

Museum: Gift given by Sisters-based Roundhouse Foundation

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Finally, By Hand Through Memory will be updated thanks to the gift. The Indigenous history exhibit opened in 1999, enabled by the donation of the 7,000-object Doris Bounds Swayze Collection — donated to the museum way back in 1990.

“That exhibition has done an amazing job for over 20 years, of connecting our visitors to the Indigenous people, and it is time to work with our tribal partners and bring the contemporary stories to life in that space,” Whitelaw said.

The museum is hopeful that construction can begin within three years.

The Roundhouse Foundation was launched in 2002 by Sisters artist Kathy Deggendorfer and her mother, Gert Boyle, well known from her work as the chairwoman of Columbia Sportswear prior to her death in 2019.

Initially focused on the arts and their economic impact on Central Oregon, the foundation over the years expanded its mission to additionally focus on social services, education and environmental stewardship, said Erin Borla, executive director of the Roundhouse Foundation.

“The museum is at the intersection of all four of those,” Borla said. The \$6 million figure was determined through discussions about the museum’s current state, its role in the community and plans for future expansion.



The museum has an annual operating budget of about \$5 million, Whitelaw said, and drew 200,000 annual visitors. A recent economic impact study by the consulting firm ECONorthwest found the museum contributes about \$20 million annually to the local economy.

“That’s something that we are proud of,” Whitelaw said. “People move here, they visit here, because there’s a world-class museum.”

“The museum has been just really an integral part in the whole cultural experience for Central Oregon. We’ve always really respected the work that’s gone on there, and



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The High Desert Museum, left, was built in 1982. The museum’s plan for spending a \$6 million gift from the Sisters-based Roundhouse Foundation includes a permanent art gallery. The museum’s growing collection includes “Golden,” above, by James Lavadour. Acquired in 2018, it was last seen by the public in the 2019 exhibit “Desert Reflections: Water Shapes the West.”

were wanting to help increase that footprint,” Deggendorfer said.

“It’s like every museum that would be at the Smithsonian all gathered together in one place to honor where we are and teach people about where we live,” she said. “That’s what the High Desert Museum does. It introduces all the new people to who we are, what we do and the way we honor everything that exists here.”

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The park will also have a Cascades East Transit bus stop.

“A lot of pedestrian connections have gone in already in that part of town, and as Alpenglow continues to get developed, there will be even more,” Isaacson said.

Alpenglow Park is in line to become the 86th park in Bend. It will be the city’s first park designed to be self-reliant for energy use with solar panels powering the lighting and irrigation systems, restrooms and pavilion, according to the park district.

Before breaking ground, 60 trees were removed from the property and donated to Nativity Woodlot, a firewood program in Bend.

More than 100 new trees will be planted before the park opens next year.

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Scientists call removing Snake River dams ‘necessary’ to restore salmon population

BY ERIC BARKER

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Another set of scientists, this one more than five-dozen deep, is sounding the alarm over Snake River salmon and steelhead, saying if the imperiled fish are to be saved, the four lower Snake River dams must go.

On Monday, 68 fisheries researchers from the Pacific Northwest released a letter penned to the region’s congressional delegation, governors and fisheries policymakers methodically making the case for breaching the dams.

“This scientific recommendation wasn’t taken lightly. This is relying on a review of a large preponderance of information that a bunch of us analyzed over and over again over the years,” said Howard Schaller, a retired fisheries research biologist who worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

They compared the lifecycle survival, known as smolt-to-adult survival rates, of Snake River salmon and steelhead, and note the runs which must pass eight dams as they migrate to and from the ocean have lower survival rates than similar stocks in the Columbia Basin that only have to make it past four or fewer dams.

For example, wild steelhead from the John Day River in Oregon have an average smolt-to-adult return rate of 5% and wild chinook from the same river have a survival rate of 3.6%. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council has set a survival goal of 2% to 6% for anadromous fish runs from the Snake and Columbia rivers.

At 2%, the runs replace themselves. At an average of 4%, they grow. But the smolt-to-adult

return rate for wild Snake River steelhead is 1.4%, below replacement level, and for wild spring and summer chinook, it is just 0.7%.

The difference, they say, is caused by the number of dams and reservoirs each run encounters during juvenile migration to the ocean. For the fish from the John Day River, it’s three dams. At each of the eight dams on the Snake River, fish face hardships, including delays caused by slowed

water velocity, predation, injury and stress. The scientists point to research that indicates many of the young fish that make it past each of the eight dams succumb from delayed mortality, the result of accumulated stress and injuries incurred along the way.

“When all of the existing credible scientific evidence is taken into account, it is clear that removing the four lower Snake River dams, with adequate spill at the remaining

lower Columbia River dams, is necessary to restore Snake River salmon populations,” they write.

The work they cite was looked at during last year’s Columbia River Systems Operation Environmental Impact Statement, authored by the Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and Bonneville Power Administration. The agencies chose a plan that calls for water to be spilled at each of the dams during the juvenile migration period.

Threat

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“You need to respond to me, you owe me 1500.00 for the truck, then you can get the title, if no response, I will file a complaint with the small claims in Deschutes County to get my monies and turn you and your family into INS for deportations, your choice,” the text reads.

Cardona is a legal U.S. resident, Hummel said.

When interviewed by police, Schlossmacher reportedly said he “kinda felt” Cardona was in the country illegally and had wanted to scare him with the text, Hummel said.

This week’s charge was enabled by a legislative change in 2016. The extortion statute was amended that year to make it unlawful to threaten to report someone’s suspected immigration status to law enforcement in order to compel them to do something.

“We’ve come a long way in Deschutes County toward being a fully welcoming community, and we have much work to do,” Hummel said in his release. “Holding people accountable who violate the law based on their animus toward others is a small and necessary step in the process.”

Schlossmacher is scheduled to be arraigned March 18. Schlossmacher did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

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of Bend, OR
May 26, 1935 - Feb 17, 2021

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Contributions may be made to: Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road, S.W. Lilburn, GA 30047 404-935-6444 lbdca@lbdca.org

Kelly Conrad Jr. MD

of Bend, OR
Oct 18, 1951 - Feb 15, 2021

Arrangements: Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. 541-382-2471 Please visit the online registry for the family at www.niswonger-reynolds.com

Services: Celebration of Life for Dr. Conrad will be held at a later date.
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of La Pine, OR
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Sandra F. Hopkins

of La Pine, OR
Oct 10, 1955 - Feb 20, 2021

Arrangements: Autumn Funerals, Bend 541-318-0842 www.autumnfunerals.net
Services: Private services will be held at a later date

Winifred K Sealey

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