

'WE CAME BY BOXCAR'

## Virtual event features history of Maxville



Historical photos (above and below) depict loggers in the 1920s and 1930s near Maxville (photos courtesy of Gwen Trice and the Oregon Historical Society).

**JOSEPH** — The Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center in Joseph will present a virtual gala and live performance, “We Came by Boxcar,” Oct. 24. The event will take the audience on “a journey through timber culture and heritage,” according to the press release, that explores “the untold stories of one of Oregon’s Black and multicultural logging communities.”

In its heyday, between 1924 and 1933, Maxville, about 13 miles north of Wallowa, was the largest town in Wallowa County. Unlike most timber towns in the Pacific Northwest, it was home to African American loggers and white loggers who worked side by side felling timber.

In the early 1920s, the loggers and their families came to Maxville from the South and the Midwest in search of work. The Bowman-Hicks Lumber Company, which owned the town at that time, brought the black workers and their families to Maxville even though Oregon’s exclusion laws prohibited “free Negroes” from moving to the state to live and work.

Economic conditions, especially the Great Depression and consequent downturn in the lumber market, led to Maxville’s decline. In 1933 the Bowman-Hicks Lumber Company closed its operations, and Maxville eventually became a ghost town. Some 60 years later, the children and grandchildren of the original logging families began researching the history of the town and uncovering the stories of their ancestors. This effort led to the founding of the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center.

To find out more about the center and the virtual event, go to [www.maxvilleheritage.org](http://www.maxvilleheritage.org) or the center’s Facebook page.



### Volunteer Requirements Include:

- At least 21 years old
- Be willing to complete necessary background checks, provide references and participate in an interview.
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours of pre-service training.
- Attend all court proceedings
- Be willing to commit to the CASA program for at least two years.
- Have 5-15 hours per month of time to give while working your case

### A CHILD WITH A CASA VOLUNTEER IS:



**more likely**  
to receive  
much-  
needed  
services



**more likely**  
to succeed  
in school



**half as likely**  
to re-enter  
the foster  
care system



**THE KIDS ARE LOOKING FOR  
YOU – BE A CASA!**

## CASA VOLUNTEER TRAINING

### Responsibilities of a CASA



Establish  
relationship  
with child and  
others  
involved



Observe  
parent/child  
interactions



Meet with  
the child  
regularly (at  
least 2 times  
a month)



Maintain  
documentation  
required by  
CASA staff



Submit  
required  
reports and  
case updates



Maintain  
contact with  
Case Manager



Attend ALL  
court  
proceedings &  
monitor court  
orders to  
ensure  
compliance



Complete 12  
hours of in-  
service  
training  
yearly



Assess the  
child's  
physical,  
mental,  
behavioral, &  
educational  
needs.  
Advocate for  
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