The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

with Alastair Jaques
7 p.m. October 26, McMenamins

Join us for a dramatic presentation of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Washington Irving’s classic tale and an enduring piece of American fiction. The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow has a firm place in America’s Halloween imagination. Presented by actor Alastair Jaques (An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe, American Gothic), rediscover the original story of Ichabod Crane and his fateful encounter with the Headless Horseman.

The fun takes place Friday, October 26 in the Father Luke Room at McMenamins Old St. Francis. Tickets for this one-of-a-kind fundraising evening are $15.00 per person. Doors open at 6 p.m., performance begins at 7 p.m. Program lasts approximately two hours with a short intermission.

Tickets available through McMenamins: www.mcmenamins.com

HISTORICAL HAUNT WALKS

GET READY FOR THE HAUNTING TO BEGIN!

The Deschutes Historical Museum’s Historical Haunts of Downtown Bend tours return for 2 nights only, October 12 and 13. Twelve one-hour tours will be offered each night with the first tour leaving at 4:00 p.m. and the last leaving at 7:30 p.m.

If you missed this fun event last year, bring your flashlights, comfortable walking shoes, and plenty of nerves as our tour guides lead you along the streets and alleys of historic downtown, telling tales from Bend’s past and weaving it with a pinch of the paranormal and mystery of the unknown.

Tour space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Ticket sales begin at 10:00 a.m. day of the event at the Museum or by calling 541-389-1813.

Tickets are $10 per person for non-members and $5 for Deschutes Historical Museum members. Tour fee includes Museum admission.

All tours begin at the Museum and end in Downtown Bend.

Please note: As many featured locations are operating businesses inside, tours do not enter into any buildings.
Tom Shevlin: Famous Local Name Has a Place in Sports History

By Beau Eastes

College football has a long and colorful history.
Johnny Football, the Boz, Neon Deion, Joe Willie Namath, Byron “Whizzer” White and Slingin Sammy Baugh are names that bring a grin to most college football fans. Touchdown Jesus, Georgia’s hedge rows, the Big House, “The band is out on the field!”, Doug Flutie’s Hail Mary, Auburn’s miracle field goal return and Kenny Wheaton’s interception all play into college football lore.

But before Marcus Mariota was leading the Ducks into the inaugural College Football Playoff, before Oregon State’s Giant Killers shut down the Juice, before Army’s Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside, before Grantland Rice wrote poetically about Red Grange and well before the birth of the NFL and the first Heisman Trophy winner there was Yale’s Tom Shevlin.

Known to Central Oregon history buffs as the man who created the Shevlin-Hixon Lumber Company and built the Shevlin-Hixon mill in 1915, Shevlin was an A-list rock star of the early 1900s, his athletic and romantic adventures covered in papers across the country.

An imposing 6-foot, 195-pound end, Shevlin helped Yale to a 42-2-1 mark between 1902-05 and was a four-time All-America selection. In 1905, his senior year, Shevlin led the Elis — the school didn’t adopt its current Bulldogs nickname until much later — to a 10-0 record and a share of the national championship.

That undefeated 1905 squad is considered one of the greatest ever, shutting out nine of its 10 opponents while outscoring teams 227-4.

An impressive all-around athlete, Shevlin lettered in baseball and track as well as football — at one point he also held the world record in the hammer throw — and was said to be one of the best collegiate boxers in the country.

But what seemed to catch the press’ attention more than Shevlin’s athletic exploits was his playboy attitude. The son of a wealthy timber baron, Shevlin was a real-life Jay Gatsby — 20 years before “The Great Gatsby” was penned. He raced his “$15,000 French automobile” throughout New England while in college, dressed in nothing but the highest fashion — The New Haven Register estimated he spent $17,000 one year on clothes — and may or may not have had an engagement broken off because he became “too prominent in a certain social circle” during a trip to Europe.

After graduating from Yale in 1906, Shevlin came to Bend and spent six months exploring the timber potential of the area. That trip eventually led to the Shevlin family purchasing land and smaller timber companies in Central Oregon, which paved the way for the future Shevlin-Hixon mill.

Even with his athletic days behind him, Shevlin couldn’t stay out of the headlines. He would occasionally return to Yale to coach his old team before big games, sometimes relieving the current coach of his duties in the middle of the season.

“Shevlin has been called upon by Yale teams for assistance more

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than once when the coaches in charge were making failures of the work,” The Bend Bulletin wrote in 1915.

With the construction of the Shevlin-Hixon mill nearing completion in November 1915, Shevlin was called back to his old campus in New Haven, Connecticut, to take charge of the “Yale Eleven” before their last two games of the year against Princeton and Harvard.

“Pep a-Plenty Shown When Tom Shevlin Came to Town,” New London, Connecticut’s The Day newspaper wrote in a headline once Shevlin arrived. “Old veteran comes out of the West and grips Yale squad with a Kaiser-like rule,” the paper wrote.

The Elis topped Princeton 13-7 but lost to Harvard 41-0 in Boston, a defeat which secured their first losing record in school history. Even worse, Shevlin caught a cold he couldn’t shake, which eventually turned into pneumonia. He died in December 1915 at the age of 32 in Minneapolis. Shevlin left behind an estate worth approximately $3.5 million to his wife and two children.

Shevlin’s legacy was guaranteed in Bend when in 1919 the Shevlin-Hixon Lumber Company donated the land that would eventually become Shevlin Park. Later, in 1954, Shevlin was a member of the second class inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

“A sportsman, a leader, a friend, always at the front with a dominant personality that compelled attention and success,” is how football coaching legend Walter Camp described Shevlin to The Associated Press after his death. “Into life, as into football, he carried that personality and it always stood him in good stead.”

“Yale will miss him,” added Camp, the namesake for the Walter Camp Player of the Year Award given annually to the top collegiate football player in the country. “Football and sport will miss him, but above all a host of friends will feel a deep sense of personal loss that nothing can replace.”

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The Deschutes Historical Museum is currently featuring photos from the Van Vleet Family historic photograph collection. One of the first photos that will catch your eye is a picture of Bend High School students circa 1917. It serves as a reminder that Bend High is more than one hundred years old, and though there are now five other public high schools in Bend, it is still the one with the longest local history.

Bend Senior High refers to their graduates as “the long blue line.” On October 12, which is Homecoming for Bend Senior High, there will be a morning assembly where students have a chance to honor some of the graduates who have earned the title of “Distinguished Alumni.” Principal Chris Reese will introduce this year’s choices and present them with an award. This year, however, the alumni committee is also choosing to honor past recipients as well and to present each of them with a commemorative plaque. One of the goals of the school staff is to instill a feeling of pride for the students, and to have them recognize what it means to be a distinguished member of the community.

Looking over the list of past award winners, it is noteworthy to mention that many of them are familiar friends of the Deschutes County Historical Society and the Deschutes Pioneer Association. Leon Devereaux, class of 1941; Phil Peoples, class of 1942; Jim Crowell, class of 1955; Bob Foley, class of 1926; and Phyllis Coe Long, class of 1936 are some of the folks on that list.

Though many of them are no longer with us, others plan to be there or they will be represented by a family member as they are honored by the student body.
The Deschutes County Historical Society is pleased to announce the release of the 11th printing of "Maren's Pine Tavern Menus and Recipes." First published in 1959, this memorial edition is dedicated to Shirley Gribskov Ray, who began working for her aunt, Maren Gribskov, at the tender age of 10. Shirley liked to remind us of the correct pronunciation of her aunt's name - “Marn, as in barn, and Gribskow, as in snow.” Shirley continued working at the Pine Tavern, eventually becoming the general manager, until the restaurant was sold in 1967.

When Maren Gribskov attended Oregon Agricultural College (OSU) she majored in Home Economics because she loved cooking. Upon graduating in 1918, she had no idea that she would be able to earn a living with the degree. But hardly a year later, she and her friend, Martha Bechen, opened OIC, a small cafeteria in Bend. The name was literally 'Oh I See,' a little joke between them. Their business sense recognized the need for good food and service in a lumber town; there was a large population of bachelors who worked in the mills, quite a few teachers lived in rooming houses - all potential customers, and payroll was large for a small town.

On opening day, townspeople came in droves to sample the novelty of cafeteria-style eating. The average meal was sixty-five cents and you could choose items you preferred. There was nothing exotic, just what might be called "comfort food" today. Everything was made fresh on site. Shirley Ray noted that "with good food, good service and a friendly atmosphere, the town rallied around the new enterprise".

The OIC was a success. Through the years, their location changed several times until 1936 when Maren and her new business partner, Martha's sister Eleanor Bechen, obtained a bank loan and built the Pine Tavern on a scenic lot by the Deschutes River. It opened just before Christmas, 1936.

There are tales of town folk who shoveled snow and chopped wood for the OIC and Pine Tavern during the worst of winters. Some of the local ladies were happy to sell their produce, eggs and chickens. During WWII when rations limited some items, "extra" ration points and coupons found their way to the Pine Tavern kitchen. No doubt there were other trades with farmers and ranchers, possibly including some wild game and fish.

The OIC and the Pine Tavern provided employment for many young women in Bend. In fact, except for an occasional nephew, no men were employed there until the 1950s. Andrea DuPree, DCHS Board Member and volunteer, worked summers to earn money for college and even after graduation to supplement her teacher's salary. She remembers all the staff were women - from the butcher to the pastry chef, cooks, waitresses, and custodians. As a hostess, she had to inform her customers that no alcohol was served at the Pine Tavern. "Nothing in the kitchen stronger than the vanilla extract," she laughed.

Shirley Ray summed it up fairly well: "As long as I can remember it was a special kind of restaurant - a special part of the community. The service clubs; Kiwanis, Lions, 20-30 Club (which became the J.C.s) met weekly. Chamber forums were held there. We catered all of the major conventions which came to Bend. There were wedding receptions, company Christmas parties, receptions for new teachers, teas for the wives of new doctors - almost any activity that included food. For women's luncheons there were always special entrees, table settings including fresh flowers - from the garden when possible."

In this latest printing of Maren’s cookbook you will find the recipes from the original menus. These are the meals served to mill workers and teachers, soldiers and cowboys, businessmen and women, Olympic athletes, Hollywood movie crews, perhaps even a future astronaut. Maren Gribskov and the Pine Tavern are an integral part of Bend's history.

— Bonnie Burns

Many thanks to Paula Simila who spearheaded this release and for the warm, yeasty rolls she makes from page 115.
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Save the Date! Chili Feed & Heritage Fair  November 9 & 10

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Make a day of it by viewing the museum while picking up some homemade tasty bake sale treats made by museum members, staff and friends. Homemade jams and jellies, breads, cookies and more. Raffle contributions are already coming in, including the popular History Pub Table Reservation. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase during the event and you do not need to be present to win.

For those interested in preserving your past, the Deschutes County Historical Society has collaborated with the Bend Genealogy Society to bring back Explore Your Roots: Genealogy Heritage Fair, with mini Q&A sessions designed to jumpstart your research. Offered both Friday and Saturday these workshops are FREE and open to the public.

For more information about how you can contribute to this annual fundraiser by baking, volunteering, or just participating, call 541-389-1813, or email info@deschuteshistory.org

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3:30-4:30 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum

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16 VOLUNTEER MEETING
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26 LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW by ALISTAIR JAQUES
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