



# Headwaters Interpreter

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## D-Day Plus 69 Years

At the June 6, 2013 meeting of the Three Forks Area Historical Society, World War II was remembered. Guest speaker Ray Lau recollected his experiences during his time in the U.S. Navy. Many of the things he spoke of brought laughter to the audience, but at times Ray struggled emotionally with memories of tragic experiences that have not faded even after nearly seven decades.

Listening to his stories, one could not help but be honored, proud and humbled that he, Bill Brainard, Buford "Boots" Myers and others like them served in the Armed Forces during World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

Thank you Ray, Boots, Bill and all the other veterans! Your stories, however difficult to articulate, are what history is really made of.



## The Collection Manager big hit

During the Volunteer Orientation session on May 29, Patrick Finnegan gave museum volunteers a brief tour of the Collection Manager program that will help track, manage and research items in the museum. While the Collection Manager is primarily an inventory management tool, it is also a research tool, enabling users to find items of interest to themselves or to museum visitors.

Now that the basic information on over 7,300 items is now in the Collection Manager, Patrick will begin training volunteers in its use. Several people stepped forward to be trained on the Collection Manager including; Don Pickering, Bonnie Steingruber, Jean Farnham, Vicki Veltkamp, Terre Langdon and Heidi Jones.

Patrick, a Saturday afternoon museum docent, can train volunteers between 1 PM and 3 PM on Saturdays or by special arrangement on other days.

Once the training is done the volunteers, in coordination with Museum Director Robin Cadby-Sorensen, will begin the inventory process and can train others who are interested in using the Collection Manager.

## The American Cowboy...

... is this year's Three Forks Rodeo Parade theme and it's time to round up the volunteers and lasso another Best Float award from the Three Forks Chamber of Commerce.

So put on your 10 gallon thinking (cowboy) hat and bring ideas to the July 11 meeting of the Historical Society when we will put our branding irons in the fire and come up with a work plan.

## Raising the Roof

Society President Pat O'Brien Townsend had both good news and bad news on the funding of the Depot Defender project. The bad news is that one grant application for \$6000 did not make the cut. But the Gallatin County Historical Preservation Board has granted the project \$2,000 and a donor has stepped forward to match it dollar for dollar. So that's \$4,000 of the \$10,000 needed to "raise the roof."

## Memorials

The Depot Defender project has received two memorials in the name of Robert Norman, a life-time member of the Society who passed away in May.

## Sings-In-The-Middle will speak Aug. 3

Robert L. McAnally, a founding member, first President and current faculty member of the Fort Peck Community College will be giving a lecture on the topic of **Native American Spirituality and the Buffalo** on the afternoon of August 3. Robert's given Nakoda name, Chogam Nowa' translates as "Sings-In-The-Middle."

Mr. McAnally was born and raised on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, graduated from the U. of M. School of Law. He is an enrolled member of the Assiniboine (Nakoda) Tribe and is part Absalooke' (Crow), Peigan (Blackfeet), German, Dutch and Irish.

Mr. McAnally instructs in the disciplines of Native American Studies and Federal / Tribal Legal Studies and is an award winning traditional artist / replicator, working in all traditional mediums.

The Society will be seeking a venue for Mr. McAnally's presentation and is beginning other preparations over the next few weeks. **Start spreading the word!**

## HEADWATERS HERITAGE MUSEUM

A 501 (c)(3) non-profit

Open Daily June 1 to September 30

Hours: 9 to 5 Mon. – Sat., & 11 to 3 Sun.

Free Admission – Donations Accepted

### What is that?

Robin and Cheryl have put together two new exhibits for the museum this year, one for the Logan area and one with items from local pharmacies. Visitors looking at the pharmacy exhibit will immediately ask “what is that?” Most likely they are pointing to a long spindle of pharmacy orders!

## Events Calendar

**July 11** - Meeting of the Society 7 PM, Methodist Church Annex.

**July 27-28** - Open House at the Depot in conjunction with the annual Headwaters Car Show. Montana NTRAK railroad modeling will set up their "layout" in the freight room of the depot. The Society will be selling milkshakes to help keep everyone cool.

**Aug. 1** (Thursday) - Meeting of the Society 7 PM, Methodist Church Annex.

**Aug. 2** (Friday) - Patrick Finnegan will be giving a presentation at the Lewis and Clark Caverns Campfire Talks entitled *Pioneering the Cavern Township*.

**Aug. 3** (Saturday) - During the annual Antique Air Show, Robert L. McAnally, aka Sings-In-The-Middle, will present *Native American Spirituality and the Buffalo* (venue to be announced).

**Sept. 5** (Thursday) - Meeting of the Society 7 PM, Methodist Church Annex.

**Sept 30** (Monday) - Last day of the museum season.

**Oct. 3** (Thursday) - Meeting of the Society 7 PM, Methodist Church Annex.

**Dec. 6?** (Friday) - Annual Christmas Stroll, Museum open.

Volunteers are always needed at the Museum. Call Robin at 285-3644 or e-mail [museumthreeforks@aol.com](mailto:museumthreeforks@aol.com).

**New Members!** Greg Messel and Anita Declue have become the latest members and they also purchased a Depot Defender memorial brick. Welcome to the Society and thank you for your contribution!



Greg Messel

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This full-color hardbound book published by the Three Forks Area Historical Society contains papers, maps, letters, and illustrations related to the fur trade era in Montana.

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