

# Silverton Country Historical Society

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Over Forty-five Years of History in the Making



Museum and Office  
428 South Water Street

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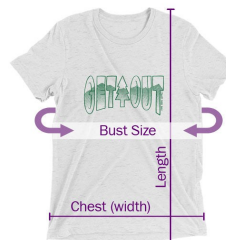
SCHS now has wonderful new Silverton or Bust T-shirts available through the end of the year. You can order yours only through [@forevernorthwestco](https://forevernorthwest.com)'s website! Follow the link on their page to buy your collectible shirts (available in both black and forest, in 100% cotton, and in an Oregon or Bust version too)! A portion of each shirt sold directly funds the museum and archives, so we are extremely grateful for your support--and we can't wait to see YOU wearing our SCHS goat wagon shirt!

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XS	31" - 34"	16.5"	27"
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Super soft 4.2oz cotton tee. Direct to garment printed with water-based ink for a soft design. Created from original, hand-drawn artwork by us! This tee is super soft and will quickly become a well-loved piece in your wardrobe; the perfect tee to wear for any adventure. Colors on your computer monitor may vary from actual t-shirt colors.



You can be as happy as Chris in your new Silverton Historical Society T-shirt!

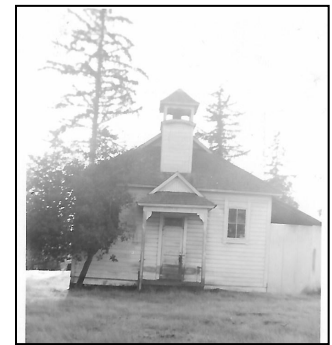
## Curator's Corner

### School Is Back In Session!

Being a former teacher, this time of year brings so many memories and happy thoughts. My teaching years were spent mostly in Silverton, and I grew up in the Central Howell area and attended Central Howell School, so I was familiar with the schools surrounding our area. However, I really had no idea how many early small rural schools there were that fed into Silverton's high school. One school in particular has a very interesting history and I would like to highlight the McAlpin School.



McAlpin School District #54 was organized April 7, 1856. It was named for Robert McAlpin, a pioneer of 1851 who settled the claim on October 15, 1851. When the settlers in that area finished building their homes and got their land cleared for planting their crops, the next thing on their agenda was to build a school. The first school house stood back from the road on property owned by Frank Doerfler; a later school was built on property that was located at the southwest intersection of Cascade Highway and Waldo Hills Drive. The school was built with donations and not with tax money, as were so many of these early schools, showing the dedication the early settlers had for the education of their children.



The first teacher for the McAlpin School was Mr. Leonard from Salem. Bessie Gregerson was also a teacher at that school and later went on to teach at Eugene Field for many years. School records for the school year of 1914-1915 listed 27 students ranging in age of 7-17. The last names of those students were: Yost, Gilham, Peterson, Doerfler, Given, Morley, Fisher, and McElhaney. 1915-1916 records show that there were 28 students and the school year was 140 days long. The teacher of record for the 1916-1917 school year was Bertha Doerfler and the school year was 159 days long with 26 students in attendance. During the 1917-1918 school year she taught 162 days with 23 students in attendance.

Many of the teachers who taught at the school were from the local area. Wilhelmina Doerfler taught the first term in 1918-1919; Ethel King for two years; Lois Riches for two years; Althea Gilham for two years. We must remember that in the early days of education women were not allowed to teach if they were married and certification for teaching was given when an applicant had passed a required examination which was not dependent on their education level. McAlpin School remained in session until 1943. The last ten years that the school was active, the student population averaged eleven students. The school sat empty for many years until it was moved to



Stayton and can now be seen behind the Ixtapa restaurant. It is painted red with white trim and has a new roof. It reminds me a bit of the old Brush Creek School that has also found a new purpose. So many of these old one room school houses are no longer around but thankfully some have been preserved.

As our school year begins again and is 'back to normal' after the last two years of interruption, it is comforting to note that our ancestors valued education so much that they made sure each child had an opportunity to be educated. Much should also be given to the teachers who also gave so much to insure that education was a priority.

*Judy Lowery*

### Homer Days—2022

Another successful Homer Davenport Community Festival is packed away for the year. As usual, the dime toss was tons of fun....thanks to this sterling group of volunteers who assemble the whole thing and then went on help host it. We were also ably assisted by Brant and Sephy Christensen who cheerfully gathered dimes for us. They are pictured here with mom, Shana....and in the background of this photo we found that we conveniently caught a snap of the eventual winner of the \$25 prize drawing, Mike Kennedy, and his wife Shari. 😊



### October Book Signing

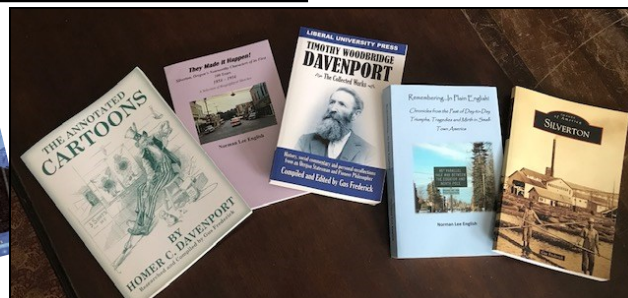
On October's First Friday, October 8, the Museum was open so Gus Frederick and Norm English could sell copies of their most recent works and sign them for the purchaser.

Gus' recent publication is the annotated edition of Homer Davenport's "The Dollar or the Man." He also had on hand his original "Cartoons" as well as "The Collected Works of T.W. Davenport" and "Images of America: Silverton."



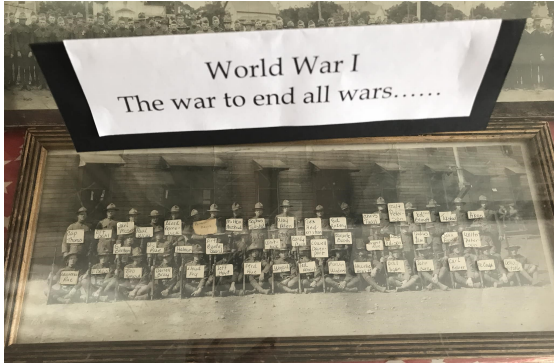
Norm has recently published a historical fiction work set in Silverton of the early 1900's, "Fireflies to Butterflies." This work joins Norm's autobiographical "Remembering...In Plain English" and "They Made it Happen," a selection of biographical selections of some of Silverton's noteworthy characters.

I'm sure I don't need to tell you that between our T-shirts and our selection of local works, we are THE place for Christmas shopping! (Sadly, though, supplies may be limited.)



### Veterans' Day Exhibit

This year's exhibit is a bit smaller as we have chosen to honor our Silverton young men who served during World War I. What is especially impressive are the group photographs that have almost every soldier identified. So many recognizable Silverton names.....



### Recent Museum Acquisition.....



We recently received a Remington cash register, circa 1930, that was used in the Monitor store. During the time this cash register was in use, the store was owned by Silvertonian Knute Gregerson. Knute's daughter, Bessie Gregerson, taught for many years Silverton schools. This lovely, but very heavy, donation had Judy a bit stumped...how do we lift it on to its display stand? Well, our newest member, Blaine Nauck, came to our rescue as he perfectly placed it on its designated stand. Thank you Blaine and son!



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### Mural Society.....

You may think things have slowed down for the Mural Society, but you would be mistaken. Tours of the murals are still being offered and the Mural Store is open at 220 S. Water Street. 10% Discount coupons are at various locations around town....

### Silverton Mural Society

Want to see some big art? In Silverton its everywhere. An outdoor Art Gallery of 30 murals on the street corners, alleyways, and sides of buildings. This postcard depicts one of the murals that illustrate the area's rich history on buildings throughout historic Silverton Oregon!

Book a Guided Tour or download the Walking Tour Map on our website at [www.silvertonmuralssociety.org](http://www.silvertonmuralssociety.org)

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## What's going on at the Museum and the Park!!



New roof, gutters and porch steps!!



The Rumley Fountain mosaic tile project nearing completion. On the right is our tile, which is located in the middle of the bench back. Our addition to the collection of tiles commemorates the DeSart arches which frame the entrance to the Park.... See below!!!



At long last the deteriorating condition of the arches is being addressed. After a thorough power washing to remove dirt and moss build up, new stones have been added and the mortar is being replaced and reinforced. They are looking amazing!





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