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Quarterly Newsletter



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Quarterly meeting
Sunday September 13, 2015
Crook County History Center 1:00 P.M.

The Fall quarterly meeting for the Crook County Historical Society will be held at the **Crook County History Center** on Sunday September 13, 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.

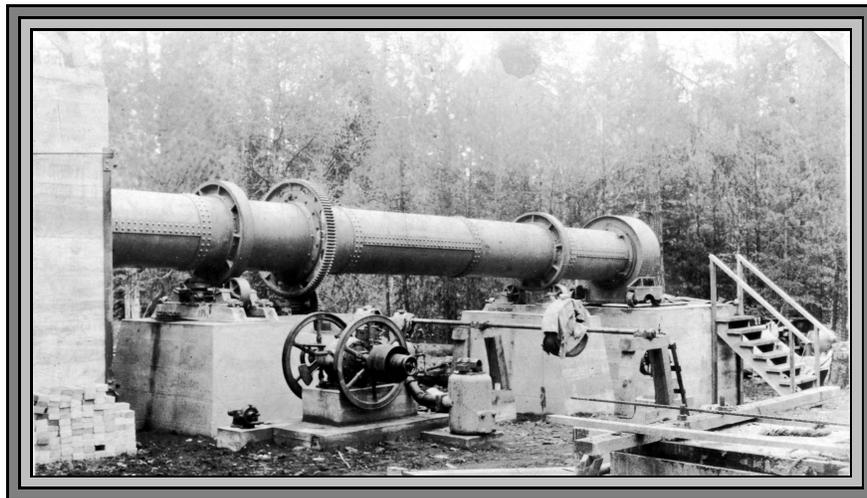
FEATURED PROGRAM

Mining in Central Oregon and The Barnes Butte "Underworld"

Presented by Terry Holtzapple and Ernie McKenzie

For some locals the story in the Central Oregonian about a mine cleanup on Barnes Butte was the first time they realized cinnabar mining took place there. For one local, Ernie McKenzie, he has known since childhood because his father was one of the partners in the operation and Ernie "grew up in the underworld of Barnes Butte".

Ernie will be joined by Terry Holtzapple, BLM Archeologist, for an interesting talk about *Mining in Central Oregon and The Barnes Butte "Underworld"*. Come find out how much and what kind of mining took place in the Ochocos, more about the mining process, and what it was like to be a kid in the Barnes Butte "Underworld".



Blue Ridge Cinnabar Mine 1938

President's Message

Can it really be September already? It's been quite a summer here in Crook County, and your Historical Society is sailing into fall with events galore!

Before I share information on what's coming up, let me fill you in on what's been going on with me. I was away from Prineville for two months at Providence Medical Center in Portland, recovering from the effects of a severe drug reaction. Back in April I was faced with a decision on whether or not to amputate my lower left leg. If you know me at all, you realize that wasn't going to fly with me! Long story short, I ended up at Providence in the care of an amazing surgeon who literally saved my legs and I was able to return home in June. Driving into Prineville was never sweeter for me, and so many of you let me know I'd been missed. Once again, I realized how lucky I am to live here and to know such great people. So my sincere thanks for everything!



I'd also like to thank our Board of Directors and our Museum Director Gordon Gillespie. Necessary business got done and so much was accomplished. Jan Anderson, our Vice President, was Gordon's right hand gal and I appreciate her so much.

Now, on to what's coming up! The first event is the final Art Crawl of the summer on Friday, September 11th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The museum is hosting photographer Kat Christian of Thunder Mountain Fine Photography. Please stop in to see her work and enjoy some refreshments.

The next day, September 12th, is our Fall Field Trip to Fossil, which will include a tour of their beautiful courthouse. Please see the article inside for more info about the trip and how to sign up.

To round out that busy weekend, our Historical Society Quarterly Meeting will be held here at the museum. The potluck begins at 1:00 p.m. and the program at 1:45. The program will be presented by two of our members, Terry Holtzapple and Ernie McKenzie. Again, more details are inside.

Our very popular lecture series returns for the first four Thursdays in October, with the start time of 6:30 for each. The enclosed insert includes all the details. My advice is get there early to assure a seat – these are always a full house!

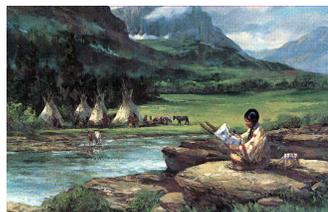
And finally, we have a special program scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. Local author Rick Steber will present a talk on his latest book, "A Better Man." We're honored that the subjects of the book, Dave Franke and his wife Peggy, will join Rick that evening. Again, get there early for a good seat.

If it weren't for the support of our members we couldn't do all these fun events. We hope you can join us for some or all of them. Enjoy the last taste of summer as we roll into fall.

Denise

Prineville Art Crawl
Friday September 11, 2015
5:00 to 8:00PM
Last of the Season

Highlighting artist
Kat Christian of
Thunder Mountain
Photography
& the Crook County
Genealogy Society



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Teresa & Michael Ervin	Ryan Kimball
Richard Ross	Todd Springer
Lisa Forester	Andrea Springer
Bill Forester	Nancy Merrick
Katy Kimball	

MEMORIALS SINCE May 29, 2015

Jim Minturn

by Chic & Bonnie Burgess

Pat Bell

by Lynda Smith

Don Doyle

by Ernie & Diana Edwards

Keith Snyder

by Bill & Donna McCormack
Nadeane Silbernagel
Patricia Tennant
Mike & Lori Meadows
Lawrence & Carol Weberg
Don and Helene Geer
Sandy Carpenter
Lynda Smith
David & Janice Anderson

Irene Peterson

by Betty Jo Rhoden

Kay Garrison

by Mike & Lori Meadows
Lawrence & Carol Weberg

Linda Garrison

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Lawrence & Carol Weberg

Tom McKenzie

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Mike Sturza

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Clara Bernard

by Lawrence & Carol Weberg

Diann Duggan

by Lawrence & Carol Weberg

Margaret "Peg" Ontko

by Patricia Tennant

Lois Frewing

by Lawrence & Carol Weberg

Stan Finley

by Lawrence & Carol Weberg
Shirley McCullough

Jim Smith

by Shirley McCullough
Beverly & Bob Smith
Margaret Searcy
Sharon Cox
Gloria Mabon
Barbara Groff
Snoden & Pat DeBoard
Earlene Ervin
Richard & Carol Moore
Jerry and Eloise Brummer
Don and Dee Berman
Gary and Ramona Romine
Marie Smith
Mike & Lori Meadows
Jean Nooy
Leatha Nooy
Jeff & Runinda McCormack
Lawrence & Carol Weberg
Don & Helene Geer
Naida Miller
Helen Schnabele

Thomas "Ron" Jay

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Ben Tennant

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Carl Schnabele

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Bill & Donna McCormack
Jim & Pam Catterson
Gordon & Marylou Shortreed
Mary Albert
Norman & Pat Thompson
Mark & Betty Hatch-Troseth
L. Dale & Nancy Conlee
Robert & Carol Ann Jensen
Donald & Deanna Berman
Marvin & Mary Cochran
Bob Edwards
Ted & Elsie Henry
Pat & Dick Yancey
Lynda Smith

Les Sundet

by Sandy & Wayne Demaris

Sharon Nott

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Pat & Dick Yancey

Edward Staley

by Jessie Durkee

Pete Jameson

by John & Lynne Breese

Billy Laughlin

by Helen Schnabele

Fayne Ritch

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J. B. Cox

by John & Lynne Breese
Blanche & Sid Harper
Shirley McCullough
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Cathy Breese

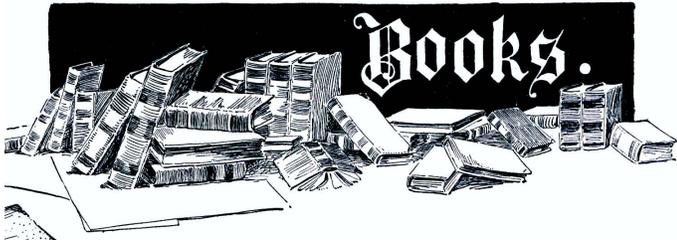
by John & Lynne Breese

Douglas Woodward

by Lynda Smith

Phillip Quinn

by Pat & Hugh Quinn



New Books at the Museum Members Receive 10% Discount

Peoples of the Plateau: The Indian Photographs of Lee Moorhouse 1898-1915

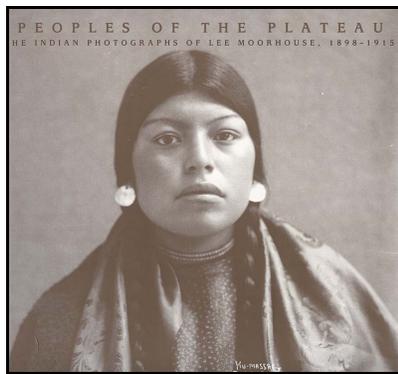
by Steven L. Grafe

\$29.95

Paper

221 Pages

Lee Moorhouse was not a professional photographer but he produced more than 9,000 glass-plate negatives with over one third of them with Indians as his subject. He served as an Indian Agent during the era when Native Americans were confined to reservations and was driven to their artifacts and take their photographs for posterity. He recorded their name with their photo. His photos are considered classics for the of the Columbia River Plateau. The book contains 80 photos printed on slick paper stock.



A Better Man

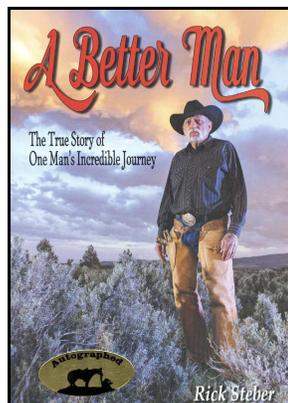
by Rick Steber

\$15.00

Paper

165 Pages

Prolific local author Rick Steber has written another fascinating local tale. This is the true story of Dave Franke. He started a construction company during a building boom and became very successful. But when the recession hit a few years later he lost it all. He began to drown his failures with alcohol and fell into deep despair. He managed to climb back with support of loved ones. It is an absorbing tale of love, forgiveness, deliverance and redemption. This is the news letter editor's book choice of the quarter..



The Frontier Army in the Settlement of the West

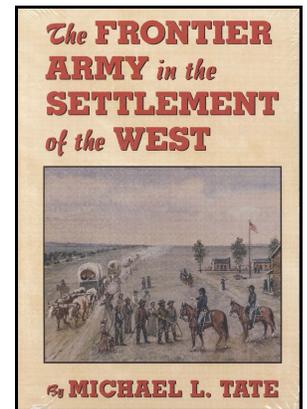
by Michael L. Tate

\$19.95

Paper

453 Pages

Michael Tate shows that the army conducted explorations, compiled scientific and artistic records, built roads, aided overland travelers and improved river transportation. Posts offered nuclei for towns and soldiers delivered federal mails, undertook agricultural experiments and assembled weather records for forecasting. The army played a critical role in the development of the west with assistance to and protection of early settlers. The book portrays the army as more than just a fighting force and more of an enabler for early settlement.



Atlas of Oregon Wilderness

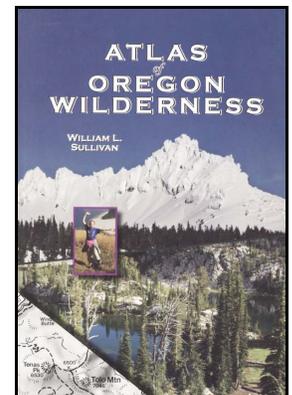
by William L. Sullivan

\$24.95

Paper

384 Pages

William L. Sullivan has written several outdoor adventure books. This book is a backpackers bible as it has detailed maps to every wilderness in Oregon. It is essential gear for backpackers and adventure hikers. It is a complete guide to Oregon's back country. It contains numerous photos and trail details that allow one to choose their own adventure and know what to expect of the journey. It includes several areas in Central Oregon. Highly recommend for those looking for a guide to Oregon's hiking adventures..



Hair on Barbed Wire: Portraits of Ranching Life

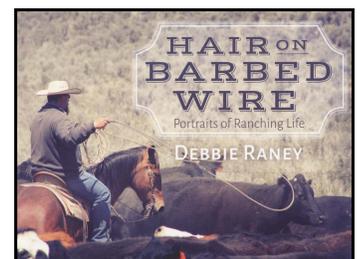
by Debbie Raney

\$29.95

Cloth

102 Pages

This book is a collection of the author's poetry, stories and photographs that celebrate the commitment ranchers and their families have to the land and their livelihood. It is a large format "coffee table" book. It is centered on southeastern Oregon but is a tribute to the ranching life in eastern Oregon. The author has grown up on the ranches in eastern Oregon and continues the ranching lifestyle with her family.



Fall Tour To Fossil and Kinzua Saturday September 12, 2015

The Crook County Historical Society Fall historical field trip will be going to the community of Fossil in Wheeler County and a side stop to the old logging community of Kinzua. The County Judge and Wheeler County Historical Society have graciously arranged for us to tour the Wheeler County courthouse, Paleontology Center, Fossil Museum, Masonic Lodge, Oddfellows Lodge and the oldest cemetery in the community. We will have lunch on the beautiful grounds of the court house. Also on tap will be the opportunity to dig for fossils behind the high school in Fossil. It is one of the few places in Oregon that you can legally dig for fossils. We will then travel to the Kinzua 6-hole golf course and the site of the community and mill of Kinzua. Mike Wright, a long time member of Crook County Fire and Rescue, grew up in Fossil and worked at Kinzua. He will be our color commentator for the day. It should be a fun day.



Wheeler County Courthouse

We will meet at the History Center at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday. There are two cafes in Fossil if you choose not to bring your lunch. Plan on a long day. The trip is approximately 220 miles round trip. We will have one ten mile section on a well maintained gravel road but the rest of the trip is on paved surfaces. The historical society will provide a ten passenger bus graciously provided for use by Stanhancyk, Kent & Cook. Seats will be on a first come basis and you must call the museum to make a reservation on the bus. The tour will be limited to 15 vehicles so we will need to consolidate people into available vehicles. Please call the museum at 541-447-3715 to have your name added to the tour list. A tour guide book compiled by Steve Lent will be available on the day of the tour and will cost \$10.00. See you on Saturday September 12.

This Just In...

Freight bells were, at one time, everyday items which are now long gone from our vernacular. Today the closest replacement is the car horn. The bells acted as a horn when pulling a wagon train, and each set of bells correlated to a position in the wagon team. This particular set, with five bells belonged to the lead horse in the team.

Bells were usually mounted on an arched bail over the collar of each horse. Conestoga wagons usually had three teams of horses, with the lead team carrying five bells, the middle team four bells, and the right wheel horse three bells. The left wheel horse wore no bells since it was the horse the driver might ride. The teamsters took great pride in their teams and the music produced by the bells. If a wagon got stuck in the muddy roadway, broke down, or required help the teamster was expected to give up his bells to the man providing aide. Thus the teamster would be disgraced if he arrived without bells. The phrase "To be there with bells on" means arriving trouble free. These bells were donated by Con Smith.

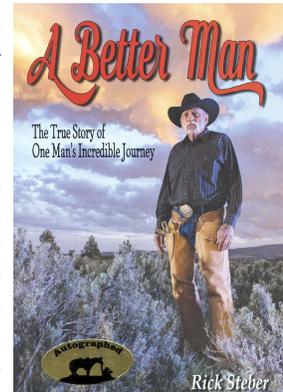


Author Event
Local Author Rick Steber
Featuring His Latest Book *A Better Man*
Book Signing and Discussion
Crook County History Center
 Tuesday October 13, 2015 6:30 P.M.

Local author Rick Steber has just published his new book *A Better Man*. Rick will be signing copies of his book and discussing the book in the Crook County History Center community room. The event is sponsored by the Bowman Museum. A discussion of the book will also feature Dave and Peggy Franke who are the subjects of the book. The event is open to the public and it is free admission.

The book is about the true story of Dave Franke who rose to the top of the construction business only to fall with the recent great recession. He and his wife Peggy lost it all. He fell into despair and sought solace in alcohol to the point of near self destruction. But with the love of his wife and a difficult struggle to regain his life he redeemed himself. This is a powerful story of profit and loss, of weakness and of strength, a story of failure, and deliverance, and redemption. This is the inspiring story of one man's incredible journey.

Previous programs on his last book *All Around* had large audiences and this program proves to be as equally popular. Come enjoy an evening with Rick and the Frankes.



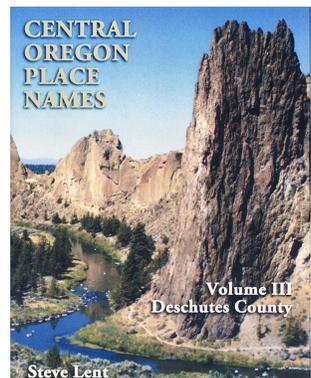
Crook County Genealogical Society
 Invites All Interested Parties
 To Attend Their Quarterly Meeting
 at
 Crook County History Center
 September 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Program
Aschbacher Family History
 Presented by
 Darrel Aschbacher



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Steve Lent, Bowman Museum Historian, has just completed his third volume in the Central Oregon Place names series. If you have ever wanted to know how a landmark got its name or the history behind the name this volume will provide the answer.



Constructing the Crook County Courthouse

A Presentation made to 2nd Graders in Prineville 1974

by
Hazel Powell

Once upon a time—and I mean a long time ago, about 65 years ago in fact there was a little freckled faced girl with her hair in pigtails who lived in Prineville right across the street from a building project. She used to sit on the old wooden side walk in front of her house and watch the workmen. This was a little different from most buildings it was not made of boards but of great big stone blocks. Can anyone guess what building this was—the Courthouse of course.

Horses pulling big wagons brought in heavy loads of huge gray stones from a rock quarry just west of Prineville, not far from the viewpoint up the grade to the airport. These long rectangle shaped stones then had to be cut in just the right length to fit in to the walls of the building—just like you used to build houses with building blocks when you were just little.

The man who was the superintendent or the boss of the building job was Mr. Jack Shipp. He had come to America from England—Mr. Shipp came to America on a ship and he stayed in Prineville all the rest of his life and built many buildings. The man who was in charge of the rock cutting was Mr. Bernardi and he was from Italy.

It took a long time to build the Courthouse because they did not have all the modern machinery we have now. Finally in 1909 which was 65 years ago it was completed. It had a big clock in the tower with a face looking in each direction—North, East, South and West. This was a very expensive item and the County Court had only allowed \$700.00 of its money for the clock so Mr. Shipp said I want a really good clock in this tower, I'll put in the extra \$25.00 we need, so the clock cost \$725.00.

The janitor had to climb a ladder up to the clock to wind it once a week and he still does. A number of years ago it was noticed that the time was different on each side of the clock. You know what caused this? Pigeons! Several pigeons would roost on those big hands of the clock and keep them from turning for a while—then when they flew away the hands would start moving again and of course that side would be slower than the others. That meant they had to get rid of the pigeons, they trapped, poisoned, put up bright metal twirlers to scare the birds—finally they got rid of the pigeons.

Lets go back a little way in our story, after the building was finished the County Commissioners ordered trees planted all around the block to make a perfect square of trees around the courthouse. A pretty white painted fence was put all around it. 100 wagon loads of barnyard manure was spread all over the yard before the lawn was planted. I'll bet they smelled that clear down to Main Street.

Then of course they needed a side walk--cement--heavens no! Boards. Planks 2 inches thick and 12 feet long were used to build a side walk from the street to the front steps. It wasn't until 1914 that a cement walk was made.

That has been a pretty good building, because we are still using it. What for? Well all the county offices—the Sheriff who has charge of law enforcement and tax collection, the Assessor who figures up every one's taxes on their house and farm, the Treasurer who keeps a record of all the money, the Clerk who keeps a record of who owns the land,, who can vote, all legal papers, the County Extension office and 4-H so it's a very busy place. I know because I was County Clerk for 18 years.

It has been remodeled on the inside several times but the outside with the old stone walls is just about the same. One change is in the Court Room upstairs where they have trials like Perry Mason on TV. There used to be a dark red velvet drapes on all the windows hung on large wooden rods—the hooks for the rods are still on the window facings. When I was about 10 years old my school class was taken to see the Courthouse and I thought that Courthouse with its velvet drapes was so grand and the most beautiful place I had ever been in.

When you walk or ride past the Courthouse on 3rd Street now you will appreciate it a little more.



Hazel Powell
Crook County Clerk 1952-1970