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### Personalities of Old Rochford

**RAPID CITY, SD - The Journey Museum and Learning Center announces the first event in its Spring Turtle Soup Lecture series, "Personalities of Old Rochford". Beginning at noon on Friday, January 12, author Linda Sandness will tell the stories of Rochford's first residents. From miners and loggers, to hunters and tourists, find out why Rochford, SD is proclaimed the "Friendliest Ghost Town in the Hills".**

"Personalities of Old Rochford" Turtle Soup will be held in the newly renovated Joe Rovere | Minnilusa Pioneer Room, located on the second floor of the museum. Located in the heart of the Black Hills, Rochford, SD was founded in 1878. A true boom town, by 1900 Rochford was home to less than 50 residents. Today, the remnants of Rochford are a popular tourist attraction, and the area is home to around 25 full-time residents.

Linda Sandness first came to the Rochford area as a backpacker in the early 70s. Her heart never left. After retiring from a couple decades of teaching at SDSU, and serving as the visitor services coordinator for the SD State Parks, she spends most of her days enjoying cabin life in the suburbs of Rochford. She is the co-author of *Rochford News Dakota Territory 1878-1881*, *Rochford The Friendliest Ghost Town in the Black Hills*, and *Rochford Cooks*.

Feed your mind and your belly with the Turtle Soup Lecture Series. Every Turtle Soup features a presentation on historic figures who influenced Black Hills history and includes soup from Angel's Catering.

Admission for Turtle Soups are included in the regular cost of admission to the Journey Museum & Learning Center.

For more information and details about this event or other items, be sure to call (605) 394-6923 or email [visserv@journeymuseum.org](mailto:visserv@journeymuseum.org).

The Journey Museum and Learning Center was established in 1997 and is conveniently located in downtown Rapid City at 222 New York St, 2 blocks east of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center right across from the Club for Boys. Visit [www.journeymuseum.org](http://www.journeymuseum.org) to find additional schedule information and 'like' us on Facebook!

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