



SPACE MEN IN CENTRAL OREGON!

*How the High Desert helped get
Americans to the moon.*

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SISTERS VISIT FAMILY QUILT FROM SISTERS

*Volunteer helps connect family with
quilt made on a Sisters area
homestead.*

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The Homesteader

Deschutes County Historical Society Newsletter—July 2019



This year twelve members of the Deschutes County Historical Society (DCHS) will be "floating" their way along the Pet Parade route, in remembrance of

the good ole' days when July was synonymous with the Bend Water Pageant. You will recognize the "bevy"* by their swan-like flotation and their princess waves. Participating will be Kelly Cannon-Miller, Tracy Alexander, Rebekah Averette, Vanessa Ivey, Pat Fulton, Lynda Pazonkas, Skip Paznokas, Judy Hoiness, Anne Goldner, Priscilla Ross, Becky Mimnaugh and Stephanie Swierkos. Line the route and give them a shout!

**A "Bevy" is a group of swans.*



FREE DAY AT DESCHUTES HISTORICAL MUSEUM *July 4 Annual Open House*

For the past 38 years, the Deschutes Historical Museum has celebrated its birthday by forgoing their admission price and opening their doors to the public for FREE, and this year will be no different. From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday July 4 the Museum honors not just the nation's birthday but theirs as well.

After the annual Fourth of July Bend Pet Parade, enjoy an old-fashioned cup of Eberhard's ice-cream, free while supplies last. Continue the fun with nostalgic gunny-sack races, hopscotch, and marble pick-up games on the front lawn of the Deschutes Historical Museum. Explore the rooms of the old grammar school, immersing yourself in the local history of Deschutes County. There is something for everyone, from the interactive early 1900's classroom to the return of Bend baseball exhibit "Diamonds in the Desert," and the much anticipated "Cruisin' 97: Tourism and Travel in Central Oregon, 1930-1960.

The Museum's Free Day is an opportunity to thank the community for its support in keeping our local history alive.

NASA WAS HERE: When Astronauts Came to Central Oregon

By Vanessa Ivey

The decade of the Sixties was a productive one for National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), from the United States launching TIROS 1, the first meteorological satellite designed to observe Earth's weather, to the historic manned lunar landing of Apollo 11 on the moon and then a successful repeat with Apollo 12.

July 20, 1969 is one of those "I know where I was when..." moments that you never forget. Our family story narrates Mom packing up the house in preparation of a massive move from Philadelphia to Oregon, only weeks away. She remembers watching the moon landing on the 13-inch black and white boxie television. When Neil Armstrong steps from the capsule ladder to the lunar surface of the moon Mom held up my little brother of 2 months in front of the screen and declared, "This is your future!" Being all of two years old, I was napping and missed the big event.

Now fifty years later our nation will commemorate this amazing feat of science & technology. Humans flew beyond Earth's atmosphere to the planet's only permanent natural satellite, the brightest and largest object in our night sky, simply called "the moon". Neil Armstrong touched his feet in moon dust and broadcast, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," making history.



Astronaut using a modified Jacob's staff

However, let us not forget that the one small step leading up to the giant leap began with many smaller steps all around the United States, including here in Central Oregon.

In 1962, the Bend Bulletin reprinted an editorial submitted to the Salem Capital Journal,

"A big man in the American Astronautical Society the other day told his colleagues that Bend, Oregon, and the Galápagos Islands would be the ideal spots for training moon men. It seems that the two areas have volcanic terrain and other conditions similar to those anticipated on the moon. 'For all purposes conditions would be lunar' at Bend."

Two years later NASA established a training camp in Central Oregon, where astronauts prepared for "moon country".

The space-suited walks were conducted throughout the high desert area; McKenzie Pass, Crescent, and Newberry Crater. The Houston crew expected the local terrain to be more rugged than the lunar landscape they would find on the moon, with experiments taking place



Astronaut wearing a pressurized space suit

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**Deschutes
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Archaeology Roadshow 2019 In Review

The first ever Archaeology Roadshow held in Bend was a roaring success! Visitors from all over Central Oregon, and as far away as Arizona, tried their hands at throwing an atlatl, grinding nuts, identifying tin cans, and of course, sharing their own objects with experts. A favorite object was the movie screen, found in the abandoned Bend Grange Hall, which included vibrantly painted advertisements. With some digging, the screen has been dated at circa 1948. Enjoy these highlights, and mark your calendars for next year's event!



Kelly Cannon-Miller researches business ads on this ca 1948 movie screen



Atlatl Throwing



Tin Can ID with DHM



Ethnobotany with the High Desert Museum

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over lava, pumice, ash, and obsidian, finding some areas easier to navigate than others. The designed experiments tested the capabilities of pressure-suited astronauts performing lunar-related tasks on topography similar to the moon. Astronauts tested the speed in which tasks were completed, the maneuverability and durability of the suits and the use of Lunar-walkers and modified Jacob Staffs as support equipment while wandering across terrain.

Along with the physical practices, astronauts were also required to participate in orientation field studies, acquainting themselves with the features of the landscape, so to better report what they observe on the moon and be able to trouble shoot the unexpected. Their fieldwork took them near Fort Rock, Lava Butte, and Lava River caves, to inspect tuff rings, holes in the earth, lava and other features.

Why Central Oregon? Besides the varied types of



Astronaut with Luna-Walker

terrain needed for test work, NASA found the temperatures would make the space-suit work less difficult, compared to Texas and New Mexico. Also, the Air Force base located at Klamath Falls

was convenient as one of the tests would be in Klamath County.

Between August 1964 and October 1966, thirty four NASA astronauts visited Central Oregon for lunar training. The majority of the astronauts would go on to participate in missions, which included Gemini, Apollo 1, 9-17, Skylab, and shuttle Space Transportation Systems (STS).

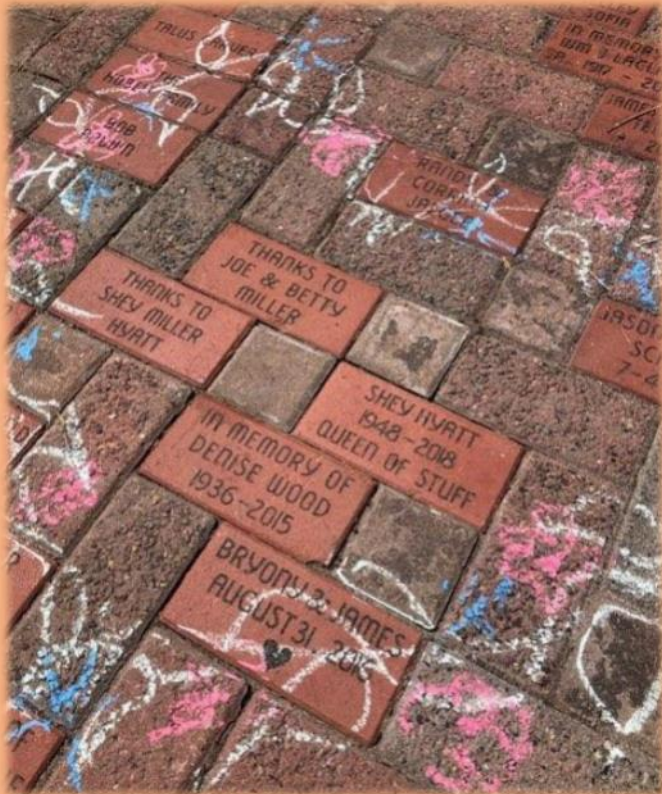


Taking a break

In fact, all three men chosen for the Apollo 11 mission spent a portion of their training here. **"The astronauts were here"**, reported the Bulletin on July 16, 1969. Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin, Michael Collins, and Neil Armstrong each spent three days in October of 1964 taking steps on the lava tuff before the big leap onto lunar dust of "moon country".

To learn more about NASA's stay in the High Desert and the part Central Oregon played getting Americans to the moon, visit the Deschutes Historical Museum and check out "Central Oregon and the Moon Men", opening later in July.

DCHS NEWS



Thank you to all who attended the Celebration of Life and brick dedication for Shey Hyatt in June. It was a lovely way to connect the many facets of Shey's love for life and friends.

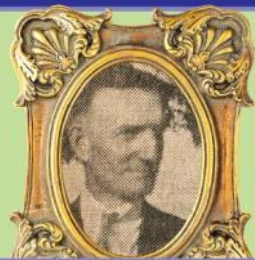
KPOV Adds a Third Rebroadcast of "15 Minute Histories"

Have you listened to any of KPOV's (88.9 FM) rebroadcasts of KBND's Kessler Cannon's 1953 interviews with early settlers and pioneers of Central Oregon? Known as "15 Minute Histories," these interviews have aired on the second Friday and third Wednesday of each month from 9-9:30 a.m. during the Historic Moments of Central Oregon segment of The Point, a local community affairs program. KPOV is pleased to announce the addition of a third segment of Historic Moments of Central Oregon on the fourth Tuesday of the month, hosted by Bruce Morris. Tune in on July 12, 17, and 23 to learn about the lives of those hardy individuals who made Central Oregon their home.



High Desert Community Radio

PRINCE STAATS



15minute
HISTORIES

Cruisin' 97



Tourism and Travel in Central Oregon, 1930-60

Tourism is a seven-letter word, evicting strong feelings in the residents of central Oregon. However, tourism isn't new but rather a central player in the development of the region. Cruisin' 97 is an exhibit based on the publication of the first comprehensive travel guide to the state published in 1940, offering tour suggestions as you work your way down what was then known as The Dalles-California Highway. Discover a time when neon signs, drive-ins, and roadside attractions greeted visitors as they wound their way from Smith Rock State Park through downtown Redmond and Bend and past Lava Butte. The exhibit is funded by a grant from the Bend Cultural Tourism Fund and an Oregon Museum Grant.



Oregon MentorCorps Supports Conservation Equipment Purchase

Operating in a historic school building has its ups and downs. One challenge facing staff is maintaining a conservation environment for artifacts in rooms that were meant to house and teach children. Are the rooms too hot? Too cold? Is there enough humidity? This month, the museum purchased new Bluetooth enabled environmental data logging equipment with funds received from the Oregon Heritage MentorCorps program, with the intent that heritage organizations in the region have access to the equipment needed to monitor the environment where our collections are kept. The Deschutes Historical Museum can now capture temperature and humidity data for long periods of time, 24/7, and make adjustments for the health of our exhibits. Even better, other central and eastern Oregon heritage groups will be able to borrow the data loggers from the museum for use at their facilities.

Fryrear Family Crazy Quilt Visited by Descendents

July is a banner month for quilt lovers visiting or residing in Central Oregon. July 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. is the 45th Annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. Each year, on the second Saturday of July, thousands of visitors from around the world descend on Sisters to attend what is recognized as the world's largest outdoor quilt show and quilt sale.

The Deschutes Historical Museum also recognizes the cultural and historical significance of quilts in our community and has nearly fifty in our collection. These include utilitarian, decorative, child-sized, and doll quilts. One particularly beautiful "crazy quilt" in our collection belonged to members of an early Sisters family, the Fryrears, who settled in the area in the latter part of the 1800's. John and Elizabeth Fryrear moved to the region from Linn County and filed a land claim for 160 acres along the Whychus Creek. One of their sons, William, married Etta Belle Taylor. It was for Etta that the quilt was created by a group of area women in 1913. The year and names of some of the quilters are featured on a number of the colorful quilt blocks. The quilt was donated to the Deschutes Historical Society in 1984.

In April, two descendants of the Fryrear family traveled from Idaho to visit the Museum to see the quilt firsthand. It was an emotional moment for the two women, Janet Jill Snyder and her sister Judy Hiatt, when they laid eyes on the quilt for the first time. Museum staff was on hand to share in the event and listen to the sisters recount stories from their family history as they marveled at the square sewn by their grandmother, Clara Fryrear. "Clara was a person who preferred to be out with the animals rather than sewing," Janet remarked with surprise. The quilt will be on display at Black Diamond Ranch on Harrington Loop Rd (off Highway 20, east of Sisters) for the Quilts in the Garden tour July 11 and at the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show in the Community Room of the Sisters Library on July 13 along with a historic 1935 Cloverdale Grange quilt.

Deschutes Historical Museum and Three Sisters Historical Society volunteer Karen Swank was instrumental in compiling information for Clara Fryrear's granddaughters. Karen researched the quilters of each block and amassed information about the family homestead, location of family graves, and many wonderful photos of the Fryrear family members.



Descendants of the Fryrear family visit Etta Belle Taylor's crazy quilt, made in 1913.

Deschutes Land Trust Creates New Historic Interpretive Trail at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve

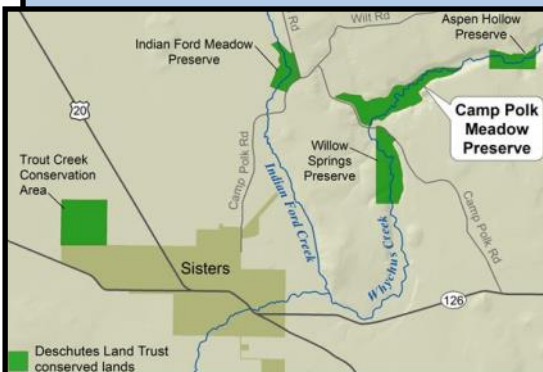
Camp Polk Meadow Preserve is a nature preserve outside of Sisters, Oregon that also protects the remnants of Hindman Station, one of the historic way stations on the Santiam Wagon Road. The Land Trust's new interpretive trail shares some of the unique human history of the meadow, the wagon road and the Hindman family. The new trail, along with the Land Trust's Santiam Wagon Road trail at Whychus Canyon Preserve, provide the only interpretation of the Santiam Wagon Road east of the Cascades.

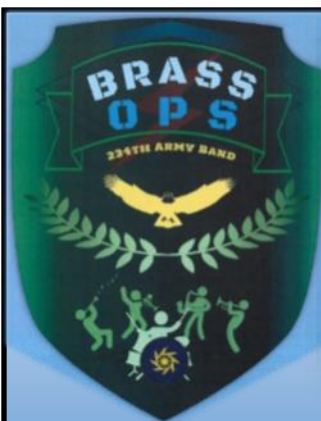
Visitors can now walk in the footsteps of Wagon Road travelers along a 1/2 mile trail that winds around the historic Hindman Springs portion of the meadow. Colorful new signs with detailed historical photos tell the story of the many people who visited the meadow over the years: Native Americans, soldiers, and settlers including the Hindman family.

"The Land Trust recognizes the importance of historical interpretation for our rapidly growing community. When our Land Trust Preserves contain important historical artifacts like a former way station on the Santiam Wagon Road, we do our best to protect and share these resources with the community. This project represents a great partnership between the Land Trust, our local history organizations, and the Oregon Community Foundation and other funders," said Brad Chalfant, Deschutes Land Trust executive director. For more information visit www.deschuteslandtrust.org.



*New historic interpretive trail sign at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve
photo courtesy of The Nugget Newspaper*





The 234th Army Band is celebrating its 100th year with a state-wide musical tour! The "Empire Builders" will be presenting "A Century of Musical Excellence" featuring music from all eras of the Band's 100-year history.

Brass Ops will be presenting an exciting mix of high energy music at this free family-friendly event.

JULY 10

THE 234TH ARMY BRASS OPS BAND

12:00-1:00 PM

On the Deschutes Historical Museum Lawn


Mark Your Calendars

JULY

- 4** **FOURTH OF JULY FREE DAY! Volunteers Needed**
10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
- 6** **HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Early Days of Bend**
10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
Please sign up by 3:00 p.m. July 5
- 10** **THE 234TH ARMY BRASS OPS BAND**
12:00-1:00 p.m. Deschutes Historical Museum Lawn
- 12** **15 MINUTE HISTORIES: E.A. SMITH**
9:00 a.m. KPOV 88.9 FM
- 13** **HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Architectural Tour**
10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
Please sign up by 3:00 p.m. July 12
- 17** **15 MINUTE HISTORIES: FLORENCE PITMAN STOUT**
9:00 a.m. KPOV 88.9 FM
- 20** **HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Early Days of Bend**
10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
Please sign up by 3:00 p.m. July 19
- 23** **15 MINUTE HISTORIES: PRINCE STAATS**
9:00 a.m. KPOV 88.9 FM
- 27** **HERITAGE WALKING TOUR: Architectural Tour**
10:30 a.m. Deschutes Historical Museum
Please sign up by 3:00 p.m. July 26
- 30** **HISTORY PUB: HISTORIC HIKE OF CENTRAL OREGON**
Presented by author William L. Sullivan
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
HISTORY PUB NIGHT

NEW HIKEs in the CENTRAL OREGON CASCADES



presented by
WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN
AUTHOR

Join us for a tour of a dozen new or dramatically changed trails in the area between Salem and Bend, featured in Sullivan's newly released fifth edition of his guidebook, 100 Hikes in the Central Oregon Cascades. He'll also discuss the effects of wildfires and the Forest Service's new permit system. Along the way, expect anecdotes about local history, plants, and outdoor lore.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019
5:30 p.m. doors, 7 p.m. event • Free • Minor with parent or guardian

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