



News Release

Date: March 12, 2018

Movie & Talk:

"Grays Harbor Happenings: the Newsreels of C.D. Anderson"

Saturday, March 24

11 a.m. - noon

for adults and teens

McCleary Timberland Library

The McCleary Historical Society and the McCleary Timberland Library are hosting "Grays Harbor Happenings: the Newsreels of C.D. Anderson" on the big screen.

The documentary highlights the discovery of newsreel footage of the 1920s from Grays Harbor County, the preservation of the films, and a community embracing its history. Produced, written, and directed by Ann Coppel, with narration by Grant Goodeve of the popular KING-TV series "Northwest Backroads".



This project is the result of painstaking efforts by staff of the University of Washington Special Libraries to restore 53 deteriorating 35mm nitrate newsreels found in a commercial storage unit in Seattle.

Once archivists learned the films chronicled events from Grays Harbor, they contacted local researcher Roy Vataja who combed through more than a decade's worth of microfilm of old Daily World articles to track down information about the events.

Highlights include contrasting scenes of yesteryear with the same sites today, including vantage points near Stewart, Emerson and Franklin fields, St. Mary's School, and the Simpson Avenue Bridge.

In addition to the half-hour movie, view clips of restored footage showing historic local events such as the dedication of Finch Playfield, the raising of the Harbor Queen, a wedding performed at the county fairgrounds in front of thousands of witnesses, and other noteworthy celebrations.



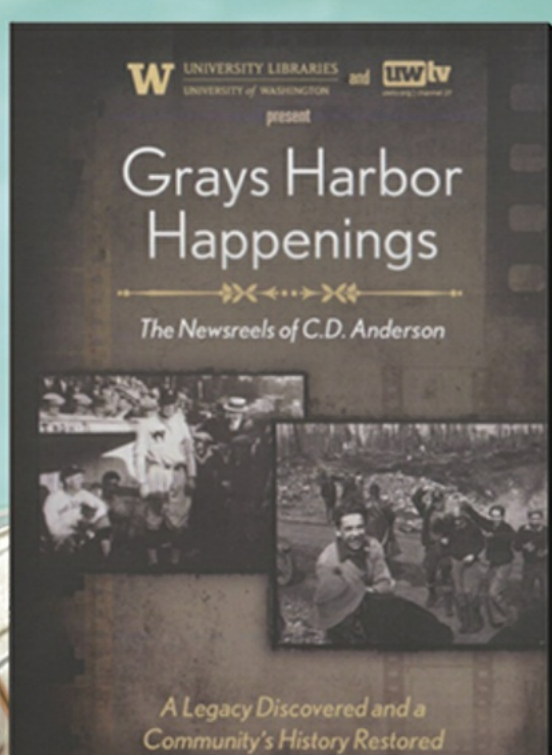
After the screening, the McCleary Historical Society will have displays of historic items from the newsreels time period, and there will be time to share your own stories of local history.

Refreshments will be provided by the [Friends of the McCleary Timberland Library](#).

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Join the library and the McCleary Historical Society in presenting the DVD "Grays Harbor Happenings: the Newsreels of C.D. Anderson" on our large screen. Watch the 30 minute movie and share your stories of local history. The McCleary Historical Society will have displays of historic items from the newsreels time period.

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121 S. 4th Street; 360-495-3368

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Timberland Regional Library provides for the entertainment, information, and lifelong learning needs of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston county residents at 27 community public libraries and six library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes, timber tax, fundraising efforts of TRL Friends of the Library, and generous donations by individual supporters.

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