

Benton County Genealogical Society NEWSLETTER



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News From President George

Hello everyone, I hope you are all well and ready for fall to arrive with cooler weather.

May you all stay healthy and hope you are able to be vaccinated as that seems to be the door to stopping the virus.

We hope to resume our regular membership meetings as soon as we are assured COVID is under control. Watch for updates.

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Over the summer, we received several interesting books for the library. They're on the shelves and waiting to be read!

The Valley Called Home: The Yachats River Valley ON OR-Lincoln County shelves (#4306)

The Stepp Family Chronicles ON Family History shelves (STE #4308)

The Stepp/Stapp Families of America ON Family History shelves (STE #4307)

Remember When (stories from Benton County writers) ON OR-Benton shelves (#4309)

Chintimini 1912: Corvallis H.S. Annual ON OR-Benton shelves (#4310)

Chintimini 1913: Corvallis H.S. Annual ON OR-Benton Shelves (#4311)

The two *Chintimini* booklets traveled all the way from Aberdeen, Scotland, thanks to the generosity of a person who understands the importance of history.

The *Remember When* book came from another generous person in Washington state who didn't want to see the stories in the book be lost.

The final book, *History for Genealogists: Using Chronological Time Lines to Find and Understand Your Ancestors*, was purchased in memory of Gene Newcomb, a longtime member of our Society. He did much for the success of the Benton County Genealogical Society. Thanks, Gene. Find the book ON the How To Cart (#4303)

Just received three more book donations for our library!

Corvallis High School of 1928 REUNION ON OR-BENTON shelves (#4312)

A Recipe for Writing Family History ON the How To cart (#4313)

A History of Corvallis High School ON OR-BENTON shelves (\$4314)

Thank you donors. All three books are assets to our library!

Good News!

The Benton County Historical Society's Collection Catalog is now online!

If you are a BCGS member with Benton county connections, you will be excited to see what the Benton County Museum has in the way of photos, objects, maps, and archives. The entire catalog is not yet available, but new records are being added continually.

To access the collection, go to www.bentoncountymuseum.org, then click on the icon in the lower left hand corner (with a light brown background, "Online Collections Database".)



You will come to an introduction page that will help you with search techniques. I was a beta tester for some of the website and can't stress enough how important it is to read this. Many of my searches weren't successful because I wasn't using the right language.

You can access through Keyword Search, Advanced Search and Random Images. If you aren't looking for particular information, the Random Images is a fascinating way to just browse the extent of the collection. You may request a copy of any of these images. If you find a photo of Corvallis City Hall and you want a copy, open the image, click in the lower right corner to request a copy through the request form. You can also click on "View Catalog Record" to get all the addition information, dates, donors, and people associated with the record.

It is going to be a wonderful addition not only for our local Benton County researchers but for anyone with ties to the county. The Museum will be tracking the number of users. We are one of only a few museums using this software to go live.

Enjoy your researching! **Submitted by Lois Courtney**

Benton County Genealogical Society 1971-2021

Did you know that this is the 50th year since our society was first organized? Who were the members, what was their purpose in forming a genealogy society? We may never know all the answers. For sure they all had a similar purpose to study genealogy to find their own ancestors and help others find theirs. The first name of the organization was Mid-Valley Genealogical Society until about 1995 when it became Benton County Genealogical Society.

Meeting in their homes worked for a while, but if they were to put announcements in the newspaper inviting new members, they needed to find a larger place to meet. The Richie Room at the Corvallis Public Library was mentioned early on and then the Christian Church social hall. In August 1994 the College United Methodist Church social hall became a more permanent location. The Annex then became the library.

Those first years of growing in members, finding speakers, planning activities, purchasing genealogy books for the library, and finding a permanent meeting location, kept dedicated members busy. Most recently, we have held meetings in the Gallery at the Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath.

A member was in charge of putting memorabilia in three large scrapbooks covering 1971 to 1979. These scrapbooks are now stored in the Benton County Historical Museum. You can read the first 25 years of our society as written by Virginia Hoeye, which is also included in the nearly completed 50th Year Celebration "Notebook." In the meantime, you can read Virginia Hoeye's *History of BCGS* on our website.

Watch for the announcement of the 50th Year Celebration Notebook! Maybe there will even be cake to celebrate the 50th Year of our Society along with the notebook!

Submitted by Linda Olsen

How to Find BCGS Programs and Announcements

Wondering where the BCGS programs and announcements went that used to be published in the paper version of the GT? The GT is no longer publishing the Events Calendar in the paper version of the GT. Finding the BCGS programs and announcements from now on will be found only at the E edition (online version) of the Gazette Times.

<https://www.gazettetimes.com/events/>

To get there without the link, open GT website, click on Entertainment, then Events Calendar.

Thank you to Lois for getting this set up after receiving the notice from the GT.

Submitted by Linda Olsen

La Bella Luna

Sometime in October, about ten years ago, I was picking up my two granddaughters at Philomath Middle School after basketball practice. For some reason, I looked over toward the city park and saw the moon. As soon as the girls got in the car, I said we had to go over to the park to see something we had never seen before. We drove through the park and saw the most unbelievably huge moon. The moon, brown and orange, was low over the field in front of us, making us speechless. The girls remember it very well. We probably were looking at the Harvest Moon. I count myself blessed by the universe to have such a priceless memory with my granddaughters. (The photo below is similar to what we saw: “www.britannica.com/topic/harvest-moon-full-moon”.)

This is when full moons will occur in 2021, according to NASA:

Date	Name	U.S. Eastern Time	UTC
Jan 28	Wolf Moon	2:16 p.m.	19:16
Feb 27	Snow Moon	3:17 a.m.	8:17
Mar 28	Worm Moon	2:48 p.m.	18:48
Apr 26	Pink Moon	11:31 p.m.	3:31 (Apr. 27)
May 26	Flower Moon	7:14 a.m.	11:14
Jun 24	Strawberry Moon	2:40 p.m.	18:40
Jul 23	Buck Moon	10:37 p.m.	2:37 (Jul 24)
Aug 22	Sturgeon Moon	8:02 a.m.	12:02
Sep 20	Corn Moon	7:55 a.m.	23:55
Oct 20	Harvest Moon	10:57 a.m.	14:57
Nov 19	Beaver Moon	3:58 a.m.	8:58
Dec 18	Cold Moon	11:36 p.m.	4:36 (Dec 19)



www.space.com/16830-full-moon-calendar.

Is **Fall** Nearly Around the Corner



Already?

Usually, our first meeting of the new “Genealogy Year” comes in September where we get to renew friendships and share what we did in the summer. However, we have to postpone the September meeting because of Covid. **We can’t let Covid win.**

I’m asking you to share something for the October newsletter. If your brain is saying that you don’t have anything to write about, tell it “HAH.” On the next page are some ideas to get you started if you want to take a look. Remember a photo and caption is writing, too!

Some Ideas For the October Newsletter

- Seeing a loved one in the last few months
 - Growing a garden
 - Any genealogy work, no matter how small
 - A good book you have read
 - A picture of anything; why did you choose it
 - How do you like the weather
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Membership: OPEN

Librarian: OPEN

Programs: OPEN

Historian: OPEN

Photographer: OPEN

Audit: Connie Patterson

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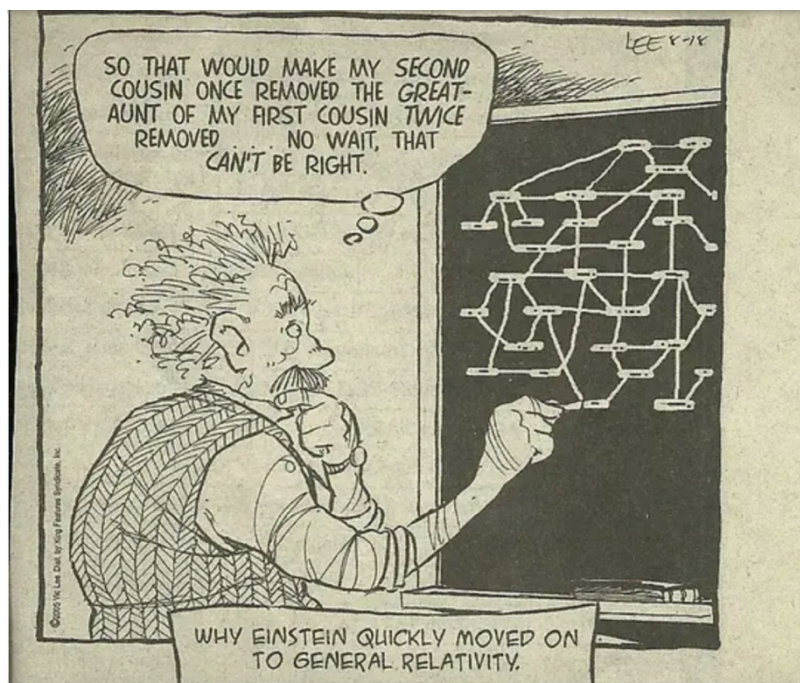
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