

# REFLECTIONS

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*Newsletter of the Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society*



## *Jim Raze, 1943 - 2007*



Jim & Carole Raze  
at the Heslin House, December 2006

Jim Raze, local developer, City of Fairview Council member and one of Heslin House's most adherent supporters, passed away of an apparent heart attack, August 14, 2007.

For more than 10 years, Jim's support, donations, labor and constant encouragement in the renovation of the Heslin House was 2<sup>nd</sup> to none. Most recent, Jim helped finance, seek out material donations and round up the labor for the construction of the Heslin House

garage. The garage is a huge supplement to the Heslin project because it will allow the FRW Historical Society to have actual storage, for once. In addition, the garage may someday be used to display society artifacts for public viewing.

The Heslin committee and all of FRW extend our deepest condolences to Carole, James, Steve and all of Jim's family. And, thank you Jim for all you've done for us. You will be missed tremendously, but never forgotten.

**All donations in Jim's memory to the FRW Historical Society will go towards the completion of the Heslin House garage, and then some...**

## *Baker's Beanery - Fairview, Oregon*

*"All the coffee you can stand for 5 cents"*

In 1946, Albert W. Baker, and his wife Mabel (Thomas) Baker, opened Baker's Beanery on the corner of Sandy Blvd and Fairview Ave.

At that time, Fairview's population was a mere 437, but the 4<sup>th</sup> largest city in Multnomah County. Portland, Gresham & Troutdale were larger.

It was Al's wonderful sense of humor and belief in advertising that brought him and his business local notoriety.

***"Why Not Eat Beans? - We have ham occasionally, and most every day we have roast beef or beef steak. But why eat it? Beans are filling for you and more profitable for us"***



*Al in front of the Beanery, circa 1949*

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### Important Dates

*1874 Zimmerman  
Heritage Farm  
17111 NE Sandy Blvd  
Gresham, Oregon*

House Tour  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Volunteer in the Garden  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Volunteer in the House  
Every Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

*1893 Heslin House  
60 Main Street  
Fairview, Oregon*

Volunteer in the Garden  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Volunteer in the House  
Every Tuesday  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

### *FRW Society*

Monthly Board Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
6:30 pm  
Heslin House  
(open to everyone)

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# GIFTS

## ***FRW Board of Directors***

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## **Grant Awards**

Oregon Cultural Trust

**Thank You!**

## **All Day Events!**

**Museum Round Robin Bus Tour**

**Saturday – October 13, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. to When it Ends...**

*Organized by the Troutdale Historical Society*

The tour will start at Troutdale Historical Society's Barn Museum, 732 E. Columbia River Hwy at 9:00 a.m. The bus will leave for Springdale; continue on the back roads by Oxbow Park to the new Sandy Museum. From there the tour will continue to the Gresham Museum followed by the Zimmerman Heritage Farm. The tour will finish with refreshments on the porch of the Harlow House Museum in Troutdale where the tour started.

**Cost \$10.00 per person**

**Bring a sack lunch (coolers provided)**

**For more information or sign up call**

**Troutdale Historical Society**

**503-661-2164**

## **Historical Bus Tour of East Multnomah County**

***Crown Point Country Historical Society Fundraiser***

**Saturday, September 29, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**\$40.00 per person (Sack lunch included)**

Join **Chuck Rollins** for a fun, educational day as he shares his vast knowledge through stories and humorous anecdotes about the rich history of East Multnomah County from 100+ years ago. His spirited presentation includes information on: Pioneer life in East Multnomah County; Our heritage from Native Americans to early settlers; Native plants and animals; Former community school sites; Communities that existed in by-gone days.

**For more information or to register, contact: Sandy at 503-695-5153 or Chuck at 503-695-5821**

*Thank You!*

*The Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society and especially the Heslin House committee, thank the following for your contribution(s) in the construction of the Heslin House garage.*

John Gessner, Fairview, Oregon  
Keith Kundra, Fairview, Oregon  
Forest Lytle, Eastside Concrete, Sandy, Oregon  
Knife River (formally Morse Bros), Clackamas, Oregon  
Steve Raze, Caden Custom Homes, Happy Valley, Oregon  
James Raze, Raze Custom Homes, Fairview, Oregon  
Ken Fletcher, Troutdale, Oregon  
Jeff Fletcher, Fairview, Oregon  
Camp's Lumber, Gresham, Oregon  
Ken Quimby, Fairview, Oregon  
Dick Bohlmann, Troutdale, Oregon  
Jim Strickland Construction, Fairview, Oregon  
Gresham Electric, Gresham, Oregon  
LBL Windows, Troutdale, Oregon

*Thank You!*

**Wanted**  
**Metal Shelving for Heslin House Artifacts**  
**Contact Stephanie at:**  
**503-261-8078**

**75c T-BONE STEAK  
DINNER AT BAKER'S  
(All Day Friday)**

My butcher, Fred Howitt has been riding the range again, and he has come up with some luscious, tender, full-tenderloin T-Bone Steaks. Ahh, what beautiful hunks of meat. All this and potatoes, too, for 75 cents tomorrow, Friday. Any reports of rustling activities in eastern Oregon at this time are only a coincidence. I don't think Howitt knows how to throw a rope.

**BAKER'S BEANERY**

Corner Sandy Boulevard and Fairview Avenue

*Typical Al Baker Ad, Printed August 1949*

his extra cup of coffee, his cheery smile and droll humor, Al made each day brighter for those who knew and loved him..."

**Baker's Beanery** *continued from page 1 ...*

"Capacity 1500-15 at a Time", was the sign posted outside of the dining-car type of building. Al never wanted to expand the place, he said, "If there were more stools in the place there'd be more people to serve and I'd have to work harder, work faster, would have less time to talk..." It was well known Mabel was the cheerful and gracious worker, and Al was the jovial talker.

Unlike today's eateries, the Beanery was a place where everyone knew each other and when you walked through the door you'd most likely be greeted by name. The diner was so friendly and fun, even tourists made a point of stopping in on a return visit to the area just for a cup of coffee.

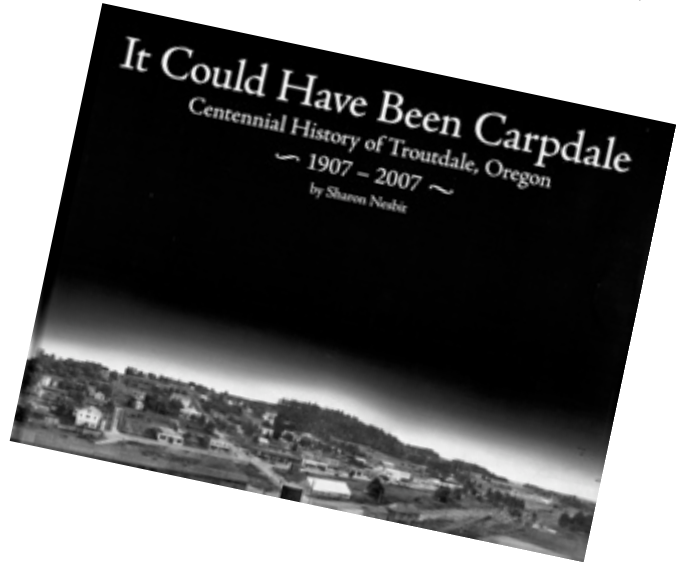
Al and his Beanery were so well-liked; he was nominated and elected Mayor of Fairview in 1950. He considered the people of Fairview "as fine a group of people as there are in this world." He was known as "A. L. Baker, Old Grey Mare of Fairview."

Al died in January of 1952, and in a letter to the editor at that time from Mrs. Edith Anderson summed him up best; "... With

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