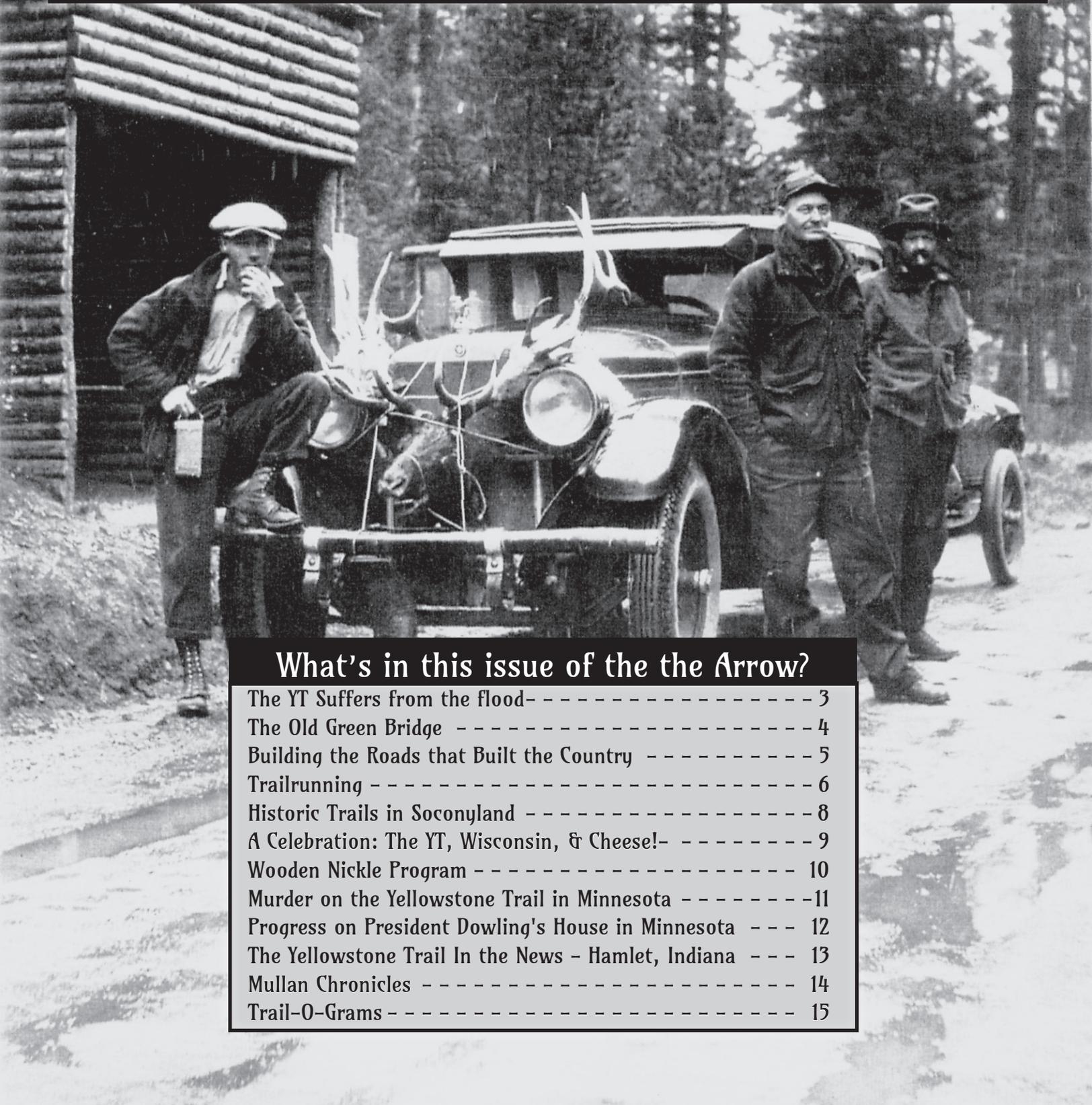


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The Yellowstone Trail Association is

. . . a charitable and educational organization within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with the following purposes:

- 1) Public Education: to increase public knowledge of the Trail and its importance in both local and national history,
- 2) Historical Research: to acquire information and stories about the Trail and its historical context,
- 3) Historical Preservation: to promote the preservation of appropriate sections of the Yellowstone Trail and buildings or other artifacts along the Trail,
- 4) Communication: to provide a medium of communication and support among its members,
- 5) Heritage Tourism: to promote heritage tourism along the Trail to support the above purposes, and
- 6) Related Events: to sponsor or support various events related to the history of the Trail to support the above purposes.

Front Cover Picture:
From the beginning, the Yellowstone Trail carried hunters from far and wide!



Are You Missing Pages 3-14?

In the beginning of the *Arrow*, nearly 20 years ago, every member of the YTA received a mailed printed copy of each *Arrow* when the postage costs were lower. The \$10 annual membership fee covered it all and we could print and mail a copy to all members. But we gathered a couple thousand "contacts" of interested people and the Board decided that to motivate memberships (and reduce work -- we need volunteers for everything) that each *Arrow* would be sent digitally to all but those who did not have a computer. And, we hoped non-members would, upon receipt of an *Arrow*, join. Some did, many didn't. **The Board then decided that full digital Arrows were to be sent to members but non-members and those with expired memberships would be sent just the cover pages to keep them aware.** And motivate them to join. It is just \$15 per year! And the necessary operating expenses are not quite covered. Thus, to avoid a sense of guilt and enjoy the *Arrow*, join! It is rewarding.

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The dues listed reflect reduced dues for Tourism Promotion Organizations in an attempt to attract more such members! Existing memberships will be adjusted accordingly.

Trail-O-Grams

The original Yellowstone Trail Association produced an unknown number of *Arrows* (its newsletter) with notices called Trail-O-Grams. For our younger readers, note that telegrams were a common means of fast, long-distance communication, especially before the ubiquitous telephone.

It's summer and time to report Trail Days events, revved up after a couple of Covid years.

Things we missed:

Ipswich, South Dakota. June 17-19 saw Ipswich again strut its stuff as the home town of Trail founder Joe Parmley. Their Trail Days, held on and off for the past 100 years, features more than we can list, but the highlights are the "Trail Days Parade" along the Trail, bull and broncs riding, the 5K Run/Walk (we assume along the Trail), and lots of food and music.

Weyauwega, Wisconsin car show August 4. Mary Baehman reported that they "wanted to bring tribute to the Trail. We currently have signs around the city to show that we are on the Trail." We hope that the weather cooperated. Perhaps pictures for next Arrow.



Hudson, Wisconsin, Aug. 13, is planning another humdinger of their annual celebration of Yellowstone Trail Heritage Day. High on the list is the Sociability and Poker Run along the Trail. A car show will feature three car shows in one: Vintage, Model A's, and Brit-fest. Geocashers will meet for breakfast and then clean up trash in a park. There will be a book signing in the historic Octagon House of John and Alice Ridge's new book about the Trail, *A Good Road From Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound*. Food will be everywhere and there will be various events in the surrounding Trail communities of Hammond and Baldwin.

Also, the Yellowstone Trail Heritage Day Committee donated copies of the Ridges' book to seven county libraries.

Things we are looking forward to:

Hamlet, Indiana, Aug. 20-21. Yellowstone Trail Fest. Their annual Yellowstone Trail Fest has a "wow" factor with the inclusion of a live game show with questions about the Trail and about the "Back to the Future" movies which were shot nearby. The popular "repurposed metal art contest," a parade, 5K walk/run and food everywhere will keep people busy.



Last year's metal art Winner



Emilia Reynolds, Jamie Smith and Assistant Director Madeline Page representing the Hudson Area Public Library, accepted a new acquisition from St. Croix County Yellowstone Trail committee member Jacki Bradham. Photo provided by Jacki Bradham

Yellowstone Art Trail, along the Trail (hwy X in Chippewa County) in central Wisconsin, Sept. 9-10 features seven studios, three actually on the Trail and four a bit north of it. Some artists will be giving demonstrations. On their flyer they have indicated places of historical interest along the Trail and general area.

Deaths of Trail Friends. We are sad to report the passing of two loyal members of the Yellowstone Trail Association: Dianne Hunt and Elfrieda "Fritzi" Idleman.

Dianne Hunt (California) wrote about her three ventures along about 3,000 miles of the Trail for Arrow issues #8, 10, and 22, covering the years 2005 and 2012. She was from California, far from the Trail, but she had curiosity and determination. We recall her visits with us as she passed through Wisconsin. Once she took two Trail T-shirts, cut them and used them for seat covers for her car. Clever! We shared her frustration at finding few clues to the Trail east of Indiana. Dianne made friends easily along the Trail, especially in Montana. We will miss her humor and her gifts of lovely pictures from her camera. Rest well, traveler.



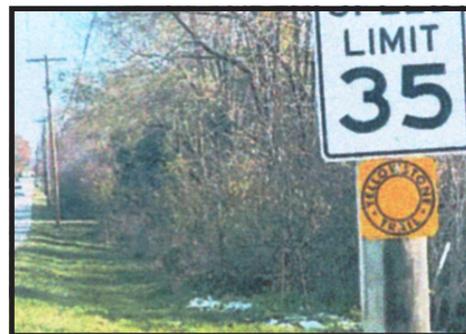
Fritzi and Tia

Fritzi was featured in Arrow #32, autumn of 2015, with her sister, Tia, because they were famous in their Trail town of Park City, Montana, for making angel food cakes and giving over 2,000 away to such places as the Museum of the Beartooths. *Montana Quarterly Magazine* and Montana public television spread the word. They not only baked cakes, but taught kids the intricacies of making butter, of grinding wheat, and of cooking "back in the day."

Winona History Center of Winona Lake, Indiana,

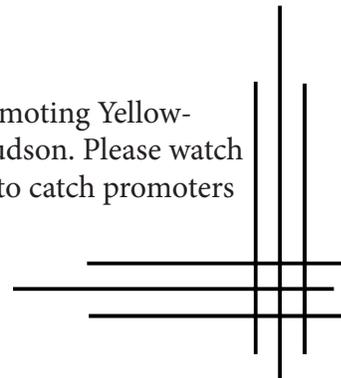
reports that the Yellowstone Trail signs that were donated by member Michael Buettner have been installed.

You will note in the picture the absence of the black arrow. Sadly, some state highway departments feel that the arrow is confusing and prevents accurate directions from being given, so have prohibited them.



Breaking News:

We just learned of a video promoting Yellowstone Trail Heritage Day at Hudson. Please watch <https://fb.watch/eKf6jG1Bib/> to catch promoters talking about the Trail and their event of Aug. 13.



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