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The McKinley Ellsworth Family gathered at Camp Sherman for a reunion in honor of one of the original Camp Sherman pioneers.

## Reunion recalls pioneer history

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In the early part of the 20th century, wheat farmers from Sherman County, Oregon, would seek respite from the hot, backbreaking August work of bringing in the wheat harvest by trekking west in wagon and buggy to the banks of the Metolius River.

There they would camp, relax, fish and play, much as people do in 2017. So popular did the destination become for those wheat farmers that the area came to be known as Camp Sherman — the name the community retains to this

day.

One of those early visitors to what would become Camp Sherman was McKinley Ellsworth, a blacksmith by trade. On Saturday, August 5, the descendants of his clan gathered in Camp Sherman for a family reunion and cribbage tournament. Jeff Snyder is the elder of the clan these days, the son of McKinley's daughter Patricia. He owned an A-frame cabin in Camp Sherman and vacationed here every summer for more than 20 years. His daughter Katie, a photojournalist in Boston, was the farthest traveled of the family, flying across the country for the reunion.

And she wanted it to be known that she was doing pretty well in the cribbage tournament, too.

Cribbage was central to the gathering — and another legacy of “Grandpa Mac.”

“Grandpa Mac, he was a cribbage player,” Jerry recalled. “He taught everybody (and) we taught our kids.”

It's the family game, played with considerable passion. Tim Ellsworth, who lives with his wife, Heidi, in Camp Sherman full time, was the leader in the tournament on Saturday afternoon — the guy with the target on his back.

Four generations were on hand for the event, held at Camp Sherman's historic community hall. And despite the passage of more than a century, McKinley Ellsworth would have felt right at home.

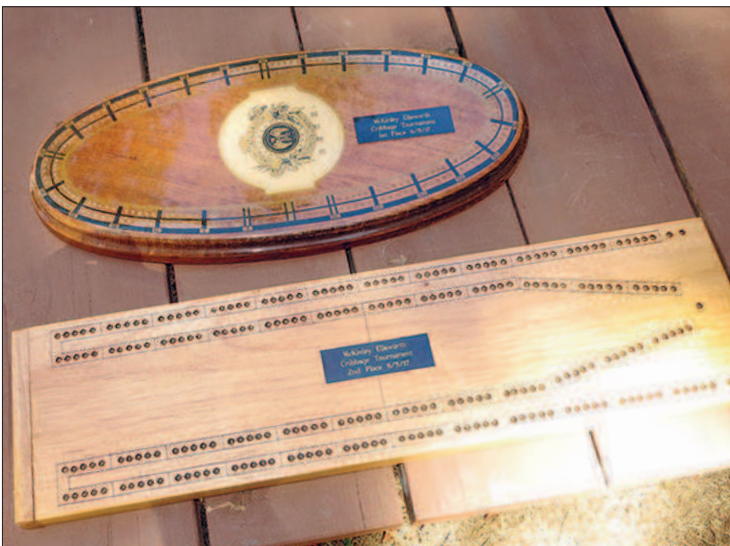


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Cribbage is the family game — and the reunion featured a tournament with heirloom cribbage boards as trophies.

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Now in its 8th successful year, Bend Premier Cup is the largest sporting event in Central Oregon, infusing an estimated \$3 million into the local economy over the course of a weekend.

“A lot of players and their families look forward to returning to Bend Premier Cup year after year,” said Tara Bilanski, executive director of the Bend FC Timbers soccer club, which hosts the annual event. “The soccer is high level and teams come from as far away as Alaska and

Montana, so everyone gets a chance to play against new competition. The fact that it all takes place in a region known for its scenery and sunshine is a bonus for families who are traveling with players.”

Nearly 200 teams and approximately 3,200 players will make their way to Central Oregon to compete in the tournament. Because of its size, Bend Premier Cup is played on fields throughout Bend and Sisters, all of which provide free parking for participants. Boys and girls teams ranging in age from U10 to U19 with gold- and silver-level competition. All teams are guaranteed four games, with each division's champion and finalist taking home medals.

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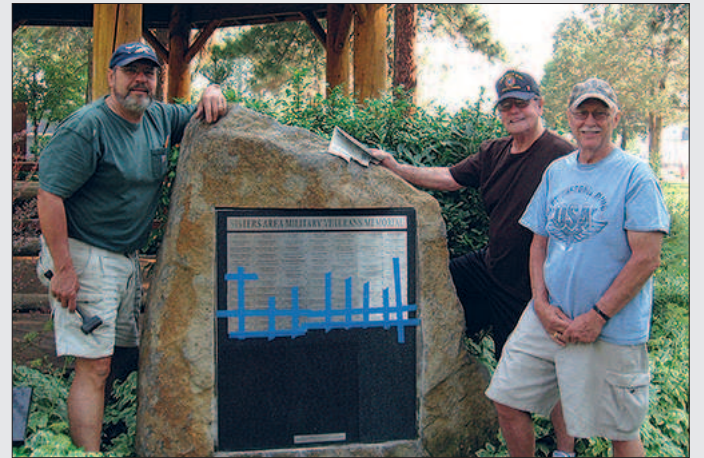


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