

Soap Creek Schoolhouse Foundation

Annual Newsletter

June 2019

Hello to all the neighbors, friends, and former students of the Soap Creek Schoolhouse.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

GARAGE SALE

**Donations: Drop
Off Stuff**
at schoolhouse

Saturday
June 22nd,
9am-4pm

**Garage
Sale**
at schoolhouse

Saturday
June 29th,
9am-4pm

Please no TVs or big appliances.
If you'd like to help with pricing or with
the sale, please contact Nancy Hyde.

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Sunday, July 14th
2:00-5:00 pm

LOCATION:

Adair County Park picnic shelter,
front section "A".

Bring a salad, dessert, or side dish, and
any beer or wine you desire.

All else is provided!

Nice playground!

Frisbee golf course is on site.

Everyone is welcome;
foundation membership not required.

Sponsored by the Soap Creek Schoolhouse Foundation.

The shady and pleasant Adair County Park picnic shelter and playground



LONG-TERM LEGACY FINALLY FADES INTO THE SUNSET

An unusual member of the neighborhood has disappeared recently, and Soap Creek neighbors are assuming the worst. Wait, What?

Long ago a neighborhood resident named Doc Schell kept a flock of peacocks. Doc has been gone for many, many, many years, but one last descendent of his peacock flock stayed on, living wild and free and beautiful, to the delight of those who spotted him. Well, “spotted him” sounds a bit as if “Petey the Peacock” were reclusive. Perhaps it would be better to say he delighted those he deigned to visit.

Petey tried for years to find a mate in the wilderness, hanging out with the wild turkeys, and calling to attract any ladies in the area, but to no avail.

Petey disappeared this spring; no one has seen him since February. So neighbors assume that he either was finally nabbed by a predator or he simply died of old age. (He survived as long as he did by roosting every night about 40 feet up in a fir tree. He also had his favorite neighbors who were generous with birdseed, tidbits, and warm places to hang out in the winter.)

Here are a few shots taken by the lucky ones among us. Photo credits: Bilslands, Cantrell, Fields, Idema, Lantz, Perkins, Shelby, Ulrich.



A PEACOCK NAMED PETEY

The peacock—displaced perhaps from some long forgotten flock—shattered the morning tranquility with his transcendent scream. Having announced his presence, he promenaded about our yard, ardently displaying his extravagant tail, bobbing the eloquent bouquet of blue feathers that embellished his crown. For weeks, the bird fervently pursued his quest for a soul mate. Upon abandoning his innate need for a hen, he found his soul mate at last in the chrome bumper of our truck.

Carol Ann Lantz
April 2012
May 19, 2014
February 25, 2017





VOLUNTEERS CUT BRUSH TO IMPROVE FIRE SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLHOUSE

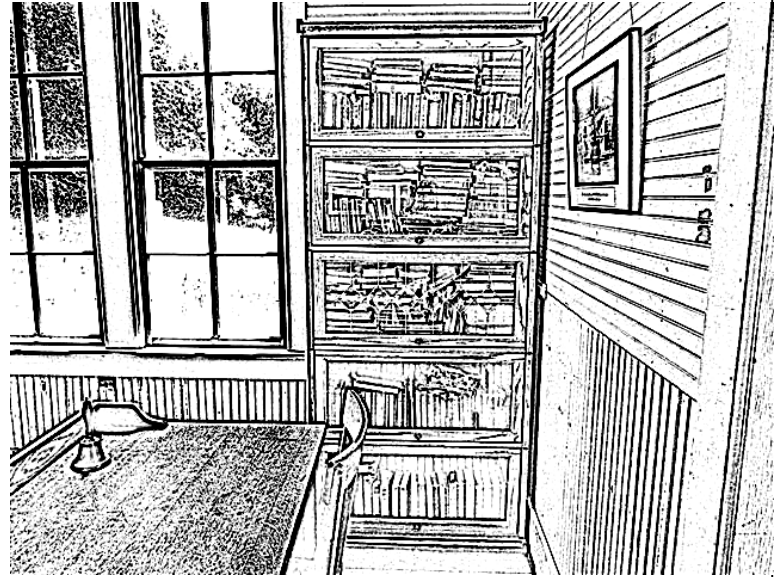


In early June, volunteers spent a very hard day clearing brush from the perimeter of the schoolhouse grounds, to improve the safety of the building in the event of a wildfire. A \$600 grant from the Oregon Dept. of Forestry's Fuel Reduction program will pay for chipping the branches.



ANTIQUE SCHOOLBOOKS

Our large barrister's bookcase is chock-full of the over 400 books owned by the Soap Creek Schoolhouse Foundation. Many of these books are original textbooks and readers used at the schoolhouse. Others were donated by collectors, or by students at nearby schools of the same timeframe. The books are available to be used under the supervision of a Foundation Board member, for research or entertainment. Copies of the modern Bob Zybach oral history books may be checked out, with a \$50 security deposit.



HISTORY BUFFS LOOK HERE!

Historian Bob Zybach has provided us with links to his fascinating oral histories and research of the Soap Creek area, and to his very interesting tour book of the valley: http://nwmapsc.com/ZybachB/Oral_Histories/Soap_Creek_Valley/index.html

Thanks so much, Bob! We are all indebted to you for recording the history of our area, and for making these books **free to read online in pdf format**.

Physical copies of Bob Zybach's Soap Creek histories are available to check out from the Soap Creek Schoolhouse with a \$50 security deposit to ensure return.

Also, the schoolhouses's website, www.SoapCreekSchoolhouse.org, contains sections with lots of historical information and photographs.

GOT SCHOOLHOUSE STUFF?

The Soap Creek Schoolhouse has a small collection of original report cards, photographs, student souvenirs, etc. donated by former students. If you have any such materials you'd like to donate, contact Nancy Hyde. Please, only materials from Soap Creek School students. Original documents are preferred, but photocopies are also welcome. Thank you!

MT. VIEW STUDENTS VISIT THE SCHOOLHOUSE

It has become a tradition for third grade students of nearby Mt. View Elementary school to celebrate the end of the school year with a visit to the Soap Creek Schoolhouse for "Pioneer Day" in June. Around 60 students arrive on a school bus and take part with teachers and volunteers in spelling bees, nature walks, and hands-on demonstrations in pioneer-style carpentry. The students are encouraged to dress in pioneer clothing and to bring pioneer-style lunches. Whether the weather is damp or dry, the kids think it's perfect for eating lunch outside and playing games in the tall grass.



SCHOOLHOUSE BUILDING RENTAL

The Soap Creek Schoolhouse is available for use throughout the year for small meetings of local interest. Please obtain permission and a key by contacting Nancy Hyde.

A \$20 key deposit is required. Rental fees: schools and community groups, no charge. Small private groups, \$20. Profit-making groups, \$20-100, to be negotiated in advance. Ongoing classes: \$5 per day. All groups must leave the premises tidy.

No running water is available. A permanent modern outhouse facility is on-site. Lights, electricity (2 outlets) and heat are available.

Please note: the Schoolhouse Foundation does not endorse any political or religious group but does allow its facilities to be used by such groups.

SAVE PAPER and POSTAGE

If you're receiving this annual Schoolhouse Newsletter on paper, that means we don't have an email address for you. To receive future Schoolhouse Newsletters via email or to sign up for more frequent "Neighborhood News" emails, contact NHyde@peak.org

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FINANCES

Your Dues and Donations received in 2018 = \$1599, plus

Garage Sale Income = \$741 more.

Roof Donations and Grant = \$2672 and \$2000. THANK YOU!

This year we're expecting an enthusiastic turnout for the June 29th garage sale (drop off items on June 22nd). We'd also like to ask everyone who simply enjoys the presence of the Schoolhouse to send in **\$10 for membership dues**. Anyone can be a member, no matter your location! See the donation form below. THANKS!

What did we spend your money on, last year?

\$13,119 New Roof

535 Insurance

357 Electricity

70 State Corporation fees

66 Forest Fire Protection fee

248 Neighborhood Picnic

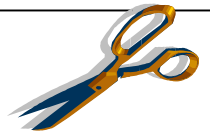
85 Newsletter Printing/mailing

100 Website Hosting

280 Septic Pumping

\$14,860 Total

Please provide your email address to reduce printing and mailing costs,
and to receive the neighborhood newsletter. Thanks!



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES and DONATIONS

Name _____ Email(s) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

\$10 Annual Membership Dues \$ _____

Any Additional Donations \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks to "Soap Creek Schoolhouse" and mail to:
Nancy Hyde, Treasurer, 37845 Soap Creek Road, Corvallis, OR 97330
All contributions are tax-deductible, and a receipt will be sent to you.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Other ways to give: online through the PayPal Giving Fund, the Network for Good, while shopping on Amazon Smile, or through Oregon BottleDrop account transfers.