



WINTER HOURS: SATURDAY 10:00- 4:00  
490 SMITH STREET  
HARRISBURG, OR 97446

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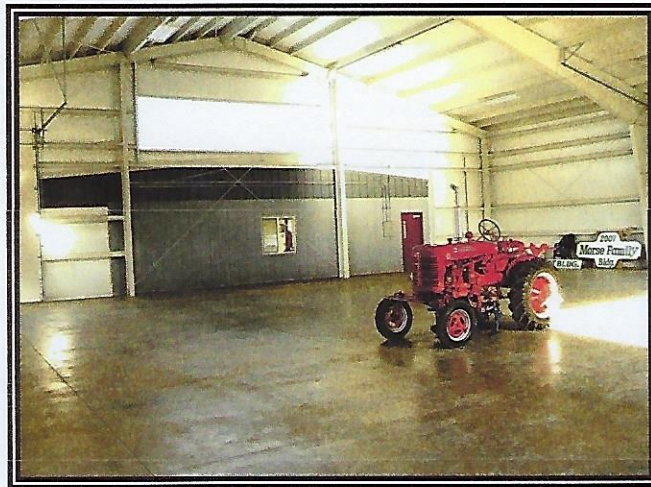
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*To all our faithful contributors*

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THE major activity for this year was the construction of the Morse Family Building. We still have some finishing up to do and we want to add some walks and exterior landscaping. But we have some 'memorial funds' money that we expect to use for that purpose. The total cost, as of now, is \$241,414.52. (I know...it is hard to believe!) This building was dedicated to the people of the Harrisburg Community during this years Fourth of July Celebration.



This is the new building as it nears completion. It was fully funded by the Morse Family. This means we still retain most of the money contributed for that purpose in the past. We pledge careful use of this resource. Your generous contributions have made it possible for the Harrisburg Area to have one of the

finest small town museums in the state. Thanks...and congratulations.

Another project that has not required a lot of money but a lot of labor is the upgrading of the kitchen area in the house. Lots of painting and the re-doing of exhibits has taken place and it really looks nice. Stop in and check it out. Unfortunately, we do not have a current picture to show the changes.

We are planning to move the Windmill from the Balkovich Farm North of town to the Museum

site. Permits are currently being processed. It is one of the old windmills that had a storage tank near the top. For years it was used as domestic water supply for the Balkovich family and will make an interesting addition to our collection of artifacts from the past.

The Annual Quilt Show is scheduled for the first weekend in May. We plan to hold an 'open house' and expect to have a display of tractors at the same time. Add it to your calendar!

We arranged for Leithra Hillsbery, a school teacher from Monroe, to serve as Curator (And janitor/receptionist/landscape caretaker/etc!) for the summer months. Leithra served three days a week during the 'open' hours of Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Bill Arthur took over those duties after school started. **Please note that our "Winter Hours" are just Saturday.** Al Strutz, with wife Iris, served the Museum faithfully from its establishment in 1993. They are no longer able to work at the Museum due to Iris's health problems. The Museum owes a great deal to their vision and careful management.



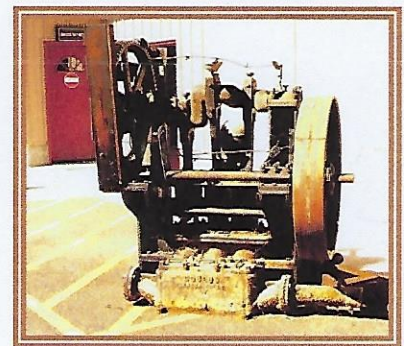
Shown is a Board Meeting last June. The Board generally meets monthly. It is not a small nor insignificant job.

The "One Room School" still awaits completion. We do not anticipate a major expense but it will require a lot of labor. Helpers are always welcome...see Don Bowers 995-6954.

The Museum has a brick wall that is used to honor and/or provide a memorial for family and friends. A \$100 contribution buys a bronze plaque that is mounted on the bricks. Money is deposited in a restricted fund with only interest being used for current expense. A sort of endowment.

There are lots of possibilities for improvements. We need many more descriptive signs for the artifacts so that the viewer can understand what he is seeing. A local Boy Scout, Josh Glaser is planning to develop some 'slide shows' that highlight various exhibits. The digitalized pictures along with a commentary will be viewable on a TV or computer screen. Our current inventory with descriptions and history lacks many details. We are not even sure what we should do in this area but if you are interested in helping we are interested in discussing 'what and how'!

One new exhibit...there are several...is the original Harrisburg Water Pump. (Shown at the right) It is not 'stuck' and can be 'turned over'. It is an interesting example of early 1900's technology.



***The Board wants to compliment the many who have contributed to the success of the Museum. We have nearly 300 names on our mailing list. Not all are contributors but a fair share are. In not asking for a contribution this year we hope you will not forget the Museum! We will likely need more cash next year! Please accept our thanks... visit the Museum and invite your friends. Have a great 2008!***