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Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society



Yamhill County Historical Society
Presents



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*McMinnville's early
days*

◆ *Handout of a self-
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11 am - 12:30 pm

SATURDAY

APRIL 17



Saturday, April 10, 2010

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon

Farm Fest Activities

- Vintage agricultural equipment and mules prepare the soil for planting a crop of wheat.
- Tractor Parade at 10:15 am
- Agricultural and Historical Displays
- Kids area with Hands-on Activities.
- Food and Music
- Preview of Farm Equipment items to be Auctioned on April 24th.



Admission \$3 per person

Ages 12 and under free

Members free with membership card



Join us later this year as we harvest the crops at
Harvest Fest—August 7 and 8, 2010

For further information call 503.472.7563

Antique Equipment Auction

Heritage Center

April 24th starting at 10:00 am

All are invited to this first-ever farm auction to benefit the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. Please join us and bring along your friends and neighbors. Some one-of-a-kind items for the active farmer, collector, or yard art designer! The auctioneer will be John Walton. Check www.yamhillcountyhistory.org for listing of items to be auctioned. Preview items at Farm Fest on April 10th or Friday, April 24, noon—5. for more information, call Pam Watts at (503) 434-0490.

Presidents Letter

Hello, everyone! Those who did not attend our general meeting missed a fun program by our Director of Education, Gloria Lutz. Gloria gave us a power point program showing some of the students who participated in last year's "Pioneer Days" at the Heritage Center. It was obvious the kids were having a great time while learning a little about history.

At our next general meeting, copies of YCHS' Bylaws will be distributed to our members. The Board of Directors will be studying the current bylaws and may be proposing some amendments later this year. Approval or disapproval of any proposed amendments would take a 2/3 majority of the general membership voting via ballot vote.

Joann Watts wasn't feeling well and missed our general meeting. I am sure we all wish Joann a speedy recovery.

Please note that our April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13, at 6:00 P.M. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in McMinnville. We hope to see you all there and you don't want to miss Farm Fest on April 10 at the Heritage Center! Volunteers are needed at both the Miller Museum and for Farm Fest!

Thanks to all of our volunteers for all they do. We appreciate very much their service to YCHS.

Carolyn Meeker, President

Board Meeting ~ A Condensed Version of Unapproved Minutes ~ March 10, 2010

- The board approved that a condensed version of unapproved minutes from the Board Meetings will be added to the newsletters in the event that the board meeting is after the newsletter deadline and the minutes cannot be officially approved.
- A disclaimer was reviewed by our attorney and approved by the board for future newsletter advertising.
- A new YCHS business card design was approved as well as the initial printing of 1000 cards for the board members and key volunteers. It was agreed to have the logo on the front and the Heritage Center and Lafayette Site information on the back. Empty space was left on the back for individual volunteer information.
- A book restoration fund will be created for donations from individuals for the restoration and preservation of irreplaceable books in our collection.
- A new grants policy was discussed and approved by the board. There will now be a grant committee to oversee all grant writing. All grants must now be reviewed and approved by this committee. If the grant is a money matching grant, this must now be approved by the board of directors prior to completion.
- A privacy policy regarding our membership list was discussed and approved. The following will be added to the membership application: *By filling out this form, the member(s) give(s) the Yamhill County Historical Society the right to release their name and contact information to other members, to the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition, and/or for the purpose of obtaining grant funding. Member information will never be sold or released for any other purpose unless written consent is provided by the member. If the member does not want to have their name and contact information released, please check here.*
- YCHS Attorney Mr. Jerry Hart will now be our Corporate Registered Agent.
- The Financial Review policy, Article X., Section 6, was discussed. It was determined that an annual financial review must be performed by someone other than our treasurer or our accountant.

Book of the Month

Poverty Wasn't Painful by Elaine Dahl Rohse. Elaine Dahl Rohse's recollections of growing up near Monument, Oregon during the 1930's gives one a view of how life was in Eastern Oregon. It is an easy to read book. The book is on sale at the Lafayette Museum for \$20.95.

- Nancy Thornton

April General Meeting and Potluck

- ★ **Date:** Tuesday, April 13, 2010
- ★ **Time:** 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:00 Program
- ★ **Program:** Pioneer Families of Dundee—Joyce Colling
- ★ **Location:** 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville

Volunteer Report

Thank you YCHS volunteers for your participation in the First Federal Community Rewards program. In just two months, First Federal customers submitted over 10,000 volunteers hours through the program. The program is simple—for each hour a First Federal customer volunteers with a local non-profit, First Federal contributes \$2.

This year five organizations reached the \$1,000 cap, one of which was YCHS. First Federal is optimistic that it will be able to continue with the First Federal Community Rewards program in 2010-2011. The Yamhill County Genealogical Society, our research library partner, received a total of \$423.00.

In 1999 First Federal established a formal community giving program to support local nonprofit organizations. Since that time, First Federal has donated more than \$1.2 million to Yamhill County organizations with 503 (c)(3) nonprofit status. In addition to Community Rewards, First Federal provides donations via Customer Ballot, Scholarship and Community Grant programs. First Federal also hosts an annual Shred Day and the community wide Volunteer Fair.

YCHS sends a big thank you to First Federal.

Louise Heindl, Volunteer Coordinator

The 2010 United States Census

Counting is a function of civilization. We teach little children: “one two buckle my shoe” and have them sing: “the king was in his counting house.” The Christmas story tells of Joseph and Mary going to Bethlehem to be counted and taxed. English descendants brag about their ancestors being listed in the Doomsday Books. (William the Conqueror’s 1086 to survey of the land owners and livestock of his new possession.)

Every decade since 1790 our government has taken a census to count its population. That survey showed a tally of 3,929,214 people. Over the years, the figures and the questions on the census have changed. Through 1840 the records just listed heads of households. Other members were grouped by sex and age. The 1850 figures began

documenting children and slaves by age and name. The 1860 census was the first one to list American Indians. The 1880 census was the first time that women were allowed to be enumerated. A fire in 1921 destroyed most of the records of the 1890 census.

This year—US Census #22—asks only 10 questions. These questions include: name, age, sex, and race (there are 15 different categories for that), if the residence is owned, how many live in it and the main residence phone number. Confidentiality restricts the information for 72 years so it will be April of 2082 before our descendants can look up what we wrote.

Nancy Thornton

Advertise in the Newsletter

To help the historical society offset the expense of publishing this newsletter, we are now offering advertising space to local Yamhill County businesses. If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact the Newsletter Editor Tami Spears at tami@spearsintl.com.

We certainly do appreciate the business people who support the Yamhill County Historical Society. **Please support our advertisers**, these are local people who can benefit you with their service/products and help the historical society as well.

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Become a Book Sponsor

The YCHS Ruth Stoller Research Library, located in the Miller Log House in Lafayette, is in the process of repairing, rebinding and replacing historical research books with the assistance of the Trappist Abbey Book Binding factory. For a donation of \$20 per book, your name will be placed in the inside cover as a sponsor. We will also be keeping an ongoing Book Restoration Fund that your donations will be added to for future book restoration needs. Please mail your check to YCHS, Research Library, P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127. (Note ‘books’ on check).
Marjorie Owens, YCHS Research Librarian

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Preserving our Past, Enriching our Future

April 2010 Happenings



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Locations: 4/10: Farm Fest — Heritage Center 4/13: General Meeting — 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville 4/14: Board Meeting — Lafayette Museum		4/17: Secrets of the Past—Third Street Unveiled Presentation — Third Street Pizza Co., 433 NE Third Street, McMinnville 4/24: Antique Equipment Auction — Heritage Center	1	2	3	Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
 4	5	6	7 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	8	9 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	10 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 FARM FEST 10-3
11 Holocaust Remembrance 	12	13 YCHS 6:00 P.M. General Meeting	14 Board Meeting Lafayette Museum open 10—4	15	16 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	17 Third Street Unveiled Presentation Heritage Center & Lafayette Open
18	19	20	21 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	 22	23 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	24 Antique Equipment Auction Heritage Center & Museum Open
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YCHS Upcoming Events

- May 1-30, 2010—Pioneer Days
- May 11, 2010—General Meeting
- May 12, 2010—Board Meeting
- June 9, 2010—Board Meeting
- July 14, 2010—Board Meeting
- August 7-8, 2010—Harvest Fest
- August 11, 2010—Board Meeting
- August 15, 2010—Annual Member Picnic
- September 8, 2010—Board Meeting
- September 14, 2010—General Meeting
- September 18, 2010—Treasures in the Attic
- October 12, 2010—General Meeting
- October 13, 2010—Board Meeting
- November 9, 2010—General Meeting
- November 10, 2010—Board Meeting
- December 8, 2010—Board Meeting
- **DECEMBER 12, 2010—ANNUAL MEETING**

Out of the Box and into the Fray

History is being taken beyond the bricks and mortar institution. It is doing so to attract new audiences and to make money—both necessary things in this day and age. Historical societies are making a place for themselves in public spaces just as was predicted in the late 1960s when some foresaw that museums would “lose that cloying association of holiness” and become organizations of community education. Reaching beyond our walls is certainly the way to include younger folks and children in historical activities, and to give long-time residents a way to enjoy historical information in its actual setting. It might also make money and can be a selling point for winning grants and raising money.

We are, however, cultural institutions—historical societies, house museums, and history organizations of all stripes—and we have an imperative not only to entertain and engage, but to educate as well. Events presented by historical institutions should include tours, maps showing change and continuities over time, and information about people and place. History outside the museum can introduce the public to those who once lived in a place.

Carol Kammen, “Out of the Box and into the Fray,” *History News Winter 2010 Volume 65:1, 3-4*, *The magazine of the American Association for State and Local History*, www.aaslh.org.

Membership Cards

Members will find a membership card inserted in your newsletter. Immediately write your name on this card and put it in your wallet, please. This will allow you to enter Farm Fest and Harvest Fest free of charge. If you do not show the membership card at the gate, the charge will be \$3.00 per person. Only one is admitted at the INDIVIDUAL membership level. FAMILY membership level means two adults and their children.

Literacy Night

Pat Angland-Marshall, representing the historical society, portrayed Emily’s grandmother in Beverly Cleary’s book Emily’s Runaway Imagination at Grandhaven Elementary’s Literacy Night March 2nd. The school had a birthday celebration for Dr. Seuss. Storytellers and authors read to students and parents. The costume for this occasion came from the Gallery Theatre.

WANTED

- **Golf Cart**—The Heritage Center would like to have a golf cart. It will be used to help some of our guests get around the Heritage Center site easier. If you can donate one or know of someone who has one they could donate, please call Cliff Watts at (503) 435-9700
- **A Time Machine**—Not the Avatar kind, but a punch card time clock for the Heritage Center at Durham Lane. Volunteer Tom Catrall repaired a very old time clock for use at the Heritage Center, but upon installation, it failed to work continuously, so removal was necessary.
- **Do you have Yamhill County Public School or College yearbooks you no longer need?** The museum would like to add them to our collection. Any other school items are also wanted.

Nodding Heads of Daffodils

This is another census year.
Counting the population in Moores Valley will
be easy.
It would be a more difficult to count the
nodding heads of daffodils.
Their sunny faces line our lane.
A little congregation is at the mail box.
A circle of bonnets surround Marilyn’s maple
tree.
I spotted some hiding in the bushes along
Fairdale Road.
A group are dancing at the Williams Place.
What a wonderful population of Golden
Beauties!
There are too many to count.

Nancy Thornton

Historic Lafayette Museum

605 Market Street/P.O. Box 484 Lafayette, OR 97127

Hours:

Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday 10 am to 4 pm
Or by appointment 503-864-2308

Heritage Center

11275 SW Durham Lane McMinnville, OR 97128

Hours:

Saturday—10 am to 3 pm

Article from The News Reporter February 25, 1910

She Tires of the City Life

Finds Solace Near Clouds of Willamina, Yamhill County.

LIVES IN LONELY MOUNTAIN HUT

Leaves Hubby for Old Yamhill and Takes Persuasion to Get Her to Return to Her Home.

The story has been told to the effect that a certain man from this part died and was taken to the heavenly portals but, when ushered within, wanted to return, saying that Old Yamhill was good enough for him. While not everybody will believe that story, here is one from real life gathered from a Portland soiree, where a woman preferred even the rougher portion of this county with its ragged natural beauty, to the loving associations with a rich and doting husband and it took much persuasion to get her away from here. Is it any wonder that people are coming to this part to settle?

Once upon a time, as the story books say, there was a happy, happy home away up in the smelter smoke or Butte. In that home lived M. E. Williams, who as a cattleman of wealth who branded his long horned beef on a hundred hills. In the home was a young wife, who had as much that money could buy, and who seemed to be without a care.

Suddenly, about a year ago, the comparative quiet of Butte society was interrupted by the news that Mrs. Williams had fled, leaving no trace or track. Anxious friends and parents and relatives, not to speak of the anxious husband, hunted high and low; but their clues led them to nothing and they at last returned disheartened.

In the meantime a young woman appeared before the land office in Portland and filed upon a timber claim in the "7.9" district. The place was miles away from a railroad; without mail except when the lone settlers tracked through the unbroken forests to the distant post office. Here the wife, for it was Mrs. Williams, believed she could find solitude and forgetfulness.

But Mrs. Williams had been reared in the midst of civilization. She knew not how to hew logs and rear rude houses for her comforts. The pioneer life soon lost its charm and the shadow of suffering began to peer at the lonely woman.

Then began the second chapter. A solitary man, settled some miles through the forest, stumbled across the rude shelter and the discouraged woman. With true mountain spirit he helped her build her a cabin, and taught her something of the rudiments of the mountain life. But towards the end the lessons lagged and the old story began to be told again. Then Mrs. Williams believed that she had found a balm for the ache in her heart.

Again woman's instinct came to the aid of fate, and Mrs. Williams, having no one in whom to confide her new happiness, wrote her parents, telling them of her whereabouts, and her new life, though cautioning them to secrecy.

The aged father and mother in Butte could not resist the longing to see their daughter, and went to visit her in the lonely cabin. There they remonstrated with her about her secluded life, and entered protest against the new love which was seemingly springing up in her heart.

The daughter refused to listen to either plea or argument, and sorrowfully the parents returned to their homes.

Now for the third act. A few short days ago a man of city physique and short of breath toiled toilsomely up the steep and rugged heights to the mountain. Half way down his heavy pack filled with deliveries and subtle reminders of home overcame him and he sat down, panting, on a log by the dim and difficult trail.

Coming trippingly down, on her way to the post office, came the lonely woman. The surprise was mutual. After the surprise had subsided, the husband, for it was the husband after all, and the long vanished wife sat down on the same log and began to talk it over. They ended by holding hands and voting to go back to Butte.

Yesterday the reunited man and wife reached Portland from Willamina and started for their long divided home where the smelter smoke like a golden haze always floats above the valleys.

Article from the 1910 News Reporter, unknown writer.

Article from The News Reporter February 25, 1910 A GOOD SUGGESTION

How will McMinnville provide a suitable place for young men to spend their idle evening hours?

Since the recent pulling of a local pool room, this question has been discussed by a large number of our citizens. It is a serious question, too, when considered in all its phases, and it is a question requiring the earnest thought and attention of every citizen who has one son or more ranging in age from 16 to 18 years.

There are many young fellows of this age here, as in every place of this size and quite a number of them are compelled to work for a living. Naturally, after a day's labor, they must have some relaxation in the evening. Some of these young men spend their evenings visiting at the home of their friends; others after reading the evening paper, having no other place to go, walk down to see what is going on. Now they must either walk the street or invade places forbidden them under the ordinances of the city. It is this class that must be considered. Where can they go? The answer is there is no place for them to go. Now what is to be done about it?

In discussing this matter the writer of this article goes the best solution from Street Commissioner A. J. Howell. Mr. Howell suggested that steps be taken to secure a room, supply it with books and magazines, put a suitable person in charge thereof and permit the young men and others to spend their evenings there. In addition to this Mr. Howell offers a

suggestion that should appeal to every business man and citizen here, namely to use part of this room to display samples of grains, nuts and fruits grown in Yamhill county. This would attract the attention of strangers stopping in town between trains and would advertise our section of country in an effective manner. Mr. Howell said that he had about 200 jars of grains produced here, also attractive display of fruits in glass jars that at present he had stored for safe keeping, but which he would willingly loan for display in such a room. In addition he said he also had a lot of Indian curios, which he now had insured for \$200 that he would allow to be exhibited there.

Probably there are many other citizens who would contribute products of this purpose. Now, who can offer a better suggestion to provide a proper place for these young or one that would be a better advertisement of the products of our county? This idea is being successfully carried in other towns of this state. Why not here? The News Reporter would be glad to publish the ideas of other citizens on this subject.

But it is high time that quick action be taken on this matter. What are you going to do about it?

Article from the 1910 News Reporter, unknown writer.



Thank You New and Renewed Members!

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Family

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- Access to the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
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- Notification of events & summer picnic

Annual Membership Levels (July 1—June 30)

Please Check One:

- Senior/Student/Educator \$15
- Individual \$20
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- Family (Basic) \$30
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