October 1 “Close to Home” Trek Planned for Oregon Historical Society East County Storage Facility

A Fall trek to Oregon Historical Society’s storage facility is planned for Saturday, October 1. We will meet at the Barn Museum at 9 a.m. and carpool. After our tour of the storage facility we will enjoy lunch at Xavier’s on 181st and then visit another museum or two. (The other museums will either be Zimmerman House & Heslin House or Gresham Historical Society Museum in the Carnegie Library on Main St). The only cost for the event is lunch and donation to the museums. We need to have a count for our lunch at Xavier’s, so please call the office at 503-661-2164 to sign up by September.

Troutdale

By Elliott Demain (This year’s THS Junior Member-of-the-year essay winner)

Troutdale is a community with a rich historic past. The town’s major industry was the American Dressed Meat Company that was later sold and became Portland’s Swiftland Company.

Captain John Harlow named his home Troutdale because he had a small dale near his house with a pond full of trout.

The Columbia River was discovered in 1792.

Troutdale is a great community!

We Solved the Mystery!

This from Nellie Hjalaltin in Hood River: I was coming to Troutdale to deliver the new HR Museum brochure to the Chamber for Commerce, etc. and that little metal thing a ma jig has been bouncing around the farm for a zillion years and being of a historic conscience museum-trained person, I (and with a father that never threw anything away, because it may come in handy someday), took it to the logical source. It is also time for me to down-size and I figured that Troutdale deserved this treasure to keep or throw away. Little did I know I would start a mystery. There is little I can tell you about the organization. Gresham did not have a shooting range and Troutdale must have been used by a lot of people as Dad brought home a lot of empty wooden shell boxes. I think I have burned the last of those...Thanks, Nellie
I was so sad to hear that Mrs. Bayley had died. Since she lived a really long life, I am certain that she loved what she did and those of us Troutdale “kids” that had her as a teacher, loved her back. My favorite memory of her (or should I say most vivid)...is moving to Troutdale Elementary in the middle of second grade. Because of the proximity of my grandparent’s house to Handy’s gas station and the fact that my parents “hung-out” with the Handys, the Lewiss and many other young couples in Troutdale, the only person I knew in my second grade class was Greg Handy. Mrs. Bailey made me write, 100 times, I will not talk to Greg Handy.

Another note about Mrs. Bailey is that she and Sally Lindholm, third grade teacher at Troutdale Elementary for many, many years, kept in touch through the years until Sally passed away in Boise, Idaho in 2006. They remained good friends through the miles and the years.

THE SALMON BAKE WAS AWESOME. If you missed it this year, please mark your calendar when info for next year’s event is posted. The weather was perfect, the location extraordinary and the food and entertainment were amazing. Thanks to all who helped put on our biggest fund raiser of the year.

Thanks to Greg & Sue Handy for all their work this summer at Harlow House. They have replaced and painted the front porch and helped out with much-needed landscaping and weeding in the yard. THANKS, Greg & Sue! You are greatly appreciated.

The Summerfest Parade was a really fun (wet) event this year. Our first ever Junior Member-of-the-Year won the honor by writing an essay about living in Troutdale. He and his friends dressed in historic costumes and rode with Mario Ayala in his Mustang...THANKS, Mario!

I drove three of my grandkids in the parade and when my granddaughter crawled into bed with me that night for story time, she laid on her pillow, put her hands behind her head and said, “Grandma, that parade was great!”...they want to do it again next year. I think it has something to do with the throwing (eating) of candy during the parade.

Because of an illness in the family, our member-of-the-year, Adrienne Claussen, could not ride in the parade. We will add her to the FUN next year. Glad your son is doing better, Adrienne.

The service for Officer Mike Kellogg was awe inspiring to say the least. The amount of people who attended and had been touched by Mike’s spirit, his goofy laugh and his commitment to Troutdale was amazing. I was proud to call Mike “brother” as at one-time I was married to his brother. So, little brother, you are greatly loved and will be greatly missed...

Happy Fall! (There is Halloween stuff up in the stores already!...Yikes) and see you at the Pioneer Picnic...

P.S. Try to make the October 1 Trek to the Oregon Historical Society storage facility. We do not get many chances to get in there for a tour!

By Terry Huston
**Salmon Bake on the Sandy River**

At least ninety guests gathered on the banks of the Sandy River for the Historical Society’s annual Salmon Bake. The sun graced us with its presence, the salmon sizzled over an alder wood fire, and the buffet table was laden with food. The tables were set with white linen and Sharon Strebin’s dahlias from her garden. Wine was sipped and the park-like setting of Jean & Bob Ice’s garden was enjoyed by all.

If you weren’t there you missed great food and a good time. This is the society’s fundraiser for the year and we appreciate all who attended and support us so generously.

We especially want to shout out a thank you to the ones who put this event together and work so hard to make it happen.

Phyllis & Ed Thiemann for donating the use of the tables, chairs and linen; Bob Mitchoff for his big truck and helping hands from, John & Alex Fappas and Jerry Hybskmann for hauling, set up and tear down; Jerry Klinger and his pop corn machine; Jerry Hybskmann and Dennis Bryson for squeezing 49 cars into parking places; Jean & Bob Ice for providing their beautiful home and grounds for our event. The kitchen staff is top notch. Ann Klinger, Sharon Kolb, and Mary Bryson keep the buffet table fresh and inviting and then clean up. Barb Welsh and Jean Holman kept wine glasses full while Nick Welsh supervised. Terry Huston’s duties are too many to mention, from invitations to final tallies. All of the ladies mentioned above plus, Sue Handy and Chris Bryson baked brownies.

The 2011 Salmon Bake was a great success financially and as a community event. **THANK YOU TO ALL!**

~Jean Hybskmann, Salmon Bake Coordinator

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**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.**
Crystal Lillian Bayley

Gresham resident Crystal Lillian Pounder Bayley died July 25 at age 98. She was buried at Sunset Cemetery, also known as Pounder Cemetery in Corbett.

A longtime Troutdale Grade School teacher, Crystal was born Sept. 1, 1912, in Corbett to James and Minnie (Crozier) Pounder on the 80-acre farm her parents owned at the junction of Knieriem and Littlepage roads. She attended Hurlburt Grade School and graduated from Corbett High School in 1930. She then attended Oregon Normal School in Monmouth and completed the two-year program to gain a teaching certificate.

Crystal taught in the logging town of Brower on the slopes of Larch Mountain from 1932-33. Her sister, Elizabeth, was a missionary serving in North Dakota and invited Crystal to teach school there for three years. She then taught in Wallowa before returning to the Corbett area in 1942.

Crystal married Harry R. Bayley on May 30, 1942, in Corbett. They were later divorced.

Crystal retired in 1976 after a 36-year teaching career, including 29 years at Troutdale Grade School. The delight of her career, she told The Outlook, “was to see the progress” with her second-grade students.

“At first-grade level, they forget it all over the summer, but at second grade, there is such a big progress,” she said. “Their eyes would just sparkle when they got it.”

Her son, Bill Bayley, preceded her in death in 1987.

Survivors include her grandsons, Michael Bayley of Boring and Tim Bayley of Lake Tapps, Wash.; and five great-grandchildren.

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!
Mother Mary Michael Costello

Mother Mary Michael Costello, a nun at the convent in Bridal Veil, died July 2, in Portland at the age of 94.

Mary was born Aug. 7, 1916, in Spokane, Wash., to Francis Bartholomew “Bartley” and Catherine “Katie Mac” (McDermott) Costello. The second of seven children, Mary was raised in Spokane and graduated from Marycliff High School. She received her bachelor’s degree in English from Viterbo College in La Crosse, Wis., in 1944 and her master’s degree in English from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

Mary entered the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) in 1934. She served as an educator and/or principal in Wisconsin, Iowa, Montana and Utah from 1936 to 1966. She taught English, speech and debate and drama, her favorite subject.

In 1966, Mary was elected Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration provincial for the western United States. She was a founding member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist in 1973 and served on the general council for 12 years. The order has 12 centers in the United States, Rome and Assisi, Italy, and Jerusalem.

Mary moved to Portland in 1974 and established a program for senior citizens at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. She co-founded The Life Education Center at Bridal Veil in 1975. She served as superior during its first years and coordinated the restoration of the house and land. She helped develop the Franciscan Villa program with Sister Margaret Boehm. She also organized many tours and activities at the center.

In 1977, she co-founded the Franciscan Montessori Earth School in East Portland, which serves 300 students from preschool through eighth grade.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, the Rev. William Costello and Joe Costello; and sisters, Kay and Helen.

Survivors include her brother, the Rev. Frank Costello of Spokane; sister, Therese Hauer of Alameda, Calif.; and three generations of nephews and nieces.

In memory of Mary, Memorial donations can be made to the Franciscan Montessori Earth School and the FSE Formation House Building Fund (in Meriden, Conn.), 14750 S.E. Clinton St., Portland, 97236.

Who would believe that people collect doorknobs?

Or that the collectors would hold a national convention? As it happens, both are true. The ADCA (Antique Doorknob Collectors of America) is meeting at McMenamin’s Edgefield on August 23. THS member Sharon Nesbit, who is speaking to the convention, mentioned to one of the organizers, Bo Sullivan of Rejuvenation, a classic hardware and lighting store in Portland, that we have some doorknobs.

Arlene Seidl, a former member of THS, donated 15 doorknobs to the society in 1975. They include glass, brass, and one wooden knob. All of them date from the late 1800s to the early 20c.

Mr. Sullivan looked at pictures of our knobs and informed us that none is particularly valuable, but all are highly collectible. Who knew?
Mission Statement: To gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of the community of Troutdale, the Sandy River, the Columbia River Gorge and nearby area: To stimulate interest in and knowledge of, the locality’s past.

Fall is Falling

Our Thanks…from THS…to the following for their support!

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