

Benton County Genealogical Society
Board Meeting Minutes - 1:00pm, 3rd floor, May 1, 2026

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President: Dana called the meeting to order.

1. Board Meeting Minutes for April were approved and posted on our web page.
2. **Board Meetings** will resume September 4, 2026.
3. Next **General Meeting will be May 9, 2026**, just prior to the program.
4. General meetings will resume as usual September 12, 2026.
5. Dana will let us know what our part will be on **May 30th** for the 75th Anniversary party for the Benton County Historical Society at the Philomath Museum noon to 6:00pm featuring 1950s activities, vendors, food, and music. (See more below)

Programs:

Saturday May 9, 2026, **Larry Landis** will speak about collaboration between the Benton County Historical Society and our Genealogical Society for local research. Larry Landis was the former director of OSU's Special Collections and the University's Archivist and currently he's president of the Historical Society's Board.

Other ideas:

1. We will plan a potential grand opening for our library in the fall.
2. "Gathering Back Together" in September to tell what genealogical projects we have been working on or "How did you get here?" were also topics discussed.
3. Several really good speakers from past programs were discussed.
4. Linda suggested using the Reader Board in Philomath for society announcements.

Vice President: Our Vice President position is currently open.

Treasurer: Lois reported we are within \$2 of being even with last year's budget.

Memberships: Candy reported we now have 31 paid members for 2026.

Librarian: Liza Wilson NA

Newsletter: Laurie showed the poster she designed that will be posted at the Corvallis Museum downtown. She also mentioned another potential program presenter on writing.

Webmaster: George reported the web page is up to date. Also he and Liza are almost finished checking the library inventory list George has entered into the computer. More pamphlets and other items will be inventoried next.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Olsen, Secretary

<https://bentoncountymuseums.org/events/anniversary/>

This year is the 75th anniversary of the Benton County Historical Society, and we're throwing a party! **On May 30th at the Philomath Museum, noon to 6:00pm, the 1950s will be in full swing with activities, vendors, music, food, and drink.** It's a party for the whole county, and we hope you'll join us!

Special Attractions:

Live Music on an outdoor stage by Big Fir

Wine provided by Cardwell Hill Cellars

Food trucks onsite: Good Groundz (coffee), Groovy Blenz (Acai Bowls),
Sabor Tamales

Classic car show

Museum exhibits open all day

1950s nostalgic games including hula hoops, paint-by-numbers, and lawn games

Just for Fun

Who was president in the 1950s?

What did the fashions look like in the 1950s?

What did the cars look like in the 1950s?

How many items for the home can you name that became permanent fixtures even today?

Linda Olsen, BCGS Secretary