

## **AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS**

Aumsville's 50<sup>th</sup> Corn Festival has come and gone. The AHS parade float won the Mayor's trophy, which is displayed in the museum, along with pictures, newspaper coverage and other souvenirs. In 1988 THE STATESMAN JOURNAL called the festival a "Shuck-Cess". In 1990 the fire department sponsored a parachute jump. Joan Mathias recently shared a copy of the Aumsville City Council minutes of August 6, 1969. Mayor Leo Wheadon presided. "A motion was made by Ted Nichol and seconded by Louis Bales that an Annual Corn Festival be sponsored by the city in the Porter Boone Park on August 23, 1969 from 12:30 through 8 PM". The motion was carried unanimously.

In the first parade, young Jimmy Duncan was with his father on a riding lawnmower. In 2018, he was the last unit in the parade. He drove a vintage Harley Davidson decorated like an ear of corn. A recent museum visitor asked why the replica of old city hall on the historical society's float did not include the clock on the front of the building. The answer is that the replica of Aumsville City Hall was constructed by Doris Hutchins in the late 1990s. About 2008 a clock was installed on the southeast corner of the building. In 2009 city hall and the police department moved into the new building. The clock remained on the old building, which reopened as the museum.

AHS continues to acquire historical items, such as the letter Iva Doughty wrote on her twelfth birthday, December 3, 1908. The Doughty family had come to Aumsville from Brookings, SD. They lived at Mill Creek Road and Bishop. Iva had been awakened early that morning due to the commotion caused by a skunk invading the chicken house. She wrote about attending school and Sunday School. Before 1930, she married Bliss Smith. They operated a confectionary shop in Tillamook County.

The newest AHS member is Carol Pinetree, who is already volunteering in the museum. The next AHS meeting will be held at 7 pm, Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in the community center. After the summer sabbatical, business will be brought up to date and future plans will be discussed. The museum will be open on Saturdays from 11 until 2, through October. For more information about AHS or to arrange a museum visit by appointment, please contact Ted Shepard at 503-479-2744 or Karlene Santibanez at 503-749-2585.