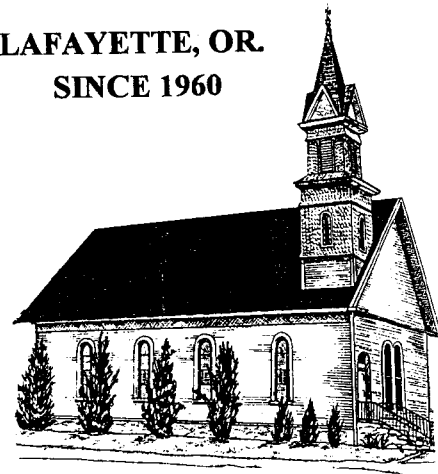


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MUSEUM HOURS
Sat. & Sun., 1-4 PM

MEETING Tuesday evening, April 11, at the Dayton Christian Church,
5th & Church Sts., Dayton
POT LUCK At 6:30. Bring own table service. Visitors always welcome.
PROGRAM John White, Gresham, will discuss and show snapshots of
Old Dayton.

Dear Members & Friends,

With spring around the corner we will need to resume work on the landscaping of the Museum grounds. Ella Mae Oliver has passed out cards requesting ideas and information on what plantings should be included. If you have some ideas be sure to return these cards to Ella Mae.

The Yamhill County Commissioners and McMinnville & Newberg City Councils were very receptive to our programs and activities. As a result of one of the meetings we have been asked to participate in an information program for radio station KLYC 1260 AM in McMinnville. The video of the March 14th speaker was given to Ruban. Watch for it on cable channel #9!

Thanks to Eileen Lewis the Oral History program has started. Six people were suggested and we are in the process of interviewing them. There are many more people to consider and we need your input! (At least we're on our way!)

The Ruth Stoller Research Library continues to progress, thanks to the committee members. New file cabinets are in place and a table & 4 chairs have been purchased. Plans for the construction of book shelves are in progress.

Saturday March 18th at 10:00 AM a great working crew met at the museum to set up for the rug making class to begin at 1:00 PM. Thanks to Howard Nice we have a four-way plug in the utility room. Wilson's Carpet donated two small rugs and scraps to set furniture on to protect the floor. We are in need of work tables for projects such as this. Thanks to everyone for this hard work. Over 25 ladies and children participated in the rug making class taught by Murrietta Rankin. It seemed right for this type of activity to be held in the Miller Log Museum. Our guests had words of praise for our building and the project. We have some new members as a result! This will be an ongoing project- Murrietta will be present again to help us on Saturday April 1st from 1 to 4 PM.

As a non-profit organization we are required to keep records of our meetings, activities and financial reports. We are missing several of these records from 1993-1994. If anyone has saved these contact Betty White. Please check and see what you have!

Our financial status now and in the upcoming year will have to be carefully studied. We have cashed in our last CD. Our expenses have increased with the new building and additional programs. New memberships are coming in and this helps a little. We have received information on grants that are available but we need someone who would help with the process of requesting them. There is information and classes on how to apply for grants. Please let me know if anyone could help with this. We must avail ourselves to these resources! Proceeds from the endowment we received in 1994 have helped replace the loss of our rental. We are thankful for all the financial assistance you have given us in the past.

We are working on fund-raisers. On October 21st we will have the Historical House Tour. We plan on this being an annual major fund-raiser.

If anyone knows of a group who would be interested in quilting at the Museum please contact me.

The monthly board meeting will be April 11th at 3:30 PM. at the Museum. Also note the time change for the potluck!

Respectfully,

Shirley Venhaus

The following items were published on the front pages of the DAYTON HERALD for the dates indicated and offer a slice of everyday life as it was then in that community (JW)

July 26, 1895

"Those in doubt about Dayton having a telephone line are having their doubts dispelled by the delivery of a large number of telephone poles here and their distribution along the route.

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"The Epworth League devotional meeting on Sunday eve, will be led by Mrs. Exon and conducted as a temperance meeting.

March 13, 1896

"On Sunday as J.W. Martin was driving down from Independence, and when a short distance from Amity, one of his horses commenced kicking and became almost unmanageable. At that time R.S. Connor, whom Mr. Martin had passed a few minutes before, arrived on the scene and lent his assistance to control Martin's team. In doing so the horse kicked him on the elbow, knocking the elbow joint out of its socket. At last accounts Mr. Connor was suffering immensely from the injury.

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"The latest and best improved carpet stretchers available for sale cheap by I. Nichols.

July 3, 1896

"The steamer Toledo on Tuesday, brought up a load of gravel to be used on the streets of McMinnville. The Gravel will be taken from here to McMinnville (7 mile) by team. Hereafter the Toledo, on her trips up the river will bring a barge load of gravel here, until the required amount contracted to be used on the streets of McMinnville this year is brought up. It now appears that the streets of the capital of Yamhill county are to be made in good condition, and that city instead of being a mud hole will become a beautiful and pleasant city. We commend the enterprise and push of the citizens of our neighboring city, and hope it will become contagious throughout Yamhill county. Good roads and streets thought [sic] the whole county is what is wanted. There is plenty of gravel to make them.

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"Eggs nine cents per dozen at the Dayton Market. Kreitz and Wambegan, proprietors.

July 3, 1896

"Those who have promised to bring us wood in payment for subscription, will please do so at as early date as possible. We do not care to wait until the rainy season to receive wood.

April 9, 1897

"Undertaker Fenton is now busy at work completing his fine new hearse which he has been at work for some time. When completed the hearse will be one of the finest and latest style. Dayton can now boast of the best undertaking outfits in this country.

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"Nathan Bradley, proprietor of the livery barn now has his hay scales fixed in good shape for business and again offers fair measurement for all.

August 5, 1898

"Nichols and Gabriel the general merchandise dealers of Dayton, keep to the front at all times. They now have two new lady clerks assisting in their store: one is a young lady, and the other a young married woman. We do not wish to criticise (sic) Messrs. N. & G., but we believe the ladies are improving the appearance of the store and making it more attractive by tastefully rearranging the goods.

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"J. W. Fishburn will have the honor of putting the first cement sidewalk in this city. He is now constructing a new cement walk along his premises corner of Fourth and Ferry streets. This is a good example for others to pattern after. What fine streets Ferry and Alder could be made by being properly graded and cement walks put in.

September 16, 1898

"The reports of the blasting at Lafayette locks in the Yamhill are heard here frequently during the day. The work is progressing, but will probably not be completed this season.

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"J. E. Mellinger has been employed by the Dayton Evaporating Co. to buy fruits for the company. He is posted on fruit, and his knowledge of prunes is unlimited - he is chuck full of them.

J.W.

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