

# Pioneers' descendants celebrate restoration of old Mist Church

The restoration of the Mist Church was celebrated with a public gathering last Sunday, November 18. Historical church and Nehalem Valley artifacts were on display and the church's original pump organ was returned for the event.

Built in 1892 by the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethlehem Congregation, Mist Church is one of the oldest buildings in the area.

The church restoration has taken more than four years of dedicated work by volunteers with the Mist-Birkenfeld Historical Society. It also benefited from an Eagle Scout project organized by Anthony Morrow of Vernonia.

According to everyone involved, the restored church is a "beautiful place for quiet contemplation, celebration and worship."

For more information, call Sheila Sullivan at 503-728-2196.



Above: Some of the celebrants who turned out for the happy occasion are, from left, Arthur Bellingham, Shiela McCaffery Sullivan, Walter Mathews, Vern Ferguson, Eleanor Libel, Stella Bellingham Satern, Jepson Lonquist and, in back, Marie Bellingham and Lee Enneberg.

At left: Sheila McCaffery Sullivan, sans shoes, made music on the old pump organ.



## M-BRFPD seeking board member

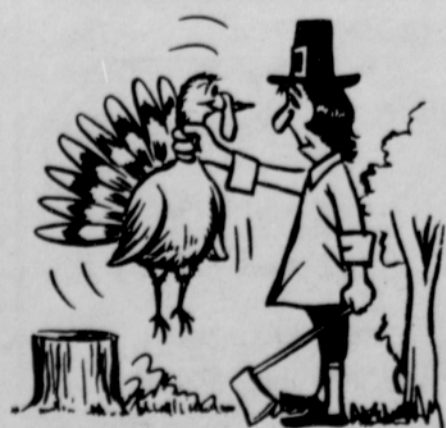
The Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Board of Directors is accepting applications for a board position previously held by Raymond Kyser, who resigned, effective Nov. 13, citing medical concerns. The four-year term will end June 30, 2005.

Interested fire district residents are invited to attend regular board meetings and meet with Board Chairman Bill DeJager to answer any questions concerning board responsibilities.

If interested, mail a letter of intent by December 11 to Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD, Attention: Chairman Bill DeJager, 12525 Hwy 202, Mist, OR 97016.

## M-BRFPD December meeting scheduled

The next meeting of the Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Board of Directors will be December 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the main station, 12525 Hwy 202.





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