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# TODAY'S NEWS

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## Grand Opening of Buffalo Soldier Exhibit

Honored guest speaker Lt. General Xavier T. Brunson, I Corps Commander, joined City of DuPont leaders to formally open the new permanent museum exhibit featuring the 1904 encampment of the 9th Cavalry. Buffalo Soldier reenactors delighted visitors outside in Robinson Park.



*Photos by Kate Lynch.*



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### Steilacoom Historical Education Foundation (SHEF) scholarship award

Alyssa Bayless is the winner of our \$1,000 DuPont Historical Society scholarship, awarded through SHEF! She is a lovely hardworking young woman who has just graduated high school and completed an associates degree. She has aspirations of becoming a nurse and will follow in her mother's footsteps by becoming an RN, perhaps with a specialty of pediatrics. She will attend Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) in the fall. PLU is matching her grant so her scholarship becomes \$2,000!



*Alyssa with DHS vice president Deena Holsinger; 2022 SHEF scholarship recipients*



### Buffalo Soldier Day

For those who missed the Buffalo Soldiers re-enactors in June, and everyone who is interested, visit us under the big tent on July 28th, at the Farmer's Market in Clocktower Park, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Enjoy exhibits, a kids craft, and meet Buffalo Soldier re-enactors and Blackberry (the gentle friendly horse we all feel in love with)!

## 4th of July Pancake Breakfast

The sun came out and many bellies were made happy at the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser! Many thanks to the Forever Young Seniors and Historical Society volunteers who made the fun happen -- \$2000 was raised for the museum programs and operations.



## Save the Date: Upcoming Summer Events

Watch the museum website and Facebook page for more details:

- **July 14:** Stop by and visit our table at the DuPont Farmers Market in Clocktower Park
- **August 4:** Steve Anderson will give a book talk on "Angus McDonald and the Fur Brigade of 1855" at the museum, see below
- **August 6:** All ages are invited to tap your toes and kick up your heels with live folk music and dance instruction in Robinson Park
- **August 21:** Hudson's Bay Heritage Day features a tour of the original 1843 Fort Nisqually site, and interpreters and demonstrators from Ft. Nisqually Point Defiance at Clocktower Park (see pg 5)

## Free presentation: Angus McDonald and the Fur Brigade of 1855

Join us at the museum for a free book talk by Steve Anderson, author of "Angus McDonald of the Great Divide" and Fort Nisqually historian, on Thursday evening, August 4th, at 7:00 p.m.

Steve will provide insights into McDonald's life, events of the 1855 Brigade and share some of the Scot's story-telling wizardry, which was legendary in the middle 19th century.

## Welcome New Board Members

Pete Stoltz and Rodney G. Thomas are the newest members to join the Historical Society Board of Directors. Please take the chance to greet them at one of our upcoming summer events.

The Board is still recruiting a youth volunteer (current or recent student, minimum age 16) to join us! Reach out if you might be interested or would like to nominate someone to serve. It's great experience for resumes and college applications!

## Dynamite Train News

Thanks to CalPortland, the Dynamite Train engine has a new drip pan to help protect the nearby wetlands!

Train fans of all ages came to Robinson Park on June 24 for the museum's first "Train Day" to see the train in action and enjoy train-themed activities.



The train is located under the canopy behind the museum and can be visited at any time. Call the museum if you'd like to know about the next opportunity to see the engine running.

## Scouts Tackle Scotch Broom on 1843 Fort Nisqually Site

Eight scouts from Troop 472 here in Dupont, led by Senior Patrol Leader Brayden Lawson, pulled invasive weeds from the 1843 Fort Nisqually site in June.



Thank you! It's an endless effort but now the site looks terrific in time for our summer tours.

A free guided tour of the fort site and adjacent reburial cemetery will be available on August 21st as part of Hudson's Bay Heritage Day activities. See below.

## Hudson's Bay Heritage Day

Come out to Clocktower Park from noon to 4:00 PM on Sunday, August 21st for a fun family day with Hudson's Bay exhibitors & demonstrators from Ft. Nisqually Point Defiance, kids' activities & games, and live music. Free and open to all ages.



Tour the original 1843 Fort Nisqually site at 1:00 PM with historian Drew Crooks. Contact the museum for directions to the site or find more info at [www.dupontmuseum.com/events](http://www.dupontmuseum.com/events)



# TOE-TAPPING TUNES IN THE PARK

Bring your  
own blanket or  
lawn chair!

Free live music, ice cream  
& folk dancing –  
dancers of all ages and  
experience welcome!



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022  
2:00 PM AT ROBINSON PARK  
207 BARKSDALE AVE. DUPONT, WA**

Music by Beautiful Dissonance, members of Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association

Visit the DuPont Museum 1:00 - 4:00 PM, free admission

This program is made possible by federal COVID-19 relief funds provided to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and is being administered by AWC with assistance from WRPA. Together, with the City of DuPont, we are encouraging our youth to get outside!

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