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**To:** Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian and staff

**Date:** August 3, 2022

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## Montana State Library

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## Montana

Missoula Library voted best public library of the year

[https://missoulian.com/news/local/missoula-library-voted-best-public-library-of-the-year/article\\_c4e502a3-c170-59ff-bc8e-e8b6318b4409.html](https://missoulian.com/news/local/missoula-library-voted-best-public-library-of-the-year/article_c4e502a3-c170-59ff-bc8e-e8b6318b4409.html)

## U.S.

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<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/welcome-to-the-library-of-the-21st-century/?ftag=CNM-00-10aab6i&linkId=174540288&fbclid=IwAR0CbDSHTkCZCvNuvOIRSCvX9M32V01D3tB1wL-TK7jqkuG9IcfPH1-dT54>

# Living history

## Winifred life chronicled in recent project

By KATHERINE SEARS  
Managing Editor

The history of the Winifred area through the eyes of five residents is now available in print and online, thanks to collaboration between the Montana Memory Project, the Winifred Museum, and Winifred resident Candi Zion.

"Winifred Oral Interview History Project" highlights the lives of individuals from the Winifred area, including Betty Wherley, Freeda Terry, Johnny Carr, Larry Arthur, and Tom Ford, through interviews and photographs collected over a three-month time frame.

Zion, who previously completed the "Teton Canyon Oral History Project" and "In Between People: the Métis of Central Montana," said her most recent project on Winifred fell into place at the right time.

"I sat down with the museum board [to make a list of interviewees] and realized a lot of the people had passed away," said Zion. "That just furthered the importance of why these projects need to be completed."

Their life stories were recorded and transcribed to be held in perpetuity in the archival collections of the Montana Memory Project and Montana Historical Society.

Zion started the multimedia project last winter, interviewing and collecting old photographs to share. During the interviews, they discuss their families and past and present occupations, which vary across the board from construction to ranching, horse raising, cattle buying, feed lot management, beekeeping, rodeoing, and operating a guest ranch in Central America.

"The interviewees are connected to each other as family, friends, and often as schoolmates, but they are most strongly tied together by the land and often mutually tough experiences living in rural Montana," the intro-



John Carr rides to the whistle atop Buttons, a bronc owned by Whitehall contractor Mike Quinn. The day before, Buttons had bucked off Merle Boyce, a rider Carr greatly respected. This photograph, circa 1959, is one of many included in the recently released Winifred Oral History Project.

Photo courtesy Montana Memory Project

duction reads. "Their backgrounds have molded them to develop strong work ethics and endure many hardships, and through it all, survive and thrive."



Candi Zion

While the project includes a vast array of experiences, Zion found that theme to be most prominent throughout her time working on the project.

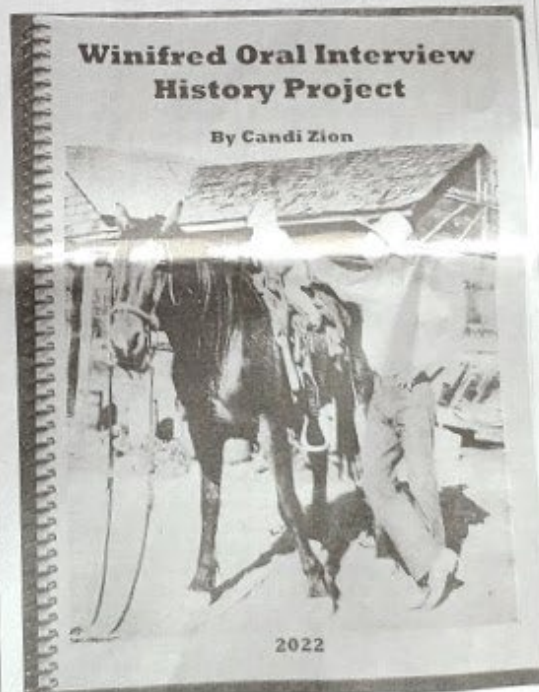
"Any family has hardships, and what I find remarkable is how those people deal with hardship and they go on," said Zion. "Two women lost husbands really tragically, one man had a serious accident that brought him to Christ, and another made a decision that took him to South America, where he is now a ranch owner."

The project went online at mtmemory.org the end of May and hard copies are now available at the Winifred Museum. As Zion moves on to continue work on her next

project, which includes oral interviews of Métis on the Montana Hi-Line, her motivation remains the same throughout.

"It's really important we

respect and honor the elders and learn from their stories," said Zion. "They have a lot to teach us about how to conduct our lives and live it to the fullest."



The cover of the Winifred Oral Interview History Project features interviewee Larry Arthur's father, Hedley, and baby brother, Tony on Two Bugs around 1917.

Photo courtesy of Candi Zion



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