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Celebrating the History of Bothell and Northshore

Fourth of July

We're in the Fourth of July parade again! After a two-year absence, new, young, enthusiastic members have organized our parade entry. All eleven Carlyon family members, descendants of the Hannan family, will participate plus 'Mr. and Mrs. Hannan and Friend' in a vintage pick-up truck. You are welcome to join us in period clothing (or not). Let Jill know whether to expect you, and give you the details: J.Keeney@comcast.net.

The morning starts with the City's Pancake Breakfast at the Park at Bothell Landing from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. The Museum buildings will be open to visitors.



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Fourth of July 2025 pancake breakfast amongst Museum buildings.



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Meet our newest Board member...

...Felicia Ziffaro, who assumes the Treasurer position, assisted by Kirk Fullmer. She has been an accountant for over 35 years and has numerous clients, recently including the Museum.

Her love of antiques led to her interest to be further involved with the Museum. (Her house is filled with antique furniture from the 1800s.)

Felicia is the mother of four, with ten grandchildren. She loves gardening, walking, spending time with family and friends, and has a passion for community and animals.

Welcome on "Board".

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Bothell's Swedish Cemetery... a Project to Celebrate 250 Years

On a rainy April Earth Day, volunteers coordinated by the City of Bothell pulled ivy and non-native vegetation at the cemetery...the start of a long-term project.

Later that afternoon, Museum volunteers used water, soft-bristled brushes, wooden popsicle sticks, and a spray created for using on historical headstones to clean the six headstones.



A significant amount of vegetation still needs to be cleared. In the meantime, research will continue to better define the cemetery's early stories.



...from a typewritten document found in the Museum's history files with a note "July 4th 1909"...

Independence Day Was Big in Early Bothell

Bothell went all out for the Fourth of July celebrations from the very first days of its existence. The day was given over to activities: a parade, a program, a ball game, a dance, and various events of competition and skill.

Patriotic enthusiasm ran high perhaps due in part to the presence and participation of twenty Civil War veterans. These were: George Bothell, David Bothell, Z.D. Baker, Robert Campbell, Edward Cox, Alfred Crumly, D.J. Dygert, W.W. Ellis, C.H. Hilton, William Johnstone, John Keener, C.E. Lambert, John W. Moore, Robert Patterson, Ira Penny, John W. Rhea, James Skirving, Perry Vincent, A. Wissinger, and M.C. Webster.



Large photo in the Schoolhouse where a horn and music stand can be found nearby.

The streets were appropriately decorated with greens and the national colors. Stores, business organizations, and church and fraternal groups entered floats in the parade. These were gaily decorated horses and wagons at first and later mechanical conveyances. A program in the city park always included a speaker and the Bothell Band.

Winners of the events will help describe the good old-fashioned



The W. A. Hannan float waiting in front of the W. A. Hannan house on Bothell's Main Street. [website]



Fourth of July Parade, probably 1907, possibly 1908. On the back of a copy of the photo is typed, "Shows the Bothell Town Band leading a parade back across the Riverside Bridge toward Main Street." Several floats are following the band. [photo & text from Museum's website]

fun. In 1909 those achieving first places were:

Pie-eating – Jack Greathouse

Fat man's race – Charlie Walters

Free-for-all – John Lytle

Boys' pie-eating – Vaughn Bosley

Girls' pie-eating – Fannie Bothell

Greased pig – George Bothell, Evan McQuarrie,

Frank Woody: first, second and third respectively

Bill Beardslee and Guy Stickney thought to take the three-legged race in a breeze not knowing that John Murray and Lyman had been practicing for three months. Little brother strategy paid off. Ford Bothell was listed for parade honors.

Other tests of skill and might were a tug-of-war on Main Street, with Bothell challengers pitted against Woodinville takers. Log rolling down in the river drew a crowd, and the greased pig was either the real animal or a greased pole for the loggers.

Carlton Ericksen remembers winning the tub race, which consisted of sitting in a tub and paddling across the river using only hands for making progress. He didn't enlarge on the danger nor the incidents from dunkings.

McMenamins History Pub Talks

BHM partners with McMenamins to present history pub talks. Several great suggestions have been made and forwarded on to McMenamins' historian. Email us, BothellMuseum@gmail.com, if you have suggestions for regional history foci...however tenuous! Who knows? It could lead to an intriguing rabbit hole.

The talks are on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at Haynes Hall where you can enjoy a beverage and even dinner.

*You scream, I scream,
we all scream for ice cream!*

There might even be test tasting??!!

McMenamins and Bothell Historical Society present **HISTORY PUB**

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July's talk is at right...
...and Ed Brown, historian for Virginia V and Mosquito Fleet, is scheduled for August 25.

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McMenamins and Bothell Historical Society present

BEFORE SEATTLE ROCKED, A CITY AND ITS MUSIC

Presented by Kurt Armbruster

PASSPORT STAMP

Then and Now

Pap Boats

In a Hannan House dining room cabinet, an array of interesting objects can be found including Mima Hannan's tea cup and saucer. (The house was built for her.)

As a docent highlighting some of those object, I thought the pap boats were very logical...no trying to feed a young one carrot purée by a small spoon with more purée ending up on the face and bib than in the mouth.

Used also as an invalid feeder cup, its design enabled bedridden patients to drink liquieds without sitting up.



Invalid / Baby Feeders Pap Boats

These were used to feed soup or pap
Pap was made of boiled bread, flour, and water. Sometimes with sugar or butter added



Recently, while breakfasting at a local restaurant, I saw a youngster consuming his purée out of a bag with a spout. Talking to his mom, I learned about the refillable baby food pouches...a modern take on an old idea.



An ad notes they are easy-to-clean, dishwasher/ freezer safe; fill with yogurt, applesauce, smoothies & purée.

Taking the Initiative

This is a story about volunteering, forging partnerships, and Sue Howard.

It started at a History Pub Talk at McMenamins Anderson School with which the Bothell Historical Museum/Society (BHM) partners to jointly develop topics and find speakers. BHM, typically Jill Keeney, sets up a table at the back of the room. Sue approached Jill about the state of the grounds surrounding each of the Museum's three buildings.

Several elements led up to this encounter. To be nearer to her "little" granddaughters, she moved from Wisconsin, first to Woodinville for two years, then to her Bothell home. While living in Woodinville, Sue joined Pollinator Pathway NW, a group of 20 that works to create and sustain pollinator friendly habitats. The group worked with the City to achieve Bee City status and recently held the fourth annual Pollinator Fest at 21 Acres among many additional endeavors. She has re-landscaped her yard that is now attractive to all sorts of insects and birds.

Sue discovered the Museum buildings while taking her granddaughters to the nearby playground. She felt that the planting beds around the buildings might benefit from a little attention. Jill suggested that she get the City's blessing before proceeding with any landscaping but invited Sue to help decorate the Hannan House for the Holiday Tea. She created new bows for the evergreen garland (supplied by another volunteer!) and filled the empty planters with greenery.

Pursuing her initial inquiry to the City in early April, Sue met with the City's Scott Purdy, Parks



Operations Manager, onsite on June 1st. Within a week's time, she had submitted the City's Individual Volunteer Service Agreement, was officially approved, and immediately started by: pruning the Schoolhouse rhodies and bushes, weeding

at the Hannan House as well as pruning bushes, transplanting roses into open spaces, and removing the aggressive loosestrife, which was transplanted into barrels Sue acquired and placed at the Beckstrom Cabin entrance. By splitting and moving plants that were already growing in a Hannan House flowerbed, she was able to easily refill the bed. Additional weeding was done around the Cabin, she even tried to remove algae at the backdoor stair railing.



Sue is a retired middle school teacher who worked with special needs kids. When not digging in dirt, she likes to travel. This spring she visited Italy, then went scuba diving in Bonaire (a Caribbean island). In addition to spending time with her grand-



daughters, her focus is finding ways to volunteer in the community. She has done that in spades for the Museum. Thank you, Sue!

Brick rescued from Main Street gazebo demolition.

Egg Scale History

In the Hannan House's back porch, an egg scale sits on a shelf. It's a curious item, but is practical even in today's world. How many people do you know who raise chickens? Are they all of one breed? Or do they lay eggs that vary in size? (And color!)

The Jiffy Way egg scale is a vintage farm tool created by Benjamin Zimmer in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that received a patent in 1940.

It allowed farmers to quickly weigh and grade eggs by category (from peewee to jumbo) to determine their market value. After a few years, Jiffy Way called itself the world's largest egg scale manufacturer.

One curiosity of the scale was the hanging cotter pin (a paperclip was later used). Mystery solved: "the scale features a built-in leveling device" (the cotter pin) and an adjustable screw to compensate for undersized and oversized eggs.

The practice of grading eggs by weight gained popularity in the 1900s, driven by the premium prices farmers received for sorted eggs.

The numbers correspond to ounces per dozen.

For instance, a scale pointing to "24" indicates that 12 eggs of that size will weigh 24 ounces (making them standard Large eggs).

Google AI Egg Scale Timeline

- Early 1900s: Grading and sorting eggs by weight began as a way to select the ideal eggs for hatching.
- World War I: The U.S. War Department purchased eggs in massive quantities to feed overseas troops and paid based on weight and size, triggering the mass production of mechanical egg scales for farmers.
- 1925: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) distributed its first voluntary guidelines for standardizing egg sizes based on weight per dozen which are reflected in the scale's classifications.
- World War II: Military demand reached its peak, creating the highest single demand for accurate, mechanical farm and market egg scales.



An egg basket found in the kitchen. (Oops! The chicken on the cover is sleeping.) Typically used for collecting and selling eggs at market, cracked eggs were not uncommon.

Joseph Coyle of British Columbia invented what was the precursor to today's egg carton. He went on to perfect and manufacture the carton.

Right: Early egg carton.



These ribbons belonged to Henry Simonds, great grandfather of Ron Green, Jr. They were awarded by the National Golden Wyanette Club of America.

Golden Wyanettes are a breed of chicken developed in the mid-1800s in the U.S. and recognized by the American Poultry Association. They are known for their rosy comb, fluffy appearance, and scalloped pattern of gold and black lacing.

Ice for the Icebox

An insulated icebox can be found on the back porch. But wait! The label says it's a refrigerator.



This was typically made of wood with a tin or zinc lining packed with straw, sawdust, cork, or seaweed for insulation. A large block of ice held in a compartment or tray near the top of the icebox kept any food stored along with it chilly for a reasonable period of time. Cold air naturally sinks (as noted during school tours) and the falling cold air cooled the food below.

Iceboxes ranged in price from \$15 to \$50, depending on their sizes and features. Cheap models had a drip pan that users had to empty daily (which is the style the Museum has), while fancier versions had spigots for draining melted ice into a holding tank, which could then be used for drinking. Users replenished their supply of ice by purchasing blocks from an iceman with a horse-drawn wagon on a regular delivery schedule. He used massive iron tongs to shoulder the blocks of ice.

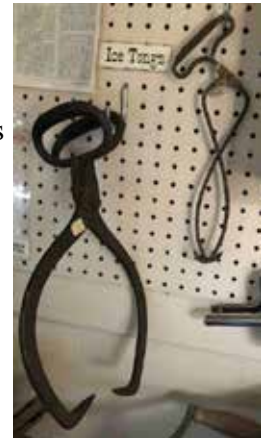
But where did the ice come from? In eastern Washington, it was harvested from ponds, streams, rivers, and lakes. In Olympia and Seattle, it was imported.



In April 1872, the *Osmyn* left San Francisco with a cargo of 300 tons of ice. Capt. Marshall Blinn, a Puget Sound resident, conceived the idea to mine ice from near the "Truckee River" in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Nevada. The Central Pacific Railroad shipped the ice to San Francisco where it was loaded on the *Osmyn*.

While the ice was in transit, Blinn's firm, the Puget Sound Ice Company, constructed an icehouse on the Yesler Wharf located at the foot of Mill Street (renamed Yesler Way). To insulate the building, double walls were built about 18 inches apart and filled with sawdust acquired from Henry L. Yesler's sawmill.

The Puget Sound Ice Company's ice wagon immediately started making deliveries six days per week throughout the town. Saloons were especially pleased. A few days later this "great luxury" became the basis of a new business in town: the ice cream business.



In 1900, Seattle shifted away from importing natural ice toward artificial ice production driven by the city's booming population of over 80,000 residents.

Pioneering firms, such as the Diamond Ice & Storage Company (located at Western Avenue and Union Street) and the Seattle Ice Company, operated industrial ammonia-compression plants to consistently manufacture block ice.



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