Sheridan, WY Honored as Top True Western Town by True West Magazine!

Back in the day, so the story goes, Buffalo Bill Cody sat on the porch of the Sheridan Inn in Sheridan, Wyoming, overseeing tryouts for his Wild West shows. The wild west merged with the popular west in a way that still exists today.

That is one reason Sheridan is #7 among True West Magazine’s 2020 Top Western Towns. San Angelo, Texas took the top spot. They will be featured in the February-March 2020 issue, hitting newsstands on February 18, 2020.

The Sheridan Inn is still there, looking much like it did in Buffalo Bill’s time. In the lobby, see original furniture and photos. During the weeklong Sheridan WYO Rodeo, take in the colorful First Peoples’ Pow Wow on the inn’s expansive lawn. Relive the June 17, 1876, Battle of the Rosebud, eight days before the Little Bighorn, at Sheridan County Museum. Use a touch-screen to hear a narrative of the fight and see photos and maps. Don’t miss the American Indian Gallery at Brinton Museum. Collections include a Blackfeet war chief’s shirt and leggings, circa 1830. The Mint Bar stands out for its famous bucking bronc neon sign. Inside, see buck and ram heads mounted on cedar walls and a period newspaper listing casualties from Custer’s Last Stand. Visit Trail End State Historic Site, home of Sheridan’s so-called Castle on a Hill, a 13,748-square-foot home built by cattle baron and future governor and senator John Kendrick.

“Sheridan has always been a hub of Old West activity—even before Buffalo Bill went there.,” says True West Executive Editor Bob Boze Bell. “But the past still lives there, in its buildings and museums and the hearts of the residents. Sheridan is truly a Top Western Town.”

This is the 15th year True West has presented this annual award. Editors base their selection on criteria demonstrating how each town has preserved its history through old buildings, museums and other institutions, events, and promotions of historic resources.

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