

BYGONE TIMES

Newsletter of the TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

December 2002

Coming Up

Christmas at the Harlow House

Dec 7, 12 to 4pm

Santa Claus & THS

welcome you to the Teddy Bear Holidays! Decorations, cookies, wassail, treasure chest raffle tickets, &

drawing for the quilt!

FREE!

Lucy Meriwether

Sun, Jan 19, 2pm

Troutdale City Hall

Performed by Merna DeBolt...What did the mother of Meriwether Lewis think of her son's journey and the mystery of his subsequent "suicide"?

Refreshments Served.

FREE!

THS Annual Mtg

Sun, Feb 16, 1pm

Sam Cox Bldg, Glenn

Otto Park, Troutdale

Barb Kubik presents program on Corps of Discovery member Patrick Gas. Special Mardi Gras luncheon, election of THS Board, annual business meeting.

Luncheon \$10/person.

Save These Dates...

Sat, May 3, 2003

Annual Tea & Tour

Sat, July 12, 2003

2nd Annual Lewis &

Clark Dinner Auction

Christmas Open House, December 7th

Did you have a favorite stuffed animal when you were a child? Did it happen to be a Teddy Bear? If it was, you'll be able to relive your special childhood memories by attending the Harlow House Open House on Saturday, December 7, 2002 between noon and 4 pm. Even Santa Claus will be there!

Join us to view special Christmas decorations along the theme of the 100th birthday of Teddy Bear. The tree will be decorated with bears made of antique quilts, tole painted wood, and edible items, too.

Many of these decorations were hand-crafted by Tuesday Ladies Mona Mitchoff, Jean Holman, Barbara Welsh, Jean Hyskmann, Judy Norby, and Mary Bryson. Also, honorary Tuesday Lady Fran Eade, otherwise known as Barb Welsh's mother, hand embroidered the faces on the fabric

bears. Judy Norby also fashioned a Teddy Bear tree skirt.

Home-baked cookies, wassail, coffee, and tea will also be featured. Be sure to bring your children and grandchildren to meet and sit on Santa's knee.

Tour Harlow House During December

Harlow House will be open weekends through December from 1-4pm. If you are unable to visit on the weekends, gather friends and family and call for a group tour during weekdays. Call the office at (503) 661-2164. We'll get you scheduled for a visit at the museum with a friendly host! A tour of Harlow House at Christmas (not to be missed!) is \$3 for adults, no charge for children or for THS members!

See you there!❖

Christmas Brings Teddy Bears to Harlow House

By Doneva Shepard

To celebrate the 100th birthday of the Teddy bear, the Troutdale Historical Society currently has 2 exhibits available for you to visit! At the Harlow House we are delighted to share with you a very special collection on loan from George Klinger; on display at the Troutdale City Hall is a collection on loan from Dawne Morse.

Dawne's collection of Americana-

na Teddy Bears will display in the glass near the City Chamber. Dawne collects

"Americana" in general, and was happy to offer her small collection of bears. Included are a baker's dozen with fur in red, white, and blue, and

brown bears in patriotic garb. Especially meaningful to Dawne are the bears designed to commemorate those who lost their lives on 9/11.

George Klinger's collection, which now includes more than 60 bears, started after his only son, Kristopher, died of Muscular Dystrophy in 1980. During the process of grieving, George and his wife, Carole (Baker) Klinger visited the Oregon Beach.

During their stay, they visited a Teddy Bear shop in Lincoln. As George walked in the store, he saw before him a gorgeous, tall, white bear in a glass case. The bear wore a bow tie with a gold necklace that said "Christopher". George relates that he could not take his eyes off the bear and he knew he had to buy it! So, he did! As the



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Get Your Raffle Tickets Here!

THS is having a very special prize raffle this holiday season. As part of our Teddy Bear Birthday Holiday Celebration, the Society has gathered all sorts of Teddy Bear items and stuffed them into a treasure chest... all waiting to be won by one lucky winner!

The drawing for the *Teddy Bear Holiday Treasure Chest*

will be Sunday, December 22nd.

Tickets are \$5 each, or \$20 for 5 tickets.

Tickets will be sold at the THS Christmas Open House on Saturday, Dec. 7th from noon to 4pm at Harlow House. Or you may purchase the tickets at the THS office, from board members, or simply mail the tickets enclosed with this newsletter back to the THS office!

Director's Corner, by Marie Miller

Interesting thing about old buildings...when resurrected they seem to come with surprises! I discovered just this fact in my Depot office space as fall began. The east winds struck hard against the walls and temperatures inside became cool enough to warrant a jump-start on the furnace. Only trouble was...no heat was coming into the office side of the building! As the days became weeks, my layers of clothing became thicker, and a space heater from home proved a lifesaver! Before I became endangered from frostbite, city crews helped fix the heating system – yeah!

Next morning I arrive at the office to find flooded top level and downstairs bathrooms, with water seeping out from an ominous hole in the basement. Mop in one hand, phone in the other, I contacted the city crews, who once again answered my call for help. An investigation showed a

broken pump in the building. Despite downpours, mud and chilly winds, the crews repaired the water system within a week – a relief for us all!

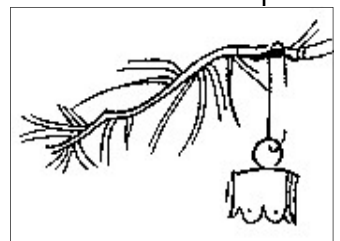
The east winds resumed and blew into the office an avalanche of bugs, which seem to have found the Depot a haven during its unoccupied years. After counting an army of 15 bugs march across the window, I decided to find ammunition! Bug spray seems to slow their progress, but the fumes aren't appealing! Once again I will have help from the city crews, who are planning to fumigate the building.

Fall almost over, I wonder how the Depot reacts to winter?

I wish to thank some very special people that make my work easier. Mario Ayala provided some fantastic administrative assistance for me in the office. He was willing to take on every task I asked, and I'm grateful for

his upbeat attitude and help provided. Marlene Burns is a silent volunteer who regularly provides help with our finances. I value her friendship and support. Dawne Morse takes on the duties of volunteer newsletter editor, which I greatly admire! And I don't know what I would do without the help of the Tuesday Ladies! Together with our museum hosts and wonderful intern, Dustin Dawson, these volunteers make my work fun and enjoyable.

*Last but not least, I wish you
all a very Happy & Peaceful
Holiday Season!*



Teddy Bears

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clerk was wrapping the Christopher bear she told him there was also a brown bear just like it. George ordered the brown bear and had it sent to his home.

George said owning those bears gave him a good feeling, and a sense of healing started. Soon, he was adding to the Christopher bears. As his collection grew, so did his knowledge of who the Teddy bear was and is to so many people.

When George's son Kristopher was alive, he made a point to give a Teddy Bear to every new baby he came into contact with. George has carried on the tradition his son started. George also worked as a volunteer in Gresham's Teddy Bear parade for five years. The parade has been an annual joy to so many for so long!

George has collected items to display along with his Teddy Bears. One of the items that will be at the Harlow House is a one-of-a-kind Circus wagon hand-made by American crafts people. There is also a delightful child-size Bentwood settee for the bears to sit on.

George will be relating the stories of his bears during the Teddy Bear birthday party, and there will be signs identifying the various bears. ❖

Lewis & Clark (part 3 of 3)

Glen Kirkpatrick, Lewis and Clark historian and secretary of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, recently turned his eye to the expedition's exploration of the Sandy River. Excerpted below are some of his findings on Sgt. Pryor's trip up the Sandy River.

"In determining where Pryor traveled on the Quicksand, the evidence is contradictory and not sufficient to pinpoint the turnaround point conclusively. However, an analysis of the information he provides does give clues to speculate on his travels..."

Pryor gave bearings and reported that he traveled one mile up the river and saw a large island on the right, and another large island two miles upriver, and four miles upriver a 50-yard wide creek on the right bank. Looking up the river from that point, Pryor told the captains, the river appeared to bend to the east.

Using Pryor's compass bearings and accounting for magnetic readings and declination (based on an 1888 nautical chart of the Columbia) Kirkpatrick tried to match the bearings to existing points in the Sandy River.

"It is evident they make little sense," Kirkpatrick writes. "Was he taking the readings too close to his hatchet or rifle. Was the compass not working? Was he not holding it level? We just do not know why they do not work."

"Sergeant Pryor describes a creek entering the Quicksand River on the right side a little over two miles short of his turnaround. Beaver Creek is the only one creek of sufficient size that meets this description on the lower Quicksand (Sandy) River. This

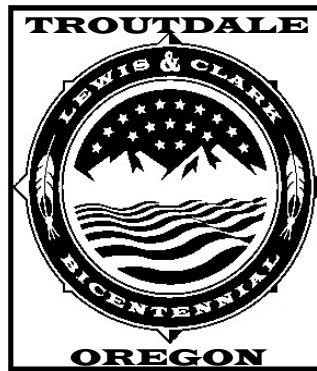
would place the turnaround two-plus miles above this creek."

About six miles up the Quicksand (Sandy) River, it takes an eastward meander almost forming a U-turn in its direction. (This would be at the Big Bend turning toward what is now the Stark Street Bridge – Editor). "Since all his compass bearings are in a southerly direction and his descriptions do not indicate any U-turn in the river it is likely he never made it that far up the river."

"Although the compass bearings do not closely fit the river, they do show a consistent southerly direction. Since Beaver Creek is the only creek that comes close to fitting the description of a 50-yard wide creek, it suggests that this stretch of the river must be the third leg of Pryor's course and distance. Lastly,

since Pryor did not give any hint of the U-turn in the river, he likely never made it to this turn, although it could be the turn he saw in the distance. All this would suggest that Pryor was a terrible judge of distance or perhaps he just wanted to impress the Captains with how far he went and over-estimated his mileage."

"If we calibrate Pryor's estimates by dividing the actual distance upriver to Beaver Creek (two miles) by Pryor's estimate of 4.5 miles reported, we would shorten his distance estimates by 44 percent." ❖



If we haven't called to ask you to help volunteer, please call us at 503-661-2164. We'll find you a job!

Financial Update: THS Had a "Good" Year

By Penny Balch

The Troutdale Historical Society has had a good year. Not a phenomenal year, but a good one. Our account balances, as of November 23rd, are:

∞ Operating Fund: \$ 3,615.97

∞ Lewis & Clark: \$15,340.63

Our Ice Cream Social and Harvest Faire made more than a thousand dollars more this year than last year. This is thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and the tireless efforts of Terry and Milt Belnap, who headed up the team. The Ice Cream Social netted \$2,658, while the Harvest Faire brought in \$2,755.

Jean Hybskmann led the troops for last May's annual Tea & Tour. The event brought in more revenue while Jean decreased expenses. We earned \$3,642 this year, \$600 more than last year. This event has shown increased revenue every year.

Our auction this past July was

very successful. Our last auction, the 2000 auction at Edgefield, raised \$10,000. This year we increased that by \$4,500! The proceeds will benefit the Lewis & Clark exhibit, celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Corps of Discovery, which opens next year.

As stated earlier, the Operating Fund balance as of November 23rd, 2002 is less than four thousand dollars. Our monthly operating expenses are around \$3,800, a large portion of which goes to pay the salary of our full-time director. The board of directors feels strongly that the Troutdale Historical Society is at the point in its development where a full-time director is essential to keep the society focused on our mission and to lead us through the next phase of growth.

Last year, we received \$16,600 between in the last six weeks of the year. Our members were very

generous in that time of crisis. You still have time to make a deductible contribution to the society for the 2002 tax year. With the added benefits offered by the state through the Cultural Trust, your donation means an even greater tax break for you.

We thank each and every one of our members for their continuing support and generosity. ❖

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Lewis & Clark Committee Busy!

By Jean Hybskmann

With the success of this year's auction, THS has made some headway in fundraising for the Lewis & Clark Exhibition. We are also fortunate to have many talented people helping with the huge amount of researching, writing, fundraising, and planning that goes into such a project.

We have accepted the bid of *Kathy Allegri*, a local artist, to paint a mural for a large section of the display. She is enthusiastic about our project and is willing to donate some of her talents.

Ray Davenport, our fearless leader, keeps us focused and on track. He is also integral in our research efforts. *Dan DeGraw* is handling the graphic work, and has designed an impressive project booklet for use with grant

applications and corporate sponsors. *Mary Bryson*, *Frank Craddock* and *Jean Hybskmann* are writing text, and *Helen Wand* is gathering information on medical instruments and supplies. *Christine & Clifton Bruno* are providing assistance on live canoe carving demonstrations and Native American displays, and *Mike Dubesa* is taking on the cartography displays. *Dawne Morse* has worked on grants and is starting plans for the grand opening, while *Marie Miller* is writing grants and constantly looking for new ideas and places to find more funding.

We also have two new volunteers: *Brad Lorang*, a local sculptor, and *Dr. Jim Gurtisen*, a long-time THS member and supporter.

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SAVE THESE DATES!

2003 Annual Tea & Tour

Saturday, May 3, 2003

Hosted by Bridal Veil

Franciscan Sisters

of the Eucharist Villa.

11am and 2pm seatings.

Second Annual Lewis & Clark Dinner Auction

Saturday, July 12, 2003

Brickhaven B&B in Corbett.

Salmon bake-off,

silent & live auctions

and music.

Begins at 5pm.

Volunteer-Staffed Committees Make THS Work!

The work of THS would not be possible without the dedicated volunteers, who serve on our committees and on the board, and who give endless hours of time and effort on projects.

THS Board of Directors:

David Ripman, President
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Jean Holman, Secretary
Tom Graves, CPA, Treasurer
Scott Cunningham
Ray Davenport
Terry Smoke

Volunteer Staff:

Mary Bryson, Curator
Doneva Shepard, Researcher & Genealogist
Penny Balch, Bookkeeper
Dawne Morse, Newsletter Editor

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Kathy Allegri
Mary Bryson
Christine & Clifton Bruno
Frank Craddock
Dan DeGraw
Mike Dubesa
Jim Gurtisen
Jean Hybskmann
Brad Lorang
Marie Miller
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Dawne Morse
Helen Wand

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Helen Wand, Chairman
Doneva Shepard
Janet Vandive
Marie Miller

Development Committee:

Scott Cunningham, Chairman
Penny Balch
Marie Miller

Tuesday Ladies:

Mary Bryson
Jean Hybskmann
Jean Holman
Mona Mitchoff
Barbara Welsh
Doneva Shepard
Heather Mitchoff

Thanks for
all your hard work
and hours of effort!

November Program Fun & Informative

By Marie Miller

A full capacity audience in the Troutdale City Council Chambers enjoyed a great program on Sunday, Nov. 17th, with the Historic Columbia River Highway and Vista House the subjects of discussion.

Guest presenter Clarence Mershon gave a wonderful program with slides on the highway, including photos taken of the construction of the scenic road, with places many in the audience recognized from years past. Highlighted in the presentation was the C.W. Post collection by the artist who drew inspiration from east Multnomah County, with his studio at Chanticleer Inn, now known as Women's Forum Viewpoint.

Besides the slide presentation, Clarence had special items for sale that benefited both THS and Crown Point Country Historical

Society. A limited number of original prints of Crown Point (pre-Vista House) by C.W. Post were on available for sale...what a treasure for those lucky buyers! Clarence also had a Historic Columbia River Highway 2003 Calendar for sale, which sold out quickly. He plans to reprint...you'll have another chance to purchase yours!

Following Clarence was a tough act for Friends of Vista House Executive Director Dennis McLearn, but he was up to the challenge! Dennis also presented a slide show, with information on the \$2 million restoration of Vista House at Crown Point. The project is halfway completed, with a fully restored exterior, including a green tiled roof, stained glass windows and skylights into the lower level.

Over the winter, Vista House will begin to have work done in-

side to repair damage to the marble stairs and rotunda, brass and mahogany fixtures, and restoration of the north tunnel entry into a new art gallery. Friends of Vista House are raising the restoration money with Oregon State Parks and the Oregon State Park Trust.

After both presentations, members and guests enjoyed refreshments provided by Janet Vandiver. It was a great afternoon program filled with fascinating stories and great conversation. The THS thanks Clarence Mershon, Dennis McLearn, Janet Vandiver, and all who contributed to the program. ❖

Oregon Cultural Trust Tax Credit

Here's how it works...

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first step is to make contribution today to THS.

2. The second step, which you take in December, is to contribute any amount to the Oregon Cultural Trust.

he third step, when

you prepare your taxes in 2003, is to take your allowable charitable deductions **AND** an Oregon income tax credit of up to \$500 (for individuals) or \$2,500 (for corporations) for the lesser of the two contributions.

In return you receive...

1. A tax deduction for both gifts (a reduction in tax-
me).

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The Oregon tax credit (a direct reduction to your Oregon taxes).

3. The personal satisfaction of directing your
specifically to
strengthening and

preserving Oregon's culture, arts and heritage.

As you consider your charitable giving plans, keep this innovative partnership in mind. The Oregon Cultural Trust opens doors to long-term, self-funded financial stability for Oregon's cultural organizations such as the Troutdale Historical Society. Give Marie Miller a call if you have questions. You can reach her at the THS Office, (503) 661-2164. ♦

A Few December Dates in US History

A few dates of significance or interest from among the many historical events occurring in Dec...

☞ **2, 1823:** Pres. James Monroe proclaimed the Monroe Doctrine.

☞ **5, 1933:** Prohibition repealed. Pres. Franklin D Roosevelt heard to remark, "I think now would be a good time for a beer."

☞ **7, 1941:** Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor..

☞ **8, 1776:** George Washington crossed the Delaware River.

☞ **12, 1770:** The British soldiers involved in the "Boston Massacre" were acquitted of murder.

☞ **14, 1799:** George Washington died at Mount Vernon.

☞ **15, 1791:** The Bill of Rights' ten amendments ratified.

☞ **16, 1773:** Boston Tea Party.

☞ **17, 1903:** The Wright brothers first flight at Kitty Hawk.

☞ **18, 1865:** US officially abolished slavery with the ratification

of the 13th Amendment.

☞ **20, 1802:** US purchased the Louisiana territory from France.

☞ **21, 1620:** The Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock.

☞ **22, 1829:** The B& O Railroad opened the first passenger railway line in America.

☞ **24, 1814:** The War of 1812 between the US and Britain was brought to an end with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent. News didn't reach the US for two weeks (after Jackson's US victory at New Orleans).

☞ **29, 1851:** The first American Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) was organized in Boston.

☞ **30, 1803:** The US took possession of the Louisiana area from France at New Orleans with a simple ceremony, the simultaneous lowering and raising of the national flags. ♦

L&C Committee

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Many other names will be mentioned as the venture gains momentum. This is a huge undertaking! While volunteers will be doing a lot of the work, we will still need money for materials to keep the willing workers busy. Fundraisers like the quilt raffle, which is designated for the Exhibition, really help!

The secret to our achievements is that each person brings to the group a specialty and the encouragement and willingness to work towards a project that we can be proud of. Watch for more details from the Lewis & Clark Committee in future THS newsletters! ♦

Please! Volunteer!
One day a month or
one day a year
from 1pm to 4pm.
Just three hours of
your time to help us
give history a future.

Call the THS Office to
discover the opportunities
waiting for you!

503-661-2164

Dear Friends and Members:

Thank you for your unwavering support of the events and activities of the Troutdale Historical Society! Thanks to you, we are able to maintain 2 museums, an exhibit hall, and an active event calendar focused on sharing history with our community.

There is no better time to show your support of THS. We face challenging demands for our resources, increasing costs to operate our programs and museums, and a rising demand for our services from schools and the community.

We need your help. Please consider a donation to THS this holiday season to ensure the continued success of your organization's mission. Consider a contribution in a loved one's name. Or perhaps giving a friend or family member a gift of membership!

Your support of the Troutdale Historical Society is very much appreciated.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

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Donation Amount \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

*Gift Membership**Please send a THS gift membership to the following:*

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Type of Membership

☐ Individual (\$20)☐ Director's Club Individual (\$75)☐ Couple/Family (\$30)☐ Director's Club Couple (\$100)

Enclosed is my:

☐ Check, made payable to Troutdale Historical Society☐ Visa or Mastercard

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Expiration Date _____

*You may also call or fax in your credit card information.**Phone your information to 503-661-2164 or Fax it to 503-674-2995.*

Please return top half of this page, along with your payment, to: THS, 104 SE Kibling St, Troutdale OR 97060.

THS Office Welcomes Springdale Intern

By Dustin Dawson

Hi! I am Dustin Dawson and I am the new intern at the Troutdale Historical Society's administrative offices. I would like to introduce myself and let everyone know a little about me.

I am 16 years old and I have almost completed my training at the Springdale Job Corps Center. I have been enrolled for five and a half months now and have made some astounding achievements. I have my G.E.D. and I am working through the vocational training of Business Technologies (otherwise referred to as Business Clerical).

Working at THS is part of my training and it has helped me to realize why I wanted to become a secretary, or assistant. I know I am a little weird, but I have al-

ways enjoyed typing. I enjoy the whole office setting and it is the place I feel at home. Something I hope to take away from this internship is real-world experience. Working here has also made me realize that I would like to work in a similar type of office.

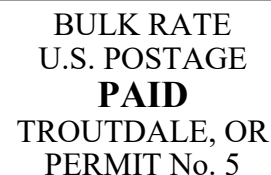
So far the biggest challenge I have had when it comes to entering the workforce is my age. Most people, when they hear that I am only 16, freak. But, they have not seen me work and they do not know me yet. So please, I hope that you did not already judge me by my age; you would have to meet me to realize I am not like what most consider the stereotypical 16-year-old. I already have my head on straight and I am excited about entering the workforce and supporting

myself.

After I graduate, I plan on moving into the Troutdale/Gresham area. While I am not sure exactly how things going to work out, the one thing I do know is that it is going to be hard, but I am sure I can make it.

Well, I hope you enjoyed reading about me and I hope to maybe meet some of you sometime soon. I will be in the office at the front desk. ❖

**THS thanks Dustin &
the Springdale School...
Keep up the good work!**



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726 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy
Hours: Sat & Sun, 1 to 4 p.m.

473 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy
Hours: Office M-F 8-5 (Call for Tours)

THS wishes to thank the following for their support...

The Oregon Community Foundation and the Larry Meisinger family for their support of the Operating Fund. Thank you to Jean & Frank Driver for their donation,, given in memory of Sam Cox.

A special thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the quilt, made by Mary Bryson, for the drawing at our Christmas Open House on December 7th. Since the beginning of this year, over \$800 has been raised from this effort! Double thank you, Mary, for making the quilt! Proceeds from this raffle go toward

Bonita Taylor, Marilyn K. Howell,
Bruce & Tami Thompson, Gary &
Lori Vencill, and Tom & Cheryl
Graves.

☞ **Member Nick DeAngelo** from Milwaukie, husband of Beverly Lewis DeAngelo, passed away November 3rd at the age of 83. Nick & Beverly often attended our Troutdale School Reunions.

✶ **Loretta Chilton**, wife of Wink Chilton, President of the Gresham Historical Society, passed away in October. Wink is a member of our society and the editor of the Gresham Historical Society's series of history books.

Louise Jones from McMinnville, had passed away in April this year.

***THS wishes to send our deepest
sympathy to the families of
Nick, Vera, Loretta, & Louise.***

