

# The West Side



Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society

Preserving our Past, Enriching our Future

## Farm Fest 2009

### Farm Fest Fun

Over 700 people enjoyed the festivities surrounding Farm Fest on Saturday, April 18. The weather was perfect for man and beast to plow the fields in preparation for planting of oats.

The day started with the raising of the colors and Katherine Colvin singing "America." This was followed by over 30 tractors in a parade. The horses, mules and the Model T Ford also got into the action.



The participants then got down to the business of turning over the earth. Wayne Beckwith and his mules plowed the field for the kids' area. 20 children planted spring wheat in their own square yard of earth.



4-H, FFA, Century Farms, Grange, YCHS, Women for Agriculture, Genealogy Society, and Pino-kee-o's Toys handed out information and sold items.

The sawmill, drag saw, and small engines were on display and were fired up a time or two. Ike Bay, Dean Moxley, Bob Race, and Ben Braskett had the blacksmith forges going and produced many interesting items.



Boy Scout Troop 260 provided Cowboy Stew, Brats, hot dogs, hamburgers and Dutch oven desserts.

The covered wagon was on display with chickens, rabbits, a goat and lamb rounding out the attraction.



Now we all have to wait until August 8-9<sup>th</sup> to harvest all of our efforts. Stay tuned for information coming in the next newsletter in July about Harvest Fest. There are a few surprises that will be shared at that time.

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## President's Letter

Well, Daylight Savings has arrived, but exhibiting his skills. winter is still with us, spring is trying and I hope that everyone will be able to go to trying but just can't quite make it. As the old Farm Fest and see all the events and stop by saying goes, "April Showers bring May the food vendors. Hopefully they will have Flowers," and this year there should be lots ample supplies. The Boy Scouts will be of them. demonstrating Dutch oven cooking.

As I write this we are preparing for Farm Over at Lafayette the Accessions Fest. Let's hope that the weatherman is right Committee is hard at work tackling the back when he/she says that this weekend should log of items that have arrived. If anyone is be good. If last year's Farm Fest is any interested in joining this group, contact the indication, then this year should be even museum at Lafayette to sign up. better. There are even more activities planned for this year.

There are plans for building a blacksmith The next meeting, May 12, will be at shop adjacent to the sawmill. During Farm Amity High School. This is the LAST meeting, I understand, that a young man who is meeting till September. Hope to see ya'll at the meeting.

Bill Roll, President

## Proposed Time Change

At the general meeting, April 14, it was suggested that the meeting time for November and December be changed to an earlier start time due to the time change and early darkness.

This item will be on the agenda for the May 12 meeting to be discussed and action taken if the membership so desires. This action does NOT require changes to the by-laws.

## Thank You New and Renewed Members!

**New members:****SR/Educator/Student:**

Dan Vega

**Individual:**

Kristin Elizabeth (Arthur) Chaney  
Tom Cattrall

**Family:**

Lori Ward  
Bob Harris

**Renewing Members:**

Martin and Rowena Gass  
Ed and Fran Savage

**Planning a Vacation?**

Please notify Gloria Lutz (phone: 503-472-7563; email: glutz@onlinemac.com or write to YCHS, PO Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127). She can forward newsletters to your temporary address or hold them until you return home. Otherwise, your newsletter comes back to YCHS and we have to pay additional postage!!

## Oregon Trivia

## Questions:

1. How much did it cost to outfit a wagon to come across the Oregon Trail?
2. What was the leading cause of death on the trail?
3. What percent of women on the trail were pregnant?
4. What percent of the pioneers came from Missouri?
5. What percent of the men coming to Oregon were farmers, what percent were craftsmen and merchants, and what percent were professionals?

Find the answers on page 6.

*Bathroom Book of Oregon Trivia* by Mark Thorburn and Lisa Wojan

## YCHS—General Meeting—April 14, 2009 McMinnville

The following is the unofficial condensed version of the minutes for the April 14th general member meeting:

\*The meeting was called to order with 77 members and guests in attendance. The business meeting was brief due to time constraints. Ken Williams gave a condensed financial report and several announcements were made.

\*Farm Fest will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The sawmill will be operating, children can plant wheat to harvest in August, and there will be animals, tractors, and many more things to see. The Boy Scouts will be cooking with Dutch ovens. Pioneer Days will be May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>. More than fourteen area schools will be participating. Please contact Gloria Lutz if you would like to volunteer with Farm Fest or Pioneer Days.

\*The Naughty Ladies of the West event will be on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Many individuals, businesses, and organizations have donated items for the silent auction. Please RSVP to Chris Browne if you plan on attending. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

\*Zella Hisaw proposed changing the Bylaws to reflect meeting on Sunday afternoons in November and December. This will be discussed at future meetings.

\*The program for the evening was a Chautauqua presentation "Stitched Patches: Quilts of Celebration" by Mary Bywater Cross. She has published several books and articles in addition to lecturing at the Smithsonian. Many guests were in attendance to learn the history of celebration quilts. She had slides of several interesting quilts in addition to bringing a few of her own. A few quilts were displayed by individuals while the remaining quilts were from our own collection. Mary complemented our society by stating she felt we have one of the nicest collections of quilts in Oregon, maybe even one of the nicest in the entire West.

\*The next meeting will be at Amity High School on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Courtin - Secretary

## Volunteer Report

March volunteer hours have been submitted to First Federal Savings and Loan. First Federal is rewarding non-profit organizations by paying the organization \$2 per each volunteer hour.

A trip was made to the home of Don Christopher of Dallas, Oregon by four YCHS volunteers to retrieve new miniature farm equipment such as a cream separator and seed sorting machine. Don and his wife were so gracious and provided a tour of their 1890s home. ----- After lunch we were invited to tour the Ebenezer Keyt Victorian mansion in Perrydale and meet with the current owner who is composing a book on all families

who lived in Perrydale in 1900. The YCHS research library has assisted her in locating information on the William Asher Keyt family who lived in McMinnville. William Asher Keyt died mysteriously in his Third Street office. (murdered?)

During the summer months, the Lafayette site will have increased local and many out-of-state visitors. Therefore, please consider volunteering during the summer on a Wednesday, Friday or Saturday. Call 503-662-4218 for more info.

Louise Heindl, Volunteer Coordinator

### May General Meeting and Potluck

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2009

**Time:** 6:30 Potluck, 7:00 Program

**Program:** Doris Baker's topic: "Amity Streets, Signs, and Snippets" It will be held at the Amity High School

**Location:** Amity High School, 503 Oak St. Amity

### Lilac Hedges



Alone on the prairie a lilac hedge  
 ...A shelter from the constant wind's constant blowing;  
 ...A monument to a forgotten homestead;  
 ...A reminder of a woman's hunger for beauty;  
 ...A remnant of someone's hometown;  
 ...A triumph of patience and discarded dish water  
 ...Prevailing over the harsh prairie climate.  
 Lilac hedges—a tribute to the pioneer spirit!

*Nancy Thornton 1977*



May 2009

Happenings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Locations:</b> 5/12: General Meeting—Doris Baker’s topic: “Amity Streets, Signs, and Snippets” It will be held at the Amity High School. 5/4-15: Pioneer Days—Yamhill County Schools will visit the Heritage Center and experience history.					1 Lafayette Museum open	2 Lafayette Museum open
3	4	5	6 Lafayette Museum open	7	8 Lafayette Museum open	9 Lafayette Museum open
<b>PIONEER DAYS</b>						
10	11	12 <i><b>YCHS</b></i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i> <i>General Meeting</i>	13 Lafayette Museum open	14	15 Lafayette Museum open	16 Lafayette Museum open
<b>PIONEER DAYS</b>						
17	18	19	20 Lafayette Museum open	21	22 Lafayette Museum open	23 Lafayette Museum open
24	 25	26	27 Lafayette Museum open	28	29 Lafayette Museum open	30 Lafayette Museum open
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YCHS Upcoming Events

- August 8-9, 2009—Harvest Fest, Yamhill Valley Heritage Center 10—3
- August 15, 2009—Society’s picnic at Parrett Mountain Farms 1:00
- September 19, Treasures in the Attic at the Heritage Center

Membership

Our membership year is fast approaching. Please be watching in late May for a postcard reminding you to renew your membership for another year. If you want to help us save money, you can renew now and I will not send you a reminder and you will be renewed until July of 2010.

Gloria Lutz, Membership chair

## Heritage Center Sponsors Pioneer Days



The Heritage Center will be buzzing the first two weeks in May. Over 1300 elementary age children from Yamhill County Schools will have a chance to experience history.

The Education Committee has been very busy preparing the area for these students. The mission is *to engage, share and demonstrate the history and heritage of Yamhill County*. To that end we have divided the events into 4 areas. Each group of students will spend a half hour experiencing different parts of history.

- One station will be a huge timeline. We are sharing transportation, communication, and cooking. This will be housed in the warehouse--it is that big!!
- Another station will be in another building and that will be the hands-on area. Students will make candles, candle holders (boys), and sewing (girls).
- The third station will be a demonstration area. Students will see various activities there. Each day will be different. There might be a sheep shearing one day, a farrier another, the sawmill might be shown, the greasing of the covered wagon's wheels might be demonstrated. We will have animals there each day also.
- The final area is farming and recess games of old. Students will have a chance to plant spring wheat. Linfield students from Bob McCann's Social Studies methods class will play games that children played 100+ years ago.

This is all made possible by a grant from Dal Baker and from friends who have donated to the YCHS's education fund. This entire program is free to students and their schools. We are paying for the supplies and the buses to bring the students to the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. This is done with an all volunteer staff. What a great group we have. We can always use more volunteers. There is something for everyone to do. Please contact Gloria Lutz (503.472.7563) or email [glutz@onlinemac.com](mailto:glutz@onlinemac.com) if you have at least 2 1/2 hours to volunteer. It will be a whole lot of fun.

## Sprucing Up for an Event or Two



Many volunteers have been sprucing up the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center in preparation for the Farm Fest and Pioneer Days. All of the machinery has been moved into the large building to make room for activities that will take place in the warehouse. While out and about this reporter found Chuck Kadell and Vince Haworth putting up the flag pole. Don King was sweeping the warehouse and Cliff Watts has been putting in a restroom. Carlene Kadell and Gloria Lutz painted the storage room in the warehouse. The area is looking pretty spiffy.

## Mary Bywater Cross Chautauqua Lecture



On April 14<sup>th</sup> approximately 80 people attended a Chautauqua lecture by quilt historian Mary Bywater Cross. She talked about how communities have made celebration quilts that reflect what their communities are about. The material used in creating these quilts varied as much as the subjects they presented.

Jean Sartor brought in some of the quilts from the museum's collection. Two of the quilts shown were featured in Mary's book *Treasures in the Trunk*. Mary stated that the Yamhill County Historical Society's museum has one of the best quilt collections in the west.

Those in attendance were challenged to design and make a quilt that reflects their community.

## William C. Goodrich

William C. Goodrich, the second son and third child of Carmi Goodrich by his second wife Margaret “Peggy” Thompson Steel Goodrich, was born in November of 1825 in Ripley County, Indiana.

The Goodrich ancestors came to America from Suffolk, England in 1635. Joel, Carmi’s father, and his six brothers were soldiers in America’s War for Independence. James Steele, Margaret’s father, and three of his brothers were also soldiers during the same war.

Eleven of Carmi Goodrich’s family of thirteen came to Oregon with the migration of 1845. The children ranged in age from 1 to 20. When they arrived in The Dalles, they went with the group that followed Joel Palmer and Sam Barlow to find and develop a wagon road around the south side of Mt. Hood. In 1843 some emigrants had followed an old Indian trail --known as the Lolo Trail--around the north side of Mt. Hood. An easier way was needed. The search and work on the new route took many days. With the approach of winter, the wagons were left on the mountain. The group trudged the rest of the way to Oregon City with what they or their horses could carry.

In 1889 William gave this account of the event: *“State of Oregon, Yamhill County. William C. Goodrich, 64 years of age being duly sworn deposes and says that he was one of the Immigrants to Oregon Territory in the year 1845, that the party of which he was one, arrived at a point, South East of Mt Hood late in the fall of 1845, the Barlow road not then being open, the party concluded to leave their wagons at that point, under a guard and push on to the Willamette Valley with their families. The wagons and property were left in charge of Wm. Berry and a Mr. Bonna.*

*In the spring of 1846 Barlow having received from the provisional government of Oregon Territory a Charter for opening a Wagon Road across the Cascades, returned with a party of men, and cut a wagon road across the mountains by which the Immigrants could enter the Willamette Valley.*

*On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1846 the road being made passable, camp was broken at the winter camp, near Mt Hood, and the Immigrants slowly moved on toward the Willamette Valley.*

*Ruben Gaunt being in the lead, driving my own team and wagon, while I followed next behind him driving the team and wagon belonging to my father. These two wagons having a little start of the*

*other wagons kept in the lead all the way, camping ahead of the main body every night.*

*On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at 8 o’clock a.m. we arrived at Foster’s Ranch being the first wagons that ever crossed the Cascade Mountains. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of July we arrived at Oregon City, and being the first arrival were given a free ferriage across the Willamette River.”*

In response to the 1847 Whitman Massacre, Carmi gave 50 bushels of wheat and 100 pounds of pork for Oregon’s first army to use.

When gold was discovered in California, Carmi and William went. They returned to Oregon by boat. Family tradition says they got off the boat near Newport and trudged the rugged Indian trails over the Coast Range back to the Willamette Valley.

In 1848, William took up his own land claim southwest of his father’s. Being a single man, he claimed 320 acres. He built a log house. Six years later he married Sarah Barnes, the daughter of John Barnes. The Barnes family arrived in Oregon in 1843.

William and Sarah had four sons--John, Stanford, Wallace, and Sewinglas, who was called Dick.

In the late 1840’s the Hudson Bay Company gave William Goodrich a contract to make 500 chairs. He constructed them from ash wood and shipped them by boat to Oregon City. William and his father filled many orders for chairs for pioneer families.

William had 320 acres of timber land up Berry Creek in the Coast Range. He employed men to make shingles and fence posts from the cedar trees that grew there.

When William’s sons were grown, he divided his land among them—retaining 15 acres for his own home.

To quote Harvey K. Hines’ book, *1893 Illustrated History of Oregon*: “As a farmer, William was industrious and a man of shrewd judgment. He was ever zealously interested in the advancement of his country and his state.”

William Goodrich died March 16, 1894 and is buried in the Goodrich cemetery near Dayton, Oregon

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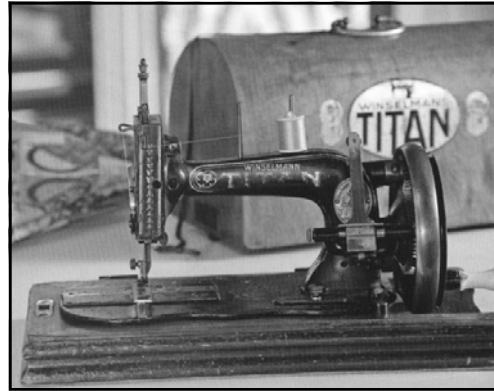
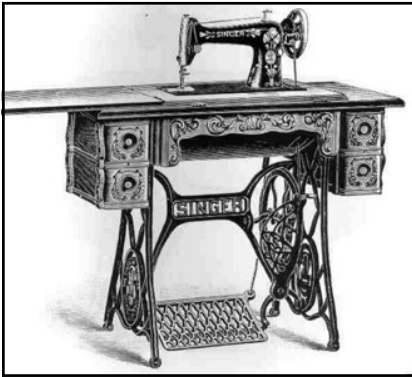
## Oregon Trivia

Answers:

1. \$800—\$1000
2. Cholera
3. 20% and almost all had young children too.
4. 20%
5. 60% were farmers, 20% were craftsmen and merchants, 12% were professionals (teachers, doctors, lawyers, etc.)

*Bathroom Book of Oregon Trivia* by Mark Thorburn and Lisa Wojan

## Sewing Machines that I've used...



Grandma Ida's sewing machine was her mother's. It had a box-like cover to protect it. Toni and I used the cover for a doll cradle or turned it over to make a table when we had tea parties.

Mom's brother Morgan was an upholsterer. He sewed heavy fabric with Grandma's machine. Those late 19<sup>th</sup> century machines were real work horses!

Papa bought Mom's machine 2<sup>nd</sup> hand. The top left hand drawer's front was damaged. Papa fixed it by whittling a new front with an indent for the handle. It didn't match the rest of the cabinet, but we felt it was special because it showed Papa's ingenuity.

Mom's machine—like Grandma's—was treadle powered. Our machine sat in front of a furnace register. If we had damp shoes, we'd leave them on the treadle grate to dry.

I did my first sewing on Mom's machine. A neighbor gave us some fabric remnants. Sewing doll clothes is a good way to learn. Dolls aren't critical of the results. The machine wouldn't reverse stitch, but as long as one rocked their foot back and forth on the foot plate, it would produce an even stitch.

I bought my own first machine in 1954. We were living at the beach house in Encinitas, California, and I missed having a sewing machine. I bought a Singer. It could back stitch. It also had a kit with attachments for making button holes and other fancy things that I never mastered. As I recall, the machine cost around \$150. My folks paid half and I paid the balance. To me it was a major purchase. My main income at the time was baby tending which paid fifty cents an hour.

The machine purchase included sewing lesson. They were in San Diego. Toni and I took the Grey Hound bus to go to our lessons. Dear Uncle Hartnoll and Aunt Marie would drive us home afterwards. It was a 50 mile round trip, once a week drive for them.

When Grandma learned that I was marrying a N Thornton

rancher, she taught me how to patch Levi's by putting "fronts" on them that were salvaged from the back of other worn out pants.

My sewing machine was a cherished possession and came to the ranch in 1958, when I married Vern.

When I became pregnant with Dale, I bought a bolt of outing flannel, for \$6.75, cut the material into squares, and hemmed the 2 raw ends for diapers. A bolt produced 33 diapers.

Though I have made doll clothes, children's soft toys, and some very basic quilts, most of my sewing is mending. My family being shorter than average, I've hemmed many pairs of pants.

In 1973, all of the neighbors were buying Viking sewing machines. Their machines had zigzag and stretch stitches which made sewing the modern double knit and stretch fabrics easier.

Vern bought me a new Viking. With the cabinet it cost a little over \$400. It had an open arm which was handy for sewing around pant legs.

Janet learned to sew with the Viking. I also used it for a 4-H group I taught one year.

I kept my old machine but moved it down stairs to retirement.

Now, most of my sewing is mending for my family and friends. When Janet's family visits, they usually bring a tub of mending. They call it "Mt. Sew-Me."

This January, my Viking died! The grease packing in it innards froze up. I didn't want to give it up—but there was no choice.

I've bought a new Viking. I'm not friends with it yet—in fact, if I'm in a hurry I sneak down stairs to my old Singer.

I hope that this new machine will work well. If it lasts as long as my previous machine, I'll be happy.



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