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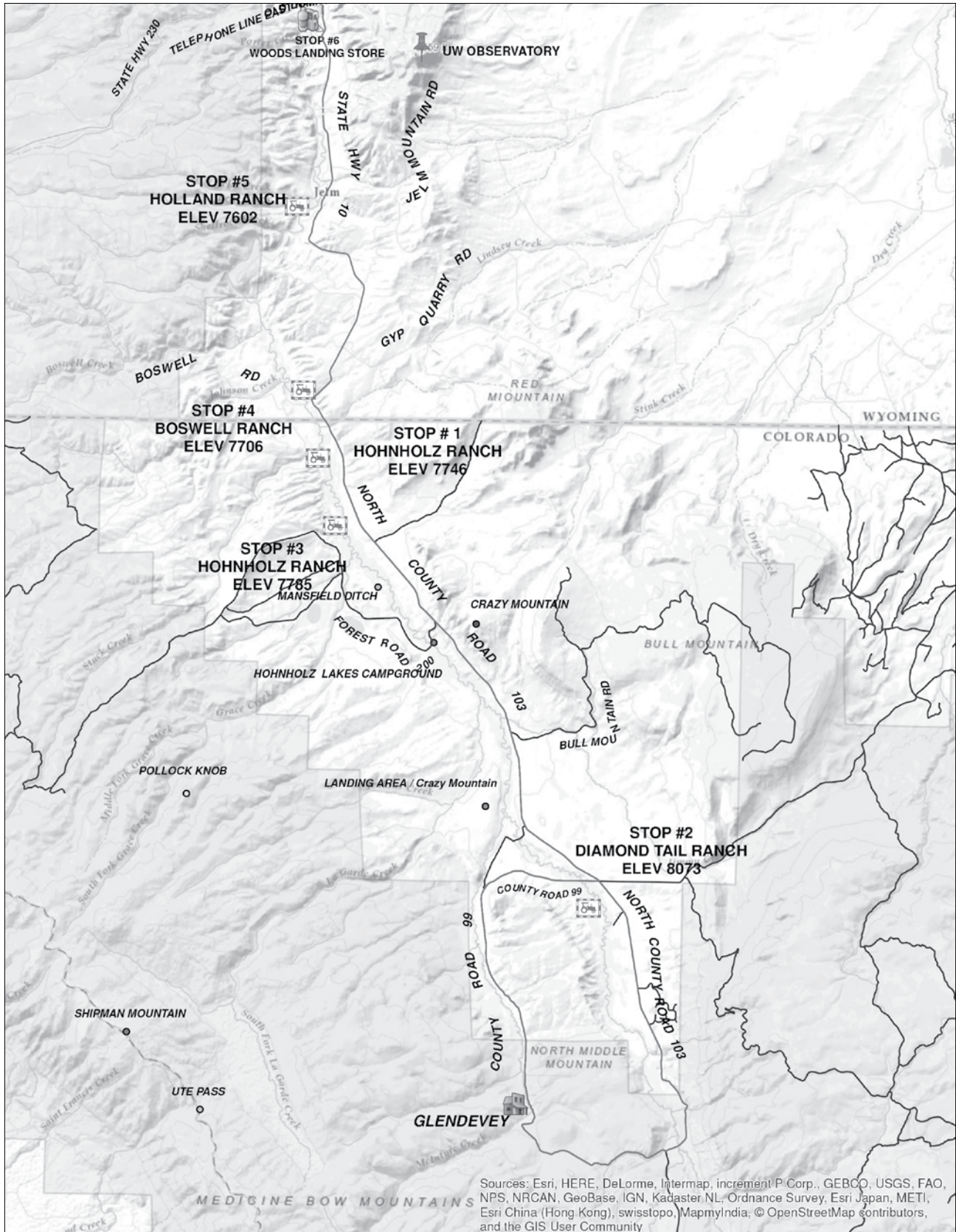
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2017 RANCH TOUR MAP



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THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ALBANY COUNTY RANCH TOUR

The Old Time Ranch Tour was conceived and promoted by Dr. Robert Burns, in 1950. The tradition of the ranch tour has continued annually, except for 1982 and 2014.

We are pleased that you have decided to join us on this exclusive tour of the Little Laramie/Centennial area, rich in the history of agriculture and ranching in Wyoming.

JUST A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

Safety: Safety is a primary concern. Tour marshals will coordinate the caravan. Keep lights on while traveling on paved highways. Stay to the right at crests of hills. Be careful making turns on and off paved highways. Please follow the directions of traffic controllers. Please keep children and pets with you at all times. Neither the committee, individually or collectively, nor the sponsoring organizations accept any responsibility for accidents. A trailing car will inform the lead vehicle of any delays.

Keep a safe distance between cars. We will travel at 30 mph on gravel roads and 60 on paved roads. Drive

carefully. Respect other drivers. Enjoy the scenery, and have an excellent trip.

Parking: Your cooperation is necessary at parking sites and you must follow directions of the parking personnel. Parking is accomplished so that cars need not use reverse gear for entering or leaving a site. If you have difficulty walking, please inform the first traffic director at each site so a close-in parking place may be found. Please allow the directed cars to leave a site first so tour personnel may direct traffic.

Courtesy: WE ARE THE GUESTS OF THE RANCHES AND HISTORICAL SITES. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE ANY ITEMS INCLUDING ARTIFACTS FOUND ON THE GROUND!! PLEASE PICK UP ANY TRASH.

If you smoke outside your vehicle, please be careful and take your cigarette butts with you. Fires are an ever present danger, and the dry grasses and old timbers of some structures offer excellent kindling.

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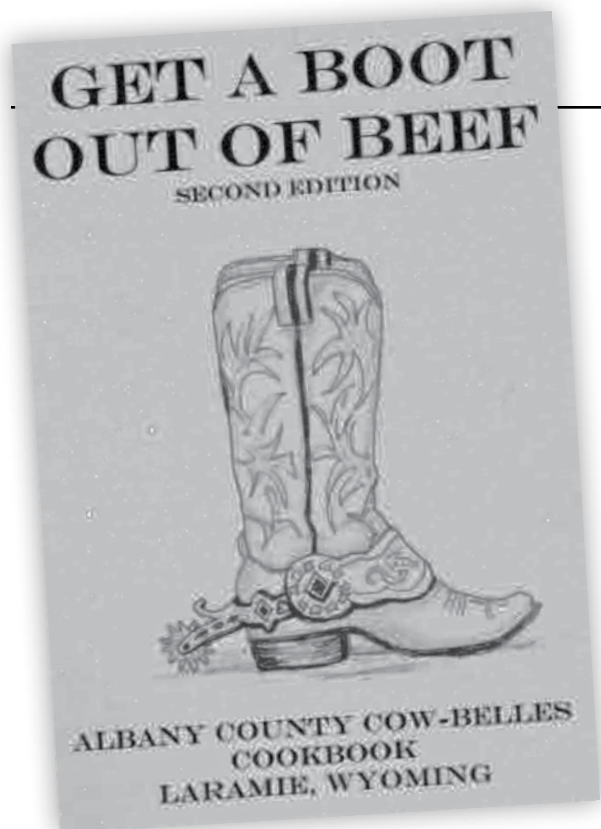


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2017 RANCH TOUR MILEAGE

Location	Mileage <i>Miles</i>	Time <i>Minutes</i>
West Laramie McDonalds to Woods Landing	25.8	24
Woods Landing to Mike Hohnholz Ranch	9.8	12
Mike Hohnholz Ranch to Diamond Tail Ranch	10.5	14
Diamond Tail Ranch to Glendevey (drive by)	8.3	13
Glendevey to Holly Golen/Merilee Hohnholz Ranch	15.7	27
Holly Golen/Merilee Hohnholz Ranch to Boswell Ranch	2.5	4
Boswell Ranch to Holland Ranch	4.6	6
Holland Ranch to Woods Landing	3.7	10



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A LOOK AT WYOMING AGRICULTURE



Climate & soil

- Wyoming has the second highest mean elevation in the United States at 6,700 feet above sea level. The highest point of elevation is Gannett Peak at 13,804 feet in Fremont and Sublette counties, and the lowest level, 3,125 feet, is on the Belle Fourche River in Crook County.
- The climate of any area in Wyoming is largely determined by its latitude, altitude, proximity to oceans and its local topography. Annual precipitation is 15.45". Temperature can vary from below 20°F in the winter to above 90°F in the summer, however the average temperature is 45.6°F for Wyoming.
- The growing season ranges from 140 days in the eastern side (lower elevation) of the state to 60 days in the higher elevation (central and western) part of the state.
- The Great Plains meet the Rocky Mountains in Wyoming. The state is a great plateau broken by a number of important mountain ranges. The majority of Wyoming's land surface is mountainous. The natural vegetation in the grasslands and mountains makes Wyoming a favorable place for livestock production.
- As a "headwaters" state, Wyoming provides water to streams and rivers that span the U.S. The continental divide cuts through Wyoming from the northwest to the south central border. Rivers, east of the divide drain into the Missouri River Basin and eventually the Atlantic Ocean.

Crops & livestock

- Wyoming grows hay, barley, wheat, dry edible beans, sugarbeets and corn. Hay is the leading crop in Wyoming in terms of value of production - \$65 million in 2008. Barley had the next highest crop value in 2008, at \$32 million followed by wheat at \$31 million followed by corn for grain at \$28 million.
- Wyoming ranks 8th nationwide in barley production, 20th in hay, and 33rd in wheat production.
- The cattle industry is by far the largest component of Wyoming agriculture. Cattle led the way in 2008 in terms of value of production at \$599 million dollars.
- Wyoming sheep producers produced 3,124,299 pounds of wool in 2007. Wyoming is ranked 4th in lambs and sheep. Wyoming inventory of sheep and lambs was 411,952 head. Ewes one year old and older was 258,096 in 2008.
- Livestock inventories for hogs and pigs in 2007 was 107,180, Horses and ponies at 80,476, and colonies of bees were 45,633.

General

- Wyoming's economic well-being revolves around three industries- minerals, agriculture and tourism.
- Historically, agriculture has been an important part of Wyoming's economy. It is also an essential part of Wyoming's culture and lifestyle. The main agricultural commodities produced in Wyoming include beef, hay, sugar beets, grain (wheat and barley), and wool. More than 91% of land in Wyoming is classified as rural.
- Wyoming is the 9th largest state in the U.S., it covers 97, 914 square miles. Forty-two percent of the land is owned by the federal government.

2017 RANCH TOUR

1. UPPER LARAMIE RIVER VALLEY – MIKE AND BARBARA HOHNHOLZ RANCH

By Amy Hohnholz

The Mike and Barbara Hohnholz Ranch is located in the Upper Laramie River Valley.

The Laramie River Valley was named for Jacques Laramie, a trapper killed by Indians. It is a secluded place, set apart from the rest of the world. Part Wyoming, part Colorado but mainly its own.

Attracted to it have been a famous lawmen, loggers, cattlemen, homesteaders, oil men, railroad and Wall Street tycoons, dudes and fishermen and hunters beyond number. A place where the farther you go the prettier it gets! Come take a look!”



2. DIAMOND TAIL RANCH

By Scott Butcher

The Diamond Tail Ranch was bought in 1979 by Ray Duncan and his four sons from C. Gus Glasscock. This ranch was running cattle until 1986, when in that year they had bought their first buffalo. The ranch is now home to 750 mother cows which are still run on the ranch to this day. The ranch also runs 225 Corriente cows, 75 bucking horses, and brings in 350 summer pasture pairs. The ranch over all consists of 19,000 acres deeded and 30,000 acres of Forest Service, BLM, and private leases. Diamond Tail also has their own compost business. They produce a product called *Buffalom* which is a premium compost packaged in Denver, Colorado and sold in stores nationwide. Scott and Bobbi and their two kids Kane and Bailey have been managing the ranch since 1999. The Diamond Tail ranch is home to many animals but is known for their buffalo herd and their scenic vistas. The ranch also offers fishing and hunting licenses of big game animals. Diamond Tail is just 11 miles over the Wyoming and Colorado border and 45 miles south west of Laramie, Wyoming. For more information, visit <http://diamondtailranch.com/index.html>.



Drive by

3. GLENDEVEY

By Dicksie Knight May and Shirley Lilley

Glendevey was established in 1902 when former Mississippi River skipper, Captain Thomas Davy, named his ranch Glen Davy and later it became Glendevey, aka Glendevy. This town's post office moved 4 times, until 1975 when it closed. Thomas Davy homesteaded 320 Acres and his daughter, Vera, 160 Acres in Sections 14, 23, 24, 25 and 26 and his ranch was at the location of this settlement. This town's post office moved 4 times, until 1975 when it closed. Thomas Davy was the postmaster from 1902-1905. The Star Mail Route from Laramie included Glendevey in the early days. There was an old lodge which was located at the settlement of Glendevey in Section 3, 29, Township 10 N, Range 76 West. Glendevey was surrounded by forestry and mining camps. Residents of the area around Glendevey used Laramie as their place of business except for land transactions which had to be done in Fort Collins.

Glendevey is not on any major highway, and for many visitors and residents, the town's remote-



ness is its most attractive feature. The bordering Rawah Wilderness contains countless acres of untouched natural beauty, and the Laramie River flowing through town provides access to prime fishing. Hunting is also popular in the area.

It is located in Larimer County, several miles from another small nearby settlement named Gleneyre, CO, where the historic Schroeder Hotel was located in Gleneyre. In the early 1940's the Schroeder's were located at Diamond Tail Ranch.

4. HOLNHOLZ RANCH

The Hohnholz Ranch, is currently owned by Merilee Hohnholz, Holly Golen and Stanley Hohnholz, grandchildren of John and Emma Hohnholz. John and Emma purchased the ranch in 1917, after they sold their Bull Mountain ranch situated to the east of this property. Their son, Robert Hohnholz and his wife, Phyllis, took over the cattle operation and worked the ranch for nearly 60 years of their married life.

The Hohnholz Ranch, located just south of the Wyoming/Colorado boarder is being honored by the State of Colorado as a "Centennial Farm or Ranch" in August 2017.



5. MEAD - BOSWELL RANCH

Written by Dicksie Knight May

This ranch was purchased by Governor Mike and Carol Mead in 2002. Mike grew up on a ranch in Teton County where his parents ranched. His grandparents were in the ranching business and his great-grandfather, Pete Hansen, homesteaded land in Teton County. He has stated that through the generations, we consider ourselves a ranching family.

This ranch was added to the National Register of Historic Places in July of 1977 as the Boswell Ranch on the Big Laramie River near Woods Landing. Nathaniel Kimball Boswell was born in NH, married Martha Salisbury and they had one child, Minnie. In addition to purchasing the Anson I Hance ranch on the Big Laramie River in 1882 Boswell had four land patent titles on this ranch along with his daughter and son-in-law, Charles and Minnie Oviatt all of which became part of what is known as the Boswell Ranch. He and his family moved to the ranch from their house in Laramie which is now located at LaBonte Park in 1883. Minnie was thrilled because the house on the ranch was a large 2-story log house that was built in 1872 where she could have a room of her own. There were 4 bedrooms upstairs and 2 downstairs. Boswell told his family they wouldn't be lonely because their ranch was the stage and freighter stop between Laramie City and Teller City which is beyond Walden every day. He explained that after their ranch the next stop would be Mountain Home. Stage riders spent the night upstairs in the house. The stage drivers and ranch hands stayed in the bunk house. A bunk house and 2 sheds flanked the South side of the house. In 1901 Boswell built the barn which is a one-story of halved-log construction with hardwood timbers and a roof made from the sides of railroad cars. Boswell raised hay, sheep, cattle and horses on the ranch. A frequent site on the river near the ranch was a tent pitched among the willows, with the occupants fishing or picnicking with the Boswell family. In addition to this ranch, he also owned a ranch near



Sportsman's Lake and also purchased the WW Simpson place. Boswell had a very distinguished career as a lawman having served as Sheriff of Albany County from 1870 to 1879. He became the first Wyoming Territorial Prison Warden in January of 1873 where he also was Lessee. He wore many hats in his career as a lawman and rancher. The ranch was sold by his grandson, Clarence Oviatt, in 1933.

Governor Matt Mead and his wife, Carol, are the tenth owners of this ranch if you include the years that Boswell's daughter and her husband plus their son and his wife owned the ranch. The ranch which is run by a manager and his wife, Dennis and Patee Jennings, produces Angus cattle and raises their own hay.

6. HOLLAND RANCH

By Megan Holland

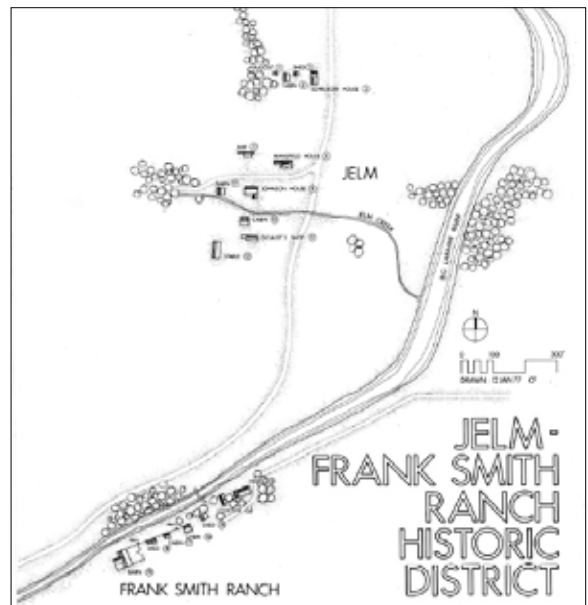
Ralph and Elsie Holland purchased the Holland Ranch in the 1960s. The ranch has stayed in the family and is now owned by their grandchildren Rod, Cynthia, Brad and Mary Holland. The ranch consists of 400 deeded acres plus 1,000 acres leased from the BLM. The family leases the summer pasture to local ranchers for cattle grazing. The old town of Jelm, sometimes referred to as Cummins City, is located on the property, where it is speculated that Calamity Jane ran a brothel. Over the past 5 years, the Holland Family has partnered with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to stabilize many of the riverbanks on the property.



7. CUMMINS CITY, OLD JELM AND THE FRANK SMITH RANCH HISTORIC DISTRICT

By Dicksie Knight May

The Holland ranch is comprised of the Jelm-Frank Smith Ranch Historic District which includes the settlement known as Old Jelm and Cummins City on the Big Laramie River near Woods Landing. This map shows Cummins City, which was a booming mining town established in 1880.



Drive by

8. THE WYOMING INFRARED OBSERVATORY

By Dicksie Knight May

Often called the Jelm Mountain Observatory, it's officially the Wyoming Infrared Observatory. It sits atop Jelm Mountain, 25 miles southwest of Laramie, Wyoming, up on the Snowy Range in the Medicine Bow National Forest. This location, at an elevation of 9,656 feet, is a perfect spot to take some high-powered gazes out into space. Devoid of light pollution, relatively calm and dry, this perch provides near-perfect conditions for the Wyoming Infrared Observatory to do its sky-watching.

This amazing star-gazing device was mandated and funded by the Wyoming State Legislature and the National Science Foundation in 1975. Two years later, construction was completed, and the Wyoming Infrared Observatory was up and running. And "online". It was the first major telescope in the world to be controlled by computer. The observatory



is now owned and operated by the University of Wyoming.

Read More: The Wyoming Infrared Observatory | Wonders of Wyoming | <http://wondersofwyoming.com/the-wyoming-infrared-observatory/?track-back=tsmclip> or <http://physics.uwyo.edu/~WIRO/Pics/Jelm/>

9. WOODS LANDING

by Yvonne Erickson

The original buildings were built by the homesteader, Sam Wood (1841-1901), who came to Wyoming from Iowa. Wood was a freighter and sawmill operator. In the 1880's he built a 13 room house and his home became a stop for those making the long arduous trip to Waldon, Colorado. Freighters and stage drivers stopped at the Woods home to change their teams for fresh ones to make the drive over the mountains. Woods started a saloon where the tie hacks stopped for companionship and respite from their hard grueling work.

This logs from up the Big Laramie River were floated down to the "landing" at Woods, taken out of the water and loaded onto trucks and taken to Laramie, thus the name became Woods Landing. Many Scandinavians working in the lumber camps lived in this area and frequented Woods Landing.

After Sam Wood died in 1901 his wife, Ellen, leased the saloon to Jim Pollock, who continued to lease it until 1915 when it was sold to W.H. McComber and from that time there were quite a few owners.

Then in 1927 Mayne and Clarence Lewellen purchased the place which eventually was torn down. In 1928 the Llewellyn's hired a Norwegian timber worker, Hokum Lestum, to build a dancehall which he designed himself and to date there are no blue prints. The immensity of the building along with the fact that it was constructed with all hand hewn pine makes it significant architecturally. The most distinctive feature of the dance hall is the floor because under the floor are 24 boxcar springs, which gives the floor bounce and flexibility.

Woods Landing hosted many dances and events throughout the years. After the floor was finished in 1930 the first dancers were Loraine Bartholomew Wickland, age 15, and Joe Vanberg. Clarence Lewellen died in 1936 and two years later Mayme married Hokum aka Hokan Lestum and they continued to run the place. The place consisted of the dancehall, a filling station and a post



office. Hokum died in 1970 and Mayme owned the business until her death in 1987.

Hokum, Donald Erickson, Benny Vanberg and Yvonne Erickson would set off fireworks on the 4th of July up on the hill across the road. Drinks were not allowed inside Woods Landing in those days, although the men would go out on the porch and drink. Anyone caught drinking were picked up by Hokum and thrown outside. When there were fights outside Mayme would tell Hokum to stay inside and she would go out and stop it as she said "They won't hit a woman" and they didn't.

Old man Thompson had a still during prohibition and he would come to Woods Landing thus none of the men were feeling any pain. The Sheriff would come out and he looked in vain for the booze stash, but it was never found. Mr. Thompson had a Model A with 2 radiators and one of them had a spigot on the bottom to fill the bottles.

Woods Landing was my second home with Centennial being the first. I have so many memories of the way it was, which was a whole lot of fun and down the line a lot of work

It went through several owners until William C. "Bill" Sheehan and Sue Ann Spencer bought it in 1996 and in the year of 2000 and 2001 Bill built the cabins. Bill and Sue continue to own the business today which consists of 27.48 acres in Section 10, in Township 13N, Range 77W.

Edited by Dicksie Knight May



ITALIAN DIP SANDWICH

BY CHERYL LEACH

INGREDIENTS:

2 pounds hamburger

2 eggs

½ cup instant oatmeal

¼ cup chopped onion

1 scant tsp salt

1 scant tsp pepper

6 oz can tomato sauce

¼ tsp cayenne pepper

½ tsp garlic powder

1 tsp oregano

½ tsp marjoram

½ tsp thyme

1 ½ tsp Italian seasoning

DIRECTIONS:

Mix all together and put into a 10 X 15 pan. Bake at 350° for 15 to 20 minutes. Slice meat and serve on a hard roll with Marinara sauce.



RAW BROCCOLI SALAD

BY MARGARET E JOHNSON

INGREDIENTS:

1 head broccoli
1 head cauliflower
1 ½ cups mayonnaise
1 Tbs cider vinegar
1 Tbs honey or sugar

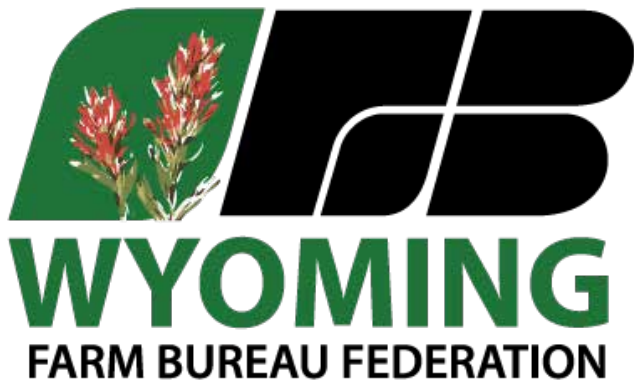
1 small red onion, diced
1/8 to ¼ cup almonds –
nuke for 1 minute in microwave.
Optional: ½ cup raisins

DIRECTIONS:

Mix all ingredients together.
Serves 6 to 8.



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