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ONE HUNDRED YEARS IN THE MAKING

Deschutes County Centennial Celebration

Many things have changed in 100 years, but some things never change: food, friends, and outdoor gatherings. At the Deschutes Historical Museum, there are photographs of picnics throughout the years: blankets spread on the ground covered with food, open train cars filled to capacity with Shevlin-Hixon employees riding out to the forest for what was to become an annual outing.

On August 14, in honor of Deschutes County’s Centennial year, there is to be yet another grand cookout - on the lawn of the museum. The main attraction will be barbeque pork grilled on site by the famous Baldy’s Barbeque. The “fixins” include potatoes au gratin, beans, coleslaw, and for dessert on a hot day, slices of cool watermelon.

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Ring Ring – Why Don’t You Give Me A Call...

DOWNTOWN TELEPHONE BOOTH JOINS COLLECTION

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The booth was taken from the corner of Minnesota, whether it came from the corner of Wall and Minnesota or Minnesota and Bond Street was not written down. The booth sat in storage for several years as city employees pondered what should be done with it, knowing only that they did not want to see it hauled away.

When executive director Kelly Cannon-Miller spotted it while at the city on other business, she couldn’t help but inquire about its future. The rest is history, so they say. With all its components there – and in good condition, it might just show up in a future exhibit as an interactive display.
Smith Canyon Castle Used For WWII Target Practice

Last year I finally made it out to the Smith Canyon Castle to see the butt cheek impressions formed into the cement bathtub of the old Millican home. While researching Mr. J. A. Smith and his family, I learned that the all-cement building was used for P-38 aerial target practice during WWII.

On a slow day at the museum front desk, I started thumbing my way through some of the files and found a photocopied picture of a WWII bombing range near Horse Ridge. I wondered why here – in this desolate canyon – were they bombing the ONLY cement structure for many more miles.

There wasn’t a museum catalog number on the picture so I had no way of finding any additional information. With Shey Hyatt’s help on the museums database, I tracked down the picture to a special number used for displays the museum created.

Having flown around the area on Google Earth, I thought I might be able to pinpoint the bombing and aerial range. Sure enough, I found it at the end of the Smith Canyon. It is a place on the eastern edge of the Badlands. The area is now closed to vehicles, so I had to walk in about a mile and half.

And now to the story about the bathtub and the butt check impressions. Mr. Smith decided to build the bathtub out of cement, which was understandably not very popular with Mrs. Smith. As the cement for the bathtub was poured, someone, with a strange sense of humor, planted his or her rear end in the tub and formed a perfect pair of butt cheeks.

– John Kent

Left: An U.S. Air Force aerial photograph depicting the bombing range at Millican. The target area is clearly visible in this picture, but time and nature has erased all the evidence on Google Maps (2016).

I found a lot of rusted, accordion smashed metal pieces and they kept getting more numerous as I got closer to ground zero of the range. Photo: John Kent.

This is one of the most intact pieces I found and think it is part of a practice bomb. Photo: John Kent.

Practice bombs used from 1930 and on. From left: AN-M30 100 lb. GP Comp B, used in WWII and Korea; M38A2 100 lb., used 1930s-1960s; and M47A1 100 lb., gas, smoke, incendiary, WWII and Korea. Right: The Smith Canyon Cement Castle.
Marble Shoot-Out Champions Crowned!

It was a hot afternoon at the 7th annual Summer Shootout Marble Tournament, Saturday July 30th, and that’s not just describing the weather. Participants arrived at the Deschutes Historical Museum with an eagerness to test their marble playing skills on the black top of the museum’s parking lot. With two Schwinn Cruiser bikes (donated by Gear Peddler) on the line, competition was fierce. Two match games, ending in ties, used lag lines to determine their winners.

Many of the players had taken advantage of the free Knuckle-Down Marble Workshop the museum hosted earlier in the week. The marble 101 tutorial gave marble enthusiasts, both beginners and advanced gamers, an opportunity to learn marble lingo, tune their shooting skills, and get some practice games in before the day of the tournament.

Attending the workshop on Thursday paid off for Jack Alexander, Laura Bagley, and Addie Bochner, as all three reached the final round in the Kids Category.

This year’s 2016 Summer Shootout Marble winners are:

**Kids Category (7-12 years):** Jack Alexander (1st), Laura Bagley (2nd), & Addie Bochner (3rd)

**Young at Heart (13 years +):** Madisson O’Herron (1st), John Magee (2nd), & Mark Patterson (3rd)

An extra special thanks to *The Bulletin* and *Gear Peddler* for their sponsorship and the great grand prize Schwinn bicycles, and to *Wabi Sabi, The Old Mill District, Sun Mountain Fun Center,* and *Bend Escape Room* for their donations of fantastic prizes.

Kudos to *Bend Electric Bikes* for spending the day with us. AND we can’t thank our volunteers enough for all their hard work: Lorelei Ackerman, Tracy Alexander, Bodeene Amyot, Bette Andrew, Anita & Carl Elliott, Karen Green, Doug Hildebrand, Shey Hyatt, John Kent, Chloe Miller, Emily Miller, Michelle Patrick, and Carol Selle.

— Vanessa Ivey

Local News Items

**Take the Public Library Survey**

Deschutes Public Library is surveying people about what they like about the place where they live, the future of Deschutes County, and how the library can fit into that future. There are only six questions and you have a chance to win a free iPad.

Please take the survey at this link: [http://tinyurl.com/zwkj4bb](http://tinyurl.com/zwkj4bb)

**More Pictures Needed**

We are still looking for photos of the following individuals for the 15 Minute History:

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Open train cars filled to capacity with Shevlin-Hixon employees on their way to the annual company picnic.

Not to leave out the sweets lovers - chocolate brownies and Eberhard’s Centennial Crunch ice cream. Coffee, tea, water, Southern Sweet tea and Arnold Palmer (tea/lemonade) are included. Wine and beer will be available. We will also have a Centennial Lager from Boneyard Beer for the event.

There will be a bit of fun and folk/Americana music provided by Down Range, featuring Loren Irving (Finding Fremont exhibit) and Jay Bowerman (contributor to the Winter Comes exhibit.)

As a special attraction, the 1907 Holsman Motor Car will be on display – also known as the Holsman High Wheel Motor Buggy. Come see the original All Terrain Vehicle designed for navigation over dirt roads, pot holes, and tree stumps.

A special silent auction garnered from the Deschutes Historical Museum’s exhibit: Pet Tales: Furry Friends and Photographs. Please stop by the auction table on the front lawn by the main entrance. Peruse the exhibit, fall in love, and submit the highest bid for your favorite photograph.

Only 200 tickets will be sold so sign up soon to ensure your seat at the table.

To purchase tickets, go to deschuteshistory.org and purchase on-line from the “Events” tab, stop by the museum at 129 NW Idaho Avenue, or call the museum at 541.389.1813 and pay over the phone.

The Centennial Cookout is a fund raising event for the Deschutes County Historical Society and as such, 50% is tax deductible. Proceeds will go to the continuation of bringing history to your future. We thank you for your support and participation!

– Bonnie Burns

Mark Your Calendars

AUGUST

6 & 20  WALKING TOUR: REFLECTIONS OF HISTORY: ARCHITECTURAL STYLES OF A NEIGHBORHOOD
Deschutes Historical Museum @ 10:30 a.m.
Reserve your spot: 541.389.1813

13 & 27  WALKING TOUR: EARLY DAYS OF BEND
Deschutes Historical Museum @ 10:30 a.m.
Reserve your spot: 541.389.1813

14  DESCHUTES COUNTY CENTENNIAL COOKOUT
Deschutes Historical Museum @ 1 - 4 p.m.
Reserve your spot: 541.389.1813 (see page 5)

30  HISTORY PUB: WATERING THE DESCHUTES COUNTRY: A HISTORY OF THE PILOT BUTTE CANAL
Presented by historic preservation planner and previous History Pub speaker, Pat Kliewer.
McMenamins Old St. Francis
Father Luke Room, 7 p.m., doors at 5:30 p.m