

The 66th annual Wyoming State Historical Society Trek will be hosted by the Goshen County Historical Society, June 14-16. The abandoned iron mine at Sunrise and its ghost town will be the highlight of the tour. "Reclaiming our Past: Through a Look at a Ghost Town" will be the theme.

The 225-acre site is currently owned by WSHS member John Voight who will be giving a walking tour and lecture on the defunct mine and company town once owned by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company (CF&I). WSHS member, **Dr. George Zeimens**, director of the Western History Center in Lingle will discuss the importance of the Paleo-Indian red ochre mine site also located in this area.

All registrants are to meet on the grounds of old Fort Laramie on Friday afternoon. There is no entrance fee and you will have an opportunity to view the historic site on your own as well as a free audio tour. That evening, there will be a chuck wagon dinner in the picnic area and entertainment by a local musician and singer versed in historic country tunes. If you are traveling through Torrington before going to Fort Laramie, you may want to stop at the Homesteader's Museum on Highway 26 and learn more about the history of Goshen County,

Saturday morning you will meet at Sunrise to begin the morning tour. A box lunch will be provided at the Miners and Stockmen's Steakhouse in Hartville which is one mile back down the road. After lunch, local author and WSHS member **Patsy Parkin** will present excerpts from her book titled "Hartville, Wyoming: The Most Reviled town in the State." You will have time to walk around the town of Hartville and see for yourself the architecture and remaining buildings in the town. You will then drive to Ironton, the mining camp for the Chicago Mine. This is an abandoned copper mine discovered in 1878 by John Fields, manager of the stage station at Government Farm located 14 miles north of Fort Laramie.

The evening festivities will take place in the town of Ft. Laramie at the Pioneer Community Center on Laramie Avenue. After a nice roast beef meal, participants will be entertained by a Goshen County group of men who sing in close harmony. Another local author and WSHS member, **Barbara Costopoulos**, will round out the information about Sunrise by presenting information from her book about the culture and people who called Sunrise and Hartville home.

Finally, Sunday morning, a full breakfast will be available at the Pioneer Community Center in Fort Laramie. In your "goody bag" you will find a map of optional historic places that you can visit on your way home, including the wagon trail ruts, Register Cliff Monument, and Guernsey State Park where you can see the projects completed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Registration details can be obtained by emailing linda@wyshs.org, or online by searching "Wyoming State Historical Society." Early registration is due May 24th, with final registration by June 14th.