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MAKE MORE MEMORIES!



The Colorguard is joined by the 'Volunteer Militia' on the left, at the July 4th Independence Day Parade

Come to Cody for our Fourth of July Hometown ICFA Family Reunion! Its peak season in Cody Country; airline flights, hotel rooms and car rentals will be scarce, [so click to reserve now!](#)

Our Reunion Committee, chaired by Buffalo Bill's great-great-grandson, Kevin Cody, has prepared an exciting itinerary in and around his hometown of [Cody, WY](#). Good food, scenic surroundings and family fun. Ride the whitewater, tour the Museum and gawk at the bikers heading to Sturgis! This will be a fun-filled holiday culminating in an ICFA General Business Meeting, Election and fireworks display. Thanks to our Local Team of Past Secretary Linda Cody and her daughter Kellie Edwards, we all can cheer for our Cody Family Float in the big parade!

Our other Reunion Committee members, Harriett Cody, Chris Polatin, Janet Owens, Peter and Kathy Plautz, Allan and Dwight Cody, Traci Brooks, Bret and Christina Hubbs are all working hard to produce a memorable family reunion for all.

Our headquarters hotel will be Kellie and Brian Edwards' [Cody Legacy Inn & Suites](#). They've reserved 20 rooms at a 20% discount for us during the July 4th week and donated their Cody Room for our use. It's only 2 miles from the BBCW.

Cody's Yellowstone Regional Airport (COD) has direct flights to Salt Lake City (SLC), Denver (DEN), Minneapolis (MSP), Seattle (SEA) and Dallas (DFW).

4½ hours to the southeast, Casper (CPR) directly connects to Denver, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas (LAS).

4½ hours to the southwest, Jackson Hole (JAC) connects to 12 major airports; Denver, Salt Lake, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas, Houston, Minneapolis, Chicago, Atlanta, New York and Newark.

2 hours north, Billings Airport (BIL) services Denver, Seattle, Portland, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Dallas and Minneapolis.

An Interesting Photo

In the course of updating his family records, Bruce Hall 271/212312 shared a copy of this family heirloom, purported to be a picture of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody taken as part of an 1877 family reunion in Edmore MI, organized by Bruce's great-great-great-grandmother Harriet Melvina Cody Hall King 271/2. The copy came to Bruce through his cousin, Cathy Alice Perkins Snyder 271/212121.

We note the hallmark of Thomas, presumably the photographer, and Edmore Mich. as the location of the studio. The photo doesn't appear to be a promotional item and the gentleman certainly looks like Will, he would have been 31 years old that year.... Could it be? How can we tell if it's him? When was William F. Cody anywhere near Edmore Michigan?

The webpage "[Did Buffalo Bill Visit Your Town?](#)", published by the Buffalo Bill Museum in Golden Colorado, shows that Buffalo Bill's Combination performed the stage play, "*May Cody, or the Lost and Won*" in Grand Rapids on December 28, 1877, their only performance in the area on that tour.

Edmore is about 60 miles from Grand Rapids and by 1877, the [Detroit, Lansing & Northern Railroad](#) had extended their road to nearby McBride. So the trip would be a 4-mile wagon ride to the station and a few hours on the train to Grand Rapids.

Then it's possible that Harriet Melvina got her husband Enoch to take her to Grand Rapids by train, where they introduced themselves after the show, invited him to a home-cooked Christmas Dinner and they all took the train back to Edmore!

More investigation might reveal confirming evidence of our hypothesis, if you know something about this, [please tell us!](#)

Cody Bulletin Goes On-Line!

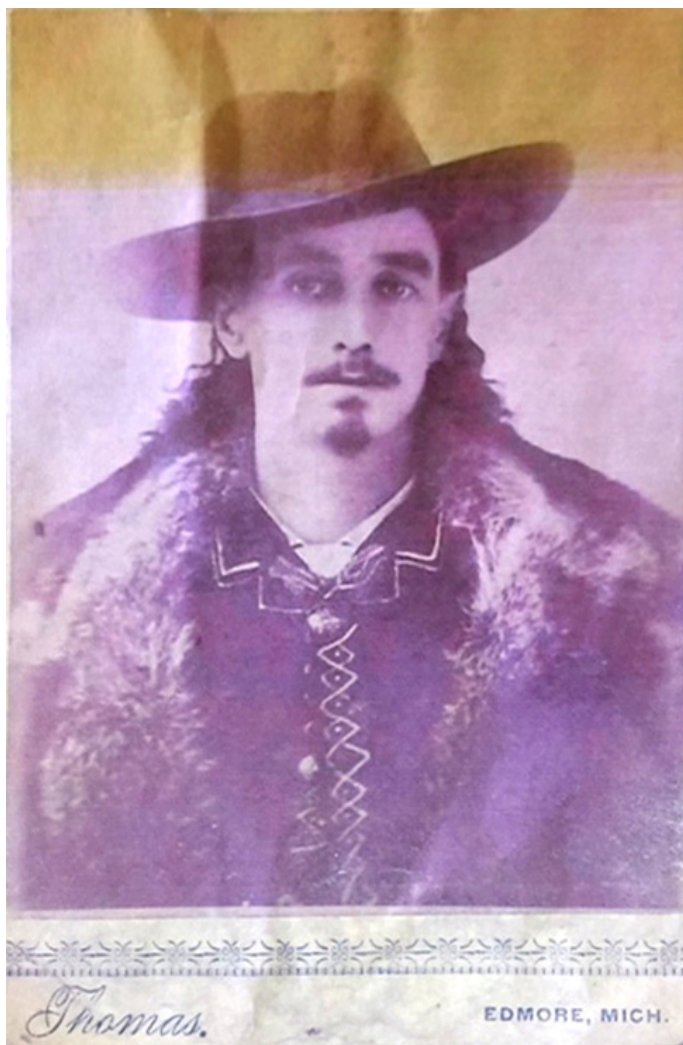
Beginning in 1932, Ernest William Cody 258/25, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Cody Family Association, published a newsletter to communicate better with the membership.

His Cody Bulletin faithfully reported family news during the desolate years of the Depression, through the trauma of WWII and into modern times, finally ceasing in 1961.

It recounts the discovery of new branches, the fun of annual reunions, the sorrow of lost lives in the war and the sweet reminiscences of Buffalo Bill's friends and relatives.

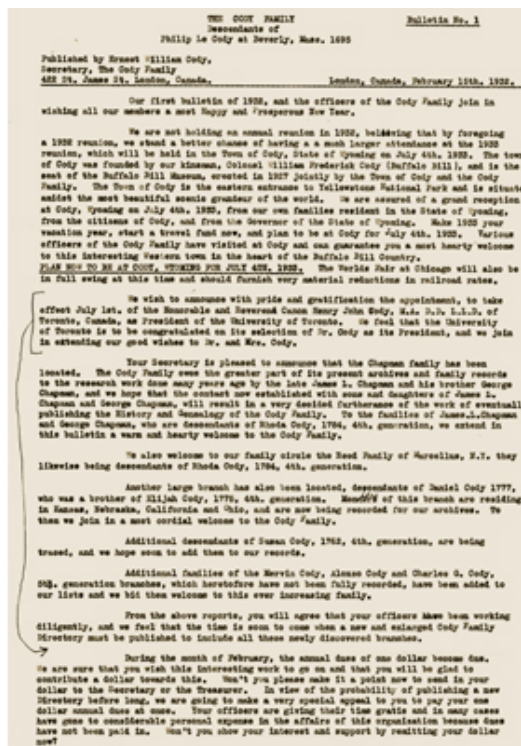
The pages are laid out very simply, Ernest worked his magic with just a typewriter, no pictures or illustrations, but with the help of his wife Ella's secretarial skills, together they compiled a history of the Association before Aldus launched the Review.

In co-operation with the BBCW's McCracken Research Library and Terry Cody of the ICFA's Advisory Board, these documents have been digitized and archived on the ICFA website's [Library as an Indexed Catalog](#). There, you can follow the history of the Cody Family Association as the Officers try to govern themselves, recruit members, plan activities, elect representatives, delegate tasks and account for their funds.



William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody?

...before the Review, there was the Bulletin!



Circle News



ICFA Secretary Traci Brooks 132/B3173 helped organize a Brooks-Cody Reunion that we call the "Idaho Circle". Congratulations, you certainly got a good turnout!

The Ohio Circle's Outing to the Garst Museum

by Terry Cody 270/3452, Ohio Circle Vice President

Attendance at the Ohio Circle reunion varies from year to year. This year was a low attendance year. Nonetheless, we had a very enjoyable time. As a change from our traditional gathering, we met at JT's Brew and Grill in Greenville for lunch, socializing and a brief business meeting. From there we went on to the [Garst Museum](#) to explore the extensive [Annie Oakley](#) exhibit. It contained many artifacts relating to Annie's early life and her career as sharpshooter in Buffalo Bill's Wild West exhibitions.

The Garst also has a major exhibit about [Lowell Thomas](#) (1892-1981), the popular newscaster, author and travel film producer who was famous during the first half of the 20th century. Lowell Thomas was born near Greenville in Woodington OH. His boyhood home has been moved to the museum grounds and is open to the public during museum hours.

Another very informative exhibit tells of the events leading up to and after the historic [Treaty of Greenville](#) signed on August 3, 1795, following the Native American loss at the [Battle of Fallen Timbers](#) a year earlier. The treaty was intended to settle the borders between US and Indian lands in the Ohio Territory. The treaty was repeatedly disregarded by the US government and settlers.



Back row; (l-r) Roland "Rocky" & Nancy Spoon, Frank & Brenda Cody, Janet Owens, Jen Price & Terence Cody.
Front row, Adrian Steece & Jeff "Buffalo Bill" Steece.

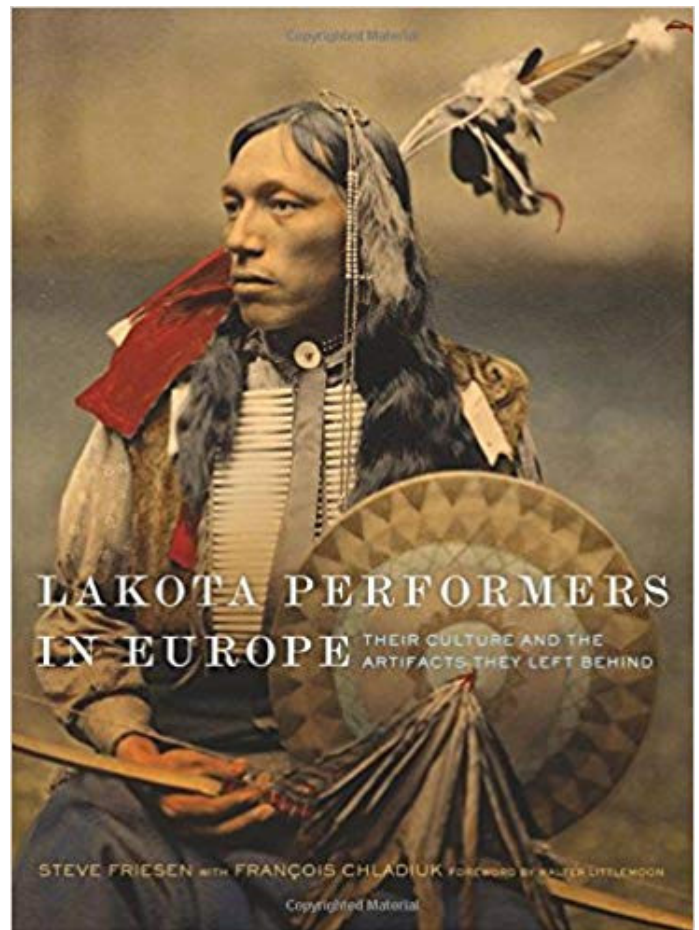
The business meeting consisted of a presentation by Janet Owens, ICFA Ambassador, about the forthcoming International Reunion at Cody WY, July 1-4, 2019 and discussions of where and when to hold the next Ohio Circle reunion and how to encourage attendance. One suggestion was to meet next in a Southeastern Ohio location to encourage the large number of family members that live in that part of Ohio to attend the reunion. Another suggestion is to hold several local gatherings throughout the Ohio region during the year rather than just one. Frank and Terry will explore these options and report the results and survey the Ohio area family members to get feedback on options.

Steve Friesen's New Book

From the Foreword by Jeremy Johnston, Frank Christianson and Douglas Seefeldt:

"*Lakota Performers in Europe* provides an intriguingly intimate view of the American Indian performers' contribution to public impressions of the mythical American West on an international stage. The artifacts highlighted in this volume offer cultural insights into Lakota performers and their work during the [Brussels International Exposition](#) (1935) and reveal European fascination with American Indian cultures, a phenomenon that persists to the present day. The use of these American Indian artifacts by Lakota actors and European re-enactors offers a unique perspective not only on the transnational impact of Wild West shows and American Indian performers, but also on the ways that Nazism, World War II, and the Cold War affected European perceptions of American Indians."

Steve Friesen was born in Lawrence, KS and grew up in the small town of Buhler. He attended Bethel College, a Mennonite school in North Newton, where he received a BA in History and Social Sciences with a minor in Peace Studies. In 1975/76 he attended the Cooperstown Graduate Program of SUNY Oneonta, receiving an MA in American Folk Culture. His first book, *A Modest Mennonite Home*, was written while Director of the 1719 [Hans Herr House](#). Following 2 years as Director of the [Molly Brown House Museum](#) in Denver, Friesen moved up to Lookout Mountain to become Director of the [Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave](#) in 1995. His *Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary* is based upon research done over 15 years at the museum. He also photographed most of the artifacts himself.



Jerome Little Elk, of the Wild West's Indian Police.

Black Elk Speaks, Again!

In 1886, Buffalo Bill debuted his Wild West show in London. A young Oglala Lakota named Black Elk, was one of 6 performers left behind when the show set sail for the USA at season's end. Stranded, Black Elk and his companions made their way back to London where they joined up with [Mexican Joe](#), a rival Wild West showman, and toured Europe all over again. Black Elk was also at Custer's Last Stand and Wounded Knee.

The extraordinary saga of Black Elk was first published in 1932, in John G. Neihardt's seminal work, *Black Elk Speaks*. The original interview transcripts were made available decades later, in *The Sixth Grandfather*, edited by R.J. DeMallie. It is immediately apparent that Neihardt's lyrical narrative is not supported by *The Sixth Grandfather* in crucial respects, yet it has long been uncritically accepted at face value.

Tom F. Cunningham's research of contemporary newspapers and steamer passenger lists documents Black Elk's brief career as a show Indian, originally recounted by him in his native tongue, translated by his son to Neihardt and re-told on numerous occasions by derivative authors over the years. Specifically, Mexican Joe's tour schedule during this period differs significantly from existing accounts. [Click for a summary of Tom's book.](#)

Mr. Cunningham founded the non-profit [Scottish National Buffalo Bill Archive](#) to find and preserve the historical record of Buffalo Bill's Wild West in Scotland, facilitate further research and to extend material assistance to museums, archives, historical societies, exhibitions and the media. [He also has lectured at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West.](#) Contributions will be gratefully received!

Black Elk, Mexican Joe & Buffalo Bill: The Real Story



by

Tom F. Cunningham

The English Westerner's Society

London

Black Elk was a cultural icon in the 1960s.

Polk County Citrus Label Tour

This celebratory banner advertises the [Cody Citrus Pioneers of Polk County](#) in Florida. It depicts a crate label used by Willis Jordan Cody's Producer's Citrus Corp. of Babson Park, showing a colorized image of Buffalo Bill as photographed by Luther M. Cody at Concord NH, June 10, 1911. Willis Jordan Cody 148/242 was a grandson of Lindus and Amelia Cody by their son Frank. He was popular in Frostproof and later moved to Daytona Beach.

Proudly displayed at the corner of Wall St. and Scenic Highway in Frostproof, it's not far from where Lindus and Amelia lived until they built Cody Villa, a few miles north at Crooked Lake.

Lindus and Amelia first came as tourists with their family, by the new railroad in the 1890s, looking for a refuge from chilly Cleveland winters and settled as speculators in the citrus boom of the early 1900s. In the days before Vitamin C, citrus was the only way to get the nourishment to fight off wintertime colds and flu. When [Henry Flagler's railway](#) came to Frostproof, its citrus crop could be efficiently marketed to the freezing millions up north.

We thank Bea Reifeis, Director of the [Frostproof Historical Society](#) for alerting us to the [Polk County Citrus Tour](#) banner exhibition and to George Skene 148/2742 for his fine photograph.



Your contributions funded this tribute to Polk County's Cody Family Citrus Pioneers!

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Recalling the Nov. 2016 "Remember the Children" report in the *Review*, our Treasurer Dwight Cody revisited little Kit, Orra Maude and Arta's graves at Rochester's Mt. Hope Cemetery to check his work, click for the story....

W.F. Cody's Children's Gravesite

Milestones

Please use the fill-in forms under **CONTACTS** on the website's home page to send news of family events.

No events to report for this edition.

CODY WYOMING 2019 REUNION EVENTS



WILD WEST EXTRAVAGANZA!



River Runners



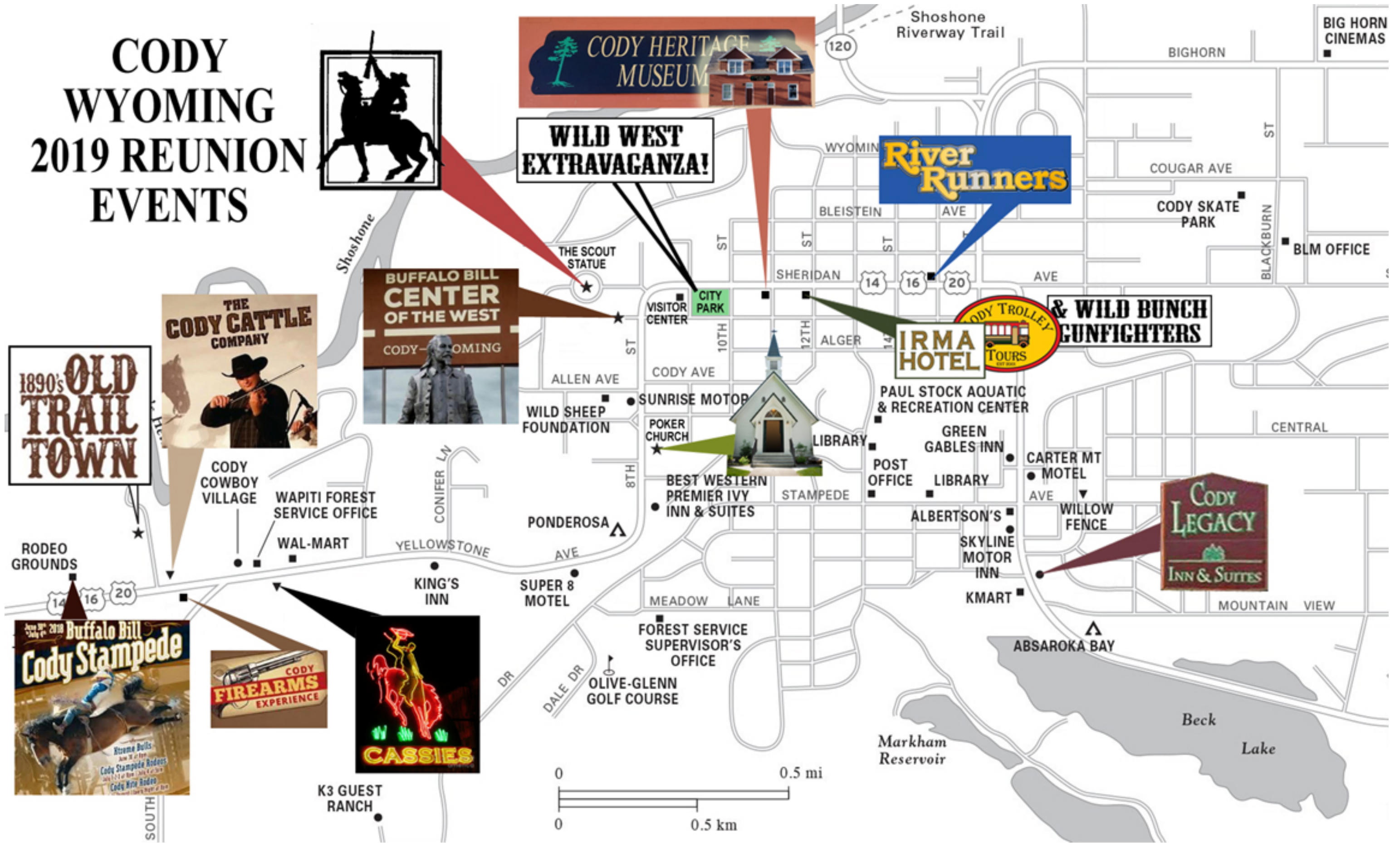
1890's OLD TRAIL TOWN



& WILD BUNCH GUNFIGHTERS



K3 GUEST RANCH



BIG HORN CINEMAS

BIGHORN

COUGAR AVE

CODY SKATE PARK

BLM OFFICE

THE SCOUT STATUE

ALLEN AVE

SUNRISE MOTOR

WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION

POKER CHURCH

BEST WESTERN PREMIER IVY INN & SUITES

LIBRARY

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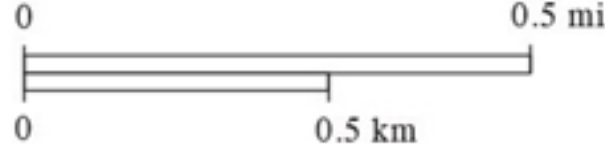
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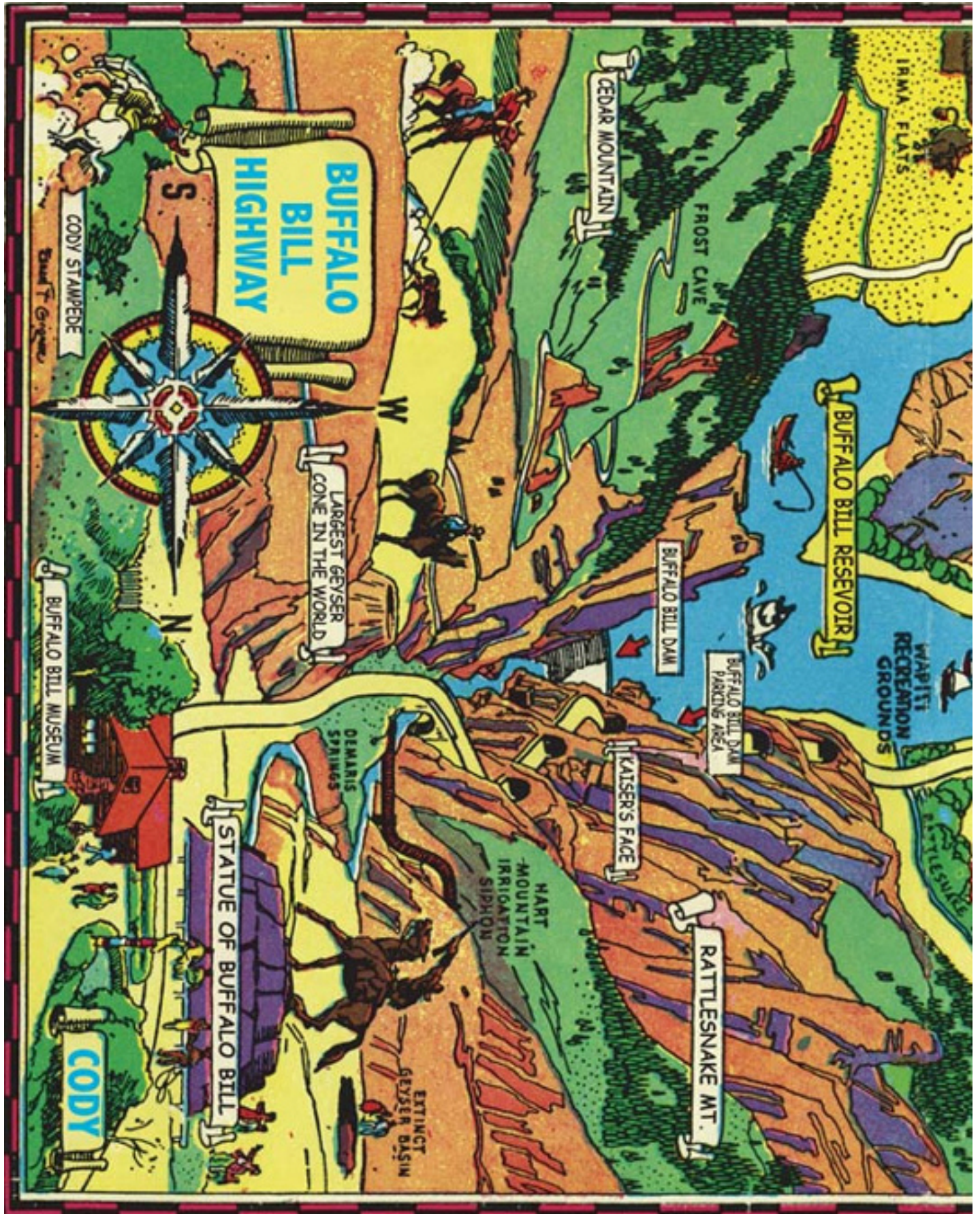
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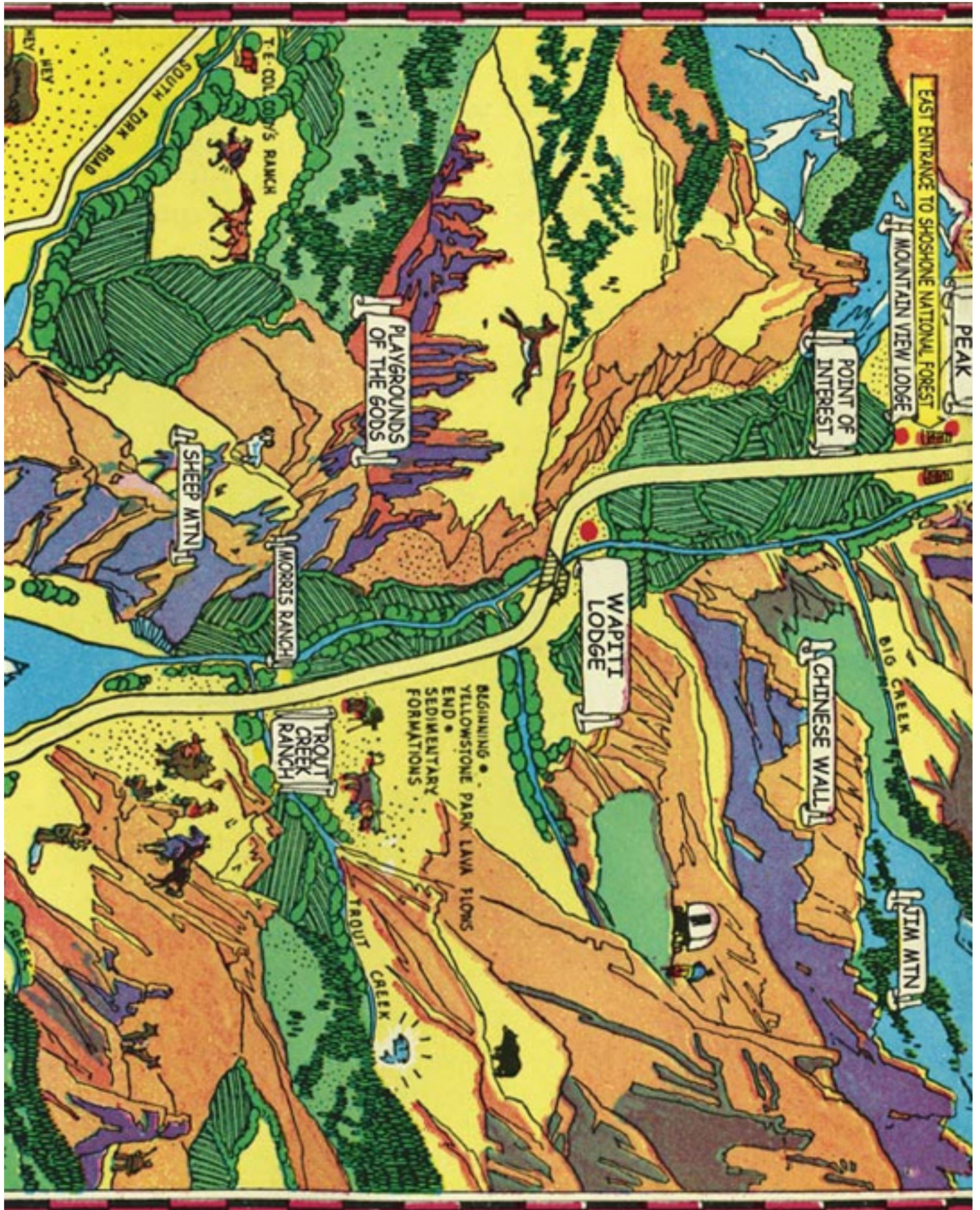
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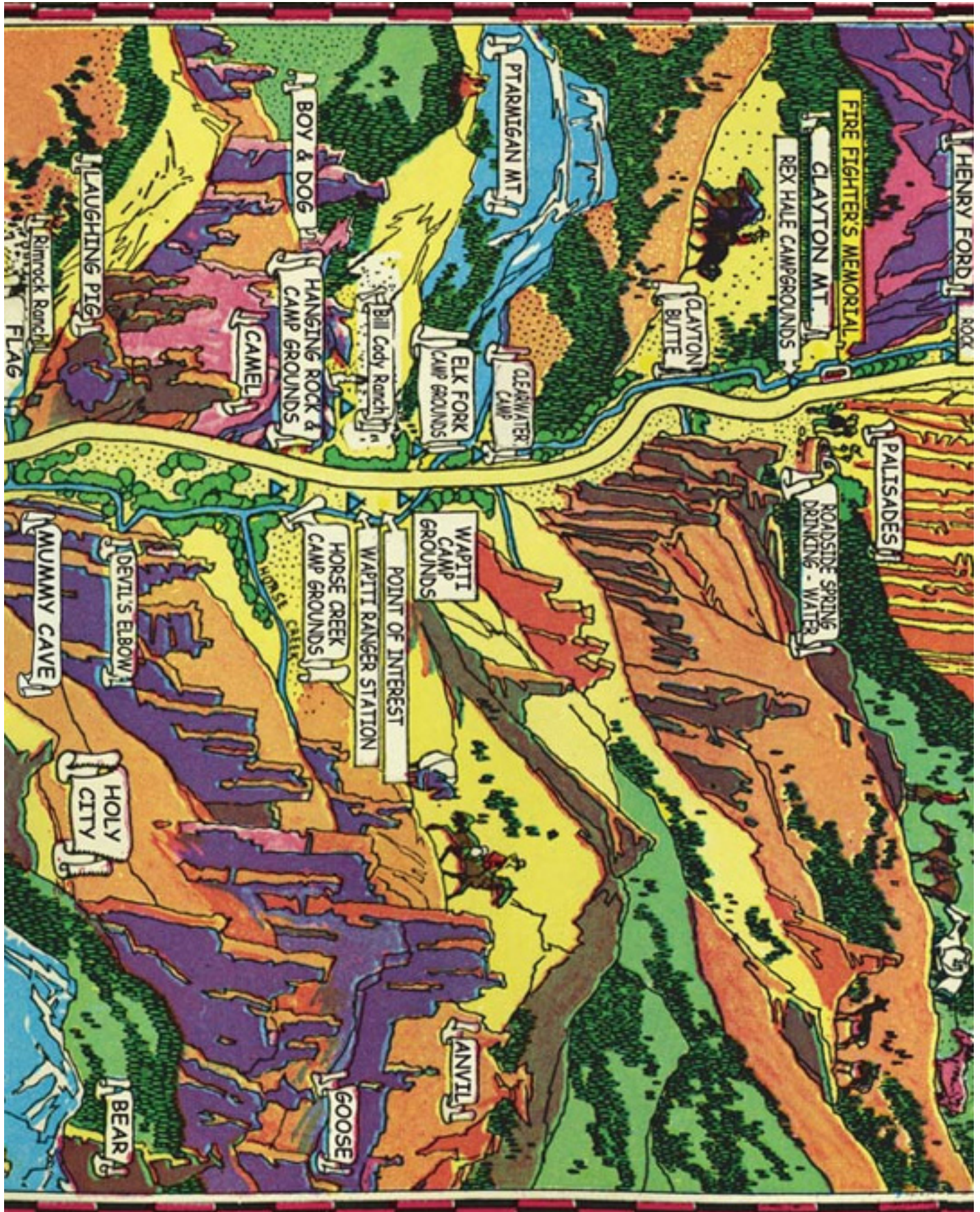
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2019 CODY, WY REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Choose Option # 1 or #2 and register by June 1. Late registration, add 10%.

Register online with PayPal at www.cody-family.org.

Or, make your check or money order payable to the ICFA and mail it with this form to:

Dwight Cody, ICFA Treasurer, PO Box 1835, Cotuit, MA 02635

Attendee Info

Name / Cody ID	Email	Phone	Address

Option #1: Package Price for Events Only!	Price	# Attendees	Total \$	Package Price includes all the *'d items below.
Adults / Seniors	\$211	_____	_____	
Children Ages 6-12 (5 and under, Free)	\$126	_____	_____	
Voluntary 2019 Annual Dues, per Household (Lodging not included in Package Price.)	\$ 30	_____	_____	Circle if you can help us with carpooling!
Grand Totals		_____	_____	

Option #2: Price by Activity, Pick & Choose	# Adults	# Children	Adult / Child	Total \$
Monday, July 1				
* 8am - 3:30pm Early Registration Legacy Inn	_____	_____	Free	
9:30 - 11:30am River Runners Whitewater Rafting	_____	_____	\$36 / \$32	_____
* 1 - 1:50pm Cody Heritage Museum Tour 1	_____	_____	\$2 / \$1	_____
* 2:10 - 3pm Cody Heritage Museum Tour 2	_____	_____	\$2 / \$1	_____
* 3:30 - 7pm Reception in the Cody Room with Snacks & Finger Food Buffet. After 5pm, BYOB	_____	_____	\$15 / \$9	_____
* 7pm Carpool to the Stampede Arena	_____	_____	Circle if you need a ride!	
* 8 - 10pm Buffalo Bill Stampede Rodeo	_____	_____	\$20 / \$20	_____
Tuesday, July 2				
* 9 - 9:30am Poker Church Service	_____	_____	We'll take up a collection!	
* 9:30 - 11:30am Buffalo Bill Dam & Visitor Center Tour	_____	_____	Circle if you need a ride!	
* 11:30am - 1pm Lunch at Bill Cody's Ranch Resort	_____	_____	\$23 / \$15	_____
1 - 3pm Horseback Riding at Bill Cody's Ranch	_____	_____	\$55 / \$55	_____
* 1:45 - 2:15pm Pahaska Tepee Resort Private Tour 1	_____	_____	Free	
* 3:45 - 4:15pm Pahaska Tepee Resort Private Tour 2	_____	_____	Free	
* 6 - 6:40pm The Wild Bunch Gunfight at the Irma Hotel	_____	_____	\$2 / \$2	_____
* 6:45 - 8:30pm Prime Rib Buffet at the Irma Hotel	_____	_____	\$27 / \$11	_____
Wednesday, July 3				
9 - 10am Target Practice at Cody Firearms Experience	_____	_____	\$35 / \$35	_____
* 10 - 11am Old Trail Town Tour	_____	_____	\$10 / \$5	_____
* 1 - 2pm Cody Trolley Tour 1	_____	_____	\$41 / \$24	_____
* 2 - 3pm Cody Trolley Tour 2	_____	_____	\$41 / \$24	_____
* 2:15 - 5:15pm Visit the Buffalo Bill Center of the West on your own using your Trolley Tour Combo ticket!	_____	_____		
* 5:30 - 7:30pm Cody Cattle Co. "All You Can Eat" & Show	_____	_____	\$32 / \$16	_____
* 7:45 - 10pm Window Shopping on Sheridan Ave., maybe stop by Annie's Soda Saloon for an Ice Cream!	_____	_____		
Thursday, July 4				
* 8:30 - 11am March with our Banner in the Parade!	_____	_____	We'll march!	
1 - 4pm Wild West Extravaganza & Music at City Park	_____	_____	Free	
* 4:30 - 6pm Buffalo Bill Museum Family Tour at BBCW	_____	_____	Use your Combo Ticket!	
* 6 - 8pm Dinner at BBCW's West Kuyper Pavilion	_____	_____	\$45 / \$25	_____
* 8 - 9:30pm ICFA General Business Meeting & Election	_____	_____	Please attend!	
9:45 - 10:15pm Fireworks Display	_____	_____	Free	
10:30pm After-Party at Cassie's Supper Club	_____	_____	Grand Total \$	_____