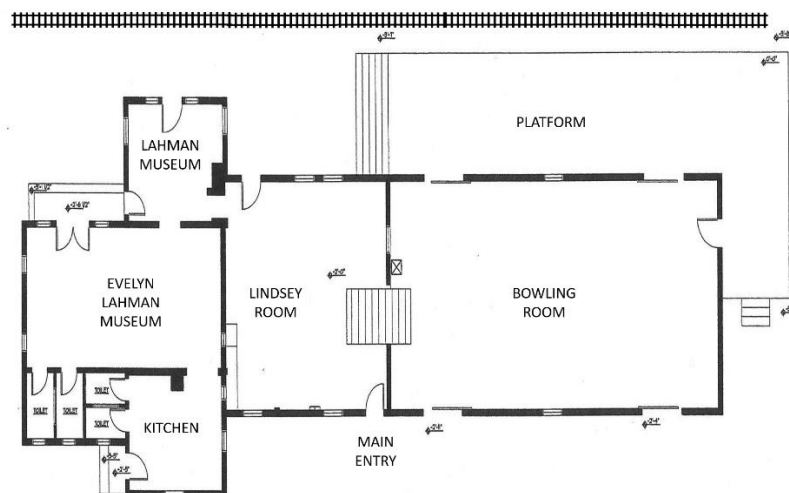




THE EVELYN LAYMAN HISTORY MUSEUM

As soon as the Depot Foundation acquired the Depot in 2011 the first question was: “What shall we do with it?” A community survey was taken, and the top uses cited were a farmers’ market, a museum, and a meeting space. The drawing below shows the two rooms on the East end of the Depot dedicated to the Evelyn Layman History Museum. The Lindsey and Bowling Rooms are meeting spaces described on the RENTAL SERVICES page.



The museum is named in honor of Evelyn Layman, who was a beloved member of the Foundation. Evelyn epitomized a ‘can do’ attitude, and she did everything from organizing events to selling “Depot Dogs” at the Farmers Market.

The museum accepts donations of items of local historical interest, whether railroad-related or not, and displays them with descriptive labels. Current exhibits feature the story of our local Dr. Pepper, the O. Winston Link photographs made here in 1957, a telegraph desk with original equipment from the Depot, the original freight scales restored to working order, the story of “Rural Retreat, the Cabbage Capital of the World”, an exhibit sponsored by the National Railway Historical Society about the three railway companies who built and owned the Depot over the years, and many other donated artifacts.

A SAMPLING OF EXHIBITS HOUSED IN THE EVELYN LAYMAN HISTORY MUSEUM



Variety of Railway Artifacts



The Story of Dr. Charles Pepper



O. Winston Link



Signaling and Telegraph



A restored mail and baggage cart



Exhibit of Depot origins: from the V&T RR, to the OMA&O, to the N&W