### Newsletter of the

### Troutdale Historical Society

## BYGONE TIMES

#### Mark Your

#### Calendars!

July 1

First Friday at the Depot

#### July 2

Edgefield 100 Year Celebration. Displays, videos, tours and more 11-5.

#### July 16

Third Saturday.
All three museums open 10-2

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Summerfest Parade. Highway blocked off at 10:00. Parade starts at 11.

#### July 30

Salmon Bake by the Sandy River. Tickets still available. See page 3.

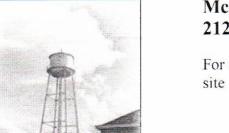
#### August 5

First Friday at the Depot

#### August 20th

Third Saturday-All three museums open. Mike Darcy from KXL doing live broadcast at Harlow House.

## Edgefield Celebrates 100 Years on July 2



McMenamins Edgefield 2126 SW Halsey Troutdale, OR

For all the details, check the McMenamins website <a href="http://www.mcmenamins.com/">http://www.mcmenamins.com/</a>

History-specific events: 11am to 5pm Property-wide festivities: 11am 'til late

**11am:** Champagne toast & ringing of the Edgefield bell

front steps of main lodge

11am-5pm: Collaborative exhibit of Edgefield artifacts, photographs and documents from the collections of Troutdale Historical Society, Multnomah County Archives & McMenamins

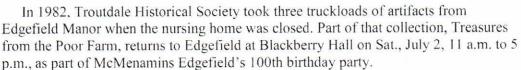
Blackberry Hall

**11am-5pm**: Gathering of former Edgefield staff, residents, family & friends Blackberry Hall

Noon, 2pm & 4pm: Screening of a newly produced Edgefield Centennial video

Power Station Theater

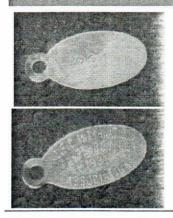
**1pm & 3pm: EDGEFIELD HISTORY PRESENTATION** by **Sharon Nesbit**, who spearheaded the effort to Edgefield's preservation; and **Tim Hills**, McMenamins historian *Ballroom*, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, main lodge



Sharon Nesbit will repeat her sell-out history lecture on Edgefield with Tim Hills, McMenamins historian. Music, food, and interviews with old-timers acquainted with facility will be part of the party.



#### Bygone Times



#### Help!

Someone left a small, brass medal in the THS mail box at the Troutdale City Hall. It is about 11/2 " long and 3/4" wide and is stamped on both sides. One side says "Pacific International Trapshooting Association 1931". The other has the number 231 stamped on it. Whoever left it, left a handwritten note on the envelope, "Troutdale Rod and Gun Club prior to 1942". If anyone knows anything about this small medal, please call the THS office at 503.661.2164 and tell us what you know about this artifact from the past. We'd love to add it to our historical collection, but we need some additional information.

Raffle tickets are still on sale at the Depot Office for this year's quilt, donated by Leona Balch. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10 or 15 for \$20. You can mail a check to the office, stop by the office or call the office to use your credit/debit card. Drawing Dec. 3 at Harlow House Christmas Open House.

#### **Shirley Baker Yost**

East County resident Shirley Baker Yost, 85, May 15, at her home.

Shirley was born Jan. 22, 1926, in Troutdale to Ralph and Hazel (Owens) Baker. Shirley grew up on the family farm and attended Cedar Grade School and Gresham High School.

Just before her 17th birthday, Shirley married Lawrence Yost. A short time later, he was drafted into the military. During World War II, Shirley worked at the Swan Island shipyards and for Iron Fireman Company. After the war, she worked as a telephone operator in Portland for 27 years.

Shirley and Lawrence resided in Southeast Portland and raised two sons. They moved to Corbett in the 1970s to take care of her father, Ralph. Shirley was active in the Troutdale Historical Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2002; and by her son, Stephen, in 1991.

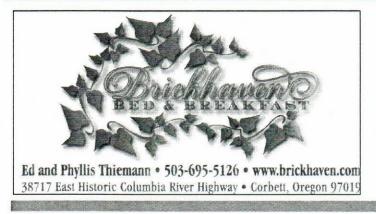
Survivors include her son, Larry Yost of Corbett; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

#### Some added information from Sharon Nesbit:

I wanted to add to that that in 1988, Shirley wrote careful histories of her family for our records. Her brother was Bill Baker and their grandfather Alfred, planted the Baker Beech copper beech tree at the corner of Stark Street and Troutdale Road. Shirley was descended from Oregon Trail pioneers. Alfred Baker bought 42 acres in 1891 at the corner of Troutdale Road and Stark for Melrose Farm where he and his wife, Oceanna Holtgrieve Baker, had about 60 milk cows. They also raised produce which the sold in Portland.

Shirley wrote that in 1907 a calf stepped on Alfred's foot and ultimately, the injury did not heal and gangrene set in. His first and last ride in an automobile was when a neighbor, a Mr. Olson, took him to the hospital for his third operation. He died at age 49.

Shirley's records give us a lot of local history. We are grateful that she was so careful to leave it with us.





## Salmon Bake on the Sandy River

#### Don't miss this!

Reservations are still available at the Depot Office or by calling during business hours at 503-661-2164. Summer office /Depot Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10-2. Salmon Bake—Saturday, July 30, 2011

Hosted by Bob & Jean Ice on Jackson Park Rd. in Troutdale. Salmon sizzles on an open pit, wine will be flowing from a no-host bar and Native American dancing follows dinner. A wonderful evening and our biggest fund-raiser of the year.

Come have a great time and support THS!

Tickets are \$50 each or \$85 a couple. (\$35 per person or \$55 per couple is a tax-deductible donation).



#### Robert W. Dunken

East County resident and longtime Troutdale Historical Society member, Robert W. Dunken died June 3 at his home with family after a more-than-25-year battle with cancer. He was 83.

Bob was born May 31, 1928, on a farm in Nelson, Neb., to James and Nellie (Wilde) Dunken. The family moved to Corbett in 1937. Bob graduated in 1945 from Columbian High School, where he was student body president.

On June 28, 1947, he married his high school sweetheart, Betty J. Muck. They built their home in Corbett. Bob served on the fire board, the water board, the school finance committee and the building committee. In 1975, Bob and Betty moved to Fairview and built a house.

Bob worked for Bridal Veil Lumber and Box Company from 1947 to 1952, when he started working for the Multnomah County Road Department, eventually becoming a truck driver. He worked as the head millwright for Rollin Lumber Co. from 1964 to 1970. He then worked for Portland Machinery as manager of the forest products division.

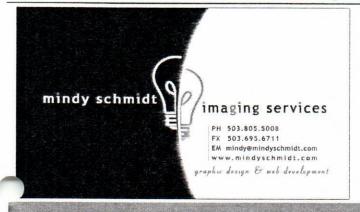
From 1977 until the company was sold, Bob was president and co-owner of Portland Sawmill Machinery. In 1990, he and a business partner started Acme Storage in Portland, where he worked as manager and co-owner until his death.

Bob joined the Horseless Carriage Club of America (HCCA) in 1952 and owned several antique cars (his 1910 Cadillac was his favorite), antique tractors and an antique fire truck. He was elected president of the Portland Regional Group of the club in 1970 and spent six years on the club's national board of directors, serving as president in 1974. He was a lifetime member and trustee of the National HCCA Foundation. Bob's memberships also included Antique Powerland, the Parkrose Elks, the Troutdale Historical Society and the Crown Point Historical Society as a lifetime member.

After Betty's death, Bob met and traveled with his companion of 21 years, Patty Williams.

Survivors include his children, Christine Boughton of Portland, Jerry Dunken of Portland and Susan Mershon of Corbett; five grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations can be made to Providence Hospice, 6410 N.E. Halsey St., Suite 300, Portland, 97213.





### Troutdale Elementary Third Graders visit all Three THS Museums on Field Trip





We were delighted to host 70 third graders, parents and teachers from Troutdale Elementary School on June 7. They were very well behaved and all seemed to have a good time. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out and thanks to the students for coming!

# Couple Uses Depot for Wedding Photos

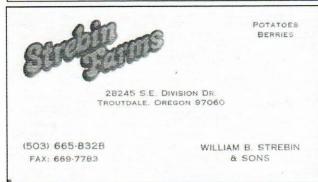


There was a wedding in the park this last week, right next to the Depot. The couple asked if they could come inside for a couple of pictures. They took lots of pictures, signed the marriage license and were very, very happy they were able to use the museum for part of their wedding. May I introduce, Mr. & Mrs. Loren (Katie) Brule.

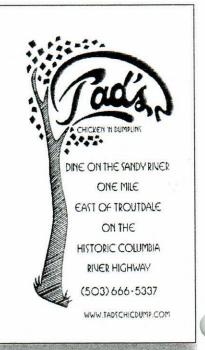


THS WANTS YOU!........Can you volunteer at one of our museums for a Saturday?...
or for a special tour?...take photos at an event?... HELP on the newsletter?
.....Dust?.....Scrapbook?......HELP with fundraisers?...do you know or work for a company who would donate goods or services?...Call the office to volunteer.
The smallest task helps a lot!









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### Re-cap of Board of Directors' Meeting of June 1, 2011

President David Ripma reported that there will be a meeting at Oregon Historical Society on June 15, 2011 at 10a.m. and that all of the historical societies getting the Mult. Co History Tax Levy money should have a member attending. Greg and Sue Handy volunteered to attend as did Tom Graves, our treasurer. They should be prepared to give a short presentation about what the Troutdale Historical Society does. Our representatives will also try to find out any information about how we may use the money that we receive from the levy.

Dave Ripma reported that the Troutdale City Council should pass the Historic Resources Amendments at one of the June meetings.

Jean Hybskmann reported that the Salmon Bake fund raiser is progressing nicely. The invitations should be in the mail this week.

Mary Bryson reported that the McMenamins/Poor Farm 100 Year Exhibit is under control. The Tuesday Ladies have identified and packed many of the artifacts to be transported to Blackberry Hall for the exhibit on July 2, 2011. Also, we now have a schedule of the planned events.

The celebration will open at 11 a.m. on July 2, 2011 with the ringing of the bell and a champagne toast.

Noon: History Film of Edgefield at Power Station Theater and music at Loading Dock

1p.m. Tim Hills and Sharon Nesbit do history presentation in ball room.

2p.m. History Film repeats

3p.m. Repeat of Hills/Nesbit presentation

**4p.m**. History Film repeats

#### Celebration wraps up between 5 and 7 p.m.

David Ripma reported on items in THS Constitution that need to be amended.

The Board of Directors voted to increase Terry Huston's salary beginning June 1, 2011. This reflects her additional hours of work.

Scott Cunningham thanked the BOD for his reception and gift honoring him and his seven years as President of

Discussion about doing some redecorating of the Depot Library and naming it after Penny Balch.

Paula Goldie reported that she still has not heard from the GSA about when we can remove the artifacts from the Army Corps of Engineers Building.

Terry Huston reported that the Artful Gardens Tour would like to use the Harlow House selling tickets and distributing maps for their tour on August 20, 2011. This is the third Saturday so the Museum will be open and will get additional notice due to this tour.,

Troutdale Historical Society board meetings are open to all members and the public. They are held agt the Barn Museum on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome and committee members are needed.





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Skoolz owt!



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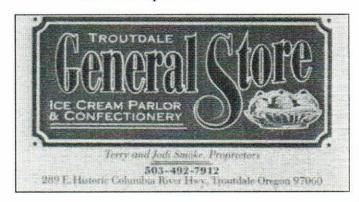
In Memory of Shirley Yost

#### **Welcome New Members:**

Jill Ford - Mary Gerding - Ron Spada The Gerald & LeAnn Stephan Family

## Our Thanks...from THS...to the following for their support!

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