

**THE FERNWOOD
PIONEER**
Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery
Association
(Non-Endowed Care)



GREETINGS TO ALL

2025 Holiday Greetings to Friends and Relatives -

As we near the end of 2025, we would like to thank those who have volunteered and worked so tirelessly throughout the year to keep Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery in tip top shape. Your hard work is so deeply appreciated. We also want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful donors who through their loving support and contributions have also helped to make the improvements and sustainability of Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery possible.

Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery is such a special place for those who come to visit and remember loved ones who are no longer with them. Without all of you, Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery simply would not be possible.

May the coming New Year bring peace, joy and prosperity to you and your families and to our world.

Best wishes and happy holidays.

Board Member; Ladd Brothers

2025 FALL – WINTER NEWSLETTER EDITION

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TAKE A LOOK INSIDE

**TELL US YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES
PURCHASE YOUR PLOT OR NICHE
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**Do you have your plot or niche purchased yet?
Make it easier for your loved ones when you pass
and get that detail completed now!!**

Lots: \$700
Niche Top Row: \$700
Niche Middle Row: \$600
Niche Bottom 3 Rows: \$500
Second Right Burial Fee: \$250
Fernwood Office Processing Fee: \$150

Each lot can contain 1 burial and 1 cremation; or 2 cremations

Second Right Burial fee is when there is a request to have cremains buried with an already purchased lot with one cremains or burial. The original purchase did not plan to have additional cremains added when purchased.

CONTACT TERI COUNCIL IF INTERESTED teri.council@gmail.com

SPECIAL THANKS

Scott McKern

Keeper of Fernwood Website

Fernwood Grange #770

Donation of Fernwood Annual Meeting Space

Talle Malmstrom - Friends Cemetery Office

Helping Fernwood Families with All Their Needs



George Webster Smith & Bessie Lillie Baker Smith
Wedding picture 1907

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Notify us of any address changes to guarantee future newsletters reaching you and your family, or to add other family member; please email the information to: teri.council@gmail.com

**SAVE THE DATE
2026 Annual Meeting**

May 16, 2026

11AM**

**** we combined the board and open mtg**

Fernwood Grange #770

216 N. Springbrook Road

**2025
In Loving Memory**

Gerald Wesley McCabe
(1941-2025)

Dennis LeRoy Cardwell
(1949-2025)

Nancy Kay McCloud Rosendahl
(1951-2025)

We are a 501c-3 non-profit organization so your donation may be tax deductible

WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE FERNWOOD FAMILY STORIES

Dr. Patricia Jeanne Baker (Row 11, Lot 47A), granddaughter and previous President of the Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery Board provides this valuable history of the Fernwood Baker Family.

At the corner of Fernwood Road and the light on Springbrook Road remains one of the last pioneer farms established in the then Fernwood District predating the City of Newberg.

It is the Henry Newton Baker (1867-1947 Row 11, Lot 48) and Lillie Mae Cummings Baker Baker (1870-1959 Row 11, Lot 47) Fernwood Land Claim! It was acreage filled with trees to harvest nuts and fruit! The house still stands on this prestigious corner of land! Most if not all the acreage with trees to harvest nuts and fruits are gone.

Pat's grandmother; Lillie, married two different Baker brothers! The first being Thomas Howard Baker and then Henry Newton Baker. The two brothers came with their grandmother out west to settle in Fernwood. The little brother wanted to come with the big brother so that's why they both came!! Thomas went to help a neighbor lady who's distraught husband was in their barn and the husband ended up killing Thomas. The brothers brought 11 children into Lillie's large family.

From her first husband, Thomas Howard Baker (not in Fernwood) there is one daughter, Bessie Lillie Baker Smith Lee (1888-1975 Row 11, Lot 40) and her first husband, George Webster Smith (Row 11, Lot 4). Thomas was 26 and Lillie 18 when Bessie was born in Neosho Township, Newton, Missouri. Bessie's second husband, William Julius Lee (Row 11, Lot 37) is also buried in Fernwood. Also buried there is one of Bessie's sons, Howard George Smith (Row 11 Lot 38) and his wife Alice Elizabeth Munhall Smith (Row 11, Lot 39).

From her second husband, Henry Newton Baker, there were six children born and raised on this property: Theodore Herbert, Roy Charles (Patricia's father), Owen Valentine, twins; Blanche May and Beulah Bernice and Henry Edward Jr. Only Henry Edward Jr. (Row 11, Lot 45) is interred in our Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery right next to his wife Lillie Mae. One daughter-in-law, Lorace Belle Hunt Baker-Thomas (Row 11, Lot 46 1923-2020) is laid to rest by her first husband, Henry Edward Baker Jr. (1915-1999) Row 11, Lot 45.

Pat recalls her Grandma Lillie moved in with her daughter Bessie that lived "in town" next to what was Newberg High School. Lillie offered the son, Roy Charles Baker to take over the farm but he declined thinking there would be too many repercussions from the 10 other children so the Rader family took it over and kept it in their family for many generations and might still have it.



John Smith and Rebecca Smith - parents to William, Lilly and George

NEW FLAGPOLE FOR FERNWOOD -

In the early spring of 2025, our Property Manager, Teri Council, spoke with her brother, Todd Lovell, about the projects she was working on for the cemetery. During their conversation, Teri mentioned her desire to propose the purchase of a flagpole for the cemetery to the board. Moved by the idea—and inspired by his love for seeing our nation's flag proudly displayed—Todd generously offered to cover all expenses if the proposal was approved. The gesture was especially meaningful to him, as their mother is laid to rest there, and it will also be the final resting place for his brother-in-law and sister. After receiving board approval, Teri began researching flagpole options and selected a model designed with a clip-in system rather than a traditional pulley rope to help deter vandalism. The flagpole also includes a solar-powered LED light, ensuring that the flag will remain always illuminated.



Property Manager Report -

I am happy to share that the past six months have been wonderfully productive! The highlight has been the approval, purchase, and installation of our beautiful new flagpole. I hope that everyone visiting Fernwood feels a sense of pride and joy when driving down Everest Street and seeing "Old Glory" flying high over our grounds.

I want to extend heartfelt thanks to our Vice President, Dinah Hemphill, for her remarkable generosity and support of so many of our projects. Her most recent donation made it possible to hire Mark Thompson, former Sexton of Newberg Friends Cemetery, and his wife Jan, to repair about 14 plots that needed fresh soil, leveling, and minor base repairs. Thanks to Dinah's kindness, our loved ones' resting places are well cared for—it truly warms my heart.

In September, we were also fortunate to welcome George Fox University students for their annual Serve Day. Their hard work made a big difference as they sealed the new cedar fence, trimmed bushes and limbs, raked, and helped haul away debris. Their energy and dedication were greatly appreciated!

Over the past year, we have sold one plot and had three burials, all occurring this past May. Additionally, all our historical records have been moved into the fireproof file cabinet at the Newberg Friends Cemetery office with all our official records. This consolidates our documents into one secure location and allowed us to close the US Bank safe deposit box—saving the annual rental cost.

Looking ahead, I have several new ideas I am excited to propose at our next annual meeting on May 16, 2026. I hope you will plan to attend and share your thoughts! If you cannot make it, keep an eye out for updates in the Fall 2026 Newsletter.

Fondly, *Teri Council*

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY SERVE DAY STUDENTS

HELPING PAINT CLEAR PROTECTION ON THE CEDAR FENCE, TRIMMING THE BRANCHES HANGING OVER THE FENCE, RAKING DEAD BRANCHES AND TRIMMING BUSHES ALONG THE BACK FENCE AND HAULING IT AWAY



HOPE ALL OF YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON AND BEST WISHES FOR 2026

Treasurer's Report as of November 1, 2025

By Michele Cardwell Crisman

Checking: \$ 3,815.04

Savings: \$ 5,029.23

Edward Jones: \$ 63,038.54

Monetary Donations: \$ 6,770

In Memory or Honor of Donations: \$ 1,325

Goods & Services Donations: \$ 269.38

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all who have donated. We could not do what we do without your thoughtful generosity. Just as an example, in May of last year, we received a \$2,000 donation designated for "Lawn Maintenance". That donation funded those services clear into September of this year. And this past August, we received another generous donation of \$2,500 which was earmarked for "Projects" with a current remaining balance of \$1062.01. All this to say, no matter how big or small...

Every donation helps. And lastly, I'm happy to say our funds that are with Edward Jones continue to grow. Our Mutual Funds have grown to \$47,389.30; which is a gain of more than \$5,000 from this time last year. And this past May, with the board's approval we moved an additional \$5,000 from our checking to our Money Market fund, which currently has a balance of \$15,649.24.

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING

Leta & Mark Cook - In Memory of Dennis Cardwell

Todd Lovell - In Memory of Norma Lovell

Sheryl Cope - In Memory of Edith Parrish

Mavourn Lang - In Memory of Edith Parrish

Randy & Vicky Cardwell - In Memory of Jeff Lacy and Dennis Cardwell

Carolyn Lacy - In Memory of Jeff Lacy

2025 DONATIONS APRIL - OCTOBER

Margaret Anderson
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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

KATHERINE May Janssen Wegter DEVORE



Fernwood's
only living original board member

500+ hours clearing blackberries, poison
oak, sowing grass seed
Worked until 10 PM many nights

We thank you for your vision, dedication,
hard work, and love for the future of
Fernwood starting back in 1966!!

BORN DECEMBER 30, 1925