

YOUR STORY  
OUR HISTORY

## Uinta County Museum

Museum Hours 9-5 Monday-Friday, 10-4 Saturday

# Winter 2008-09 Newsletter

### Photographic History of Evanston in the Works



Our current project — and it's a big one! — is compiling a photographic history of Evanston. We'll be busy over the next

couple of months gathering historic images for the book to be published early this summer. Although we'll be using images from the Museum's own collection, we are also looking for pictures of the following:

- downtown buildings and streets, especially from the 1940s through the 1970s
- ranching operations, including round-ups, haying and branding
- Almy coal mines and miners
- schools and churches
- stores and businesses
- parades, festivals, and special events
- social and club activities
- boom-related places and activities
- recreational activities
- famous visitors or extraordinary events
- scenic postcards of the community

If you have pictures you'd like to have considered for this project, just give us a call or send an email. We can scan your photo and return it to you on the spot.

**NOTE:** We hope to have all the photos in place by January 15!

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT MUSEUM SHOP

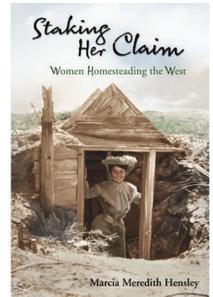
Join us on Saturday, November 22, from 1 to 3 pm for the Museum Shop's first Holiday Open House. The shop features books and gifts from Wyoming and the West. Here's your chance to pick up a signed copy of ***Staking Her Claim***, enter a drawing for a shop gift certificate, and find the perfect gift from Wyoming.

### Book Signing at Museum Shop on November 22

Wyoming writer Marcia Hensley will visit the Museum Shop on Saturday, November 22, to sign copies of her new book, ***Staking Her Claim: Women Homesteading the West***. The book tells the stories of dozens of women who claimed land as single homesteaders in the early years of the 20th century.



Hensley, who lives in Farson, Wyoming, researched the women's lives through their own letters, journals and magazine stories. She will be at the Museum Shop during our Holiday Open House from 1 to 3 pm to sign copies of her book and visit with readers. For more information about the book or to reserve a copy, give us a call or send an email!



### Great Depression Revisited at the Museum

Students in Mr. Matt Petersen's American history classes at Evanston High School have been visiting the Museum this fall to learn about the local effects of the Great Depression of the 1930s.

After learning about New Deal-era projects in Evanston and Uinta County, the students have been able to see a special traveling photographic exhibit on buildings, parks, bridges and other structures built around Wyoming by federal New Deal programs like the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration in the 1930s.

The exhibit was created by the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office for the 75th Anniversary of the New Deal. It features 14 contemporary black-and-white photographs taken by Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources photographer Richard Collier. The exhibit is on display at the Museum through the end of November.

Visit [www.uintacounty.com/Museum](http://www.uintacounty.com/Museum) to find out the latest at the Museum!

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## It was a great flight!

The **Heroes of the Sky** traveling exhibit was a great hit at the Museum this fall. More than 600 visitors enjoyed the exhibit during its seven-week run.



*Don't drop it!*  
Museum volunteers Martha Yasuda, LeAnn Turner and Oren McFadden help put up and take down the exhibit.

*Get it right!*  
Oren McFadden demonstrates the proper folding technique to children attending a "Fold ' Fly" event. Earlier, Paul Morash had explained the physics of flight to the children.



"There I was. . ."

Amelia Earhart (played by historian Ann Birney) used a globe to explain the route of her planned solo flight around the world in 1937.

## Volunteer Opportunities

If you have an hour or two a week that you'd like to spend with us, we've got lots of projects to work on. Here is a sample:

*Oral histories:* We have hours of personal memories of life in Evanston and the surrounding area that need to be put on paper. Our transcribing machine makes it a breeze — and you'll enjoy the stories you hear!

*Museum Shop:* The Museum Shop features books and gifts from Wyoming and the West. You can help by keeping the store stocked and attractively arranged.

*Research:* There are lots of items in our collection that we need to know more about.

Or just stop by and see what other projects might catch your interest. We'd love to have you around!