



## New Gym, Old School

*Updates in the ever  
changing schools of Bend.*

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## Surprise Wedding at the Museum

*Making some matrimonial  
history at the DHM.*

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# The Homesteader

Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—February 2019

## Presenting Your 2019 DCHS Board of Directors

### Executive Members:

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*We Love Our Members*

## Annual Meeting of the Membership Saturday, February 9

Join us for the Annual Meeting of the Membership, Saturday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m. This is your chance to meet the board of directors and staff of the museum, learn about our upcoming plans for 2019, and find out how you can get involved. Best of all, it's a great to simply have a delicious lunch and visit with fellow members and volunteers.

This year's presentation by Kelly Cannon-Miller and Sue Fountain revisits Bend's Water Pageant. Learn how the pageant started and how DCHS works to preserve the story of this legendary local event. If you have pictures or stories to share from water pageants and your family, please bring them to share.

Once again, we will meet at the Pine Forest Grange at 63214 Boyd Acres Road. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for coffee and socializing, lunch is served at noon with presentations beginning at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be Tavern Chicken Pot Pie or Beef Stroganoff from the Pine Tavern Cookbook.

Cost for lunch is \$12, please RSVP to the museum by calling 541.389.1813 or email us at [info@deschuteshistory.org](mailto:info@deschuteshistory.org) by Thursday, February 7. Indicate your preference of chicken or beef. Pay at the door or in advance at the museum.

# Bend Elementary School Updates

by Sue Fountain

I drove right by the old Kenwood School the other day before I realized that the gym was back! It looks so much like the old one that I was caught off guard to see it there. I am so happy that the school district chose to maintain the historical character of the school. While the inside has been updated and redesigned, the

outside looks very much the same. Known today as Highland Magnet School, Kenwood was first opened to students in the fall of 1919, and the gymnasium was built in 1950. It is great that the new gym is in place before the upcoming anniversary year of the school. It was during the heavy snowstorm of January 2017 that the roof collapsed on the gym. The new roof is designed to withstand snow up to 35 pounds per square foot, more than is required.

When I was going to school back in the 1950s, Kenwood and Allen were the only schools in Bend for upper elementary grades. After the sixth grade, we all came together at the junior high school on Wall Street. Before that, the rivalry between Allen and Kenwood was fierce.



We even shared the colors of the rival state colleges: green and yellow for Kenwood, and orange and black for Allen. Still today people from those years can tell you who went to Allen School, and who went to Kenwood. Allen School was located on the corner of Third Street and Franklin where the Safeway store now stands. Its unfortunate

demise occurred in December of 1963 when a fire took down the wooden building and left staff and students without a school. According to the Bend Bulletin, the longtime principal of Allen School, Ford Hunnell, stood by watching the fire with tears in his eyes. Historical Society board member, Andrea Hunnell-Dupree can attest to her father's distress over that loss.

I started school at Yew Lane, but part way through first grade my family moved into town and they enrolled me at Thompson. For third and fourth grades, I was across the street at Reid School. After that, I moved on to Kenwood where I am pretty sure that in the winter I had to walk a mile through the snow to get there. However, my older sister, Linda, outdid me because she wanted to

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## Deschutes Historical Museum

129 NW Idaho Avenue  
Bend, OR 97703  
Open Tuesdays-Saturdays  
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
541.389.1813

### Museum Staff:

Kelly Cannon-Miller, Executive Director  
Vanessa Ivey, Museum Manager  
Rebekah Averette, Registrar  
Tracy Alexander, Membership Officer



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and Jane Williamson.

Complete minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors are on file with the Museum office.



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*Left: The old Bend-LaPine School District Bus Barn quonset huts used to be the Yew Lane School. The school was established after WWII when Bend experienced a baby boom, and its two elementary schools were over enrolled.*

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stay at Allen School, and promised she would walk clear out there rather than go to Kenwood, the enemy school. About that time the high school outgrew its building and the new Bend Senior High was built on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Now Bend has three large high schools, three smaller alternative high schools, and one more in the works.

Bend also boasts seventeen elementary schools with a new one on Cooley and OB Riley roads, opening fall of 2019. When I was growing up, aside from Kenwood and Allen, we only had four lower elementary schools. Marshall School and Yew Lane fed into Allen, and Kingston and Reid-Thompson students went to Kenwood by 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Yew Lane School was built after WW II using four military quonset huts and one cinder block building. It was eventually used as a bus garage for the school district, and in 2017 it was completely torn down. Marshall School still stands, and is used as an alternative high school. Kingston school on the west side of Bend is now Westside Magnet School, and Thompson is Amity Creek Magnet School. Reid School still reins as the oldest building, and now houses our very own Historical Museum.

***Note: Kenwood School (now Highland Magnet School) will be celebrating its Centennial in the fall of 2019. Look for information in your August Homesteader!***

#### **The Bend LaPine School District in 2019:**

Deschutes County's largest school district Includes schools in Bend, LaPine, and Sunriver. Students in this district attend 17 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, 2 K-8 schools (including the Bend International Charter School), and 7 high schools, a Montessori K-3<sup>rd</sup>, online classes, and evening class options for Juniors and Seniors, with more schools currently being constructed and developed.

#### ***Old School History in Deschutes County:***

**Redmond:** Redmond School District includes 7 elementary schools, two middle schools, 2 large high schools, and two alternative schools. Some historic schools include:

**John Tuck School** is named after Redmond's second teacher. In 1906, John Tuck taught 42 students, in all grades, in the Old Oregon Hotel. Mr. Tuck eventually became the grade school superintendent, retiring in 1940 at the age of 77. John Tuck School (the name is still on the front of the building) opened in 1948 as a junior high school for sixth through eighth graders. From 1971 – 1989 only fifth and sixth graders attended John Tuck. It has been an elementary school since 1989.

**M.A. Lynch** was one of Redmond's earliest merchants, opening the Lynch & Roberts department store there in 1910. He later served as Deschutes County's sole member of the state House of Representatives, in 1933. The school which bears his name opened in 1965.

**Union High School**, built in 1922, later served as Evergreen Elementary School, was renovated and opened in 2017 as the new Redmond City Hall.

**Tumalo Community School:** Originally called "Laidlaw School" in 1910, changed its name to Tumalo School after the town's name was officially changed to Tumalo from Laidlaw in 1915. Now known as Tumalo Community School, it will be celebrating its centennial the fall of 2020.

**Sisters:** The first school in Sisters (in then Crook County) opened in 1885, when there were 30 children on the census. The school building was a log cabin located two miles north of Sisters, near the Lundy Ranch. The Sisters School District now includes an elementary, middle, and high school, serving around 1300 students district-wide.

# DCHS NEWS

## Odem Theater Up and Running in Redmond

After lots of hard work, delays, and passion, Ted Eady and his son, Evan, opened the lovingly renovated Odem



Theater Pub in Downtown Redmond. The crowning jewel of the renovation project is its art deco neon sign, built by Carlson Sign, and using original O-D-E-M letters uncovered in the basement.

The theater is named for its original owners, Milton and Flossie Odem, who opened the Mayfair Theater in 1929 before expanding and opening the Odem Theater in 1937. The theater operated until the late 1960s.

Show your support for historic preservation and visit them for a movie and dinner! Show schedules, tickets, and menu are available at [odemtheaterpub.com](http://odemtheaterpub.com).

Located at 349 SW 6th Street in Redmond, for more information, call 541-425-1850.

## Deschutes Historical Museum Geocache Update

As of the printing of this newsletter the DHM's Geocache has been found 78 times!

Folks send a message every time they find it. Here are some recent remarks:

*Dropped off my wife for a meeting at the library so I walked over and found the boulder with the inscription. (12/19/18)*

*We were running errands downtown, so we decided to make the quick stop here to grab this cache. Nice container. (1/3/19)*

*Windy morning in Bend. Killing some time while the Mrs. shopped. Thanks for the fun. (1/23/19)*

You can find Geocaches by visiting Geocaching.com on your computer, or by downloading an app to your smart phone. You will be surprised at what treasures are hiding nearby!



## Love Finds the Museum

By Vanessa Ivey

Some Saturdays at the Deschutes Historical Museum are a buzz with people in and out throughout the day; visitors passing through, locals who have not been in for a while, and others looking to do a bit of drop-in research. Other Saturdays can be quiet all day and suddenly something unexpected happens. Saturday, December 8 was one of the latter Saturdays. Who would have guessed on a chilly winter day the museum would draw the attention of a bride and her groom and their entourage?

It was close to 3 o'clock when from my office window I spied, out on the lawn, a woman dressed in a beautiful white gown and a man in a tuxedo. They were poised in front of the Mountain Ash tree as a photographer snapped shots. Some pictures were of the couple alone and others in a group with two young women, one dressed in sapphire blue and the other in a dress of current red. With the snowfall still on the ground and the red berries of the Ronan tree, the scene was magical. I rushed downstairs to discover the couple, Elizabeth and Desi Trinidad, had just eloped earlier in the day and had chosen the museum as their backdrop for their wedding photos. Elizabeth said if the weather had been warmer, they would have picked the museum for their wedding location as well.

Elizabeth and Desi moved to Bend from Seattle, Washington in June. They were planning to elope there. However, during a visit to Bend, they fell in love with the city. Over drinks at Worthy Brewing, the pair decided to make a bold decision and put the wedding on hold, pack up their lives leaving their big city jobs in Seattle, and move to Bend for a better quality of life. "It's so beautiful we decided to elope here," Elizabeth proclaimed.

This would not be the first time the museum has been a destination location for an elopement. Almost to the week, on Saturday December 13, 2014 (12/13/14), a young couple from Idaho eloped to Bend and married under the north entrance stone archway.

Finishing their photo shoot on the stairway, the couple bundled up and headed out the doors to their next destination, Pronghorn Resort for their mini-honeymoon, before back to work on Monday.



## Yesterday Column in The Bulletin

Each Sunday in The Bulletin, the "Yesterday Column" brings all the news that was fit to print from 25, 50, 75, and 100 years ago. Not many know that Don Hoiness has faithfully created that column for 19 years. That's right, 19! This winter Don will pass the mantle to new volunteers to keep the tradition going, and the board and staff of the Deschutes County Historical Society want to thank Don for tirelessly keeping the link between the society and the rest of the community going all these years. To honor this long-running feature, we bring you:

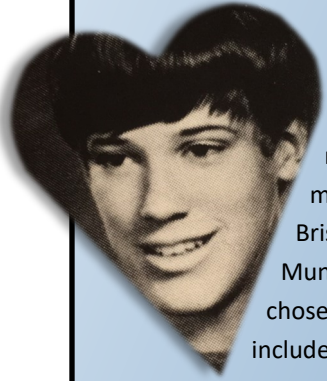
### "Yesterday" Valentine's Day Edition

*All clips are from The Bend Bulletin*

#### 25 Years Ago: 1994



#### 50 Years Ago: 1969 *Queen Crowned on Valentine's Day*



"Syd Parlour, 18, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Parlour, 515 Congress, was selected Basketball Homecoming Queen at a rally at Bend High School this morning. Other members of her court are Cleon Bingham, Ann Bristol, Sandy Kerkoch, Mary Lou McKay, Lorilei Munkers and Jill Robinson...Miss Parlour was chosen by a vote of BHS students. Her activities include the presidency of Girls' League. "

#### DANCING PARTY IS GIVEN FOR SOLDIER

Mrs. W. G. Manning and Mrs. M. H. Horton were the hostesses last night at an enjoyable dancing party given at the Emblem club in honor of Lieutenant B. A. Stover. Valentine decorations were effectively used. A shooting gallery with hearts as targets was a novel feature of the affair.

#### 100 Years Ago: 1919



## DCHS Board of Directors Vote on New Members, Terms

At the January 8, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors, four board members stood for re-election to new three-year terms and one new member was appointed for his first term. Marsha Stout, Susie Penhollow, Mike Berry, and Beau Eastes were re-elected to the board. Dan Ellingson volunteered for the board and was elected to his first term. All five will serve until 2021. Leaving the board at the end of this term is Nate Petersen, who relocated to Idaho last summer.

Our newest board member, Dan Ellingson, is a Bend High School graduate of the Class of 1969, having also attended Kingston and Kenwood Elementary Schools as a kid. He is a 'retired' farmer in that after a career in the business world he retired to the family farm his grandfather homesteaded back in 1906. He is also a member of the Deschutes Pioneer Association board. His eye for project management and interest in the agricultural history of the county will be great assets for the historical society.

The board also re-elected Marsha Stout, Sue Fountain, and Adrian Bennett to remain in their positions as President, Vice President, and Secretary, respectively.

## Memorials

### *Shey Hyatt*

Gail and Muriel Carbiener  
Kristine Albright

### *Dorothy Stenkamp*

John and Teresa Gallagher

## February Volunteer Meeting Celebrating Local Women A Month Early

Tuesday, February 19 1 p.m.

The month of March is Women's History Month. To celebrate early Vanessa Ivey, museum manager, will be giving her talk *Women of Rimrock, Sage and Pine* at the February volunteer meeting. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. (not at its regular noon time hour) in the Deschutes Historical Museum's research room.

Volunteer meetings are open to all DHM volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. For more information regarding meetings or becoming a volunteer, contact Vanessa: 541-389-1813, or email [vanessa@deschuteshistory.org](mailto:vanessa@deschuteshistory.org).

March's volunteer meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be April 16 at noon.



"Track laying Bend Ore 1911 Copy—Photo Art Camera Shop Bend Ore."

## Mark Your Calendars

### FEBRUARY



#### 9 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

**Pine Forest Grange** at 63214 Boyd Acres Road  
Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for coffee and socializing  
Lunch served at 12:00 p.m.  
Presentation starts at 12:30 p.m.  
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#### 19 VOLUNTEER MEETING

1:00-2:00 p.m., Vanessa Ivey will give a presentation called "*Women of Rimrock, Sage and Pine*"

#### 26 HISTORY PUB: THE SEA ALSO RISES: HISTORY & CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Presented by Dr. Sean Munger: Historian, attorney and consultant specializing in the intersection of law and climate change.

**McMenamins Old St. Francis**

Father Luke Room, 7:00 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

*First-come-first-served seating, no reservations required.*

**McMENAMINS OLD ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL  
HISTORY PUB NIGHT**

**THE SEA  
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**TUESDAY, FEB. 26, 2019**

Presented by  
**DR. SEAN MUNGER**

Historian, attorney and consultant specializing in the intersection of law and climate change

The history of global warming goes back farther than you might think, and it involves people you might not have expected to find on the front lines of climate change—many of them connected to the Northwest. From Lewis and Clark squinting at antique thermometers to UW scientists drilling holes in Arctic ice, the Northwest and its people have been a crucial part of the story of climate change.

7 p.m. • Doors at 6 p.m. • Free • All ages welcome

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This is a first come, first serve event. Arrive early!