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Reporters: The residents of Allegany, Oregon

Important Monthly Dates:

The Board meetings are the first Tues. of each month at 6:00 P.M.

The Craft Nights are the third Friday of each month beginning at 3 p.m.

CENTER phone number is: 541-267-4946

Rentals: Robin Cherry – – call or text her at 541-290-0099 to make reservations to rent the center.

ALLEGANY POST OFFICE:

Window Hours: Monday through Saturday 1:PM – 3:PM

Lobby Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week phone number is 541-269-2039

Allegany Community Church – Meeting at the church 11:00 a.m. see bible study dates and times inside newsletter.

Board Members

Down River : Ben Salo

West Fork : vacant

Allegany : Dennis Cook 541-269-5259 inquire@allegany-outfitters.com

East Fork: Robin Cherry 541-266-9726 Trhcherry@msn.com

At Large: Bruce Thompson 541-269-0574 bruce@koontzmachine.com

Robin Cherry is the Chairman of the Board

Deadline to get articles in the Feb. issue is January 25 th.

Millicoma River Park and Recreation District
Minutes for January 6, 2026
(Pending board approval)

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Robin and pledge of Allegiance was led by Robin.

In attendance: Board Members: Robin Cherry, Bruce Thompson, Gene Cook, Ben Salo
Others: Carolyn Hughes, Todd Cherry

The minutes of the last meeting were read and Bruce moved for approval, Robin 2nd. Motion approved.

Financial report: Carolyn gave the financial report showing the following balances: Checking: \$28,562.02 Money Market: \$28,401.53 Scholarship fund: \$2,442.68, 6 mo CD: \$25,716.20 1 yr CD: \$25,819.67. Bruce moved for approval Ben 2nd. Motion approved. Vote unanimous.

Old Business:

Custodial / Maintenance: The generator is up and operational. After the meeting, the board will do a walk through and Todd will show them how to operate the generator.

Rental form: The changes were reviewed by the board members and once approved the form needs to be upgraded on the website. Robin moved to approved, Ben second, motion approved. Carolyn will print new copies of the form and update the website.

Robin mentioned that that the key code has not been changed for some time. There was general discussion and a new code was decided on so Robin will make those changes.

The scholarship dinner will be February 7th at 5:30. Dinner will be spaghetti / salads / dessert. There will be a silent auction and the quilt will be on display and tickets available for sale.

New Business:

Community events:

Easter Egg Hunt, 3/29

Annual Tea Party 5/2/2026

4th of July picnic.

Regular monthly events:

Board Meetings: 2/3

Community Potlucks: 2/5

Craft Night: 1/16

Adjourned at 6:21

Respectfully submitted

Carolyn Hughes

Recording Secretary



**3RD ANNUAL
ALLEGANY SCHOLARSHIP**

**DINNER
Saturday February**

7th 5:30pm

**Dinner is donation Based,
Silent auction donations will be greatly
appreciated &**

Quilt raffle tickets will be on sale.

**Our goal is to provide a scholarship
to the districts High School
graduates in the class of 2026**

**contact Robin if you would like to
help or with questions 541-290-0099**

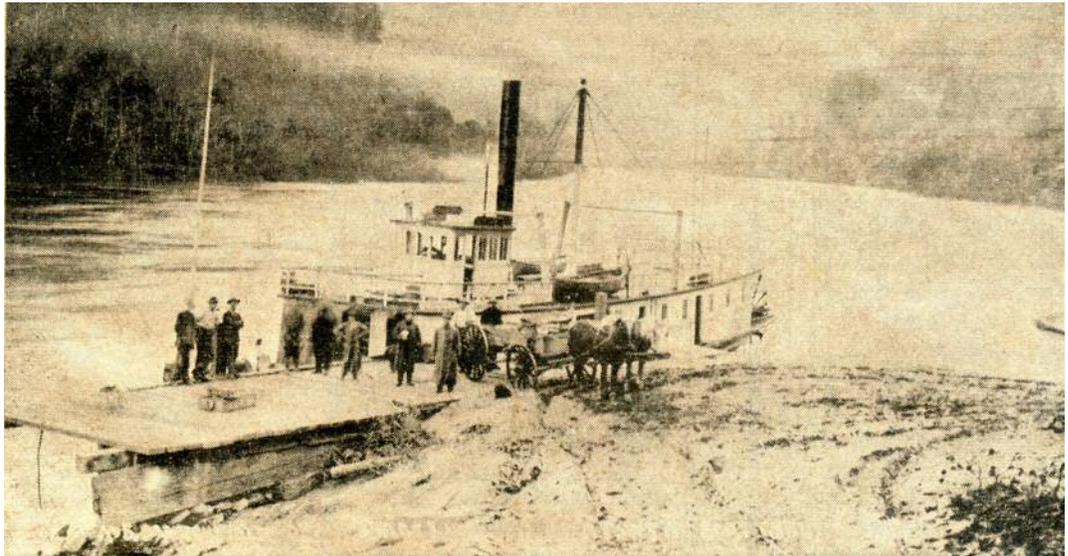


Steamers, Stages and Trains

My Grandparents had told me about riding the river boats and the steamers just to get around to Oregon cities... I don't remember them telling me of riding the stages or trains, though. Just a couple of weeks ago I was with my daughter on our way to Eugene. I was telling her we passed through Scottsburg that there used to be a river boat dock, but we couldn't tell exactly where, plus we didn't have time to go and inspect. Maybe we can do that another day.

I have so many photos of the river boats here on our mighty Coos River, but in looking at one of my Grandmother's scrapbooks, I found a couple of photos of the main boat that serviced passengers between Gardiner and Scottsburg, via the Umpqua River. There was a lot of that kind of travel in the first decade of the 1900s. And getting to the valley was no easy task.

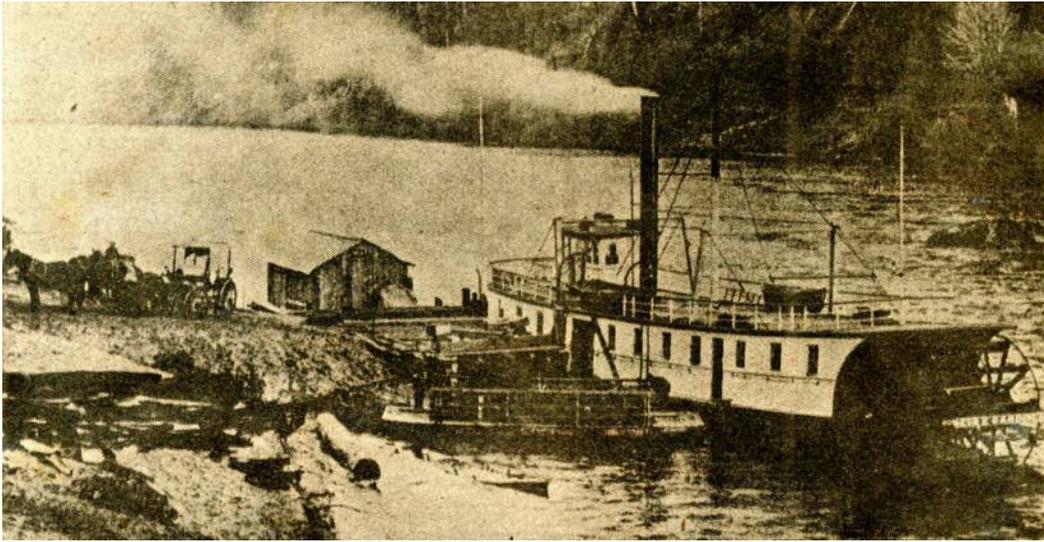
Here we see the steamer "Eva," loading up in Gardiner. It's a little hard to tell, but the horse-drawn wagon is the stage! And can you see the sloppy, muddy ruts that was the road that they came in on?



Anyways, when leaving from Coos Bay (Marshfield), passengers would hop on the Marshfield-Drain stage line, which was often times an open wagon, and then they would head up the beaches, over the sand dunes, and finally to Gardiner. When they finally arrived at Gardiner, it was off to the steamer "Eva" and a trip up river to Scottsburg. Once again, they would hop on a stage and trek to Drain. Here, passengers could finally catch a train for Eugene, Roseburg or elsewhere.

My grandparents took this trip in September of 1910. I'm sure they were headed to Eugene or Corvallis to visit relatives. It was probably another stage trip or at least horse and buggy if they were going to Philomath where my grandmother's ancestors lived.

While doing some online research at newspapers.com, I found a couple of interesting notes about the Stage Lines. One spoke of "The most picturesque and comfortable routes to Coos Bay points. Covered spring hacks leave Drain every morning connecting with the steamer "Eva," the finest river steamer in Southern Oregon, for Scottsburg, Gardiner and the Ocean Beaches. Only 30 hours from the railroad at Drain to Coos Bay, including a stop at Gardiner. Good hotel accommodations. Fare \$7.50!"



The "Eva" at the Scottsburg boat landing.

Only 30 hours?!
Wow!

Another article from 1908 tells of a man who filed a suit in the U.S. court against the Umpqua River Steam Navigation company for the amount of \$61,313.35 in damages for injuries sustained

by the overturning of one of the defendant company's stagecoaches on which the plaintiff was passenger, running between Drain and Marshfield. He alleged that the accident was the fault of a careless and inexperienced driver, employed by the company. That's a lot of money!

And, lastly, I found an article from October, 1909, stating that Coos Bay had been entirely cut off from the outside for several days due to severe weather and flooding. Telegraph and telephone wires were down, the mail had been a day late, two automobiles were stuck in the mud 20 miles from Marshfield, and those who rode over the stage line had to go through 60 miles of rain in an open wagon. This was due to four days of rain. Can you imagine traveling in this weather!

I know for a fact that within 3 weeks of this article, there was a big flood going on. It was November 9, 1909. My Grandpa grew up at the mouth of Daniels Creek on the south fork of Coos River and he took a climb up the mountain behind his house and took some photos of the aftermath. I was able to put two of them together for a panoramic photo. The photo shows the sand and silt left on the edges of the river. Plus the Mosher Chapel on the left, the Anson Rogers farm down alongside the river... and Daniels Creek flooding into the Coos River on the right. Today, there's the Anson Rogers bridge and the Myrtle Tree Boat Ramp here.

Until next time... V. Margaret Smith-01/26

