

## *Museum funds school field trips*

Liz O'Donnell says her global studies and second-language class at South Albany High School was fascinated with its recent visit to the Museum, especially by pictures of the horse-drawn trolley in 1890s Albany.

"Field trips like this give our students a better understanding of what Albany used to be like. My hope is that many of them will return on their own and bring along their family members," O'Donnell says.

For all 15 of her students from this particular class, the Museum visit was their first.

O'Donnell is the first Albany teacher to take advantage of a transportation grant awarded by the Museum to cover bus expenses so that classrooms can travel to the Museum's downtown facility.

According to museum administrator Bill Maddy, the Museum's board budgeted \$500 this year to increase student awareness of community history and to fulfill a need that school district budget constraints may not allow.

Assistant Superintendent of the Greater Albany Public Schools, Steve Kunke, says this is how the district is administering the grant: Interested teachers contact their principal and Kathie Caldwell at the district's business office on a first-come, first-served basis. In general, the class applies for \$25 which will cover the cost of a bus

and driver to bring students to the Museum. Actual costs are 50 cents per mile for the bus and \$10 an hour for the driver. On this basis, the \$500 grant would provide for 20 field trips. Of course, the costs can vary slightly depending on the class and how much time it would want to spend at the Museum.



**The busses are ready to roll out. Tell your favorite teacher about the transportation grant to take their class to the Albany Regional Museum.**

Maddy says depending on the popularity of the field trips, the Museum's board is open to extending the grant.

"We're anxious for the Museum to strengthen its role as a community resource for historical and cultural education. Making the Museum as accessible as we can, particularly to the young people of the community, is one of

our major goals."

Kunke is supportive of the Museum's effort and is promoting the opportunity for district students with both primary and secondary principals.

O'Donnell says she primed her students with questions before they visited the Museum. She also used some worksheets that the Museum provided for such field trips. "I would encourage other teachers to take advantage of this opportunity," O'Donnell says. "Museum chairman Gerald Brenneman, who was our tour leader, is so accommodating. He has great stories to tell about Albany's history."



**Museum volunteer Carol McKay (left) working with new Museum Cataloger, Diane Frampton.**

## **Museum adds new staff member**

Diane Frampton just joined the Albany Regional Museum staff as Museum Cataloger on January 3. Diane comes to the Museum with over 15 years of business management, clerical and computer experience and education. Diane also works part-time for the Greater Albany School District as a Special Education Assistant. Diane is not new to the Albany Regional Museum. She served as a volunteer and Board of Director secretary for the Museum from 2001-2003. Diane and her husband, Robert, live in Albany in the historic Parker House just a few blocks from the Museum. Diane said she is thrilled to be working for a museum that has one of the finest collections of Albany history in the region.

# Chairman's Letter

We have had some very good years since 1999, when we relocated to our present building. The year 2005, however, was a great one for us. The Museum celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an excellent dinner and program, featuring Tim McNeil portraying Meriwether



**An audience of over 60 people enjoying the Remembering Albany's Historic Commercial Buildings program in September, presented by long-time Albany residents Robert Potts and Rodney Tripp. The event was hosted and sponsored by the Albany Regional Museum and the Albany Landmarks Advisory Commission.**

Lewis, at the Senior Center. A written history of our 25 years of existence was printed and is for sale. Tony Farque, geologist for the Forest Service, presented an interesting program on the "Cultural History of the Santiam Kalapuya Indians," at our annual meeting. Several new exhibits were created and others are now in preparation. Rod Tripp and Robert Potts spent an evening reminiscing about old downtown Albany

before a capacity crowd. A record crowd also showed up for an eight-hour model train show. We partnered with the Linn Genealogy Society to produce an historical 2006 calendar, which features tear-off postcards of old Albany buildings. A part-time cataloger was just hired, which should help us to record your donations more quickly. Our membership increased by 9 percent in 2005 and our visitor count increased by 24 percent. Our goal for 2006 will be to improve on both of these numbers!

An important addition to our visual and spoken historical collections was the completion of the new video, "Albany, Oregon, Memories of an American Town." The Albany Regional Museum contributed historical materials and photos to Zed Merrill, former Albany native, who also produced a previous award winning film about Albany during World War II, called "The Last Day of Innocence." Both of these videos are available for sale at the museum and are great gifts for family and friends. New persons to Albany would find them useful for learning about our city and its history.

We thank you for your continued support, and remember that we can always use volunteer help, especially as we increase our activities and scope in the community of Albany.

*Gerald Brenneman*

## Mark your calendar

*The Month of May is*

*National Historic Preservation Month*

*May 24—27*

*Oregon Electric O Gaugers Model Railroad Club  
layout at the Albany Regional Museum*

*Albany Regional Museum Annual membership drive*

For more information give us a call 541-967-7122

**This issue's  
trivia question:**

**What U.S. president  
was an alumnus,  
indirectly, of a  
mid-valley school?**

**(Answer on page 5)**

## Museum benefits from 'real work'

Going back to work was a fun experience for newspaper retiree and Museum volunteer John Buchner. And thanks to his employer, Lee Enterprises, the Museum is the recipient of \$100.

The Museum's vice-chairman was asked to fill the city editor's chair at the Corvallis Gazette-Times for eight weeks during the 2005 holidays. This meant working a daily routine assisting the newspaper's reporting staff by editing news stories, helping determine assignments, developing story ideas and generally calling on his 35 years of experience as a reporter/photographer, editor, general

manager and publisher of newspapers.

Albany Democrat-Herald publisher Martha Wells, who also supervises the Corvallis newspaper, said Buchner, who retired seven years ago as Albany publisher, was an easy choice to fill a need during the holiday season.

In addition to regular pay for his work, Wells decided an appropriate "thank you" would be a monetary gift to Buchner's favorite non-profit, the Albany Regional Museum.

# Carol's Corner

By Carol McKay

I have a friend who is from Pennsylvania Dutch stock and has her mother's cookbook. She is right in saying the recipes are wonderful. Its



title is "Pennsylvania Dutch Cook Book." It is quite small, only 48 pages, and regular book size. Fine Old Recipes made famous by the early Dutch settlers in Pennsylvania, it says on the front cover. On the

inside of the front cover there is an advertisement by the Hungerford Packing Company, Inc., "Hungerford, in fertile York County, Penna.," then the first page has seven poems by Wm. J. Meter and the first of the delightful small sketches and poems. The copyright is 1936, published by Culinary Art's Press, P.O. Box 915, Reading, PA. There is so much packed into this small book that I may use it again. In its introduction page, a custom known as the "Seven Sweets and Seven Sours" is discussed, saying that it often becomes a matter of much gaiety to chide the hostess if there is a shortage. Another page, front and back, is devoted to Meals served country style. That page deserves a column all by itself! The recipe I have

chosen for this time is  
**Paprika Cream Schnitzel**  
1 ½ pounds veal steak  
4 slices bacon, cut fine  
2 tablespoons chopped onion  
1 teaspoonful Hungarian paprika  
1 cup sour cream  
½ cup tomato sauce  
Salt

Fry the bacon until done, then add the veal, which has been cut into portions and brown in the hot bacon fat. Add the onion and brown then season well with the paprika and salt. Stir in the sour cream and tomato sauce. Cover pan and cook on low 20 minutes. Serve cutlet covered with the sauce.

This recipe was one of the simplest recipes and I think it would work just as well today as 1936. There might be a problem in finding veal, which is not always a meat market item today, but I'm sure all you would have to do is ask the butcher.



## Lewis and Clark Youth Essay Contest

An essay contest is available to youth (high school juniors or seniors during the 2006-2007 school year) who would like to win an all-expenses paid trip to attend the Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous, August 13-18, 2006 in North Dakota. This national event will highlight activities focusing on hands-on history and educational events, Native American culture, unique legends and natural landscapes found in North Dakota.

The deadline for entries is February 28. To find out more about the contest and to submit essays go to [www.lcyouthrendezvous.com](http://www.lcyouthrendezvous.com) or contact the Albany Regional Museum for details 541-967-7122.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers have made the museum a success and new volunteers are needed to help it continue growing and developing as a valued community resource. You are invited to join the museum volunteer team!

There are many opportunities where help is greatly needed and vital to the museum. All volunteers are provided orientation, resources and training related to their volunteer role. Here are a few positions to fit a variety of schedules, interests and skills:

- **Docent:** is a teacher and a museum guide; this position offers a chance to share your knowledge and interest of Albany history with museum visitors.
- **Archive Numberer:** helps assure that all museum archives are properly identified for the cataloging system.
- **Museum Exhibit Developer:** assists with the devel-

opment of exhibits and displays utilizing Albany historical archives.

- **Museum Newsletter Writers:** researches, creates and writes articles about Albany history for the Albany Regional Museum newsletter, "Albany Old Times".
- **General Museum Maintenance Staff:** assists with the upkeep of the museum (cleaning, sweeping, changing light bulbs, repairs and/or small painting projects).

For information about being a volunteer or any of the available volunteer positions, please contact Bill Maddy, Museum Administrative Coordinator at (541) 967-7122 or email: [armuseum@peak.org](mailto:armuseum@peak.org).



# The Grizzly Bear Affair

by Gary Kingston

Grizzly bears were present in the Willamette Valley when the first settlers came to Albany. They were a danger to be dealt with and represented only one of the many hazards faced by those who chose to settle the west.

Abner Hackleman was captain of an 1845 wagon train heading for the Oregon Territory. He was a Daniel Boone kind of frontiersman, born in Kentucky. Hunting, teaching, farming and politics occupied him before embarking on the trail to the Oregon country. His 50-wagon train included Hiram Smead among the 300 travelers, as well as Milton Hale. All three men would become prominent in Albany history.

Abner wrote home from the trail with an account of what he termed "rare sport." He reported that they had come upon a grizzly bear with two cubs. A group of the men along with Abner surrounded the bear and fired numerous rifle shots. Abner's final pistol shot, discharged while he was grappling with her in close quarters, completed the total of eight shots needed to put her down. This drew an admiring report "of their wonderful tenacity of life. It takes a wound of the most deadly character to deprive the grizzly bear of life," he said in his letter. The grizzly varied significantly in size, but could be as long as nine feet and weigh as much as 1000 pounds.



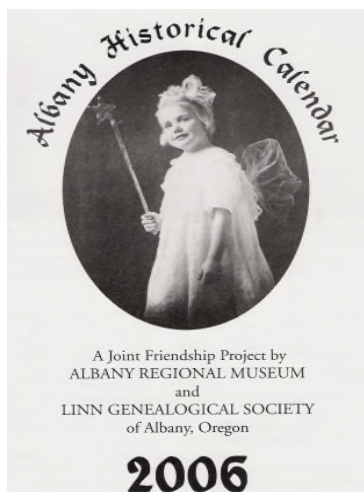
The first claims to Albany land were made by Abner Hackleman and Hiram Smead. Milton Hale looked the land over as a possible apple orchard, but he decided against it; however, he would later acquire land in the southern part of Albany. Abner did not follow through

with his claim. His son did after Abner's death from typhoid fever. His obituary read: "Like Moses, he was only permitted to behold the Promised Land, but not to dwell therein." Smead sold his claim to the Monteiths. A bear could have altered the outcome of Albany's history even more so than did a fatal illness. The last grizzly bear in the Albany area was killed in 1856.

Sources: Hackleman, Phyllis A. & Burr K.,

Hacklemans in America 1749-1988, Heart of the Lakes Publishing, Interlaken N.Y., 1988; Mullen, Floyd C., The Land of Linn, Dalton's Printing, Lebanon, Oregon 1971; and Harrison, Glenn, Editor, Albany Beginnings, Linn County Historical Society Newsletter, May 1998.

## It's a Great Time to get your 2006 Albany Historical Calendar



2006 is already off and running but that doesn't mean you missed out on the opportunity to purchase your 2006 Albany Historical Calendar. It is just the right size to stick on your refrigerator, in your home office or next to your phone to mark important dates. But it is not just a calendar, it is the first of a collection of postcard calendars and a wonderful memento for the year. Best of all, you can get yours at half price. Now just \$2.50 each. This is a great deal for a great new year. The calendars are a joint project of the Linn Genealogical Society and the Albany Regional Museum. Funds raised from the sale of the calendars will be used to help support both organizations. Each calendar month has been generously sponsored by an Albany business or organization.

So, stop by the Museum soon and purchase one or more of these special calendars before they are all gone. Hurry, they are going fast!

# Memorial Gifts

Honor a family member or friend with a memorial gift to the Albany Regional Museum.

The most common gifts are in the amount of \$25, \$50 or \$100.

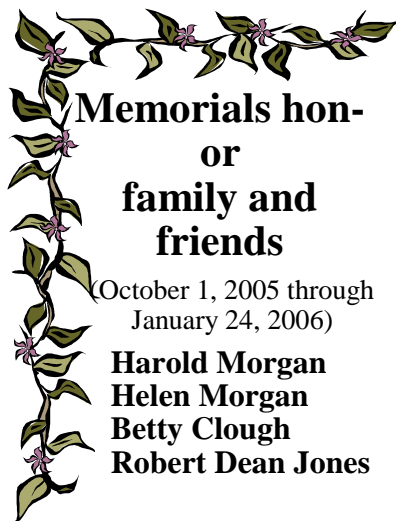
These gifts are deposited in a memorial account for special needs. The museum board has developed a "wish list" of needs that would be appropriate uses for such gifts.

Last year a family donated a bench for the museum's lobby in honor of a loved one.

Names of those individuals memorialized are listed in the museum's newsletter and are posted at the museum for a limited time. A card of remembrance is mailed to a designated recipient (spouse, next of kin, etc.) and a thank-you card to the person or persons making the donation (which also can be used for tax documentation).

Gifts can be mailed to the museum at 136 Lyon St. S., Albany, OR

97321, or dropped off at the museum with proper instructions enclosed. Funeral homes also will forward designated gifts.



## Memorials hon- or family and friends

October 1, 2005 through  
January 24, 2006)

**Harold Morgan  
Helen Morgan  
Betty Clough  
Robert Dean Jones**

**Thank You!** The Albany Regional Museum would like to express our appreciation for the in-kind contributions of materials and services from the following businesses. Their support helps make it possible for the Albany Regional Museum to serve the community by providing historical and educational resources free and accessible for the public.

**Gary & Company (Gary and Trudi Gregory)** - Museum window tinting needed to protect exhibits from ultra-violet light.

**Take-A-Ticket, Inc. (Calvin Tigner)** - Museum exhibit dust cover.

**Pride Printing Company (Jerry Thorn)** - Albany "Birds Eye View" posters.

**The Frame House (Al Severson)** - Museum exhibit photograph matting.

## Albany Regional Museum Members Invited to Historical Benton Lectures

The Benton County Historical Society cordially invites Members of the Albany Regional Museum as their guest to *The Benton Lectures*.

The inaugural season of *The Benton Lectures* features renowned historians who explore defining moments in the historical and contemporary development of the Willamette Valley region. A copy of the series schedule is enclosed.

The *Benton Lectures* will be held in the Moreland Auditorium, at the Benton County Historical Museum, 1101 Main Street, Philomath, Oregon. Lectures begin promptly at 9:30 AM, preceded by coffee at 9:00 AM. *Seating is limited.* A question and answer session will follow each lecture.

Admission is FREE for Benton County Historical Society Members & Members of the Albany Regional Museum with a membership identification card. Charge for non-members is \$10/lecture; \$5 / lecture to seniors and students with ID.

The Benton County Historical Museum is located six miles west of Corvallis on Highway 20-34, in Philomath, 1101 Main Street. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM to 4:30 PM with no admission charge. For more information call 541-929-623-, ext 107 or visit

[www.bentoncountymuseum.org](http://www.bentoncountymuseum.org)

**Trivia Answer:** Herbert Hoover. He attended Capitol Business College, whose assets years later were taken over by Linn-Benton Community College.

### MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP FORM

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## Looking back: Central School

by Jack Gillespie

In the Fall of 1915 the newly -constructed Central School on Ninth Avenue opened its doors. My mother was one of the first-day students. She once told me that a time capsule buried under a column, aside the school's entrance, contained names of all the Opening Day students plus other data.

Twenty-six years later in 1943 I enrolled at Central as a seventh grader. Compared to Maple School it was a huge, massive building, two stories high, with a full basement. Some of the classrooms still had the original desks in use -- and seemingly, some of the original teachers.

There was a large gym on the first floor, engulfed by balcony seats. Aside from the obvious uses of the gym (sports, etc.), it was also utilized during World War II as a public meeting place to inform citizens of war related re-

strictions, etc.

In back of the school was Hudson Field where the high school football team played its games. The covered bleachers on the north side were for "home viewers" and the south bleachers were for "visitors". Track meets were also held there. On grounds to the east of Central School was the high school baseball field with bleachers arching around home plate.

To be truthful, I don't recall too much of "class time" at Central nor of my teachers. I do remember going out on paper and metal drives for the war effort. I made some new friends from the "east end" when Madison School began to send its junior high students to Central during the war. I also, awkwardly, had my first "date." I took a Democrat-Herald bicycle paper route (some 5 miles long) delivering over 100 papers. Most of my

customers were south of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue (now Queen Avenue). I also became a Tenderfoot Boy Scout in Troop 22. Meetings were held in a cabin at the foot of the Bryant Park Bridge.

My most distinct memory at Central was on April 12, 1945 when an office girl entered our classroom and tearfully notified us that President Franklin D. Roosevelt had died. He was the only President we had ever known. In 1945 the war with Japan and Germany ended and a new post war era begun. In the Fall of 1946, with the country at peace (for a time) I would enter Albany High School.