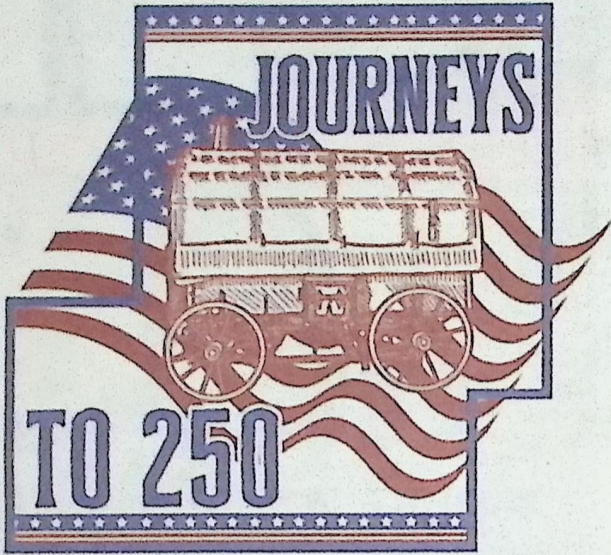


Museum Minute

Carbon County
250 Corner



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The quiet town of Elk Mountain is stepping into the spotlight with an ambitious legacy film project aimed at capturing the rich history and enduring spirit of this small Wyoming community. Preserving the memories and stories of the town elders before it is too late has been talked about for many years, but hiring a professional videographer has always been financially out of reach.

When the Wyoming 250 Task Force made grant monies available for towns and other non-profits for legacy projects that commemorate and preserve Wyoming history, we knew this was our opportunity. We are grateful for the grant money and a generous financial donation from Margaret Karstoff that has made this project possible.

The Town of Elk Mountain, The Elk Mountain Museum, and The Historic Elk Mountain Hotel worked in partnership with Clinton Haby of Story Keeping, who came to conduct and video record interviews with six of our town elders who have lived their entire lives in this area and have deep roots here. Some have memories that stretch back nearly a century.

Haby also captured drone footage of the town and surrounding ranches as well as glamor shots of the town's artifacts on display at the museum. He captured hours and hours of stories and footage with the goal of creating a legacy film that presents the memories and stories in a cohesive story of the Town Elk Mountain. The result is a spectacular film that honors Elk Mountain's history, resilience and generations of upstanding people who settled here and stayed here and have made this area the coveted place to live that it is.

Happening concurrently was another project the museum had undertaken with the help of community member Bob Meyer. Bob helped make digital files of Mark Jackson's home recordings made some 90 years ago. Some of these recordings were used as the background music in the legacy film. We even hear Mark Jackson's voice in the movie's introduction.

Mark Jackson was the owner of the Elk Mountain Hotel for a time and the man responsible for bringing all the popular big bands of the 1940s and 50s to Elk Mountain to play at the Famous Garden Spot Dance Pavilion. Mark was extremely musical and a

Elk Mountain Preserves Its Heritage with a Legacy Film Project

Videographer Clinton Haby sits with his camera equipment inside the Historic Elk Mountain Hotel as he documents the town's legacy.



Equipment and camera set the stage for Elk Mountain's history to be preserved on film.



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well-known entertainer. He and his band played all over Carbon County in the 40s and 50s. What a wonderful and timeless addition to the film.

A private premiere showing of the Elk Mountain Legacy Film is scheduled for April 11, 2026 for the interviewees, their guests, and videographer Clinton

Haby and his wife. The first public showing of the film will be at the annual KenDucky Derby on May 25, 2026. After that it will be available for viewing at the Elk Mountain Museum and on the museum's website (www.elkmountainmuseum.com). Elk Mountain is looking forward to

sharing this legacy film with Carbon County residents and all of our museum visitors in person and online as our nation celebrates its 250th Birthday this year. Join the Carbon County 250 Facebook page to keep up-to-date with our activities this year: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/carbon250>