

# The Overland Post

Overland Trail Museum Current Events Newsletter

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## Hours of Operation

Tuesday—Saturday  
10am—4pm  
Closed Sunday & Monday

## Admission

Adults (19+) - \$5.00  
Seniors/Youth (60+/12-18) - \$4.00  
Children (4-11) - \$1.50  
3 and Under - FREE

OVERLAND TRAIL MUSEUM - STERLING COLORADO

# FAMILY FUN SATURDAY!

FREE ADMISSION FOR KIDS ALL DAY



## Saturday, March 4, 2023 · 10am—4pm

A sneaky leprechaun came to the Overland Trail Museum and he left his pot of gold! Come to Family Fun Saturday's ***Saint Patrick's Day Riddle*** on Saturday, March 4th, when kids 12 and under are free! Crack the leprechauns riddle while learning about various artifacts and if successful, be rewarded! You'll have until the end of March to come and try to crack the ***Saint Patrick's Day Riddle***. A rainbow craft and Saint Patrick's Day themed activities will be available in the High Plains Education Center.

# Upcoming Activities & Events



## Women in Flight

In honor of National Women's History month, the Museum presents **Women in Flight** for our March 29 History Café.

When Marvel Crosson, a local Sterling girl, and her family moved to California, she and her brother Joe got "hooked" on the newest invention – the airplane! She learned to fly and became a National hero when she set several altitude records for women. Marvel competed in air races and even airlifted watermelons into the Alaskan wilderness.

Learn about Marvel and many other women who made history in flight as you enjoy muffins and coffee/tea in the High Plains Education Center. History Café begins at 10:30 am and reservations are requested. Please call 970-522-3895 to reserve your place.



***Our 17th Annual Tea will be held on  
April 19, 2023. Tickets go on sale  
March 8, 2023***

**SUMMER HOURS**

**BEGIN**

**APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**MONDAY-SATURDAY**

**9:00AM-5:00PM**



# Temporary Exhibits



### Women's Suffrage Exhibit

*Learn about 8 incredible women who made an impact on women's rights. White dresses are showcased because suffragists often wore white to stand out while promoting their cause.*



### Women's Bedroom Scene

*This exhibit showcases 3 beautiful quilts, a 1940s summer nightgown and sleep cap, a 1883 Bible, the 1898 book "Men Women and Emotions", but the real star of this exhibit is the crazy quilt robe.*



### Decades of Design

*Beginning with clothing in the 1880s and ending in the 1980s. This exhibit showcases all the fashion: heels, hats, handbags, gloves, purses, shawls, umbrellas, boots and briefcases.*





# A Portal To The Past

## Republican — Advocate, Sterling, Colorado

Thursday, March 15, 1923

### Absent Juror Is Brought To Court Today

After Being Produced in Court Room,  
Judge Cautions Him About His Forgetfulness

When Joseph A. Davis, clerk of the district court, called the jury roll at the opening of court Tuesday, one juror was absent. Three times the name of C. W. Cheairs was called but there was no answer. In legal circles, the non-appearance of a juror, is regarded as a contempt of court.

A bench warrant was issued by the judge and Deputy Sheriff Miles Mitchell was instructed to locate the absent Mr. Cheairs and produce him in body, constitution and flesh in the court room. The deputy sheriff left immediately for the Advocate office and there found Mr. Cheairs laboriously pecking away on the mill which earns him his bread and butter.

The warrant was duly served and the typewriter was left. The juror was compelled to accompany the officer to the court house, where he was

produced in court. There he was seated in the jury box; the bailiff rapped with his gavel and the judge took his seat. Meanwhile lawyers, citizens look in with vague suspicion of the penalty that might be inflicted. Mr. Cheairs at first did not appear to realize the seriousness of his offense. He then became nervous. His face twitched and his hands were pushed into his pockets and then pulled out quickly. He shifted nervously in his seat. Not once did he face the glaring audience seated in the court room.

Judge H. E. Munson finally asked the juror to stand. He arose, jerking and nervous. The court then asked him why he was not present when the jury roll was called. Mr. Cheairs replied that he had just returned from Denver and forgot it. The court then explained how serious the

offense might have been had his absence held up the progress on an important case. "As it was this morning, however" said the judge, "the business here was of a preliminary nature. Your absence this morning was not so serious as it might have been. I desire to caution you, however, not to allow it to occur again." The juror replied that he would not, meanwhile the attorneys in the rear row had laughed at the unusual procedure until they could be scarcely contain themselves.

The warrant was a "phony" warrant. It was torn up immediately after being issued. The court and those connected with the court were well aware that no record would be kept of this procedure. Nevertheless the judge maintained a serious mien and the jury service dodger doubtless imagined that the jail doors would soon close on him. Not an attorney would agree to act as counsel for the man who forgot. The impression which was made on this individual will doubtless never be forgotten. He stated

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afterward that he had a “hunch” that it was all a frame-up but that he was afraid to so much as crack a smile for fear that he would be lodge behind the bars to make the little play a success.

Something else was worrying this man who broke the rules of the court. His wife was waiting for him at home, ready to be taken to the high school where a

program was to be given. Her husband was long past due, just as he had been in court. His wife, however, had no deputy sheriff to send for him and had she been this fortunate it would have been of no avail. He was already in the clutches of the law. Finally he was allowed a few minutes to telephone to friend wife and that was foxed

up for the time being, although more of that may follow the eyes of husband and wife meet.

There is a moral to all of this. A man who is summoned for jury service should appear. Forgetfulness is not regarded as a logical excuse. It is not always considered in the light of a joke. Had the said Mr. Cheairs thought of it in time and reported his business of a newspaper man would have been sufficient to exempt him from jury duty under the Colorado law. But the absent juror was thinking more of “Chatter” than of juries, which necessitated all of the above court procedure.

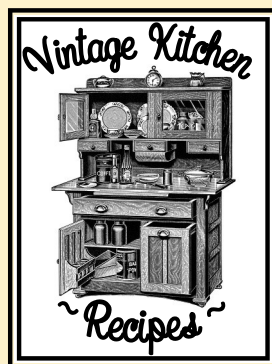
#### A RECIPE FROM

A BOOK OF COOKING—GAMMA CHAPTER OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA 1921

### CREAMED CABBAGE

—ROMAINE VAN RYPER

1 small head of cabbage  
3 Tbsp. butter  
2 Tbsp. flour  
1 Tbsp. sugar  
½ tsp. nutmeg  
1 tsp. salt  
1 c. cream  
1 c. milk



This recipe card is made perfectly to fit inside of a recipe card box. ♥

### St. Patrick's Day

#### Fun Fact

Saint Patrick's birth name is **Maewyn Succat**. According to legend; he changed his name to Patricius, or Patrick, which derives from the Latin term for “father figure,” when he became a priest.

# A Portal To The Past

## Tidbits from the Files

By Brian Jesteadt

One major issue museums have is an abundance of files. Especially pre-Internet, you could never be sure when you would come across that article again. Many a museum curator and staffer accumulated a trove of newspaper clippings, typed notes, magazine articles, and other oddities. Over the past few months, we have had a teen volunteer scanning these materials. The following are a tidbit or two from the files.

The first woman juror in Logan County was Mrs. Blanche Bledsoe of Fleming, CO. She served on a murder trial in 1946. I was curious about the timing and found out something I didn't know before: women couldn't serve on Colorado juries until 1945! It took a constitutional amendment in 1944 to allow women on juries. Locally, we had women already in elected office for decades by 1944! If you want to know more, I highly recommend a short history on the topic the Denver Public Library did here.

Several local people collect things, ranging from coins to

license plates. One local collection made a splash: Mike Canchola's cow hairballs got national attention in 1994. Canchola reportedly had one that was over a foot wide, potentially the largest cow hairball discovered. His friend Frank Acala started painting them as artwork in the 1990's. This got the attention of Jay Leno, who had him on the *Tonight Show* in 1997. We have a news clipping about the show - Acala and Canchola painted a cow

hairball with Leno's face to commemorate the occasion. No word if NBC or Leno ever received the unique gift. I personally am on the lookout for footage of the segment for our collection!

These are just two of the unique stories and tidbits emerging from our paper files as the volunteer scans them. I hope to have more down the road!

### A RECIPE FROM A BOOK OF COOKING—GAMMA CHAPTER OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA 1921

*Slice cabbage very fine.*

*Boil for 1 hour, drain.*

*Make sauce using remaining ingredients.*

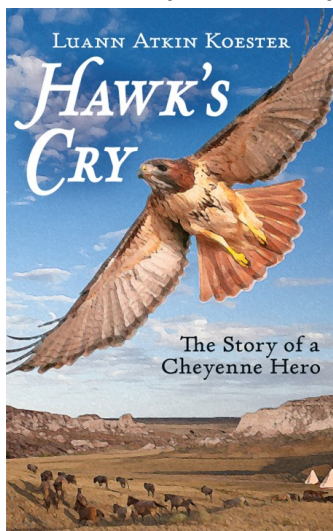
*Mix sauce into cabbage.*

*Serves: 6*

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# Logan County Historical Society Gift Shop

## Hawk's Cry: The Story of a Cheyenne Hero

**\$15.00**

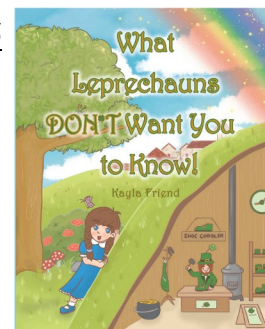
Ryan thinks he is imagining the boy standing before him. When he reaches out to touch the young Cheyenne, laying the palm of his hand on the boy's chest, he feels the strong thump of a heartbeat. With this mystical encounter, twelve-year-old Ryan Tyler is sent on an impossible quest into the rugged, untamed, and unforgiving Wyoming mountains.

A century and a half earlier, Little Hawk wants only two things, to live the life of Cheyenne and to become a Cheyenne warrior. But his world is turned upside down when his father decides to join a group of renegade warriors wreaking havoc across the plains. Not only is Little Hawk separated from his beloved grandfather, the man who helped him make his plain's courting flute, but he is forced to delay his vision quest and warrior ceremony. Traveling through the sacred Medicine Bow

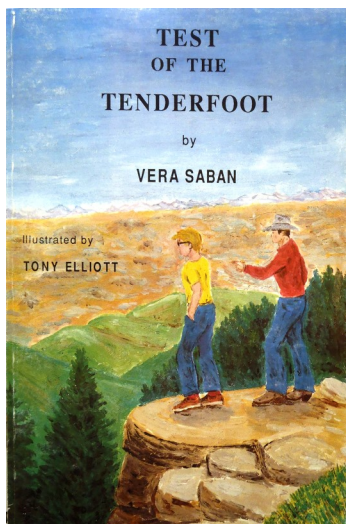
## What Leprechauns DON'T Want You to Know!

**\$15.95**

A whimsical and enchanting tale of leprechauns and their pots of gold.



## TEST OF THE TENDERFOOT

**\$6.95**

Modern-day fiction, set in the West. Two young teen-aged boys experience an adventure in the western mountains that helps them see more clearly their own strengths & weaknesses & to face the realities of their lives. Lanny Curtis, a boy from the East, has entered Junior High School in a small western town. He is eager to make friends but, small for his age & very near-sighted, he lacks self-confidence. When Steven Harper invites him to spend the weekend at his ranch home, Lanny is pleased & excited, for he is a lover of nature. Since the Harper ranch is at the foot of the mountains, Lanny hopes to have the opportunity to visit those high places. Steve, aggressive & often boastful, makes that visit possible. Their trip into those mountains becomes a frightening experience, one that is a test of each boy's strength & wisdom. This story, a

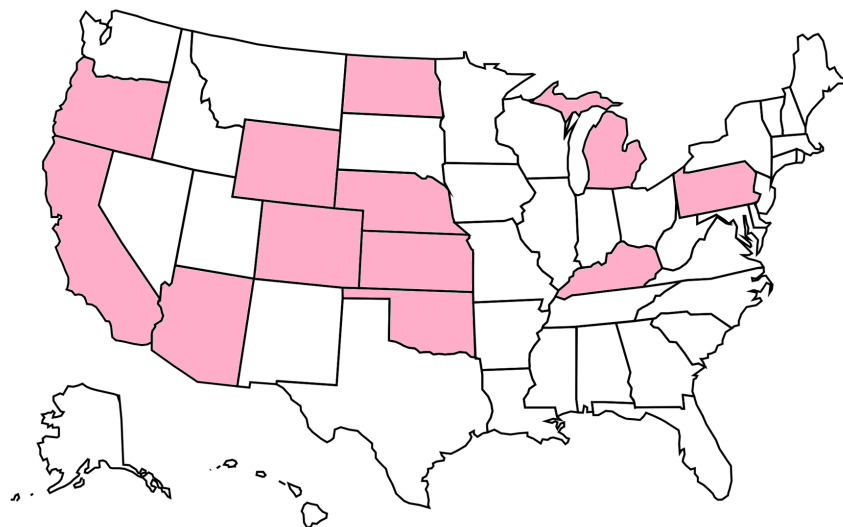
Timber Trails Book, has adventure & suspense & will be enjoyed by Junior High School Students. The



# A Look Back At February

In the **month of February**, the Overland Trail Museum welcomed visitors from all over the **WORLD!**

People from  
**12 states, & 2 countries:**  
**Australia & Philippines**  
came through the entrance door to explore and learn about Logan County's history!



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**Facebook**

**Google**



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