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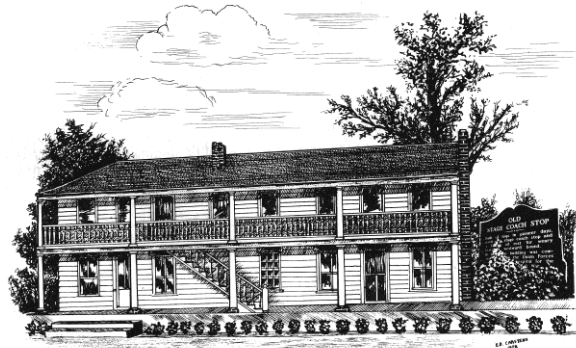
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Our Vision -

“to preserve its educational value for future generations.”

Visit our website:  
[www.oldstagecoachstop.org](http://www.oldstagecoachstop.org)

### AMANDA BLACK

Lewis & Eliza Black owned and operated the Black Hotel (now known as The Old Stagecoach Stop) from 1894 to 1917. Their second-oldest and spinster daughter, Amanda, was born during the Civil War on February 15, 1863. She was known as the chief cook at the hotel, famous throughout the county for her full meals which always included two or three meats and homemade breads – the price was 25 or 35 cents.

You have probably noticed Amanda’s facial disfigurement in the picture. We are not entirely sure what the initial affliction was, but the “cure” seems to have been much worse. When a doctor gave the medicine, calomel for liver trouble, bilious attack, dysentery, diarrhea, typhoid fever, pneumonia, syphilis, or malaria, they would tell the patient not to eat anything sour or they would get “salivated.” This toxic mercurial treatment could cause extreme symptoms resulting in loss of teeth, swelling, and adhesions. Although Amanda endured this disfigurement, she was beloved by all the patrons of the hotel. She would ask traveling guests to send her postcards when they got home because she didn’t get to travel very much. We have a wonderful collection of some of those postcards at the Stop.

You will notice Amanda is wearing a locket in the picture. A few years ago, a granddaughter of Eliza Black visited the Old Stagecoach Stop. She presented the locket shown in the picture to Jan Primas, with great hesitation. She didn’t want to let it go, but she felt that its place was in our historic Stagecoach Stop.

On July 29, 1915, beloved daughter and constant companion of Eliza Black, Amanda Ellen, died at home in the hotel. Amanda’s death certificate states that she died of pulmonary tuberculosis, complicated by acute bronchitis. (Excerpts from Doorways to the Past by Terry Primas, available at the Old Stagecoach Stop and on our website.)



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**SAVE THE DATES:**

Oct. 12 – **Oktoberfest** - 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

December 5 - **CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE**  
celebrated from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

### Old Stagecoach Stop Activity

There are two ways to keep abreast of the Foundation’s activities. We have a website and a Facebook page that are active and have current news/events. The website also has the current and all past issues of the *Old Settlers Gazette* available for reading/research. Articles are alphabetized for easy searching. [www.oldstagecoachstop.org](http://www.oldstagecoachstop.org)

### Virtual Tour – A Special Feature

A special feature on our website is a virtual tour where visitors can start a guided tour or click on a map of the building and explore each room, floor by floor. Thank you, Terry and Jan Primas for your hours of work creating this tour.

### Podcasts on the website:

Tune in to hear Dru Pippin, Jaretta Laughlin, Robert Lee Bates, Pearl Brown Wilson, Louise Skaggs, Jiggs & Dorothy Miller, and Irene Mitchell Morgan tell stories from the “old days!”

Our Facebook page is listed as: Old Stagecoach Stop Museum and Foundation or go to [Facebook.com/oldstagecoachstop](https://www.facebook.com/oldstagecoachstop) if you do not have a Facebook page.

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**We want to express our thanks to all of our ADVERTISERS in the annual *Old Settlers Gazette* – ISSUE 42 of the *Old Settlers Gazette* was delivered to our advertisers on July 22 & 23, 2023. This is a group effort, led by our author/editor **Terry Primas**. The board does the difficult job of ad sales and delivery. The entire proceeds are put back into the building, allowing us to make improvements and maintain the building. If you did not get a copy, you can request one at [tprimas@mac.com](mailto:tprimas@mac.com) and we will mail you an issue. We appreciate all of the businesses and**

individuals who placed an ad in the Gazette. If you would like to place an ad next year for your business or as an individual, please contact one of the board members as soon as possible.

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**Old Settlers Day**, organized by **The Pulaski County Museum and Historical Society** was held this year on July 27-28, 2024 with many activities, music, and vendors.

**Special Thanks to David and Teresa Chuber** for again sharing their knowledge of Civil War medicine during Old Settlers Day for the seventh year in a row. David was wonderful with our visitors, young and old, as he demonstrated many types of instruments and explained many aspects of medicine practiced during the Civil War. Teresa shared her knowledge of herbs used for medicinal purposes during that time. They donated a special invalid cup for our Civil War room.

**Kudos to Faith & Eric Chaney** for providing pulled pork lunch with the fixins for the OSS staff on Old Settlers Day.

Also, **kudos to Lindsay Teal Parrott and Brett Parrott** for providing lunch snacks as well. It was much appreciated!

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The OSS no longer holds an Annual Meeting of the Foundation membership. **The Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation Annual Report** is available each year on our website in January.

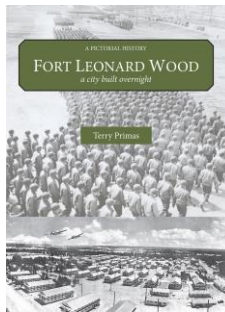
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# SPOTLIGHT ~~~~~

books by Terry Primas

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**A Pictorial History. FORT LEONARD WOOD, a city built overnight**, a new book by Terry Primas was introduced last year.



Originally destined for construction in southcentral Iowa, the Army's Seventh Corps training camp was relocated to the Ozarks in Pulaski County, Missouri. The sprawling 68,000 acre camp subsumed part of the Gasconade National Forest and the private land holdings of over 500 citizens. Construction reached its peak in April of 1941 with more than 32,000 workers employed. The construction of the camp, christened Fort Leonard Wood, significantly altered the natural and cultural landscapes. More than 320,000 officers and enlisted soldiers were trained at Fort Leonard Wood during World War II.

This pictorial history provides nearly 250 images that depict the construction, training, and leisure activities of the soldiers during the period 1941-1946. The book concludes with a chapter showing views of Fort Leonard Wood today. Softcover, 128 pages, \$20.00

Available at Lone Oak Printing • Eclectic Originals • Old Stagecoach Stop • Pulaski County Tourism Bureau • and by mail

(\$24.00) from Terry Primas, 10925 Western Road, Duke, MO. 65461.

Other books by Terry Primas:

**Old Pulaski in Pictures**  
**Route 66 in Pulaski County, Missouri**  
**Records from Post Waynesville**  
**1862-1865**

**from Village to Town**

**Doorways to the Past** – The Story of the Old Stagecoach Stop. This book is available at the OSS and on the website as a download.

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## ***Summer of 2024 Old Stagecoach Stop Maintenance and Repairs***

Submitted by Mark Zurbrick,  
volunteer

If you somehow manage to make it to the age of 100, chances are that you will have a few visits to the doctor's office to address things that just don't look or work as well as they used to. The Old Stagecoach Stop (OSS) which is now more than 160 years old, is no different. Every year the buildings and surrounding grounds develop "aches and pains" that have to be addressed in order to make sure the oldest publicly accessible building in Pulaski County remains in good condition and welcoming to its many guests.

Most of these tasks are simple reoccurring items, like dusting and oiling furniture, sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning out gutters, and washing porches, siding, sidewalks, and windows. Thankfully, other tasks occur less often. For example, applying a chemical repellent before resetting donor bricks upended by energetic moles and trapping a pack rat (hopefully only one) that had developed a taste for lye soap and old-fashion potpourri in the McDonald Cabin.

Most of the tasks are performed by volunteers, many of whom also lead visitor tours. But occasionally, bigger “fix-it” projects arise that require additional help and expertise from the surrounding community. We would like to highlight two of these special efforts during the summer of 2024.

The exterior wood and glass door in the Black Hotel kitchen no longer opened easily with large cracks and crevices allowing outside air (and possibly pack rats?) in. Several years ago, our friends at the St. Roberts Lowe’s donated thousands of dollars of materials, including a new wood door with a 9-pane glass window that was historically appropriate. Problem was that the door was slightly larger than the existing door opening that was no longer perfectly square. Cabinet-maker and long-time volunteer, Randy Yocum, came to our rescue, cutting the door down to a workable size, reinstalling the original hinges and door knob/lock assembly, and installing new door jams...all in one day! A few of our newsletter readers might recall that it was Randy who repaired the rotting windows and sills of the three large windows in the Dentist Room back in 2008, using cypress for the sills which is particularly resistant to moisture and rot.

Several storms over the past couple of years brought down a couple of large trees in the lot behind the OSS. Other vegetation, both desirables like pawpaw trees and flowering hibiscus, and undesirables such as poison ivy and wintercreeper were in need of trimming or outright removal. Moss and vines had covered the top of the brick-lined cistern to the point it was difficult to show our visitors where Mrs. Black obtained water via the hand pump in the kitchen. In addition to mole damage, some of the donor bricks were being covered with unwanted weeds. Bottom-line, the grounds surrounding the OSS needed a good cleanup.



In late July, we received an unexpected phone call from an active-duty Soldier seeking a community service project for a group of fellow military police who were finishing the Military Police Advanced Leadership Course at Fort Leonard Wood. On Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, nearly three dozen service members arrived at the OSS with helping hands, strong backs, and a “can-do” attitude. Less than two hours later...mission accomplished. To show our appreciation, not only for their help, but also their service to our country, OSS volunteers provided a one-hour program with hands-on artifacts about the life of a Civil War soldier, and also general tours of the entire OSS.



This outdoor cleanup also involved a volunteer who has helped the OSS a number of times in recent years. Retired soldier and local businessman, Chad Bone, owner of the Ridgeline Roofing and Renovations provided the 15 cubic yard dump trailer (that the MPs loaded to the top) along with the truck that took this wood and weeds to the local landfill. Check out Chad’s advertisement on page 51 in this year’s Old Settlers Gazette!

## More Then and Now

by Mark Zurbrick

The Black family operated the OSS as a hotel for nearly three decades around the turn of the twentieth century. In today’s Archeology Room is a collection of



## Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation Membership Application

The work of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation is supported by memberships and donations. We invite you to join the Foundation at any one of the membership categories listed below.

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Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation, P.O. Box 585, Waynesville, MO 65583

Please make checks payable to Old Stagecoach Stop.

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