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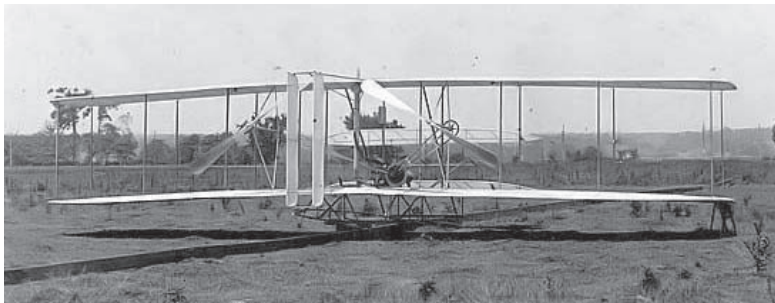
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NOVEMBER MEETING...

Please join the Wyoming Historical Society for our Annual Meeting and program on Thursday, November 19th at 7pm at the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming, 225 Wyoming Avenue. Wyoming resident Amanda Wright Lane will speak about her great-grand-uncles Orville and Wilbur Wright. Amanda is spokesperson for the Wright Family and travels the world representing them in all venues. The program is free and open to the public. Please contact Glenn Lewis at 513-821-1361 for more information.



A SAD GOODBYE...

In recent months the Wyoming Historical Society has lost two important people whose lives impacted our society in so many ways. Scott Crooks' name appears as one of the founding fathers of this society. He served us for many years in our historical pursuits and also as our legal council, always rising to the occasion when called upon. More recently Albert Gentry served on our board and brought to us a lifetime of information and experience especially on Wyoming's black community.

We extend to the wives and families of these two gentlemen our heartfelt sympathy.

SUMMER PROGRAM...

Our August program at the Village Green was a great success as parents and grandparent's brought their charges to hear a talk by Park Naturalist Penny Borgman. Afterward the kids had hands on time with the items they had just learned about.



HISTORY CAN BE NOSTALGIC...

Remember when grown-ups seemed glamorous?
When people said "thank you" and "please"?
When moms called their kids in for supper at dusk?
You played hide-and-seek and climbed trees?

Remember when "downtown" seemed so far away?
You caught lightning bugs in a jar?
When drugstores had fountains, most kids had a bike?
And you had a wish for each star?

Remember when no one had pedigreed dogs?
You read comic books by the ton?
You bought penny candy, you drank chocolate milk?
And knew every day would be fun?

If these simple things bring a smile to your face
Whenever they're heard or told,
It means you were lucky to have such good times....
It also means you're kinda old!

(From the 1940s and 1950s Hallmark archives)



"CARING FOR YOUR WYOMING HOME"

Prepared by Sue Wilson, WHS Education Committee

Consider "Green" building strategies for Your House

You might have read about "LEEDership in Energy and Environmental Design" (LEED) certification for commercial construction, major renovation projects, interior projects and/or existing building operations. Achieving LEED certification is the best way to demonstrate that a construction project is "green".

The purpose of LEED is: "The LEED green building rating system - developed and administered by the U.S. Green Building Council, a Washington DC-based, nonprofit coalition of building industry LEEDers - is designed to promote design and construction practices that increase profitability while reducing the negative environmental impacts of buildings and improving occupant health and well-being."

The LEED program is gaining acceptance. It's reported that Cincinnati has more LEED projects and more LEED registered schools than any other Ohio city.

When our "older" homes were built environmental components might not have been considered. Today many LEED features would be very expensive or unpractical changes to our older homes, however there are some strategies from the LEED program that could be considered for your existing home.

Several LEED strategies that could be addressed - either by a LEED certified contractor or as simpler projects you can do yourself - are listed below for your consideration.

- * Minimize cooling by planting native, climatically appropriate tree and other vegetation, including vines, and annuals
- * Channel natural cooling breezes into your home to enhance natural ventilation
- * Harvest rainwater for outdoor uses, as when many of our homes were new and used cisterns.
- * Raise the cooling temperatures on thermostats.
- * Confirm that water-efficient fixtures and state-of-the-art appliances are used when replacements are made
- * Install high-performance replacement windows

Considering a deck? Choose deck material carefully. Utilize fire-resistant materials. Keep combustible vegetation and other material away from your deck. Patios often provide a safer alternative to decks.

For more information, Google LEED: Homes to find local and/or global websites.
LEED.wps

AS WE CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY...Joyce Mueller

Armistice, a lying down of arms temporarily, a truce. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 would become Armistice Day; the end of the 'war to end all wars'. But that was not to be and Armistice Day was eventually changed to Veterans Day to honor all those who served in the recurring military actions. No longer was this a memorial to those who had paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives during World War I but a tribute to the living and taking many years to become what it is today.

Initially Armistice Day was established to reflect on those who had died in service in World War I. The original concept was for a celebration with parades and a two minute cessation of business at 11am on November 11th. In 1926, the end of WWI was officially recognized by Congress and it was stipulated that a "recurring anniversary of the armistice be established to perpetuate peace through good will and understanding between nations ... and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples". Then, in 1938, November 11 was set aside as a legal holiday dedicated to world peace and primarily to honor veterans (not just the fallen) of WWI, in other words, Armistice Day. Unfortunately WWI was not the 'war to end all wars' and in 1954 the Act of 1938 was amended to read "Veterans instead of Armistice" to honor all veterans of all wars. In 1968 the Uniform Holiday Bill was passed to insure 3-day weekends for Federal employees removing Veterans Day from its original date. Since states are not required to adopt the same holidays as those for the Federal employees (though as a generalization they do), not everyone was in agreement and by 1978 the observance was returned to November 11 and the focus returned to 'a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good'.

Following that 'Great War', many statues were erected to recognize the soldier, the doughboy. His standard appearance was that of a marching soldier with rifle in his left hand, bayonet affixed and right arm held high holding a hand grenade. Wyoming, like other towns and cities, commissioned a statue under the guidance of the Wyoming Woman's Club. Cincinnati artist Mary L Alexander provided the design. But, unlike the typical presentation, our vision was one of a tribute to service rather than a common memorial. More spiritual and less militant it embodies the exalted ideal of service to ones country much like the citizen soldier Cincinnatus. The only references to the war are the puttees and the general appearance of his shirt since this 'doughboy' represents all who served no matter in what capacity.

The tradition of honoring service did not begin with WWI and continues in communities throughout the country today. Wyoming's Citizen of the Year award is an ongoing acknowledgement of service to the city and greater community. Instead of a prominent statue, a discrete plaque posted in the Municipal Building reminds us of their contributions. Our Doughboy Statue, commissioned November 11, 1926, originally intended as a testimonial to those serving in WWI, continues as a visual reminder of service to the community in any capacity.



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