

School Restoration News



• **The exterior** of the Smith Hollow School rear addition has been painted and it looks fantastic! We can now see what the rest of the building will look like once it is freshly painted. Will Larson, with the help of Don Hicks, has done an amazing job prepping the old siding for primer and paint.

• **Holly Patrick Allen** donated these two roll-down school maps—one of the United States and one of the state of Washington. She found them at Dayton's Third Street Community Sale and had planned to use them as window shades. When her family nixed that idea, she donated the maps for the school—aren't we lucky! Both maps are glossy-colored paper with closely woven muslin backing spring-mounted on wood rods. They work just like window shades. Although neither has a date, judging by the information on them they are early 1900s. The "CRAM'S Political Map of the United States" was published in Indianapolis, Indiana and boasts the innovation "Mark on/Rub Off." Highlighting lines along the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers remain from its classroom



• **A ramp and railing** have been installed at the Smith Hollow School's front door. Exterior doors and hardware are era-appropriate replicas that meet building codes.



use. The Washington State map compiled by the Clason Map Company of Denver includes details of Columbia County that many have forgotten: the Oregon Washington Railroad Engine Co route through Huntsville, Long Station, Dayton, and on to Turner—and the north line through Menoken, Alto, Starbuck, Delaney, Jackson, Chard and on to Pomeroy. (A local anecdote relates how a teacher at Chard School often stepped onto the train to visit friends in Pomeroy on weekends.)



• **Duane Dunlap (DHS '56)** called after reading the Spring BMHS newsletter and asked what we still needed for the school since he was going on a trip and loves to poke around antique stores. While visiting son Ian (DHS '91) in Arizona, Duane found an 1871 patented New Haven eight-day octagonal clock. He and his wife Susan have donated the clock to the Smith Hollow School. The timepiece is typical of ones used in late 1800-early 1900 schools. It's gorgeous and it works!

• **The Class of 1957** may have started a new tradition: At their 55th reunion dinner, Dell Groom proposed that the class itself make a donation. They unanimously approved \$100. Janet Pomeroy Swingler and Dell Groom graciously posed at the Palus Museum to represent their class.

Upcoming BMHS Events

Sept 7, 8, & 9, 2012
Columbia County Fair – See our fun booth of "treasures."

October 6, 2012
Dayton on Tour – Stop by the Smith Hollow School for a sneak peak. Also, buy a box lunch and return that evening for a "Dessert Social" fund raiser.

Want to Help?

- Will Larson will oversee the finish painting of the Smith Hollow School. He will be assisted by a roster of volunteers. To sign up call 509-382-4820.
- Keep your eyes open for school and homestead-related items when you are traveling out and about! We still need a map case to hold the 55-inch-wide maps, a teacher's chair, recitation bench, bookcase, et cetera for the school.

Community-service day at Smith Hollow School, May 19, 2012

Getting 'Er Done



We love our supporters!!
– Donors, Contractors, Volunteers –

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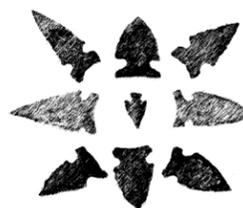
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Blue Mountain Heritage Society

- Meets Monthly (except August)
 - 2nd Thursday – 9:00 am
 - Delany Building, Dayton
- Everyone is Welcome!*

On a sunny Saturday morning in May, the Smith Hollow School site was a beehive of activity. Two groups, Dayton High School (DHS) Freshman class members and DHS cheerleaders (along with neighbors and friends), gathered to "pick rocks." Anne Strode and Terry Steinhoff organized the work party to smooth the river rock filled grounds immediately surrounding the school. Rock pickers hand dug larger rocks, gathered them into piles, and hoisted them into a front-end loader. Al Young tracted the bucket loads and dumped them into Carl Rowe's truck for removal from the site. With the truck nearly full, the crew posed with pride after a job well done. They also enjoyed Anne's home-baked cookies. The two groups appreciated the \$160 Terry Steinhoff generously donated to them for their help. Smiling broadly, one student said, "That was more fun than I thought it'd be!"



REA for rounding up volunteers. We're still looking for some top soil to cover the rock. In the meantime, the grounds look spruced up and will be much easier to plant with a mix of native grasses and wildflowers. A hearty thanks



to Carl Rowe for smoothing the lot and moving the excavated foundation dirt to create a landscaping berm behind the school. The berm, which simulates the hills at the school's original site on Smith Hollow Road, will be planted with native shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers. Plans include a pathway to the top for guests to enjoy a bird's eye view of the school and surrounding hills of Dayton.

Year after year, we have been *extremely* fortunate to have such talented and capable contractors and volunteers, along with so many generous donors!

What's going on inside the Smith Hollow School?

- **Jim McCary**, local building contractor, has insulated the ceiling and exterior walls and framed out the HVAC room and handicap restroom in the addition/gallery. Sheetrock work on the walls and ceiling is underway.
- Local contractors **Dan Chapman** of Chapman Heating and Air Conditioning and **Steve Brenner** of Dayton Electric are completing their HVAC and electrical work.
- **Larry Fairchild** is repairing and refinishing the interior doors. Larry is also rewiring antique school lights donated by **GINNY BUTLER** and **ANNE STRODE**.



To complete the lighting plan, more locally salvaged school fixtures were supplied by

In the school room, the lowered ceilings have been removed.



Jim McCary has framed out the HVAC room and the handicapped restroom.

Al Suffield of Suffield Furniture.

- In the schoolroom area itself, two lowered ceilings have been removed and the wall paper partially stripped. Jim is also replicating moldings and trim that have been lost or damaged beyond repair.
- Original fir flooring (locally milled) will soon be re-installed in the rebuilt addition. The schoolroom floor was left intact through the move and is in great shape. All flooring will be professionally refinished.
- Restoration work continues on the large schoolroom window sets.

— Palus Museum News —

Gifts for BMHS Exhibits – **Bob Hutchens** donated the following items from his father **Dale Hutchens** to the Homestead and School museums: an antique flashlight, razors and razor strop, and a Columbia School booklet compiled by **Charlotte Hutchens**.

Columbia County History Book – For the first volume of the *Columbia County History* series, **Kevin Carson** (DHS '76) has written a chapter about the Palus Indians. It includes information on area trails, early explorers, Palus interaction with settlers and Columbia County volunteer's roles in and after the Nez Perce War.

Other Dayton High School graduates who are contributing chapters are **Lee Lyman** (area geology and anthropology, including the Marmes Shelter) and **Bill Lyman** (early railroads in Columbia County).

Get your information about associations, businesses, and churches, etc., to **Candy Jones** tallduke@msn.com or **Elizabeth Thorn** ethorn@wildblue.net right away so we can get Volume I to the printer!

Current Exhibit – Visit the Palus Museum to see *“Two Cultures During a Century of Change,”* which continues through September 30th. The exhibit details—in riveting text, images, and artifacts—how the local Palus People experienced

white settlement in southeastern Washington during the 1800s. Items typically carried by an Indian warrior or a U.S. calvary soldier are included in the display as well as original drawings by **Kevin Carson**—including Chief Joseph and Captain George Hunter, who led Company A of the Dayton volunteers.

A new hands-on exhibit for kids of all ages invites you to make your own dance fan or hat feather decorated with yarn and beads.



The rawhide covered Palus saddle sits atop a Chief Joseph pattern Pendleton blanket.

NEW at the Palus Museum and Village Shoppes – Post cards and generous sized note cards on heavy stock are available now for purchase at the museum and our booth at Village Shoppes. The colorful photographic scenes are all images of Columbia County taken by **Nathan Riley**. The cards also frame up beautifully.

More Video Interviews – In May, **Elizabeth Thorn**, completed 19 more video interviews for the historic archives. Topics included country school experiences, old-time farming, World War II veteran's stories, and many other interesting tidbits about growing up and living in Dayton and Columbia County.

Since **Norm Dull** retired (after videoing nearly 60 interviews), BMHS is fortunate that **Rob Anderson** offered to step into the role. While Rob was home visiting his parents **Dariel** and **Carol Anderson**, he agreed to do as many interviews as we could schedule.

Rob graduated from Dayton High School in 1991, has been doing stage lighting for live theatre in the San Francisco area, and is now launching his own video company.

With the latest recording equipment, lights, and editing software in hand, Rob commenced videoing. He brought many artistic touches to the setting and everyone agreed that the interviews were a lot more fun than they expected. We gleaned a lot of great information and sincerely thank **Brian Black** and the **American Legion** for letting us use their meeting hall for the interviews.

Later, Rob accompanied **George Touchette** and **Bill Schirmer** on a field trip to

We Appreciate Your Generosity

It seems like we are always asking for money. It's part of finishing and maintaining a successful project. Restoration work is time consuming and it is extremely important to use quality materials and do the job right for both stewardship and lasting value. Preservation of artifacts, insurance and museum operations also require funds.

It takes a partnership of public, business, and private donors to accomplish projects of this scope. Therefore, we are enormously gratified that the **C.M. Bishop Jr, Family Fund of the Oregon Family Foundation** has supported the Palus Museum with a \$1,000 grant; **Washington Trust's Valerie Sivinski Washington Preserves Fund** awarded dollars specifically for the school window and door restoration; and

the **Dayton/Columbia County Fund** continued to support the school restoration with a 2012 grant of \$2,000.

BMHS also extends huge thanks to two **anonymous donors** who each gave \$1,000, and to **Columbia REA, Anne Strode,** and **Jim Kime** who each contributed \$500 for the school.

Currently, we are within \$25,000 of being able to open the Smith Hollow School to the public. Work will be ongoing as some restoration will be postponed until funding allows (wallpaper and slate blackboards, for example). Plus, there's always maintenance.

Take a look at the enclosed flyers. Please support our projects at whatever level you can. The **DHS Class Challenge** and **Macy's Shop for a Cause** are two ways you can help now.

video portions of the Lewis & Clark Trail and traces of other ancient pathways in Columbia County. He then took photos of Dayton's Main Street lots and buildings, which his dad will review and fill us in on what was where between 1930 and today.

It was a pleasure working with Rob, and we wish his new venture **Robert Anderson Productions** many years of

continued success.

Helping Preserve History - Do you love stories? Do you like to type? We're looking for someone to transcribe the DVDs that BMHS has of oral history interviews. To share your skills and help diversify our local history archives, please call **Elizabeth Thorn** at 509-382-4820.

The Competition Continues...

DHS Class Challenge Update

During the Dayton High School All Class Reunion meeting July 21st, winners of the 2011 DHS Class Challenge were awarded certificates of appreciation.

Since 2008 when the Class Challenge began, many loyal supporters for the Smith Hollow School restoration project have emerged. So far, **Wes Hoskins** has been a high donor for three years, and **Ed Harri** has been a high donor for two years. In 2011, Wes and Ed tied.

2012 DHS Class Challenge Current Class Standings

Class of 1940	current amount \$1,000.00
Class of 1954	current amount \$621.16
Class of 1956	current amount \$531.16

2012 Class Challenge goal: \$10,000

Amount received to date: \$ 4,000

Donate today!

Help your class pull ahead. Help us reach our goal!



This beautifully framed plaque, listing the high class and high individual donors, is on view at the Palus Museum.

And, each year their classes have been frontrunners as well.

Class Winners: 2008 - Class of 1940; 2009 - Class of 1956; 2010 - Class of 1964; 2011 - Class of 1964.

Individual Winners: **Wes Hoskins**, Class of 1940: 2008, 2009 (tie), 2011 (tie); **Chad Broughton**, Class of 1956: 2009 (tie); **Ed Harri**, Class of 1964: 2010, 2011 (tie).

This year special recognition was given to **Vern** and **Peggy Coverdale** who, over the last two years, have faithfully donated each month to their Class of 1956. It adds up!