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& Pikes Peak Museum**

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**ELOPERS ARRESTED AS FATHERS,
WITH SHOTGUNS, PURSUE THEM**

**Bride of 15 Taken From Husband Few Hours
After Marriage--'Better Dead Than
Wed', Her Father's Verdict.**

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 20.---Fifteen-year old Mrs. Martha McNight, a bride of only a few hours, is in the custody of the sheriff while her husband William N. McNight, 21, is under arrest following their elopement.

What action will be taken depends upon the child-bride's father, L. J. Riley, a farmer living near Woodland Park, a short distance west of Colorado Springs. "I would rather see my little girl lying in her grave than in the arms of that man," declared Riley, "but Martha must not be his wife. She may have to go to the reform school and he may go to prison, but so long as I can do anything they cannot live as man and wife."

The elopement wrought Woodland Park and vicinity to the highest pitch of excitement yesterday afternoon and caused a sensation last night in Colorado City when the fathers of the bride and groom, each armed with a shotgun, lashed their tired horses into Colorado City on the last stage of their pursuit of the elopers.

By a clever ruse, Riley's daughter got permission yesterday morning to come to Colorado Springs. After she had left her home, McNight joined her. They drove here as quickly as possible and got a marriage license at the county clerk's office, the groom making oath that the bride was over 19 years of age. They were then married by Justice C. R. Dunnington. Two hours after the couple had left Woodland Park, Riley was told by a neighbor of the elopement. Quickly harnessing a horse and grabbing his loaded shotgun, he started in pursuit.

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Silent Auction a Huge Success



Auction Coordinator Nancy Desilets with UPHS President Donna Finicle



Just a few of the awesome prizes
Photos by Judy Perkins

The Ute Pass Historical Society held their Annual Patron Luncheon Saturday, January 26th. This year was a little different, with a silent auction. The prizes for the auction came from many local businesses and members of the Society. Volunteer Nancy Desilets single-handedly brought the whole auction together, spending many hours gathering the auction items and making several themed baskets, including a Super Bowl basket, wine basket, and a beautiful tea basket. Many thanks to Nancy for making it happen!

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 The Riley Family



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Two hours after the couple had left Woodland Park, Riley was told by a neighbor of the elopement. Quickly harnessing a horse and grabbing his loaded shotgun, he started in pursuit. W. L. McNight, father of William, learning that Riley was on the trail of the couple, also seized his shotgun and started for Colorado Springs to warn and if necessary, protect the young folks.

The two fathers met in Colorado City but the meeting was supervised by Chief of Police Wolfe and there was no trouble. McNight was forced to tell of the where-abouts of the couple and the young people were found a short time later in a Colorado Springs rooming house.

The child-wife protested against being separated from her husband and declared that she would stand by him to the finish. Her father was just as inexorable. McKnight was arrested and released in the custody of his father.

State of Colorado		No. 7409	
Division of Vital Statistics			
MARRIAGE RECORD REPORT			
County		EL PASO	
Husband's Name	McKNIGHT, WILLIAM NUTE	Age	21 Race W
Wife's Name	RILEY, MARTHA	Age	19 Race W
Place of Marriage	COLO SPGS COLO	Date	6-19-13
Name of Official who Performed Ceremony	O R DUNNINGTON		
Title	JP	Address	COLO SPGS COLO
Reported by.....			
Address.....			
<small>100M-3-19-40-BRADFORD-ROBINSON, DENVER</small>			

Looking at the State of Colorado Marriage record report, they were married on June 19th which is when Martha's father intervened. Three days later, Martha Riley and William McKnight were united in marriage at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Colorado Springs by the Reverend Edmund Ley and witnessed by both of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Riley. The marriage produced 5 children. William died in 1960 and Martha in 1989 in Cañon City. ----Steve Plutt

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Marriages

June 22-1913
 Genovese
 McKnight
 &
 Riley

I, the undersigned united in Holy Matrimony William N. Mc Knight, son of Luch Mc Knight and Miss Martha Riley, both of Woodland Colorado.
 Dispensacion espousas ceteris having been obtained.
 Witnesses: Mr & Mrs. Riley
 Rev Edmund Ley.

Long Time Ute Pass Historical Society Volunteer and Board Member Receives Lifetime Patron Status

By Nancy Desilets



Paul Loyd with his award
Photo by Judy Perkins

The Ute Pass Historical Society Board of Directors recognized Paul Loyd, Photo Librarian, Co-Treasurer and de facto SysAdmin, by honoring him with Lifetime Patron status. Paul has been a member of Ute Pass Historical Society since 2003 and was voted to the UPHS Board of Directors in 2004.

In his sixteen years of service to UPHS, Paul has volunteered countless hours helping out in various functions, including gift shop operations, photo printing and organization, tour guide, computer network and software support, and stepping in at a moment's notice for whatever task is at hand. Paul plays an integral role in the Board's policy development and decision making, helping shape UPHS into the organization it is today.

Thank you, Paul, for the generous donation of your time, your expertise, and your financial gifts to Ute Pass Historical Society.



Local historian Steve Plutt delivers a presentation about Henry Hoder and the Wildhorn Ranch
Photo by Judy Perkins

The Annual UPHS Patron Luncheon reached new heights this year. The program by Steve Plutt, *The Life and Times of Henry Hoder and the Wildhorn Dude Ranch* was chock full of humorous and amazing tales about Henry and his exploits. Thanks, Steve, for sharing your time and wealth of knowledge with us!

The silent auction, new this year, raised a whopping \$1,010 for UPHS. Thanks to all who donated auction items and to those who bid. Look for it again next year!

**Ute Pass Historical Society
& Pikes Peak Museum
Calendar of Events 2019**

**FREE History Park and
Downtown Walking Tours:**

**History Park is located at
231 E. Henrietta Avenue, Woodland Park, CO**

Walking Tours start at 9:30 until approximately 11 a.m.
History Park Cabin Tours are from 11 to noon
Saturdays:

June 8
June 15
June 22
June 29

July 6
July 13
July 20
July 27

August 10
August 17
August 24
August 31 (final scheduled tour)

Special Events

Wednesday, May 8—Columbine Elementary 2nd Grade Class Tour
Thursday, July 4—UPHS Cemetery Crawl—1 to 3, Woodland Park Cemetery
Saturday, July 27—Bronc Day in Green Mountain Falls
Saturday and Sunday, August 3 and 4—Mountain Arts Festival
UPHS Food Booth
Friday, October 25—Potato Soup Supper—5:30 to 8—Pikes Peak Community Club, Divide

**If interested in setting up a private or school
tour of History Park, call 719.686.7512—year-round**

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Ute Pass Historical Society “Shows Up” for the 2nd Annual Saint Patrick’s Day Parade



Left: UPHS Board President Donna Finicle and volunteer Ginger Patrick march in the 2nd Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Woodland Park
Right: Ginger Patrick, followed by UPHS President Donna Finicle and Volunteer Ken Valles
Photos by Judy Perkins



Spring has sprung in Woodland Park
Photo by Judy Perkins

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*The Ute Pass Historical Society's Board of Directors is grateful to our loyal patrons and enthusiastic volunteers. Without your generous financial contributions and dedicated volunteer service, we would not exist. Thanks to all of you for supporting our mission to preserve and share the history of the families and communities of the Ute Pass area of Colorado.
It is an honor to serve you!*