



GOODNIGHT BARN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
104 W. Adams Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004



February 25, 2022

Mayor Nicholas Gradisar
Pueblo City Courthouse
Pueblo, CO 81003

Via email: aparga@pueblo.us

Dear Mayor Gradisar:

I visited with Alyssa yesterday. It gave me a chance to tell her details about our upcoming Charles Goodnight Barn Chuck Wagon Rendezvous set for May 20th and 21st, 2022. I asked her about forwarding a letter to you, and she agreed.

There will be at least 15 wagons from the American Chuck Wagon Association (ACWA) out of Texas. They are excited to be here because Goodnight (and his mother) invented the chuck wagon. They were here in 2019 for their annual meeting and loved the Barn in its then sad shape. Now it has been restored and we are ready to roll!

This event is our inaugural chuck wagon event, but we are making plans to make it an annual event in the spring of each year. We expect 350-500 visitors the first year. Friday will be **western heritage day**. As the wagons set up, we will treat the public to living history (trappers, Kit Carson, Pike, Buffalo Soldiers, etc.), seminars on chuck wagons and more. That evening we hope to have western music around a campfire, food trucks and some western vendors. Saturday will be the wagons cooking and serving their fare at 1:00 pm.

I believe this will begin a tradition for a yearly western heritage event. The costs for this are high. Our budget is running around \$30,000. We are truly excited that you might be able to help us financially. All our fundraising has gone into the restoration so far. This inaugural event will put Pueblo City/County in the limelight where it belongs. After all Goodnight and the Thatchers were the first men to bring ranching to our area. I also believe that southern and southeastern Colorado has more history than anything north of our fair city. This coming from a person whose family were here in 1859.

We have been working with the Chamber of Commerce and History Connections of Pueblo. The Chamber is on board (not financially, but backing us and assisting with licenses and volunteers). HCP will also be helping with volunteers and worker bees.

Whatever funds from ticket sales that are over and above costs (small for the first time I'm sure) will be going to restrooms and an interpretive center. We are not done yet!

We are hoping you will be able to help us with a sponsorship of \$15,000.00 (to match what the County is giving us), I thank you in advance for honoring this request and should you be so inclined, please make your check out to Goodnight Barn and mail it to Laurel Campbell, 104 W. Adams Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004.

Happy Trails!

Laurel Campbell
President

DINNER BELLS ARE RINGING FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL 2022 CHUCKWAGON RENDEZVOUS



**AT THE 1870 CHARLES GOODNIGHT BARN
IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN WHERE IT ALL BEGAN IN 1866
SATURDAY MAY 21ST, 2022, GATES OPEN 12 NOON
5475 W State Hwy 96, Pueblo Co.**

●●● FREE ADMISSION! ●●●

**3PM DINNER \$25 A PERSON
COME HUNGRY & GET READY
TO GO BACK IN TIME!**

Enjoy beef, potatoes, beans,
biscuits, and campfire cobbler

Experience an authentic chuckwagon
cook's meal, prepared over the campfire
true to the 1860's!

Limited number of presale tickets for Dinner at 3pm

CAN'T STAY FOR DINNER?
FREE admission to the public to
experience the history with
Goodnight Barn tours, period
actors, vendors, Western music
and visit with up to 10
chuckwagon cooks and wagon
masters in their camp.

Catch a peek at the Longhorn
and Draft Horses

Dinner Tickets available at:
www.goodnightbarnpueblo.org



Or at the Pueblo Heritage Museum
201 West B Street Pueblo, Colorado 81003
Tuesday- Saturday 10-4pm



Questions:
Contact Katie Bonham
719-281-3806

DRAFT BUDGET TO CHUCK WAGON RENDEZVOUS			
EXPENSES			
	TENT RENTAL	\$ 1,875.00	one price for three days
	TABLE & CHAIR RENTAL	\$ 300.00	
	UTENSILS/PLATES ETC	\$ 75.00	Dinner service
	SECURITY OVERNIGHT (FRI, SAT)	\$ 2,500.00	Security company, Lake Rangers, Sheriff
	POTTIES, DUMPSTER, TRASH, ETC	\$ 1,200.00	Covers dumpster, potties, grease and sand containers
	INSURANCE REGULAR	\$ 1,100.00	
	INSURANCE SPECIAL EVENT	\$ 200.00	
	PRINTING/SIGNS	\$ 1,000.00	
	WAGON FEES	\$ 6,000.00	8 wagons x \$750.00 to cover gas and motels
	MARKETING/MAPS	\$ 1,500.00	Advertising Star Journal, Insertions in paper
	MEAT	\$ 2,500.00	
	DRY GOODS	\$ 300.00	
	GIFT BASKETS	\$ 500.00	Pueblo oriented gifts for wagons
	HEALTH DEPT FEES	\$ 900.00	\$200 FOR US AND \$100 EACH WAGON
	REFER TRUCK RENTAL	\$ 100.00	
	MISC (POSTAGE, INK, ETC)	\$300.00	
	PARAMEDICS/WATER TRUCK	\$600.00	
	FREE DINNERS FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$2,500.00	At least 100 (venders, entertainers, etc.
		\$ 23,450.00	
INCOME:			
	COUNTY SPONSORSHIP	\$ 15,000.00	
	UNKNOWN TICKET SALES	\$ 12,500.00	Possibly 500 dinners x \$25
	DRAFT INCOME	\$ 27,500.00	