Bits & Pieces

"Cockeyed happy" is how writer Ernest Hemingway described the anticipation of second wife Pauline Pfeiffer's arrival when she joined him in Wyoming in 1928, and where they spent six summers together through 1939. It's also the title of a new book by Denver-based writer and editor Darla Worden, published by Chicago Review Press.

The little-known story of those six summers sheds light on Hemingway's process and mindset through the different phases of



Ernest Hemingway's Wyoming Summers with Pauline



his writing and the evolution of his marriage. Hemingway and Pfeiffer, who was a stylish editor at Vogue magazine, escaped to Wyoming following the success of *The Sun Also Rises.* The writer loved Wyoming's Big Horn Mountains, where fishing was a frequent pastime as he was finishing *A Farewell to Arms.* The couple also went riding and

hunting during jaunts to Sheridan, Jackson Hole and Yellowstone National Park. They shared adventures from bear hunting to bootleg-liquor-fueled dude ranch parties during the summers that Hemingway worked on novels, short stories, a play and a nonfiction book in addition to writing letters to friends and editor Max Perkins.

Denver American Indian Festival

Now in its eighth year, The Denver American Indian Festival is a free and family-friendly gathering that will be held Sept. 25-26 at the Riverdale Regional Park on the Adams County Fairgrounds in Brighton. Dancers, drummers, singers, storytellers and vendors will participate from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The organization's mission is to celebrate, preserve and protect the traditional cultural traditions and performing arts of the American Indian people.

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Worden, a native of Sheridan, Wyo., has

sparked when she was a teenager and visited

the Last Chance Saloon in Big Horn, where

she noticed a photo of Hemingway above

the jukebox. Now editor-in-chief of Moun-

tain Living magazine (a sister publication to

Colorado Expression; both are published by

WiesnerMedia), Worden also spent a summer following Hemingway's footsteps in Paris, where she founded Left Bank Writers Retreat, which is hosting its next retreat in

June 2022. Worden currently is working on

her second book on Hemingway and also is

the author of the novel Road Shoes and The

Rusty Parrot Cookbook. Cockeyed Happy is

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and bookshop.org. Learn more about the

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