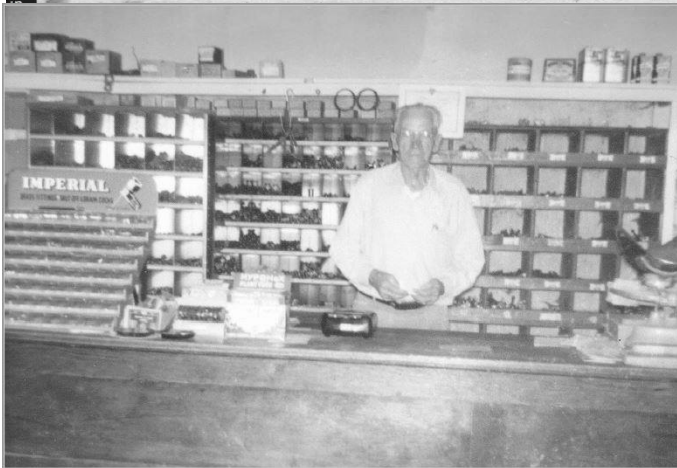


FRIENDS OF RAYMER

New Raymer, Colorado

May 1, 2019



We have finally found a photo of the Texaco station in its prime. Thanks, Ellis Barker, for sending these photos. Other photos are of Rev. Burgess in front of the Christian church, W.R. (Ray) Barker in his hardware store, and a photo of Ray's first shop he shared with Tine Addington. (It later became McConnell's Garage.) They fixed everything, as Ellis put it. When W.R. left the partnership he acquired a J.I. Case dealership operated in a small building near the depot before moving it to the building in which he is pictured. Barker's Hardware was just north of the current post office. It was across the street from Lambert's Drugstore and Graham's grocery store. Ray was the mayor of the Town of Raymer for about 25 years, and on the school board for many years. He died in 1962 at 75 years of age. By Ray's side all these years was his wife, Rachel. They raised 5 children: Noel, Bernard, Glen, Rachel and Beverly. Ray originally came to the Raymer area from Nebraska in 1915 with his brother, Wesley. They had adjoining farms six miles south of town. Rachel and the two oldest boys came out from Nebraska on the train to join Ray. They moved into town in 1918 to a little brown house which was a four-room, brown shingle house with a lean-to kitchen and no closets. In November, 1934 they moved to the big Novak house across the street from the Christian church. After Ray's passing, Rachel lived in Aurora but would come out and stay the summers in New Raymer as long as she was able. She died in 1983 at the age of 90. Ray and Rachel shared 50 years together, and both were a great asset to the Town of Raymer. Ray was a justice of the peace, a charter member of the Lions Club and a trustee of the Christian church. Rachel was a member of the Larking Club, the Ladies Aid Society, the Handcraft Club, was on the Election Board, and was Sunday School Superintendent for 25 years.

Photos of New Raymer after the Blizzard of '49. The street is just west of main street. Thanks, Ellis Barker, for sending these photos in! Does anyone remember the house or building in the photo of the car?



Brian Allmer Awesome pics...my grandma and grandpa used to tell us how bad it was here on the farm in 1949...it's something to see in these pics...

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Brian Allmer Chris Allmer Penny Allmer Skip Allmer

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Mikki Cavallo Trina who was the older gentleman and his wife that used to go by the school with their horse drawn sled? That was always super cool!

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Arnold G. Fiscus Might have been Siefred's (sp?) who lived 5 - 6 miles west of New Raymer, although Clarence and Harvey were bachelor's who lived with their Mom. I think Clarence later married and moved to the Sterling area.

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Trina Kauk Mikki Cavallo could have been Leukers? They lived in New Raymer when we were consolidating school in the old building. They had horse drawn buggies and a sleigh I think. One horse.

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Vickie Green Wow! Maybe someone should research the license plate!

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Trina Kauk Vickie Green yes — would take some legwork.

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well..

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Linda Headley Littlefield Maybe Nickerson owned it. Possible a family named Dryth lived in that house.

Like · Reply · 3w



Trina Kauk Linda Headley Littlefield it sounds like you know some history of the town. I have not heard of Dryth. Can you share some history on that family name? Thank you!

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Linda Headley Littlefield Jay was raised in New Raymer. I just asked him if he recognized the house. Would have only been 3 during blizzard of 49 but does remember the snow. Dryth was a minister who was there in the 50's. Thought maybe they lived in that house. Also thought it might have been owned by someone named Nickerson.

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Rita Breazeale Dad said Nickerson owned the yellow house east of Pauline and Earls

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Rita Breazeale He also said he thought the Martins lived in the house to the north.

Like · Reply · 2w



Cathy Barnes We have pictures of that blizzard. I was 6 months old.

We are in need of photographs of the Raymer State Bank, especially inside the bank. We are applying for the building to be listed on the State Historic Register. Does anyone have any photographs at all of this building? Do you have photographs of the checks or any other paperwork from the bank? This is a photo taken in 1918. I think I can see the Texaco gas station in the reflection. The station is eligible for the National Historic Register, and we are hoping to get it designated in June. If you have photographs or information on the Texaco station, please post them here or message us!

Noel Barker and Ben Walker



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Trina Kauk As written on the back of the photo, the girl on the left is Andy Berks' daughter. I think that may be Andy taking the photograph. I don't know who the other girl is. Andy was a dear old man who the kids in town would visit and play piano or enjoy playing in his backyard which had a wishing well, and a large garden.

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Bob Thompson Did Andy own the building and rent it out to Mrs Pinkerton. I remember her moving out around 1959 and Andy moved in. Dad purchased the two chandlers from Pinkerton when she left town.

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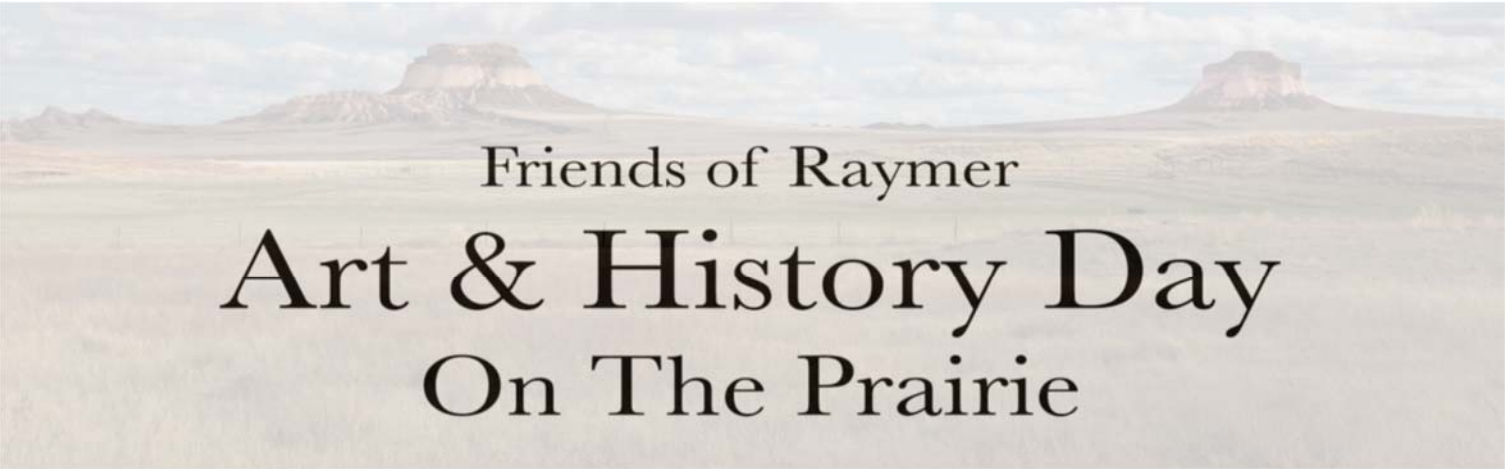


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Friends of Raymer Art & History Day On The Prairie

Saturday, June 1st, 2019

Beginning at the New Raymer Community Center at 9am

Come join us on a guided bus tour of the New Raymer and Pawnee Grassland historical areas! Our tour will feature local guide Mike Stanley as we travel to the area's historic homesteads, schools, cemeteries, and more! You will be able to access private property to view these places up close while having local guides there to tell you more about them.

We'll also be sharing some of the art that has been inspired by the area.

Poetry, art, and music will add to a full day of exploring.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

MEET AT THE NEW RAYMER COMMUNITY CENTER AT 9AM

9AM - GUEST SPEAKER, MIKE STANLEY, WITH CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

GUIDED BUS TOUR THROUGH HISTORIC RAYMER AND AREA

NOON- BBQ LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE HIGHTOWER SPRING RANCH

CONTINUED BUS TOUR

5:30PM - OPTIONAL ALUMNI DINNER ADD-ON

Pre-Registration Tickets Prices

\$35 Adults, \$25 Students and Seniors, \$10 for Kids 12 & Under

Tickets Will Be An Additional \$10 on the day of the event

Dinner is available this year for an additional \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

The meal will be provided by the Buckingham-New Raymer-Prairie Alumni Association at the New Raymer Community Center as part of the 52nd Annual All-School Reunion.



Thank you to our sponsors!

**For more information and to register visit our website at
www.friendsofraymer.com or call Talia Siens at 970.222.9852.**

UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

June 1, 2019 Art & History Day (including a bus tour) \$35

PRE-REGISTER NOW ON OUR WEBSITE AT

\$35

Come join us for a tour of the Pawnee Buttes area, including the Stanley Ranch where we will have a BBQ lunch, and also stop at historical sites, some of which are on private property. This year, the all-school reunion will take place on the same day so that you will be able to enjoy the evening with the Buckingham-New Raymer-Prairie Alumni Association at the New Raymer Community Center. Reservations for the reunion can be made by submitting the fee to the Alumni Association, as instructed on a postcard being sent to alumni members.

September 7, 2019 Friends of Raymer Car Show \$35

We are holding our 3rd annual car show in the Town of Raymer Saturday, September 7, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m., with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. Bring the whole family for fun in the park with the bouncy house, vendor booths and food booths. Pre-registration will be available at www.friendsofraymer.com.

Remember the school field trips? Thanks, Carol and Arnie for identifying these 5th and 6th graders. Mrs. Christensen is the teacher. Front row, left to right: Linda Nickerson, Alvin Steffen (don't remember why he was in the picture) and Joy Showers; 2nd row, Roberta Knox, Cathy Ashbaugh, Joyce Steffen,, Carol Vangraefschepe, Marilyn Weitzel, Ruth Mertens, and Judy Crosby; back row, Mrs. Christensen, Donald Fox, Bus Driver Leo Morgan, ??? (almost looks like Melvin Vangraefschepe), Marvin Stanley, Arnold Fiscus, Charles Everhart, and Joe Ward.



Pawnee Pioneer Trails Byway retraces the steps of the old Native American and pioneer trails across the open plains. What once was inhabited by Plains Indians and buffalo was later traveled by fur trappers, frontiersman, cattle ranchers, and homesteaders as they settled through the land, creating many railroad towns. Check out this map by Colorado Scenic and Historic Byways so you can take part to discover and travel through this scenic byway trail coming right through Morgan County!

The best time to visit the Pawnee Buttes is in the spring or fall, when the temperatures are milder. In the early mornings and evenings, the bright colors painted across the sky add to the artwork of the sandstone towers. The Pawnee Buttes trail is open year round; however, there is a nearby closure annually from March 1 – June 30 to protect any nesting raptors.

For more info visit:

www.coloradodirectory.com/maps/pawnee.html

