FROM THE BOARD

So what is going on at the historic Chinook School? PLENTY!

Construction Report: All walls and ceilings are painted; original and new wainscoting is in place, stained and sealed; original interior doors, jambs and trim have been carefully restored and match wainscoting. A new buried electrical service line has been put into service. Floor insulation is complete. Both bathrooms have been tiled and privacy stalls are in place; new fixtures have been plumbed.

Currently, wood floors are being sanded/refurbished and will be treated with a low-gloss protective coat. Once the floor work is completed, an ADA lift will be installed. Next, a fire/smoke alarm system serving both Chinook School buildings will be installed. Fire extinguishers will be placed to code. Interior “schoolhouse” lighting fixtures will be installed to match originals.

With all this going on, it is a fair question to ask: When will the former Chinook School be ready for community use? SOON!

Our best estimate right now is late summer or early fall – 2016!

Of course, we will keep you posted.
As the FOCS Board Members transition from the construction mode to an operational mode, your help will be important. We need many volunteers to help with small projects and we need your input on how these beautifully restored buildings might be used to serve our community and visitors.

The success of this project is due to the high involvement of community and interested parties from all over the Northwest. The dream of many years ago is almost realized.

Grateful thanks to the true craftsmen who have worked on this project!

“Without craftsmanship, inspiration is a mere reed shaken in the wind.”
~ Johannes Brahms

FOCS ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of Chinook School 2016 Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 20th at 7 pm in the Chinook School Event Center. This meeting is held for the election of board members and to provide annual updates by officers. A reminder notice will be posted in the Chinook Post Office and in the Chinook Observer. All members and readers of this newsletter are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.
The Shakespeare Experience is still in the planning stages, but we are excited and pleased to let our members know that we are expanding our program this year.

The big news is that we are inviting Astoria High School drama students to join us for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival actors’ workshops. Ilwaco Middle-High School and Naselle High School will, of course, be present also. This year the workshops on Thursday and Friday, November 17 and 18, will return to the Chinook School Event Center. We have once again, with Principal Dave Tobin, applied for a grant to engage historical dress performer, Tames Alan. Her program would be a great addition to the Shakespeare Experience.

The OSF community show will take place at the event center on the evening of Friday, November 18. Our ambitious plan for the students will require us to raise more money this year. The goal is to sell 200 tickets. We are asking each school to come up with a 15-20 minute entertainment to preface the OSF actors’ performance.

OSF always provides great entertainment. The first half of their program is usually portions of Shakespeare plays. The second half of the program is devoted to upcoming contemporary playwrights. Folks attending over the last three years have really enjoyed the offerings. We are asking all of you to consider supporting this project that enhances the educational and cultural experience of our area students. As plans are finalized, we will provide you with more information in the next newsletter. For now, please mark your calendar for Friday evening, November 18.

FOURTH ANNUAL 4th of JULY CHILDREN’S SIDEWALK PARADE

FOCS is getting ready for the annual 4th of July Children’s Sidewalk Parade. Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. at the Chinook School Event Center, and the parade will begin at 10:15. Marchers, friends and neighbors will be treated to hot dogs, chips and lemonade at the event center when the parade ends. Participants and observers are invited to bring an item of shelf-stable food to help supply the Chinook Food Bank. It would be especially meaningful to receive donations of children's favorite foods thereby involving our youngest citizens in the food collection effort.
FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM – PLEASE ENROLL OR RE-LINK YOUR REWARDS CARD

Thank you to all 52 households who have linked their Fred Meyer Rewards Card to benefit Chinook Food Bank. The check for the last quarter was $244.80!! We use any monetary contributions to purchase perishable goods such as milk, eggs, bread, meat and cheese.

HOWEVER YOU MUST RE-LINK in June or your link will be dropped. You should receive an email from Fred Meyer enabling easy renewal or you may go online or call as outlined below.

- Sign up or re-link for the program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Friends of Chinook School for Chinook Food Bank (#81341) at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards, or call 866-518-2686.
- Every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping FOCS/CFB earn a donation!
- You will earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at Fred Meyer’s Customer Service Desk.

Fred Meyer donates $2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Please let them know to give yours to the Chinook Food Bank.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The school building is nearing completion. Your support is needed more than ever. Wouldn’t you like to be able to say you were a member when the school building is re-dedicated to the community? Please send the attached form with your check.

If there is a “C” marked on your address label, you are already a current member for 2016.

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Friends of Chinook School Donation and Membership Form

Name(s) _________________________________________
Address __________________________________________
City _____________________State _______ Zip__________
Email ____________________________Phone __________

Make your check payable to:
Friends of Chinook School (FOCS)
P O Box 243, Chinook, WA 98614

Donation Category

Honor Roll $500
Royal Chinook $250
Blueback $100
Silverside $50
Other $_____

Yes, I want to be a member of FOCS!

Membership $ 10

Total Donation and Membership Fee $____

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Korine Nelson was a Chinook girl. She was born and raised in Chinook, attending Chinook Grade School and graduating high school in Ilwaco. She married Arville Nelson, a Chinook boy, and they made their home in Chinook. They looked after their parents and supported all Chinook community organizations: Chinook Progressive Club, Chinook Volunteer Fire Department, Chinook Lutheran Church, a square dancing group and a sewing club. Korine and Arville had friends throughout the peninsula and enjoyed entertaining and some travel.

Arville worked for Chinook Packing Company, Shell Oil and then, in partnership with his brother, operated a hardware store in Seaview. Korine worked in the office at Chinook Packing Company then went to work for Pacific County PUD and worked there until her retirement. Arville passed away in 1998. Korine continued enjoying her neighbors and friends, her cat and gardening. She was aware of the renovation taking place at Chinook School and became a regular contributor to the Oktoberfest fundraiser. She was so pleased to attend the dedication of the gymnasium as the Chinook School Event Center with some of her old classmates and was thrilled at the restoration and the addition of the stage dressing room.

Korine wanted to see the restoration of the school building and always inquired about progress. She passed away in May of 2015. Korine was unable to see the completion of the building, but left a large gift that will certainly allow Friends of Chinook School to finish the project as she desired. Korine’s bequest to FOCS follows a long list of memorial donors that have made the soon-to-be-completed Chinook School Community Building and the Chinook School Event Center possible. We are grateful for all of the gifts received and hope to soon have a memorial board hanging in the front hall of the community building honoring all of those contributions.

**MEMORIALS**

Friends of Chinook School is honored to dedicate remembrance donations to the work of improving and managing the historic Chinook School property. All the names of these honorees are available on the FOCS website and will be on a memorial plaque in the school when that project is complete.

The complete list can be viewed on our website: [www.friendsofchinookschool.org](http://www.friendsofchinookschool.org)

New donations since the winter newsletter have been received in memory of:

- Emil “Aye” Carlson
- Richard Brian Alexander
- Colleen Elizabeth Whealdon-Haught

Additional memorials received for loved ones honored in previous newsletters are:

- S. Dorene (Madsen) Couch
- Joseph Quimby Church
Happenings...

- Friends of Chinook School Annual Meeting~~Monday, June 20, 7:00 PM
- 4th of July Children’s Chinook Sidewalk Parade~~Starts at 9:45 AM
- Oktoberfest (Chinook Style)~~Saturday, October 15
- OSF Shakespeare Experience~~Friday, November 18
- Chinook Food Bank~~First and Third Weds, 10:00-1:00

RENT THE CHINOOK SCHOOL EVENT CENTER
Please check availability on the FOCS website
www.friendsofchinookschool.org
and then call 360-244-FOCS (3627) to reserve your date