



32nd West River History Conference

Schedule of Events October 2-4, 2024 (as of 7-22-24)

Crazy Horse Memorial Conference Center,

Crazy Horse and Hill City, SD

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 – INSIDER TOURS,

2pm-4pm

1. Crazy Horse Memorial **TOUR and BUS to the TOP** with historical movie
2. **Mickelson Trail Adventure** with a tour of **Badger Clark's first cabin** at the historic Newton Fork Ranch and an easy hike on a leg of the famous South Dakota trail
3. Historic **Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Museum** tour



5:30PM-7:30pm Tour, Author Reception, and Mixer

South Dakota State Railroad Museum and 1880 Train Depot Guest Speaker: **Rick Mills, Executive Director**

Thursday, October 3, 2024 - Room A

7:30am: Registration opens/Coffee Bar/Vendors

8am: Welcome by WRHC Board - **TIM VELDER**, president
special guests and Board of Directors introduction

Sponsor Recognition-**JULIE STOLL**, vice-president
Notes - **LAURA HOVEY NEUBERT**, executive director

8:30am: **EILEEN ROGGENTHEN**, Carrie Ingalls Swanzey,
Have Pica Pole, Will Travel!

9am: **CINDY WILSON**, Charles Wood Irish and the
Dakota Territory Railroad Survey of 1879-1881

9:30am : **DILLON HAUG**, 'I'll Drink to That!' Lt. Colonel
Frederick Grant on the Custer Expedition

10am : **SUSAN SANDERS**, Weather During the 1874 Black
Hills Expedition

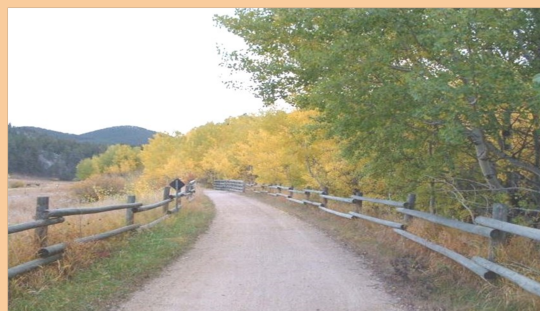
10:30am: Coffee Bar and Vendor Break

11am: **JUSTIN HORN**, Battle at Bonepile Creek: The 1865
Sawyers Expedition

11:30am: **PAUL HORSTED**, 25 Years of the 1874 Black Hills
Expedition: An Update

12pm: **LUNCH** at the Laughing Water Restaurant

Thursday, October 3, 2024 - Room B



8:30am: **RENEE BOEN**, Illuminating History: Hot Springs
Hydropower Plants

9am: **JEANIE KIRKPATRICK**, Interesting and Historic
Keystone, South Dakota!

9:30am: **DAVID SCHWEIDER**, Presho: The Next Generation

10am: **CINDY MOSTELLER**, The Western Cattle Trail and
Moorcroft, Wyoming

10:30am: Coffee Bar and Vendor Break

11am - **REED RICHARDS**, A Brief History of Centennial
Prairie-from native settlement in 4,000 BCE to present

11:30am-**WAYNE GILBERT**, Poker Alice Retires in Sturgis

12pm - **LUNCH** at the *Laughing Water Restaurant*



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Thursday, October 3, 2024 - Room A

1pm - **Visit our terrific Vendors!**

1:30pm— **PAUL HIGBEE**, Henry Anderson: Deadwood Pioneer and Sturgis Town Builder

2pm - **Historic 1876 City of Deadwood** Speaker TBA

2:30pm - - **JAMES PARKER**, Black Hills Ghost Towns-the man who put them on the map: **Dr. Watson Parker**

3:30pm - Coffee Bar and Vendor Break

4pm - **BRAD TENNANT**, Leavenworth’s 1823 Attack on the Arikara Villages: How Fur Trade Connections Contributed to the Arikara War

4:30pm—**HAROLD O’DONNELL**, A History of Black Hills Reconciliation

Friday, October 4, 2024-Room A

8am Registration/Coffee Bar /Vendors

8:45am: Conference Opens—**WELCOME**

9am - **LEVI KESSLER**, History Below the Pines presents: Forgotten History of the Black Hills

9:30am - **JIM MCKEOWN**, A Hitch in the Civilian Conservation Corps

10am - **MATTHEW T. REITZEL**, “We were tramps along with the rest of them,” the travel journal of Earl Neller

10:30am **Brunch**, Laughing Water Restaurant/**Vendors**

12pm- 1:30pm **Awards Ceremony**, KIDS WRITE HISTORY!, Historically Speaking, West River Notables - **TIM VELDER**, **JULIE STOLL**, **KAREN HOLZER**, **KRISTYN WARD**, **PAUL HIGBEE**
Guest Speaker: TBA

Thursday, October 3, 2024 - Room B

1pm— **Visit our terrific vendors!**

1:30pm—TALLI NAUMAN, 50 years of Black Hills Mining Memories, Research and Rescue from a former underground hardrock miner

2pm— **JOHN NELSON**, Bootjack Poems: Pulling Off My Boots and Getting Gone

3:30pm - Coffee Bar and Vendor Break

4pm—**BRUCE ROSELAND**, South Dakota Poet Laureate, Readings



Friday, October 4, 2024-Room B

8am Registration/Coffee Bar/Vendors

9am - **DUSTIN WHITE**, The REAL Poker Alice

9:30am - **JEFF GORDON**, Frank O. Gordon, Aladdin baseball, the Cowboy band, and thank you to Herb Blakely

10am-**DAVID WOLFF**, On the Road to Mt. Rushmore: the Changing Business of Tourism

10:30am **Brunch**, Laughing Water Restaurant/Vendors



HISTORY ‘AFTER HOURS’ Mixer

Thursday, October 3, 6pm-8pm, Location: TBA

Poetry Slam, Music & New Book Previews with Author Signings