

# Applegate Food Pantry under new management

BY ARLENE AND CLAUDE ARON

We have been volunteering at the Applegate Food Pantry for about the last eight years—the first three years as helpers and the last five years as managers. It has been challenging at times, but we have met many wonderful, generous people and have been privileged to be able to provide a vital service to members of our community.

For personal reasons, we recently decided to move from the beautiful Applegate Valley into town. But before doing that, we wanted to find someone who would be willing to take over the management of the pantry.

**We were very fortunate to find a lovely woman willing to step up** and keep the pantry going. Charlotte Knott, who has been volunteering with us for a while, is easing into the management position. We are sure she will do a great job. We will, of course, be available to her for as long as she needs.

Many of our current volunteers will stay on and we thank them for that. We

want to give a special thanks to Richard Mikula, our driver, who drives into Medford every week to pick up our food.

**Food pantry days will continue to be on Mondays** (except for the last Monday of each month when the pantry is closed). Fall, winter and spring hours are 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, and summer hours (July, August and September) are 9:00 to 10:30 am. The location will also remain the same: behind Ruch School on the loading dock.

**Any future donations to the pantry** should be sent to Charlotte with checks made payable to “Applegate Pantry.” We hope this community will continue to be as generous as you have been in the past.

Sadly, the number of clients we service each month has doubled, while the supply of food we receive from ACCESS has been reduced. As a result, we have had to dip into our cash reserves more than in the past.

We would love to see a day when no



Claude and Arlene Aron (left) are handing over the management of the Applegate Food Pantry to Charlotte Knott (right).

one in our community needs help feeding their families and the Applegate Food Pantry becomes obsolete. In these tough economic times, however, that doesn't seem like a very likely possibility.

**It has been our pleasure to contribute** our time and energy to helping our community, and we thank everyone who has generously contributed their time, financial assistance, food and

any other form of aid to the pantry over the years.

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# Historic Logtown Cemetery seeks sexton

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Some of us drive by the Logtown Cemetery every day, some once a week, and some just once in a great while. Very few of us give this historic Applegate landmark much thought at all, even if we live right next door. And yet, there are people who come from near and far to spend a few quiet moments there, to leave flowers or tokens beside a loved one's grave.



- It is an Oregon Historical Cemetery.
- It has an Oregon State Centennial marker near the front gate and an anodized aluminum marker installed in 1976 by the Applegate Bicentennial Committee and the Southern Oregon Historical Society. This aluminum marker is one of four in the Applegate. The

others are at Sterling Cemetery, McKee Bridge, and in Ruch near the Ramsay Realty building.

**Over the years, the all-volunteer board of directors** and the Applegate community have kept the cemetery a hallowed ground for the final resting place of our loved ones. In 1949 a railroad iron arch with a Logtown Cemetery sign was erected; in 1950 a well was drilled and a hand pump put in place; in 1958 Logtown yellow rose slips were planted along the front fence; and in 2009 a beautiful new wrought-iron gate replaced an old and bent wire gate. Looking down the road another 150 years, Logtown Cemetery will require more wonderful volunteers and more community energy to keep this historic landmark an active presence in the Applegate.

**The Logtown Cemetery Board is looking for someone** to help us keep our records up-to-date by becoming the cemetery's sexton. This person would keep the records for burials, assist with the

**The Logtown Cemetery has a long history** and is a who's who of pioneer names on tombstones scattered throughout the grounds. The first recorded burial was in 1862, a Reverend James Dunlap; however, many burials took place without much in the way of record keeping. In fact, the land now called Logtown Cemetery didn't become an official entity until May 23, 1939, when a few families, with ancestors buried in what was called Laurel Grove, wanted the land preserved as a cemetery for future generations. After filing for incorporation and receiving a certificate under the name Logtown Cemetery Association, the new association board was delighted when landowners Paul E. and Mildred Pearce, along with Walter W. and Edith Bell, donated separate parcels to make one piece of property.

**Some things you may not know about the cemetery:**

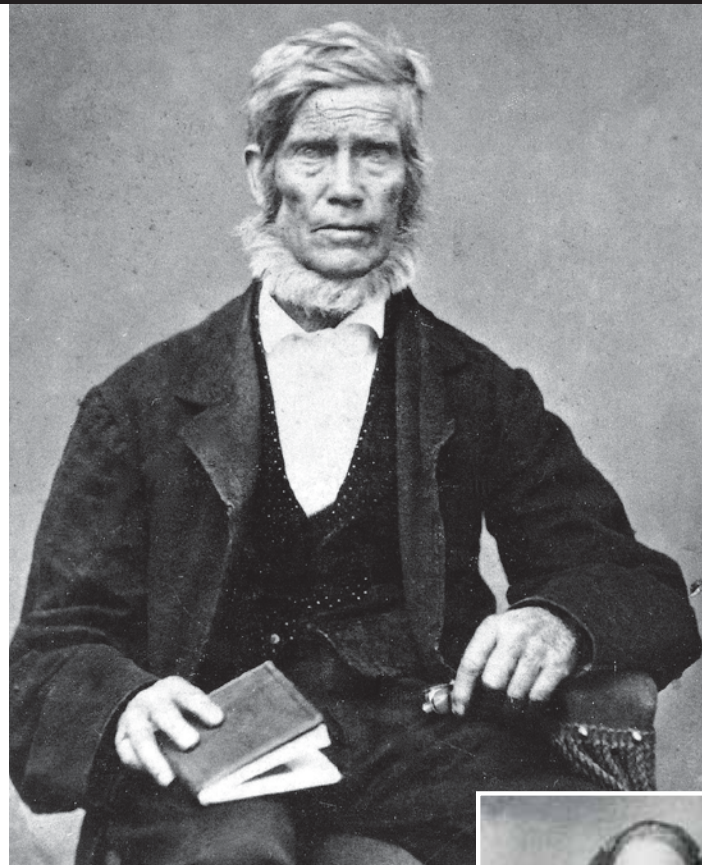
- It is managed by a nonprofit organization.

selling of burial plots, be the contact person when a burial is needed, and send the appropriate forms to the State of Oregon. A small money compensation for these services is available. If interested, please contact Janeen Sathre at 541-899-1443 or Patty Eaton at 541-899-7693.

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# BACK IN TIME: Joseph and Almira McKee



**Buried at Logtown Cemetery,** Joseph McKee was one of the first white settlers in southern Oregon. Along with his wife Almira and children, Joseph arrived in the Applegate in 1860 among a second wave of McKees. His son John M. McKee and family had already arrived in 1853. Joseph was receiving a pension from Frederick County, Virginia, for his service in the war of 1812. He was born in 1793 and died on April 19, 1870. Also buried at Logtown is Almira McKee, who was born around 1809 and died in 1882.

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