

Spring 2023

# Eastern Oregon Museum

## Newsletter and Membership Drive

**Dear Friends,**

Energy and enthusiasm describe the atmosphere for the upcoming 2023 season.

The second Youth History Camp, great progress being made with our exhibits, and a digital campaign in full motion, all give us reason to be excited about the summer.

Work continues on an ambitious capital campaign. The critical roof replacement fund is making gains. We raised enough money to replace the front door (article enclosed). We are eagerly awaiting word on a grant to begin replacing the 14 windows that are now 30 years in service and not heat or moisture efficient. Slowly but surely we will preserve this historic 91-year-old gymnasium.

We are extremely grateful for our members, our volunteers, and our grant partners who have been by our side. To all we say thank you! Your support of the Eastern Oregon Museum underscores the most important reason for our success — community.

Through your donations and partnerships, we ensure our story is told — together. See you this summer!

**Chris Aldrich, Youth Outreach Coordinator**

**Judy Griffin, Secretary & Digital Chair**

**Mary Jane Guyer, Acting President & Exhibit Development**

**Mary Rider, Assistant Treasurer & Historian Emeritus**

**Ellen Stevenson, Treasurer & Anthony Lakes Exhibit Chair**



## Summer Hours

**Memorial  
Day  
Weekend  
through  
Labor Day  
Weekend**

### **Hours:**

Thursday-Saturday  
10 a.m.—1 p.m.

**Appointments  
welcome:**

541-856-3233

### **Find us:**

610 3rd St., Haines  
easternoregonmuseum  
@gmail.com

Groups — Field Trips  
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**Celebrating  
our  
community  
story for 64  
years!**

# Celebrating Our Community

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Eastern Oregon Museum is proud to share a community story that spans more than 150 years.

From its humble roots as a grange hobby show, the museum now houses thousands of artifacts that celebrate the rich history of the Baker and Powder valleys.

In 1953, Elkhorn Grange 908 initiated a hobby show. Visitors viewed hundreds of hand-crafted tools, pioneer artifacts, farm implements and unique rural collections.

*Eastern Oregon Museum Digital Collection*

Interest quickly grew well beyond the Grange's capacity. A larger, permanent location was needed. Fate stepped in — as it often does with history.

The Baker School District no longer had use of the Haines School gymnasium. Built in 1932, the building spans 5,700 square feet. Its arched roof, maple floors, dressing rooms, and office space presented hobby show enthusiasts with a perfect solution. The building would not be left to decay, but instead serve as a place for the community to gather.







*"The people of Haines have discovered an intriguing sort of time travel. Their 'time machine' is housed in a one-time school gym and it is composed of a myriad of parts, all from the past and all ready to transport the visitor back through the years."*

— Walt Zimmerman,  
Democrat-Herald

## Summer Camp returns in 2023!

The EO Museum brings back a summer history camp for children in grades 3-6. Scheduled for the mornings of June 12-15 from 8 a.m. to noon, the four-day camp will explore local history, rocks, minerals, the Oregon Trail and more!

Experts will lead the campers with hands-on demonstrations, projects, arts and crafts. Space is limited; pre-registration is required by emailing [logan.nedrow@npowdersd.org](mailto:logan.nedrow@npowdersd.org). There is no fee to attend the camp.



History camp instructors  
Sherry Loennig, left, and Chris Aldrich.

**Funding for the camp has been made possible by:**

**The Buerkel-Zoellner Foundation**

**The First Presbyterian Church of Baker City**

# Haines Methodist and Baptist Church Ladies Aid

## Early 1930s



Pictured left, back row: Elizabeth Taylor, Clara Collins Brazier, Mrs. Bell, Belle Fisher, Elizabeth Yankey.

Middle row: Mary Jarman Toney, Lucy Heard, Anna Vanderwall, Jane Heard, Margaret Young, Nancy Maxwell, Addie Barker, Ellen Anderson.

Front row: Josie Blockland, Methodist Pastor, Ada Chuch, Susan Hearing, Mrs. Jake Ensminger, Keturch Ashwood.

*Source: Millie Valentine Ashwood. Eastern Oregon Museum Digital Photo Collection*

In the early 1930s, the Haines Methodist and Baptist churches “federated” their congregations. They met at the Methodist Church in the winter, as it was easier to heat. They worshipped together for about five years. The Ladies Aid supported community members in need — a need that was high due to the challenges of the Depression.

## Volunteer Extraordinaire

The EO Museum tips its hat in appreciation to **20-year volunteer, Mary Rider**. She is a fourth generation member of the Loennig family, who came to the Powder Valley in 1863. Mary grew up on a farm in Muddy Creek, earned her degree from Willamette University, and then lived and worked in Arizona. She returned to the home ranch upon retirement. We thank her for her continued dedication and unwavering support.



## 2023 Membership Drive



## A story of success

A new feature being created in the Eastern Oregon Museum's machine shed is a true success story of the Anthony Lakes Ski Area.

Looking back at the development of this recreation area, four elements contributed to its historic achievements: enthusiasm, cooperation, perseverance and ingenuity.

Throughout the years, these key factors continue to emerge and have proven to

keep this family oriented recreation area going to the benefit of our community.

This display, viewable through windows, will depict the history and progression of the ski area. It is being designed to inspire how people can overcome obstacles and achieve amazing results as they work together over time.

Though Anthony celebrated its 60th anniversary in January, the story actually started 90 years ago. Get a glimpse of the past with how local individuals from all walks of life came together to make it happen.

Those people include farmers like Champ Bond and his neighbor Roy Vanderwall, along with Byron Brinton, newspaper editor, and attorney Gene Rose, as well as many others too numerous to mention here.

This exhibit will prove to be a progressive one, so stay tuned and come visit as it comes together illustrating the wonder of what has been accomplished due to the passion a community developed for this life-long sport.



*The new Anthony Lakes Ski Area exhibit building at the EO museum. Work continues this summer on the permanent display.*



*Gene Rose on skis, 1962  
Chamber President*

# Museum Jumble Sale a huge success

Last September, the Eastern Oregon Museum hosted a jumble/garage sale. While no museum items were sold, a large quantity of treasures were donated by folks wanting to clean out a drawer or two, and help out a good cause. After three days of receiving and sorting, and two days of sales, the museum garnered \$4,000!

These funds arrived just in time. The museum front doors, pushing 50 strong years of greeting people, show signs of complete exhaustion. Volunteers have resorted to using a crowbar. The doors served us well, but they now must be replaced.

Costs have definitely increased. Every inch of the \$4,000 (plus \$2,000) will be necessary to replace the existing front door. The new doors will be installed before opening day.



*Volunteer Jumble/Garage Sale Crew L to R: Mary Jane Guyer, Sherry Mendoza, Maxine Cole, Kim Adcock, Judy Griffin, Ellen Stevenson. Not pictured: Sheila Holman, Randy Guyer, Chris Aldrich, Mary Rider and Beth Bigelow.*

## Cut 'Er Loose! Stampede exhibit barrels forward



The EO Museum and the Haines Stampede Rodeo continue work on a permanent exhibit celebrating the rich history of the sport in the Baker Valley. The project has expanded to restoration of numerous western items and a celebration of the local cowboy. Check out our website this summer to monitor its progress.

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# We are now digital!

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In 2020, the Eastern Oregon Museum launched an ambitious project to digitize more than 10,000 artifacts and countless rare photos. *Our primary goals: to document these amazing items and eventually allow everyone the opportunity to view them with a simple key stroke.*

Today, approximately 3,000 items have been scanned and entered into our data base. Under the diligent guidance of our wonderful volunteers — Judy Griffin, Vicki Justus and Sue Richard — this effort moves forward.

We invite you to stay tuned as we work through the technical details to make our collection available.

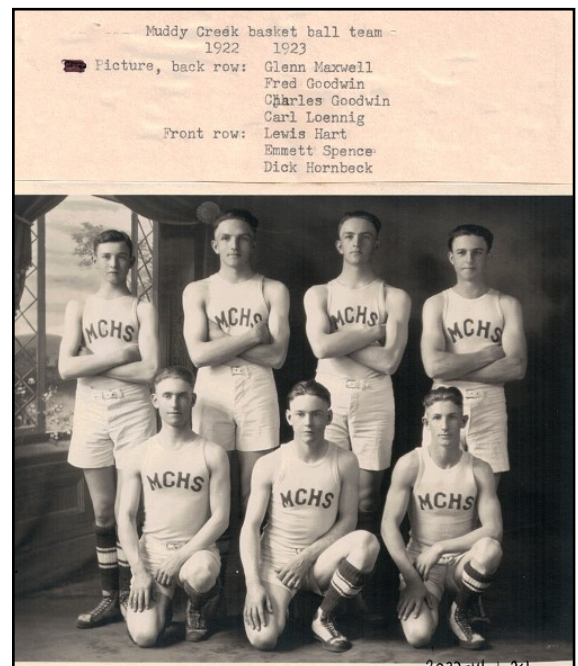
If you are interested in helping us digitize our collection, please contact us:  
[easternoregonmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:easternoregonmuseum@gmail.com).



*Rock Creek mail sleigh*



*Digital Committee Chair Judy Griffin and volunteer Vicki Justus. Work on digitizing the collection continues through the winter months at the City of Haines office.*



*Muddy Creek basketball team, 1922*

# Ever wondered where Haines got its name?

## Meet Israel David Haines

**I**srael David Haines was born in Ohio on December 7, 1827.

His family moved to Missouri in 1844. In 1849, at age 21, Haines headed west, but then joined the Rifle Regiment, whose mission was to “cross the plains to Oregon to take possession of all the Hudson Bay territory and property, under the treaty made with the United States by Great Britain” (excerpt from his journal).



*Israel David Haines*

En route, Haines became sick with cholera but recovered — unlike many of his comrades.

By 1864, Haines was admitted to the bar. He began his practice in Silver City, Idaho. He spent the winter of 1865-66 in San Francisco, and on the return trip to Idaho in 1866, he traveled through Eastern Oregon and met old friends in Auburn. The next year he moved to Baker City, where he served as an attorney and political leader.

He ran herds of sheep in the Powder River Valley. His donation of 120 acres and the completion of the ORNC rail line laid the foundation for the Town of Haines.

Haines died June 19, 1892. According to the local newspaper, he was laid to rest with “the largest funeral for years” with a procession was over one mile long. His obituary reflected the loss of this respected local citizen:

“The city put on its garb of deepest mourning yesterday out of respect for one of its most honored citizens and pioneers who was laid to rest to ‘sleep that sleep that knows no waking’ in the city of the dead.”

## Founding Board Members of the Eastern Oregon Museum, 1959

**Bill Hudleson, North  
Powder**

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**J.A. Nice, Wolf Creek**

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**Merton Davis, Union  
(1<sup>st</sup> Vice President)**

**Amos Creger, Haines  
(1<sup>st</sup> President)**



# *In Memoriam...*

**Mac Kerns**, 1934-2022, was born in Wyoming. His family moved to Haines in 1939. He attended grade school in Rock Creek and Muddy Creek, and graduated from Baker High School.

His job with the U.S. Forest Service took him to many locations but upon retiring, he returned home to Haines.

His passion for local history led him to the Baker County Historical Society and Eastern Oregon Museum.

We thank Mac for his years of support to the Eastern Oregon Museum. His loyal service and thoughtful ideas on how to promote our history were employed and greatly appreciated by so many.



**Barbara Campbell**, 1934-2023, served as the EO Museum President and was a long-time volunteer. She loyally staffed the museum every Thursday, greeting visitors and fellow volunteers with humor and grace.

On many occasions she and fellow volunteer Viola Perkins brought their sewing machines to the museum and spent their day restoring exhibit items. In her final season with the museum, Barbara repaired countless doll clothes that are part of the museum's extensive collection.

Her wonderful spark and her dedication to the museum continue to be felt by all who knew her.

***“History, really, is an extension of life. It enlarges and intensifies the experience of being alive, like poetry and art and music.”***

***— David McCullough, author and historian (1933-2022)***

# Eastern Oregon Museum extends our *thanks* to the following for their financial support in 2022.

Judy Baker

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*Your support is critical to  
maintenance and preservation  
efforts year-round.*



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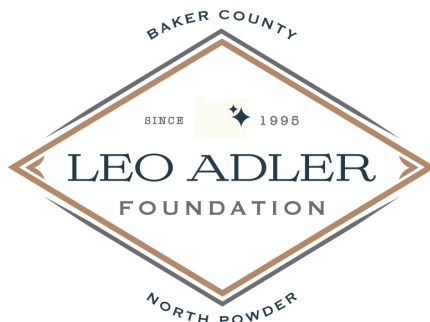
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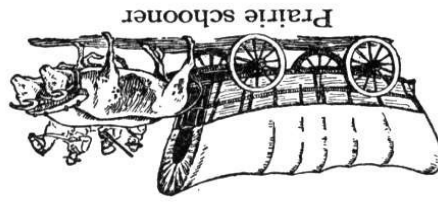
# Be sure to visit online!

The Eastern Oregon  
Museum has  
launched a new  
website and we want  
you to take a look!

Events, exhibit up-  
dates and samples of  
our digital collection  
are center stage.

Newsletters, emails  
and *online donations*  
are at your finger tips  
so log on today!

**[www.easternoregon  
museum.com](http://www.easternoregonmuseum.com)**



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**This early 1900 Aultman-Taylor Threshing machine is on display at the Eastern Oregon Museum. It was donated by Amos Creger (1962).**



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Randy & Mary Jane Guyer*

Designed by Lisa Britton-Jacoby

**Spring 2023**

## Trivia

Can you answer these questions? (Hint: answers are in this newsletter!)

1. Who is the namesake for the town of Haines?
2. When is summer camp planned at the museum?
3. When does the museum open for the season?
4. Who built the snow thrower used at Anthony Lakes?
5. How did the museum get its start?