



Adair History Day



Adair Village to show off history

History celebration set for Saturday at old WWII camp

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Adair Village will showcase its connections to World War II this weekend with the first Adair History Day.

Scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the music room at Santiam Christian School, 7220 N.E. Arnold Ave., the free event is sponsored by Adair Living History and will feature a keynote address by historian John Baker, the author of "Camp Adair."

Baker also will take part in a panel discussion titled "Researching and Writing History."

Joining him will be Judy Juntunen, former research librarian for the Benton County Historical Museum, and a pair of graduate students, Mike DiCianna of Portland State University and Mike Jager of Oregon State University.

All of the participants have been involved in studying the history of Camp Adair, the Army facility that trained more than 100,000 U.S. soldiers for combat in World War II.

Saturday's event also includes a question-and-answer session, a film clip

Drew Foster points out the two remaining barracks on the Santiam Christian School property, once a military training ground. The area will celebrate its World War II connections on Saturday.

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searchers.

"There are very avid historians in this area, so we want to be sure that we include real history in all this, not just fun and games," Melton said.

With as many as 40,000 residents at a time, Camp Adair was briefly Oregon's second-largest city before being dismantled at war's end. The site also served as a POW camp, a Navy hospital and an Air Force station before evolving into the town of Adair Village.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Adair History Day
WHEN: 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday
WHERE: Santiam Christian School, 7220 N.E. Arnold Ave., Adair Village
homefront."

The organization hopes to expand the event to include activities, such as World War II-themed dinners and dances, walking tours of the old cantonment and historical re-enactments, as well as conferences aimed at serious re-

In an effort to commemorate the community's military roots, the city relocated two Camp Adair barracks to a downtown site with the idea of turning one into a museum and the other into a community hall.

The buildings' exteriors have been restored, but Adair Living History estimates another \$800,000 in grants and donations is needed to complete the project, which will also include a public plaza and resources for historical re-

search.

Although there is no charge to attend Saturday's event, it is also a fundraiser and donations will be accepted.

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