

## AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Aumsville Historical Society met on June 14<sup>th</sup>. President Ted Shepard presided and business was brought up to date. Numerous out-of-town visitors have recently come to the museum. One inquired about the Selmer Brown family. During the mid-1930s, Selmer Brown had a grocery in the former drugstore on the east side of the museum building. Until 1937, he also operated the Aumsville Post Office from the grocery store. The unanswered question is where Selmer, his wife Lucretia and their four children lived. The neighbors are identified, but the exact location has not been determined.

Ethelwyne DeLapp Golden donated some Lathrop items including pictures and men's jewelry. The lapel pins and cufflinks are now on display in a shadowbox. Ethelwyne's mother was Nina, daughter of Frank and Amanda Lathrop. The family home was on West Stayton Road near Shaff. On Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Aumsville Elementary School's fourth graders, accompanied by their four teachers, made a field trip to Aumsville's city hall, police department, fire department and the museum. It was an adventure for everyone!

The June speaker was Rick Thompson, who told about his thirty years of work as a medical examiner and investigator. His career started as a medic and ambulance driver in California. He began investigative work in Douglas County, OR. He later worked in Marion and Polk Counties. The terminology and required training have changed during those years, but the work goes on day and night in all kinds of weather. It always involves the cause and manner of death. Many deaths are due to natural causes, but others are very tragic. Sometimes it takes a lot of detective work to reveal what really happened.

The next AHS meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, but the museum will be open on Saturdays from 11-2 PM throughout the summer. For more information about AHS and the museum, please contact Ted Shepard at 503-749-2744 or Karlene Santibanez at 503-749-2585.