



The Netflix series Longmire is filmed in Buffalo, as Durant, WY. Here is the Longmire Election HQ in Downtown Buffalo, right across from Crazy Woman Square.

20th AVA Biennial Convention

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Welcome!

Good day everyone, and welcome to the third edition of the 20th AVA Biennial Convention Newsletter. We will make every attempt to publish one each month up until the convention itself during the first week of June next year. Missed August, oh well.

Questions and Answers

I appreciate the questions I have received. I will attempt to answer them here, as many are of general interest.

- Susan asks: When will the convention registration prices and registration be available?
 - Our estimate is for January 2017 for when this will be available. It will be a completely online registration and payment, and will be accessible from the convention web site.
 - Follow-up: We met with representatives from the hotel the week of September 11th to discuss the meals, meeting rooms, A/V, and any other things the convention has to pay for. We will be able to come up with a cost Real Soon Now, and will let everyone know what it will be and when the registration will be available.
- Mike wants to know if we have a single-page flyer for the events yet.
 - I have put together a single pager that describes the convention. A second page can be printed with it that reflects the events. These are available on the Newsletter tab of the convention web site, and are attached to this newsletter email.

The American Wanderer

There are two articles that will appear in the October/November issue of The American Wanderer. On the front page, 'Stepping Out of Bounds in Wyoming', Lois Petersen of the Buffalo Pathfinders provides us with a capsule view of Buffalo, Wyoming, our first pre-convention event. For our proposed events, visit the convention web site under the Events tab. Inside this issue on Page 19, Frank talks about the importance of volunteers to the convention. Check out the Volunteer tab.

The Convention Hotel

The Billings Hotel and Convention Center; 1223 Mallowney Lane; Billings, Montana. Now known as the Red Lion Hotel and Convention Center, Billings.

We have been accepting reservations for a couple of months now. As of September 11, the rooms are 100% reserved. Since they are all gone, you will not be able to stay at the convention hotel, but will have to arrange for someplace else in town. All of the major chains are represented. Sherry and I were in Billings in September making some of the final arrangements. We will try to get some discounts on the chain hotels, and will also try to find some other local hotels as well. I have published some information on available hotels. Click on the link under the headline "Hotel is 100% Booked" on the home page. Stay tuned.

We also have some concerns about the number of rooms available before and after the convention. Kevin and Dale are in Cody right now, working with the Chamber to help determine how much of an impact we will have. Sherry and I are looking at Buffalo as well. When we have some information we will let you know. In any case, I suggest you begin planning your trip now. Next month I will publish information about available Year-round and Seasonal events on the way to and from Billings.

Bus Tours to the Convention

We have several tours on busses coming to the convention. In late August I was informed by Craig Gaugher that he is putting together a bus trip coming from Ohio. You can contact Craig at gcgauger@hotmail.com.

The Convention Web Site

We have made some progress in defining the convention logo and the awards for our proposed events. They are on the Events tab.

Stay Tuned

Watch for the monthly newsletters. If something critical comes up, you may see it more often. During the convention itself we will be publishing a daily newsletter with schedules and participation. Connect with the web site to be as current as can be.

See you on the trails.

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