



**RFHS ANNUAL DINNER,
MEETING & PROGRAM**

June 7, 2024

Friday 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration 5:30 pm

Pot Luck Dinner - 6:00 pm

Bring a dish to share

**At Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall
Western or Casual Wear**

Annual Meeting 7:00

Entertainment 7:30

Dan Eilers

Acoustic American Performer



Make Your Reservation by June 1, 2024

Limit 60 People - Members have priority

RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 7

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**Red Feather Historical Society
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YOU CAN MAKE PURCHASES ON LINE USING YOUR CREDIT CARD

ON THE RFHS WEBSITE redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

- Click on the Purchase menu at top-right, choose the items you want to purchase, and pay using credit card.
- You can make donations and become a member.
- You can sign up for tours and programs.
- Make dinner reservations.
- Products include the RFHS books, postcards, Rada cutlery.

For example, to sign up for a tour, select the Tours 2024 product, select the tour you want in the option dropdown, add to cart and then proceed to checkout. Fill out that form and place order. Once payment is received, you will receive an order confirmation email.

The Red Feather Historical Society, Inc.,

is a Colorado nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation that was established in 1985.

**RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2024 SUMMER TOURS & PROGRAMS**

***Co-Sponsored by the RF Historical Society with the RFL LIBRARY & POA**

For payment by check, see reservations form on page 7. Fees cover expenses & donations.

For payment by credit card visit website redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/

For more information contact Pat at 970-495-0560 or info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/

May 25 - Saturday - 9:00 - 4:00 - MEMORIAL CRAFT FAIR - RFHS Cutlery & Other Merchandise at a booth in the POA & Robinson Cabin Tours

June 7 - Friday - 5:30 - 8:30 pm - RF HISTORICAL SOCIETY POT LUCK, ANNUAL MEETING & ENTERTAINMENT BY DAN EILER - Info on pages 1 & 3 - Reservations Required - Members have priority on page 7 - RSVP by June 1 - Limit 60

June 19 - Wednesday - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm - BELLVUE & MORNING FRESH DAIRY TOUR - Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 to carpool. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. Cost is \$15 for RFHS members & \$20 for nonmembers - Info on page 3 - RSVP by June 15 - Limit 30

July 6 - Saturday 9:00 - 4:00 - INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION CRAFT FAIR - RFHS Cutlery & Other Merchandise at a booth in the POA & Robinson Cabin - Fireworks at dusk

***July 13 Saturday - 2:00 pm - PROGRAM - CHARLES CLAY THE FIRST BLACK TO SETTLE IN LARIMER COUNTY by Meg Dunn - Meet in the RFL Community Association (POA) building across from RFL Library - Info on Page 4 - FREE**

July 17 - Wednesday - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm - STOVE PRAIRIE RANCH & STOVE PRAIRIE SCHOOL - Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 to carpool. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. Cost is \$15 for RFHS members & \$20 for nonmembers - Info on page 4 - RSVP by 15 - Limit 30

***August 17 - Saturday - 1:00 - PROGRAM - "COLORADOS GHOST TOWN GUIDE" by Kenneth Jessen. Meet in the RFL Community Association (POA) building across from RFL Library - Info on Page 4 - FREE**

August 21 - Wednesday - 8:30 am - 4:00 pm UPPER POUUDRE CANYON TOUR with Sandra Lundt (Case) & Sue Schneider - Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 to carpool to the Poudre Canyon meeting at Old Rustic. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. Info on page 5 - Cost is \$20 for RFHS for members only. - Info on Page 4 - RSVP by August 12 - Limit 20

The Upper Poudre Canyon tour cost is \$40 per person but the RFHS is donating \$20 of that to the cost of the tour which will benefit the Upper Poudre Canyon Association non profit organization.

August 31 - Saturday - 9:00 - 4:00 - FIRE DAYS CRAFT FAIR - RFHS Cutlery & Other Merchandise at a booth in the POA & Robinson Cabin Tours.

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.

Tour participation will be required to sign release form.

All members have priority due to limits by parking & other restrictions.

No pets are allowed on tours unless supervised.

When carpooling, remember to reimburse the driver.



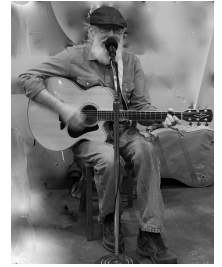
Have you not signed up for a tour because it was hard to hear?

We now have tour guide wireless receivers with earbuds for you.



DAN EILERS**Singer * Songwriter * Guitarist**

Dan Eilers is a unique blend of rural Mississippi Valley life and twenty-first century travel. Dan's tunes are expanding into styles of music rarely utilized by a single artist. Dan will treat us to a classic sense of humor and some blues, folk and country. Eilers has performed in a multitude of settings through the course of his career - from singing for his supper while backpacking cross country - to being a street musician in the '70's - to the Public Broadcast network stage. When Dan is not traveling, he lives in Illinois and has a campsite in Red Feather Lakes.



**BELLVUE, PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL, PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL HOUSE
& MORNING FRESH DAIRY TOURS**

June 19, 2024 - 8:30am - 3:00pm

BELLVUE HISTORY & TOUR by Ron Sladek

The first Euro-American settlers arrived in the valley soon after Antoine Janis became the first white settler in northern Colorado in 1858. The farm and pasture lands were squatted upon in the two years that followed, so that most was claimed by G.R. Sanderson, one of these first settlers, who built the first irrigation ditch in the county in June 1860. The ditch was the second one constructed in northern Colorado. Sanderson sold his claim to J.H. Yeager in 1864, and the ditch came to be known as the Yeager ditch. Another early settler, Samuel Bingham, settled on the west slope of Bingham Hill in 1860. In 1873, Jacob Flowers arrived in the valley and set up a homestead on a parcel of land he purchased from Joseph Mason. Flowers had migrated westward from Ohio and Missouri after the Civil War and had settled temporarily in Greeley in 1872. The following year, Flowers followed the Poudre upstream and founded the town of "Bellevue" later that year (the name was later shortened). The Flowers General Store, is now the meeting house for Cache la Poudre Grange and a community center.

Ron Sladek, president of Historic Larimer County, has been working as a professional in the field of history and historic preservation since the late 1980s. He founded Tatanka Historical Associates in 1992 to focus upon providing expert consulting services in the areas of historic resources documentation, planning and education. Ron's expertise in Western American history, historic architecture and engineering, field documentation, archival research, and historic preservation planning and analysis is utilized in all stages of every project.



Built in 1879 the **Pleasant Valley Schoolhouse #7** is the only remaining stone schoolhouse in Larimer County. In 2003 Sherry Graves succeeded in having the schoolhouse added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Morning Fresh Dairy Farm is a fifth-generation dairy farm located in the beautiful Pleasant Valley in Bellvue, Colorado. Owned and operated by the Graves family since 1894. The dairy raises its own cows which are not injected with hormones and grows its own alfalfa without pesticides.

**July 13 Program - CHARLES CLAY Presentation by Meg Dunn**

Time 2:00 pm - Red Lakes Community Building (POA)

Come listen to Meg's take on, how Charlie's precocious spirit was an inspiration in early Fort Collins.

Charlie Clay was an early Northern Colorado pioneer and the first African-American to settle in what became Larimer County. His story is full of adventure, tribulations, and an entrepreneurial spirit. Meg Dunn has been fascinated by Charlie's story ever since she first heard of him, and she's eager to share his tales of daring do, brushes with fame, and his all-around congenial spirit. Charlie was an important early pioneer whose story needs to be told.

Meg Dunn was an inner city math teacher in a former life. Now she enjoys researching and writing about local history. She authors several websites, including NorthernColoradoHistory.com, UrbanFortCollins.com, and barefootmeg.com.

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STOVE PRAIRIE RANCH & STOVE PRAIRIE SCHOOL TOURS**JULY 17, 2024 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

Stove Prairie Ranch and the picturesque valleys surrounding this unique property have a rich history dating back to the Ute Indians who hunted deer, elk and bison here.

In 1828, Northern Colorado's first settlement in Laporte (French for "the door"), quickly became the gateway to the Rockies, with the trail heading west along what is now Old Flowers Road, and directly through Stove Prairie Ranch. According to legend, the name Stove Prairie was derived from several iron stoves abandoned on the prairie as pioneers realized they would have to lighten their loads in order to cross the Great Continental Divide. In 1896, Stove Prairie Ranch was established with the first homestead and school being built on the existing property. To this day, Stove Prairie School remains as the oldest operating school house in Colorado. Over the next century, cattle & timber were the driving forces of Stove Prairie Ranch and by mid-century, its' unique brand was widely recognized throughout these industries.

The original brand can still be found amongst some of our historic, stone buildings with burnt etchings branded into the timber walls of the cottage and a stunning impression crafted from stone within the external wall of our lower barn. In 1990, Stove Prairie Ranch was purchased by a new owner who converted the property into a world class horse-breeding facility, transforming the natural ecosystems, enhancing the pastures and refurbishing the original buildings & barns.

What stands today, is an ecological & architectural masterpiece which preserves the ranch's history and rustic character, blended with modern, luxurious facilities and a unique location.

Stove Prairie School opened in 1896, Stove Prairie School is the oldest operating "one-room" school in Colorado. Stove Prairie joined PSD in 1960. Now one of the three mountain schools, this little school "at the end of the rainbow" offers a multi-grade learning environment.

**"COLORADOS GHOST TOWN GUIDE" BY KENNETH JESSEN****AUGUST 17 - 1:00 PM**

Kenneth Jessen's latest book, "Colorado Ghost Town Guide," explores over 180 of the state's abandoned places. During the last four decades, Jessen has visited 1,600 now vacant communities in Colorado's 64 counties. Using maps and photographs, this is his own personal adventures. His highly illustrated talk for the Red Feather Lakes Historical Society reflects his enthusiasm and he encourages questions during this 50 minute presentation.

Copies of his book will be available for sale.

UPPER POUUDRE CANYON TOUR By Sandra (Case) Lundt & Sue Schneider**Wednesday - August 21, 2024 - 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

Poudre City is a ghost town located in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in northwestern Larimer County, Colorado, United States. The town was founded in 1890 around a gold reducing stamp mill. The town was destroyed on June 10, 1891 when the Chambers Lake dam burst and swept down the Poudre Canyon. All that remains of the town today is the chimney from the stamp mill. In the late 1800s, it was suspected that there was gold in Larimer County and in the hills of the Poudre Canyon and many prospectors moved to the area. John Zimmerman built a 5 stamp gold reducing stamp mill in 1890 to process the ore being brought out of the area. A saloon, general store, hotel and houses sprouted in the area surrounding the mill. Shortly after the mill's construction, it was determined that the ore bore very little gold, and Zimmerman sold it to pursue other endeavors in the area.

The Arrowhead Lodge is now a National Historic Site and Forest Service Information Center. The struggle to preserve this Historic Site is a tribute to Dedicated Pioneer Families of the Poudre Canyon. Formerly a guest resort, this 1930s rustic and historic log building nestled in the pines is located at 7,400 feet in elevation along a Scenic Byway and nationally recognized Wild and Scenic River. The Braffords opened their business in 1936 with the Lodge, store and 5 cabins in place. In 1946, Stan and Lola Case purchased the "resort". They added the 6th cabin, porches and dining room and modern kitchen. Special care was given to matching the logs and architecture of the original structures. They also built the large high peaked ice house where they stored 25 tons of ice, cut off the Poudre River, usually in December, to



keep food supplies cool throughout the summer.

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Help us preserve history in RFL by sharing your historic pictures and stories of buildings or people in the Red Feather or surrounding area with the Red Feather Historical Society



SUMMER FEST 2024

Open House & Car show

June 22, 10 am - 2 pm
313 N. Meldrum St., Fort Collins
Tours of Emma Malaby Grocery
Antique Cars from three different Car Clubs
Live Music & Snacks

CHECK IT OUT

History Now

meg@northerncoloradohistory.com

NEW TO RFHS WEBSITE

redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

Webmaster - Gordon Nuttall

Red Feather Lakes Aire - Poetry & Music

"I Remember When" PROGRAM

Historic Women of Red Feather

100 Years Celebration Pictures

2024 Newsletter with Tours & Programs

Links to Historical Sites

Mountain Social Service Organizations and Clubs

Veterans Memorial Park Info

The Red Feather Historical website is ever-changing.

Gifts for all Occasions by RFHS

Rada Cutlery and Kitchen Tools
"Red Feather the first hundred years" book
Postcards & Cards - RFL 100 Year Poster
Mark Your Calendar for 2024 Craft Fairs
Red Feather Craft Fair May 25- July 6
Fire Days - August 31
Greening of Red Feather December 7

Are you new to the area and interested in the History of Red Feather Lakes?

Schedule a Program and/or Driving Tour with remote receivers
Available upon request:
PowerPoint presentation, walking or driving tours of Red Feather Lakes area by appointment.
Must have at least 5 participants. Cost \$5 per person - Supervised children under 12 free.
To schedule a tour contact Pat Clemens at 970-495-0560 or email info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org



A Walk Around Historic Red Feather Lakes



Red Feather Historical Society
P.O. Box 565
Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545
http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org
Information: info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

Did you wonder about some of the buildings and their history in the RFL Village? The Red Feather Historic Project is complete with signs on buildings or at sites. You can pick up the pamphlet pictured here from participating sites in RFL Village to find out the history.

Historic Site - Taylor Lodge

Built in 1883

Utilized as a Stage Coach stop as the site had total of 5 beds in both buildings



Original "Taylor Lodge" sign above the door under the covered porch



Designated by Red Feather Historical Society



HISTORIC SITE SIGNAGE

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.

Check it out on our website at redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-histories/

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**OTHER EVENTS IN RED FEATHER LAKES, GLACIER VIEW,
LIVERMORE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA**

RED FEATHER LAKES LIBRARY Community Events Calendar

<https://redfeather.colibraries.org/library-calendar/>

Register at the Library to receive weekly events & news.

11:30-1:30 - Lunch & Learn - 1st Wednesday of the month with program of interest in

RFL Community Association Building. Bring your lunch & we'll offer beverages & some theme specific treats.

RFL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Craft Fairs 9am-4pm May 25, July 6, August 31

Bingo Most Saturday nights at 7 pm starting in June - August

JULY 6 – INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION (SATURDAY) ARTS AND CRAFTS – KID'S FISHING CONTEST - BAR-B-QUE – PARADE & FIREWORKS AT DUSK!

JULY 7 – (SUNDAY) BINGO – 1:00 PM Annual Meeting 3:00 PM

MOUNTAIN GALS “Social and Service Organization”

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month

Time: Refreshment - 1:00 Meeting - 1:30 - Program 2:00 in RFL Community Association Building (POA)

May 8 - “My Top Ten Weirdest Gigs—Tales from a Lifetime in Music” Presenter: Leslie Kenney

July 10 - High Altitude Wildflowers by Margie Caswell

GLACIER VIEW - Web Site: www.gvmecology.com for more information.

Mountain Living Lecture Series

All of our mountain community neighbors are invited to attend.

6:30 7:30 - Glacier View Fire Department At (Gate 8) 1414 Green Mountain Drive, Livermore

Check out the GVM Ecology Team June 11 - Weed & Cheatgrass Identification & Management - Casey Cisneros,

Land Stewardship Manager, Larimer County Weed District

July 9 - Colorado Parks and Wildlife - Brock McArdle, Wildlife Officer, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)

August 13 - Solar in the Mountains - Justin Wojtarowicz from Sandbox Solar

September 10 - Culturally Modified Trees by Max Engelhardt

LIVERMORE HALL ACTIVITIES

<https://livermorecommunityclub.org>

May 18 - Dance - Gordon Creek Band & Potluck

July 13 - Dave Stamey - Concert

July 20 - Christmas in July Arts & Craft Fair

August 17 (Pending) - Livermore Summer Celebration - Cow Patti - etc

LIVERMORE WOMANS CLUB

Check out their website for future programs. <https://livermorewomansclub.org/>

VOLUNTEER - SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES

**“Character is made in the community as well as in the individual by assuming responsibilities,
not by escaping from them.” ~ Herbert C. Hoover**

Mountain Social & Service Organizations & Club Flyer Link

<https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Community-Social-Organization-Flyer.pdf>

RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT



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



Thanks to Lucille Schmitt for serving several years as a director, now serving as an honorary board member.

See page 7 for more details.

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For membership & tours complete the form below to pay by check or use the website to pay by credit card (page 6)

MEMBERSHIP IS FROM JUNE 1, 2024 to MAY 31, 2025

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 Citizens (50 or over) \$10
Active Family (two votes) \$35
Commercial \$50
Supporting \$100
Life \$1,000

All Donations Welcome

Pay online at https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/product/membership/

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

For more information please contact:
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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)
Social Media Marketing Coordinator
Historic Photos & Written Stories of RFL
Historian (Organize/Catalog Historic Materials)
Archiving/Preservation(preserving photos)
Historical Story Teller (Local History, re-enactors, personal antidotes)
Greening of Red Feather Craft Fair
Robinson Cabin (hosting & preservation)
Tours and Trips (set up/lead a tour or trip)
Photographer - Tours and special events
Website/Newsletter (write & submit articles)

DINNER, TOURS & PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM - Prices cover Donations and Expenses

Table with 3 columns: Event/Date, #Members, Total Amount. Rows include June 7 Friday - Pot Luck, June 19 - TOUR - Bellvue & Dairy, July 13 - PROGRAM - Charlie Clay, July 17 - TOUR - Stove Prairie Ranch & School, August 17 - PROGRAM - COLORADOS GHOST TOWN GUIDE, August 21 - TOUR - Upper Poudre Canyon.

CHECK # _____ TOTAL AMOUNT _____

RFHS members have priority for Society events; nonmembers pay an additional fee per tour.

**RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER
TOURS & EVENTS 2024**



ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 7, 2024

Red Feather Historical Society
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**RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER
TOURS & EVENTS 2024**



RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
*Serving Red Feather Lakes, Crystal Lakes, Glacier View, Livermore and Surrounding Area
In the state of COLORADO*
TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORY FOR THE FUTURE