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BE PART OF AMERICA & WYOMING 250 WITH THE WYOMING HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2026 CALENDAR

As we celebrate 250 years of the United States of America in 2026 with the Semiquincentennial, the Wyoming Historical Society (WHS) invites the public to submit historic or original photographs, illustrations, or paintings for its 2026 Calendar. The theme for the 2026 Calendar is "Celebrations and Commemorations," focusing on significant historical moments in Wyoming.

The popular calendar features historical images from around the state creating an informative and picturesque view of Wyoming history. It includes a snippet on each day noting "what happened and where" that aligns directly with that day in the past. The tidbits range from the serious to the entertaining, but all newsworthy in their day!

WHS is particularly interested in images from the years 1776, 1826, 1876, 1926, and 1976. Photographs should be historical. Illustrations and paintings can be historical or original works of art that capture the spirit of Wyoming during those years.

Submitted images should align with the Wyoming 250 theme, "Declaration of Imagination: Inspire, Encourage, Celebrate." They should honor Wyoming's rich history and highlight the state's unique cultural heritage.

Photographs from individuals, families, museums, newspapers, libraries, and other organizations are welcome to be submitted. Photographs must be at least 5 inches tall by 7 inches wide landscape format or be able to be cropped to that ratio.

Illustrations or paintings should be no smaller than 8.5 inches tall x 11 inches wide and include a quarter-inch bleed.

Submissions, either physical or a digital scan at 600 dpi, must be received by February 1, 2025. People, location, date, and the activity, if known, should be identified with submission. Original submissions will be returned.

Final selections will be made by the Wyoming Historical Society's Publications Committee. If you have any questions, please contact the Wyoming Historical Society's Executive Director Aley Philp at <u>executivedirector@wyshs.org</u>, or call the WHS Office at 307.322.3014.

The Wyoming Historical Society was established in 1953. Its programs ensure that Wyoming's past remains accessible to present and future generations. For more information ,or to become a member, please visit <u>www.wyshs.org</u>. Members receive the prestigious scholarly journal, *Annals of Wyoming*, and the monthly newsletter, *Wyoming History News*.

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