

HAPPY NEW YEAR GCHA MEMBERS

As we end 2016 and enter a new year I want to take a moment to thank you for being a member of the Grand County Historical Association. It is through your support that we are able to continue with our mission of preserving and fostering an appreciation for the rich history of Grand County. Looking back, 2016 was a busy year for GCHA. Here are a few highlights:

- We hosted 26 programs, history chats, field trips and other events including a talk by author Helen Thorpe, a discussion of water issues by author and State Historian Patty Limerick, our annual members' meeting at C Lazy U and the Taste of History at Devils Thumb.
- We assisted at least 10 research projects including helping a local student who won the state National History Day project competition.
- We developed new exhibits including the 100 year celebration of the Middle Park Fair and Rodeo and displays of nearly one hundred works of art at Cozens Museum for the Art Out of Thin Air exhibition.
- Working with the Heritage Coalition, we developed a new heritage portal sign at Cozens Museum and published a countywide map of historical sites.
- We installed a new wayfinding sign at Cozens Museum.
- We published three Spoke newsletters.
- We welcomed more than a hundred Grand County elementary school children on field trips to all our museums.
- We produced our annual GCHA calendar with historic photos.
- We welcomed the new Emily Warner Field Aviation Museum into the GCHA family of museums.

As we look ahead to 2017 we anticipate another busy year. Our board will meet soon to begin developing our event calendar. One area in which we hope to give more emphasis is in reaching out to school children to inspire them to learn about the history of where they live.

All of our accomplishments couldn't have happened without your support, the more than 4,000 hours of volunteer time, and the generous contributions of funds, food, and services from our community supporters.

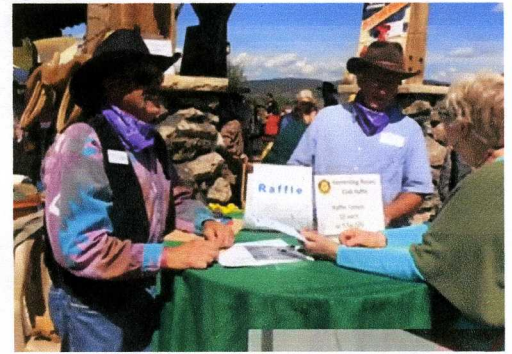


Christmas at Cozens

So, again, on behalf of our board of directors and staff of Marissa, Kristi and Tim, thank you for your support and Happy New Year.

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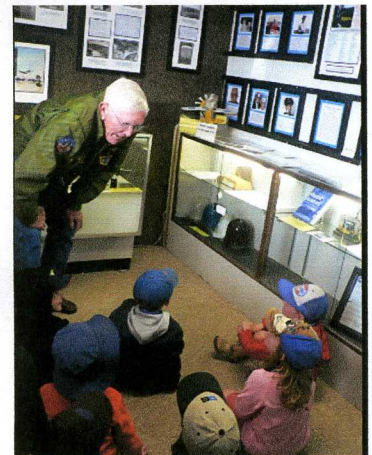
DAN NOLAN
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Taste of History at Devil's Thumb Ranch



Patty Limerick talks at members' meeting at C Lazy U Ranch



Children learn about aviation history at the Emily Warner Field Aviation Museum