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Quarterly Newsletter



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Quarterly meeting
Sunday June 7, 2015
Crook County History Center 1:00 P.M.

The Spring quarterly meeting for the Crook County Historical Society will be held at the **Crook County History Center** on Sunday June 7, 2015. . The meeting will begin with a potluck dinner at 1:00 P.M. Please bring your own place setting. All members and the general public are welcome to attend. Members please bring a guest.

FEATURED PROGRAM

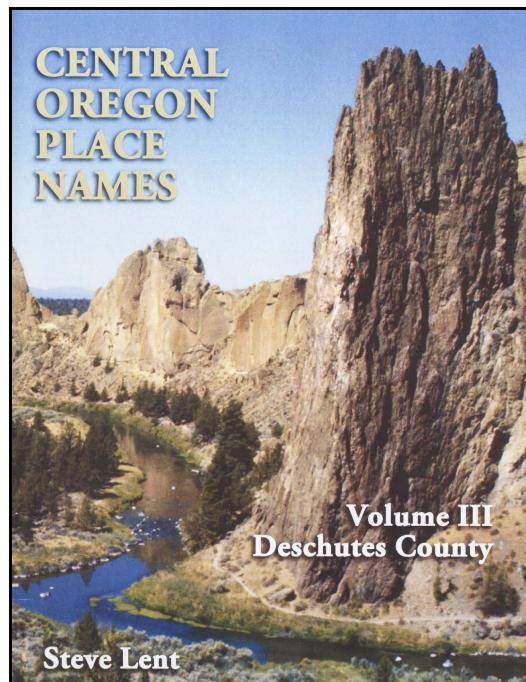
Central Oregon Place Names

Book Signing and Presentation

Presented by Steve Lent

Bowman Museum historian Steve Lent has completed the last volume of his trilogy of Central Oregon Place Names. Volume III is Deschutes County. The Crook County Historical Society is publishing the book. Steve will be giving a slide presentation on the history of various place names in Central Oregon with an emphasis on Deschutes County. Photos and a narrative on the source of some of the geographic names will be provided.

Books will be available for purchase and all proceeds of the sales of the book benefit the Crook County Historical Society. The book has 406 pages and contains over 300 vintage photos. It has taken over six years to compile the information in the book. Previous volumes include Crook County and Jefferson County. The Crook County book is now out of print but Steve is working on a revised and expanded edition.



Director's Corner

Museum Hires Collection Care Manager

When most of us think of museums we think of entertaining and educational exhibits. Maybe we think of doing research in the museum's research library. But most of us don't think, and understandably don't know about, the tremendous amount of work and know-how that goes into looking after the museum's huge collection of objects and archival documents. That is the job of the Collection Care Manager.

That is now the responsibility of Sarah Baylinson. Sarah comes to us with lots of good experience and education in collection management. Most recently she was the Museum Manager of the Log House Museum in Seattle. In that capacity she curated exhibits, supervised all the volunteers, did fundraising and outreach, wrote grants and managed the day-to-day care and registration of the collection.

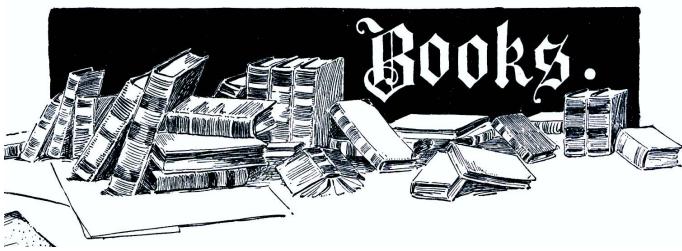
Previously Sarah had worked at the Island County Historical Society in Coupeville Washington. She also contracted for the installation of the King Tutankhamun exhibit at the Pacific Science Center in 2012. As exciting as that sounds Sarah tells us only the Egyptians were allowed to touch the King Tut artifacts, she got to assemble cases, and position everything precisely according the exhibit blueprints.

Sarah's schooling includes a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and a Museum Studies Certificate from the University of Washington. Most importantly she graduated high school in Ellensburg Washington, which told us that she knew what it was like to live in a small western town like Prineville. She is fitting right in.

Welcome Sarah!
Gordon
Museum Director



Sarah Baylinson



NEW BOOKS AT MUSEUM

Members Receive 10% Discount

The Gray Fox: George Crook and the Indian Wars

by Paul Magid

\$29.95

Cloth

495 Pages

This is the second volume of a biography of George Crook. Crook was one of the most prominent military figures of the late-nineteenth century Indian Wars. The author relates crucial episodes of Crook's life. He was noted for aggressiveness in combat and earned the nickname the "Gray Fox" from the Apaches who viewed the animal as a herald of impending death. Upon hearing of Crook's death in 1890, chief Red cloud spoke for the Sioux people: "He, at least, never lied to us. His words gave the people hope." Crook County in Oregon and Wyoming are named for general Crook.

The Life and Legends of Calamity Jane

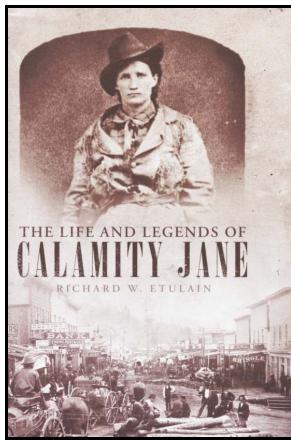
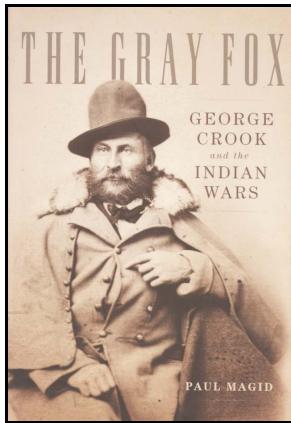
by Richard W. Etulain

\$24.95

Cloth

382 Pages

Martha Canary grew up an orphan and traveled fearlessly at a young age and worked with men, smoked, chewed tobacco and drank whiskey. She became a legend by the time she arrived in Deadwood, South Dakota Territory in 1876. She was known as Calamity Jane. She became a hostess and dancer in Deadwood's saloons and theaters. She was also known as an angel of mercy who administered to the sick and down trodden. The author has thoroughly researched the life of Calamity Jane. Professor Etulain was a speaker at our May lecture series.



Children of Grace: The Nez Perce War of 1877

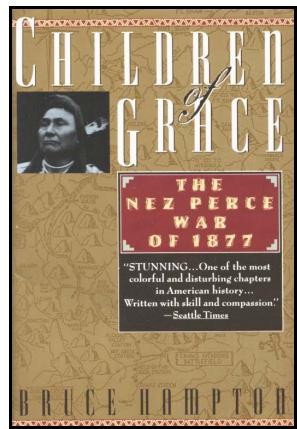
by Bruce Hampton

\$12.50

Paper

407 Pages

The Nez Perce Indians assisted Lewis & Clark on their journey west. Unfortunately the tribe was repeatedly misled by white treaties over the next several years. In 1877, a handful of renegade warriors struck back by massacring some settlers in Idaho. This is the story of the dramatic 1200 mile chase through Idaho, Montana and Wyoming in which 800 Nez Perce men, women and children attempted to fight their way to freedom in Canada. The author has well researched this disturbing chapter in American history.



Indians and Emigrants: Encounters on the Overland Trails

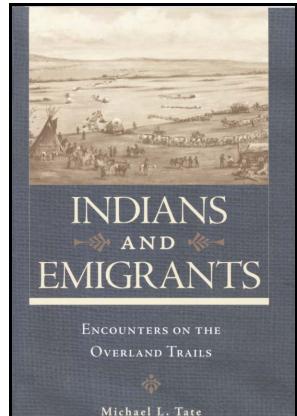
by Michael L. Tate

\$21.95

paper

328 Pages

This is the first book to focus on relations between Indians and emigrants on the overland trails. The author shows that the encounters were characterized far more often by cooperation than by conflict. Researching through hundreds of unpublished sources and Indian oral traditions he discovered that Indians and trail travelers traded goods and news and that Indians provided various forms of assistance to over landers. Despite numerous mutually beneficial exchanges the image of Plains Indians has prevailed as the terror of the journey



Keep Cookin' Cowgirl

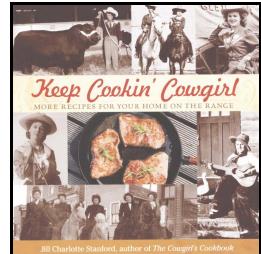
by Jill Charlotte Stanford

\$14.95

Paper

164 Pages

This is a second volume of recipes by Sisters author Sanford. Her previous cookbook was *The Cowgirls Cookbook*. This volume contains more western flavors and more cowgirl wisdom.



MEMORIALS SINCE FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Vera Hale

by Shirley McCullough
Snoden & Pat DeBoard
Helen Schnabele

Dawn James

by Ron & Marlene Davis
Luis Haney
Don James
Gary & Ramona Romine
Chic & Bonnie Burgess
Shumia Book Club
Don James

Pat Miller

by Jay & Beth Grimes
Reita Evans
Snoden & Pat DeBoard
Helen Schnabele
Lynda Smith

Kay Garrison

by Jay & Beth Grimes
John & Lynn Breese
Lynda Smith

Jim Minturn

by Jay & Beth Grimes
James & JoAnn Larson
Barbara Groff
Chic & Bonnie Burgess

Dee Puckett

by Jay & Beth Grimes
Snoden & Pat DeBoard
Sharon Cox

Diann Duggan

by Jay & Beth Grimes

Don Doyle

by Ernie & Diana Edwards

Mike Sturza

by Reita Evans
Lynda Smith

Tom McKenzie

by The McCormack Family
Helen Schnabele

Clara Bernard

by Sharon Cox
Helen Schnabele
Lynda Smith

Les Sundet

by Jerry & Taunie Evans
Snoden & Pat DeBoard
Lynda Smith
Ernie & Diana Edwards

Bob Ervin

by Helen Schnabele
Chic & Bonnie Burgess
Lynda Smith

Jerry Crafton

by Helen Schnabele

Ben Tenant

by Helen Schnabele

Ron Jay

by Chic & Bonnie Burgess

Ed Wilson

by Chic & Bonnie Burgess

Kay Garrison

by Chic & Bonnie Burgess
Steve Lent

Pat Bell

by Lynda Smith

Keith Snyder

by Shirley McCullough
Jerry & Eloise Brummer
Steve Lent & Barbara Fontaine
Snoden & Pat DeBoard

Carl Schnabele

by Louise Condron
Steve Lent & Barbara Fontaine
Snoden & Pat DeBoard
Lynda Smith
Paul Smith & Renee Roufs
Velda Jones

Elris Jones

by Louise Condron
Shirley McCullough

Douglas Woodward

by Richard & Carol Moore
Snoden & Pat DeBoard

Lois Frewing

by John & Lynne Breese

Sharon Nott

by Ernie & Diana Edwards

Margaret 'Peg' Ontko

by Barbara Groff
Snoden & Pat DeBoard
Steve Lent & Barbara Fontaine

Edna Hopkins

by Snoden & Pat DeBoard

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dick Herb

Jerry & Deanna Pimentel

Jack & Win Seley

Tastee Treet

Therese Leach

Erin Buckley-Noonan

Ron & Linda Greene

Clark & Mary Ann Shockey

Jeri Fine



Historical Society Field Trip to Gilchrist, Oregon Saturday - June 13, 2015

Gilchrist, located in Klamath County, is Oregon's most recently constructed company town and is also one of the most successful towns of its type ever established. Gilchrist was Oregon's first town which was entirely plumbed and wired for electricity at the time of its founding. It was also Oregon's first town to have all its houses equipped with a dial telephone system. Oregon's first mall, perhaps the first mall in the United States, was built in Oregon by the Gilchrist Timber Company. The town was constructed with amenities which were often not found in larger communities. Gilchrist, following its construction, was routinely described as a wonder town.

Gilchrist was the culmination of decades of experience gained by the Gilchrist family constructing and then operating communities for its employees and their families. The move by the Gilchrist family and their employees from Laurel, Mississippi to Klamath County was also a continuation of the movement of the Scots-Irish from the South to Oregon which began prior to the admission of Oregon to the Union.

Our field trip leader will be John Driscoll author of the book, *Gilchrist, Oregon: The Model Company Town*. The tour will include exploring the town, the mall and meeting with long time Gilchrist residents. This tour was originally scheduled as the Spring 2014 tour but was cancelled due to the death of a prominent Gilchrist resident.

Those wishing to join the tour must sign up at the museum. Please call 541-447-3715 to make your reservation. There will be a limit of 15 vehicles for the tour so we will need to consolidate as many people in to vehicles as possible. The museum will provide a minibus courtesy of Stahancyk, Kent and Hook. Space on the bus will be limited to the first 10 people to reserve a spot.

We will meet at the community room of the Crook County History Center at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning and leave from the museum. It should be a fun trip and hope to see you there. Please bring your own lunch. Tour members will return from Gilchrist on their own schedule.



This Just In...

After the invention of the sadiron and before the luxury of the electric steam iron was a curious time in history when the gasoline iron was used. Recently the Bowman Museum acquired one of these little gems from donor Robert Templeton, who says it was used by Luella Templeton.

This particular gas iron was made by the Akron Lamp Company for Montgomery Ward department store. It was patented in 1936, although others were already in existence, the patent was for the fuel tank shape that allowed the iron to rest upright, and the convenience of a built in air pump. The iron operated by unscrewing the big knob at the end of the handle and pouring white gas such as kerosene down the tube which emptied into the tank.

Once filled the big knob was tightened and the little knob was loosened, and pumped several times to prime the fuel. The iron was lit with a match at the base and in less than five minutes it was ready to go. Although gas irons had their advantages over sad-irons which were heavy, dirty, and often made with toxic substances like asbestos, they weren't without complaint. In my research I found a recounting from a woman who remembers using an iron exactly like this but always stood by the back door when using the device. She explained that her practice was to toss her iron into the back yard when it caught on fire. She said it happened "many a time."



HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT

*Letter to The Editor of Oregonian Newspaper
1864*

Camp Separation
News From the Crooked River Expedition

Camp Separation
May 20, 1864

Editor Oregonian:

I have barely time before the express starts to pen you a note on the following items concerning Captain Drake's Command. This command consists of Company D, Company G, and a portion of Company B of the 1st Calvary, Oregon Volunteers. Accompanying the troops are about twenty five Indians (from the Warm Springs Reservation) as guides and scouts. The command marched from The Dalles on the 20th of April, and arrived at this point on the 18th of May. The route traveled is thus far almost directly up the course of the Crooked River, crossing that stream frequently, and is a part of what is known as Meek Cut Off.

Camp Separation (Camp Maury)

Where we are now encamped, was so named in consequence of its having been the point at which the commands of Major Steen and Capt. Smith, of the 1st Dragoons separated when they marched through this country three or four years ago. I should guess it to be about 180 miles from The Dalles upon the wagon road (Meeks Cutoff). This camp is three miles from the river, up a little canyon, at the head of which there is a heavy pine forest, and numerous clear, cold, mountain springs. Here Captain Drake will establish his depot of supplies for his summers campaign. It is on the whole rather a romantic and pretty spot, and very capable of being made safe as far as Indians are concerned. It will hereafter be called Camp Maury, and will not be soon forgotten by any of this command, for yesterday in solemn procession, we carried to their last resting place three of our comrades, and fired over their now made graves the tribute due to bodies of those who die in the service of their country, but not, or elsewhere shall we cease to pay tribute to their noble spirits.

The Indian Fight

On getting into camp on the 17th, some fresh Indian signs having been seen during the days march, the Indians who accompanied us from the warm Springs went out upon a scout, and towards dark two of them came back to report a party of Snakes encamped some 12 or 14 miles ahead in a small valley: that there were some dozen lodges or more and a large band of horses. Lieutenants McCall and Watson were placed in command of a detail of 35 men to march at ten P.M. and surround the wigwams, and surprise the Snakes at daylight. Arrived at the Snake camp, they waited until dawn when it was found that the enemy was not as accessible as had been represented and it was thought best to divide the command and charge both ends of the camp at once. In attempting to do so it was clearly developed that the Snakes were not taken at all by surprise, but that they were almost impregnably entrenched in a natural fortification of rocks,

and although in the first part of the charge the Snakes appeared to be falling back and panic stricken, yet as the soldier's fire was becoming exhausted, they rallied and fought like devils from behind the rocks. Lt. Watson was still advancing with his party when he was shot down. It appeared he was killed instantly. Nearly about the same time two other men were killed and five wounded of the troops, and one citizen wounded: one Indian (friendly) killed and two wounded, making a total loss of four killed and eight wounded. Lt. McCall then drew the troops off a short distance and sent a courier to our camp and Company G was immediately dispatched to his aid but when they arrived the enemy had flown, leaving all of his household goods and other property to fall into the soldiers hands. The Warm Springs Indians, in the meantime had driven off the band of horses. So after setting fire to the wigwams and heaping on bushels of Indian muckamuck and other articles of every description, we came rapidly away, bringing with us our dead and wounded. The Indians loss in this short fight must have been considerable, as many were seen to fall and the rocks were covered with blood where they were entrenched. They left but one of their dead upon the field, and him they partly concealed with old hides.

The killed are Lt. Stephen Watson, Co. B, 1st Calvary, Oregon Volunteers, privates, James Harkinson, and Kennedy of Co. B, 1st Oregon Cav. and an Indian, whose name is not known to me. The wounded are as follows: Corporal R. Daugherty slightly wounded in the shoulder with an arrow; Privates George Freeman, slightly wounded in the chest with an arrow; Jas. Weeks, slightly wounded in the wrist with an arrow; John Level, slightly in the side with an arrow; William Henline, seriously in the shoulder with a bullet, all of Co. B. Mr. Richard Barker, (citizen) seriously with a bullet in the thigh, fracturing the bone; Stock Whitley, a well known Indian seriously in three or four places with bullets, one of which entered just under his ear and came out of his mouth carrying away two teeth, another fracturing his collar bone, and others made flesh wounds in his back and arms; still another Indian received a slight bullet wound, and this completes the list of casualties.

Old Stock Whitley showed himself a brave man on the battleground, and although almost shot to pieces, walked off to where he could receive assistance, like an old Grizzly. The surgeon pronounces all of the wounded men to be out of danger. Poor Watson's last words were, "Pour it into them Boys".

After the funeral yesterday, we were conversing upon the sad duty we had just performed, and it was remarked, that though public opinion did not so vote, it was just as deserving of praise to die here in the discharge of one's duty as it would have been to fall at Chickamauga or Gettysburg: one of the men acting upon the hint, wrote the enclosed verses, which you can publish in connection with this letter should you think them worthy.

Very respectfully yours,
Hy as Cultus



Museum Helps Celebrate Crooked River Roundup's 70th Year

Started in 1945 by Jess Cain and other local ranchers, the Crooked River Roundup is 70 years old this year. To help celebrate this long and illustrious tradition the museum is mounting an exhibit on the Roundup that will run from June 3rd to July 6th 2015. Many people have supplemented the museum's collection of Roundup memorabilia by adding items both old and newer to the display. Come in and see the special flag that was flown over the Roundup in the 1970's. See rodeo star Ronnie Raymond's National Finals numbers for 1962, 1964, and 1965.



Following the Downtown Cattle Drive June 24th

The museum will also participate in the new kick-off event on Wednesday June 24th following the famous cattle drive through downtown Prineville. All activities will be staged on Main street between 2nd and 3rd from 5:30 to 8:00PM. There will be live music, roping demonstrations for the kids, a chili cook-off, and more food and fun for all ages. Watch for more details in the local media.

Crook County Genealogical Society
Invites All Interested Parties
To Attend Their Quarterly Meeting
at
Crook County History Center
June 10, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Program
*Abodes, Residents & Colorful
Characters of Central Oregon*
Presented by
Steve Lent
Bowman Museum Historian




**AN OLD-TIME
DANCE**
WITH PRIZE WALTZ
AND A CHICKEN SUPPER BY THE
H. E. C.
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Come and dance the old year out and the new year in.
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN GRANGE HALL

Music by the Full Four-Piece
'King Tut' Orchestra
that played at the Townsend meeting, playing for
their first dance
Tues. Nite, Dec. 31
40c Gentlemen Ladies 10c

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