SWEETWATER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER:

January-March 2020

WELCOME TO OUR NEW QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER!

This is our first quarterly newsletter. We will release a new newsletter every quarter. If you would like to be removed from this list please let us know at programs@sweetwatermuseum.org or call us at 307-872-6435.

Volunteer Role Spotlight:

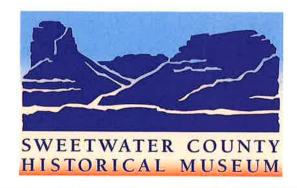
Indexing Volunteer

Our archives is full of paper documents, and it is much harder to search a paper document than a digital one, especially if you are looking for a single name. Indexing these documents, making searchable databases of information, helps with this task. Indexing takes minimal training and is perfect for someone looking for a simple data entry task, and for people who like to see progress as they complete projects.

We have many other volunteer roles besides the one mentioned here. If you are interested in volunteering in this or any other role, please feel free to contact us at 307-872-6435 or programs@sweetwatermuseum.org.

Volunteer hours

Our volunteers and interns worked over 50 hours last quarter, including helping to index our archives and researching some Civil War era letters. Every hour volunteers contribute helps us improve our other offerings and is an hour they graciously gave to our needs. Thank you and great job volunteers!



Preschool and school programs

Our staff has been working hard to improve our outreach offerings. We have recently produced a new preschool program called "Animals Inside/Outside" focusing on animal parts and the ideas of "Big/Little", "Hard/Soft", and "Inside/Outside". This program brings our staff to present to preschool classes. We have also developed a new program for school groups which brings the museum to them, in more ways than one. This overview of Sweetwater County history has the students develop their own "museum exhibits" on a series of topics, much like the exhibits on display at our museum. This program brings our staff to school classes and is well suited for elementary school classrooms. If you would like to see any of these projects in YOUR classroom. or be trained as a volunteer to present them, please contact us at 307-872-6435 or programs@sweetwatermuseum.org.

County History Corner

Esther Hobart Morris was the first female
Justice of the Peace in the United States. She served
nearly 9 months in 1870, presiding over South Pass
City, which was at the time within Sweetwater County.
Her sons Robert and Edward became important
members of the Green River/Rock Springs community.
Their houses can still be seen in downtown Green
River. A biography on Esther Hobart Morris' life is
available in the museum bookstore. The author will be
joining us for a special Historic Book Club on April 21st.

We had a successful year of outreach!

Our staff interacted with more than 7,300 people in 2019. Including more than 4,000 adults and over 2,500 children. We started our new monthly Family Fun Saturdays, gave several tours, and continued favorite events like our 3rd Grade History Fair. Keep up to date with our great events and history on our social media and at sweetwatermuseum.org.

Green River Horse Palace January Promotions

Thursday- 3x points......All Day

Ladies Night......7pm to Midnight

- The first 15 ladies playing with their players club card, will receive two free drink coupons worth up to \$5 each
- Hot seat every hour for \$25 Free Play
- Hot seat every ½ hour for + 25 player points
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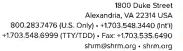
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- Meeting Space
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Campgrounds \$30/night plus tax.

Our campground is open year round and has 1,235 RV spaces. Each space has 50 amp electrical service, water and sewer. Restrooms and shower units are located in each campground.

RV spaces are 20' wide by 50' long on a gravel surface with utilites in rear alleyway.

Horse Stalls \$20/night Pens \$40/night

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New Overtime Rules January 1, 2020: Are you ready?

The Department of Labor (DOL) announced the minimum salary to be exempt from overtime pay will be \$646 per week, or \$35,568 per year as of January 1, 2020. If you have employees who earn less than that, they must be paid overtime if they work more than 40 hours in a week. This number is based on the 20th percentile of salaries, which is the same way the DOL calculated the numbers the last time the limits were changed in 2004. This is a safe way to pick the number, as the courts struck down an Obama era change that was much higher and not based on the same standard.

If employees are earning this amount, are they eligible to be salary exempt? No. Salary is just one part of the rules to be eligible for exemption. Exemption means that you are exempt from the rules of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). You have to have a job that qualifies you. There are four categories that can allow you to be exempt if you also have a minimum salary. They are manager, professional, administrative professional or outside sales.

Make sure you are following the new rules. For questions, contact your attorney or the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services office in Rock Springs at 307-382-9477.

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