she looked toward her future, she told those around her, "It's gonna be okay. And even it's not okay... it's still okay." Her faith in God was very strong, and she was not afraid. She knew that her Lord and Savior would welcome her with open arms.

Eleanor died peacefully in her sleep while holding Hugh's hand.

Eleanor is survived by her husband Hugh, her six children: Marie (Daniel) Shilling, Peggy Rahn, Dan Ingalls (Monica Obregón), Kenny (Dana) Ingalls, Beth (Terry) Hotchkiss, and Laila (Phillip) Brownlee. Eighteen grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Jean Lewton and brother George Boe; four sisters-in-law: Sandi Boe, Connie Boe, Elaine (Neal) Rowett, and Virginia Brandt; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Rudolph and Opal Boe, her brothers: Bob, Ivan, Kenny, Bryce, Art, Norman and Dale, and her son-in-law Fred Lambing.

Hugh and the family would like to thank Marsha Moore and the staff at Aspen Grove for their loving care of Eleanor during these past few years.

A memorial has been established to Cedar Canyon Bible Camp where Eleanor served as registrar for more than twenty years.

Well-Written Obituaries ... *Logan Lamphere*

Over the last few years, I've been updating my college fraternity's (Lambda Chi Alpha at USD) alumni directory, requesting Post Office return addresses, culling phone numbers and emails from the internet, stalking social media, and trying to determine who was still alive and who wasn't.

So I scoured online obituaries looking for matches with our alumni, hoping for clues. I knew when they graduated from college, so if I could match a birth year with the expected graduate age, I was one step away from confirmation. If they were born in South Dakota, (or maybe northwest Iowa or southwest Minnesota), that was another clue. If an obituary listed the deceased's alma mater as the University of South Dakota, that was another major clue. And sometimes I could match their last known address with the city where they passed away.

You would be surprised how many obscure sounding Norwegian names of men born the same year produced multiple matches across the Dakotas, meeting my search criteria!

Call me morbid, but I've really enjoyed learning about my past fraternity brothers and the amazing lives so many of them led. I've also come to appreciate a well-written obituary, which is something we should all think about. And thank goodness for online hometown newspapers!

If you've ever researched your family history or worked as an amateur genealogist, you will know that clues in an obituary establish authenticity and link ourselves with the past.

A well-written obit should include birthdate and place, names of parents, who preceded them in death, universities attended, organizational memberships such as a fraternity, and surviving relatives and their locations. Of course, this is in addition to the wonderful stories of their careers, families, travels, community service and other achievements.

Families often repeat first names, so including juniors and seniors is important.

The obituaries of Hugh and Eleanor Ingalls, who recently passed away just eight days apart, continued on next page

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are perfect examples of well-written obituaries of two long-lived Meade County residents who led wonderful lives.

Obituaries become part of local history, and when published in a newspaper, become part of the historical record.

I wish for each of us a long life well-lived, that results in a long, well-written obituary.

A well-written obituary should include:

- ◆ Birthdate and place
- ◆ Names of parents
- ◆ Family who preceded them in death
- ◆ Schools attended
- ◆ Organizational memberships such as fraternal orders
- ◆ Surviving relatives and their locations
- ◆ And of course, the wonderful stories of their careers, families, travels, community service and other achievements



Tune in to our YouTube Channel for Videos on History

Our YouTube Channel (youtube.com/@sturgishistory) continues to add new videos—now over 40—thanks to Richard Moeller. Here are some of the recent offerings:

- ◇ [Using Ancestry.com](#) by Mark Rambow, Genealogy Workgroup (January 4, 2025)
- ◇ [Using Ancestry.com, Part 2](#) by Mark Rambow, Genealogy Workgroup (February 1, 2025)
- ◇ [145 Years of the Catholic Church in Sturgis](#) by Joan Bachmeier (September 22, 2024)
- ◇ [Lakota-Cheyenne Views of Major Battles vs the US: 1865-1877](#) by Donovan Sprague (June 15, 2024)
- ◇ [2024 Martin C. Beug Friend of History Award - History Day](#) by Ross Lamphere (June 15, 2024)
- ◇ [Custer in the Hills](#) by William "Bill" Swanson (June 15, 2024)
- ◇ [In Nazi Hands: The POW Experience of Sturgis' 109th Engineers](#) by Mark Rambow (April 13, 2024)
- ◇ ["Immigration and Naturalization Research"](#) by Mark Rambow (April 6, 2024)
- ◇ ["Beyond Vital Records: Finding Your Ancestor's Story"](#) by Mark Rambow (November 18, 2023)
- ◇ [How to Dress Your Soldier](#) by Lee Stroschine (September 23, 2023)
- ◇ ["Break Down Your Brick Walls!"](#) by Mark Rambow (September 16, 2023)

Check us out Online!

Join the Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society conversation online in these places:

-  **Website:** SturgisHistory.org
-  **YouTube Channel:** youtube.com/@sturgishistory
-  **Facebook Community:** facebook.com/sturgishistory.org
-  Another helpful Facebook group is **History of Sturgis & Meade County** facebook.com/groups/sturgishistorypage
-  **Instagram:** instagram.com/sturgishistory **#sturgishistory**

Old Fort Meade Museum Membership Update *...Randy Bender*

Editor's Note: Old Fort Meade Museum Board President Randy Bender recently sent out an update, reprinted here.

I am happy to report the museum 2024 visitor season was successful. Visitation was steady and we continue the promotion of the Ft Meade Museum as a great opportunity to learn about the history of the cavalry as to its role in the settlement of the Dakota Territory and fulfilling the need of the military during the 66 years (1878-1944). The museum visitor season was May 13 through September 30th, Monday through Saturday, hours 10 AM – 5 PM. Museum director, Jessica Kusser was the only full-time employee with Nancy Crowhurst as a volunteer greeter. A HUGE THANK YOU to our museum board members, friends and volunteers who were involved in making the 2024 museum season a success! Your help and support were greatly appreciated!



As the 2025 visitor season gets closer, we have included information on events that are scheduled in the coming weeks and towards the end of the season. We invite you to attend the 2025 annual membership meeting of the Old Fort Meade Museum and Historic Research Association will be Sunday April 27th from 2–4 PM at the Meade County Senior Center. Following the business meeting, Dr David Wolff, will be presenting on his book “Landmarks of the Black Hills Gold Rush.”

Museum Cleaning Day will be on Saturday May 10th from 9 AM – 12/noon. Board members

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Historic House Plaques *...Logan Lamphere*

The Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society has been working on a new project to encourage property owners in Sturgis to install “Year-Built” plaques on buildings 100 years old or older.



The project is modeled after ones seen in other towns and cities. The benefits of such a project could include the following:

- ◇ To raise awareness of historic structures in Sturgis
- ◇ To pique the interest of residents and visitors regarding the history of Sturgis
- ◇ To encourage other forms of historic preservation

The Society is in the process of selecting a uniform plaque style and source from where plaques can be purchased, hopefully within Sturgis.

Using Meade County records, the Society has identified over 350 houses and commercial buildings that were built between 1884 (the oldest recorded) through 1925 (100 years ago). A list of these buildings and their owners is available to assist in determining which properties qualify for the plaques.

Each year, about a dozen more buildings will turn 100 years old, becoming eligible for the plaque. The Society estimates the cost of a plaque to be between \$50 and \$100.

More information will be available at History Day on June 7. A sample plaque and order forms will hopefully be ready by then. We look forward to recognizing Historic Sturgis!

Fort Meade Museum (cont'd)

and volunteers are welcome to help.

Opening day will be Saturday May 17th. We will be open Mondays through Saturdays from 10am to 5pm and our season will end on September 30th.



Barrack room and Homestead room updates (Photos Courtesy Fort Meade Museum)

August 22nd-23rd, 2025 a group of historical reenactors will be at the Fort to do a living history event. Please watch our Facebook page and website for more information. Please make sure your address is updated so we can also send postcard reminders at the end of July.



One of our major winter projects was creating a barrack room. We moved the homestead room into part of the backroom of the basement and made the old room a barrack room.

Museum Membership:

Thank You for your membership to support the Old Fort Meade Museum. Your membership is essential in preserving Fort Meade history and keeping the museum open. Each year small organizations like ours find it extremely difficult to sustain operations. Funding resources are becoming limited and require the need to think outside the box. Sadly, during the past few years we have lost supporting members who have passed. It was not the monetary loss, but the historical knowledge they had and their willingness to share that knowledge with others and encourage others to be a part of the museum family.



We ask you for assistance in recruiting new members to join the museum family so we can continue to provide visitors with knowledge of the importance of Fort Meade from 1878-1944 and its role as it continues to serve today.

To renew your membership for 2025 or donate, please complete the enclosed membership application. If you would like to be included in the email version of the newsletter, please email info.oldfortmeade@gmail.com so we can include you in the address book.

We have added two new levels of membership which are student and veteran. The annual memberships are good for a year from the date of receipt.

A little house keeping for our records, please send an email to info.oldfortmeade@gmail.com so we can include you in reminders of events that may happen over the summer after you have received this letter.

Museum Fundraiser:

The Old Ft. Meade Museum and Historical Association is raffling off a reproduction revolver

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Fort Meade Museum (cont'd)

by Cimarron Arms, cavalry holster and belt like was used by the 7th Cavalry. Cimarron's 7th Cavalry model in .45 Colt, is another great historical reproduction inspired by an original in their antique collection. It's a detail-perfect rendition of the single action of Custer's ill-fated 7th Cavalry's, legendary revolver. Each authentic 7 1/2-inch barreled, firearm is properly stamped with Orville W. Ainsworth's OWA cartouche on the walnut stock, government proof marks and the inspector's initials are found in all of the appropriate locations and the last 4 numbers of the serial numbering is on the cylinder, as well as on the color case hardened frame, trigger guard and blued butt strap.

The proper 2-line patent dates and the U.S. stamping is also found on the left side of the frame, as with genuine "Custer era" cavalry revolvers. Stamped into the butt of the backstrap is the company and 7th Cavalry markings. This model is limited to just 2,000 units of each of Custer's five companies C, E, F, I and L, that perished under his command at the Little Big Horn. The revolver in the raffle is marked Co. C, which was commanded by Capt. Thomas Custer, brother of Lt. Col. George Custer.



Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Drawing will be held August 24, 2025, need not be present to win. Only 500 tickets printed. Please contact a board member or the museum at info.oldfortmeade@gmail.com or 605-347-9982.

Our members and friends are special, and we look forward to seeing you soon. Thank You!

Randy Bender
Board President

Leadership Sturgis Working on Historic Downtown Walking Tour

... *Logan Lamphere*

At the March meeting of the Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society, Rena Hymans briefed the board on an idea being formulated by the Leadership Sturgis group.

Leadership Sturgis is a 6-part monthly educational series open to anyone and everyone interested in making a difference in the community, according to the Sturgis Chamber of Commerce [website](#).



Participants network with each other and with community leaders, including municipal and county representatives. They also have the opportunity to meet local business owners and tour facilities within the community.

The group has proposed a project to compile a walking tour of historic properties in the downtown core, ranging from Main Street south to Howard Street, and from 4th Street east to Junction Avenue.

The Historical Society Board submitted about 20 historic properties in the area for consideration. The group hopes to pick 15 locations and make small exterior signs telling the history of each location, which would be offered to the respective owners. The signs would also include photos and QR codes that link to more information, possibly on the S&MCHS website.

Hyman said the class has already picked the Erskine County Administration Building, Meade County Courthouse, Hotel Sturgis (former Benevolent Hall and J.C. Penney store) and the St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

April 26 Scoop of History: History of Bulldog Ranch ... *Curtis J. Betcher*

On April 26, 1:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Public Library, history buffs can learn about the Bulldog Ranch just southeast of Sturgis.



The Bulldog Ranch southeast of Sturgis will be the Scoop of History topic on April 26 (Photo courtesy Curt Betcher)

Bulldog Ranch is located along four miles of North Rochford Road from Dumont to one mile south of Forest Service Road No. 206, and has a 110-year history from 1876 to 1986 when it was auctioned off into 10-40 acre Tracts.

From its beginnings as a Way Station on the Cheyenne to Deadwood Stage Line, to becoming a 1200-acre working Ranch, the history was rather colorful for the first 35 years and then became rather quiet.

The ownership was in two families referred to as the Erb era and the Coleman era.

The history is somewhat different than the old folks' stories passed down by word of mouth over the 150 years.

Draw your own conclusions when I give you the facts discovered at the courthouse, newspaper articles, census and ancestry records and some word of mouth.



History at High Noon: Sturgis Hospital History April 18; Blair Family History May 16 ... *Richard Moeller*

History at High Noon continues with a History of the Sturgis Hospital and Auxiliary on April 18. There will be a panel discussion with people from both organizations.



On May 16 we will finish the season with Nancy Blair-Remington and family doing Blair Family History.

Our next season will start October 17 with "What's in the names? For Wood Place and Besant Park Road – Stagecoaches and Trains" by Nancy Davis.

History at High Noon is a program on the third Friday of the month (September through November, and January through May). We meet at noon in the Community Room of the Sturgis Public Library. It is sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council.

We are always looking for ideas. If you would like to tell your family's history or have something history-based, please contact Richard Moeller (running2win@gmail.com, 605-939-3789), Ross Lamphere (rosslamphere@gmail.com), 605-490-3110), or Diana Hayes (605-347-3007).

To learn more, visit sturgisarts.org or youtube.com/@sturgispubliclibrary.



Message from the President's Desk

...Mark Rambow

Spring looks to be a busy time for the Historical Society. Where do I begin? (Fortunately, all of the details are contained in this newsletter!)

We are currently working on a couple of opportunities for homes and businesses in Sturgis to be recognized for their historic value.

Assisting the Leadership Sturgis Class from the Chamber of Commerce, we hope to identify some of the key buildings in the downtown area to be recognized with historic plaques. We are also planning a larger Historic Sturgis project, to recognize all buildings in town that have survived the last 100 years.

Our Genealogy Workgroup continues to be a huge success. On the first Saturday of each month, we meet at the Sturgis Public Library. With a group that has been ranging from 15

to 25 each month, we review techniques in Family Research, share our successes, and help brainstorm research solutions. Following our May 3rd gathering, we will be taking the summer off, resuming on September 6th. (Most of our past gatherings can be watched on the Historical Society's YouTube Channel.)

Along with the upcoming Scoop of History on the Bulldog Ranch, and planning for History Day, it looks like we will be busy for some time! (Again, detailed herein!)

I hope you all have the chance to make it to some of our activities!

Mark



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. — MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Zoom/Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce

Friday, April 18, noon — HISTORY AT HIGH NOON “Sturgis Hospital History,” Sturgis Public Library, sponsored by SAAC.

Saturday, April 26, 1:00 p.m. — SCOOP OF HISTORY “History of Bulldog Ranch,” presented by Curt Betcher, Sturgis Public Library

Sunday, April 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. — OLD FORT MEADE MUSEUM ANNUAL MEETING, Guest speaker: Dr. David Wolff: “Landmarks of the Black Hills Gold Rush,” Meade County Senior Citizen Center

Saturday, May 3, 1:00 p.m. — GENEALOGY WORK GROUP, Sturgis Public Library

Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. — MUSEUM CLEANING DAY, Old Fort Meade Museum

Friday, May 16, noon — HISTORY AT HIGH NOON “Blair Family History,” Sturgis Public Library, sponsored by SAAC.

Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. — MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Zoom/Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, June 7, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. — HISTORY DAY, Sturgis Community Center

We Rely on You for Your Membership Dues

Remember, membership is due annually according to the month in which you joined. Options for paying your dues include:

- a) fill out the membership form below and drop it off at the membership table in the City Auditorium during History Days. We will accept your check or credit card;
- b) fill out the membership form below and mail it with your check to the address listed on the form; or
- c) go online to the Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society website at SturgisHistory.org, and click on *Membership and Donations*—> *Membership*, fill out the membership form (renewing members must also fill out a new form), and make your payment through PayPal using your credit card.



If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chair Richard Moeller at running2win@gmail.com or (605) 939-3789.

We appreciate all your support and contributions to the Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society, and we hope you are enjoying your membership!

STURGIS & MEADE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Our goal is to preserve, protect and promote the history of Sturgis and Meade County. We cannot do this alone ... this is done through memberships, sponsorships and donations. The Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Therefore, sponsorships and donations are tax-deductible; membership dues are not tax deductible.

Registration Information

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Membership Level Desired

_____ Individual: \$25.00

_____ Family: \$35.00

_____ Student: \$15.00

_____ Business Sponsorship: \$250.00

_____ Life Membership: \$5,000.00

Please send this form, accompanied by a check for your membership, to:

Sturgis & Meade County Historical Society
P.O. Box 221
Sturgis, SD 57785

You may also register, pay dues, and donate online with a credit card or PayPal at: www.SturgisHistory.org

STURGIS & MEADE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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