

# WILL JAMES SOCIETY 2021 GATHER

*Where The Sagebrush Meets the Jack Pines in the Beautiful Wyoming Black Hills at Newcastle*

## September 16th -19th SCHEDULE

### Thursday, September 16th – Arrival Day

Check into your room. Room rates for the WJS are \$99. per day. If staying in an RV check out Auto Inn Motel & RV Park, 2503 W. Main St. Newcastle • 307-746-2734

Locate the WJS Welcome and Information Booth in Lobby of the host motel the Newcastle Lodge.

If you have not already sent your registration fee in, please pay at the booth, along with banquet/dinner costs and any tour charges you plan to take. All WJS applications and information will be available at the WJS Booth. You will receive your Gather Itinerary along with gifts from local businesses in the welcome bag.

If you are looking for breakfast or brunch, Donna's Main Street Diner is highly recommended, located at 207 W. Main Street, Newcastle.

Other dining recommended: "Grazers Restaurant" which is attached to the Newcastle Lodge. They open at 11am for lunch and dinner, breakfast is not served. Good homemade fresh food.

#### Free time:

Check out the sites of Newcastle downtown shops and eateries.

#### TOUR:

Mid afternoon at approximately 2:30 we meet in the lobby of the Lodge and a trip to the Weston County District Museum (Anna Miller Museum) is planned. It is approximately 5 blocks from the Lodge. A tour guide will be available, and the tour is expected to be around one hour long. Great history and lots to see. The museum is open from 8am to 4pm.

#### Dinner:

There are many choices in the town of Newcastle, you will find suggestions and recommendations for steak houses and other eateries in your welcome bag. One steak house that was a highly recommended was "Antlers Restaurant and Lounge". Lots of good reviews and a warm western ambiance.



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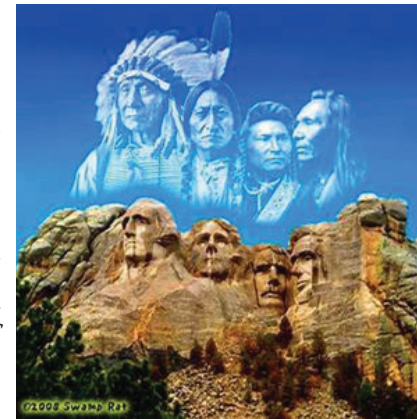
### Friday, September 17th

Every one is on their own for breakfast.

#### Trip to the Black Hills, Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial.

We will gather in the lobby of the Newcastle Lodge at 9am. We will caravan with those that have vehicles. Hopefully once we know how many to accommodate we will be able to acquire transportation for everyone.

It is 57 miles from Newcastle to Mount Rushmore, light traffic, approximately 1 hour, 9 minutes. About 17 miles from Mount Rushmore, a monument to a Native American hero is finally coming into view. The mountainside sculpture of Crazy Horse, regarded as one of the most iconic Native Americans of all time, will be even larger than those of the four U.S. presidents at Mount Rushmore.



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### Saturday, September 18th

Leave Newcastle by caravan, car or uber. 8:30am for the town of Custer. 37 miles. In other words we who have cars take those that don't. Arrive in Custer at 9:15 Breakfast at the Cowboy Café (reservations made for 20-25).

Tour (pre-arranged) at the 1881 COURTHOUSE TOUR for tour 10:30 to 12 noon. Cost \$3.50 per person, Veteran's free.

Back in Newcastle for 1:30pm WJS Board meeting in small banquet room followed by the Yearly Membership meeting, 2:30 to 4 pm for election of new officers and board of directors.

Cocktail's/Social hour at Newcastle Lodge Banquet Room 5pm. Dinner to follow at 6pm. Guest speakers and announcement of our new President and board members and presentation of the Big Enough Award. Dinner Cost \$26.04. per person. Entertainment? Cowboy Poetry/Music??

Sunday morning check out. Optional: Cowboy Church, or farewell brunch at 11am at highly recommended "Donna's Restaurant" downtown Newcastle. (Depending on your travel arrangements and if you are traveling by car or plane.)

1881 Courthouse Museum, Custer, WY

