

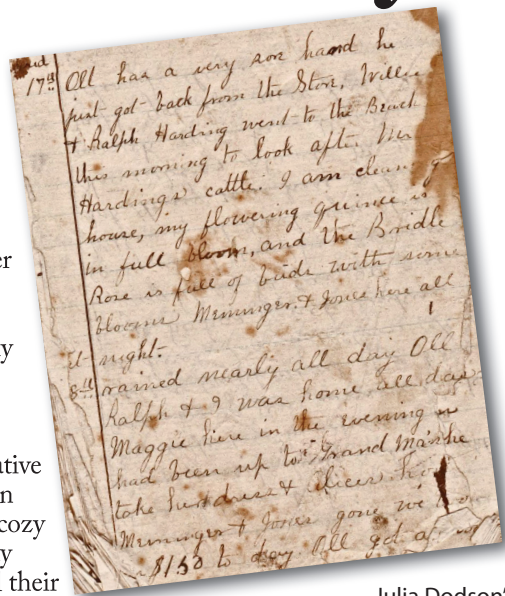
learn a little A museum exhi-byte

If you struggle to keep from touching the exhibits during visits to museums and art galleries, the North Lincoln County Historical Museum in Lincoln City has the perfect solution — a virtual exhibit titled “Every Artifact Has a Story.”

This online exhibit focuses on artifacts based on the stories that they possess, rather than their aesthetic value alone. Many of these artifacts come from deep in the museum’s collection and others are currently on display. Some of these artifacts have had a long journey before being preserved at the North Lincoln County Historical Museum, while others tell the stories of Native American and pioneer life in North Lincoln County. Many of these artifacts have been cozy in tissue paper and acid-free boxes, patiently waiting for their turn to shine and to reveal their intriguing stories.

Visitors to the North Lincoln County Historical Museum will get to discover stories behind a Native American basket, a cone-top beer can found in the museum’s wall, a claw-foot tub, a velvet quilt, a battered travel trunk, a diary from an early pioneer and many more.

Go to www.northlincolncountyhistoricalmuseum.org and click on the virtual exhibit logo to get started. Once you’re there, click on any of the 14 artifacts to reveal their stories through newspaper articles, documentation, information, links, historic photographs and more.



Julia Dodson’s

1908 diary entry mentioning the roses that gave Rose Lodge its name.

School’s OUT

The Oregon State University Extension Service Outdoor School program is offering resources to engage children in learning about nature while adhering to Oregon’s “Stay Home, Save Lives” order.

A new page at the Extension Outdoor School website is designed to help parents, guardians and teachers to support outdoor learning experiences while schools are out of session.

The page, which can be translated to Spanish, is updated every Friday with weekly resource sets with nature observations, journal prompts and online activities. So far, the themes have been birds, trees and flowers. Outdoor School is also linking to the resource sets on its Twitter and Facebook accounts.

“These weekly themes simplify matters for families who are sorting out a lot of information about at-home activities,” said Kristopher Elliott, an OSU Extension assistant director who leads the Outdoor School program. “Given all the time we’re

spending inside, these are unique resources to help families keep children connected to their natural environment in a meaningful way.”

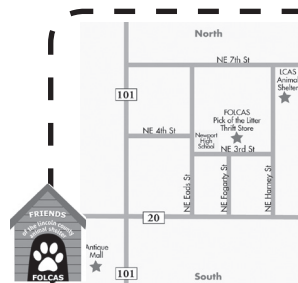
Nearly 400 new users have visited the webpage since it launched in late March.

“It’s not just families who are accessing the resources,” said Kristi Backe, Extension Outdoor School’s curriculum and professional development coordinator. “Nearly 17 percent of unique visits to the weekly resource sets come from Google Classroom, suggesting that teachers are directing parents and students to the resource sets as part of their distance learning.”

“We picked topics that are accessible to many students,” Backe added. “Things that you can see out a window.”

“We wanted to focus on curating these resources into manageable pieces so they’re not overwhelming families,” she said. “It only takes a couple of minutes to read through each topic.”

To get started, go to outdoorschool.oregonstate.edu and click on “Educational Resources.”



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