

Join us for *two* fun events in July!

David Romtvedt and Ospa, plus Miss V, the Gypsy Cowbelle to Perform July 19 at 6 PM

Former Wyoming *Poet Laureate* and traditional Basque music expert David Romtvedt will join his group “Ospa” at Meeteetse Museums starting at 6 pm on Friday, July 19, 2019. David Romtvedt, Kevin Carr, and Josie Mendelsohn, known as “Ospa,” will present the music of Galicia, Ireland, Quebec, and the Basque Country. During their performance, Ospa will teach the audience about the cultural traditions behind each style of music, play samples, and discuss the similarities and differences between the musical types. They will also discuss how these traditions, especially the Basque, played a role in Wyoming's cultural history. Instruments introduced to the audience will include the violin, viola, diatonic button accordion, Basque trikitixa accordion, piano, Irish and Galician bagpipes, alboka, and the Basque and Galician style pandero. There will also be a lot of singing and dancing, as well! Opening for Ospa will be Miss V, the Gypsy Cowbelle, who will perform original songs and cowbilly favorites that relate to homesteading and the heritage of Wyoming. Admission is free. Authentic Mexican food by “Rosa’s and Ruben’s Mexican Taqueria” will be available for purchase during the event, so come hungry! Admission is free! Bring a lawn chair if you can!

Historic Double Dee Ranch Tour/Amelia Earhart Performance Set for July 21

Meeteetse Museums will host its annual tour of the former Double Dee Guest Ranch on Sunday, July 21, as part of Cowboy Day in Meeteetse celebration! This year, the tour will be led by an array of folks, including Byron Bennett, whose family lived at the Double Dee for a number of years, Doug Johnston of the Forest Service, museum staff, and Camille Anderson (whose great grandfather, Carl Dunrud, started the Double Dee and operated the guest ranch, mostly during the 1930s). Among the Dunrud’s guests was Amelia Earhart. The tour will gather at Meeteetse Museums and will leave at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Those wanting to meet the tour on site and not travel with the group must arrive at the Double Dee by 10 a.m. There is no charge for the tour, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Individuals may drive their own vehicles or arrange to carpool at the museum. Vehicles should have high clearance. Participants should also bring a picnic lunch, water, and appropriate clothing in case of a mountain shower. **A special appearance and talk by “Amelia Earhart” outside of Amelia’s Double Dee cabin will also be included in the tour!** The Double D was a favorite of the famous aviatrix, who stayed at the ranch during July 1934. In addition, during lunch, participants will enjoy a live musical performance by Miss V, the Gypsy Cowbelle. **Like the Cowbelle Concert, both performances by the Cowbelle at the Double Dee are supported in part by an award from the Wyoming Arts Council through funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.**