

Adults and children visited the two-day exhibit sponsored by the Oregon Electric O-Gaugers Club of Albany.

Model train display draws all ages

Oregon Electric O-Gaugers Club of Albany provided the Albany Regional Museum a two-day exhibit of a model train layout in June. The exhibit was a very popular draw for over 248 youth and adult visitors.

The layout featured model trains representing many of the railroad lines of the past and present in the Albany railroad yard. The layout had many of the sights and sounds of

full-scale trains.

The display included a downtown, rural area and industrial site where various railroad operations took place.

A big thanks to the Oregon Electric O-Gaugers Club members for making this special display possible and a successful and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Anniversary event draws record numbers

Nearly 200 members and friends of the Albany Regional Museum celebrated its 25th anniversary at a sold-out Chautauqua program and dinner July 29.

Chairman Gerald Brenneman, a founder of the organization, welcomed guests

at the Albany Senior Center.

He recalled that the Museum "had come a long way since the winter of 1978 when I attended a slide show where a

small group of interested citizens began talking about the need for a local museum." The state gave the Museum nonprofit status and approved its articles of incorporation and by-laws on Dec. 18, 1980.

The anniversary program featured Idaho actor and historian Tim McNeil in a performance of "Meriwether Lewis, Letters Home." The historically accurate presentation fulfilled one of the Museum's goals of providing the community with educational programs. This is the 200th anniversary of the Lewis & Clark expedition to the Northwest.

Albany had a thriving Chautauqua "assembly" from 1910 to 1932. These programs included religious speakers, actors portraying historical figures, politicians,



Tim McNeil portrayed Meriwether Lewis

Photo by Gary Kingston

Kalapuya Indians subject for annual meeting

A program on the "Cultural History of the Santiam Kalapuya Indians" will highlight the annual membership meeting of the Albany Regional Museum. Tony Farque will be the speaker.

The event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m. at the Museum, 136 Lyon St. S.

The meeting will include a review of Museum activities by Chairman Gerald Brenneman, financial report by treasurer Michael Kok, presentation of a "volunteer award," election of board members and light refreshments.

Nominations for the board can be made by any member in good standing if the nominating committee, chaired by Michael Kok, is notified a week prior to the annual meeting (September 27). Early notification is necessary to make sure that the nominee meets qualifications (must hold a paid membership, etc.) and is personally committed to the responsibilities of board membership as determined by the committee.

A volunteer will be honored with the Museum's second "Gerald Brenneman Volunteer Award." Presented by the Museum's board, the award recognizes an individual or individuals for outstanding service to the Museum.

Chairman's Letter

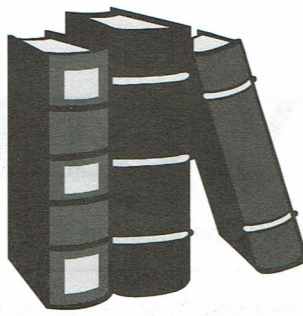
The Museum has been extremely busy since the Spring Newsletter came out. Each Spring we have an important membership drive when we make a concerted effort to keep each "old" member and increase our "new" members numbers. We invite you to join if you have not done so yet. On May 31, we had to have a second roof put on our one story building because of persistent leakage and we hope this roof will do the job! New heavy-duty metal doors were installed in our Second Avenue entryway. Several second floor door changes are to be worked on this month.

Within a short time we will be engaging an architect to determine what we might do with the building, both upstairs and downstairs in order to serve the public better. Two recent events have resulted in record numbers of persons visiting us, including 78 for our second floor open house and 248 visitors to our two day, 8 hour display of an O-gauge model railroad set up.

We have created a new Lewis and Clark exhibit and you are invited to come see it.

A history of the Albany Regional Museum first 25 years is in the final editing stage. The history will be available for those interested, in printed form, by our annual membership meeting on October 4, 2005. It is a history with a lot of "ups" and a lot of "downs." Thankfully, the last 6 years have been mostly "up" and that is because of wonderful support from you, our members and volunteers.

Gerald Brenneeman



Carol's Corner

By Carol McKay

Today it seems like almost everybody has written a cookbook or is going to

write one. I have a cookbook that Mrs. Mark O. Hatfield, wife of the Governor of Oregon and then our Senior Senator from Oregon, produced in 1970. Called *More reMARKable Recipes*. Her style is cozy, sharing information about some of the famous people who gave her their recipes. The following is an exact example:

From Marian Lowry Fischer, the longtime food editor of the Capital Journal, in Salem, comes this recipe. Marian, for years, always let me have "advance" copies of her food editors' conference recipes. I miss those recipes now.

AUTUMN ANGEL

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Prepare Tropical Mist Angel Food cake mix as directed on package, except add ½ cup of prepared mincemeat during the last half minute of mixing.

Do not over blend. Fold through mixture several times to distribute mincemeat

evenly, put into pan, Bake 35-45 minutes. Invert on funnel or bottle. Cool. Frost cake with orange glaze.

ORANGE GLAZE

Blend 4 ¾ cups sifted confectioners sugar, 1 tablespoon grated orange peel, ¼ cup orange juice, 2 tablespoons orange flavoring and (if needed, add 1-2 teaspoons more orange juice.)

Under the heading "CAKES" Mrs. Hatfield writes this;

In the last book we apologized to Betty Crocker, Duncan Hines and Pillsbury. In this book we are grateful to them, as many of these recipes have as their basis a "mix."

Does anybody, in this year of 2005, make cakes from scratch? Today's family can be fed only from prepared food. Just open the box, follow the directions of the kit and dinner is served. Will the time come when all we have to do is take a pill called dinner? We won't even have to chew, therefore, we won't need any teeth anymore.

Grants Awarded to Albany Regional Museum

The Albany Regional Museum has been awarded over \$3,600 in grant funds from two major sources. The grant funds will be used to support the Museum's history education program efforts.

A grant award of \$1,810 from the Oregon Council for the Humanities was used to support the "Meriwether Lewis: The Letters Home" program presented at the Albany Regional Museum's 25th Anniversary by Captain Meriwether Lewis, portrayed by Tim McNeil. The grant made it possible for the Albany Regional Museum to offer this program for the community. A grant award of \$1,791 was also received from the Linn-Benton-Lincoln Educational Service District for the purchase of a sound system that will be used for special programs and speakers at Museum events.

Albany Historical Calendar

The 2006 Albany Historical Calendars are now available at the Albany Regional Museum. The calendars are a joint project of the Linn Genealogical Society and the Albany Regional Museum. The calendars are only \$5 each. 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.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering at the museum is a good way to stay involved in your community and to meet people with similar interests. We're currently looking for volunteers to help host information tables, docent during museum hours, catalog, research and write articles. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Museum Administrative Coordinator, Bill Maddy at 967-7122.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

Antiques in the Streets

Saturday, September 10, 8am-4pm

Linn County Home Show

Friday—Sunday, Sept 30 – Oct 2

Albany Regional Museum's Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 7pm

Albany Veterans' Day Parade

Friday, November 11, (Museum open 9am until parade ends)

Christmas Parlour Tour

Sunday, December 10, 2pm-7pm

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



Mid-valley trivia redux: How good are you?

John Buchner, Albany Regional Museum board member and former editor and publisher of the Albany Democrat-Herald, recently came across a folder of clippings culled from the D-H. For a few weeks in 1985, the newspaper ran trivia questions under the header, "Mid-Valley Trivia." The paper invited readers to test their skills over a period of a few weeks with historical questions about people, places and events. The questions and answers were created by Russ Tripp, who also is a former Albany Mayor. We also would like to test our readers and reprint a few of the questions over the next few issues. The questions will appear on this page, with the answers printed on Page 5 (no peeking.) So have fun!

This Issue's question:

"Why might Albany have been named Burlington?"
(See the answer on Page 5.)

The books Remembering When, a photo collection of Historic Albany, Oregon, by Robert Potts, are available for review and to purchase at the Albany Regional Museum. Volumes I & V are \$15 each, Volumes II, III & IV are 12.50 each (\$35 for all three or \$65 for the entire set).

Anniversary Event...Continued from Page 1

Photo By Gary Kingston



The audience attention was captured by Tim McNeil as captain Meriwether Lewis

educators and musicians.

The 25th anniversary buffet dinner featured a menu of lemon thyme chicken breast, pork roast with peach chutney, summer green beans and cherry tomatoes, roasted red potatoes, tossed garden salad, biscuits with butter and honey, and blueberry pie and ice cream.

Among the guests were the Museum's first chairman, Bonnie Orr of Spokane, WA, founders Rodney

Tripp, Robert Potts and retired newspaper reporter Connie Petty. Recently hired Albany City Manager Wes Hare was introduced.

Attendees received a 16-page commemorative program and lapel pin as mementos of the anniversary event.

Board member Wes Price chaired the anniversary committee.

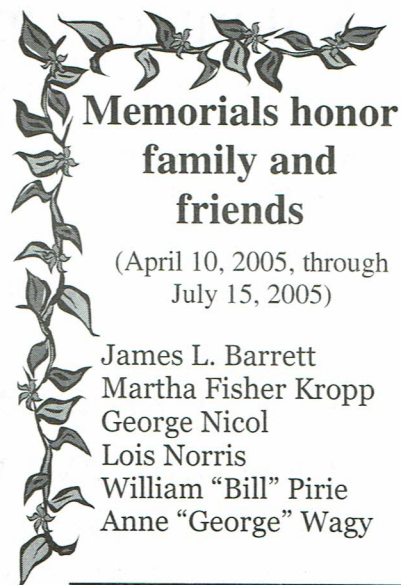


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Celebration attendees enjoy buffet dinner prepared by Valley Catering.



Albany Bicycle Club, c. 1888. Members included newspaper publisher Fred Nutting, and merchant Percy Young. Photo from Robert Potts historic photo collection available at the Albany Regional Museum (see page 3 for details).



Memorials honor family and friends

(April 10, 2005, through July 15, 2005)

- James L. Barrett
- Martha Fisher Kropp
- George Nicol
- Lois Norris
- William "Bill" Pirie
- Anne "George" Wagye

Early Albany bicyclist by Linda A. Ellsworth

Who had the first bicycle in Albany? This question was posed to Tim Corbett and Jim Lawrence of the Mid-Valley Bicycle Club at a meeting about the Covered Bridge Bicycle Tour. They didn't know. Where might this question be answered?

The 1892 *Albany City directory* had a full page ad for Overman and Hunter, agents for Fred T. Merrill of Portland, Oregon (shown below). The alphabetical listing gives more information: **Overman & Hunter**, Thomas J. Overman, Andrew L. Hunter, harness, saddlery, hardware, bicycles, etc. s. s. 1st, 5 w of Ferry.

The earliest mention of Thomas J. Overman is in a report of a 4th of July celebration in 1887 where he was the winner of a bicycle tournament. At a track in front of the Courthouse, he pedals a mile in 4:40 and 1/5. Also in this race were Zone Rudd, George Fish, Percy R. Kelly, J. M. Smith, Percy Young & J. P. Hall.

Thomas J. Overman, age 19, was living in Albany in 1880. His occupation is listed as painter. He later left Albany, moving to Spokane, Wash. where he also had a bicycle business. He died Jan. 12, 1926 in Lewiston, Idaho.

There must have been enough riders in Albany by 1887 as a bicycle ordinance was passed. Also, Fred Dawson, age 22 and future drug store owner, arrived in town on a bicycle.

Fred T. Merrill of Portland has an advertisement in the 1888 *Oregon, Washington & Idaho gazetteer business directory, vol. 3*. It is a much more modest size than the one in the 1892 *Albany City directory*. Merrill was a noted trick bicyclist. He later published *Oregon Cyclist*, ran a bike store, was a city councilman in Portland and ran a road house. He had the first car dealership in Oregon in 1903.

By 1901 there were bicycle manufactures, dealers and repairers throughout the Northwest. Fred Merrill also had stores in Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma.

At the same time Albany had four outlets: Merrill Bros, W. H. Miller, Ohling & Hulburt and Stanley Stewart. In Brownsville, J. S. Ryno had a store; in Corvallis it was W. E. Taylor; Harrisburg had Frank Butler and in Lebanon L. E. Sabin was listed.

It is speculated that Percy Young may have been the first to own a bicycle in Albany as his father was the richest man in town. There is more research to be done. Do you know?



Honor a loved one

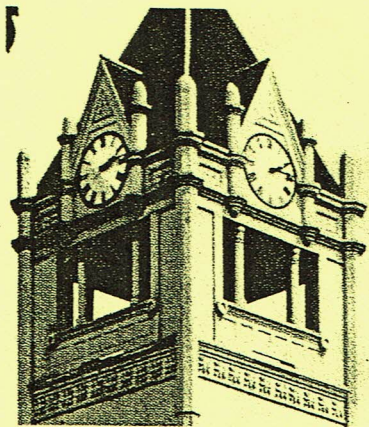
with a memorial gift to the Albany Regional Museum.

Names of those individuals memorialized are listed in an issue of 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).

The most common memorial gifts are in the amount of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Memorial gifts are deposited in the Museum's general fund for operational costs.

Gifts can be mailed (136 Lyon St. S, Albany, OR 97321) or dropped off at the Museum with proper instructions enclosed. Funeral homes also will forward such gifts.

COMING SOON ! A COMPLETE VIDEO HISTORY OF ALBANY



The sad truth is that nobody is teaching our children and grandchildren about the rich and extraordinary history of Albany. It is passing them with no hint of the town's importance to the area or state. Vanishing from view are the remarkable people who contributed so much along that long and inspiring journey from the 1840's to the present. Their relentless efforts helped make Albany grow and prosper, laying a foundation which is providing advantages for the future.

Albany, Oregon; Memories of an American Town is a rare and colorful video history that will help preserve these remembrances for generations to come.

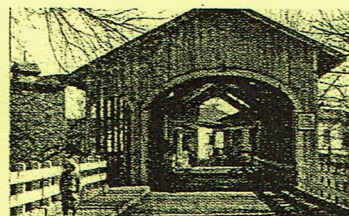
In addition to stories about Albany's early growth to become one of the state's leading agriculture and railroad centers, there are profiles on certain fascinating citizens from the past. Also included are on-camera interviews with long-time residents who can remember back when. What they have to say is not only educational but also heart warming, intriguing, amusing and sometimes bizarre.

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It's all here ! From the covered wagons through the Gay 90's, the Roaring Twenties, the Depression Years, World War II and to the present. Some people, as well as certain events, would earn state-wide and national recognition. Then there were those who even left their mark on the world.

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Volunteer nominations due

Nominations for the second "volunteer of the year" award are due September 3. The award, initiated by the board of directors last year, is announced at the Museum's annual membership meeting. This year's meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m., at the Museum. Last year's recipient of the "Gerald L. Brenneman Volunteer Award" was Charlie Bottomley.

Selection is based on a written report made to the Museum's executive committee containing biographical information on the nominee or nominees, specific efforts on behalf of the Museum, and other related activities and endorsements.

Anyone can nominate a Museum member or nonmember for the award, however, current board members are not eligible for the recognition. The winner will be determined on a majority vote of directors present at a board meeting.

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Trivia Answer: Albany's first settler, Abner Hackleman, came from Burlington, Iowa, in 1845.

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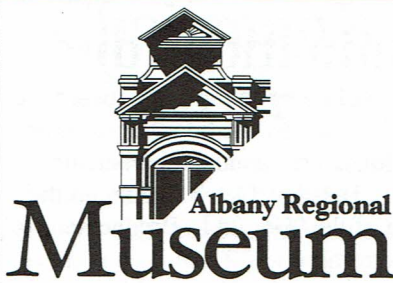
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Looking back: Do you remember?

- When you purchased an item from a store in Albany you would sometimes look to see what city and state the item was manufactured in—not what country?
- When you lifted the telephone receiver to make a phone call you would hear a pleasant lady operator (perhaps you even knew her) ask “number please?”
- When, in the fall, piles of “slab wood” could be seen in front of many Albany homes and businesses awaiting the wood cutter to make his rounds? With his awesome open bladed “wood cutting machine” he would, for a small fee, saw the slab into lengths suitable to burn in the customer’s furnace and/or stove.
- When our fathers and our grandfathers spoke of “bits” in relation to small change? A “bit” was an old coin,

discontinued long ago, that was worth 12.5 cents, two bits were 25 cents and six bits were 75 cents?

- The “Bull Horn” placed near the Swanson Swimming Pool during World War II? The horn would “bellow” loudly at 10:00 each night reminding residences of a “war curfew” then in effect, warning all residences, having no purpose of being on the streets at that hour, to head for home or risk getting a ticket. The horn stayed in effect for some years after the war, alerting minors that they should, at 10:00, be home or heading for home.
- Sitting in the wooden stands at Hudson Field Central School watching the Albany football team battle rivals? Hudson Field was considered the best kept football field in the state.
- Getting a cold drink of water

by Jack Gillespie

from the hand pumped well in front of the old Linn County Courthouse? A community dipper to drink from hung on a post near the pump. The pump remained in use for a few years after the old court house was razed in the late 1930s

- The little red bus that served Albany in the mid-1930’s to early 40’s? Its downtown base was in front of the Hurley’s Drugstore on the S.W. corner at the foot of the bridge. Each day the bus would work its way west to Broadway Street, picking up and delivering riders along the route, then return to its downtown “depot,” dispersing and taking on new riders before heading east as far as Geary Street to complete its round. The fare was 3 cents for children and 5 cents for adults—but no one was turned away for lack of fare money.