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[Click to vote for your choice of New England or North Platte for our 2024 Reunion, use 2024reunion as the password.](#)

At our LeClaire, IA Reunion, we took nominations from our attendees for their choice of destinations for our 2024 Reunion. Now, you get to vote for your choice of the top two nominations: New England in early July or North Platte NE in late June. Inside, you'll find more about the candidates.

In New England, we can explore our family's hometown, visit the site of their Beverly Homestead, the site of son Joseph's home in Essex, the site of their Hopkinton farm, and tour scenic Cape Ann and historic Salem and Boston.

In North Platte, we can visit Scout's Rest Ranch and ride horseback, shop at the Fort Cody Trading Post with its 20,000 Wild West figurines, attend the NEBRASKAland Days rodeo, country concerts, carnival, and parade, visit the Union Pacific Railroad Baily Yard and Golden Spike Tower, the Cody Park Railroad Museum, the Prairie Arts Center and the Lincoln County Historical Museum. Shoppers can browse the Grain Bin Antique Town. Kids can play at Wild Bill's Fun Center, the interactive Children's Museum or drive Cody go-carts, and picnic at Iron Horse Park.

Reunion Candidate #1, New England

We can explore New England, where Phillip and Martha “Cody” made their first home in North America around 1698.

We’ll visit the site of their [Beverly Homestead](#), where they lived and raised their family, visit their neighbors at the [Balch House](#), the Dodge Family Cemetery and the [John Hale Farm](#). Tour Beverly’s [1st Church](#) where Reverend Hale preached to Philip and Martha. Drive to [Essex](#) where Philip owned land and where his son [Joseph](#) lived. Lunch at [Woodman’s](#), then tour the [Essex Shipbuilding Museum](#) and [Cogswell’s Grant](#).

In [Hopkinton](#), we’ll see the site of Philip and Martha’s farm, visit the Historical Society and the Cody Room at the town’s library, near the starting line of the Boston Marathon.

For recreation, there’s sailing on a [large fishing schooner](#) or [whale watching](#). Visit a local [beach](#) to walk, play or swim. Take the opportunity to go [fishing](#), sea kayaking, or even scuba diving.

Visit [Gloucester](#), sight-see, browse local art galleries, go antique shopping or drive to scenic [Rockport](#). We could visit [Salem](#), where Philip and Martha lived during the Witch Trials and tour the [Essex Peabody Museum](#) or the [Salem Witch Museum](#).

Visit Revolutionary War sites along [Freedom Trail](#) at [Cambridge](#), [Bunker Hill](#), the [Dillaway-Thomas House](#), [Dorchester Heights](#) and the [Tea Party Ships](#), climaxed by Boston’s July 4th Fireworks display over the Charles River!



Visit the Balch House, Neighbors of Our Philip & Martha.



Tour the Essex Shipbuilding Museum.



If it's Saturday, we can have a beer at the Hale Farm.



Browse the Museum of Folk Art at Cogswell's Grant.



Tour Beverly’s 1st Parish Church.



Visit the Salem Witch Museum.

Reunion Candidate #2, North Platte, Nebraska

North Platte has its own special attractions like Scout's Rest Ranch and NEBRASKAland Days, held the 3rd week of June.

First established by Buffalo Bill in 1878 as a working ranch, Scout's Rest was the rehearsal space for his early "Wild West" performances. We'll tour the mansion and barn and maybe take a horseback ride around the grounds.

NEBRASKAland Days is an annual celebration at the Wild West Arena with a rodeo, country concert, carnival, and parade!

While shopping for souvenirs at Fort Cody, we can inspect their 20,000 hand-carved Miniature Old West figures. Lunch at the 1950's era Penny's Diner.

North Platte is a railroad town, so we can learn about the history of the Union Pacific Railroad at their Bailey Yard, visit the Golden Spike Tower and Visitor Center and ride the rods at the Cody Park Railroad Museum. We'll tour the Prairie Arts Center and the Lincoln County Historical Museum and later on, shop for souvenirs at the Grain Bin Antique Town.

We could enjoy some fun and games like bowling, laser tag and video games at the Wild Bill's Fun Center. Or we can ride the Cody Go Karts or take the kiddos to play at the interactive Children's Museum.

Buffalo Bill State Park has archery, hiking, camping, fishing, swimming and kayaking and we can picnic at Iron Horse Park!



Tour Scout's Rest Ranch & Museum



Visit the Union Pacific's Bailey Yard



Attend the Buffalo Bill Rodeo at NEBRASKAland Days!



All Aboard for the Cody Park Railroad Museum!



Browse the Fort Cody Trading Post & Museum



Explore the Lincoln County Historical Museum

Dr. Sara Cody, a Profile in Courage

by Sue Dremann, edited & condensed from [Palo Alto Online](#), 4/20/2022



Dr. Sara Cody 273/12112,
photo by Adam Pardee.

Dr. Sara Cody faced the biggest challenge of her public health career in 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic. Plucked from her mostly behind-the-scenes roles as Santa Clara County Health Officer and Director of Public Health, Cody — a self-described introvert — was suddenly thrust into the media’s glaring spotlight and became a recognized national leader for making bold and sometimes controversial decisions.

Dr. Cody, who ordered the first stay-at-home directive in the nation, was on the forefront of addressing the pandemic from its start. She established an incident command center as early as January 23, 2020, just days after learning of [the first COVID-19 case in the nation](#). She developed a contact-tracing program to try to contain the outbreak and led other health officers in all nine Bay Area counties to work together and speak with a common voice. With her team and multiple community partners, she promoted health equity in underserved communities by making vaccines readily accessible.

As of April 11, 90.7% of all eligible Santa Clara County residents age 5 and older have been [vaccinated according to county](#) and CDC data.

An epidemiologist by training, Dr. Cody knew the risks that come with a viral or bacterial outbreak. As an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer for the CDC, she investigated the 1996 E. coli bacteria outbreak linked to [unpasteurized Odwalla Apple Juice](#), a 1997 Salmonella Outbreak from [Raw Milk cheese](#), as well as SARS and H1N1 Swine Flu.

Sara said the closest she had come to anything like COVID-19 was H1N1 in 2009. “I remember the feeling of ‘Oh my gosh, it’s actually happening and remember getting an adrenaline rush just thinking about it.’” [H1N1 fizzled](#), but the same feelings re-emerged with the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

On the morning of [January 31, 2020](#), Dr. Cody was notified that COVID-19 had been identified in Santa Clara County. Two days later, there was another case. Only four weeks later, on [February 28](#), the first case of transmissible COVID-19 was identified in the county and [the pandemic had begun](#). “Things were happening very, very quickly at the beginning, and what I experienced was that time kind of changed. We got very focused on what was right in front of us.” she said.

“Ordering [the initial lockdown](#) was the hardest decision.” Dr. Cody said, because it affected essential workers who really depend on their jobs. Sara became tearful during a [March 2020 press conference](#) when she announced limiting gatherings to 100 people. This meant closing schools, because they couldn’t maintain the protective protocols that were thought necessary to limit the spread from children to their families.

“During the press conference, I started thinking about all the events that wouldn’t happen if people couldn’t gather and got a little choked up, not the first or the last time.” she continued, “The county gave me the authority. Like it or not, I had that duty and the ability to take protective action that nobody else could take. Though it felt extremely difficult, I didn’t have a choice.” Across the USA, many county health officers resigned after facing enormous pressure from politicians, businesses, and an angry and fearful public, but [Dr. Cody hung on](#).

Sara’s husband, a professor of medicine and health policy at Stanford University, counseled with her. “I had a lot of very important and helpful pandemic-related conversations with him.” she said. On a personal level, she says life lessons helped keep her going.

“Rowing in college, I was not a very talented, but really motivated. Training was hard and painful, but the exercise and sports mindset were helpful during the pandemic. I would think, ‘I felt like this before and survived...’” she said.

Hiking helps her relax, “Being outside helps me more than anything else. It was harder in the first 18 months of the pandemic because the Sheriff came along for protection, so I couldn’t really feel, ‘I’m free, I’m alone.’”

Cody said she also has had “phenomenal support” from the [Public Health Department](#), [County Counsel](#), [Sheriff’s Office](#) and other departments, who all worked together. “I’ve never felt like I’ve been alone at all, that teamwork, more than anything, sustained me.” Commenting on the mental stress, she said. “I don’t really know anyone who hasn’t had their moments, I certainly had mine!” she confided.

Calling herself “just another kid,” Sara was born and raised in Palo Alto, graduated from the local public schools and Stanford University. After Yale School of Medicine, Dr. Cody did her residency at Stanford Hospital and has been at the county health department for over 23 years, first as Deputy, then as [Public Health Officer](#).

In recognition of her work during the pandemic, the [Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce](#) and the [Palo Alto Weekly](#) are honoring Cody with the [Tall Tree Global Impact Award](#). It’s only the third time that award has been given in 42 years.

Dr. Cody said she doesn’t think the pandemic will be over anytime soon. “I miss time for reflection; being in chronic crisis means there’s always another urgent issue to decide.”



CODY KID'S CORNER

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By Kellie Cody Edwards -145/44331
Cody, WY Ambassador

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Cody Kids ~ I hope you are having a very Merry Christmas season!

May the good times and treasures of the Present become the golden memories of Tomorrow.

♥ Wishing a blessed Christmas to all the Cody Family and Friends!! ♥

Christmas is such a fun time of year with the decorations, yummy food and presents under the tree! All of those things are great but Christmas is about so much more. Christmas is more about relationships than anything else. God sent Jesus into the world because he desires to have a relationship with us. We celebrate the gift of Jesus with the family and friends we love. When I think back on my childhood, it's the memories I made with my family that I cherish most. What are some of your favorite Christmas memories? Share them with your family! I hope you make more beautiful Christmas memories this season.

[Buffalo Bill Cody's](#) great niece shared the following memory of "[A Christmas at the TE Ranch](#)"

By Helen Cody Allen with foreword by Paul Fees, PhD, former Curator of the Buffalo Bill Museum
Originally published in *Points West* magazine Winter 1999

In 1908, at the beginning of one of the snowiest Cody country winters on record, Brother Will (aka Buffalo Bill) invited his sisters and their families to spend Christmas at [the TE Ranch](#), a big concession since the Southfork hideaway was his place of retreat and regeneration. Along with the grown-up nieces and nephews was one six-year-old child, granddaughter of Will's sister Nellie (Helen Cody Jester Wetmore). It was for her that the others cut and decorated a tree, and it was for her that Uncle Will played Santa Claus.

As the child drifted off to sleep on Christmas Eve, she heard the grownups singing at the piano. "For years afterwards," the girl reminisced, "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground was intertwined in memory with Silent Night, Holy Night and somehow it would always seem that O Little Town of Bethlehem should be followed by When You and I Were Young, Maggie. "All of the holiday festivities came to a dramatic conclusion after dinner on Christmas Day as the family responded to a neighbor in need. Helen Cody Allen was the only daughter of Buffalo Bill Museum founder, [Mary Jester Allen](#). This is the conclusion to her true story of that gathering, written in 1955.

After the plum pudding came the port wine, the nuts and sultana raisins tied in small clusters with purple bows. The men were just tilting back their chairs for more story-telling and the child was dancing around the table collecting [cigar band rings](#) when there was a small commotion in the kitchen. [Ranch Foreman] Ed Isham appeared at the pantry door.



**W.F. Cody dressed as Santa
ca. 1910. P.6.701. (Colorized)**

"It's an emergency, Colonel. Jordan has just ridden down from his place. His kids are all real sick and this morning the wife came down bad, too. He wonders if someone can start to town for the Doc, and if we can stake them to some grub for a few days?"

Without ado the table was abandoned. Mirth and feasting gave way to the physical activity of organizing assistance for the ill children and their mother. Jordan has wanted to turn his horse homeward without delay, but [cook] Betty Isham had sat him down to a hot meal, insisting that she knew he hadn't eaten properly in a week and what good would it do if he collapsed. The men went off to the barns to hitch a team and load a wagon with sacks of coal, firewood, and provisions from storerooms and kitchen. Two of the cowboys, the first to hear the news, had already saddled up and started the hazardous ride toward town for a doctor. All Samaritan activity would soon enough be hampered by nightfall and a worsening snow. There was no time to lose. The ladies were no less efficient as they collected fresh bedding and the simple home remedies from an uncomplicated pharmaceutical store. Outing flannel, [mustard](#), [witch hazel](#), [quinine](#), and soap were what they set their faith in and what they boxed up. Among themselves they agreed that a woman would be needed.

The child, sensing the shifting of attention, had retreated to the tree in the front room for solace. There she was observed alone by Cody. "Say, how about sending some of your playthings along for those poor sick little tykes?"

"No."

"Come, come. Santa was mighty good to you, wasn't he? And he probably never even got up to their place."

"Why? Why didn't he?" If he could find the TE, why couldn't he find the Jordan homestead? Santa's understudy thought fast. "Well, I suppose like lots of folks, Santa is afraid of real sickness. You see, if those five children have something contagious—and they probably have—and he caught it, he'd end up making other children sick all over the world. Why, he'd be more unpopular than old '[Typhoid Mary](#).' Now you and I'll pack up some of your toys and we'll put in some checkers and some dominoes, too. And do you know what? We'll even send the Christmas tree along; it just might be the best medicine of all."

"No, no, no..." wailed the child, "No!"

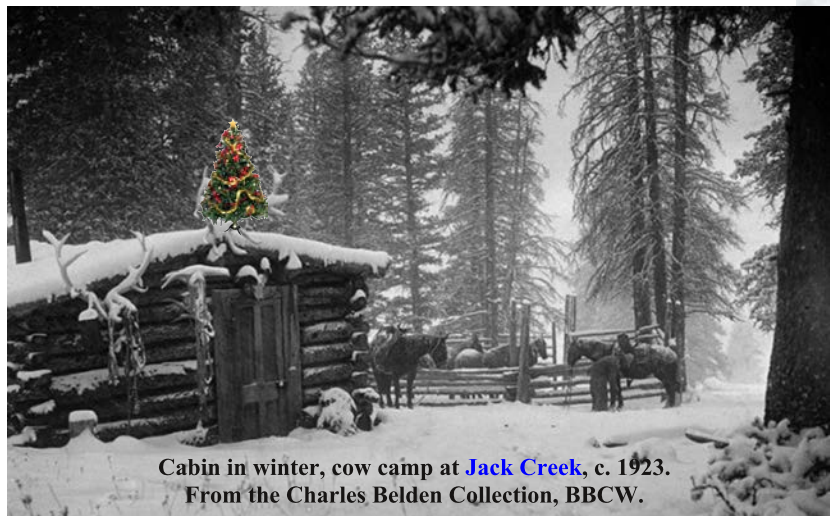
"Sweetheart, stop and think. Today is the birthday of Jesus. True, we haven't been thinking so much about that, but it's not too late. As your pious Grandma would say, '[It's more blessed to give than to receive](#).'"

That's how it happened that a half-hour later the old scout and the little girl stood on the front porch of the ranchhouse and watched as a laden wagon, with a gaily trimmed Christmas tree perched tipsily atop, was driven away in the gathering dusk and the gently falling snow.

The man patted the child's head. "You're a good girl. I'm proud of you. And Santa is right proud of you, too."

*I was that little girl of so long ago.
And what a lovely Christmas it was.*

— Helen Cody Allan 145/611



Cabin in winter, cow camp at [Jack Creek](#), c. 1923.
From the Charles Belden Collection, BBCW.

Helen's pious Grandma was born Laura Ella Cody. The 6th of 8 children, she was a younger sister of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody. Her first husband was Alexander Jester, a wealthy older man she met and married in 1871 and they had one child, Mary. By 1877, Mr. Jester had lost his fortune and died. In 1893, she married Hugh Wetmore and they moved to Duluth, to publish a newspaper and build the "[Cody Sanatorium](#)."

Laura Ella's daughter, Mary Jester became the first custodian of the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, WY, which became the Buffalo Bill Center of the West and Helen Cody Allan was Mary Jester Allan's daughter.



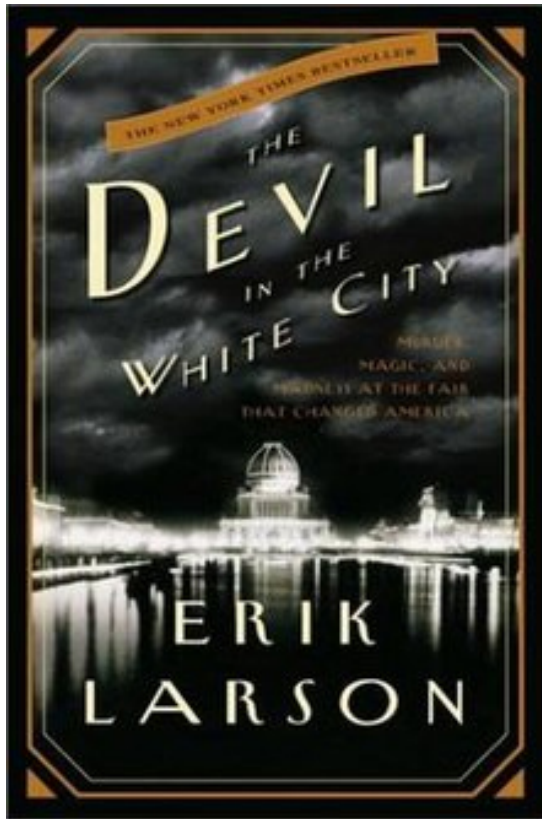
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“The Devil in the White City”



Author [Erik Larson](#) imbues the incredible events surrounding the [1893 Chicago World's Fair](#) with such drama that readers may find themselves checking the book's categorization to be sure that *The Devil in the White City* is not, in fact, a highly imaginative novel. Larson tells the stories of two men: [Daniel H. Burnham](#), the architect responsible for the fair's construction, and [H.H. Holmes](#), a serial killer masquerading as a charming doctor.

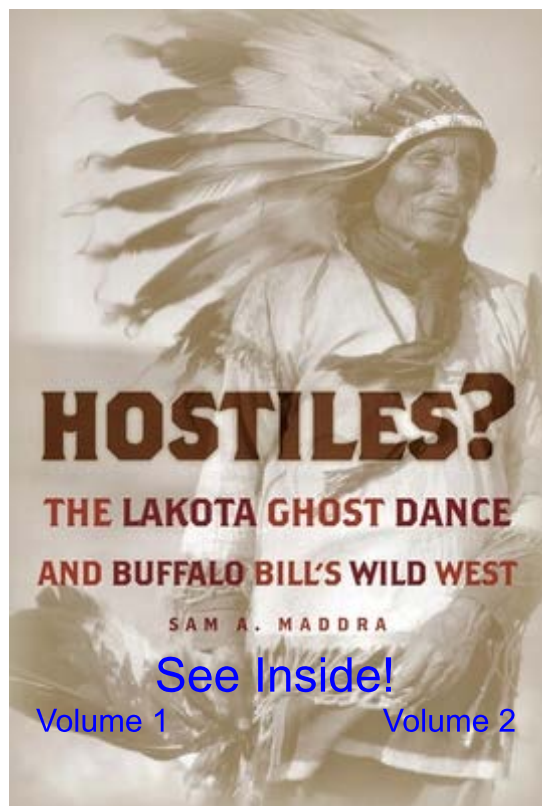
Burnham's challenge was immense. In a short period of time, he was forced to overcome the death of his [partner](#) and numerous other obstacles to construct the famous “White City” around which the fair was built. His efforts to complete the project, and the fair's incredible success, are skillfully related along with entertaining appearances by such notables as [Buffalo Bill Cody](#), [Susan B. Anthony](#), and [Thomas Edison](#).

The activities of the sinister Dr. Holmes, who is believed to be responsible for scores of murders around the time of the fair, are equally remarkable. He devised and erected the World's Fair Hotel, complete with crematorium and gas chamber, near the fairgrounds and used the event as well as his own charismatic personality to lure victims until Detective [Frank Geyer](#) appeared.

Combining the stories of an architect and a killer in one book, mostly in alternating chapters, seems like an odd choice but it works. The magical appeal and horrifying dark side of 19th-century Chicago are both revealed through Larson's skillful writing. - [John Moe](#), writer and podcaster.

Leonardo DiCaprio and Martin Scorsese were planning a [TV mini-series](#) starring Keanu Reeves, but he departed from the project October 7, 2022.

“Hostiles? the Lakota Ghost Dance & Buffalo Bill's Wild West”



This interesting book tells stories about the Ghost Dance and the Lakotas touring with Buffalo Bill's Wild West in Victorian Britain. Its tone is dryly academic, but [Chapter 8](#) is full of colorful vignettes and character studies.

Hostiles?, by [Dr. Sam A. Maddra](#), relates the ironic tale of the preservation of the [Ghost Dance](#), which some Native Americans adopted as a principled, restorative religion. To the [Lakota](#), it offered spiritual hope to an endangered culture. But to the U.S. Army, the Ghost Dance symbolized a rebellion deserving suppression. For William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody, it was a means to attract British audiences with authentic characters of the American West.

On March 30, 1891, less than four months after the [Wounded Knee Massacre](#), the twenty-three Lakota Ghost Dancers imprisoned at Fort Sheridan, Illinois were released into Buffalo Bill's custody. Cody quickly hired them as Wild West performers and actors, including [Short Bull](#) and [Kicking Bear](#), who both originally brought the Ghost Dance to the Lakota after they visited the Paiute prophet, [Wovoka](#), in 1890.

With these performers, [Cody's Wild West](#) could offer dramatic re-enactments of the Army's recent “victory,” featuring none other than the same hostile Indians who had staged the uprising in South Dakota. In Buffalo Bill's employ, these Lakotas became star performers in the Wild West's second tour of Britain in 1891-92. Touring with Buffalo Bill enriched the Lakotas financially and greatly increased their understanding of the world.

With Dr. Maddra's help, Glasgow's [Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum](#) repatriated their [Ghost Dance Shirt](#) to the [Lakota at Cheyenne River](#) in 1999.

Hurricane Ian's Path of Destruction

[Hurricane Ian](#) barreled through [Frostproof](#) on September 28, whipping the trees into a frenzy and pouring a foot of rainwater over Polk County. Alerted by the TV news, during the next week we reached out to two dozen of our Florida membership with an email survey.

Our first response came from Christina Marsh 270/53111, who replied, "All is well, the hurricane hit south of us. Unfortunately, it has done catastrophic damage in Lee County. The barrier islands have unbelievable damage and [Fort Myers](#) is in severe destruction. All we had was rough SW winds and a little rain. For us, it's back to normal. Thank you for concern and asking."

Rhonda Robinson 266/213234 was next, "Thank you for reaching out. Yes, we had a lot of wind and rain but the family and I made it through with just a few tree limbs down around our properties. We are safe and that is what matters most. We are outside of [Tampa](#) so we were once again fortunate not to take a direct hit. Prayers to family and everyone south of us."

Danielle Whittington 139/7412111 replied "We are all okay here in [Tampa](#). The storm was a big one and many families were not as lucky as we are. Thank you for checking in."

Deborah Carter 148/3321, replied "Thank you for touching base with the family. We were really lucky in Vero Beach during Ivan, and personally did not lose power or have any severe flooding. Sadly, Florida's west coast was devastated, especially in and around [Fort Meyers](#). Our prayers and help are much needed now and for many months to come."

Bob Metcalf 119/12121, said "Thank you for your concern. Fortunately, by the time Ian reached [Jacksonville](#), it was just a weak tropical storm. One house in our development had a large tree fall on their roof. Thankfully, there were no injuries. Other than that, we had a day of fairly light rain, about 30 knot winds with a few gusts to 50 plus. No damage to our house. [St. Augustine](#), about 40 miles south of us, had some major flooding, but Jacksonville dodged a bullet. We're all praying for the folks in SW Florida and contributing what we can to aid in their recovery."

Our Florida Regional Director, Peter Plautz 206/72221, said "Here in [St. Pete](#) we dodged a bullet. A little rain and just enough wind to blow all the dead limbs and leaves off the trees. Our power was out for four days due to the failure of [Duke Energy's](#) old equipment. The good news is that my neighbors sent a bunch of their teenage kids over and cleaned up the entire yard and hauled the debris away. Love my neighbors!!"

Arthur P. Cody III 148/2721 replied "Thanks for checking on me; however, I was in [Tallahassee](#), 300 miles from Ian, which had no effects, not even rain. The photos of Ft. Myers and [Sanibel Island](#) are horrifying. The destruction is just unbelievable. I am listed in the Lydia Cody genealogy with the number 1965 next to my name. Lydia was my great-aunt and I saw her occasionally when she lived in Cody Villa, near Babson Park." - Ed. "1965" was Lydia's way of identifying relatives, now we use the Cody ID.

Milestones

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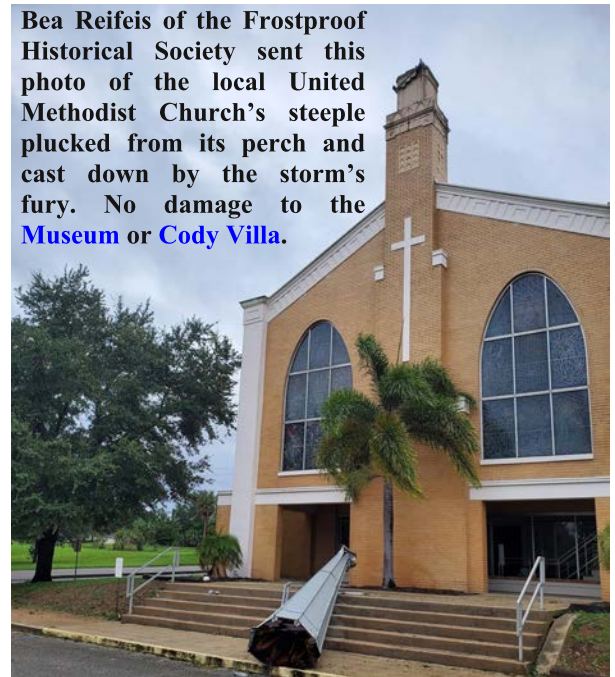
Births:

248/7152221 Olivia Grace Martorano b 10/6/2019

Deaths:

122/13211 David Ford Cody's widow, [Sandra Ruth](#), d Willoughby OH 9/30/2020

Bea Reifeis of the Frostproof Historical Society sent this photo of the local United Methodist Church's steeple plucked from its perch and cast down by the storm's fury. No damage to the Museum or Cody Villa.



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Rosa Bonheur's 200th Anniversary!



Rosa Bonheur (1822-1899)
She was considered the premier female painter of her day.

Buffalo Bill and his “Wild West” sailed for the [Paris Exposition of 1889](#) aboard a steamship loaded with 97 Native Americans, 180 horses, 18 buffalo, 10 elk, 5 Texas longhorns, 4 donkeys, and 2 deer. Rosa herself kept a zoo at [Chateau de By](#) near Fontainebleau, including a lion and lioness, a stag, a wild sheep, a gazelle, and numerous horses. Bill was a frontiersman turned circus ringmaster, Rosa was a rebel who identified with the wild, independent “[American spirit](#),” carried a government permit to wear pants, and smoked like a chimney.

Gossips claimed Buffalo Bill and Rosa Bonheur were lovers. While they might be soulmates, he was 43 and she was 67 and gay.



Col. William F. Cody, 1889. Oil on canvas, 18.5" x 15.25". Given in memory of William R. Coe and Mai Rogers Coe, by Rosa Bonheur (1822-1899).

The White Buffalo



The ICFA's Chaplin, Mark June, and his wife Donna were hunting coyotes in Texas this fall, when they took this snapshot.

Millions of people around the world live faith-based lives, each expressed through different holiday celebrations, traditions and stories. Whether it is spinning a [Dreidel](#) (Hanukkah), decorating a [Christmas Tree](#) (Christmas), lighting a [Kinara](#) (Kwanzaa) or hanging a [Fanous](#) (Ramadan), many of these faith-based activities occur in December. In addition to these celebratory traditions, stories are another way people connect with their faith and pass it from generation to generation. For Native Americans, the legend of the [White Buffalo Calf Woman](#), or

[Ptesan Wi](#) (Ptay-Sahn-Ween), is a sacred story of the Sioux, Cherokee, Navaho, Lakota, and Dakota, who celebrate the White Buffalo Calf and Ptesan Wi's teachings in their prayers.

To Native Americans, a White Buffalo Calf is a sign to begin life's sacred loop. Some say the birth of a white calf is an omen. The birth is sacred because it brings a sense of hope and is a sign that good times are about to happen. Let's ring in the New Year by welcoming the [White Buffalo](#) into our lives!