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CRHSM Newsletter for January 2020

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**Castle Rock Historical
Society and Museum
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January's Monthly Presentation

The Sheep & Cattle Wars

Please join us on Thurs. Jan. 9, 2020 for a viewing of the PBS film "Sheep & Cattle Wars". Ride into the "bloody grass" battlefields of the Old West's longest feud over grazing and water rights and witness the gunfights, court cases and massacres that gave rise to the classic American contest of cowboy versus sheep man. There was even a feud here in Castle Rock.

Refreshments will be served at 6:45pm with the presentation beginning at 7:00pm at the Philip S. Miller Library [100 S. Wilcox St. Castle Rock, CO 80104](#). For more information check out our website at [www.
castlerockhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.castlerockhistoricalsociety.org) or contact the Castle Rock Museum at



Castle Rock Historical Society & Museum presents



Ride into the "bloody grass" battlefields of the Old West's longest feud over grazing and water rights...



THE SHEEP & CATTLE WARS OF COLORADO IN THE 1800'S

January 9, 2020
7:00PM



Philip S. Miller Library
100 South Wilcox
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104
<http://www.castlerockhistoricalsociety.org>



Film & Usage of Photographs
Courtesy of Rocky Mountain PBS

Calendar

This Month.....

- Jan. 9, 2020 - a viewing of the film about The Sheep & Cattle Wars on Colorado in the 1800's. Come learn about the bloody war between the sheep & cattle industries.

Coming Up.....

- Feb. 10, 2020 - **THIS IS THE 2ND MONDAY** - not our usual meeting day. **Monthly Presentation to be announced.**
- Mar. 19, 2020 - **THIS IS THE 3RD THURSDAY** - not our usual meeting day. **Monthly Presentation by Marcia Goldstein on the women's suffrage. This presentation was rescheduled because of bad weather in October.**
- **As presenters are scheduled, we will update everyone on our website and in the monthly Newsletters.**

Check out our website to stay up to date on events as we schedule them -

www.castlerockhistoricalsociety.org.

Thank you to everyone that donated to us on Colorado Gives Day.
Every little bit is always appreciated.

Exhibits -

Check out our virtual exhibit

In honor of the CDR exhibit, we've created our first virtual exhibit on our website.

[CDR Virtual Exhibit](#)

Now you can enjoy pictures from the Continental Divide Raceways from the comfort of your own home. Not all our pictures are on the website, so stop in at the museum to see more.

Continental Divide Raceways Exhibit

It will be ending soon!!!

We used to have a race track called Continental Divide Raceways (CDR) located just South of town. Come learn about this great attraction at the Castle Rock Museum.



Past Events....



We had a jolly good time in December for our monthly presentation. Santa, Mrs. Claus and Bill The Elf came to visit with the children. We also had a special visit from Tammy Denhard and Matt Retner of the Castle Rock Fire Department. They take care of the Christmas star on top of The Rock. It was fascinating to learn about everything they do to keep the star shining every year.

Help Support CRHSM.....

King Soopers Community Rewards

We have a new and easy way to raise money for the Castle Rock Museum. Every time you shop at King Soopers and use your loyalty card, King Soopers will donate a percentage of your purchase to the Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum.

All you have to do is log into your loyalty account and designate

Shopping on Amazon?

If you're doing shopping with Amazon - we have an easy way for you to help the CRHSM. Use Amazon Smile for your purchase and the CRHSM will receive a donation from Amazon based on your purchase.

Be sure to designate Castle Rock Historical Society as the entity you want to receive the donation.

CRHSM as your beneficiary. Just click the link below.

[Sign up Here](#)

Create an account if you haven't signed in before - or just sign in. Click on Community Rewards in the left side column. Search for Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum. Click on it and you're done.

Every penny counts, so the more people use Smile, the more CRHSM will receive. It doesn't cost you anything - Amazon is actually giving us the money.

Just go to smile.amazon.com for all your shopping!

Shop at our Gift Shop.....

Looking for something special for the people on your Christmas list. We have just what you're looking for. We've got toys, books, prints, Castle Rock T-Shirts, Railroad items and more.

You can even shop online [here](#).

Stop in Wed - Fri 12:00pm - 5:00pm or Sat. 11:00am - 4:00pm. and check us out.



History Corner

by Claudine Phibbs

Castle Rock is a constantly growing community

We start out the new year and the new decade by thinking about how Castle Rock has

changed over the past 150 years. The town has always been evolving and growing. At times it may have grown slower than at other times, but it has always striven to keep up with the times. Below are some of the milestones in Castle Rock's history taken from the book "Our Heritage - People of Douglas County" written by the Douglas County Historical Society.

Let's start in 1872 when Silas Madge found rhyolite on his property and found out that it would be a great building stone. The rise in the quarries helped Castle Rock become a booming area. The town became the county seat in 1874 and in 1875 a train depot was erected for the Denver & Rio Grande Railway which is now the Castle Rock Museum. By 1876 Castle Rock had a school house, a court house and about sixty stores and dwelling houses whereas, only two years earlier the only building on the town site was an old cabin belonging to J.M. Gould. Then came a water works station around 1883. Pipes carried water along East Plum Creek into a town ditch from a reservoir south of town (Lowell Ranch now). You can see a section of that pipe in the Castle Rock Museum. In 1880 the population of the town was 88 and by 1881 the population had grown to 200. Visitors could come to Castle Rock from Denver for a mere \$1.65.

Most county picnics, sports events and concerts were held here. In 1889 the beautiful rhyolite court house was built in the middle of town on court house square. In July 1900, Castle Rock acquired a telephone exchange office and local phones began to grow in popularity. The first bank in town opened in 1902. With the increasing modernization, it was only logical to install a modern lighting system in town. In June 1902 the Town Council voted to install 8 gas lights in the business district which brought about steps to improve lighting in the interior of buildings. In 1904 the First National Bank of Douglas County building (now the Masonic lodge) and the Keystone Hotel/Cafe building (now Castle Cafe) were built out of rhyolite. The town had 741 people in 1950 and 1,154 in 1960. By 1970, the population was 2,078. Then in 1963, the fancy new highway (I-25) opened passage through Castle Rock and with it came an increase in traffic and people and of course a decrease in passenger trains. Today, Castle Rock has a population of over 70,000 people which means a lot more stop lights and Starbucks. The town will keep growing, but hopefully it will always keep it's wonderful small town feel and you'll always run into someone you know at the grocery store.



Town of Castle Rock 1888 - 1889 before and after the Court House was built.

Thank You To.....

Thank you to Eric Hager for helping Santa Claus appear at our Christmas party.

Thank you to Dorothy Kelly for helping Mrs. Claus appear at our Christmas party.

Thank you to Bill Konz for being a great Elf at our Christmas Party.

Thank you to Sandy Kelly, Kay Livingstone, Cindy Redfern and Staci McCormack for making the Christmas party and presentation a great success.

Thank you to Area Newsletters and Debbie Davis for always publicizing our events, check it out to find out about happenings in Castle Rock.

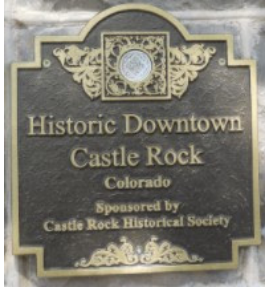


Thank you to Magnum Edge, Inc. for becoming a corporate member of the CRHSM.



HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

- Historic Marker Walk



Check out our video about the Historic Markers around town

<https://youtu.be/qQTuT-dMhAg>

Recycle - Save those aluminum cans!!

The museum collects and recycles aluminum cans to raise money for matching grants. Bring those cans to the museum and use the green container next to the bathroom. Aluminum cans only please. Anything else will be removed by the recycling company. Help the environment and raise a little money for the museum. Many thanks to those who have already contributed!

Castle Rock Historical Society. Board

The CRHSM Board meets the first Monday of each month. The meetings are held at the Masonic Lodge on Wilcox at 6:00pm. All Historical Society members are welcome to attend.

President - Staci McCormack

Vice President -

Secretary - Cindy Redfern

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Corres. Secretary -

Cindy Malone - Speaker Coordinator

Marsha Shaikhly - Event organizer

Bill Konz - Restoration Supervisor

Sandy Kelly - Director of Education

Kay Livingstone - Membership Coord.



Mission: The Castle Rock Historical Society operates the Castle Rock museum, celebrates, educates, and brings together

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You know we need you!! Thank you to those who help with hands, time and money. Whatever your skill is, it can help the community in your historic town of Castle Rock.

To find out how you can help email museum@castlerockhistoricalsociety.org.

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