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Popular “A Tour to Die For” returns in October

“A Tour to Die For” will be held for the third year over two weekends starting Thursday, Oct. 11. brings the Pioneer Cemetery to life as Theatre West actors portray six North Lincoln County historical figures. These “permanent residents” will give their accounts of what it was like to be a pioneer on the rugged Oregon Coast. Guests will go on a lantern-lit, night-time walking tour of the cemetery where they will meet three men and three women at their graves. You’ll meet Strong Arm Johnson, a lovable, burley man, who would till his land by hand, a job normally reserved for an ox. Nevada Mann will let you know what it’s like to be a pioneer and a mother of ten children. Meet a teacher who had to give up her profession because “a married woman’s mind would be divided between her position and her family.” These, and many more entertaining stories, will give you a better understanding of pioneer life on the Oregon Coast.

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Pioneer Picnic potluck set

You and your friends and relatives are invited to attend the NLCHM Pioneer Picnic at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 8 at Wapiti Park up Drift Creek Road. Bring your favorite hot dish, salad, or dessert, and a place setting to this potluck event. The history of this community picnic goes back to the early 1900s and is a great event for people from all over the state to come together to share memories of North Lincoln County. There will be a raffle and a cakewalk and lots of socializing.

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Board loses, gains members

The board of directors is undergoing changes: sad to lose three members and ready to say hello and gather new perspectives from two new interim board members. Jean Majoska and Larry and Danell Martin are leaving the board.

Jean joined the NLCHM Board of Directors, was elected president in 2001 and was re-elected to that position until 2012, making her the longest serving president of NLCHM. Jean led the museum through the challenging and complex expansion and upgrading of the museum building with her skillful and knowledgeable coordination with the city, Urban Renewal, the architect, and contractors. Jean has taken many children’s programs under her wings during her time at NLCHM. “She will be truly missed at the museum,” Syrop said. Although she will no longer be a board member, she will remain a member and friend of the museum.

Larry and Danell have a combined 40 years of volunteering at the museum and have been on the board most of that time. They have been major donors and supporters of the museum and have held positions including president, vice president, treasurer (Danell) and Secretary (Larry). They have devoted countless hours developing our policies and procedures, working in our business office and on special projects, and in our archives. “We can’t thank them enough for all that they have done for the museum,” NLCHM Director Jeff Syrop said. Larry and Danell have

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New and renewing members

INDIVIDUAL ($20)
- Sandra Brenzel
- John Craig
- Libby Durbin
- Jess Fusold
- Thelma Gardner
- Keith Glein
- Anne H. Hall
- Kathleen Roff
- Jerry Olson
- Cindy Weitzel

FAMILY ($35)
- Bob & Nancy Cross
- Richard & Leslie Gartrell
- Stephen Griffiths
- Doug & Gail Miller
- Deirdre Reynolds
- Roger & Pat Robertson
- Neil & Lucy Saling
- Russell Smith

SUSTAINING ($50 to $99)
- Lynn & Patricia Churchill
- Eva Giering
- Georgia Roelof
- John & Alyce Tuttle

INDIVIDUAL ($20)
- Jean Celia & Mike Test
- James & Patricia Drayton
- Mick & Patsy McLean
- Claudette Schroeder
- Charli Taylor
- Christiane Tunstall

ORGANIZATIONS/ BUSINESSES ($100)
- The Inn at Spanish Head
- Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce

SUPPORTING ($100 to $199)
- Marlene M. Ankeny
- Jean Celia & Mike Test
- James & Patricia Drayton
- Mick & Patsy McLean
- Claudette Schroeder
- Charli Taylor
- Christiane Tunstall

BENEFACTORS ($200 and up)
- Nancy Edwards

Museum Board changes

Cindy Weitzel and Eric Bangs are joining the board as interim members.

Cindy moved to Lincoln City from Portland and has been living here for 33 years. She brings over 30 years as a store manager and owner, tax preparer, and, recently, as front desk staff at the museum. She has worked and volunteered at the museum since 2016. Cindy holds an accounting degree.

Eric Bangs has been a resident of Gleneden Beach for the past four years. Recently retired from the food science industry, Eric enjoys hiking and beachcombing with his dogs in his free time. Eric also devotes energy and time volunteering for the Oregon Food Bank and here at NLCHM for the front desk and in our archives.

Eric brings business owning experience to the board, which has made him an easy choice to fill the recently vacant role of treasurer on the board.

Visitors gather with spirits past

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This collaborative event includes partners Theater West, Taft Pioneer Cemetery, and NLCHM. Proceeds from the tour will go to these three organizations. Other contributors include the Lincoln City Cultural Center (helping with ticketing and providing the starting area of the tour) and Chinook Winds Casino (providing the bus for the tour). The Tour is made possible through a grant from Explore Lincoln City (formerly the Visitor and Convention Bureau).

Cost of the tour is $25. In the case of inclement weather, the program will take place at the museum. Participants will meet at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. Information about tickets and the tour is available at www.tourtodiefor.com. Tour dates are listed below.

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Friday, Oct. 12: 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30
Saturday, Oct. 13: 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30
Friday, Oct. 19: 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30
Saturday, Oct. 20: 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30
Sunday, Oct. 21: noon, 1, 2

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Memorial donations

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A TIDBIT IN TIME. This 1913 postcard advertising Rose Lodge features Oliver and Julia Dodson and the town's first post office and store. In 1908 the Dodsons started a post office in the back of their store, and Julia became its first postmaster. She named the town Rose Lodge after the 50 varieties of roses, sent to her from her father in California, that formed a bowser over their post office gate.

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