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 NEWSLETTER

1994

This is a combination letter - announcements regarding upcoming events during the month of August and the September Newsletter. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANOTHER NEWSLETTER UNTIL THE OCTOBER ISSUE!

August 9, 1994: The annual picnic will be on August 9th at Lafayette Locks Park. If we have bad weather (right now it is HOT) we will go to the Community Center there. Same instructions -bring your own table service and favorite food - and come prepared to have a good time. Friends are welcome. This will be a social event; however, there will be a short meeting of the Board of Directors following the picnic, to discuss some business.

August 13, 1994: There will be a pre-completion open house at the log building now being built for the Yamhill County Historical Society at the museum site in Lafayette. The grand opening will be at a later date. So mark this on your calendar - August 13, 1994, from 1 to 3 pm. Light refreshments will be served. This will be Verle Miller's 90th birthday - ALL are welcome. Maybe you will have a suggestion as to display items for the new building.

In September, we will start membership meetings again. The September meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheridan Legion Hall, Sheridan, Oregon. Again, please bring your own table service and a "potluck" dish. The Program will be a presentation of "The Lorinda Bewley Story," by descendants of Lorinda Chapman, nee Bewley. The Bewleys were among the earliest settlers in Sheridan. There will also be a presentation of two additional Century Farm certificates by Ron Brentano of the Oregon Historical Society. Family members from the century farms will be present.

Our new work schedule started at the museum in June. We are open from 1 to 4 on Wednesday through Sunday, starting June 15, 1994, and continuing through the day before Labor Day. If anyone is interested in working during that time, please contact Maxine Williams, 472-4547. It's only 4 hours at most, and it's NOT work. It's actually very interesting.

RUTH STOLLER

Ruth Stoller was in the hospital the last time I wrote, but she came home and was feeling much better, we thought. However, she took a turn for the worse and passed away on May 23rd. Her Memorial Service was on May 29th.

We will miss Ruth for her work at the museum and for her terrific knowledge of the history of Yamhill County, both people and places. She was a good friend to all of us, as well as historian. Unfortunately, I am not a writer, especially of obituaries. However, I would like to quote from an editorial written for the News Register, McMinnville, Oregon.

"She was known as Yamhill County's Super Sleuth. Not in the mode of Miss Marple of mystery fiction, rather, petite Ruth Stoller was the local indefatigable detective who followed obscure clues to reveal the family heritage and the pioneer history of this area.

She had an amazing recall of thousands of dates, names and places. And in her home she compiled a virtual treasure house of information about early faces and places in the county so that her knowledge would not be lost. For years she was a willing and gracious resource for everyone with questions about Yamhill County--county officials, librarians, newspapers, researchers from the Oregon Archives, but also everyday people tracing their own roots. She never charged a penny.

Ruth Stoller was a walking history book of Yamhill County, a mainstay for the Historical Society and the museum in Lafayette. She was instrumental in securing the log museum now under construction...

"In her quiet, gentle way, Ruth Stoller left a rich legacy for current and future citizens of Yamhill County. Her place will be hard to fill."

Goodbye, my friend -

Miriam

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