NELSCOTT.
Oregon.

Below timbered hills hard by the town
Nelscott lays serene;
Like to some jewelled diadem
Of the ocean beach, A queen.

The white surf drives in upon the shore
Fish ducks ride the waves
The golden sand swept clean of drift
Where the heaving tide, it laves.

Some times a log comes drifting in
Sometimes a big glass float you get
Or maybe a sinuous long sea weed
From some oriental net.

Then a passing herd of seal will play
Or perchance a giant whale,
And then far out upon the sea
A fishing boat will sail.

Timbered hills and foaming surf
Spouting whales or drifting tree,
The gleaming homes of Nelscott
Are supreme beside the sea.

Victor Greenslade
Falls City, Oregon.

North Lincoln County Historical Museum

2025/26 ANNUAL MEETING

FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

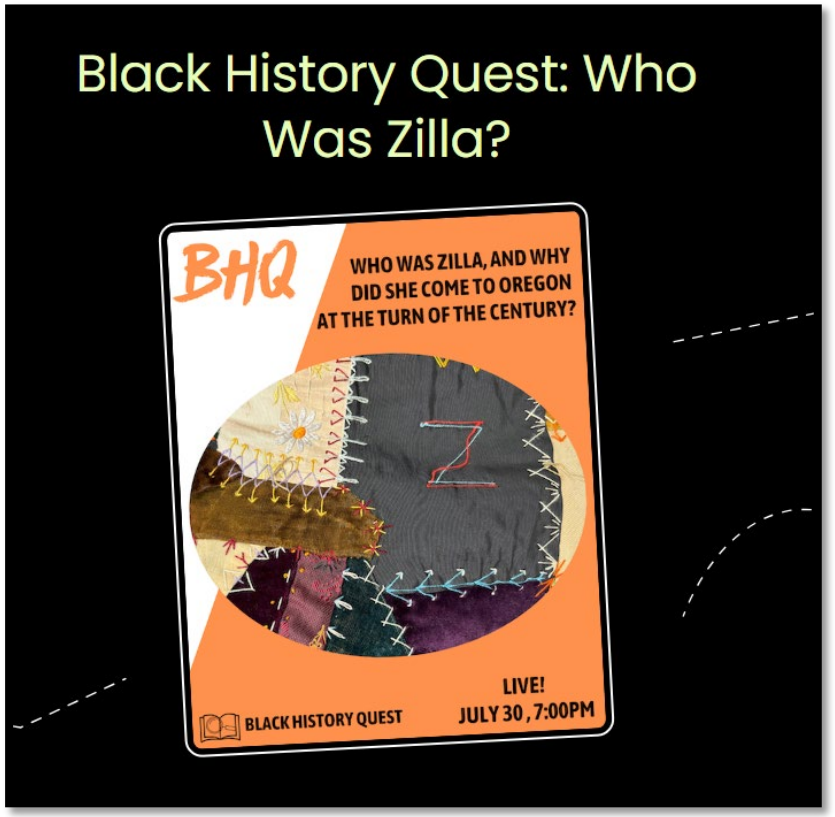
July 2025

- Participated in the Lincoln County Fair at Chinook Winds
- Presented on Black History Quest about Ziller's Quilt
- Received a small increase ($685 annually) from our Lincoln County funding
- Began talks with the Lincoln City Cultural Center to celebrate the centennial of the Delake School



Recess at Delake School, 1971

August 2025



- Began conversations with Austin at Edward Jones to establish our endowment
- Received $1,000 from Oregon Black Pioneers for the research on Ziller's Quilt
- Drafted a youth protection policy, and checklist for visiting field trips / groups

September 2025

- Ziller's Quilt exhibit and talk, article in Oregon ArtsWatch
- Gave a talk at Roads End Improvement Association
- New toys for the Kids Room
- Cintas first aid kit was installed
- $5,000 grant from Ford Family Foundation to pay for strategic planning & fundraising consultants
- Began working with Adam Creighton to develop a grant strategy



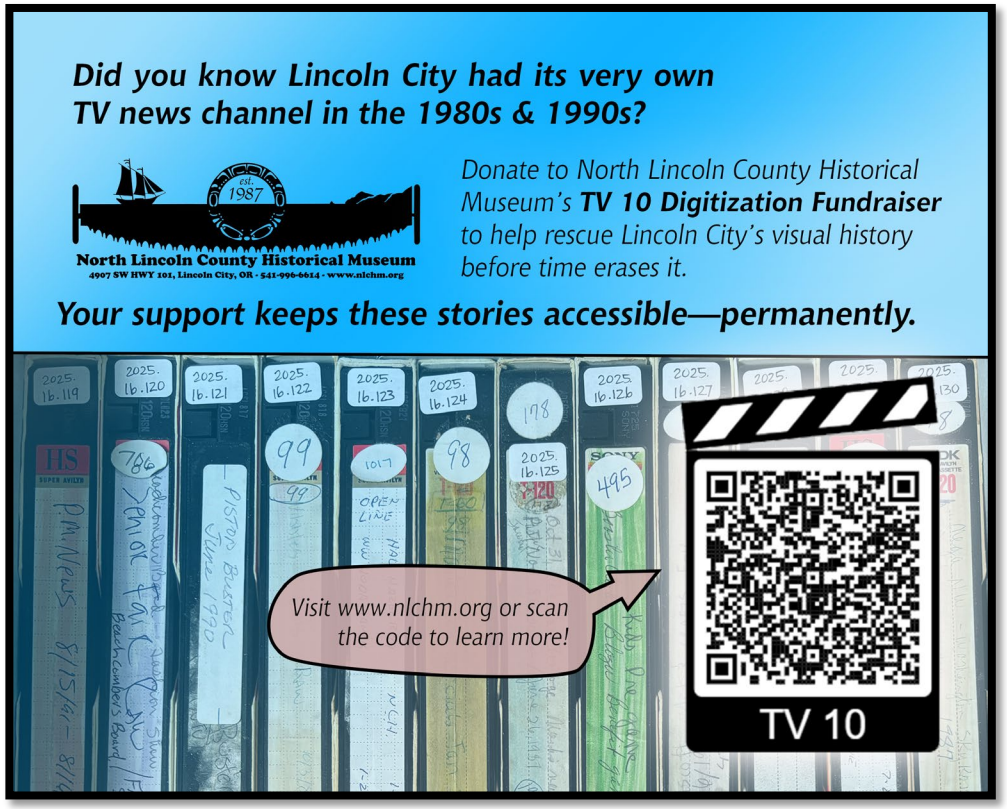
October 2025

- Began working with Gary Langenwalter for our strategic planning retreat.
- Met with Sharon Johnston, a cousin of Earl Nelson, who's mother helped with his estate. Received a very large donation of Earl's personal archives.
- Hosted Home Movie Day!
- Received $2,273 grant from Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund to purchase a specialized scanner for negatives
- Received $15,000 grant from Ford Family Foundation for the roof





November 2025



- Donation from Roger Robertson of the VHS tapes from Lincoln City's TV 10; we started a fundraiser to digitize the collection
- Hosted another Letter Night
- Received a non-profit grant of $11,500 from Lincoln City
- Completed strategic planning retreat!

December 2025

- More flooding – began getting estimates for a repair
- Two new volunteers: Rachel Caoili & Linda Moore
- Craft Bazaar
- Jim Affolter talk about the Neskowin history book
- Worked with Oregon Geographic Names Board to help identify the organizations to rename local places
- OHS picked up several items for their exhibit on Highway 101
- Participated in Giving Tuesday
- Received $2,500 for Strategic Planning from Roundhouse Foundation





January 2026

- Installed baby changing table
- Installed exhibit: *Threads of Labor: The Apron in American Life*
- Explored the idea of purchasing a property with Theatre West
- Began planning for spring/summer community events



Excited visitor in her handmade apron, who came from Dallas to see *Threads of Labor* exhibit.



Alex & Megan Bones visit in February; and learned about their ancestor John Bones who started the first post office in Taft in 1906.

February 2026

- Continued talks with Theatre West and Alison Robertson with the Urban Renewal and Economic Development, to begin figuring out how to navigate moving to a new building
- Community event planning
  - Juneteenth
  - Lincoln City Community Days
- Received $25,000 from Roundhouse Foundation for Roof

March 2026

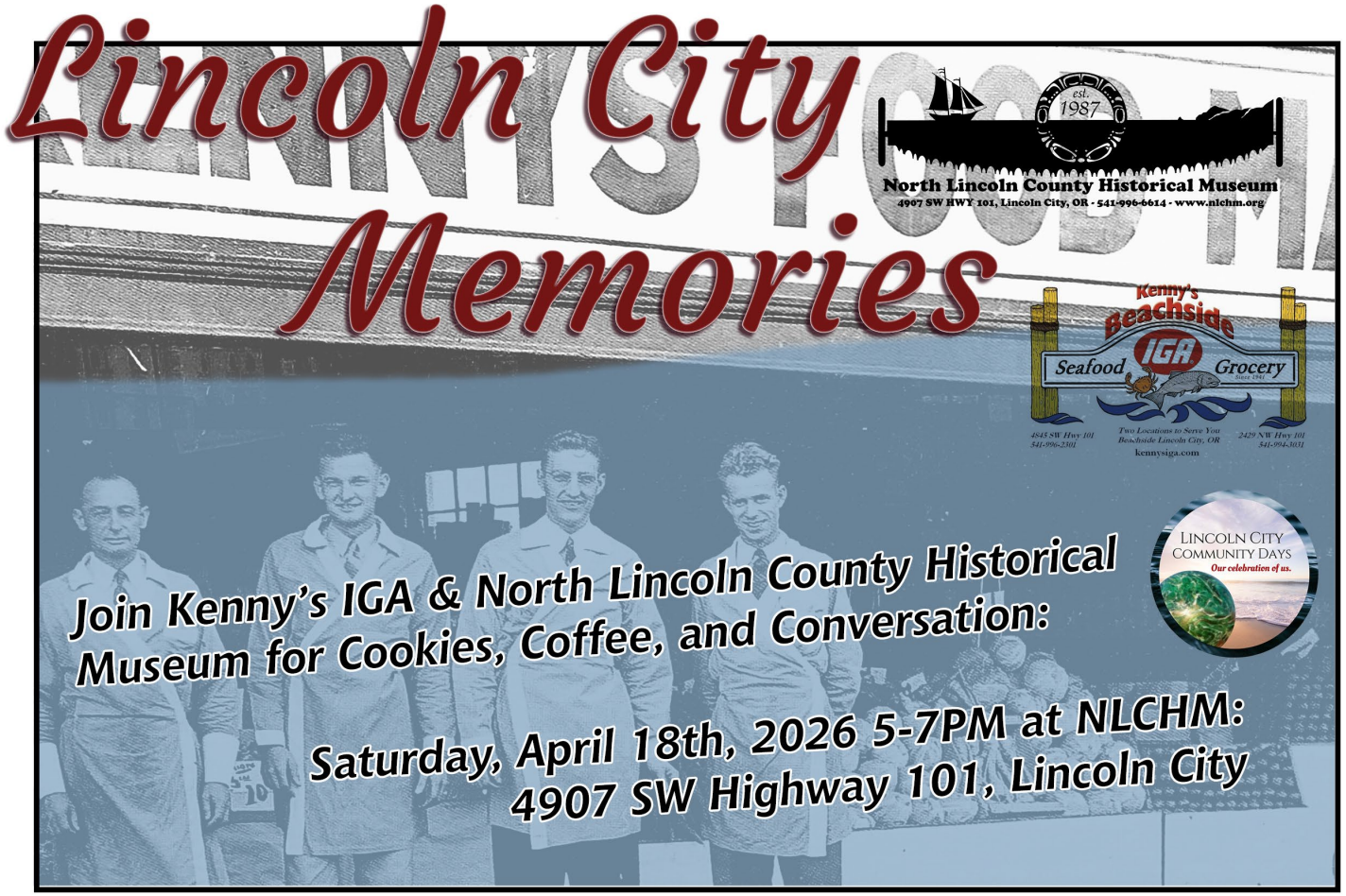
- Liz resigned, and we hired Rachel Caoili!
- Some IT updates (we got new computers!)
- Volunteers from the Salmon River Grange came in to digitize the scrap books in our collection
- Board officially voted to approve our new mission and vision, and we started implementing our strategic plan
- Hosted the Yakona Nature Preserve and Learning Center with Siletz Valley School to talk about collaborations



Pixieland remnants, discovered in March 2026

April 2026

- Front garden clean up!
- Updated insurance policy
- Re-arranged the little theater & installed the vending machine
- Lincoln City Community Days
  - Lincoln City Memories
  - Pines Dine Trivia Night
- Received $1,800 grant from the Lincoln City Cultural Coalition
- Gave tour to Daniel Hunter, the new City Manager







May 2026

- Began demolition on back wall
- Presented at Rotary Club
- Hosted the Quilters Guild
- First quarterly meeting with Alison Robertson and Urban Renewal & Economic Development
- Attended County Commission budget meetings, and negotiated contract renewals with Lincoln Co.

June 2026

- All of the fluorescent fixtures replaced in the building
- Installed new exhibit: *Love and Landscapes*
- Participated in:
  - Juneteenth
  - Lincoln City Pride
- Helped City with a in Taft Historic Building Survey
- Worked with Explore Lincoln City to start drafting new interpretive signage for Taft waterfront
- Rachel started taking lead on a lot of the educational development, including a new scavenger hunt, and a presentation at Taft elementary



Vision & Mission
adopted March 2026

Explore the Past. Understand the Present. Belong to the Story.

Vision:

The North Lincoln County Historical Museum is a vibrant coastal hub where history comes alive. Through dynamic exhibits and community storytelling, we inspire curiosity, understanding, and belonging. Everyone is invited to help carry the story forward.

Mission:

The North Lincoln County Historical Museum preserves and interprets the diverse stories of this coastal ecosystem and the connected communities. We engage the public through education to build empathy and inspire stewardship across generations.

FY 25-26 Income

Expected

Income	Amount
Fundraisers	$15,000.00
Donations	$13,000.00
Memorial Donations	$2,000.00
Membership Dues	$8,000.00
Grants	$75,000.00
Miscellaneous	$4,800.00
Giftshop Sales	$9,300.00
OCF Distribution	$1,800.00
American Fund Dist.	$500.00
County General Fund	$86,315.00
Total Revenue	**$215,715.00**

Actual

Revenue Source	Mid-year	2nd Half	End
Fundraisers	$700.00	$2,432.00	$3,132.00
Donations	$6,405.11	$32,903.51	$39,308.62
Memorial Donations	$2,526.36	$602.82	$3,129.18
Membership Dues	$1,736.67	$2,936.10	$4,672.77
Grants	$37,273.00	$32,035.00	$69,308.00
Miscellaneous	$2,416.32	$15,022.03	$17,438.35
Giftshop Sales	$14,853.50	$3,833.50	$18,687.00
OCF Distribution	$1,008.45	$1,019.00	$2,027.45
American Fund Dist.	$1,512.91	$0.00	$1,512.91
County General Fund	$43,500.00	$43,500.00	$87,000.00
Total Revenue	**$111,932.32**	**$134,283.96**	**$246,216.28**

Earned $30,501.28 over anticipated income.

Spent $38,988.15 under anticipated expenses.
Balance for FY 25-26 +$69,604.43

FY 25-26 Expenses

Expected

Expense Source	Amount
Grant Administration	$1,000.00
Accountant Fees	$1,400.00
Exhibit Expense	$1,000.00
Curatorial Supplies	$1,000.00
Insurance	$7,700.00
License/Permits/Fees	$400.00
Building Maintenance	$8,000.00
Employee Costs	$125,000.00
Memberships/Subscriptions	$600.00
Office Supplies	$600.00
Printing and Postage	$800.00
Utilities	$10,000.00
Programs	$1,000.00
Prof. Development	$600.00
Misc.	$500.00
Gift Shop	$3,800.00
Computer/ IT	$2,200.00
Roof Repair	$50,000.00
Total Expenses	**$215,600.00**

Actual

Expense Source	Mid-year	2nd Half	End
Grant Administration	$4,820.57	$5,803.52	$10,624.09
Accountant Fees	$0.00	$1,406.26	$1,406.26
Exhibit Expense	$126.88	$969.19	$1,096.07
Curatorial Supplies	$902.34	$0.00	$902.34
Insurance	$3,812.50	$0.00	$3,812.50
License/Permits/Fees	$0.00	$452.00	$452.00
Building Maintenance	$3,777.69	$19,000.63	$22,778.32
Employee Costs	$60,889.95	$63,931.12	$124,821.07
Memberships/Subscriptions	$441.94	$601.92	$1,043.86
Office Supplies	$127.15	$231.51	$358.66
Printing and Postage	$170.25	$723.94	$894.19
Utilities	$4,323.45	$5,416.62	$9,740.07
Programs (including M&M)	$834.29	$597.23	$1,431.52
Prof. Development	$0.00	$1,200.83	$1,200.83
Misc.	$220.15	$238.38	$458.53
Gift Shop	$3,062.78	$3,204.11	$6,266.89
Computer/ IT	$230.84	$1,922.08	$2,152.92
Roof Repair	$0.00	$298.15	$298.15
Total Expenses	**$78,793.33**	**$97,818.52**	**$176,611.85**

Projected Budget FY26-27

Income	Amount
Fundraisers	$25,000.00
Donations	$30,000.00
Sponsorships	$3,000.00
Memorial Donations	$3,000.00
Membership Dues	$5,000.00
Grants	$100,000.00
Photo Sales	$4,000.00
Research	$6,000.00
Giftshop Sales	$12,000.00
OCF Distribution	$2,000.00
American Fund Dist./Mildred Marie	$500.00
County General Fund	$87,000.00
Jones Distribution	$27,200.00
Miscellaneous	$4,600.00
Total Revenue	**$309,300.00**

Expense Source	Amount
Grant Administration	$10,000.00
Accountant Fees	$1,410.00
Exhibit Expense	$4,000.00
Curatorial Supplies	$2,000.00
Insurance	$8,000.00
License/Permits/Fees	$460.00
Building Maintenance	$20,230.00
Employee Costs	$145,000.00
Memberships/Subscriptions	$1,000.00
Office Supplies	$500.00
Printing and Postage	$800.00
Utilities	$13,000.00
Programs	$2,000.00
Prof. Development	$1,200.00
Mildred & Marie Children's Fund	$500.00
Travel	$500.00
Gift Shop	$6,000.00
Computer/ IT	$2,200.00
Misc.	$500.00
TV 10 Digitization	$25,000.00
Roof Repair	$65,000.00
Total Expenses	**$309,300.00**

FY 26-27 Goals

NLCHM'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

RE-IMAGINING HOW THE MUSEUM TELLS THE STORIES OF THIS REGION'S HISTORY.

- Collaborations with the Bijou, Camp Westwind, Lincoln City Cultural Center, and more!
- Year long collections assessment of Native American belongings, and relationship building with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, facilitated by Parman & Carnes consulting and archaeologist Stephanie Craig of Grand Ronde.
- Pilot exhibit *Tides of Change: How People and Place Shape Each Other.*
- Implement a visitor survey, to help shape the future of the Museum.

Board Elections

Megan Miller-Morgan has lived in Lincoln County for 30 years with 20 of those years in Toledo; she is originally from Washington state. Most recently she worked for the Lincoln County Historical Society as their Collections Specialist and started as an intern there in 2021 after completing a Museum Studies Certificate Program she started during the 2020 shutdown. Megan has always been a bit of a museum and visitor center nerd after spending a summer working as a park interpreter at a state park in Idaho. Over the years in Lincoln County she has volunteered at Hatfield Marine Science Center, worked as a summer Marine Educator there, and volunteered at the U of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History. She worked with Oregon Coast Community College for 15 years first as a literacy program coordinator then as a GED Instructor. Her interest in informal ways of teaching and learning is where her enthusiasm for museums and education intersect. She sees museums and engaging exhibits and programming as an essential part of telling stories from multiple perspectives and connected to lifelong learning.

Megan has an insider's understanding of nonprofit organizations, with experience working for the Newport Symphony as an office manager and now currently works for Food Share of Lincoln County as their Director of Advancement. For fun, she likes to play her violin when she can with local musical productions and is an adult piano student!

Majalise Tolan has been an educator for 24 years, 19 of them as an administrator in Lincoln County School District. She began her administrative career as an assistant principal and athletic director at Taft 7-12 and has also served as an elementary principal in Newport, Taft 7-12 principal, and LCSD Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning overseeing curriculum and instruction, athletics, career and technical education. She became LCSD superintendent in 2023.

While in Lincoln County, Tolan has been active in Lincoln City Kiwanis, Rotary, Siletz Bay Music Festival, Family Promise, Music is Instrumental, and Beach Bark. Together with his husband Jake, they have been raising four children, three Taft High graduates, and have a sophomore in high school. Reading, enjoying the Oregon Coast sunsets, and now golf are her main ways to pass the time.

Degree

EdD, Concordia University Chicago

MTE, Masters in Teacher Education, Eastern Oregon University

BA, English Discourse Studies, Minor in History, Eastern Oregon University

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