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# Join the Fun Celebrating Groundhog Day!

Three years ago Owen Agenbrood introduced us to this way of celebrating Groundhog Day as a means of raising money for our projects. "Except where I came from," said Owen, "they roasted a whole hog in a big pit!"

Lacking a pit, our "hog" will be served as sausage at dinner instead. Proceeds from last year's event helped the BMHS raise grant-matching funds for Dayton's Historic Pathway and Sacajawea Sculpture. Both were dedicated on October 10, 2009.

By attending (or helping out, please do!) at this year's Ground "Hog" Sausage Fest fundraiser, your support will benefit another community-enhancing project, the Smith Hollow School.

Plans are back on track to move the school onto the Society's lot

next to the Historic Pathway this spring. Once renovated, the structure will serve as a country schoolhouse museum to be enjoyed by local residents and area visitors.

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3rd Annual Blue Mountain Heritage Society

## Ground "Hog" Sausage Fest

Dinner • Entertainment • Raffles

**Saturday**  
**January 30, 2010**

**5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**  
 Dinner Served: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm  
 Youth Building • County Fairgrounds • Dayton



Rockhill Rocky

## Tired of winter?

Join us for an evening celebration and chase away those winter blues. Bring a guest. Enjoy fellowship, great food, delightful entertainment, fun and — homemade pies!

### Tickets:

\$12.50 Person  
 \$35.00 Family

Tickets are available at The Village Shoppes, from BMHS Board Members, or at the door.

### • Dinner

Our Sausage Fest Buffet will feature:

- sausage patty and/or bratwurst
- baked potato
- tossed salad
- green beans
- homemade roll
- beverage
- homemade pies!

### • Entertainment

Local youth will share their musical talent. Brenda Chapman will once again coordinate the program.

### • Raffle Baskets

- Kids Basket
- Kitchen Basket
- Guy Basket
- Wine Basket

Raffle tickets are 6 tickets for \$5 and will be sold at the door. Deposit your tickets in the box next to the Basket you want to win! Winners will be drawn at 7:00 pm.

**All proceeds benefit Blue Mountain Heritage Society projects.**

### Blue Mountain Heritage Society

- Meets Monthly (except August)
- 2nd Tuesday – 1:00 pm
- Delany Building, Dayton

*Everyone is Welcome!*

#### Newsletter Production Crew:

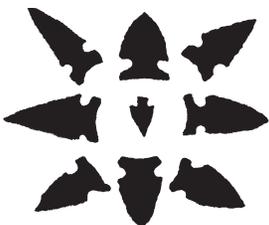
Jacque Sonderman, Elizabeth Thorn, Diane Longanecker

## The Palus Artifact Museum

**Fridays 1 pm to 4 pm**  
**Saturdays 1 pm to 4 pm**  
**March – December**

Or Year Round By Appointment Call:  
 Elizabeth Thorn

**(509)382-4820**



426 East Main Street  
 Dayton, Washington

### BREAKING NEWS! DOT Approves Smith Hollow School Project

Blue Mountain Heritage Society has received approval from the Washington Department of Transportation (DOT) to proceed with the Smith Hollow School project.

The next step, before going out to bid, is mitigation review by the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. We are still hopeful for a Spring 2010 move.

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Worried about getting to that Saturday night's Dayton High School basketball game on time? Come to dinner early, 5:30-6:00 p.m. We'll make sure you are at the game before tip-off!

**2010 Ground "Hog" Sausage Fest Crew:**

- **Cooks:** Brian Black, Kevin Floyd, Zella Powers
- **Baker of Rolls:** Roland Schirman
- **Food Procurement, Buffet Line:** Rose Engelbrite
- **Pie Server:** Claudia Nysoe
- **Event Poster Design:** Diane Longanecker
- **Press Releases/Media:** Jacque Sonderman.
- **Greeter:** Karla Boggs
- **Dining Area Set Up:** Karen Thronson-Stephens
- **Table Decorations:** Elizabeth Thorn
- **Ticket Seller/Taker (at the door):** Paula Moisiso
- **Raffle Ticket Seller:** Diana Black
- **Entertainment Coordinators:** Brenda Chapman and Abby Chapman
- **Clean-Up:** Al Young and his crew

**Want to help?**

*Oh, let us count the ways...*

- *Everyone can spread the word.*
- *Attend, and bring guests!*
- *Bake a pie.*
- *Help wrap utensils in napkins.*
- *Set up tables and chairs.*
- *Sell raffle tickets at the door.*
- *Help with clean up.*

For details on helping out, call Elizabeth Thorn. (509) 382-4820

**Palus Museum News**

Thanks to Mary and Carl Rowe, Jr., the Palus will nearly double its exhibit space! In a portion of the building next door, the "Palus Annex" will feature previews of the upcoming country school and log cabin museums, along with rotating exhibits. It will be open during regular museum hours or by appointment.

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, when the Palus Museum opens after winter break, we'll mark dual anniversaries: our eighth season and the first year in our new location. We can now direct folks to the Palus by saying, "We're on Main Street across from the big flag flying over the Veterans Memorial!"

**Learn About Artifacts:  
Training Dates Set at the Palus**

Come to the Palus Museum Wednesday, February 17 at 1:00 pm or on Saturday, February 20 at 10:00 am. We'll keep you for just one hour. You'll get a glimpse at how the Native People of our area provided food, clothing, and shelter for their families. An archaeologist who visited our museum last year said our collection of arrowheads and other relics is among the best he had ever seen.

Whether you choose to sign up as a museum volunteer, to work one afternoon a month, or are just interested in learning more about our collection of artifacts, you are welcome to attend. Of course, we think it would be great to train enough volunteers so that our museum could be open more days each week, instead of just Friday and Saturday afternoons!

**Thank You...**

...**Ginny Butler** for chairing our Smith Hollow School Project.

...**Joe Miller** for donating vintage school desks and **Jack Miller** and **Jay Thomas** for transporting them to the Palus Museum.

...**Cecil Bramhall** for taking the vintage desks to his shop for cleaning and repair.

...**Al Young** for historic books for the Palus Museum's research library and for an amazing 1884 map of Dayton.

...**Bertha Hincliff** for memorabilia from the Harmony Home Economics Club.

...**E.J. Rising Sun** and his late father, **Charlie**, for a watercolor print of Sacajawea and Charbonneau that is now on display at the Palus Museum.

...**Rose Engelbrite** and **David Stark** for salvaging wood flooring that will be refinished and used in BMHS projects.

**Winter Workdays**

Saturdays, beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>, please join us at the Palus Museum from 9 am to noon to clean the salvaged flooring. Bring a chisel to remove the varnished surface of the wood. Also, we would like your help to catalogue artifacts and archival donations.

Another group will be preparing the new display space and exhibits in the annex and would welcome your help. Thanks!

**School-Day Memories**

Recently we heard from a former Smith Hollow School student who now lives in New York. In a phone call Jacque Workman said, "I memorized the multiplication tables and I count that teacher at Smith Hollow as one of the best I ever had."

To capture Jacque's school memories for our archives, we sent her a Blue Mountain Heritage Society school survey for her to fill out and return.

How about you? If you attended school in Columbia County—any school—we'd like to hear from you, too. What are your Columbia County school-day memories? Share them. Help us preserve a slice of our local history. It's easy to do. You simply provide us with the same type of information the BMHS survey asks for.

Here's how: On one of these cold winter days, sit down with pen and paper, or at your computer, and begin. Start with your name, address, phone number, and email address. Next, list the schools you attended, what grades, what years. Make a list of teachers. Make a list of classmates.

Now search back in your memory. Tell us about the school (or schools) you attended and about your experiences. Share details. How did you get to school? How many students attended? How many were from your family? What subjects were taught, which were your favorites? Do you recall any special programs or ceremonies? How about some memorable pranks? What did you do during recess and for lunch? What were your teachers like? And what were your fondest memories? Email your digital information to:

ethorn@wildblue.net

Or send your paper version to:

Blue Mountain Heritage Society  
P.O. Box 163  
Dayton WA 99328

Donations of school-day photos and school memorabilia are also gratefully accepted.

Would you be willing to participate in a tape/video interview relating to your school story? Interviews can take place in Dayton during Alumni weekend in July, or it can be done at your convenience. To make arrangements, phone Elizabeth Thorn, (509) 382-4820.

## Smith Hollow School Was a Meeting Place

Like other country schools across America in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Smith Hollow School served as a community meeting place. These rural schools also provided access to adult education, an important element of country life.

For example, from the time they were chartered in 1924 until they disbanded in the 1980s, the Harmony Home Economics Club #19 met twice a month at the Smith Hollow School.

An educational program in the morning was followed by a potluck lunch and an afternoon spent quilting or working on individual sewing and craft projects.

The Harmony Home Economics Club's 1948 yearbook lists the officers as:

- President: Alice Delany
- Vice President: Mabel DeRuwe
- Secretary-Treasurer: Laura Harris

The group's goal for that year was written in rhyme:

*The goal of the club remains the same  
Improvement of home and community, too.  
Education has its full claim  
And the sociability of neighbors and you.*

*Our Home Economics Club will live  
And make of this a better land;  
For it strives not to take, but to give  
Our rural problems a helping hand.*

During Dayton's 2009 Christmas Kickoff Celebration, the Palus Museum provided visitors with a taste from the past.

In addition to viewing the special Beadwork exhibit, visitors also enjoyed hot apple cider and a home baked cookie. You see, the recipes for the cookies baked by Elizabeth Thorn and Jacque Sonderman came from a cookbook published by the Harmony Home Economics Club—the group that met for so many years at the Smith Hollow School.

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Youth Building at the Fairgrounds, Dayton

## Our 2010 Schools Calendar Sponsors - Thank You!

January  
**The Village Shoppes** • 245 East Main • Dayton  
*26 shops in 1*

February  
**Jacci's Yarn Basket** • 42 East Main • Dayton  
*All Your Knitting & Crochet Needs*

March  
**Country Cupboard** • 330 East Main • Dayton  
*Bakery/Delicatessen Made Fresh Daily*

April  
**The Weinhard Hotel** • 235 East Main • Dayton  
*Victorian Accomodations*

May  
**The Wenaha Gallery** • 219 East Main • Dayton  
*Fine Art, Custom Framing and Gifts*

June  
**Dingles of Dayton** • 179 East Main • Dayton  
*Your Source for Most Everything*

July  
**Hugs, Gifts & Collectibles** • 109 Main • Waitsburg  
*Everybody Needs a Hug*

August  
**Mrs. Mc's Antiques** • 163 East Main • Dayton  
*Antiques, Appraisals & Original Watercolors*

September  
**Dayton Electric** • P.O. Box 131 • Dayton  
*Steve Brenner—Getting You Plugged In!*

October  
**Therapeutic Massage** • 440 East Main • Dayton  
*Maura Trainer, LMP*

November  
**Crofts** • 207 East Main • Dayton  
*Floral Design, Candy, Gifts*

December  
**Day Escape Spa** • 217 East Main • Dayton  
*Pamper Your Inner Goddess*

## BMHS Schools Calendar Benefits School Project

Purchase a 2010 Columbia County Schools Calendar and you will not only help support our Smith Hollow School project, you will learn which school is pictured on the cover—and it is not one of the schools listed below!

The schools pictured inside this year's calendar are: Old Columbia School at Milton Mills, Glen Grove School on Startin Ridge, Lost Springs School, Brooklyn Primary School, Jackson School,

Star School, James School, Whiskey Creek School, Wright School, Marengo School, Colville Springs School, and Starbuck School.

As in our 2008 and 2009 calendars, inside the back page of this year's calendar is a reproduction of a 1929 map that pinpoints, by number, the location of over 50 Columbia County schools. For example, #24 on the map is Smith Hollow School, shown just north of Dayton.



### Support the Smith Hollow School Restoration Project



## 2010 Calendars Available!

Now, for the 3rd year in a row, we are once again pleased to offer calendars featuring early-day, Columbia County Schools—and yes, these photos have not been used on previous calendars!

Also available at:  
• Palus Museum  
• Village Shoppes  
• Wenaha Gallery  
• Dingles

Yes! Send me \_\_\_\_\_ Columbia County Schools 2010 Calendars at \$10 each. I've added \$5 each for shipping. Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to and send to: Blue Mountain Heritage Society • PO Box 163 • Dayton WA 99328

# Engraved Granite Slabs Finish Veterans Memorial

When Brian Black walked into Dayton's Delany Building on December 8<sup>th</sup> to attend the Blue Mountain Heritage Society's Annual Meeting, those of us already present gave out a spontaneous, enthusiastic cheer. Why?



For one thing, Brian had just been named Dayton's 2009 Citizen of the Year by the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. His nomination letter stated, "this person has the ability to take a group's vision, create enthusiasm in others, and put his heart and soul into making that vision come to pass." That's Brian.

We cheered, too, because the final phase of the Columbia County Veterans Memorial—a project chaired by Brian—had been completed. On the first Friday in December, six shiny black granite panels engraved with 705 names had been installed by a Pacific Power crew and personnel from Wylie Monuments.

In his report during our Annual Meeting, Brian explained that the names engraved on the Columbia County Veterans Memorial are of those men and women who have served in any branch of the United States Military and are buried here in Columbia County.

Brian also noted that at least once a year, names will be added—but not in any particular order—of veterans who meet the criteria for being honored on the monument. After county burial records are verified and proof of military service is established, a veteran's name will be queued for engraving.

Illuminated at night by four spotlights, an American flag flies atop a 70-foot-tall pole. In summer, an impressive 15-foot-by-

25-foot flag is flown. In winter, a smaller 12-foot-by-18 foot flag is used.

On six special days a year, as a way of honoring our veterans, the custom designed flag pole is tilted out over Main Street at a dramatic attention-getting angle.

On Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day, the flag pole is tilted part way. When Main Street is closed to traffic for the Dayton Days Parade, the Alumni Parade, and during All Wheels Weekend, the flag is tilted to its maximum 45° angle.



On Memorial Day the flag pole remains upright. But the flag is lowered to half staff until noon to honor the memory of our nation's veterans whose final resting place is here in Columbia County.

Local veterans handle the flag protocol



and oversee maintenance of this monument.

Next time you drive Dayton's Main Street, pull over, park your vehicle and then walk over to this new site for a closer look.

It's been observed that—for both local residents and area visitors—the Columbia County Veterans Memorial has a way of touching folks. We have our local veteran, Brian Black, to thank for providing us with that memorable experience.

## BMHS's Lighted Parade Entry in Dayton

In Dayton, the day after Thanksgiving is always Christmas Kickoff. For most who attended the 2009 celebration, the big highlight was the event's first-ever Lighted Christmas Parade! Thanks to Brian and Diana Black, their friends, and family, the Blue Mountain Heritage Society had a parade entry. Andy Chapman drove a truck pulling a flatbed trailer that carried Brian's creation—a lighted tepee. Inside

were Ally Chapman, granddaughter of Brian and Diana Black and Liza Davis, granddaughter of



Wayne and Sue Bell. We are grateful to Mary Luce for providing the costumes and makeup for these ten-year-old forever friends.