

RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL DINNER

June 3, 2016

Friday 5:00-9:00 pm

WESTERN RIDGE RESTAURANT

at Gate 1 Glacier View Meadows

Western Attire

Happy Hour 5:00 pm - Cash Bar

Buffet Dinner - 6:00 pm

Cost: Members \$16.00 Nonmembers \$20.00.

**Includes two entrees and the works with
Nonalcoholic beverage, dessert, tax and tip.**

Annual Meeting - 7:00 pm

Entertainment

"The Life and Legend of Jack Slade"

by Gordon Chavis



Make Your Reservation

by sending a check payable to

Red Feather Historical Society by May 27, 2016

RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 7

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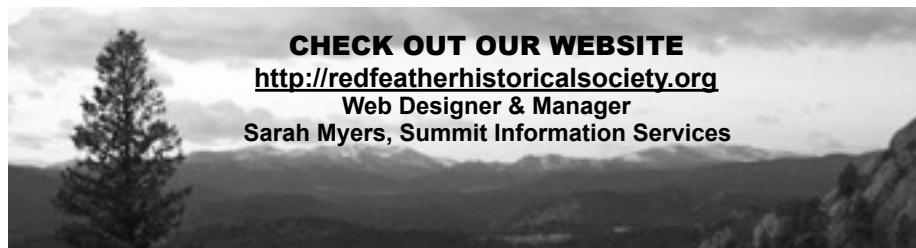
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**Red Feather
Historical Society
NEEDS YOU!!!!**

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

<http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org>

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RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY**2016 SUMMER TOURS & PROGRAMS**

*Co-Sponsored with the RFL Library & RF Historical Society.

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*** Co-Sponsored with Livermore Woman's Club

June 3, Friday, 5:00 - 9:00 pm - Historical Society Dinner - Western Ridge - Info on page 1 and sign up on page 7. RSVP by May 27

*June 11, Saturday, 1:00 - 2:30 - History of Red Feather 104 Series (repeat from 2015 with updates) Meet at the RFL Library in the Stenzel Room or POA for a powerpoint presentation. Info on page 3 and sign up on page 7 - RSVP by June 9.

June 22, Wednesday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - CSU Mountain Campus (Pingee Park Campus) & the Buckhorn. 4 or All wheel drive cars recommended. No pets allowed at CSU Center. Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 9:00 am. Bring water, sack lunch, sunscreen, wear hat and good walking shoes. Cost is \$10 per person. Info on page 3 and sign up on page 7 - RSVP by June 17.

*July 9, Saturday, 1:00 - 2:30 pm - 105 History Series - Visual tour from Deadman to Log Cabin using the newly revised Historic Sites Map. Meet at the POA building. Info on page 4 and sign up on page 7 - RSVP by July 8

***July 20, Wednesday, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Livermore & Ranch Histories - Ranches include the Hansen and Scottdale plus history of others. Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 8:30 am or Livermore Hall at 9:00 am. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. Cost is \$10 per person. Limit 50 participants. Info on page 5 and sign up on page 7 - RSVP by July 15

Proceeds from the Livermore Tour will be donated to the
Livermore Hall "Buy a Window Fund"

**August 13, Saturday, 2:00 - 3:00 pm - Reintroduction of American Bison Herd to Northern Colorado by Kate Wilkins. Meet at the RFL Library in the Stenzel Room. Info on page 6 and sign up on page 7 - RSVP by August 10

August 17, Wednesday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Brackenbury Ranch, Trails End & Carey Ranch- Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 9:00 am. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. Cost is \$5 per person. Limit 50 participants. Info on page 6 and sign up on page 7 - RSVP by August 14

You will be informed of program changes or problems by email.
Activities are subject to change due to bad weather. Refunds made if notified
1 week in advance or in case of an emergency.
RFHS members have priority for Society events, nonmembers will need to pay an
additional \$5.00 per tour.

SEE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION & HISTORY ON TOURS OR PROGRAMS

Reservations form is on page 7.

For more information contact Pat at 970-495-0560 or <http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/>

RFHS Annual Dinner Speaker

Gordon Chavis as Jack Slade

Gordon Chavis started his show business career at age 16, working as a radio announcer. After three years of moving around from one middle market station to another, he decided to become an actor, figuring that would be more rewarding than sitting alone in a glass booth making wisecracks and writing commercial copy for local car dealerships.

Chavis got his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in acting in 1989, from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. While still in college, he started his own theater company, Vox Humana, and staged three plays he wrote in L.A. area theaters. His play, "L80 BLU," won the Donald Davis playwrights award.

After graduation, Mr. Chavis, like most young actors in Los Angeles, set about trying to build a career in movies and television. His writing ability netted him a few screenwriting gigs, and he found critical praise for his acting in the portrayal of a troubled musician-cum-activist, opposite Felton Perry, in the stage play, "Killin' Time," but the good, solid movie and television roles proved elusive.

In 1992, Gordon became disenchanted with the politics and process of Hollywood and quit acting to focus on writing short stories and essays. He resumed his childhood passion for drawing and found a market for his illustrations. He also began writing copy for the internet.

In 2008, Gordon Chavis and his wife, Haydee, moved from Los Angeles to Virginia Dale on the Northern border of Colorado, to live on a family ranch that was left vacant after the deaths of Gordon's father and brother. The Chavis's now raise horses and dairy goats, and make delicious artisan cheese.

The Virginia Dale Community Club, an organization that maintains the historic stage coach station beside US 287, learned of Gordon's background in theater and asked if he would consider portraying Joseph A. Slade, the notorious stage coach operator who built the Virginia Dale Stage Station, for their Open House vent in June of 2009. This one-man play based on the Life of Jack Slade, is the result of that effort.

Lately, Gordon Chavis has completed a couple of screenplays that he hopes to produce with local filmmakers, and is writing his first full-length novel. "The Life and Legend of Jack Slade" continues to be performed across Northern Colorado and Wyoming.



Are you new to the area and interested in its history?

Red Feather History 104 (revisited & revised)
Date June 11, 2016 - Time - 1:00 PM
Red Feather Community Library/POA

Join us for a powerpoint presentation with historic pictures of Red Feather and its history by referring to our book "*Red Feather Lakes the first hundred years*"

Can you identify where this picture would be in Red Feather?



Available upon requests:

Walking or driving tours of Red Feather Lakes area by appointment.

Must have at least 5 participants. To schedule a tour contact Pat Clemens at 970-495-0560 or email <http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/>

A thread of purpose should run through our lives so that something of significance will link the years together. ~

**Stanley J. Weyman
Volunteer**

VIRGINIA DALE

Overland Stage Station

An Evening with Jack Slade & Friends

Saturday June 4th, 2016 5:30-10PM

Fort Collins - Hilton Hotel

by Reservations only \$75 per person

RSVP by May 21, 2016

Western Dance & Pie Auction

Friday, June 10, 2016 7-11 pm

For more information, visit

www.virginiadalecommunityclub.org

or call 970-495-1828,

970-568-7646 or 307-634-8818

For Info on times & places to meet see
Tours & Program on Page 2 - Register on Page 7

**HISTORIC CSU MOUNTAIN CAMPUS
(PINGREE PARK) JUNE 22, 2016**

In 1864, after being involved in the Sand Creek Massacre, George Pingree left the military and traveled to Northern Colorado in search of trees to log for railroad ties for the transcontinental railroad. By 1868 he established a tie camp in the valley that would take his name (a USGS designation). Tie hacks worked during three seasons cutting and piling ties along the banks of the South Fork of the Cache la Poudre River. The ties were then floated down river to a point near Laporte, Colorado, where they were hauled by oxen-pulled wagons to Tie Siding, Wyoming. By the fall of 1870, the local demand for railroad ties had been filled and the tie camp closed.

In the late 1890s, brothers Hugh and Charles Ramsey each established a homestead ranch and made lives for themselves in the valley. Frank Koenig, a Ramsey family friend, courted Hugh's daughter, Hazel, and the two were married in 1913. The couple raised their family in the valley while maintaining a working homestead ranch. The Koenig property was sold to Colorado State University in 1972. Restoration projects, funded by grants from the Colorado Historical Society, have helped to preserve many of the original buildings on the homestead property as an illustration of life in pioneer times. The homestead ranch now houses the Mountain Campus Museum.



CSU Mountain Campus



Ramsey Ranch

THE BUCKHORN - JUNE 22, 2016

On the tour you will see where Alice and Helen Dickerson, the sisters, lived their entire lives "up the Buckhorn" as artisans and naturalists, and hear from Brian Carroll about history of the area.

Would you like to be a part of local history?

If you have or live in a "historical building" in the area, one which was built before 1950, the Red Feather Historical Society would like to include it in our Historic Site project.

We will provide a sign to identify your historic site. For more info go to our website

<http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/> or contact info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

Red Feather Historic Outdoor Park: Future Plans

The RFHS is in the process of planning an organized self-guided walking tour from the Historic Robinson Cabin to a historic outdoor park. For more information, contact Gary Stanton at 970-493-1181 or email to stantongary41@gmail.com or info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org.

Gifts for all Occasions

**RF Historical Society
Merchandise**

Rada Cutlery and Kitchen Tools

RFHS Cookbook

"Red Feather the first 100 years"

Postcards - 3 different ones

Mark Your Calendar for 2016

for Craft Fairs in Red Feather Lakes

Red Feather Days July 2

Fire Days September 3

Greening of Red Feather Dec. 3 & 4

Order Rada Anytime Online

Follow these steps:

1. Log onto: www.helpourfundraiser.com
2. Put in Internet Ordering # 502734
3. Password: feathers
4. Browse catalog and order

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**Historic Sites Map 105 (New)
Log Cabin to Dead Man
Date July 9 - Time 1:00 - 2:30
Red Feather Community Library/POA**



Join us for a powerpoint presentation with historic pictures using the newly revised RFHS Historic Sites Map and our book *"Red Feather Lakes the first hundred years"*



**LIVERMORE & RANCH HISTORIES
SCOTTDALE & HANSEN RANCHES PLUS
OTHER HISTORIC SITES
JULY 20, 2016**



Livermore History

In 1863, two miners, Adolphus Livernash and Stephan Moore, built a cabin on the North Fork of the Poudre River. The large area surrounding their claim was named Livermore from the combinations of their names. Russell Fisk purchased Moore's claim in 1871 and built a log hotel and store. In the late 1870's or early 1880s, Fisk built a large frame "Livermore House" as he called it, to replace the log hotel. At this time the road crossed the North Fork of the Poudre River right at the hotel site where all travel had to go through Livermore to the upper Poudre until 1920. In 1890 the road was moved to its current location 1/4 mile north of the Fisk House which caused it to go out of business. William Brelsford built the new Livermore Hotel, general store and livery barn as seen in the picture on the top left. In 1904, there was a big flood which washed out the hall and livery barn. The Livermore Hotel is now a private residence.

Hansen Ranch

In 1871 the ranch was homesteaded by two brothers, Horace and Charles Emerson. They first bought cattle, built an irrigation ditch with the cooperation of their neighbors and planted trees. Eventually they then married and built homes along the ditch (picture on top right). They bought other ranches. Horace's daughter Dorothy married a Sackett and they lived in the house originally built for her father. It burned in 1933 so they built a low brick house with a red roof which still stands today and can be seen through the trees. The Hansens bought the ranch in 1940. They hired Lowell Cope as the ranch manager. Ed and his wife Marilyn moved to the ranch in 1960. Over the years they added to their holdings by acquiring the Fanning Place, Griffith Ranch and part of the Elliott Ranch. The Hansen ranch is still in operation with their sons, wives and grandchildren.

More information can be found in "Among These Hills, a History of Livermore, Colorado," by the Livermore

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New to the RFHS Website

Gary Ellerman interview by Linda Bell

Deadman Road; Stories and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)

<http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/>

**The RF Historical Society is in need of Board Members & Volunteers
Contact: Pat Clemens 495-0560
info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org**

Send in your interests pg. 7 with your membership

Clear your mind of can't. ~Samuel Johnson~ Volunteer

**RFHS Members &
Historians Lost 2015-16**

Charlie Johnson
May 8, 1939 - January 26, 2015

Katherine Alice Morissette
July 30, 1913 - March 13, 2015

Mark Allen Emond
February 9, 1928 - August 29, 2015

Don Stanley Sailors
April 19, 1939 - September 7, 2015

Additional information at
[http://
redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/](http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/)

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Cherokee Park Ranches
August 17, 2016
Brackenbury, Carey & Trails End



Trail Creek Ranch
(Brackenbury)

In 1874, Clerin T. Woods moved to St. Cloud and established the Trail Creek Ranch. The Woods family moved into a large frame house in 1885. In 1938, R.A. Brackenbury purchased the ranch and it became known as the upper Brackenbury Ranch. It was part of one of the largest ranches in the area and was primarily a sheep operation. It is still in the family and has had several additions added over the years.



Trails End Ranch

Trails End Ranch is a beautiful ranch on the North Fork of the Poudre River. It has been operated as a cattle, horse, guest ranch and mountain home. It was also a showplace with a zoo of wild animals, wild birds and pet fish. For many years it was one of the best tourist attractions in the Rockies. In 1920, Frank C. Miller purchased the ranch and developed it into a showplace that operated until 1938. It has had several owners but the longest owners were Catherine and Harry Wilt who purchased it in 1961. In 1981 they sold the part of the ranch with the original buildings to Phyllis and Wayne Schrader of Fort Collins for a mountain home.

Carey Ranch

The Carey Ranch is located immediately to the West of the Cherokee Park Guest Ranch on the North Fork of the Poudre River. The history of this ranch dates to the early 1880's when H. E. (Herbert) Tedmon and his son, Earl, first identified a segment of the Union Pacific land grant and began a cattle ranching operation at this location. In 1884, Mr. Tedmon filed documents in the Larimer County land records that he had built dams on the river to divert water to irrigate his hay meadows. The family remained in title to these properties until 1911. The Carey Ranch was established in 1947 when it was purchased by Earl K. and Winifred Carey. It has remained in continuous family ownership and is now owned by Wesley and Marty Carey Segelke. It still is operated as an active cattle ranch.



Reintroduction of American Bison Herd to Northern Colorado with Kate Wilkins. Kate will facilitate a program based on her ongoing research of genetically pure bison herd that was released this past November to the Soapstone Prairie Natural Area.

Co-Sponsored by SEEC, Red Feather Historical Society and Red Feather Lakes Library



SEEC - SOARING EAGLE ECOLOGY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

June 25, 2016 - 10am - 12pm - Biodiversity by Moonlight Hike. Wonderful program for adults and families. Meet at outdoor classroom on SEEC land. New Program

June 29, 2016 - 10am-12pm - Plant Families & Wildflower Hike. Adult Hike. Meet at the outdoor classroom. New Program

July 30, 2016 - 3pm - 4pm - Dr. Greg Florant (CSU researcher/professor will facilitate a program on his research on marmots). He has been studying marmot bone density. Place to be determined.

Please go to SEEC website: www.seec.redfeatherlakes.org for details on children and adult programs and presenters or contact SEEC at 970-218-9685 or email seecatrf1@hotmail.com for info and registration.

Red Feather Historical Society wants to thank all the outstanding volunteers who have helped this past year. RFHS could not exist without your help.

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**COMPLETE FORMS BELOW
PAY ALL WITH ONE CHECK - MEMBERSHIP - TOURS - DINNER**

RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the following fields:

Name:

Address (summer):

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP Code:** _____

Phone Number:

Address (winter):

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP Code:** _____

Phone Number:

Email (for business purposes only):

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- Individual \$15
- Senior Citizen (50 or over) \$10
- Active Family (two votes) \$35
- Commercial \$50
- Supporting \$100
- Life \$1,000

All Donations Welcome

For more information please contact:

Pat Clemens 970-495-0560 or
info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/

(Make check payable to RFHS)
Mail all payments to -
Red Feather Historical Society
P.O. Box 565
Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

RFHS NEEDS YOU!

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO BE AN
EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION**

PLEASE CHECK YOUR INTERESTS BELOW

- Board Member (serve a 2-year term)
- Cutlery & Merchandise Sales (set up, take down, sell, inventory and ordering)
- Grants (grant searching and writing)
- Greening of Red Feather Craft Fair and Holiday Decorating
- Historian (Organize/Catalog Historic Materials)
- Archiving/Preservation(preserving photos)
- Historical Story Teller (Local History, re-enactors, personal antidotes)
- Newsletter (writing articles)
- Robinson Cabin (hosting and preservation)
- Tours and Trips (set up/lead a tour or trip)
- Website (write and /or submit articles)

DINNER, TOURS & PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY _____	#Members _____ Total Amount _____
June 3 - DINNER RESERVATION \$16 Member \$20 Nonmember	#Attending _____ Total Amount _____
June 11 - RFL HISTORY 105 - (Repeat from 2015)	#Attending _____ FREE
June 22 - CSU MOUNTAIN CAMPUS & THE BUCKHORN \$10	#Attending _____ Total Amount _____
July 9 - HISTORY 106 - HISTORICAL SITE MAP PROGRAM(New)	#Attending _____ FREE
July 20 - LIVERMORE RANCHES \$10	#Attending _____ Total Amount _____
August 13 - BISON HERD PROGRAM	#Attending _____ FREE
August 17 - CHEROKEE PARK RANCHES \$5	#Attending _____ Total Amount _____
CHECK # _____	TOTAL AMOUNT _____

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