

# St. Boniface Archives Record, 2011

St. Boniface Archives & Museum, Sublimity, Oregon

**ST. BONIFACE ARCHIVES RECORD** is published weekly on [saintboniface.net](http://saintboniface.net) (Click on *Archives Record*). It is updated weekly by Henry Strobel, editor, and Charlene Pierce. Meetings are **Tuesday Mornings at 10:00** in the old convent building opposite the church in Sublimity. No appointment is needed. **We welcome visitors from 9:00am to noon on Tuesdays.**

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**December 27, 2011** by Charlene Pierce (**Last meeting of the year 2011**)

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Joe Spenner, George Susbauer

Henry Strobel Jr. donated a first prize blue ribbon to the archives. It is dated 1916 for an "Industral Fair" (sic) in Aumsville, OR. We don't know what event this ribbon might represent; perhaps the Aumsville Historical Society can help with that?



Francis Hendricks brought in some original vintage photographs of the Kufner and Domagalla families.

Vangie reported that she has sent in \$75 for our Oregon Museums Association membership for the 2012 year.

Dec 20 Archives & Museum Christmas meeting:



**Editor's Note, December 20, 2011:** The last official meeting of the year will be December 27, 2011. I will then close out this 2011 volume of the Archives Record and open the 2012 volume.

I was just looking through the *Archives Record* for 2006 and old emails and note that **St. Boniface Archives**, later named variously **St. Boniface Archives & Community Museum**, was "officially" founded on **February 27, 2006**. This was at a meeting in the St. Boniface rectory that included, as I recall, Vera Boedigheimer, Evangeline Ripp, Carol Zolkoske, Carol Rambousek, Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Bill Steinkamp, and St. Boniface church pastor M. Jeyamani Paul, who offered to provide space for the new organization.

Earlier activities leading up to that were

**June 1979**, the 100th anniversary of St. Boniface Church. Huge outdoor Mass and celebration.

*Let us Remember*, a local pictorial history was published by Dr. Raymond Heuberger.

**1997-2001**, Pastor Arthur Dernbach collected and stored more pieces of history.

**2003**, Henry Strobel added to his web server:

his pictorial *History of Sublimity*, [www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/sublimit.htm](http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/sublimit.htm)

*St. Boniface Archives & Museum*, [www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archives.htm](http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archives.htm)

as well as a church page, [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net)

**June 2004**, the 125th anniversary of St. Boniface Church - and the 1250th anniversary of the martyrdom of its patron saint Boniface. A German sausage picnic and music welcomed the community. Evangeline Ripp and Vera Boedigheimer presented an extensive historical display in the old convent across the street – where we are now.

We have continued to actively grow and to serve a larger community.

"Our mission is to discover, preserve, and share the history and heritage of Sublimity and its environs."

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**December 13, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, and George Susbauer.

Henry verified that the notice for our Tuesday meetings is still in the "Stayton Event" paper. We do appreciate this listing!

A short discussion resolved that we would have a Christmas party next Tuesday. We will bring some food or drink item. Everyone come and bring a friend!

Vangie attended the Silver Falls event last Saturday and volunteered her time helping kids make "snowmen." George Susbauer volunteered again this year, helping kids make bird houses in conjunction with the Audubon Society. Approximately 5,000 people attended this annual event!

Vangie is organizing and filing local obituaries. There's a lot of history in these that will become easily accessible as well as appreciated by curious descendants.

Charlene is still working on getting St. Boniface baptism records from the early 1900's into a database and making copies, reducing the pages to 8.5 by 11 to put into albums.

**December 6, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Joe Spenner, Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, George Susbauer

Henry talked about the database program, Museum Archives software (musarch.com) that he installed on the computer in the museum. It fits our requirements (once we learn how to use it!) and is the premium level, new version 2.1. The free version of this program has been downloaded from the internet 5,000 times. It can also automatically generate a web page to share our database, eventually. Henry had previously purchased the book and full program to install on top of the free version. It has general categories to choose from when entering information, the lower levels being very customizable. The author of the software has proven to be readily available for support.

Henry also explained about the free browser, "Opera," now at version 11.6, which he has used for about twenty years and is also installed on the museum computer. This software comes out of Norway.

Henry also brought in a small "ball marker" used in golf (courtesy of Henry Jr). It is stamped Philippi Ford in Stayton. Roy Philippi was one of the golf course founders in 1957. Our Archives member, Ralph Lulay, is the current president.

Henry showed us the photo he using taken by Denny Barnes (with permission). It's a windy, rainy, scene of umbrellas on the Santiam Golf Club, taken from Anthony Hall, across Hwy. 22. It's on our "History of Sublimity" web page at [www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/sublimit.htm](http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/sublimit.htm) Scroll down to 1957.

It wasn't mentioned at the meeting, but next week, we should discuss whether we want to have a special Christmas party this month. Well, it is a tradition!

**November 29, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, and Henry Strobel.

Charlene donated a metal easel for use in displays and two Sublimity Harvest Festival buttons from 2007, celebrating 35 years.

Charlene has also just listed the book *Let Us Remember* on Ebay in the hopes of bringing in a little operating revenue. We still have quite a pile of them. She listed the names from the index as a way of attracting people who may have a genealogical connection.

Henry got an email from a new local church asking to be added to our email list. Henry responded that our organization has no public mailing list, hardly a private one, and that our website was the normal means of communicating with the public. We welcome any inquiries and promptly reply.

Henry printed a color photograph from the internet of the Canadian Football League player, Travis Lulay. His father is Dennis Lulay and his grandmother is Ruth Boedigheimer. See last week's notice about the Grey Cup and his MVP award.

There was a discussion that came up regarding the box of unidentified photos that are connected to the Kerber and Wulf families. Items donated or given to the archives on loan, are not given away or loaned out to the public. The archives is a repository of the history of this community and we would be glad to make copies or scans of any photographs that visitors request.

Silver Falls State Park is sponsoring their 34<sup>th</sup> annual "Christmas Festival" at the South Falls Lodge from 11:00am to 4:00pm on December 10 and 11. There will be crafts, exhibits and music. Admission is free, but parking is \$5.00.

**November 22, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Fred Ripp and special guest, Barbara [Rositzke] Kerr

Barbara came researching ancestor information on her Gray and Zuber family connections. Ida Gray Zuber married John Gray in 1905.

There was a discussion about putting a price on making copies of historical data, as the archives are not a lending library, but a repository of historical books and artifacts.

Vangie had talked to Rita Young, recently absent, who said that we could call her anytime if we had questions. Vangie had also clipped an obituary for William "Bill" John Gentzkow 1918-2011, just short of his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday, who had at one time played baseball on the Sublimity team. Bill also played with the Salem Softball League before and after WWII. Three of the four Gentzkow boys played on the same team, with Bill at shortstop and second base.

See page 3, *Baseball - the National Pastime - in Sublimity!* At [www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archives.htm](http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archives.htm)

We had an inquiry about CFL football player Travis Lulay from a Canadian Television station, a former local Regis High School star, whom we had previously mentioned in connection with the above baseball feature article. Here's the report:

*Nov. 27, 2011, CTV Montreal:*

***Lulay leads B.C. Lions to Grey Cup victory over Bombers***

*The Canadian Press , VANCOUVER — They opened the season with a whimper, but Travis Lulay and the B.C. Lions ended it with a bang.*

Game MVP Travis Lulay threw two second-half touchdown passes to lead B.C. to an exciting 34-23 Grey Cup win over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Sunday. The victory, before an ear-splitting B.C. Place sellout of 54,313, capped a stunning turnaround for the Lions, who opened the season 0-5. B.C. became the first team in CFL history to win the Grey Cup after losing its first five regular-season games.

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**November 15, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Don Porter, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, and Carol Zolkoske

Vangie received two boxes of books on loan from Howard Mader's collection. Vangie also spent some time reviewing and evaluating the Museum Archive software provided by Henry Strobel. Vangie had also received an article from the *West Side Newspaper* from Bob Mader. The article is called, *The Waldo Who Sired America*, and is reprinted on our Archives web page.

An oil painting was donated to the archives by Henry Strobel Jr. The fine self portrait was signed by Leona Elizabeth Bentz Kremer and dated 5-03-2002.

Theresa Burns came by to donate a box full of four family albums and a framed surveyor's certificate, the James Addition for the City of Stayton. The signatures include:

Registered Land Surveyor: Albert B. Solberg

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor: Harold Domogalla - by E. K., Deputy

Commissioner: Harry Carson Jr.

Commissioner: Pat McCarthy  
Commissioner: Henry C. Mattson  
County Clerk: T. Harold Tomlinson - by Edward Morgan, (?) Deputy  
Recorder: Herman Wm. Lanke – by L. Vincent, Deputy  
Owner: Robert L. James and Vida E. James  
Notary Public for Oregon: George R. Duncan Jr. (dated 9-20-1975)  
Chairman, City of Stayton Planning Commission: Dr. James H. Duffy  
Mayor, City of Stayton: Marcel Van Driesche  
Stayton, City Engineer: Robert P. Gorman  
Marion County Sheriff and Tax Collector: James F. Heenan - by H.T. Evans

Margaret Laux Hendricks stopped by and brought a handwritten story that was written by Margaret's daughter, Carol Hendricks Sturgeon. The story was written June 2, 1974. The stories were from Carol's parents and grandmother. One of the stories is about Nettie Krump. She was Bill Du Chateau's mother. Another story is of Philip Albus, Carol's great-uncle. Another story was about her great-grandfather Ditter.

Carol Zolkoske has offered to compile vintage wedding photos, to include the women's maiden names. Carol also scanned photos that were brought to the museum by Diane Freres last week. The photos have been put on a CD for the archives. Many of these photos are of the closely related Klecker and Kerber families.

Charlene brought in a journal donated to the archives, by Joe Spenner. This is a handwritten journal of the Holy Names Society, a Record of Minutes from 1944 – 1955.

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**November 8, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Ted Shepard, George Susbauer, Elmer Etzel and Wayne Stedronsky.

Joe Spenner donated four machinists calipers from the 1800's.

Vangie and Fred brought in a packet of old photos. Among them is a photo of George Welter and Agnes Boedigheimer Welter. Other photos included pictures of Joe Schrewe after cutting down a very large tree, maybe 8 feet in diameter. This might have been in the 1920's and would be just south of today's downtown Sublimity, around the 9<sup>th</sup> street area (according to Fred Ripp). Joe Schrewe is Francis Hendricks' great uncle.

Ted Peters gave us an old newspaper article, an obituary for Father Scherbring.

Henry had received an email from Jo and Lanny Fredricks regarding the notation of the saloon owner, Ben Toepfer.

Henry read personal email correspondence with Mary Beth Herkert, Oregon State Archivist and chairman of the Archdiocesan Historical Commission.

Henry also had three references for the founding of Mt. Angel. Henry's interest and connection is partially through his son's wife of the Schwab family. The Monks of Mt. Angel were running the St. Boniface Church which was in need of a priest. Henry checked the Schwab family tree and one of their ancestors had copied three long articles out of the Catholic Sentinel of 1976 regarding the founding of Mt. Angel. Henry purchased a lengthy article written by Gerard G. Steckler SJ from the Oregon Historical Society (The Founding of Mt. Angel, the Oregon Historical Quarterly vol. 70, no. 4

(Dec 1969) pp. 312 – 332).

Carol brought up a discussion regarding the photo of a man in a saloon. Was it a Toepfer or Ed Meyer?

Henry recalled three saloon pictures and the fact that we need to be careful which one we're talking about. Lenny and Jo mentioned that one of the photos showed her father.

Ted told us something of the Mulkey Bros. Store in Mehama and brought in some pictures. Ted has also been driving around the Waldo Hills area looking for Willard School.

Vangie had talked to Carl Shephard (no relation to Ted), whose ancestor had come out here on horseback in 1841. He mentioned something about a book called, "Gold on the Pudding (river)." Carl's ancestors had been buried in the Miller Cemetery on Hwy 214. Carl Shephard is a Park Ranger at Silver Falls State Park and is from the Silverton area.

Elmer Etzel has been gathering together more notes for his biography and talked a little about logging and his service in the Navy.

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**November 1, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Francis Hendricks, Carol Zolkoske, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce and Henry Strobel, Diane Freres

Henry Strobel read the minutes from the previous meeting and a discussion followed regarding the name of our organization. We want it to reflect our connection to the church and the community. We wish to include all of the community.

There was also a discussion about volunteer work. Our ancestors contributed greatly with no expectations. Volunteering is just something that one does because a job needs to be done or is the "right thing" to do. It's a personal choice to contribute something back to the community without the expectation of public honors or a paycheck. Without community involvement, there would be no community archives or museum.

Henry talked about the evolution of our website and how it is continually changing and growing and can be seen by anyone, anywhere in the world. It's not just dry information, but an interesting "magazine" of people, what they did and said. The over one hundred and fifty main items on the front page are divided into three main groups: articles published by us, articles published by others, and some internet links to other sites. The *articles* generally reside safely on our server, while some of the *links* of course point elsewhere, and we need to check periodically in case they change or disappear.

We were pleased to have Diane Freres as a guest today. She brought a box full of old photographs for us to copy (and some to keep). There were wonderful old photographs of the Jordan cheese factory, a picture of a saloon owner (Toepfer ?), a downtown Stayton photo of the Klecker store and a street scene from Gates. The following are just few of the many family photos:

Chris and Hildegard Cremer,

the Rossi family (Donald and George), and some 1938 postcards written to the Rossi family,

the Darby family,

the Ray Steffes family,

Houck family,

Rose Rock,

the house that Lawrence Smith built,

Joseph (or Joey ?) Rund family of Scio,

Siegmund family, including a picture of Jessie Siegmund and baby,  
the Kirsch family,  
and the Kerber family with connections to the Silbernagel family.

Diane also has two albums of sawmill pictures from 1922 that she may bring by in the future. Most of the photos have people identified, but some that are not. We would love to have anyone come forward to help with the identification of people in these and other photographs!

Henry brought in half a dozen volumes on Marion County history to help populate our bookshelves.

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**October 25, 2011** (by Henry Strobel, for Charlene Pierce)

Attending: Evangeline and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis and Frances Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Dr. Raymond Heuberger, Richard and Carolyn Van Cauteren, George Susbauer, Elmer Etzel, Marilyn Brown

Ray Heuberger noted that the St. Boniface annual dinner netted a profit increase of 27% over last year to \$16,717. (We like to think that the concurrent Archives & Museum open house helped.)

We reviewed and discussed more of the books and documents on temporary loan from the Mader collection, thinking "wouldn't it be nice if we could get even some of the duplicates?"

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**October 18, 2011** (by Henry Strobel, for Charlene Pierce)

Attending: Evangeline and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Dr. Raymond Heuberger

This was an intensive and productive working session. We reviewed our updated web site presentation, organizational matters, museum registration procedures, and introduced the new database software.

Also, Evangeline Ripp noted with considerable satisfaction that the Archives had been presented with a fine copy of the *Book of Remembrance of Marion County Pioneers 1840-1860* by Sarah Hunt Steeves. A gift of the Mader family.

Further, Henry Strobel reported that he had purchased for the Archives a copy of *Mount Hope Cemetery and Pioneers of the Waldo Hills in Marion County, Oregon*. Compiled by Ferne Hibbard Hellie, Howard A. Mader and Addie Dyal Rickey, 1977. Printed in cooperation with Oregon State Library, Marion County Historical Society and Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. 293 pages. Contains not only an inventory of the cemetery, but also an extensive collection of obituaries and biographical history of the people in the cemetery.

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**October 11, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, George Susbauer, Charlene Pierce, Joe Spenner, Elmer Etzel.

Francis Hendricks brought another Mader family clipping album. Howard's mother, who was a Patton, probably put this book together. Howard was an extraordinary history buff with a vast collection..

Francis also brought in a hand scanner that we immediately tried out on one of the clipping albums. It seems to work well, if you can keep a steady movement across a flat surface.

Norman and Carol Rauscher have donated a nice 1931 calendar from the Sublimity Service Station. They also have provided, on loan, an old wall crank telephone that had at one time actually been in use, here in Sublimity. Other donated items from the Rauscher family is Norm's father's WWI Army cap and a straight-edge razor and leather shaving strap from Urban Parberry and his father, Jack (or John?) The Rauschers also have donated, several nice stone Indian bowl artifacts.

Elmer told a story about a big moonshine "bust" in the Fern Ridge area. Somehow that discussion evolved into stories about plowing with horses and later, about giant tractors and machinery in the fields.

Vangie Ripp brought in a one dollar Ditters' store "token" from John A. Ditter.

Charlene brought in the kettle on behalf of Tony Beitel, for "show and tell." Clara Rauscher, used the kettle at the very first St. Boniface Dinner. We don't have the exact date yet, but it was in the early 1920's. It had been explained that the first 4 or 5 dinners sponsored by the church were free, as it was a "pot-luck" arrangement. As more and more people came over the years, it became more efficient to have all the food cooked in the school kitchen.

We don't have a report on the 2011 St. Boniface Chicken Dinner yet, but Ray Heuberger thought that the framed photos on the tables, were well received. Vangie reported that she had met a couple at the dinner, that had come from Albany, thanks to Carol Zolkoske and Carol Rambousek, who had previously run announcements on the KGAL radio station. They also mentioned that what really brought them to Sublimity was the information about the Archives and Museum.

Ray Heuberger stopped by to bring an album of antique greeting cards and postcards from Glenn Taylor. His mother was a Jeter. The album is on temporary loan.

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**October 4, 2011** by Charlene Pietrok Pierce

Present: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce, Joe Spenner, Tony Beitel, Carol Zolkoske, George Susbauer and Ray Heuberger.

Francis Hendricks brought a huge clipping album from his son-in-law, Bob Mader and also a box of fine original family photographs (pioneer Downing family, etc.) belonging to Bob and his wife. His father, Howard Albert Mader, 1925 — 2008, was a lifelong farmer as well as a stock broker and college professor. Howard was a historian and avid collector of Western postal history. He also collected real photo views of Oregon and Washington. We recently mentioned the award of the rare Sesquicentennial Farm designation (150 years of continuous operation) to the Mader Farm. Cousins Bob and Doug Mader are the sixth generation of Maders to run the family's farm, located near the community of Macleay, about six miles east of Salem. Bob Mader, 58, wife Gwen Hendricks, 53, and Doug Mader, 55, run the day-to-day operations of the 800-acre farm.

Vangie volunteered to scan the loose Mader photographs. Charlene and Francis will arrange a time to meet to begin scanning some of the Mader clippings. It is of course our policy to scan important or interesting photos or documents into the computer where they can be printed, cataloged, and used in many ways.

There was much discussion about the pioneer Downing family.

Carol Zolkoske reported that she and Carol Rambousek had run their announcements on the

KGAL radio station, stating that the range of the station is mostly in the Albany, Oregon area.

There was further historical discussion about the annual St. Boniface dinners. We have several articles describing describing them from the 1930s on the Archives web page, but our ever popular and prolific live oral historian, Tony Beitel, 102, gave us some new insight into the 1920s. The first four or so, organized by long time pastor Anthony Lainck were “free,” potluck style. Tony told about the very first St. Boniface Dinner. His mother-in-law, Clara Rauscher, volunteered to bring mashed potatoes. She had a large aluminum kettle that held about four gallons and she filled this with mashed potatoes for the dinner! Tony still has the kettle, which I will bring to the next meeting.



Carol asked Tony if he might let us borrow the kettle for the upcoming dinner. Tony replied reluctantly, that he still uses it. Carol insisted that we would just borrow it for this one event and get it back to him. Tony replied, "But I use it to wash my feet!" We didn't see that one coming. Thank you, Tony!

**September 27, 2011 by** Charlene Pietrok Pierce

Present: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Carol Zolkoske, Henry Strobel, Carol Rambousek and George Susbauer

Carol Zolkoske is volunteering at the Santiam Historical Museum and reports that there are Kerber family pictures there.

Carol Zolkoske and Carol Rambousek will talk about the Sublimity Archives on the KGAL radio station with “Radio Ray Pietz” on the “Valley Talk” program on October 3 at 11:30am. Tim Bielenberg will talk about the upcoming annual barbecue chicken dinner at St. Boniface church in Sublimity. The Bielenberg family will barbecue the chicken to their usual wonderful recipe.

### **September 20, 2011**

Present: Sue Hafner Sutton, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Donald Porter, Fred Ripp, Henry Strobel, Anna Wolf, Carol Rambousek

We received from Anna Wolf a stack of copies of the *Servicemen's Bulletin*, published locally by Ed Bell and others during WWII for the boys overseas.

Vangie Ripp and Don Porter kept their hands busy during the meeting by framing small historical photos to decorate the tables at the upcoming St. Boniface church annual barbeque dinner (as suggested by the dinner chairman Dr. Raymond Heuberger). Carol Rambousek also suggested ways people might help in promoting the dinner, which is a fundraiser for the church (not for the Archives).

About *Baseball – the National Pastime – in Sublimity!* on the Archives web page, Robert Beitel of Umatilla, Oregon emailed:

“I saw how you laid the Len Neal project out in your Baseball section. . . Len is Bill Lulay, sr.'s son-in-law so the way I look at it, it seems to be a family affair. You probably already know that Stella (Len's wife) is Bill's daughter. He is also my uncle. At one time I was a bat boy for one of Uncle Bill's baseball teams. I was probably 10 or 12 (1947 or so).”

Peter Thomson of Boston, Mass. has been corresponding with me via email. He had seen this article on our archives site, [www.henrystrobels.com/saintboniface/archives.htm](http://www.henrystrobels.com/saintboniface/archives.htm), half way down:

**An Oregon Trail Diary, 1852** A great story with a Sublimity connection.

And told me about another, much longer diary, 132 pages, from his ancestors on the same wagon train, which I made available in the next, adjacent link, thus:

Another Oregon Trail Diary, 1852 ***Crossing the Plains, narratives of the scenes, incidents and adventures attending the overland journey of the Decatur and Rush county emigrants to the "far-off" Oregon in 1852*** by Origen Thomson and Sutherland McCoy.

This is a much more extensive diary with many "appendices" telling in detail of the same wagon train as the previous. (Mary Jane Watkins is in both.)

Peter Thomson told me it was "written by my great grand uncle Origen Thomson with an introduction by my great grand aunt Camilla Thomson Donnell in 1852 and published by my great grandfather Orville Thomson in 1896 in Greensburg , Ind., Decatur County."

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**September 13, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Present: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, George Susbauer.

Following reading of the minutes of the previous meeting there was protracted discussion of several items.

Vangie brought some sealed packs of "playing cards" that were created by the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept. ( OPRD) to acknowledge Oregon's rich cultural history. Only 20,000 sets were produced, so the chances of finding more may be small.

Anyway, they are quite handsome. Read about them here:

[www.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/docs/Courier\\_11\\_2\\_sum.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/docs/Courier_11_2_sum.pdf)

(As you can see, the "clickable links" in the *Archives Record* are now working well.)

Henry gave a demonstration tour of several features added to the Archives web site, including the process replacing the ball and cross on St. Boniface Church. We have a CD of these pictures for future reference.

There was an extended discussion about how to grow the organization and attract more people to the Tuesday meetings.

Donald Porter reported additional members of the Streff family found buried in the Stayton Cemetery:

Leo Streff, 1894 – 1929

Susan Streff, Doerfler Marking, 1887 – 1964

Lewis Martin Doerfler, 1882 – 1964

The email address: [sublimityarchives@gmail.com](mailto:sublimityarchives@gmail.com) in the OMA web page was not set up properly to be answered (not an OMA problem), but thanks to John Zolkoske that has been fixed. If you click on this address and send an email Carol or Vangie or Henry should reply to you. At least that's what we expect to happen.

About *Baseball – the National Pastime – in Sublimity!* on the Archives page, Dr. Raymond Heuberger emailed:

" . . . As a young lad we used to walk from the farm up to the ball field on Sunday afternoons to watch the "Sub" team play ball. This kinda tells you how old I am, but they still played ball after WWII. A small correction - the last picture showing the Joe Lulay family with two ball players -

the ball player on the far right of the picture is "Herbert". I believe he was listed as "Martin". Herbert died in Ipswich, Australia, serving in the Army. He is still listed on the cemetery roll in the American cemetery there, although my grandfather had his remains brought back and they now are in our cemetery."

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### **September 6, 2011**

Present: Evangeline Ripp, Donald Porter, Elmer Etzel, George Susbauer, Fred Ripp, Frances Hendricks, Henry Strobel

First things first – President Vangie Ripp as usual laid out coffee and cookies. Thank you, Vangie!. George Susbauer provided another quantity of impossibly large and sweet black cherries from his farm foraging. Thank you, George! Now on to business -

St. Boniface church steeple – The cross and ball has just been replaced. Read about it in the *Statesman Journal* article on our Archives web page (which you probably just came from), currently the top article under OTHER PUBLICATIONS. See also there a series of photos of the operation with Henry's notes.

Robert Beitel of Umatilla, Oregon, Tony Beitel's nephew, has put the history of Len Neal's professional baseball career on a disk, which we should receive shortly. This will be a fine addition to what we have on the history of baseball in Sublimity. Thanks to Elizabeth DeAngelis, Tony's niece, for arranging this with Robert.

Don Porter has collected information on additional members of the Streff family. This will be passed to the inquirer.

We have joined the Oregon Museums Association. The graphic below (next page) shows our listing on their web site. You can't click on the graphic but you can explore the real thing here:

[www.oregonmuseums.org/SectionIndex.asp?SectionID=253](http://www.oregonmuseums.org/SectionIndex.asp?SectionID=253)

Thanks to Vangie for arranging this.

Thanks to Carol for setting up the email address: [sublimityarchives@gmail.com](mailto:sublimityarchives@gmail.com)



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### Sublimity Community Archives and Museum

Website: [St. Boniface Archives & Museum](#)

Sublimity Community Archives and Museum is located across the street from St. Boniface Church in Sublimity. We are open (free) to the public from 9:00 am to noon on Tuesdays, or call to make an appointment.

Our mission is to discover, preserve, and share local history and heritage in the greater Sublimity area, from the covered wagon pioneers of the 1850s through the railway immigrants of the 1870s and onward. Secondly, we assist individuals interested in preserving and sharing their own family history, as part of the community's history.

St. Boniface Church, the second oldest continuously operating church in Oregon, was built in 1879 on the location of the former Sublimity College. The College was built in 1857 by the United Brethren and its first headmaster was Milton Wright, father of Wilbur and Orville. The church now provides space in the museum building, which was formerly a convent, gratis to local volunteer historians who form the Archives & Museum's organization, policies, and support.

Sublimity Community Archives and Museum officially began in 2004, which marked the 125th anniversary of St. Boniface Church and the 1250th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Boniface. Since 2006 we have operated the Museum, published the weekly *Archives Record*, and made historical information available on our website. The Archives and Museum holds historical records, photographs, family trees, oral histories, artifacts, and memoirs from 160 years of life in this place uniquely named Sublimity, which became a US territorial post office in 1852 before Oregon became a state.



The Oregon Catholic Historical Society has announced their Fall Event on October 15, 9:30am at St. Philip Parish Hall, 825 SW Mill, Dallas, Oregon, 97388. The subject is Fr. McDevitt, the St. Anthony Chapel (railway) car, and the Catholic Extension Society. \$15 members, \$20 non-members, lunch included. Questions: call the OCHS President, Sr. Charlene at 503 906-1131.

The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program, has announced the Annual Century & Sesquicentennial Awards at the Oregon State Fair. There are ten century awards, and only one **sesquicentennial** (150

years) award, to our friends at Mader Farm. (Francis Hendricks will arrange a further “historical” meeting for us. We now have genealogical information in the archives.) The following excerpt is by Geoff Parks from the *Capital Press*, September 1:

. . . The Sesquicentennial Farm designation was added in 2008 in honor of Oregon's 150th birthday celebration. To date, 23 families have received the award.

Cousins Bob and Doug Mader are the sixth generation of Maders to run the family's farm, located near the community of Macleay, about six miles east of Salem. Bob Mader, 58, wife Gwen Hendricks, 53, and Doug Mader, 55, run the day-to-day operations of the 800-acre farm.

The farm currently is planted to grass seed, wheat and Christmas trees, though in the intervening 150 years have seen crops including oats, rye, barley, hay, cherries, strawberries, nuts and some livestock. The Maders currently rent out some property for others to raise bison, Christmas trees and row crops.

Bob and Gwen live in the home that was built on the farm in 1880, though farming operations go back to 1858, a decade after the arrival of the Mader's ancestor, Rev. Reuben Dickens of Virginia, via the Oregon-Barlow Trail and The Dalles.

Dickens' wife Nancy Phillips; daughter Julia Ann Patton; and son-in-law William Thomas Patton are all buried in a small plot of land beneath two headstones in the middle of a filbert orchard.

The Pattons' grandchild, Genevieve Lucille Patton (who was born in the 1880 home), married Albert Mader, the son of an 1873 immigrant from Switzerland named Julius Mader, in nearby Central Howell in 1922, accounting for name under which the farm will be honored.

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**August 30, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Present: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Joe Spenner, Tony Beitel, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, George Susbauer

Henry read the previous week's minutes and the email from Karla Powell of Portland (previously from Chicago), regarding her inquiry of the Streff family. Henry will remain the email contact person. Don Porter had gone to the Stayton Catholic Cemetery and found some Streff graves:

Charles Streff (1878 — 1967) and wife, Annie (1879 — 1941)  
Michael (1838 — 1924) and wife, Anna (1847 — 1919)  
Edward Jacob Streff (August 31, 1911 — Apr 26, 1999)

Henry printed out all the *Archives Records* (minutes) for a public copy, grouped by year, going back to 2006.

Henry photographed the 1918 panoramic picture of the Stayton - Sublimity Oregon National Guard courtesy of the Santiam Historical Society in Stayton, Oregon. This completes that web feature with the component named photos and an article relating the community Guard activities as reported in the Ripp Diary. (Go back to the Community Archives page and scroll down to “Panoramic photo . . .”)

Thanks to Kim Zuber we now have two copies of an eighty page bound *Souvenir of Golden Jubilee, 1886 – 1936* from the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon This handsome volume of history, as well as the extravaganza celebration and concert for the fiftieth anniversary and dedication of their new

chapel in 1936 was written by Sr. Eugenia Eberhard SSMO, Beaverton, an obviously energetic and gifted lady.

Vangie brought in a newsletter, the *OMA Dispatch*, received from the Oregon Museum Association, the first we have heard since mailing in our application and dues in mid-July. Vangie will remain our contact person for the OMA organization.

Francis Hendricks has picked up the eleven display cases that we mentioned last week. Two of the cases have lights.

George Susbauer brought in some nice huge and sweet cherries to share with us, from Dick Heater's place. Thanks, George!

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**August 23, 2011** by Charlene Pierce and Henry Strobel

Present: Evangeline and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Elmer Etzel, George Susbauer

Henry had written Karla Stanton and received the following letter (excerpt):

Thanks so much for your letter. Yes I am a former Sublimity resident. We lived in 345 SE Church Street in the old house next to the cemetery. I was told, as a kid, that the house was built by John A. Ditter, who was my mom's great uncle, or maybe great great uncle, I am not sure which. I believe our house was also referred to as the "Bell" house (George Bell??) . . .

My maiden name is Kanzig (you were close in your letter. . .) and my family moved to Sublimity around 1964-65 when I was 5 or 6. (we lived one year in Stayton prior to that). My mom was Elizabeth Eckes Kanzig, and her mother's maiden name was Catherine Ditter. Catherine's father was Frances, and it was his brother John Adam who came to Sublimity.

I have more Ditter information but it is mainly about the Ditters from Minnesota and Wisconsin. If my memory serves me right, John A. Ditter's brother and children (whose name I can't recall right now, were going to come to Sublimity, and the brother either died before they left from Fond du Lac, WI, or on the way to Oregon, and John A. and Catherine made it to Sublimity and ended up raising the brother's children. . . And it was one of these children that started Ditter's store . . .

I have a picture of our the house I grew up in, taken many years ago - see attached (and feel free to add it to your website!!) Yvonne Ditter gave this picture to my mom, I do not know the year it was taken . . .

I have actually looked at your website a number of times! I think it is great that you are doing that and if you think I can provide any information I would love to! Feel free to contact me anytime.

Thanks!

Karla Kanzig Stanton

(Mr. Stanton is not related to the early Stanton pioneers in the Sublimity area.)



The Sisters of St. Mary's visited here on August 16<sup>th</sup> as part of their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Sister Charlene presented the Sublimity Archives and Museum with a picture of all the Sisters at Beaverton. Vangie gave this to St. Boniface Church where it is now on display. Sister Patrice Lulay will put names to everyone in the photo. The visit was quite an event, two large busloads of "pilgrims" and numerous cars from the Beaverton and Portland areas including for example members of the Oregon Catholic Historical Society. They toured the Archives & Museum and the Cemetery of Holy Angels where many of the sisters' parents and at least one of the sisters were buried

Carol Zolkoske had personally put vases of flowers with cards out on the relevant headstones. We know this was appreciated by the sisters. Thank you, Carol. Thanks also to the ladies of St. Boniface church who provided historically themed afternoon snacks in the church hall.

Vangie Ripp talked about the Kintz family reunion which was held on August 21 and estimated that close to a hundred people from the reunion came to the museum.

Francis Hendricks will be picking up eleven display cases offered us by the Women in Agriculture in Polk County, Oregon. Francis also received a letter from Janet Wohl's parents, Dan and Karen Ann (Hendricks) Urman of Florence, Oregon, who plan to visit the Archives on October 9<sup>th</sup>, and the annual barbecue dinner the same Sunday. They included a photo of the family.

Dr. Raymond Heuberger brought a stack of picture frames for our use.

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### **August 16, 2011**

Present: Evangeline and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Elmer Etzel, George Susbauer

We reviewed last minute plans for the reception of the SSMO group in the afternoon.

Henry Strobel reported his so far unsuccessful effort to reach Karla Stanton by email. She had lived in Sublimity and knew of the Ditters and in particular Philip John Ditter, whom we had discussed at the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting in the context of the fine photo provided by Francis Hendricks.

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### **August 9, 2011**

Unfortunately the minutes for this meeting have been lost due to an error. I distinctly remember writing about the Aumsville Centennial with the speech by Mayor Harold White, the historical exhibits, the

flyovers by vintage aircraft, performances by the Oregon National Guard pipe Band and Color Guard, my opportunity to stand up straight with the other veterans, Centennial birthday cake, and music by the Cartwrights and Clevengers. Etc. If you find a copy let me know.  
Thanks, Henry Strobel



**August 2, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Present: Don Porter, Vangie Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Elmer Etzel

Henry made 2 copies for the archives of CD's of Father Paul's (pastor of St. Boniface church, Sublimity, 2005-2008) *Masses and Travels*, including material from his family home in India. He also brought a copy of Peter Joseph Ripp's "Sublimity Diary" with relevant highlighted portions that will go nicely with the copy of the group photo of the Stayton National Guard that Carol brought in the previous week.

Don Porter brought in, for viewing, a voluminous handwritten journal, volume 8, written by William Porter, Don's great-great grandfather. It was nicely written in ink in 1891, a day by day account of his covered wagon crossing to Oregon.

Don also brought in a notebook full of other interesting items, including a copy of letter written by William Porter, enroute to Oregon, to his father, David Porter, in 1848. Other items included old

copies of residential home plans and advertising. Also there was an original *Oregonian* dated Feb. 1945, featuring Mrs. Abigail Jane Scott Duniway. She was a suffragette movement leader for over forty years, a teacher, novelist, and newspaper editor, who met her husband at the end of the Oregon trail in 1852. (See *Journal of a Trip to Oregon* by Abigail Jane Scott.)

Francis Hendricks has been in contact with Janet U. Wohl, who may be coming to the meeting next week. Her mother is the grand-daughter of Francis' great-uncle Albert Hendricks.

Charlene will retype Joe Spenner's personal story about "moonshine" for the archives.

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**July 26, 2011 REVISED** Charlene Pierce has supplied substitute minutes for this meeting. Thanks!  
Present: Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Elmer Etzel  
Carol Zolkoske, Joe Spenner

Carol Zolkoske had gone to talk with Levita Christensen last week and came back with a large panoramic photo of the local Oregon National Guard, Company A of 1918. A nice clear copy, with most all of the ninety or so men's names labeled.

Joe Spenner typed a personal remembrance about "Moonshine" and submitted it to the archives. This will be filed with the previously acquired CD interview by Dr. Raymond Heuberger of once "professional moonshiner," Cocky Dozler.

There was a discussion about Joe's genealogy, and notes taken, as the archives contained nothing about his ancestors. A brief outline of his ancestry will be added to the many area family files.

Mention was made of the upcoming events:

A Kintz family reunion on August 21<sup>th</sup>

The Sisters coming on August 16<sup>th</sup>

The St. Boniface picnic on September 7<sup>th</sup>

The St. Boniface Chicken Dinner on October 9<sup>th</sup>

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**July 26, 2011** Unfortunately we don't have a record of this meeting. We did have a meeting, and a good one, but the minutes were misplaced. That's all I can say until we find them, but please note:

Tomorrow, August 3, 2011 is the Centennial Celebration of the town of Aumsville, our good neighbor. See you there!

Sunday, August 7, is the annual Church picnic in the park adjacent to the Archives & Museum in Sublimity, which will be open.

I have just published on our web site *A Letter written by William Porter enroute to Oregon, to his father, David Porter, in Pike County, Illinois in 1848*. No, this is not from the internet, but from the large collection of manuscripts that our own historian Donald Porter has from his famous pioneer-writer-ancestor. How to run a covered wagon!

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**July 19, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske.

Present: Vangie Ripp, Elmer Etzel, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks

Don Porter showed the group a copy of the *William Porter Oregon Trail Diary* from 1848 that he located on the Internet. He found the diary just by typing 'William Porter' into an Internet search. That's the way things work nowadays. Don has the original first book of the manuscript diary of his ancestor, which we plan to scan for our archives so researchers can read it in William Porters own handwriting.

Evangeline Ripp said she had just been reading on the internet an 1844 diary by Catherine Sanger Pringle, an immigrant to Salem, Oregon. Several place names in Salem are named after the Pringles.

Elmer Etzel reported on his book progress. The Stayton Woolen Mill story and his naval history are complete, but he is still working on his boyhood stories. These, we know hearing some of them will undoubtedly be the best parts.

Carol said that when the Sisters of St Mary's come to Sublimity to celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 16, it would be nice if we marked the graves of their parents in the church cemetery with flowers in vases.

Oregon Museum Association – Vangie has submitted our application.

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**July 12, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Elmer Etzel, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske Charlene Pierce

Vangie reported that the Archives was represented at the Silver Falls Days event on Saturday 7/09/11 and Sunday 7/10/11. The weather was beautiful and the park was very busy. The Archives had a table in the lodge. Vangie said the event was successful, and that she would be willing to go again next year if asked. Fred, Vangie, Don and Carol spent time at the table.

It was decided to go forward with the email address, [sublimityarchives@gmail.com](mailto:sublimityarchives@gmail.com). Carol set up the account. This e-mail address will be published through the Oregon Museum Association application as a general way for interested persons to contact the Archives & Museum with questions or information. Henry suggested that incoming emails could be automatically forwarded to members of the group who would like to be included. Carol reports that according to John Zolkoske, this is no problem. Anyone who wants to be on the forwarding list can supply Carol with an e-mail address, and she will set it up. A message will then be sent by Google asking the person to verify whether he or she really wants to receive e-mail forwards from [sublimityarchives@gmail.com](mailto:sublimityarchives@gmail.com). Click on the link provided to begin receiving the emails.

Vangie is proceeding to file our application with the Oregon Museum Association along with a check for \$75.00 for annual dues from the Archives & Museum funds.

Don brought some additional Etzel family history to share with Charlene, who is working with Elmer in finalizing his autobiographical book.

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**July 05, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Elmer Etzel, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks

Vangie said that about 20 people came to Fred's 60th class reunion from St. Boniface High School. She said that they enjoyed looking around the Archives & Museum very much. Some were there almost 2 hours looking at pictures and talking about the "good old days."

The group talked about the ancestry of Barbara Bourgeois Trimbor. Barbara traveled with her daughters Catherine and Mary Ditter from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to Sublimity around 1890. She was the widow of John Joseph Trimbor who died sometime between 1850 and 1860 in Wisconsin. Mary married Philip John Ditter and Catherine married his brother John Adam Ditter. Barbara Trimbor died in 1902 in Sublimity. She is buried in the cemetery at St. Boniface. There is also a stained glass window in St. Boniface Church with her name on it. Philip John Ditter died in 1877 in Wisconsin, reportedly as a result of Swamp Fever contracted as a result of serving in the Civil War. There is also a stained glass window in the church with Philip John's name. These two windows were most likely paid for by Catherine and John Adam Ditter. John became a successful store owner and druggist in Sublimity. He helped support his brother Philip's family and later on he welcomed another family member, his widowed sister Anna Maria Ditter Steffes and some of her children. Catherine and John had no children. Eventually John sold Ditters Store to his nephew John (Jack) Philip Ditter. Ditters Store was owned and operated by Jack's children and grand children until its closing.

Henry has suggested a description of our organization for use in our application to join the Oregon Museum Association (OMA). With the membership dues of \$75 per year, the Archives will be listed on their website. The group talked about a change in the name to more reflect the archives interest in early history of Sublimity and the area.

Henry also talked about improvements he is making to the website.

Don showed the group a picture of Joseph Heuberger and his nine surviving children. Ray will try to locate the original picture so we can make a good copy for the Archives.

Charlene has been doing research on the Etzel family to be used in Elmer's book that he has been writing about his life

Elmer suggested that we should do an interview with Marcel Vandriesche. He has lived in Stayton since the 1940's. He ran the Star Theater for many years and was also the mayor. We are hoping to be able to record an oral history interview with the 97 year old man of many accomplishments in the near future.

Elmer also brought in a Stayton Mail article from July 26, 1993. It was an Obituary story about Frank Studnicka (Studnick). Frank was a rodeo star for many years. Frank was a colorful and well liked character who entertained people with his stories until his death at age 90.

Vangie talked about the Archives having a table at the Historic Silver Falls Days July 9 and 10. The hours are from 10 am to 4 pm. Vangie and Fred will be there most of the time. Don and Carol also said they would volunteer some time as well.

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**June 28, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Elmer Etzel, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, George Susbauer

Vangie contacted Mary Owen of Our Town Magazine about doing an article about the Sisters of St. Mary's of Oregon and their anniversary celebration. On August 16, the Sisters and others will come to

Sublimity and Jordan to visit the places where the order was founded.

The group talked about a Retreat camp that was along the Breitenbush. This was a very popular place for many - especially altar servers. The chapel was built using timbers from the old St Boniface School. The camp was washed away by flooding in 1964. Today the site is part of Forest Service land. Only a homemade plywood plaque remains.

John Zolkoske made a CD from a tape recording that Ray Heuberger had of Cocky Dozler talking about how to make moonshine. Cocky made lots of moonshine during prohibition. This recording was made when he was about 90. He was still very cautious about revealing too much about the people who were also involved. If caught and convicted there would have been a prison sentence. Cocky was never caught. There is now a copy of the recording at the archives.

Elmer talked about his trip to St Petersburg, Florida for his WWII Naval ship reunion. He took a tour and was able to see Al Capone's winter mansion.

The archives received more pictures from Sue Hafner Sutton. Many of them were military pictures from WWII. They included Herb Lulay, Leonard Schumacher, Sylvester Etzel, and Adolf Etzel.

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**June 21, 2011** by Charlene Pietrok Pierce

Present: Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, Elmer Etzel, Fred and Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Dolores Morris, and Dave Holub.

Vangie has a membership form for the Oregon Museum Association. We are considering joining this organization for the recognition and publicity. The annual membership fee is \$75.

Vangie had received a copy of a CD that we can use in the museum, from Andy Nelson, pertaining to the History of Silver Creek Falls. Vangie had given Andy photos that may be used for Silver Falls events. She had an email conversation with Andy asking if it is ok for us to print and put this information in the archives. Andy thanked her for introducing him to Glenn Voltz, who is full of historical information. Andy also thanked Vangie for the photos pertaining to Silver Creek Falls for their use in their archives.

Vangie brought in an old photograph of mail delivery at an old store and post office, but it's not believed to be from Sublimity. She also had a photo of a chapel in the Breitenbush area. The chapel was a mission of Sublimity, established in 1940.

Vangie also purchased a frame to be used for memorials. Vangie and Fred brought some things down from upstairs, including items for the display of robes, as well as the quilt. Vangie also reminded us that the Sisters of St. Mary will be visiting here on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Carol Zolkoske is planning to meet with Elmer Etzel regarding some slides of the Paris Woolen Mill, where he had worked as a superintendent for his father, John Etzel. Carol had proposed making the slides into a DVD, that would include Elmer's narrative describing the machinery and processes involved in making wool products.

Elmer Etzel also brought a copy of a book (for show and tell), *Kamikaze Attacks of WWII – A Complete History of Japanese Suicide Strikes on American Ships, by Aircraft and Other Means* by Robin L. Reilly. Elmer also has a copy of the official ship's log of the U.S.S. Gosper that was given to him when he got off the ship. The title is simply, "APA 170."

Regarding WWII, Dave Holub, our guest, is looking for any information regarding his great Uncle, Roy

Trudgeon, who was a para-jumper in WWII. Dave has Roy's military medals, but doesn't know what unit, or even in what country Roy served. Charlene suggests checking with [www.militaryindexes.com/worldwartwo/](http://www.militaryindexes.com/worldwartwo/) (however, this requires payment membership, to access Ancestry.com) or [www.ww2paratroopers.com](http://www.ww2paratroopers.com) then click on "view my guestbook" and enter a name. There is also [www.military.com](http://www.military.com) where you must register before clicking on "buddy finder" and searching names.

There are quite a few family reunions planned this summer, including:  
The Duman family on July 27  
The Ditter family on July 30 at the Stayton Community Center  
The Kintz family on August 21  
and The Steffes family on August 15th (to be held in Wisconsin)

Dolores Morris brought a copy of her family's Steffes genealogy, from Alois (Ollie) Ebner. Dolores also talked about headstone cleaning, as they had had some stones professionally cleaned.

Francis brought in a picture of his great-great grandmother, Barbara Trimbor, who married Joseph Ditter (Francis' grandfather). Francis also found information on the little bottle that his son, Terry had unearthed in the cemetery renovation. It had the words, "Hynson Westcott Dunning" imprinted in the glass. It apparently came from a wholesale druggist, and probably contained mercurochrome, as it had a glass dropper inside.

Henry's son has purchased on EBAY an autograph book dated 1887 from Stayton for the Archives. Henry is publishing it on the Archives & Museum web site at <http://www.henrystrobels.com/saintboniface/archives.htm> as follows:

**NEW!** - Clarence Hill's Stayton School Autograph Book from 1887. Completely filled by his classmates and teachers with rhymes, greetings, or sayings typical of the time (1887-94). You have to read this great stuff! *Click on a page; back arrow to return; click another . . .*

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**June 14, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Elmer Etzel, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, Ted Shepherd

Henry noted that Ron Etzel mentioned the time capsule that he was placing in one of the brick columns that is part of the new fencing being constructed around the cemetery. We discussed time capsules and their present day diminished relevance.

There was a nice story in the Statesman Journal about the Scotts Mills Historical Society Museum and its director Margaret Gersch.

Vangie Ripp is going to check into the Archives becoming a member of the Oregon Museum Association.

Ted Shepherd stopped by to talk about Post Office research that he and another retired post office employee are doing. They are researching old post office sites. Last week they visited Mehama, and were able to find five previous post office sites on Ferry Street. He found the site of a post office of which the Archives has an old photograph. It was in a store about 1900. The building is now a private home. Ted talked with the owner who was a descendant of the Mulkeys who had run the store and post office. William Mulkey was the Postmaster in Mehama from 1900 to 1908 and his brother Columbus from 1914 to 1916. Ted has located photographs of three of the five post offices. In 2010, the Mehama post office was closed but the post office boxes were moved to Lyons. They were grandfathered and their owners can use the Mehama address until they close the box. Eventually, Mehama will cease to exist as a post office address in any form.

Elmer Etzel told us of the reunion he attended last week in St. Petersburg, Florida of the crew of the U.S.S. Gosper. It was a casualty evacuation ship in the Pacific until the end of World War II. There were only six men who were able to come to the reunion. Elmer brought along a CD of the song written to commemorate the Gosper. We made a copy.

Don Porter and Vangie Ripp informed us that a memorial had been made in the name of Walt Hafner for the benefit of the Archives. The Archives gratefully thanks the donor.

Vangie Ripp brought in memorabilia from the Holy Rosary Church in Crooked Finger, Oregon including a photograph of the church when it was built in 1921. Also a souvenir bottle of Lourdes water from the dedication.

Charlene Pierce brought in photographs by Wendell Freres of a logging train wreck. The log train was hauling timber for the Silver Falls Timber Co. The description that was with the photograph said the wreck was northeast of the Julius Tietze farm on Fern Ridge Rd. (the Burdick place), 1920 or 1921.

Judy Welter brought in photographs of St. Boniface School before it was Sublimity School. Patty Keaton, recently retired Sublimity school music teacher, gave the photos to Judy. The pictures date from the early part of the last century until about the 1950's.



*Evangeline, Don, Elmer, Charlene, and Francis. A few of the dozen committee members attending.*

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**June 07, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Charlene Pierce, George Susbauer, Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, Joe Spenner

Henry and Henry Jr. Strobel made a trip to Union Hill Cemetery last week and took a number of nice photographs, noting the many markers for early settlers in this area, many of them noted last week in *Ancestors of Glen Walter Morley* by Linda Morley, 2003. *The Morley, Heater, Carter, Patten, Scott, Given, and John Wheeler Thomas families*. Evangeline Ripp presented her *Sublimity Families Media Usage Report\_Index*.

Henry Jr. gave us a nice post card photograph of the Middle Falls at Silver Falls most likely taken in the 1930's.

Charlene put the Morley family history into a binder, indexing the different generations.

Sue Hafner Sutton gave a number of photographs including Herb Lulay, Lenny Schumacher, and others.

Andrew Nelson gave the Archives maps of Silver Falls City including where the houses were and who lived in them. Silver Falls City was removed in 1935 to make room for Silver Falls State Park. At 8,800

acres it is the largest state park in Oregon..

Ray Heuberger brought in a tape recording of Cocky Dozler talking about his moonshining days. Carol will make a CD copy for the Archives.

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**May 31, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Charlene Pierce, George Susbauer, Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, Elmer Etzel, George Gerspacher

George Gerspacher gave photographs of the renovation of the priest's graves in the old part of the cemetery next to the church. The priests are Anthony Lainck 1865-1927, Francis Scherbring 1890-1935, and Joseph Scherbring 1888-1955.

Vangie received a reply to her email from Sister Charlene, SSMO about Reverend Valentine Moffenbeier. He was the Chaplain at Maryville (near Beaverton, Oregon) in the 1970's and he wrote a newsletter regarding his ministry. We recently mentioned several of these newsletters as being reproduced in the *St. Boniface Parish History Project* on the Archives web page.

Rita brought in photographs of her father Adam Susbauer and her uncle Roman Kintz. Taken sometime in the 1930's, they are at the old baseball park in Sublimity near the Bill Lulay place. Henry has added these to the article

Charlene showed a picture of Helen Freres and John Etzel's wedding picture taken on May 20, 1919.

Henry Strobel presented a 110 page printout of Linda Morley's *Ancestors of Glen Walter Morley by Linda Morley, 2003. The Morley, Heater, Carter, Patten, Scott, Given, and John Wheeler Thomas families*. Charlene Pierce will assemble this into a display binder with tabs and protective mylar sleeves.

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**May 24, 2011** by Charlene Pietrok Pierce

Present: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Joe Spenner, Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, Elmer Etzel, George Susbauer, and Ted Shepard, Pres. of the Aumsville, Oregon Historical Society

Henry Strobel had transcribed a manuscript list of church construction expenses from 1885 as part of a web publication project, which we discussed as a matter of interest and accuracy. Don Porter brought a copy of a newspaper article from the *Stayton Mail* of December, 1922 telling of a surprise birthday party for George Etzel.

Ted Shepard explained that the "surprise" guest at the Aumsville Historical Society was Loraine Mathews, historian. Ted brought copies of their new book, *The Centennial of Incorporation, Aumsville, OR 1911 – 2011*. The books are for sale for \$15 each. One was purchased for the St. Boniface Archives.

Ted also talked about the coming celebration of the Centennial of the City of Aumsville on Aug. 3. There will be a fiddler's concert, a parade, photo contest, cake and punch and more, in conjunction with the Aumsville Corn Festival. There will be more details coming and available online at: [www.aumsville.us](http://www.aumsville.us).

This series of emails just in -

Henry,

I was so delighted when I ran across your website for the first time yesterday.

I have been researching my Marion County ancestors for nearly 30 years. I am a descendant of the Morley, Heater, Carter, Patten, Scott, Given, and John Wheeler Thomas families.

I have a lot of information I would love to share with you if you like. . .

<http://www.henrystrobels.com/saintboniface/archives.htm>

[the St. Boniface Archives web site, the first item under OTHER PUBLICATIONS hs]

I have an extensive collection of photos, some of which are posted at

[http://www.pbases.com/llmjls/morley\\_and\\_heater&page=all](http://www.pbases.com/llmjls/morley_and_heater&page=all)

My great-grandmother, Pearl Pottorff Heater, was an avid photographer, and my uncle Charles Morley loaned her photos to me so I could scan them all. She took photos of a number of outings with Union Hill families.

I was also able to copy the few photos my great-uncle Dolph Morley had. Most of them are of the Carter and John Wheeler Thomas families.

My husband is a descendant of the Robinette & Powell families of Linn County. Some of his family moved to Baker City during the mining boom. His grandparents honeymooned at Silver Creek Falls in 1911 and we have some photos from that trip, when the hills around South Falls were denuded of trees.

Yesterday I read Tony Beitel's story about Adolph Heater to my dad (Glen Morley). He had a comment about it which I'll copy below.

Thank you so much for the wonderful work you are doing for this community.

Blessings,  
Linda Morley

"The largest herd of sheep in the area was Adolph Heater's. His herd was around 1,000 sheep... his operation was around Drift Creek. Besides sheep, Adolph Heater was also a bootlegger during Prohibition. He got \$10 a gallon. They carried 2 bottles at a time so they could hit them together and destroy the evidence if they were caught." Source: Tony Beitel, speaking at a meeting at the St. Boniface Archives, Sublimity, Marion Co., Oregon.

ADDED NOTE: Dolph Heater's grandnephew, Glen Morley, who lived nearby, says it is unlikely that Dolph was bootlegging and he never heard that he was. However another neighbor, Dave Pottorff, the brother-in-law of Dolph's brother Charlie Heater, was a well-known bootlegger in the community. He had a still in the top of his chicken house and would toss the mash out to the chickens (one wonders if the chickens became alcoholic...). He bottled his moonshine in half-gallon bottles and transport into Salem as many bottles as would fit on the floor behind the front seat of his old Chevy. He parked near the Salem Police Station, surmising that it was the "safest place in town." The jars were set in someone's bathtub and sold from there. In the event they were discovered, the jars could be quickly broken and all the evidence disappeared down the drain. Source: Interview with Glen W. Morley at his home, 28 May 2011.

To which I replied:

Dear Linda,

Thanks for your kind note, which I will pass along to our members at the next Tuesday morning meeting .

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I'm sure we would like a family history for our archives - maybe a hard copy and/or CD/DVD. And maybe I could excerpt some parts for our web site? Our regular meetings are 9-noon Tuesdays - maybe you can visit - or arrange another time.

Kind regards,  
Henry Strobel

Linda replied:

Good morning, Henry,  
I have attached a document I put together several years ago of my Dad's ancestors. It hasn't been updated since 2003, but has a lot of information about Sublimity/Stayton-area families . . .  
Linda

I replied:

THANK YOU, Linda,

What a superb document! Certainly one of the best I have seen. I just scanned through it (it took quite a while to just turn all the pages), and am most impressed by your care and thorough scholarship. With your permission I am putting it on the St. Boniface web site  
<http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archives.htm>  
(the first item under OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

Henry Strobel

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**May 17, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Elmer Etzel, Rita Young, Francis Hendricks

It was reported that Charlene Pierce delivered to Tony Beitel the framed picture of him in his military uniform. The picture had been signed by everyone who attended his 102nd birthday party.

Henry Strobel said that he had published the *St. Boniface Parish History Project* on the Archives web page. Here is its introduction there:

This is a selected series of excerpts from the voluminous *St. Boniface Parish History Project* prepared by Diane Welter of St. Boniface parish, Sublimity, Oregon. Its purpose was originally to show that local church property belonged to the parish, not the archdiocese. I omitted some of the less interesting or redundant material, photos, and long lists of private donations. The complete document can be seen in the St. Boniface Archives. It has the benefit of making more of our history accessible, and from another perspective .

This report had been generated at the request of the Portland Archdiocese re the bankruptcy case going on at the time. It covers most aspects of the St Boniface church and other parish buildings. Such information (like history in general) is easily forgotten, and it's good to read of the dedication and high regard the church members had for their little church. This is still true for present day members, many

of whom are descendants of those early members. An example is the beautiful stained glass windows - five on each side. They were donated when the church was built and inscribed as follows.

Gift of William VanHandel Family.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Boedigheimer.

In memory of Mr. Philip Ditter.

In memory of Frank and Anna Etzel.

Young Ladies of Sodality.

Donated by the League of the Sacred Heart.

In memory of Rev. Jos Fessler.

In memory of Mr. Ernest Becker.

Donated by Members of the Altar Society.

In memory of Wenzel and Anna Doerfler.

There is a recent addition to the stained glass windows. We see above the front doors of the church the patron of the parish, St Boniface, created by Gary and Nancy Swanson of Mill City.

The report ends with five short articles by Rev. Valentine Moffenbeier, the editor of *Sunshine and Shadows* [published by V&V Publisher]. Their inclusion here seems almost gratuitous until we see how apt they are to show the connection between the parish and the sisters in the history of their new order and their residence in the several convent buildings provided by St. Boniface church, including the former Sublimity College – which also served as its second church building.

They were written about 1973-74 by an observer and admirer with a penchant for pithiness and humor. We are glad Diane included them. Fr. Moffenbeier signed his articles "Capellanus," his Latin pseudonym for chaplain. I'm sure we'll learn more about him. In the meantime you can read all this on the Archives web pages.

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**May 10, 2011** - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Carol Zolkoske, Henry Strobel, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, Don Porter, Charlene, Pietrok, Elmer Etzel, Joe Spenner

A birthday party was held for Tony Beitel last weekend. It was his 102nd. The party was held at Debbie and John Beitel's. Henry made a copy of a photograph of Tony in his military uniform and everyone who was at the party signed it. It was a great souvenir of a happy event. A copy was also made for the Archives.

Vangie and Fred Ripp went to the Oregon Catholic Historical Society Spring event on May 7. It was held at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Portland. Tim Corbett superintendent of Archdiocesan cemeteries made a presentation. Self guided tours were also a part of the day. There were about 25 in attendance.

Erin Marshall, a junior at Regis High School also read her essay *Sisters of Providence Hospitals; a Humble Beginning*. Erin has the honor of being the first winner in the newly revamped OCHS essay contest. Congratulations as well to her teacher at Regis, Chip O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien took his Catholic History class to many of the local churches and other religious sites including St. Boniface Archives here. We thank Mr. O'Brien for showing our young people the part the Catholic Church has played in local and Oregon history.

Charlene Pierce reported that Greg Laux has repaired the computer. It is connected to the internet

again. Thanks for arranging that, Charlene.

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**May 03, 2011** 10-12 noon by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Evangeline Ripp, Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Elmer Etzel, Rita Young, Margaret Hendricks, Ted Sheppard, Virginia Basl Peters.

Margaret Hendricks came in to look up information in one of the old Lady Foresters record books.

Virginia Peters donated a book written by Joyce Fery Ashley. It is a history of the Bruno Boedigheimer Sr. family. We are pleased to add it to our growing archives.

It's natural to be curious about where the old decorations in St. Boniface Church came from. Here are some things we found:

The Baptismal Font, a gift of the Lady Foresters in Feb. 1923, then cost \$232. The first babies baptized in it were twins Anna Hendricks Wolf and Leonard Hendricks in Oct. 1923.

St. Anthony statue, a gift of Vincent and Marie Pietrok

Standing angels with lights, a gift of Joseph and Katharine Etzel

Two Holy Water fonts, Peter and Philomena Etzel

Adoring Angel, Young Ladies Sodality

Pieta, Young Ladies Sodality

St. Theresa statue, Frank Bell, 1911

Sacred Heart statue, Mr. And Mrs. J. A. Ditter, 1913

Items donated by Bruno Boedigheimer Sr., 1891:

Blessed Virgin statue

St. Joseph statue

Mass Book

Chalice

Benediction Set

Altars, built in 1907 by Engelbert Gier

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**April 27, 2011** – 10-11:30 AM by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Elmer Etzel, Charlene Pierce, George Susbauer, Linda Bruce, Lorraine Duchateau Bruce

George Susbauer said that he visited with his aunts on Easter who are Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon in Beaverton. He said there was a wonderful display of photographs of the Sisters throughout the years. The display is to commemorate their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Vangie showed the group a book she recently acquired called "*Pioneer Catholic History of Oregon*" written by Edwin V. O'Hara – St. Anthony Guild Press – Patterson New Jersey 1939.

Charlene has been talking to Greg Laux about our computer that seems to need major work. Greg has been kind enough to repair the computer in the past. The Archive Committee has discussed replacing the computer as it is a vital necessity in our work. This proves cost prohibitive at the present time.

Elmer Etzel brought in a picture of some of the members of the Freres family, including Peter Freres Sr, Peter Freres Jr, Wendell Freres, and T.G. "Ted" Freres.

Don Porter donated articles from the Stayton Mail from 1922. They were about the German communities in Russia who were suffering from the lack of food. The campaign to collect money for food in the Sublimity and Stayton area was headed by local farmers George A. Etzel, Peter T. Etzel, and A.K. Lambrecht. The article said that \$60 (equivalent to \$749 in today's dollars) was collected and donated to feed the people of Pfeifer, Russia, where the Etzel and Lambrecht families emigrated. These families emigrated to Pfeifer, Kansas. The Germans from Russia have a unique story to tell and many local families are a part of this important history. Read the articles on our web site.

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**April 19, 2011** - 9:00 to 11:30AM by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Tony Beitel, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Rita Young, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Elmer Etzel, Charlene Pierce

Rita Young said that her father Adam Susbauer worked for Philip Glover Jr. on his farm on weekdays when he was a young man.

Henry Strobel has been learning about cemeteries in the area. He and Henry Jr. had located the Glover Cemetery using satellite imagery and were heading in the right direction in the middle of a field when the rainstorm arrived.

We noted an article in the *Catholic Sentinel* for April 15 - May 5 about the renovation work being done on the St Boniface Cemetery of Holy Angels. It also contained a fine photo by Denny Barnes.

Don Porter showed us a scrapbook that his father Kenneth Porter put together during the 1970's Don said he will make a copy for the archives.

Elmer Etzel has a lot of slides of the Paris Woolen Mill where he worked as superintendent for his father John Etzel for many years. Carol Zolkoske proposed making these slides into a DVD that would include Elmer describing the machinery and processes involved in making wool products.

Carol is going to make a presentation on early Stayton, Oregon at the Santiam Senior Center on May 9. It will be free and open to the public starting at 11:00AM.

Tony's Beitel's 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday is on May 7. Happy Birthday, Tony!

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**April 12, 2011** - 9:00 to 11:30AM by Carol Zolkoske

Present Al Dozler, Carol Zolkoske, Henry Strobel, Vangie Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Sharon Barnes, Elmer Etzel

Henry Strobel has updated our main website introduction.

Henry Strobel Jr. found a postcard photo (circa 1907) on the internet of the then newly constructed Foresters Hall in Sublimity. It shows a kerosene lamp on a post of the kind that were manually lighted every evening. We think someone is going to donate one of these to our museum.

The Glover family history article (wagon train Sublimity settlers of 1849) on our website has been updated to include the Stantons.

We plan to take a road trip(s) to some of the nearby cemeteries, for example the Glover family cemetery, just north of Sublimity, and the Campbell - Grier (Stayton Pioneer Cemetery) just to the southeast.

Our new guest, Al Dozler, told us about the Dozler family. He said that his grandfather John Dozler came from Nebraska about 1913. He got off the train in Kingston, just south of Stayton, bought a farm there and later sold it to John Fery. That land is still owned and farmed by the Fery family. The sons of John were all interested in music and played as a band in the area. Walter "Honk" Dozler gave accordion lessons to Elmer Etzel.

Charlene Pierce made a recording of Al telling his story. It will soon be available in the Archives .

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**April 5, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Rita Young, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Sharon Barnes, Elmer Etzel, Charlene Pierce, Velma Russel, Lori Preimsverg

Don Porter reported that with a bequest from the now inactive Foresters organization and help from the Knights of Columbus and lots of volunteer labor improvements are in progress at the Cemetery of Holy Angels adjoining St. Boniface church. A new fence will go completely around the new and old parts of the cemetery. There will be a new lighting system and the grave grouping of the three pastors, Fathers Anthony Lainck, Francis Scherbring, and Joseph Scherbring, will be renovated. The work is expected to be completed by Memorial Day. (This information was in answer to a query from the *Catholic Sentinel* newspaper.)

Henry passed around printouts of several new or updated features from the Archives web site including the annotated photograph collection of the Sublimity baseball team of the 1930s and 40s managed by Bill Lulay - and well populated with additional Lulays.

Vangie and Fred visited Bob Cremer who gave them an extensive photo collection including the Trappist Monks who settled for several years in Jordan, Oregon. One photo is of a group of the exiled French monks as they were leaving Louisville, Kentucky for Jordan in 1903. (See the excellent article on this community in the NEWSPAPER AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS section on the Archives web site.) There is also a 1906 picture of St. Patrick's church in Lyons, Oregon, several miles up the Santiam canyon from Sublimity.

Sharon Barnes has compiled a book on the Independence School (Coon Hollow Road, Sublimity) from the 1870's to its closing in 1946. The pictures are mostly from the 1930's from Tom Basl.

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**March 29, 2011** by Charlene Pierce

Present: Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Fred and Vangie Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Rita

Young, Elmer Etzel, Sharon Barnes, Velma Lulay Russell, Ken Susbauer, and George Susbauer.

Velma said that Stella Neal knows who the baseball players are in the photos she brought last week, and she will return the original photos, along with some enlarged copies, to her and try to collect those names for us. Velma also brought in four wooden carpentry planes, originally belonging to Hal Russell (Gene Russell's father).

Sharon Barnes made a copy of some information on the Coon Hollow School per a request by Ted Shepard of the Aumsville Historical Society. We will file a copy as well..

A token from Ed Meier's Sublimity tavern in "good for 5 cents in trade" was donated by Robert F. Ripp. (Nothing is too small for our museum; small is good!)

Vangie Ripp is in contact with Mary Mutschler Vannoy, who is 81 years old and says that she has some things to donate.

Henry Strobel reported on several email inquiries that he has handled. He also mentioned a new photo feature that he has just published on our Archives web site in the ILLUSTRATED FEATURES AND REFERENCES section titled *Baseball - the National Pastime - in Sublimity!*

Henry also presented the archives with a book he had just acquired, *Three Frontiers, Family, Land, and Society in the American West, 1850 to 1900*, by Dean May, Cambridge University Press, 1994. It examines the history and sociology of the first settlers in the Sublimity- Waldo Hills area (Hunts, Glovers, Steeves, etc.) in addition to and in comparison with two other frontiers in Utah and Idaho. This is a major reference cited by Beth VanVeen in her *Sublimity: Shared Visions in a Rural Community, Thesis at Willamette U. 2008*, which she researched with us and which is to be read in the SOME OF OUR PUBLICATIONS section.

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**March 22, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Joe Spenner, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Tony Beitel, Rita Young, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Sharon Barnes, Elmer Etzel, Charlene Pierce, Velma Russel

Vangie Ripp said a number of books had arrived from the St. Boniface Rectory. Most are from the 1990s. These will be reviewed for possible retention.

Francis Hendricks donated another collection of Sublimity related newspaper clippings. Charlene made a couple of large printed information posters to go on the hall wall outside the Archives office. We are planning to get an exterior waterproof sign.

Velma Lulay Russell brought in a number of photographs she borrowed from Stella Neal. The most interesting were several of the Sublimity baseball team taken around 1940. We were able to identify most of the players. Sharon Barnes said she would ask her brother, Dave Neilson, who runs [staytonevents.com](http://staytonevents.com), to put up the photos in case someone might identify the rest. Other pictures she showed us were of Nick Heuberger and Bill Lulay, logging pictures, and old cars. Charlene Pierce will scan these for the archives collection, and Henry Strobel will likely use some of them on our web site. Here's one we've been looking for! (See next page.)

Sharon brought in her large photograph album with many pictures of the Basl family. One photo was of Independence School #43 with new outhouses.

Finally, Joe Spenner gave a strikingly successful demonstration of a couple of small boomerangs he made from cardboard! He's always done such things working with youth (and now seniors).

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**March 15, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Charlene Pierce, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Elmer Etzel, Ted Shepard, George Susbauer, Rita Young

Francis donated a large number of newspaper articles, etc., about the Sublimity area.

Ted Shepard donated a copy of a book by Sarah Hunt Steeves called *Book of Remembrances of Marion County Oregon Pioneers 1840-1860*. The book was written in 1927. Sarah Hunt Steeves was a direct descendent of the Hunt family, but was also related to many other families in the Waldo Hills area. Thanks to her dedication and hard work, she was able to put together a collection of stories of dozens of men and women who came to Oregon starting in 1840.

Elmer Etzel entertained the Archives group with another chapter of his wartime experiences.

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**March 8, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Charlene Pierce, Sharon Barnes, Fred Schwindt, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Elmer Etzel, Mike Hafner, Ted Shepard, Ray Heuberger, John Zolkoske, George Susbauer, Rita Young,

The Friends of Silver Falls State Park talked to Vangie about the Archives having a display during Historic Silver Falls Days – July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Vangie and Fred went to a book sale at the Salem YMCA and bought 30 Oregon Historical Quarterly publications going back as far as 1942, and donated to the Archives.

Sharon Barnes donated an historical article from the *Stayton Mail* from April 27, 1978.

Mike Hafner identified some people in the wedding picture of Peter J. Etzel and Bertha Hendricks. There are John Hafner, Barbara Burghardt Hafner holding baby Adeline Hafner.

These have been “painted” into the large photo on the web. Charlene is going to try to find some family history about Anna Margaret Hafner who was married to Andrew Lambrecht.

Charlene will make a sign for the Archives outside door which is found in the entry hall.

Ted Shepard shared stories about early Post Offices in the area. He told very interesting stories about the early delivery of mail in the Waldo Hills area.

Henry Strobel described and demonstrated some of the things we are doing in our computer and on our website. A couple of examples:

1. Evangeline Ripp, our archivist (and president) adds to and maintains our inventory (What's in the Archives?) in our computer using the program LibreOffice Writer. She then emails a copy to Henry who updates it in his computer and on the web site. Should he make any change he emails it to her. Thus we operate in a consistent loop, including backups.

2. Henry continues to maintain our web site, which carries this statement:

#### About **saintboniface.net**

This internet domain was registered in 2002 by Henry Strobel with the concurrence of St. Boniface Pastor Patrick Donoghue.

It is created, maintained, and hosted gratis by Henry Strobel on **henrystrobel.com**, the web server of Henry Strobel & Sons.

It includes numerous sub-pages totaling about 200 Mb, all hand coded in clean, efficient xhtml. Would you like to help to put more of our archives onto the web? Let us know if you encounter broken links or other problems, thanks. Email: [books@henrystrobel.com](mailto:books@henrystrobel.com)

As an example of the new items continually being added to the Archives web page, go to [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net) and click on Archives and Museum. Scroll down to the first item in MORE ILLUSTRATED FEATURES AND REFERENCES, and explore

*"The Stayton Hotel, Stayton, Oregon, a turn of the century photo essay"*

[Sorry, you can't click on the links above – copy and paste them into your browser.]

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**March 1, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Sharon Barnes, Elmer Etzel, Mike Hafner, Ted Shepard

Elmer lent us a wonderful picture of the Stayton Hotel from 1903. It has a lot of information written on the back. Henry is going to put it on the website. The hotel was on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and Ida St.

Carol got a call from a lady from Dallas, Texas who was looking for information about a hymnal she saw listed in "What's in the archives." The book was published in 1913 and is for the most part in German. Vangie does a terrific job of documenting everything that comes into the archives.

Ted Shepard, president of the Aumsville, Oregon Historical Society stopped by to drop of a list of local museums and to get some information about the Silver Falls City post office.

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**Feb 22, 2011** by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Evangeline Ripp, Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce, Carol Zolkoske, Sharon Barnes, Elmer Etzel.

Vangie has been in contact with Margie Tate-White and had asked her about Tate family history. The Tate family came to Oregon by wagon train on the Oregon Trail in the 1840s. They have a long history in the Sublimity area predating the influx of Catholic midwesterners in the 1870s. Vangie is also looking into getting a copy of the Scott family history, also from the wagon train pioneer era. Both would be wonderful additions to the Archives.

Sharon has added more photographs to her Basl family history book. These are pictures that her grandfather took in Stayton. Sharon has also updated the Basl family tree.

Charlene has been working on drafts of Elmer's stories for his book. She gave him copies of the stories in a binder. Elmer talked a lot about the Paris Woolen Mill which his father John Etzel owned for many years, and where Elmer also worked. Over the years, Elmer collected a lot of information on

the Paris Woolen Mill. This information will greatly increase the Archives' holdings on this important area of local history.

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**February 15, 2010** - 10:00AM to 11:00 AM by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, George Susbauer, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Sharon Nielson Barnes, Velma Lulay Russell

Velma Lulay Russell is writing a book about her life growing up in Sublimity. She also donated a small altar cloth that Father Gadbois gave her ca. 1970.

Velma said that she is able to help identify students in the St. Boniface School pictures from around 1943.

Francis donated an as new bookmark made of "burlap." It was made by the Sisters of St. Mary's to commemorate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It has the date 1886 to 1986. The bookmark is emblazoned with the words "Sisters of St. Mary's -out of strands you weave a fabric."

Sharon Neilson Barnes showed us a family history book about her father's side of her family. Her father is Donald Charles Neilson. The material covers the Nielsons, Herbs, VanDomelens, Van Akens and Schwyharts.

Sharon has done an amazing job of intertwining the history of the world into writings about her family. This includes stories of ancestors who were in the "New World" by 1684. Other ancestors were in the Civil War. It is a well-done family history but also a good read for anyone interested in general history.

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**February 08, 2010** - 10:00AM to 11:00 AM by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Rita Young, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Don Porter, Elmer Etzel, George Susbauer

Duane Bradley donated an overview 1949 newspaper article about Sublimity, *New Buildings Add to Stature of Valley City*. Henry has published it on the archives website.

At the request of St. Boniface church Henry created a panel ad for the *Portland Catholic Sentinel* congratulating the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of their order here in Sublimity. Thanks to Denny Barnes for the use of his photo.

## **Congratulations to Our Friends, the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon**

St. Boniface Church is pleased to share in the celebration on Tuesday, August 16, of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of their order.

### *Festivities and tours*

9 am at  
Our Lady of  
Lourdes  
Church  
in Jordan

and

2 pm at St.  
Boniface  
Archives &  
Museum in  
Sublimity



After its beginnings in Jordan the order was founded right here in Sublimity in 1887. Most of the Sisters were from Jordan and Sublimity.

Henry Strobel Jr sent in several antique items of interest from the Silverton area.

Rita, Frances and Fred identified people holding candles in a Solemn Communion photograph from 1937. Most were from the 1941 graduating class of St. Boniface High School: Evelyn Kremer Miotke, Robert Toepfer, Ben Spenner, Bernard Lulay, Leonard Hendricks, Harold Etzel, Ray Rauscher, John Kintz, Bernice Ripp, Gene Laux, Lenard Schumacher, Marcella Neitling Bindle, Marguerite Heuberger Gorman, Ida Riesterer Welz, Anna Hendricks Wolf, Mary Gerspacher Williams.

Charlene visited with Elmer Etzel. She has been typing and editing his stories for the book he is writing.

## **§**

**February 1, 2010** - 10:00AM to 11:00 AM by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Don Porter, Sharon Barnes, Elmer Etzel,

Fred Ripp reported that his 60th class anniversary from St. Boniface is coming in June. Along with other activities, the class also plans to visit the Archives.

Carol said that while looking at the photographs of the Lambrecht family she came across a photo of Sister Dorothy. Don thought that Sister Dorothy was a daughter of Joseph and Mary Mauer Lambrecht. Carol will be looking for more information.

Elmer read us a story he has been working on about the day he was born. Elmer was born in 1920 on the home place on Fern Ridge road. His parents were John and Helen Freres Etzel. Charlene plans to visit Elmer this week, meet his daughter, and help edit a book he is writing about his life.

Sharon Nielson Barnes gave the Archives a history of the Basl family . Sharon is the daughter of Donald and Luella Basl Nielson. Sharon has done an amazing amount of research on her great grandparents. She intertwines the early story of the family and German history. But the main part of the story is about her grandmother Bertha Ippisch Basl. Sharon lived with her grandmother for two years as her caretaker and her grandmother shared her life story. Although Bertha's life was not remarkable there is much insight into life on Coon Hollow. Her life, like most from her generation was about hard work, sacrifice, care, and love. Sharon has done a terrific job and the Archives thanks her for the donation.

An e-mail was received by Vangie from Karlene Santibanez who is a member of the Aumsville Historical Society and an avid researcher. She listed 46 family names she has researched or has information about in the Stayton area. Most are very early settlers in this area. She is willing to share her information and can be contacted at [karlene@wavecable.com](mailto:karlene@wavecable.com).

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**January 18, 2011** – 9-11:45 am by Carol Zolkoske

Present: Evangeline Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, George Susbauer, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Joe Spenner, and Carol Zolkoske.

Andrew K. Nelson writes a newsletter for the Friends of Silver Falls State Park. In the early part of the last Century Silver Falls City was a small town logging camp that sat near the falls. In the 1930's the state of Oregon bought the falls and the town. The town was vacated and most of its residents moved to either Silverton or the Sublimity area. Today the only things that remain are a few old apple trees at the site. He wrote us recently:

“. . . I'm Andy Nelson. I write and edit the quarterly Silver Falls Newsletter for Friends of Silver Falls Park. I am doing a series of articles on the history of the Silver Falls area from the late 1800s and early 1900s.. I am basing the history mostly on *We Were There*, a collection of interviews and writings Blanche Sweger, the founder of Friends of Silver Falls, obtained from people who lived in the area or knew about life there. Eventually, I hope to put the articles together into a small publication to sell in the Nature Store at the park to satisfy the desire park visitors have expressed for a history of the park. Selling it would also help fund Friends of Silver Falls in its mission to support the park. I am writing an article for the next issue of the newsletter on the food residents of the area consumed. This includes how they got their food: raising and growing it on their land, hunting and fishing, harvesting berries, and so on. Another way they got their food was from Ditter's Store. Several people who contributed historical information to Blanch Sweger mentioned Ditter's store and deliveries made to Silver Falls residents.

May I use the photograph posted on your website of the Ditter store?"

(of course we agreed.)

"Thank you very much for your reply and your permission. I will send you a copy of the newsletter when it comes out, probably mid-February (circulation about 120). The book may need up to a year to finish. Will send you a copy of it also. I will mark the picture "Copyright 2004 St. Boniface Archives & Museum."

To celebrate the Sisters of St. Mary's of Oregon 125th anniversary, the Sisters have been planning a few day trips. Sister Catherine Hertel has been in touch with Vangie Ripp about a summertime visit to Sublimity. The Sisters plan to bring one or two bus loads of people from Beaverton to Jordan and

Sublimity. This will start at 9 am in Jordan on Tuesday, August 16, 2011. They will visit the church and cemetery and have lunch. Then by 2:00PM they will be in Sublimity to tour the Archives & Museum and the old convent building which some used to call home. Later they will have a prayer service at St. Boniface church. We are very pleased to be a part of this happy occasion. There is a lot of information already in the Archives about the history of the Sisters, their beginnings in Jordan and the founding of their order in Sublimity. But over the next couple of months we'd like to expand this. If you have any photographs or stories please consider sharing them.

Joe Spenner spent this morning looking at dozens of unmarked family photographs. We're lucky that he remembers so many in the photographs. Some families are not so lucky. Get out your box of family pictures and with help from senior family members try to identify them and write the names on the back in no.2 pencil. We live in amazing times many our older family members have their pictures taken in long skirts and high button shoes. Their later pictures show them in contemporary clothing in all sorts of interesting places.

From our editor/webmaster:

As usual, Henry read the previous **Archives Record** installment and then proceeded to discuss some organizational matters and suggestions about combining and reconciling data in the Archives computer and in several committee members' personal computers, the object being better data backup and accessibility.

An important example is our internet web site, [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net), and the several sub pages, such as archives, history of Sublimity, etc. Henry takes care to preserve this structured data (html, pdf, jpg, text documents, server maintenance, etc.) for continuous international access and eventual (but not imminent!) transfer to a successor webmaster.

Most text documents used on the web were first generated in *WordPerfect* format and then exported for web display in the universal portable document format (pdf). We now write and edit these text documents in *odt* format to avoid orphaned documents from format obsolescence.

The universal standard open document format is that of the free *OpenOffice*, now *LibreOffice*. Vangie will be maintaining her important "What's in the Archives?" document in *odt* for compatibility with the web files. Others will have for the time being some databases and spreadsheets in proprietary (Microsoft) formats, but the *LibreOffice* suite is compatible with them, and it will be used on the main Archives computer.

We also need to plan for a new archives computer to replace the quite old and slow one we now have. What a good idea for a donation!

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Present: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Tony Beitel, Joe Spenner, Frances Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, George Susbauer, Sharon Barnes, Elmer Etzel, Wayne Stedronsky

Elmer Etzel, great-great grandson of George Etzel who came to Sublimity by way of Russia and Kansas, stopped by to share stories about his life. He talked about his boyhood in Sublimity, his service in the Navy in World War II, his musical career, and his interest in horses. At 90 years of age,

Elmer is still going strong and has lots of stories to share. He's busy writing a book about his life. If the two hours we spent with him is any indication this will be a great book. We hope to do a video interview.

*Note: We now have free copies of the Sisters of St. Mary's of Oregon 2011 calendars and their magazine for the Winter of 2010-11. Very high quality productions.*

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**January 4, 2011** - 9-11:30 am by Charlene Pietrok Pierce

Present: Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, George Susbauer, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, and Carol Zolkoske.

Don Porter had an obituary from the *Oregon Statesman-Journal*, for Charles Thornton Coffey of Albuquerque, NM. He was born in Salem, Jan. 31, 1929, and is related to the Etzels through his wife, Doris Etzel.

Don pointed out a number of related items in the book, *Oregon Marion County St. Barbara's Cemetery, Vol. II*.

Henry noted an excellent color photo of St. Boniface church that he found on the web. He has written the photographer and copyright holder, Denny Barnes, for permission to use it, which he has graciously given. Thanks! See it on the Archives web page.

We continue to try to put names to faces on an old photograph that is probably from the early 1900's. (See Minutes, December 21, 2010 below.) It is a wedding photo with a large crowd of people needing names. It is probably from the wedding of Peter J. "Black Pete" Etzel and Bertha Hendricks. We have marked this with additional tentative names and plan to post it on the Archives web site, with the hope that someone can confirm or add identifications of those in the picture.

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