



# Wyoming State Historical Society Award Winners 2016

Awards Committee

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## Publication Awards

### *Fiction*

#### **Robert Lee Murphy – *Bear Claws***

Nominated by Robert Lee Murphy

As the second book in The Iron Horse Chronicles, Murphy writes about fifteen-year-old Will Braddock who works as a hunter for his uncle's survey team as the transcontinental railroad extends across Wyoming in 1868.

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### *Non-Fiction*

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Orval C. Harrison – *History of Star Valley: Natural, Cultural, and Economic***

Nominated by the Star Valley Historical Society

Orval has put much work into this history of Star Valley. The index gives quick reference to people and places. It really covers everything from early settlements to present day. He has included many reference notes to the chapters.

**Contact** – Orval C. Harrison, 1781 Hollywood Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84108, orvalharrison@hotmail.com

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **T. Paul Stauffer – *Pharmacists and Pharmacies of Star Valley***

Nominated by the Star Valley Historical Society

An interesting history of pharmacies in Star Valley. Stauffer covers the early history to present day. His photographs add to the history of this

book.

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salt@silverstar.com

### Honorable Mention

**A.J. Wolff & J.L. Ehernberger – *Union Pacific’s Cheyenne Facilities, 1868-2015***

Nominated by James L. Ehernberger

A.J. Wolff, retired from the State of Wyoming, has been a railroad photography for fifty years and has published two complete books on Union Pacific motive power. J. L. Ehernberger, a former Union Pacific Official, started publishing railroad books in 1964 and has authored and co-authored over fifty railroad books through 2012.

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ajwrailphoto@aol.com; J.L. Ehernberger, P.O. Box 28, Cheyenne, WY,  
82001, jimrrtrain@gmail.com

### *Biography or Autobiography*

**Gap Pucci – *We do the Damndest Things: Jackson Hole***

Nominated by Ann Chambers Noble

This delightful read features Gap’s personal stories working as an outfitter out of Hoback Canyon. It includes stories of important people from the area who are no longer with us. Most importantly, it’s a vivid, first-person account of outfitting, a long time important industry in Wyoming.

**Contact** – Gap Pucci, 11950 Camp Creek Rd., Jackson, WY 83001

### *Self-Published Work*

**Kim Viner – *Melville C. Brown: Frontier Lawyer and Jurist***

Nominated by the Albany County Historical Society Chapter Award

Chairperson Jane Nelson

In addition to providing thorough and meticulous research into Melville C. Brown's life and work, Viner offers an honest and balanced assessment of Brown's contributions to the legal, political, and economic development of Wyoming. He both analyzes Brown's long and accomplished legal career and accounts for his failed business ventures.

**Contact** – Kim Viner, 820 South 12<sup>th</sup>, Laramie, WY 82070,  
[kdviner@msn.com](mailto:kdviner@msn.com)

### Honorable Mention

**Karen Ballek, PhD & Leon Washut – *We Are One Family: Polish Immigration to Sheridan County, 1890-1920***

Nominated by the Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter Awards  
Chairperson Molly Dow & Judy Musgrave

Ethnic diversity is an integral thread of the tapestry that is the history of Sheridan County. Cousins Karen and Leon, grandchildren of Polish immigrants, have written about one of these important ethnic groups that settles in Sheridan County. Their initial search for family history expanded into a broader study that brought to light important information about immigrant Poles and an interesting pattern of Polish immigration that changed the face of Sheridan County.

**Contact** – Karen Ballek, PhD, 1235 Cedar Ridge Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80919, [kballek@concast.net](mailto:kballek@concast.net); Leon Washut, 15 River Rock Rd., Sheridan, WY 82801, [LeonWashut@bellsouth.net](mailto:LeonWashut@bellsouth.net)

*Single Chapter in a Non-Fiction, Biographical, or Autobiographical Book*

No Nominations

*Reference Work on A Wyoming Subject or Locale*

**Randy Byers, Megan Rux, & Laurence Blake – *University of Wyoming Historic Preservation Plan and Architectural Guidelines***

Nominated by the Albany County Historical Society Chapter Award  
Chairperson Jane Nelson

The 2015 University of Wyoming Preservation Plan is a stunning achievement that reflects the commitment of dozens of city, university, and statewide stakeholders to the principles of historic preservation. Facilities planning at the university is a complex process that must honor preservation while it fulfills the demands of contemporary education and research.

**Contact** – Randy Byers & Megan Lux, The Design Studio, Inc., 1906 Thomes Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82001; Laurence Blake, Facilities Planning Merica Hall 213, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY 82071, Lblake3@uwyo.edu

*Poetry*

No Nominations

**Pamphlets, Brochures, Newsletters, and Calendars**

*Pamphlet*

**Linda Fleming – *Carbon County Poor Farm, Dixon, Wyoming***

Nominated by the Carbon County Historical Society

This pamphlet compiled and written by Linda Fleming is a well-researched and documented historical account of the Carbon County Poor Farm located at Dixon, Wyoming from the time of its need to the time it was dissolved. It also contains many photographs. A listing of the known inmates is given as well as burial locations.

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lfleming22@yahoo.com

*Brochure*

**Alexis Mitchell, David Mead, & Brigida Blasi – *Rock Formations of Sweetwater County***

Nominated by Christine Alethia Williams

“The Rock Formations of Sweetwater County” is a completely redesigned and re-written version of a very popular brochure, “Nature’s Art Shop,” which had been out of print for a number of years. The brochure not only covers the fascinating geology of the Green River formations, but it also highlights the history of them as well.

**Contact** – Alexis Mitchell, David Mead, & Brigida Blasi, Sweetwater County Historical Museum, 3 East Flaming Gorge Way, Green River, WY 82935,  
director@sweetwatermsuem.org

*Newsletter*

**Maxine Kaul, Peggy Jording, & Weston County Historical Society – *Bridge to The Past***

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

The second newsletter for 2015 featured the rich history for the Beaver Creek Cow Camp and the Wyoming range history that preceded the cow camp era. The topic was presented at a community gathering at the end of May.

**Contact** – Maxine Kaul, Peggy Jording, & Weston County Historical Society, P.O. Box 246, Newcastle, WY 82701

*Calendar*

**Judy Erickson – *Calendar of Star Valley History***

Nominated by the Star Valley Historical Society, Gae Peskes

Judy continues to put together a great calendar for our fund-raising projects. She has a great collections of photos from her mother's works in the early history of the society.

**Contact** – Judy Erickson, P.O. Box 654, Afton, WY 83110,  
Judy21405@silverstar.com

## **Magazines and Newspapers**

*Author(s) of Article/Series of Articles on Wyoming in Wyoming*

1<sup>st</sup> Place

### **Judy Knight – *Laramie's Living History***

Nominated by the Albany County Historical Society Chapter Award  
Chairperson Jane Nelson

In 2015, the series was published two or three times a month, usually on a Saturday for a total of twenty-eight articles of many topics. The articles ran from 600 to 800 words and appeared with a photograph or illustration with a caption. Knight wrote fourteen while Kim Viner wrote eight.

**Contact** – Judy Knight, Laramie Museum Coalition, 1912 Custer, Laramie, WY 82070, je.judy@gmail.com

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### **Jim Schellinger – *Sheridan Chronicles: History Revisited***

Nominated by the Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter Awards  
Chairperson Molly Dow & Judy Musgrave

What well-known Sheridan dentist saved Fort Mackenzie, and what Wyoming newspaper editor made dire predictions when Sheridan County organized? What were Passaic and Ulm, and where were they? The

answers to these and other questions are in the pages of Sheridan Media's 2015 Chronicles, a glimpse into the history that's shaped this area.

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jim@sheridanmedia.com

*Author(s) under 18 year of Article/Series of Articles on  
Wyoming in Wyoming*

No Nominations

*Wyoming Newspaper or Magazine for Wyoming History  
Contribution*

1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Amber Leberman & Jeff Obrecht – Wyoming Wildlife Magazine**

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

During 2015, each edition included a column called "A Look Back" by Jeff Obrecht that details work by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department in the years past. They detail the past work of the department and implore better practices of documentation of photos and historical work.

**Contact** – Amber Leberman & Jeff Obrecht, 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82006

**Magazines and Newspapers**

No Nominations

**Audio/Video Documentary Award**

*Professional Audio*

**Jim Kearns – University of Wyoming Today (podcasts)**

Nominated by the Albany County Historical Society Chapter Award



Chairperson Jane Nelson

In the 2015 programming on "University Wyoming Today," many of the podcasts feature historical topics about Wyoming. Four of the podcasts include topics and interviewees that he heard at the "Wyoming at 125" event. These podcasts add up to a significant amount of production time devoted to a diverse array of topics and experts on Wyoming History.

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*Professional Audio/Visual*

**James Ehrenberger – Storm of the Century: The Blizzard of '49**

Nominated by Monica Asher-Davis

Honorable Mention

**Shane Sellers, Cathy Becker, & Collin Rudkin – Gertie at 30**

Nominated by Jackie & Pinky Ellis

This contemporary documentary format tells a historically accurate and interesting story of the construction of the Gertrude Krampert Theatre at Casper College, its benefactor Gertrude Krampert, and the benefits for Casper.

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*Non-Professional Audio*

No Nominations

*Non-Professional Audio/Visual*

No Nominations

## Fine Arts Award

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **John Kirk – *A Sentimental Journey***

Nominated by Mary Kelly

This event was an amazing tribute to Wyoming's living and deceased veterans of World War II. The gist of the production was to take veterans and friends back to the days of WWII in food, dance, music, décor, and artifacts. The production told the story of one family's journey through the war years.

**Contact** – John Kirk, 606 S. Kendrick, Gillette, WY 82719,  
johnskandsusanrk@gmail.com

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Tom Warnke – *Conner Battlefield Diorama***

Nominated by the Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter Awards  
Chairperson Molly Dow & Judy Musgrave

To recognize the Connor Battle in 1865 after 150 years, Tom, with help from others, created a diorama which depicts the beginning of the battle. He worked more than 550 hours creating the diorama and put more than 1,000 miles on his vehicle for the same purpose.

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82801

## Young Historian Award

*Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Jayden Smith – *Mary A. 'Mickey' Toman***

Nominated by the Lincoln County Historical Society, Sharon Luthy

This essay was written after the writer interviewed Mickey Toman about her life growing up on a Wyoming ranch. Mickey was named Wyoming Ranch Woman of the Year in 2012, and in 2014 was inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. Mickey is an example of how tough and determined someone had to be to make a living on a ranch.

**Contact** – Laurie Peternal, Canyon Elementary School, 1310 Antelope St., Kemmerer, WY 83101, LPeternal@lcsd1.k12.wy.us

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Brace Vickery – *The Ol' Family Recipe*

Nominated by the Lincoln County Historical Society, Sharon Luthy

Brace wrote about bootlegging in Lincoln and Sublette county. He writes about his great-great-great-great grandpa, Westly Vickery, who was a bootlegger, tie hacker, ice harvester, and rancher. It even ties in with how his family tried to make it through The Great Depression.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Kason Brent – *The Hamsfork Valley*

Nominated by the Lincoln County Historical Society, Sharon Luthy

Kason wrote about the valley, its schools, and the entertainment. This essay tied for second at the Fossil Country Museum's History Festival. He stated that through this, he learned about some of his family's history.

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*Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>*

1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Sheridan Blackburn – *Becoming Sheridan, Wyoming***

Nominated by the Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter Awards  
Chairperson Molly Dow & Judy Musgrave

Blackburn used an exhibit board to express her History Day project, which the theme was “Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History.” Instead of focusing on how the town of Sheridan came to be, she focused on the establishers of the town.

*Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>*

1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Kaitlynn DeFord – *Making of a Murder/Suicide***

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

DeFord’s paper details the tragic family story of a parent’s murder/suicide in Newcastle in 1941. Well-known figures of the community, Llyod and Bertha Warner’s story left three children without their parents. Not only does it tell of the tragedy, but it tells the stories of the children.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Julia Cook – *Dance in the Park***

Nominated by the Park County Historical Society, Fran Baker

The history of dance in park county recalls the diverse opinions in the past on the appropriateness of dance. In early Cody, waltzes were popular, but jazz was considered too risqué. This shows the evolution of acceptance for allowing jazz to become more popular.

**Contact** – Stephany Anderson, Cody High School, 1225 10<sup>th</sup>, Cody, WY  
82414

3rd Place

**Alicia Kain Legere – *Cassie’s***

Nominated by the Park County Historical Society, Fran Baker

Cassie’s survives today as a supper club and as a place for music and dancing. Beginning as a log cabin and brothel, Cassie’s is an iconic attraction in Cody, providing great food and a pleasant place to meet people.

**Contact** - Stephany Anderson, Cody High School, 1225 10<sup>th</sup>, Cody, WY 82414

**Junior Activities Award**

*Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>*

1<sup>st</sup> Place

**JJ Lipp – *The Mules of Cambria Coal Mine***

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

JJ researched the history of using mules to help with mining and did a presentation board with pictures, showing the mules and the miners.

**Contact** – Laura Giesler, Newcastle Elementary School, 5040 U.S. HWY 16, Newcastle, WY 82701 gieslerl@wcsd1.org

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Colton Mobley – *O’Neal Gray, A Wyoming Homesteader***

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

Colton’s research was done on the history of his great-great grandfather and his homesteading history in the Rozet area.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**William Beastrom – Wyoming Homesteads**

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

William’s work details the history of homesteading and an early homesteader’s life. He also built a log cabin to show what early homesteaders may have lived in.

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*Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>*

1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Luke Knudson – Forgotten Spaces of Trial End**

Nominated by the Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter Awards  
Chairperson Molly Dow & Judy Musgrave

Knudson specifically focused on areas and details of Kendrick Mansion that are easily overlooked or usually unable to be seen. Most of these things are hidden storage areas, secret compartments, a dumbwaiter pulley in the attic, and a built-in refrigeration room. All of this work was done on his own and he spent forty hours on the project.

*Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>*

1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Andrew Mathis, Ashley Thompson, Tristyn Palmero-Reeves, & Tyler Trentacosti – Off the Beaten Path**

Nominated by the Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter Awards  
Chairperson Molly Dow & Judy Musgrave

These students created a behind the scenes video of Kendrick Mansion. Each student was responsible for a specific areas and had to research, write their own scripts, edit the footage, narrate, and star in.

## Activities Award

### *Tour*

#### **Ranch Tour Committee of Albany County Cattlewomen Leah Churches, Chair, & 2015 Ranch Tour – 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Albany County Ranch Tour**

Nominated by the Albany County Historical Society Chapter Award  
Chairperson Jane Nelson

The ranch tours have continued annually since 1950, with the exception of 1982 and 2014. In 2015, the Albany County Cattlewomen agreed to become the sponsor and organized the tour for the summer. The event was attended by approximately 250 people and had a very successful turn out.

**Contact** – Albany County Cattlewomen, P.O. Box 582, Laramie, WY 82070, albanycountycattlewomen@gmail.com

### Honorable Mention

#### *Sheridan County Historical Museum & Society – Sheridan County Municipal Cemetery Tour*

Nominated by the Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter Awards  
Chairperson Molly Dow & Judy Musgrave

Sheridan County Historical Society and Museum arranged walking tours of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery. They were offered twice each day; the morning tours covered a general history of Sheridan, while the afternoon tours looked at coal mining in the area as well as mine accidents.

**Contact** - Sheridan County Historical Museum & Society, 850 Sibley Circle, Sheridan, WY 82801, info@sheridancountyhistory.org

### *Educational Project*

**Community Organization Committee, Steve Dacus, Con Trumball,  
& Douglas R. Cubbison – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Platte Bridge and  
Casper Collins Day Commemorative Event**

Nominated by the Natrona County Historical Society

2015 was the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a series of Indian War engagements at the North Platte Crossing. At the fight on the morning of July 26, 1865, Lieutenant Caspar Collins was killed, later becoming the namesake of the City of Casper. To commemorate this event a three day event is held at the Fort Caspar Museum.

Honorable Mention

Laramie Plains Museum & Kim Viner – *Leading Up to Statehood: Daily Life and Politics in Albany County in 1890*

Nominated by the Albany County Historical Society Chapter Award  
Chairperson Jane Nelson

Topics on the Laramie Plains Museum page included every day goings-on such as Laramie crimes and local prices. Kim also covered how national politics impacted local politics as Wyoming politicians pressed for statehood. In sum, 113 vignettes provide a fascinating glimpse into the life and times of Albany County during a significant historical era.

**Contact** – Laramie Plains Museum, 603 Ivinson St., Laramie, WY 82070

*Museum Activities*

**Rowene Weems – *Garland: The Town Forgotten***

Nominated by the Park County Historical Society Chapter Award  
Chairperson Fran Baker

Like other towns on the Toluca-Cody branch of the Burlington Railroad, Garland became an area of speculation with settlers buying land. While hoping that Garland would be a main stop, they began to start up all types



of businesses. The town thrived until 1907.

**Contact** – Rowene Weems, Homesteader Museum, 324 East 1<sup>st</sup> St., Powell, WY 82435, homesteader@bresnan.net

### *Individual or Group Historic Preservation*

#### **Weston County Certified Local Government & Lucille Dumbrill – Weston County CLG**

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

The Weston County CLG is recognized for their efforts at restoring and repairing of Cabin #3 at Mallo Camp. Mallo Camp is a public facility whose mission has been to provide an outdoor experience for young and old, students, schools, 4-H groups, and residents of Weston County.

**Contact** – Weston County History Preservation Board, 203 Grandview Dr., Newcastle, WY 82701

### Honorable Mention

#### **Patsy Parkin – Reburial of Pioneer Remains**

Nominated by the Platte County Historical Society, Joan McKee

Patsy was the leader who organized the project to rebury pioneer remains at Box Elder spring in May. The skeletal remains were discreetly displayed for some time before being carefully placed on vintage quilts in boxes constructed by the Wheatland Middle School Shop class. A valuable trail landmark was also preserved through these actions.

**Contact** – Patsy Parkin, 149 Preuit Road, Wheatland, WY 82201, [spiritquest@wyoming.com](mailto:spiritquest@wyoming.com)

### *Wyoming Family History Project*

**Albany County Public Library Foundation, Caitlin White; Barbara, Charles, & David Love – The Love Family Celebration**

Nominated by the Albany County Historical Society Chapter Award  
Chairperson Jane Nelson

In the fall of 2015, the Albany County Public Library Foundation sponsored a public event for about seventy people entitled the Love Family Celebration. The purpose was to celebrate a five from David and Jane Love's estate. They were long time supporters of the community, Dave mostly known for mapping the state's geology and Jane, being a philanthropist.

**Contact** – Caitlin White, Albany County Public Library Foundation, 310 South 8<sup>th</sup> St., Laramie, WY 82070, [cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org](mailto:cwhite@albanycountylibrary.org);  
Barbara Love, 3942 Autumn Ridge Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017, [barb.love4@gmail.com](mailto:barb.love4@gmail.com)

## Annual Services Award

1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Linda Grosso**

Nominated by the Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter Awards  
Chairperson Molly Dow & Judy Musgrave

Linda is a dedicated member and historian in the Sheridan County Historical Society. She served on the Sheridan County Historical Society and Museum Board of Directors for more than twenty years and assisted in many projects during her tenure, including of the purchase of the building where the Museum is now housed.

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## Chapter Awards

1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Patsy Parkin & Joan McKee – Platte County**

Nominated by the Platte County Historical Society Joan McKee

Platte County was a part of a project to rebury pioneer bones at Box Elder Springs in May of 2015. This was a local project organized completely by Patsy Parkin. Platte County paid the remaining amount from the Chapter's funds.

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spiritquest@wyoming.com; Joan Mckee, 361 Sybille Creek, Wheatland, WY 82201, Mckee\_joan@yahoo.com

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Andrea Lewis & Jane Nelson – Albany County Historical Society**

Nominated by the Albany County Historical Society Chapter Award  
Chairperson Jane Nelson

The purpose is to provide initial funding for the development of a website for the Albany County Historical Society with the aim of hosting primary and unique resource materials, especially databases and narratives, pertaining to the history of Albany County.

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**THE CLARA M. AND HENRY E. JENSEN  
OUTSTANDING WYOMING TEACHER AWARD**

**Tyson Emborg, Sheridan High School**

Nominated by the Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter Awards  
Chairperson Molly Dow & Judy Musgrave

Tyson is not just a teacher of high school students, but all ages. In 2015,

he researched and gave a presentation to the Sheridan County Historical Society on the collection of William "bill" Gollings paintings formally owned by the school district. He also has discussed the importance of giving tours at the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.

**Contact** – Tyson Emborg, 1056 Long Drive, Sheridan, WY 82801

## **Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award**

Judy Knight

Nominated by the Albany County Historical Society Chapter Award  
Chairperson Jane Nelson

Judy has worked for fifty years to preserve and publicize the history of Albany County. She has donated her time to countless endeavors over the five decades. She shows significant historical research in four projects; The Laramie Street Project, preserving historical clothing at the Laramie Plains Museum, The Albany County Library oral history discovery project, and Laramie's Living History.

**Contact** - Judy Knight, Laramie Museum Coalition, 1912 Custer, Laramie, WY 82070, je.judy@gmail.com

## **L.C. Bishop Award**

**Larry Cundall & Robyn Rankin – *Oregon/California/Mormon Trail Stewardship***

Nominated by the Platte County Historical Society, Joan McKee

Both Larry and Robyn are stewards to the trail as it passes through the family's land. The grave site was even reported and the information was shared with the University of Wyoming. They help the trail from becoming vulnerable to development and vandalism. This bodes well for the future of the Trail and it will remain undisturbed thanks to their actions.

**Contact** – Larry Cundall & Robyn Rankin, P.O. Box 265, Glendo, WY

82213

## **HENRYETTA BERRY MEMORIAL AWARD**

**Big Horn Basin Foundation & Jessica Lippincott – *Dinosaur Academy Program***

Nominated by Jessica Lippincott

The Dinosaur Academy Program is offered once a year for high school students looking to pursue a career in the earth sciences. This week long program is an integrated science course that challenges students to combine observations in the field, laboratory, and the museum to come to their own conclusions. Students even receive college credit from Central Wyoming College.

**Contact** – Jessica Lippincott & Big Horn Basin Foundation, 110 Carter Ranch Rd., Thermopolis, WY 82443, [foundation@wyodino.org](mailto:foundation@wyodino.org)

## **MAURINE CARLEY MEMORIAL AWARD**

**Newcastle Hardware**

Nominated by Weston County Chapter

Chris Mueller purchased the store 5 years ago, and began upgrading the store so he could have a prosperous business. While doing that, he has maintained and preserved an old hand operated elevator system to move things from the basement level to the main level. He also “discovered” stained glass windows and recognized their inherent value, protected them, restored them, and ultimately has displayed them for public to enjoy. He has restored and protected the structural integrity (wooden beams, posts, and flooring of the building).

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