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**NOTICE:**  
April Potluck and  
General Meeting

- Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2012
- Time: 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:00 pm Program
- Program: A Night In The Museum
- Location: 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd, McMinnville



**Farm Fest 2012  
Plowing Competition**

**20 Teams Draft Horses & Mules  
to compete in plowing competition**

**April 14, 2012**  
10 am—3 pm

**Yamhill Valley Heritage Center**

11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon  
(Intersection of Highway 18 & Durham Lane)



- \* *Plowing Competition 10:30-2:30*
- \* *Plowing Awards 3:00*

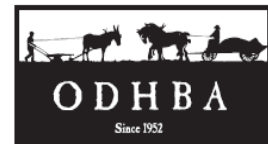
*PLUS...*

- \* *Sawmill, Blacksmith, Steam Engine & Horse-shoeing Demonstrations*
- \* *Heritage Center Museum Tours*
- \* *Pioneer Kids' Area with Hands-on Activities*
- \* *Food, Music, Historical Displays, Quilts, Art & More!*

**ADMISSION**  
**\$3 per person**  
**Kids 12 & under FREE**



*Come back for the  
harvest &  
old-time family fun  
at Harvest Fest  
August 18 & 19*



Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Association

*For information about the Heritage Center or upcoming events, call 503-434-0490*

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## President's Letter

Dear Members,

April 14<sup>th</sup> will be a special day this year for the Meeker family! It will not only be the day that Farm Fest will be held at the Heritage Center, but it will also be the first birthday for our youngest grandson, Geo! I hope that you all will be attending Farm Fest this year since it looks like it will be the best one yet.

The Heritage Brick Program has paid for a sidewalk connecting the Activities Building with the Restoration Shop and Exhibit Hall at the Heritage Center. There is also an apron (15'x60') in front of the Activities Building where those with walkers, baby strollers, or wheelchairs will find it much easier to enter and exit the structure. With the continued support of our members we will be able to construct a paved surface in front of the Administration Building and around the Flag Monument in the near future.

Please remember that there is still room on the base of the Flag Monument for more bricks to be added. Many of you who have already donated bricks have told me that you want to buy additional bricks. The sooner you do so, the sooner we will have the funds for the new paved area in front of

the Administration Building. The Heritage Brick Program has been very successful with the support of our members and I want to thank all of you who have already purchased bricks.

We were treated to an excellent program at the last General Meeting by Cynthia Christensen. Cynthia talked about the Hutchcroft School, and the Education Program, and showed a short video about Pioneer Days which is held for school children at the Heritage Center in the spring and fall.

We were all happy to have Elaine Rohse back with us for the General Meeting. Joanne Watts is feeling much better after her recent surgery and we hope to have her back with us soon.

Remember that Farm Fest will be held this April 14<sup>th</sup> and plan to attend the event. I assure you that there will be fun for the whole family...young and old!

Carolyn Meeker  
YCHS President  
Phone: (503) 835-8481  
Email: acmeeker@frontier.com  
*Submitted: March 15, 2012*

## Happenings at the Heritage Center

Work at the Heritage Center continues...

- ◆ ADA sidewalk added from the Activities Building to the main buildings for easier access between buildings.
- ◆ Restoration Shop—Insulation and wall coverings are being finished; work continues on the Roghair break room; additional display racking is being installed; and the woodworking area is being finished and set up.
- ◆ Flowers are starting to pop up around the outside and planting of the oats will occur shortly after Farm Fest.

Our volunteers continue to do all they can to work on the facility and bring visitors to the Heritage Center. We continue our fundraising efforts to raise the monies needed to finish the Administration Building and be able to showcase more of our rich Yamhill Valley history! Thanks to all who volunteer, donate, invite others to attend, and support our efforts!

## Board Meeting Recap ~ March 14, 2012

*The following recap is a condensed version of not-yet approved minutes from the board meeting.*

**Committee Reports:** All committee reports are filed in the record book with the minutes in the Lafayette Log Cabin.

- ♦ **Lafayette Site Committee**—Cynthia reported that an inventory of the items in the kitchen at the Poling Church will be started soon.
- ♦ **Education Committee**—Cynthia presented a proposed 2012 Education budget, the Pioneer Days Coordinator job description, and descriptions for the Education Coordinator and possible other volunteer positions within the Education Committee.
- ♦ **Site Insurance**—Tony gave a presentation about our current insurance renewal and the proposed increase.
- ♦ **Steam Equipment Committee**—Theresa presented the proposed budget.
- ♦ **Farm/Harvest Fest Committee**—Cliff presented details, information and a request for volunteers for the upcoming Farm Fest. Please contact Pam if you would like to help out. Carolyn will contact the Board to staff the information booth.

### President's Report:

- ♦ Carolyn reported that we are still receiving brick orders. The Oregon Mutual Insurance Company donated \$1,000 to YCHS upon Tony's retirement from their board. Jerry Hart has agreed to continue to be our Corporate Registered Agent.

### Treasurers Report:

- ♦ Kim presented her very thorough 13 page report, which is filed with the committee reports in the record book in Lafayette. Kim would like to schedule a meeting with committee heads sometime to clarify the budgeting process and how committee chairs can help the treasurer by keeping close track of their income and expenses.

### Unfinished Business:

- ♦ Hutchcroft School— Steve and Shirley V. provided a report and proposed estimated budget for the Hutchcroft School Project.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Berthelsdorf, Secretary*

## New to Farm Fest 2012

In addition to the activities of the Plowing Competition with 16-20 teams of draft horses and mules (Oregon's largest gathering of draft horses and mules in the plowing competition), the music, food, demonstrations and exhibits...come to Farm Fest and check out these new offerings:

- ♦ **ORAL HISTORY**—With the help of Linfield College's mass media department, we will be offering a chance for people to share stories about their lives. Visit with an interviewer about one of the following topics: Agriculture, transportation, civic life and commerce, role of women, and daily life at home. Each interview will be limited to 30 minutes. Those sharing will be given a DVD of the interview. We ask that we be allowed to keep a copy for the Historical Society and one copy will be kept by Linfield. This is free to all. These interviews will take place between 11 am and 3 pm on Saturday, April 14 at Farm Fest. For more information, please contact Gloria Lutz at (503) 472-7563.
- ♦ **QUILT SHOW**—Enjoy viewing 50 antique quilts from the Yamhill County Historical Society's collection!
- ♦ **ART SHOW**—Farm scenes, draft horses and life on the farm will be displayed by featured artists Terry Peasley, Chris Cummings, John Stromme, Marilyn Affolter, and Clare Carver (who will also be driving a team of draft horses). Get a chance to visit with the artists and learn how they appreciate and share our agricultural heritage.

Also stop at the YCHS Sawmill and Blacksmith shops as they demonstrate what they can do, as well as watch the Peerless steam traction tractor operate!

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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*Garry Coats—Lafayette*

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#### Newsletter:

*Tami Spears*

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*Don King*

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*Karen Sitton-Saxberg*

#### Steam Equipment:

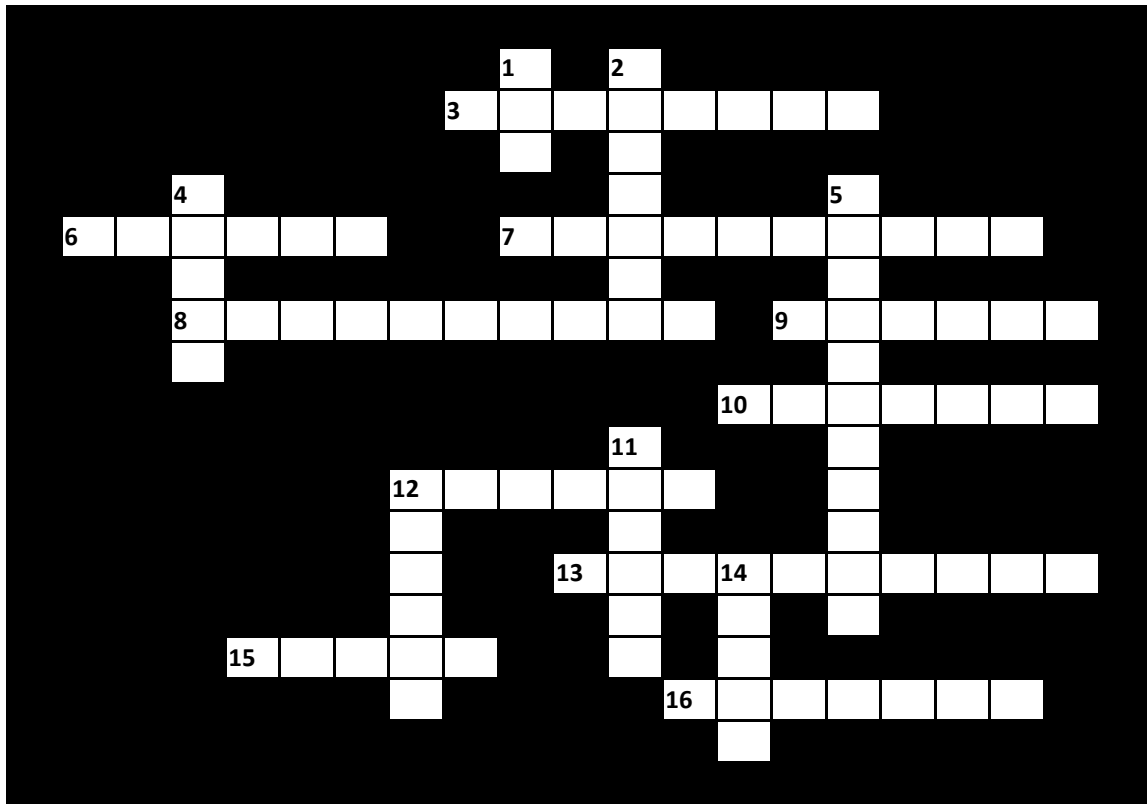
*Vern Yeager*

### YCHS GENEALOGY

*Louise Heindl*

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## YCHS Crossword Puzzle—Preserve Oregon's Heritage Playing Cards



### Across

3. Found in Eastern Oregon, these 10,000 year-old \_\_\_ are the oldest \_\_\_ in the world!
6. Oregon has the largest number of historic covered \_\_\_'s in the Western U.S. They were popular in the 19th and early 20th centuries because they extended the life of its deck.
7. Oregon has more than 3,000 of these off the coast giving evidence of the importance of water vessels in early contact, settlement, trade and recreation.
8. Federal work/relief programs during the Great Depression produced many structures that have become symbols of our state like this historic lodge.
9. This trail was the main overland migration route to Oregon from the east from 1841-1869. Ruts are still visible in places.
10. This industry blossomed after 1900 in Oregon fostering towns, camps and rail lines.
12. Known as The \_\_\_ Mounds, these massive arrangement of rock walls, cairns, pits, troughs, and alignments hug the contours of the slopes in the Columbia River Gorge. The meaning behind them remains unknown.
13. Nine of these were built along Oregon's coast between 1870 and 1896 and still survive today. Seven are open to the public and your editor was married in one of them.
15. The Tillamook wooden hangar is the largest wooden structure in the world. During WWII, this item was housed in this hanger and escorted commercial ships and protected them from enemy submarines.

16. This famous column built in 1926, celebrates early Northwest history, focusing on events between 1792 and the 1880's.

### Down

1. First introduced in the 1860's, \_\_\_ farms spread throughout the Willamette Valley. They helped migrant farm laborers survive the Great Depression.
2. Domed rock ovens commonly referred to as "\_\_\_ Ovens" are the only signs left of the early construction camps along Oregon's railways.
4. This house, a pioneer memorial "Comfort Station" and viewpoint, opened in 1918 providing an observatory to view both up and down the Columbia River.
5. Known as Oregon's Rock Art, these \_\_\_ (carved images) are the story boards of past people.
11. These falls, near The Dalles, served as the major trading and fishing center in the region for thousands of years.
12. The oldest-known housesite in Oregon is approximately 9,500 years-old, predating the eruption of this mountain.
14. Excavations on the Oregon Coast revealed remains of a 900 year-old \_\_\_ belonging to a Kwatame tribal chief.

***FIND THE ANSWERS TO THIS PUZZLE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE WEST SIDE***

# April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	5	6 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	7 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
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### Event Locations

- ◆ April 10, 2012—General Meeting—7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Road, McMinnville
- ◆ April 11, 2012—Board Meeting—Lafayette Miller Museum
- ◆ April 14, 2012—FARM FEST—YCHS Heritage Center 11275 SW Durham Ln., McMinnville

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 2012—Pioneer Days
- ◆ May 8, 2012—General Meeting
- ◆ May 9, 2012—Board Meeting
- ◆ June—No General Meeting
- ◆ June 13, 2012—Board Meeting
- ◆ July—No General Meeting
- ◆ July 11, 2012—Board Meeting
- ◆ July 1, 2012—YCHS Annual Ice Cream Social

## Observations by Nancy Thornton

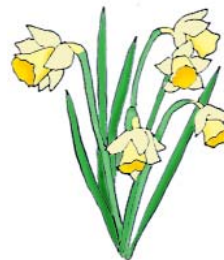
Yesterday I saw skunk cabbage.  
This morning snow is sifting down.



The change of the season is a slow dance.  
Two steps forward and one back.

A power struggle of who is to lead.  
Old winter hates to concede that it is time  
For young spring's solo dance.

Don't get discouraged—  
Spring always wins.



### 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



## Roghair Break Room



*Cliff Watts and Gene Roghair*

Edward Roghair was born on October 28, 1912 in Osceola County, Iowa, the eldest son of thirteen children. At the age of 13, the family moved to Okaton, South Dakota. On June 8, 1941 he married Margaret Alice Bowder. Ed was listed in the Who's Who in South Dakota and in 1956 was named Jones County's Outstanding Young Farmer.

With his wife and school-age family, he moved in 1957 to McMinnville where he was an electrician at Linfield College for 13 years. All of their children (James, Gene, Wallace and Crystal) graduated from McMinnville High School.

Ed was active in many organizations over the years. One of which was the Yamhill County Historical Society where he was a regular docent at the Farm Museum in Lafayette. He served on the Board of Directors from 1981 to 2003. His wife, Margaret, was also active in the Historical

Society. She published the newsletter from 1989 to 1994. Ed always wished for a room where friends could meet, visit and have coffee. With memorials and family donations, a room was set aside in the Restoration Building at the Heritage Center. This room has always been called the "Roghair Break Room."

Ed passed away at the age of 93 and is survived by his wife Margaret.

Last month Ed's son Gene visited McMinnville and the Heritage Center where he was given a tour by Cliff Watts. He really enjoyed seeing machinery related to his growing-up years, especially a tractor just donated by Charlie. He presented a plaque to the society dedicating the break room in Ed's memory. It is in place for all to see.

The plaque inscription: *Roghair Break Room, Remembering Ed. 1912-2006, Honoring Peggy 1916.*

## Panic in the Dark

One night I went out in the back yard to get some firewood. The cordwood had been cut up into short lengths and was neatly piled under the trees. In the dim light and faint glow from the dining room windows, the exposed ends of the piled wood suddenly looked like a large number of grinning cat faces, like hundreds of Alice in Wonderland disembodied "chessy" cats. I streaked back to the house in panic. I broke myself of that nonsense when home alone one night by going out and walking through the woods.

However, once when reading Stevenson's

"Kidnapped" far into the night in a large chair in the living room, by a single floor lamp, I sensed something or someone peering over my shoulder from the dark interior of the adjacent dining room. My scalp was creeping. When I looked up, there was a seven foot tall figure hovering over me. It was a dark hat and a large overcoat hanging on an antique coat rack. Years later I gave that coat rack to my son with warnings of its potentials.

[Slow Settles The Dust In Oregon](#) by Norris H. Perkins

## Puckerville, January 21, 1889

Joe Kidder is very low with rheumatism. Farmers are busy doing nothing, as usual. We want a doctor, lawyer and undertaker. The young folks are having a good time sleigh riding. We don't see anything of the new store building—where is it? W.B. Holman, of McMinnville, spent Sunday in our berg with his best girl. Mrs. Carl Little has been quite sick, but we are glad to say she is convalescent. Several of our Puckerville dudes went out on a deer hunt last week, but after

being out twenty four hours returned sadder but wiser men.

Puckerville talks of organizing a literary society. Go ahead. Puckerville has more get-up than any other town of its size in Yamhill County.

*This article was written for The Oregon Register, January 25, 1889*



*By Theresa Berthelstorf*

*Cynthia Christensen giving her presentation on Pioneer Days and One-room Schoolhouses at the General Meeting in March.*



# Invest in a piece of Yamhill County History

Imagine a new brick pathway inviting visitors to the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. You, your family, or honored loved ones' names can become a part of Yamhill County history.

These engraved Heritage Bricks will be incorporated in various architectural projects, such as walkways, walls, and the base of a flag pole now erected at the Heritage Center. For a donation of \$100, your brick will be engraved to your specifications and become a permanent part of the Heritage Center, creating an amazing tribute to our ancestors, town fathers, loved ones and Yamhill County families. With your donations, you partner with us in building the future of our society.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**\$ 100 per Brick**

**BRICK #1**


Inscription (one character per box—include spaces and punctuation in boxes)

**BRICK #2**


**Brick Inscriptions**

Each brick may be inscribed with up to three lines, and up to 17 spaces on each line.

Typical inscriptions have included...

- ◆ In Memory of (or In Honor of)
- ◆ Family names
- ◆ Past or current business names
- ◆ Historic event
- ◆ Living or past family members

Inscriptions that are deemed inappropriate by the YCHS Property Development Committee will not be allowed.

**Amount for Bricks**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Donation**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



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