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## Ice Cream Social & Picnic

Honoring Yamhill County's 168th anniversary  
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center  
Hwy 18 and Durham Lane

Sunday, July 3—1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Admission is \$1.00 per person

*Bring your family picnic and enjoy  
free birthday cake*

Tickets for Homemade Ice Cream &  
Activities \$0.50 each

Planned events include:

- ◆ Three-leg races—teams = 1 adult & 1 kid
  - ◆ Gunny sack races for kids
  - ◆ Tug-o-war for both age groups
  - ◆ Horseshoe pitch, and much more.
- ◆ A game and puzzle area for the non-athletic
  - ◆ Pie eating contest
  - ◆ Cake walk for adults
- ◆ Cupcake walk for kids
- ◆ Picnic Basket Auction (not all will include lunch)
- ◆ Pie Auction—bring your best homemade pie
- ◆ Bring your instruments & voices for a jam session
- ◆ Tour the museum site



Period costumes encouraged!

**NEEDED**  
Volunteers, as well as donations of Cakes, Cupcakes, and Pies for various activities.

Contact Katie Allwander at (503) 516-0547 or [gammykati@gmail.com](mailto:gammykati@gmail.com)

**NOTICE:**  
July Ice Cream  
Social & Picnic

- Date: Sunday, July 3, 2011
- Time: 1:00 to 5:00 pm
- Family picnic, Homemade Ice Cream, and fun activities.
- Location: Yamhill Valley Heritage Center 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon (Intersection of Highway 18 & Durham Lane)

## Prettying up the Heritage Center

Stop by the Heritage Center sometime and see the colorful annuals that have been put out. Here is another example of team effort that goes into making our museum hum along. It started with the McMinnville Garden Club donating hanging baskets. Karen Sitton-Saxberg and Gloria planted the baskets and other pots with flowers from Alderbrook Nursery and the Master Gardeners. Many of those flowers were donated or purchased at cost. Karen and her son, Steve, placed the pots around the tractor and baler.

Chuck Kadell got four used telephone poles from McMinnville Water and Light. Our blacksmith, Steve Gossett, then made and donated hanging basket brackets. Under the supervision of Bill Moore, Steve Cone, and Tim Duerfeldt, the boys from Pioneer Days dug the holes and installed the poles. Finally, Cliff Watts and Dale Keim hung the baskets.

Also, the Pioneer kids planted heirloom flowers in the flower beds around the Restoration Shop to go along



with all the annuals that we have just planted.

We should be pretty darn pretty as the summer progresses.

Gloria Lutz

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## President's Letter

Dear YCHS Members,

I would like to talk a bit about volunteerism. As you know, the Yamhill County Historical Society is, at present, an all volunteer organization. The Yamhill County Historical Society, along with Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, were the only two participating organizations to reach, in the first month, the volunteer hours required to qualify for the First Federal Community Rewards Program.

Erin Stephenson, First Federal Community Relations Coordinator, informed us that YCHS had submitted an "amazing" 956 total volunteer hours for the month of April! These hours were almost evenly split between our two museum sites at Lafayette and our new Yamhill Valley Heritage Center.

Congratulations to all of our hard working volunteers! I do not have space here to name all of our volunteers but I would like to mention a few of our dedicated people. At the Miller Museum in Lafayette we have Marge Owens, Jean Sartor, Farrell Fuerst, Shirley McDaniel, Anita Vander Meide, and Nancy Thornton. These volunteers all function in many other capacities including keeping the Miller Museum and the historic Poling Church open to the public three days a week.

At the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center on Durham Lane (just out of McMinnville on Hwy. 18) we have a number of dedicated volunteers who are there several days each week. Each Saturday, the Heritage Center is open to the public. On Saturdays, Glen Watts will be there to greet visitors and conduct them on a tour of the museum. Glen has an amazing amount of knowledge about the antique farm and timber equipment and other historical artifacts on display there and is happy to share that information with visitors.

During the months of May and June, Gloria Lutz and the other Education Committee members, along with many other YCHS volunteers, have and will be conducting "Pioneer Days." Several hundred county school children are expected to tour the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center during that time. The students will be able

to experience activities that their ancestors were required to do in their daily lives just to survive!

The YCHS has also benefited greatly by having Jerry Hart as the attorney for the Society for many years. He does the vast majority of our legal work pro bono.

Since Louise Heindl stepped down as Volunteer Coordinator a few months ago, we have not been able to fill this important position. In many nonprofit organizations this would be a paid position, but we are not at a point where we can hire a staff person to fill this position. One of the duties of the Volunteer Coordinator would be to identify and use efficiently people with particularly valuable skills. Of course, every person who volunteers would be bringing some personal talent, experience or skill to the table. It would be largely up to the Volunteer Coordinator to screen individuals for their personal set of skills and assign them where they could most benefit the organization. If you or someone you know would be interested in taking on the role of Volunteer Coordinator for the society, please contact me or one of the other board members.

We want to wish Pat Williams a speedy recovery from her recent surgery. We also want to give our condolences to the Williams family for the recent loss of Jim, their oldest son.

As of May 11, we have raised \$14,350.00 in Heritage Brick donations. As most of you know, these funds will be used toward the construction of the Flag Monument to be erected at the Heritage Center. After that project has been fully funded, the brick donations will be used for other construction costs at the center. I would like to thank all of you who have already purchased bricks. We still have room on the base of the monument for those of you who still wish to donate a brick or bricks!

Carolyn Meeker  
YCHS President  
Phone: (503) 835-8481  
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*Submitted: May 14, 2011*



*Secrets of the Past: Tours & Lectures  
Joins the  
Dragging the Gut Festival!*

**YCAP FOOD DRIVE**

~ For entry, please bring non-perishable food items for donation ~

Come join us at  
Third Street Pizza Co.  
433 NE Third Street  
McMinnville

- Noon—The History of McMinnville
- 1:30—Trains, Planes, and Sunken Ferries
- 3:00—The History of McMinnville
- 4:30—Trains, Planes, and Sunken Ferries

**SATURDAY**  
**JULY 23**

Narrated by Kory Knutz

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- SENIOR FAMILY**  
Clint & Geneva Caldwell  
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- COMMUNITY BUILDERS**  
Ed & Candy Gormley

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**Planning a Vacation?**

Please notify Carolyn Meeker (503) 835-8481; acmeeker@frontier.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!!



# It's Membership Renewal Time



## Get on the membership train now!

### Yamhill County Historical Society Membership Application

**Membership Yes!** I want to support the Yamhill County Historical Society's efforts to preserve the county's rich history. Members receive *The West Side* newsletter (10 issues per year), free admission to the Lafayette Museum and Library, access to genealogical and historical files, access to the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, monthly potluck and program for members, invitations to special programs and events, and 10% off photo orders and gift shop purchases.

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 YCHS  
 P.O. Box 484  
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Family (age 65+) \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend \$55         | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Benefactor \$500+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$20              | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter \$125+    |  |

**Make checks payable to:  
 Yamhill County  
 Historical Society**

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 wish to have their name and contact information released, please check here.

Questions? Call Membership Coordinator Carolyn Mecker (503) 835-8481 or email: [acmecker@frontier.com](mailto:acmecker@frontier.com)

**Become a Yamhill County Historical Society Member Today!**

# June and July 2011 ~ Summer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>JUNE</b> 1 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	2	3 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	4 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
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3 Member Picnic and Ice cream Social 	4 4th of July 	5	6 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	7	8 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	9 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
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## Event Locations

- ◆ June 8, 2011—Board Meeting—Lafayette Museum
- ◆ June 28, 2011—Newberg Historical Society meeting—Chehalem Cultural Center, Newberg
- ◆ July 3, 2011—Ice Cream Social—Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane and Hwy 18, McMinnville
- ◆ July 13, 2011—Board Meeting—Lafayette Museum
- ◆ July 23, 2011—Secret of the Past Lectures and Dragging the Gut Festival—Third Street Pizza, Third Street McMinnville

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ August 10 —Board Meeting
- ◆ August 13—14 —Harvest Fest
- ◆ September 13 —General Meeting
- ◆ September 14 —Board Meeting
- ◆ September 18—Treasures in the Attic

## Historic Lafayette Museum

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

**Hours:**  
Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10—4  
Or by appointment  
503-864-2308

## Yamhill Valley Heritage Center

11275 SW Durham Ln.  
McMinnville, OR 97128

**Hours:**  
Saturday 10—3

## Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery



The Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery was originally called the McBride Cemetery and was established about 1850 on a slight hill overlooking the little community of Lafayette. In 1887, the property was sold to a local order of Masons (number three) and then resold in 1906 to the International Order of Odd Fellows number 29. By 1930, the cemetery had again been sold to the IOOF, number 30. The Banner Rebecca Lodge of Lafayette took over the grounds by 1943 and merged with the Vespertine Lodge of Yamhill in 2002.

By late December, 2004, the Rebecca Lodge signed the cemetery over to the Yamhill County Historical Society. A fund was also established which was restricted for the maintenance of the cemetery. For several years, Debra Clark and some members of her family, along with others, were in charge of the care of the property. The YCHS appreciates Mrs. Clark and all of the other people who have helped in this capacity.

This year, a standing committee has been formed by the YCHS Board of Directors which will have the responsibility of maintaining the cemetery grounds. This is the Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery Committee, and it is chaired by Joanne Watts. The other current members of the committee are, Brian Bowman, Kory Knutz, Diane DeMay, Karen Sittton-Saxberg, Matt Dunckel, and Carolyn Meeker.

One of our new committee members, Brian Bowman, has ancestors buried in the Lafayette

Pioneer Cemetery. Brian's family is buried in an area enclosed by a low iron fence. The plot contains the "earthly remains" of Jacob Ferguson who came to Oregon about 1852 or 1853 and served for a time in the State Legislature.

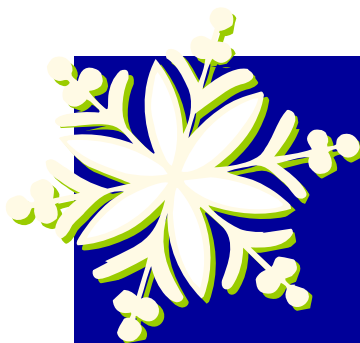
There also is the grave of a man named John Bird who is thought to have owned a small store in Lafayette. He apparently served in the militia in some of the Indian wars.

A much beloved resident of Yamhill County, Kolene Williams, passed away in 2007 and a local chapter of the DAR planted a red oak tree in her honor at the cemetery. For many years, Kolene and members of her family helped take care of the grounds at the cemetery.

This Memorial Day weekend, the Yamhill County Historical Society will have someone at the cemetery to welcome visitors on Saturday and Sunday. The new Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery Committee will have volunteers working at the cemetery in the next two weeks to get the grounds ready for visitors.

If you wish to donate to the fund which is dedicated to the maintenance of the Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery you may make your check payable to the YCHS and mail it to P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, Oregon, 97127. We are a 501c(3) non-profit and your donation can be deducted for tax purposes.

Carolyn Meeker



# A Handmade Holiday

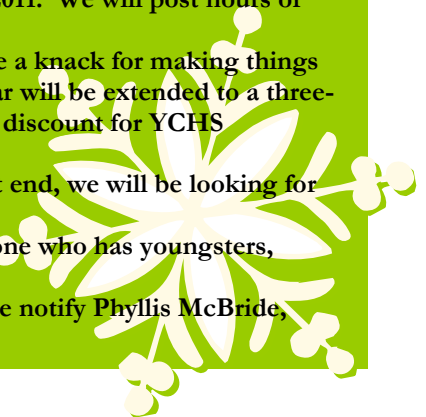
I realize that we are all gearing up for summer, but Christmas isn't far away. It's time to start thinking along those lines for our winter event, A Handmade Holiday, to be held December 2—4, 2011. We will post hours of operations at a later date.

We will be looking for anyone who would like to participate this year. If you have a knack for making things for gifts and would like to sell some of them, we need you. The program for this year will be extended to a three-day program, and the cost of a booth will be \$40 for the three day run. There is a \$5 discount for YCHS members.

We will also have our annual raffle and hourly giveaways in the program. To that end, we will be looking for donations for both activities.

We are also considering a coloring contest for the children, so if you know someone who has youngsters, suggest this to them.

We will be in need of only a few volunteers, so if you would like to sign up, please notify Phyllis McBride, (503) 516-1652 or email [pinokeo@gmail.com](mailto:pinokeo@gmail.com)



**Yamhill County Historical Society  
Presents**

*Harvest Fest 2011*

**Saturday and Sunday, August 13 & 14, 2011  
10:00 am—3:00 pm  
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center  
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon  
(Intersection of Highway 18 & Durham Lane)**

Harvest Fest is coming soon, and we invite you to join us, invite your friends, and volunteer at the upcoming two-day event on August 13 and 14. We anticipate a great crowd and are planning two days of family-friendly activities and fun!

Here's a partial list of activities:

- Harvesting the oat crop with vintage threshing machine, binder, baler, and mules.
- Demonstrations in the blacksmith and sawmill shops, the steam engine, horseshoeing, and stump pulling.
- Tours of the Heritage Center museum.
- “Parade of Power” tractor parade at 1:00 each day. Special progression of Allis Chalmers tractors, in addition to all other types.
- “Slow Tractor Races” at 2:00 each day.
- Outdoor display of tractors and equipment.
- Indoor displays by the YCHS, Genealogy, D.A.R., local authors, spinners, and more!
- Pioneer Kids’ activities, including petting animals.
- Food and old-time music.
- 10am—3pm each day.
- \$3 per person—FREE for YCHS members who show their membership card, and FREE for kids 12 and under.



**TO VOLUNTEER:**  
Please contact Pam or Cliff Watts  
at (503) 434-0490 or  
pwatts@onlinemac.com



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*In Memory of Maxine Williams*

Maxine was special, and when I recall all of her accomplishments during the two years she was president (1989-1990), I'm impressed that such a quiet, unassuming lady could have furthered the welfare of the historical society by so much.

I think she was proudest of getting the Old Yamhill book reprinted with a more substantial binding and selling so many copies.

Among many other things which happened during her term were a quilt raffle (Bessie Cornie's group made and donated the quilt, and Twila Brynes sold the winning ticket to Marge Menke whose mother, Marian Gray, was also a member),

a field trip to the Federal Prison in Sheridan, one to the Andrew Kershaw house in Willamina (April Wooden's home), and purchasing and donating Mrs. Michelbook's wedding dress to the museum.

Maxine arranged for a display of the famous “Murder Quilt” at the McMinnville Library and also for other displays there. She led us to a “surprise location” for a summer picnic where musical entertainment was provided, including George Williams on his harmonica.

She was aware of what the volunteers were doing at the museum and was very generous with her thanks, she was a regular

volunteer herself, decorating the tables at potlucks in interesting and attractive ways.

She continued helping in many ways after her term was over, serving as chairman of the Heritage Tree committee and the ad hoc record sales committee. She sponsored an Oregon Trail program at the McMinnville Library, went on all the field trips available to members, helped with festivals, and other projects.

But best of all, she was a wonderful, gracious friend.

Lois Brooks



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