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RFHS ANNUAL DINNER, MEETING & PROGRAM

June 5, 2026

**Red Feather Lakes Community
Association (POA), 58 Fire House Lane
Friday 5:30-8:30 pm]**

Wear Patriotic or Mountain Attire

Registration 5:30 pm

Pot Luck Dinner - 6:00 pm

Bring a dish to share

Annual Meeting 7:00 pm

Program 7:30 pm

John Hafnor

Strange but True

USA & Colorado

With Member Participation

Lon Hughes on Mount Hughes

Make Your Reservation by May 30, 2026

Limit 60 People - Members have priority

RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 7

**YOU CAN MAKE PURCHASES ONLINE 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.
- 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 2026 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 2026 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 info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/

May 23 - MEMORIAL DAY CRAFT FAIR - Saturday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - RFHS Cutlery & Other Merchandise at a booth in the POA & Robinson Cabin Tours

June 5 - Friday - RF HISTORICAL SOCIETY POT LUCK, ANNUAL MEETING & ENTERTAINMENT BY- JOHN HAFNOR - 5:30 - 8:30 pm - Info on pages 1 & 3 - Reservations Required - Members have priority, register on page 7 - RSVP by May 30, 2026- Limit 60

June 17 - TOUR - Wednesday - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm - DRALA MOUNTIAN CENTER & HISTORY OF THE ELKHORN - Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 9:30 am to carpool. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. **Cost is \$15 for RFHS Members only - Info on page 3 - RSVP by June 12 - Limit 30.**

**** June 20 - PROGRAM - Saturday - 2:00 pm - GEOLOGY OF THE AREA BY Margee Caswell - Meet in the RFL Community Association (POA) building across from RFL Library - Info on Page 4 - FREE, Everyone Welcome**

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

July 11 - HISTORIC CABIN TOUR - Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Meet at the Historic Robinson Cabin. Bring water, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. **Cost is \$15 for RFHS Members only. RSVP by July 4 - Limit 20**

July 15 - TOUR - Wednesday - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm - KENNEDY MOUNTAIN CAMPUS & LADY MOON BARN & MUSEUM - Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 to carpool. Bring water, sack lunch, folding chair, wear hat, good walking shoes. Cost is \$15 for RFHS Members only- Info on page 4 - RSVP by July 11 - Limit 30

****August 9 - PROGRAM - Sunday - 10:00 am - ROCKS & MINING IN THE AREA by Ben Holzworth Meet in the RFL Community Association (POA) building across from RFL Library - Info on Page 4 - FREE - Everyone Welcome**

August 19 - TOUR - Wednesday - 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - OTTO LUMBER CAMP, POW CAMP & DEADMAN TOWER - Meet at RFHS Robinson Cabin. 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 30

September 5 - FIRE DAYS CRAFT FAIR - Saturday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - RFHS Cutlery & Other Merchandise at a booth in the POA & Robinson Cabin Tours.

September 12 - Saturday - 11:00 am - 9:00 pm - Livermore Hall - SALUTE TO MOUNTAINS & PLAINS - "Celebrating Northern Larimer Colorado History" - Info on Page 6

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 participants will be required to sign release form.

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

No pets are allowed on tours unless supervised.

When carpooling, remember to reimburse the driver.

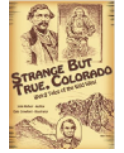


**Have you not signed up for a tour because it was hard to hear?
We now have tour guide wireless receivers with earbuds for you.**



RFHS ANNUAL MEETING WITH JOHN HAFNOR - June 5, 2026

John Hafnor is a historian and award-winning author. His Strange but True... series has garnered considerable acclaim, including being named a National Best Book Award Finalist. Hafnor's passionate research into histories of the American West lays the foundation for his first novel. Growing up in rural South Dakota, Hafnor became fascinated by tales of his homesteading grandfather, Grover Cleveland "Cleve" Berry. Of particular interest to Hafnor was the friendship between his grandfather and neighbor James Stands For Them.

**TOUR - DRALA MOUNTAIN CENTER & ELKHORN HISTORY****June 17, 2026 - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

The Shambhala Mountain Center, now the Drala Center, is located in the Colorado Rockies, was established in 1971 as a contemplative retreat. One of the most distinctive features of this center is the presence of the Great Stupa of Dharmakaya. This piece of sacred architecture is incredibly important to the center's visitors, as it promotes harmony, health, prosperity, peace and freedom. The incredible location includes 600-acres mountain valley, allowing for a peaceful, quiet experience isolated from the distractions of everyday life.



Elkhorn History - Including Elkhorn Store & Post Office, Elkhorn Hotel - John Miller filed his 160-acre homestead claim on Elkhorn Creek about five miles west of Log Cabin, settling near a wagon trail that is now County Road 68C. When postal authorities decided to move the post office at the gold town of Manhattan to Miller's ranch, John decided to build a store at the edge of the roadway to house the facility, and name his property "Elkhorn." There was a big barn on the ranch so when the teamsters where driving through on their way to the Poudre, they decided to stay there before taking the trip over Pingree Hill. During the winter of 1916-17, the Millers started building a new store and post office at Log Cabin.

PROGRAM - GEOLOGY OF THE AREA by Margie Caswell**June 20, 2026 - 2:00 pm at the RFL POA**

Margie Caswell is a retired Poudre School District Elementary Teacher who first taught 4th grade geology when the district decided geology was a good fit for Colorado History. She quickly took a geology class, created lessons, and was hired in 1979 to create the elementary level geology teachers and students guide for the district. Now the district uses commercial science kits that weren't available then. She treasures the rocks and minerals she has collected from her own trips or from her uncle and aunt. Margie was a 1992 Finalist for Colorado Teacher of the Year.

Her PowerPoint presentation will cover the geology you see as you travel from Fort Collins to Livermore to Red Feather Lakes plus up Cherokee Park and Prairie Divide. You will better understand the rock quarry, Owl Canyon Rock Cut, the meeting of the Sedimentary Rocks by Livermore with the Igneous Rocks at the slump behind the Scott Ranch, the Metamorphic Rocks at McNey Hill, the Amythest Mine, and the Diamond Mines.



**For info on times & places to meet, see
Tours & Program on Page 2 - Register on Page 7**

HISTORIC HOME TOUR

JULY 11, 2026 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for a tour of historic cabins in Red Feather Lakes including the following

HISTORIC SITE RAFFLE CABIN 1928-2018

Cabin was built by Dick Stearns in 1928 and razed in 1950. It was purchased by Fay Stearns and her family in the 1950's and has been in the family since.

GRAND PRIZE
Raffle Cabin 1928-2018
Red Feather Lakes, Colorado



David and Susan Alexander, the owners, purchased the cabin in 1995 from Stearns' grandson.

Designated by Red Feather Historical Society


HISTORIC DRAKE CABIN



In 1924 the property was purchased by R. F. Drake and his two sons Hugh and Thorne. The family started building a one-room cabin in 1924 with several additions over the years. In 1948, "Bessie" (Hugh's Wife) started Red Feather Camp at the cabin, employing many residents. She sold the business in 1981.

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The Matthews-Reid Cabin



The Matthews-Reid Cabin was built in 1918 by Bert Matthews and his brother, Earl's. Earl purchased the cabin and the surrounding property in 1924. The cabin was used as a hideout for the gangster Alvin Karpis during his escape from the FBI in 1935.

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HALFACRE HOUSE



Built in the early 1800's by Henry Halfacre. Originally had 2 rooms with others added including a tack room where people who traveled would keep their horses in the pasture where the Old Community Park is today. Later on it was a hangout for the kids in the area.

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FOX ACRES UPPER CABIN "SUNNING ROCK"



The cabin was constructed in 1928 and was originally known as the "Upper Cabin" marking the location of Fox Acres. In addition to the "Upper Cabin", the Fox House was built and was used for raising "The Fox Farm" raised operation in 1930. In Aug 1965, the property was acquired by Ray Stearns, who made the Fox House his first residence and converted the "Upper Cabin" to a guest only, and transfer related to the cabin as "Sunning Rock". Over the years history, the cabin has undergone several renovations and remains a cherished family home located at Fox Acres.

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HISTORIC SITE SIGNAGE - WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE 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/site-signage/ <http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/> or contact - info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

TOUR - KENNEDY MOUNTAIN CAMPUS & LADY MOON BARN PLUS

LAFI & JO'S MUSEUM - July 15, 2026 - 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

The Kennedy Mountain Campus was purchased from the Girl Scouts of America who purchased the land in 2007 and later sold to the University of Denver in 2021. The Kennedy Mountain Campus is 730 acres, which at one time part of the development of the area, first homesteaded by ranchers. Before the ranchers tNunt'zi (Ute), Tsitsista (Cheyenne), and Hinonoeino (Arapaho) Nations were the original people of these lands. Learn about the work DU is doing: <https://www.du.edu/equity/indigenous-initiatives>



LADY MOON BARN - Kate (Lady Catherine Gratton Lawder Moon) met and married a miner named Frank H. Gartman in the mid-1880s when he worked in the mines at Manhattan. In 1987 Frank and Catherine bought a relinquishment of 160 acres known as Cold Spring Park from a couple named Napier. The property later had several owners, including Cecil Moon. The log barn on the place was supposedly built in 1886 and was definitely built by Gartman, which proves he was a real craftsman. Possibly it was built for Napier before Gartman bought the place. "Excerpt & picture from *Those Crazy Pioneers* by Lafi Miller"

LAFI & JO'S MUSEUM - Includes several historic items- Aunt Sylvia's Buggy, Lady Moon's Piano, Saddles, Tables, one from Livermore, Truck driven by Sylvia & several other items all from the late 1800s to the early 1900s.

PROGRAM - ROCKS & MINING IN THE AREA by Ben Holzworth

August 9, 2026 10:00 am



Join us for a discussion on the historical interaction between people and the local geology of Red Feather Lakes. We will go over specific minerals of Red Feather Lakes, prehistoric human presence, 18th and 20th century mining in the area, and modern mining.



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**TOUR - OTTO LUMBER CAMP - Lead by Lawrence Fullenkamp
 POW CAMP - History by Brian Carroll & the DEADMAN TOWER**

August 19, 2026 - 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

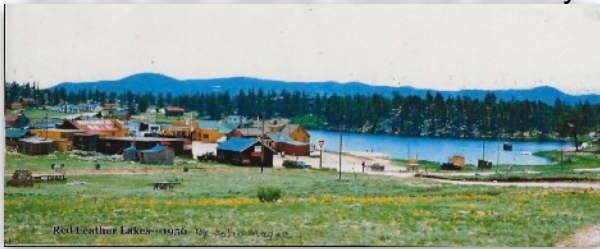
Archaeological studies in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, particularly in Larimer County, have uncovered significant history related to early 20th-century logging companies and "tie hacks" (workers who hand-hewed railroad ties) who produced railroad ties. These studies provide insight into the daily life for "tie hacks" and the environmental impact of early logging infrastructure like the Stuck Creek dam. In the 1940's, the CCC camp on Deadman was used by the Otto Lumber company for operations in the Deadman area. POW camp was located near Greeley and they would send up 50 to 100 POWs in the summer to help with Forestry, Logging, and Conservation projects similar to the CCC crews.



At lunch, Brian will share a picture that was painted by one of the German POW's and will talk about the history of the CCC Camp in the 1930's and the POWs in the 1940's. We will then go to the Deadman Tower where Lawrence will talk about it.

The POWs would work for the Forest Service or any other work that was needed. Bernice George, who worked at the tower, said, "they were not violent people and they liked to bake and the food would make it to the tower." You can read her history at - <https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-histories/personal-histories/#poulsen>

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



Gifts for all Occasions by RFHS

- RADA Cutlery and Kitchen Tools
- "Red Feather Lakes the first hundred years" book
- Postcards & Cards - RFL 100 Year Poster plus a new Poster on the Red Feather Lakes.
- Mark Your Calendar for 2026 Craft Fairs
- Memorial Craft Fair - May 23
- Independence Celebration - July 4
- Fire Days - September 5
- Greening of Red Feather - December 5

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.



A Walk Around Historic Red Feather Lakes



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 Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545
<http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org>
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CHECK IT OUT

The Red Feather Historical website is ever-changing.

redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

NEW TO RFHS WEBSITE

Webmaster - Gordon Nuttall

John Hughes History & Mountain Hughes Designation

4 New Site Signs

Iris Damon Oral History & Pictures

Red Feather Lakes & the Railroad Connection

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SALUTE TO MOUNTAINS & PLAINS
 “Celebrating Northern Larimer Colorado History”
 September 12, 2026 -11:00 - 9:00
 EVENTS



2 PM - Cow Patty Bingo - 5 PM - Bad Billy Goat Roping
 Demos on Butter Churning & Ice Cream Making
 Quilt by Virginia Dale & Quilted Throws by Mountain Meadows Quilters
 Cake Decoration Contest - Cookies & Pie Sale
 11:30 AM - Carl Judson - 1 PM - Jason LaBelle - Traveling the Red Rock Road
 3:00 PM - Vic Anderson - Singer/SongWriter - 4:00 PM - Ponderosa Promenaders
 Kids Games - Stick Horses Barrel Racing
 Historic Pics PowerPoint - Silent Auction - Vintage Car Meet

**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.

RFL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Craft Fairs 9 am - 4 pm - May 23, July 4, September 5 and December 5

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

**JULY 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION (SATURDAY) ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR -
 KIDS FISHING CONTEST – PARADE & FIREWORKS - PANCAKE BREAKFAST (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 pm - Meeting - 1:30 pm - Program - 2:00 pm in RFL Community Association Building (POA)

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

LIVERMORE HALL ACTIVITIES

<https://livermorecommunityclub.org>

July 18 & 19 - Christmas in July Arts & Craft Fair

LIVERMORE WOMANS CLUB

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

HISTORIC LARIMER COUNTY

HLC is the only historic preservation organization dedicated to protecting our historic resources

VOLUNTEER - SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES

Mountain Social & Service Organizations & Club Flyer Link

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



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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**For membership & tours, complete the form below to pay by check or use the website to pay by credit card see page 1
MEMBERSHIP IS FROM JUNE 1, 2026 to MAY 31, 2027**

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

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)
 - Red Feather Lakes Craft Fairs
 - 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

MEMBERSHIP 6/1/26 TO 5/31/27 CATEGORY _____	#Members ____ Total Amount ____
June 5 - Friday - Pot Luck, Annual Meeting & Speaker at Limit 60	#Attending ____ FREE
June 17 - TOUR - Drala Center & Elkhorn \$15 Members Only	#Members ____ Total Amount ____
July 20 - PROGRAM - Geology of the Area -All Welcome	#Attending ____ FREE
July 11 - TOUR - Historic Cabin Tour \$15 Members Only	#Members ____ Total Amount ____
July 15 - TOUR - Mountain Campus & Lady Moon Barn-\$15 Members	#Attending ____ Total Amount ____
August 9 - PROGRAM - Rocks & Mining in the Area - ALL Welcome	#Attending ____ FREE
August 19 - TOUR - Otto Lumber Camp + \$15 Members Only	#Attending ____ Total Amount ____
CHECK # _____	TOTAL AMOUNT _____