

# THE SANFORD HISTORIAN



*Today is tomorrow's history*

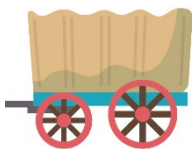
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## SUMMER HOURS

- ✓ July 4, 14, 15, and 16 from 2-6pm
- ✓ Every Saturday from 2-6pm
- ✓ Labor Day from 2-6pm
- ✓ By appointment, call (719) 580-4114

## EVENTS



### July 14, 4:00 - Cowboy Poetry and More

Readings by locals to celebrate Pioneer Day and our heritage

### July 16, 6pm - Gather, Gab and Remember

Join us for a fun evening of reminiscing together. Bring someone you love!

## MUSEUM UPDATE

We would like to welcome new Board members Glen Miller, Toby Crowther, and Kimberly Christensen. We have room for additional Board members and volunteers, so let us know if you would like more information. Our next Board meeting will be August 9th at 5:30 p.m.

Our building is in need of restoration work and we are pursuing grant funding in conjunction with the Town of Sanford, which owns the building. Support from the community is one of the critical items needed to convince potential funders to help. To that end, your visits, financial donations, and other forms of support are essential. We have a prioritized list of work that needs to be done, including an urgent drainage project. If you would like to help, please leave a message at 719-580-4114.

## Coming in time for the holidays:

### *Down Home in the Valley*

## COOKBOOK

Do you have a favorite meal that Mom used to make? Do you have fun household tips? We want your favorite recipes! We will be collecting recipes and tips through the summer. If you would like to include a 1-2 sentence explanation of who or where your recipe came from, please do!

Please email your recipes and tips to [administrator@sanfordhistorymuseum.org](mailto:administrator@sanfordhistorymuseum.org) or call 719-298-6122 for more information.



## REPEATING THE PAST

*By Linda Smith, Museum Secretary*

Winston Churchill famously wrote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." As I read from the personal and family history collections in the Museum library, I see challenges of the past recurring today. What can we learn from them? Do any of these situations sound familiar?

In 1916 the Sanford school house burned down. It was rebuilt and classes resumed there not long before the 1918 influenza pandemic hit. Mary June Miller wrote, "Sanford was not spared. All public meetings were discontinued, and people

who went to town for any reason were expected to wear gauze masks. A few students did some work at home, checking their efforts with Mr. Soule at intervals.”\*

Frank Soule was the principal and the sole high school teacher at that time. He managed to keep students engaged as best he could, and his efforts fanned enthusiasm for education. Teachers have always been at the heart of Sanford.

Here’s another challenge you may recognize. Mary June Miller wrote in 1977, “At this very critical point in time, influential outside groups are pressuring to tap the valley’s underground water supply by drilling wells for use as a slurry line to transport coal from the Walsenberg area to points south. Valley people are strongly opposed to the plan, but the decision may not be theirs to make. How long will such outrages continue?”

Today the fight to protect our water is one that brings residents together in a common effort regardless of political or other differences.

My ancestors were deeply involved in the founding and growth of Sanford — they surveyed the town, delivered babies, cleared land, dug ditches, and did a million other things that we may take for granted today. Many of your ancestors did the same. Over time, new people came to town and added their valuable labor and other contributions to our rich shared history. I invite you to come visit the Sanford History Museum this summer and celebrate our past.

\* Quotes are from Mary June Miller’s book *We Call It Home*, for sale in the museum gift shop. All proceeds go to support the Sanford History Museum, of which she was a founder.

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*Would you like to submit a short biography of someone in Sanford’s history? Send it to [administrator@sanfordhistorymuseum.org](mailto:administrator@sanfordhistorymuseum.org).*

## Support the Sanford History Museum with a Donation

We invite you to become a Friend of the Sanford Museum. Annual dues are only \$50.00, or contact a Board member about using volunteer hours in lieu of payment. Donate at [www.sanfordhistorymuseum.org](http://www.sanfordhistorymuseum.org) Or make checks payable to *Sanford History Museum* and mail to:  
Frankie Colton, Sanford History Museum  
295 Greenleaf St, Sanford CO 81151



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