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March is Women’s History month.
This year is also the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.
That is certainly a landmark in women’s history. Many brave women were heroes of this struggle for many years to make this happened. The effort to get rights for women did not end in 1920; it continues today.
We can celebrate all the many things that women as leaders, followers and supporters have accomplished in our community, state, nation and the world.
Many of us today do not really appreciate the sacrifice and effort it took to get the right to vote. As a nation, we need to honor and protect that right.

Museum Happenings
Check the Midge for museum details and a list of other cultural happening in the community. Get on the list by sending your email to midge@co.klamath.or.us

Museum and Historical Society events that were scheduled for March have been canceled. Museum staff will follow the guidance from local, state and federal authorities in deciding whether events in the months ahead may proceed as planned.

WWII sites Bus Tours April 18
SE Oregon Archaeology April 23
Native Plant Walk May 2
Mitchell Monument 75 Anniv. May 5
History Fitness Walk May 9
End of WWII commemoration May 9
Heritage Days—May 21-24
Mercury-Venus Star Party May 23
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By Diane Shockey

This was the vote by Klamath County men on November 5th, 1912, under the Equal Suffrage Amendment, helping extend Oregon women the right of suffrage (the ability to vote).

Oregon women were able to vote eight years before most states. Nationally, the women’s right to vote became enshrined in the constitution eight years later, in 1920, one hundred years ago.

Oregon has a colorful history of women trying and failing to get the right to vote. Starting in 1884, the question of voting rights for women was placed on the ballot six times, more than any other state. It was defeated in 1884, 1900, 1906, 1908, and 1910. Yet, Suffragettes persisted.

It wasn’t until 1912 that women finally won the right to vote after building successful coalitions of suffrage groups across the state.

Who were these women in Klamath County who joined state-wide coalitions and worked to obtain Oregon women the right to vote in 1912 and nationwide suffrage in 1920?

While we will never know all the women’s names who participated in the “Great Fight to Win the Vote,” there are a few who are documented in Klamath County history. The Suffrage coalition group that is documented in Klamath County was called the Equal Suffrage League (or ESL).

Four women were listed as ESL leaders in the Klamath Falls Evening Herald on Sept. 12, 1912:

Frances Corpe Boyd was listed as president of the ESL. She was one of the earliest pioneers in Klamath. She came with her family from Nebraska and settled on Corpe Island in the Klamath River. She worked for the betterment of Klamath County and among other community projects in 1906 helped start the first city library, which became a meeting place for the Equal Suffrage movement.

Luella M. Sherman Stearns, mentioned in the article, also an early pioneer, was born in Iowa and moved to Oregon in 1874. She helped form the county library and was active in temperance work. Luella’s husband, O.A. Stearns, was an influential politician in the Oregon state legislature, so Luella wielded considerable influence in the Klamath community. She hosted organizational meetings at her home.

Julia Kinsey Zumwalt was listed as the secretary of the ESL. Born in San Francisco, she and her husband moved to Klamath Falls around 1905. She was a formally trained opera singer and gifted instrumentalist. Julia was an early member of the Woman’s Library Club and performed annual benefit concerts.
Anne C. Spencer Brockenbrough was listed as the treasurer of the ESL. She was born in Indiana and moved with her husband to Klamath in 1911. She became the first librarian in the county library.

These women and the many others who worked for women’s suffrage were active in other notable associations such as the Pioneer Society, the Woman’s Library Club, community church and education groups. They all had Klamath County’s best interests in mind when they organized for women’s suffrage, sometimes risking ridicule, being jailed, or threats of being declared insane.

They courageously forged ahead by distributing literature, showing up at local events to pass out campaign buttons, signing up voters to pledge their votes for the cause, working tirelessly to obtain the right of women to vote.

It seems almost effortless to be able to vote in Oregon today and might be easy to forget what a debt of gratitude is owed to those who made it possible.

As we celebrate March, 2020, Women’s History Month, we remember these women who bravely stepped forward to help ensure passage of Oregon Women’s Right to Vote and the eventual passage of 19th Amendment, the Women’s Right to Vote, one hundred years ago on August 18, 1920.

To celebrate these women on the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the League of Women Voters Klamath County will be holding a High Tea at the Baldwin Hotel on August 16th, 2020, from 4 to 6 p.m. They hope you will be able to attend this historic anniversary event.

More historic in-depth information about “The Great Fight to Win the VOTE for Women” Timeless Recipes cookbook is available for sale at the Klamath County Museum for $20.

* No picture could be found for Anne Brockenbrough. She was the first Librarian of the Carnegie County Library in Klamath Falls.
Phyllis Herman was born in Eugene, Oregon, to Ray and Luella Herman. As a child the family moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where Phyllis attended school. At one time, she attended a one-room school with just eight students. That was in a community just north of Corvallis.

Phyllis attended grade school, high school and college in Corvallis. She is an Oregon State grad with a degree in secretarial science.

She met and married Paul Goebel in 1956. After Paul’s military service, they opened a supermarket in Sweet Home. It was in Sweet Home that their two sons, Todd and Gavin, were born. In 1968, the family moved back to Phyllis’ hometown, Corvallis.

While the couple lived in Corvallis, Phyllis worked for Benton County and later the city of Corvallis.

They moved to Klamath Falls in 1980 and purchased an office supply store which they named Goebel’s Office Supplies. The store was very successful. They retired from the business in 1998.

Paul and Phyllis’ sons both live in Klamath Falls.

Both Phyllis and Paul were very interested in the history of this area. They were both longtime members of the Klamath County Historical Society. Paul served on the museum Foundation Board and Phyllis was the secretary for the historical society for several years. She said she astounded the board members when she took the minutes in shorthand.

She served on the historical society board for several years also. She enjoyed that duty much more because she didn’t have to rush home and write the minutes while they were still fresh in her mind.

Phyllis has been part of so many of the Historical Society events that the list would be too long, but it would include the Linkville Cemetery cleanup days, historic tours of Klamath Falls, the Century Bike Ride to name a few.

The Goebel’s hosted several of the Historical Society’s summer picnics at their beautiful place on the Williamson River. Although Paul passed away in 2014, Phyllis continued the tradition in the last few years. Those are great memories: great food, homemade ice cream by Jack and Kathy Inman and Phyllis Goebel. Jack Inman leading the singing.

Phyllis has volunteered at the Ross Ragland Theater and at the Baldwin Hotel Museum. She has been a regular Friday docent at the Baldwin for several years.
She now also is part of some social groups, women with the same interests and concerns: the widows’ group and Baldwin ladies. They meet for lunch often.

Phyllis has given so much to this community. She seems to always have such a friendly manner and sweet smile.

Phyllis is still a busy lady, but she still takes the time, when the weather is half decent, to walk from her home on Pacific Terrace to and around the downtown area.

*It is such a joy to know and appreciate her.*

**HELP WANTED**

**Have you wanted at help with an Historical Society event and never been asked? Maybe you didn’t know who to ask. Please consider helping with an event and help support the Historical Society.**

**Our yearly events**

Klamath County Historical Society
Women’s History Program—March
Linkville Cemetery Cleanup—April
Collier Park Heritage Day—June
Bus Tour—June
Summer Picnic—July
Merrill Potato Festival—October
Night at the Cemetery—October

**Mary Nobel**

*By Ron Loveness*

Mary Nobel is a long-time resident of Klamath County having raised her family on a small farm in the Henley area. Her family raised animals as well as crops, so Mary can relate firsthand to the heartbeat of the Klamath Basin.

Mary has had an interest in history for as long as she can remember and has volunteered at the museum in a variety of ways. One of her current projects is entering data and categorizing Herald and News negatives for the museum archives.

For the past five years, Mary has volunteered as a docent at the Baldwin Hotel Museum. Mary also assumed the job as secretary of the Klamath County Historical Society when Sally Bailo moved away last summer.

Mary worked for the Herald and News for eleven years. She started as a clerk-typist and worked up to the position of Lifestyle Editor. After working at the newspaper, she resumed her teaching career. Mary’s newspaper experience has been helpful to others who serve with her on the editorial staff of the Trumpeter.

Mary’s contribution to the museum, Historical Society and the community are greatly appreciated.
Susan Houston
“Sue” Fortune by
John Fortune

Sue was born May 22, 1936, to George and Mary Houston in Hamilton, Ohio.

Then, following her mechanical engineer father’s post-Depression jobs, was moved to Auburn, NY, then on to Alexandria, VA, where she started elementary school.

On to Milwaukee, WI, and the suburb of Wauwatosa where she completed her elementary and high school at Wauwatosa High and joined the chorus and started the “Girls Athletic League.” Along the way she also was a Girl Scout.

Upon graduation Sue went to college at Purdue University, her father’s alma mater. While at PU, she joined the Sigma Kappa Sorority, continued with chorus, with a friend had a Girl Scout Troupe and was one of the first girls to drive in the Purdue Grand Prix of Go-Carts. In the spring of 1959, she was awarded a BS in Home Economics.

Starting a job search, she attended the National Home Extension meeting in Chicago where she accepted a position with Oregon State University as an Extension Agent. Sue then packed her bags and flew to Portland where she was met by the OSU rep and driven to Corvallis.

There she learned her assignment was to be the Home Extension Agent for Josephine County stationed in Grants Pass. After she was assigned a state car, she began getting acquainted with the various Home Extension groups and 4-H programs around the county. She enjoyed working with the ladies and the kids.

With her state car, she had to go to the Richfield station for gas as did the young man, John Fortune, working for the Game Commission for the summer. The guys running the gas station made notice of the attractive young Extension Agent and brought her to John’s attention.

Somehow, bashful John managed to contact Susan who agreed to some dates, off and on. Dates were mostly on by the end of the summer when John went back to OSU and on for the next two years with a proposal and acceptance.

Sue and John were married September 15, 1962, in Wauwatosa with families in attendance. After a nice reception, the newlyweds started their 2000 mile “honeymoon” drive back to OSU to register for grad school, Sue for a masters in textiles and John in fisheries.

They got settled in their cottage in Campus Court where they experienced the Columbus Day storm. Sue spent the following summer in a 20-foot trailer and tent in the Trapper Creek Campgrounds at Odell Lake where John was doing kokanee research.
She had the use of John's grandmother's treadle sewing machine and doing her ironing at the post office to help keep occupied. It was a fun time.

While continuing their grad studies at OSU, they lived near campus in a 35-foot trailer furnished by the Game Commission. That next spring, John was awarded his MS degree and was hired by the Oregon Fish Commission doing evaluations at Cougar Dam on the South Fork McKenzie River.

They found a beautiful cottage on the bank of Blue River and set up their first residence. There they survived the '64 flood; the river rose nine feet but didn't reach their house while houses downstream were washed away. Sue continued commuting to OSU, finishing her research.

John took a transfer to the Game Commission and a position in Klamath Falls where they found a small home at the corner of Second and Roosevelt. Sue finished her thesis and was awarded her MS. At the graduation ceremony, her gown doubled as her first maternity dress! That Oct. 5, 1965, Sue gave birth to daughter Ellen.

Another move came after John finished his project in Klamath Falls and was transferred to the OSGC Portland office. They rented a nice home in Lake Oswego across the road from the lake, the cheapest they could find at the time.

After a few months, they bought a house on a large lot in Tigard. Soon after, John took a transfer to Salem commuting while their house was up for sale.

Upon that sale, they bought a nice home in NE Salem. There, Sue welcomed their second daughter, Amy, on May 12, 1967. They enjoyed some undisturbed time before John was awarded the District Fish Biologist job for Lincoln County 1969.

They bought a nice home in suburban Newport. While there Sue was involved with school activities with the girls along with the Girl Scouts and 4-H. For a while, she substituted for the OSU Home Extension Agent for Lincoln County. Also, she was elected the state president of the Oregon State Homemakers Association and attended the national meeting in Charlotte, NC. All along she attended the Newport Christian Science Church. On April 25, 1975, Sue gave birth to a son, Peter John.

On the move again when John took a transfer to the District Fish Biologist position in Klamath Falls where they bought a nice home in the South Suburbs. Sue continued her attendance to the CS Church including being involved with the construction of their new church.

Among the many activities she got involved with were: Community Concerts Association, president; AAUW, president; League of Women Voters, president; .
Klamath Genealogical Society, president; OSU Mom’s Club, state president. She also served as coordinator of the SMART program for Altamont, Merrill and Malin Schools.

Getting interested in Klamath County history, friends got her elected to the Klamath County Museum Board of Directors, serving several years. That led to volunteering at the Baldwin Hotel Museum as tour guide, helping with maintenance, and promoting preservation of the historic fabrics.

She and friend Shirley Joy, with contributed materials, made the commemorative quilt that hangs in the Baldwin. She served as secretary and president of the Klamath County Historical Society; along the way has been instrumental in the assembly and mailing of the "Trumpeter"

Here is how it all stated!

Klamath County Historical Society

Quietly, sedately, forcefully, this society came into being. Goals and accomplishments speak for the charter members: Mrs. Robert Odell, Mrs. Bert Thomas, Mrs. L. H. Scone, Mrs. W. D. Foster, and Mrs. Arnold Gralapp. This group did organization work for eight months, from November 13, 1943 to July 8, 1944, before the first open meeting was called, and the constitution, written by Mrs. W. D. Foster and Mrs. A. Gralapp, was adopted. Later this constitution was approved without change by the Oregon Historical Society. First officers were Mrs. Robert Odell, Mrs. Bert Thomas, and Mrs. Buena Stone. The purpose of this organization was stated: "The collection, preservation, exhibition and publication of material of an historical character especially of that relating to the Klamath County." Mrs. Rose Poole, Mrs. Lyle Kimball, Frank Jenkins, Will Humphrey, Charles Stark, Mrs. Gralapp and Mrs. Scone acted as the Board of Directors during the first year.

The first collections were in the basement of the Klamath County Library.

Museum Managers or Curators

Mrs Edith R. McLeod
Dr. Claude Schaefer – 1955
Roy L. Carlson — 1957
B.K. Swartz Jr.— 1959
Bill Burk — 1965-1972
Harry Drew — 1973-1982
Patsy McMillan — 1984-2000
Kim Bellavia — 2000-2001
Judith Hassen — 2002-2005
Todd Kepple — 2005 —

February 22 marked the 50th Anniversary of the Museum moving into the old Armory.
The community of Crescent Lake was originally located along the South Pacific Railroad line. That is about two miles from its current location. The original site was created to service the trains and crews after the completion of the Natron Cutoff.

The cutoff, which brought the train route over the Cascade Range, was opened in 1926. It was one of the many important sites needed to service the steam trains which operated on the line until the 1950s. There was a large hotel that housed the crews operating and servicing the trains and maintaining the tracks and signals.

Trains bound to California from Oregon were manned by crews from Eugene, up the hill to Crescent Lake where the crew was relieved by a fresh crew for the trip down the hill to Dunsmuir, California. Trains going north from California followed the same pattern.

The community of Crescent Lake included a train depot, a roundhouse, the hotel (clubhouse) for the crews, two general stores, a tavern, a restaurant, a one-room school and a post office. The permanent crew at Crescent Lake included a complete section gang, a signal maintainer, an electrician, a station agent and shift operators, a yard master, a train master and other needed tradesmen.

After the Second World War, some of the community started moving to the town’s current site along Highway 58, completed in the late 1940s. Beginning in 1958 the community at the original site began to disappear.

First the roundhouse was decommissioned and torn down, a fire destroyed the hotel and site was shut down. In the 1990s what was left of the original site was destroyed in a training exercise by the local fire department. There is still a siding that is used at the site, and the old water tower remains.

The actual lake is Crescent Lake, a resort with great fishing. A scout camp has been located at the lake, Boy Scout Camp Makualla, founded in 1938. The name Makualla meaning “a time and place for testing” was adopted as its name and antelope as its totem.
Chemult is an unincorporated community of about 300 people in northern Klamath County. It was established in 1924 as a support station for the railroad. When the location was being constructed it was called Knott, but after the railroad was opened in 1926 it was renamed Chemult. A post office was established that same year.

The community is named after a Klamath Indian chief who signed the Klamath Lake Treaty in October 14, 1864. That treaty was signed by 26 chiefs and representatives of the tribes in this area.

The elevation of Chemult is 4,760 feet. Just north of the community is the drainage divide on the east side of the Cascades. On the south side of the divide, water drains south to the Klamath River and then to the ocean. North of the divide, the water drains north into the Deschutes system, then into the Columbia River and then into the ocean.

Modern trains do not require the servicing that the steam engines did, so the railroad facilities are not as large in Chemult as they once were. There is still a large switching yard, and two railroads share the facilities at Chemult: Union Pacific and BNSF (Burlington Northern Santa Fe). Amtrak runs through Chemult on the Union Pacific tracks and even makes a brief stop. From the Chemult station, people can board a shuttle bus and continue north to the Bend area.

When the weather allows and there is enough snow, Chemult hosts dog sled races. Teams come from all over, many of them in preparation of the Iditarod dog sled races in Alaska.

For many years there was also another seasonal event that lasted several weeks in the fall. It was the buying and harvesting of Matsutake mushrooms. Several hundred pickers scoured the forest collecting these mushrooms that grew so fanatically in the volcanic soil of the region. Buyers set up temporary buying stations in Chemult to buy the Matsutakes for from $6.00 to $30.00 a pound. According to two young ladies at the Pilot gas station in Chemult, the mushroom business seems to be growing every year.

Chemult seems to be doing fine. It is the halfway point between both Bend and Eugene when traveling to or from Klamath Falls. It is a community filled with friendly people and a great place to stop for a snack, potty or even a dinner break.
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klamathcountyhistoricalsociety.org

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