



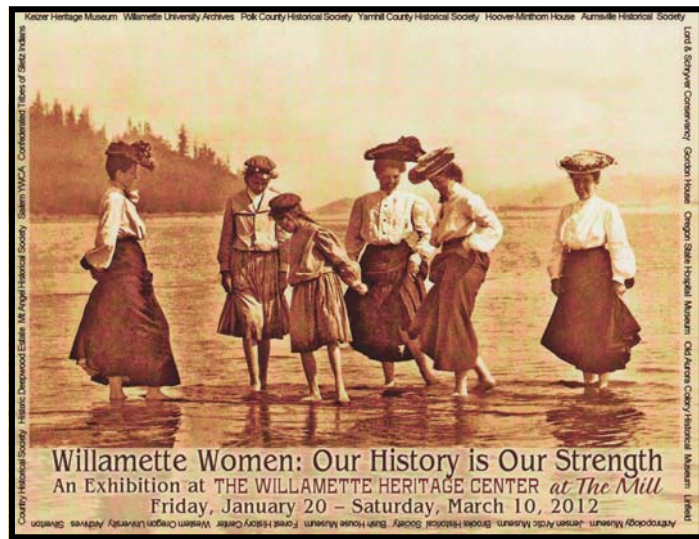
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## Willamette Women: Our History is Our Strength



**NOTICE:**

**January Potluck and General Meeting**

- **Date:** Sunday, January 8, 2012
- **Time:** 2:00 pm Potluck, 3:00 pm Program
- **Program:** What is new in 2012?
- **Location:** 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd, McMinnville

*An Exhibition at The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill. Friday, January 20—Saturday, March 10, 2012.*

Willamette Women is the 2nd Annual Heritage Invitational Extravaganza, and gives Mid-Valley cultural and history museums and organizations the opportunity to shine a light on women from their communities. Throughout the exhibition's run, visitors can take a walk through the history of women in the Mid-Valley as they view a wide array of locally-, regionally- and nationally-important objects and images.

Yamhill County Historical Society has provided exhibits on the following extraordinary women from our county.

**Abigail Scott Duniway**—worked for

the rights of women to vote. Won in November 5, 1912. She and her husband Ben lived on a farm on Duniway Road in Lafayette.

**Barbara Roberts**—from Sheridan, Ms. Roberts became Oregon's first and only woman Governor.

**Beverly Cleary**—famous author of children's books, Ms Cleary was born in McMinnville in 1916. She spent the first six years in Yamhill, moved to Portland and now resides in California.

**Joni Huntley**—Raised in Sheridan. Ms. Huntley placed 5th in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and won a bronze medal in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. Her high school record of 6 feet and 3/4 inch, set in 1974, still stands.

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## President's Letter

Dear Members,

This year has gone by so very fast! I would like to thank all of our members who voted in the recent election of YCHS Board Directors. I believe we had about 150 individuals voting last year, but we had 217 ballots cast this year! Theresa Berthelsdorf, Gloria Lutz, Tonia Beebe, and Matt Dunckel took on the job of tallying the votes and they deserve a big thank you for taking on that added responsibility.

Cliff Watts was elected to his first term on the board and Karen Sitton-Saxberg, Kim Courtin, and myself were reelected to a second three year term. Cliff will be a great addition to the board!

Bob Vertregt is leaving the board and his presence will be missed by all of the other directors. The good news is that he will remain an active volunteer for the YCHS as well as supporting many other Yamhill County

community organizations that he and Rosemary support.

I hope all of you visited the Heritage Center for our second annual Handmade Holiday! Thanks to the co-chairs, Karen Sitton-Saxberg and Kathy Burden (as well as all of the many volunteers, vendors and folks who came out) it was a smashing success again this year! Tony and I were able to find quite a few Christmas presents from the vendors who participated in the event. The local artists and craftsmen who had booths this year offered many beautiful and interesting items for sale.

It is my sincere hope that 2012 will be a wonderful year for all of you!

Carolyn Meeker

YCHS President

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*Submitted: December 16, 2011*

## Purchase Old Photos from YCHS

Beyond offering stories to go along with the old photos in our collection, we also offer a good selection of old photographs of Yamhill County for sale. If you are interested in purchasing photos, please contact Jennifer Sokol Blosser or Tom Catrall at [info@yamhillcountryhistory.org](mailto:info@yamhillcountryhistory.org)



## Lafayette Buzz

The museum will re-open on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 from 10-4.

Marge has conducted several tours recently. These visitors are from retirement and care centers from the area and have been very impressed with our collection of antiques which always bring back fond memories.

We have noticed an increase in visitors to the museum since we have eliminated our admissions fee. With the boards approval we

will continue our "free admission" policy. Donations are always welcome, however.

Thanks to all who stopped by our booth at the recent Handmade Holiday event. We enjoyed visiting with friends and appreciate all who bought books and those delicious baked goods.

Come visit us in February to see the new displays and "Spring" cleaning.

*Your friends in Lafayette.*

# 2nd Annual Handmade Holiday a Success!



Photo by Theresa Berthelsdorf

Carolyn and Tony Meeker

The second annual Handmade Holiday Bazaar Event is now behind us and by all accounts, the weekend was a great success for everyone involved, vendors and YCHS! Hundreds of people came out to enjoy a fun-filled weekend of over 30 vendors selling handmade items, hourly Santa's Walk, Santa's Messenger Pigeons, pictures with the society's historic sleigh, and live entertainment by the traveling carolers, and piano playing by Kory Knutz. The weather was extremely cooperative and made the weekend event an enjoyable



Photo by Theresa Berthelsdorf

Gopher Valley Botanicals vendor booth

experience for all who attended.

On behalf of the Handmade Holiday Committee, we want to extend a heartfelt thanks to the many generous event donors. Crescent Café, Spirit Mountain Casino, Sokol Blosser Winery, the Genealogical Society, and the Lafayette Ladies. Without their unselfish contributions we would not have had a successful Silent Auction. We also want to thank the vendors and the public at large for

coming out. Vendors: Pamela Anderson, Jan Hannon, Desirae Burley, Carrie Bryant, Kathy Burden, Tom Clark, Rosemarie Caughran, Debi Cranford, Stan Destwolinski, Susie & Larry Elliott, Linda Freeborn, Shelly Friday, Crystal Fritzmeier, Rose Marie Gettman, Sybil Hainsworth, Myrna Kovachevich, Ladd's Leather, Laurie Longanecker, Sherry McConnell, Nathan & Sarah Miller, Kimberly Morgan, Sandy Parr, Sherri Robinson, Sue Sanetra, Torrey Smith, Wendy Thompson, Patricia Tuel, Charlene Wanner, Yamhill County Women for Agriculture, Yamhill County Genealogical Society, YCHS, Loila Zook, and Monica Olin.

We also want to extend a "special" thank you



Photo by Theresa Berthelsdorf

Kathy Burden and her vendor booth

McMinnville Hertz Rental for the use of their temporary propane heaters. You kept us warm.

Thank you to our volunteers that helped in so many ways. Volunteers: Tony & Carolyn Meeker, Melvin, Debbie, & Samantha Kelchner, BJ Kelchner, Steve Leonard, Ivan Nuxoll, Dave & Doris Cruichshank, Jean Sartor, Pat Angland, Cliff Watts, Millie Armstrong, Bob & Rosemary Vertregt, Tami Spears, Shirley Venhaus, Theresa Berthelsdorf, Louise Heindl, Ken Rogers and anyone I forgot. You are incredible! We could not exist without our volunteers!

The committee will be meeting shortly to debrief this year's event and to start planning our 3rd Annual Handmade Holiday Bazaar Event; December 1 and 2, 2012. It is our hope that we can continue enhancing the event by incorporating new and exciting activities while maintaining our handmade local theme.

Thank you all,  
Karen Sitton-Saxberg, Kathy Burden

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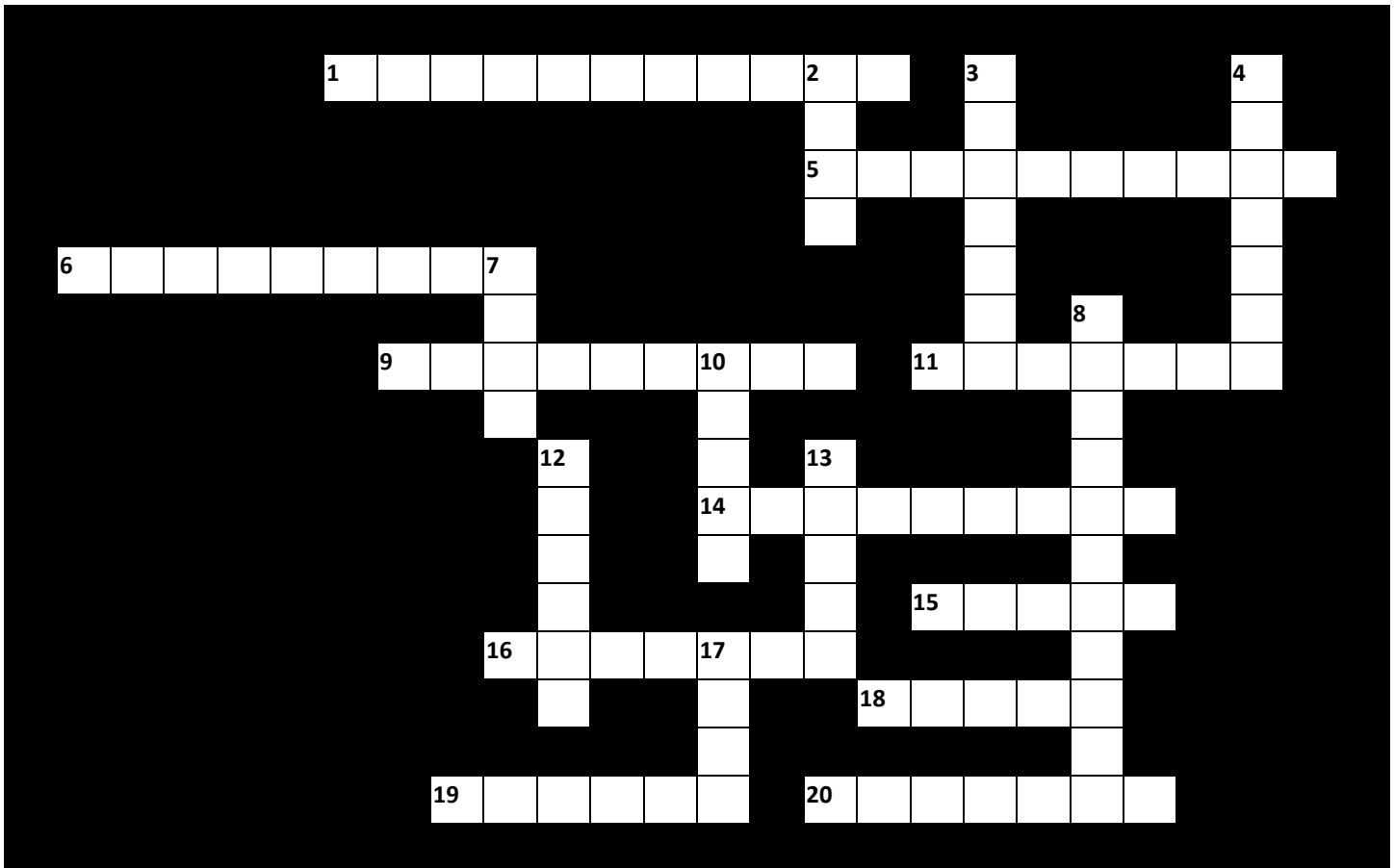
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# YCHS Crossword Puzzle—Origins of YC Road Names



## Across

1. The name of this road can mean a fresh water “sunfish”, “pond perch”, or “punkys” and can also mean a seed of a very popular squash.
5. This lane’s name comes from the crossing of an octaploid blackberry and a diploid red raspberry and is east of Sheridan.
6. Named for the Governor of Oregon 1915-1919 lies southwest of Yamhill.
9. An ill-fated attempt in 1855-56 to connect Oregon and California in the early years of telegraphy had wires and poles along this road between Whiteson and Amity.
11. Bow and arrow enthusiasts enjoyed this summit road in the 1940’s which lies southwest of Dundee.
14. Originally extending over the Pacific Coast Range as a toll route in the 1800’s, this “tart or bitter plant” road is northwest of Grand Ronde.
15. The name of this road was not named after an album by a famous English rock band in 1969.
16. Connecting Westside Road and Highway 47, this bent road was named by Mr. Helyer who claimed that poverty brought him to the area and poverty kept him there.
18. This road leads to a location that allowed Steamboats in the late 1880’s to bypass the “Yamhill Falls” near Lafayette

and proceed to McMinnville.

19. This “vicious” Willamina road was named after a man who served on the Oregon Legislature and was instrumental in instituting the Oregon Insane Asylum.
20. This road winds through Yamhill County to the Tillamook County line starting southwest of McMinnville and was named after a “wild pea” that grows in the area.

## Down

2. This hill road’s name is derived from the “ruler of the winds” in Greek mythology.
3. 1,320 feet make up this northwest Newberg lane.
4. This “synchronous” road, southeast of Willamina ties Polk and Yamhill County’s road systems together.
7. This road, 6 miles north of Newberg, is named after the highest peak in the Chehalem Mountains and not for the follically-challenged.
8. Lying between Sheridan and Amity, this road has ties to the YCHS Board of Directors.
10. Hook & Eye Lane west of Amity was named for what religious group who lived in the area for many years?
12. Four miles northwest of McMinnville, this road has ties to the YCHS Board of Directors.
13. “Very dirty” valley road north of Bellevue.

# January 2012

| Sun                            | Mon | Tue | Wed   | Thu | Fri                                 | Sat   |
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| 1                              | 2   | 3   | 4<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED                          | 5   | 6<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED  | 7<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED<br>Heritage Center<br>Open 10-3  |
| 8<br>GENERAL<br>MEETING<br>2-4 | 9   | 10  | 11<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED                         | 12  | 13<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED | 14<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED<br>Heritage Center<br>Open 10-3 |
| 15                             | 16  | 17  | 18<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED<br>Board<br>Meeting 4pm | 19  | 20<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED | 21<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED<br>Heritage Center<br>Open 10-3 |
| 22                             | 23  | 24  | 25<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED                         | 26  | 27<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED | 28<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>CLOSED<br>Heritage Center<br>Open 10-3 |
| 29                             | 30  | 31  |   |     |                                     |   |

### Event Locations

- ♦ January 8, 2012—  
General Meeting—7th  
Day Adventist, 1500  
Old Sheridan Road,  
McMinnville
- ♦ January 18, 2012—  
Board Meeting—  
Lafayette Miller Museum

### Upcoming Events

- ♦ February 12, 2012—  
General Meeting
- ♦ February 8, 2012—  
Board Meeting
- ♦ March 11, 2012—  
General Meeting
- ♦ March 14, 2012—Board  
Meeting

## YCHS Crossword Puzzle Continued

17. This “seed of the monocot plant” Lane is prominent in Amity.

*FIND THE ANSWERS TO THIS CROSSWORD IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE WEST SIDE*

### December Crossword

### Answers

*Theme: Yamhill County*

*Across: 1. Locomobile, 4. Duniway, 8. Marple, 10. Perkins, 17. Elgin, 18. Carl, 19. Courthouse, 20. Roberts.*

*Down: 2. Brigittine, 3. Yamhill, 5. Young, 6. Palmer, 7. Hoover, 9. Research, 11. Kenny, 12. Trappist, 13. Bicycle, 14. Cleary, 15. Meeker, 16. Bricks*

### Heritage Center HELP!!!

The Heritage Center is in need of some woodworking tools. We need a chop saw, band saw, press drill, and sanders.

We would really appreciate your donations. Call Chuck Kadell at (971) 241-3246 if you have anything....or....come work with us!!

### 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

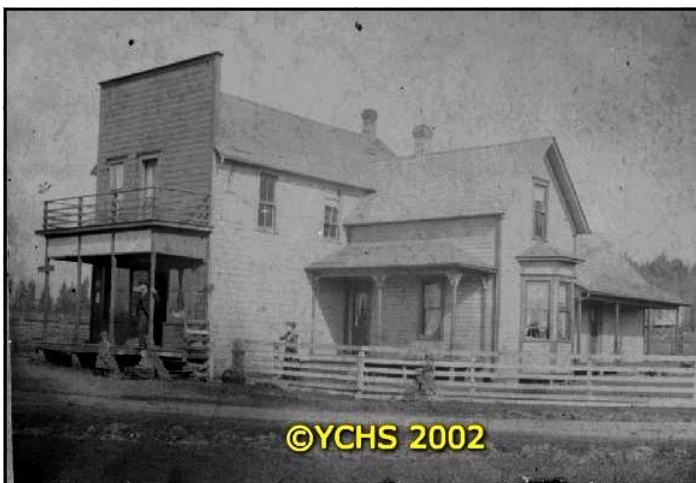
#### Hours:

Saturday 10—3

## The Community of Springbrook

When Cyrus Hoskins established his farm on a portion of the Soloman Heater Donation Land claim in the 1880's there was a pretty little seasonal creek running through it. The creek flowed from a spring on the south side of Chehalem Mountain, so he named his farm Springbrook.

A post office name was filed about 1893 called Hoskins. The post office department rejected Hoskins about 1895 because of a duplicate place name, but the application for Springbrook was accepted. This community lies about two miles northeast of Newberg, Oregon.



*Springbrook Post Office and Store*

The post office was located in the Springbrook Store, which provided the community with general merchandise, livestock feed and gas until it burned in 1964. There were many private owners, but from 1906 until 1945 Springbrook Co-op Cannery maintained it as a company store.

Land for a schoolhouse was divided from Cyrus Hoskins' land and District #56 was established in 1889. It has been housed in three different buildings. The frame building built about 1913 burned in 1931. By the fall of 1933 students, grades one through eight, were housed in the sturdy brick building still standing, across the railroad tracks from the Allison Inn of present day. Students were taught there until consolidation with the Newberg school district in 1962.

Springbrook was home to many of the early Quaker families. They first held meeting in the schoolhouse, when it was too difficult to get to Newberg over muddy roads in winter.

In 1901 a lovely two-story white country church went up adjacent to the schoolhouse. Community activities centered around the Friends Church. Large gatherings were the tradition at Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. An addition in the 1930's provided meeting space and Sunday School classrooms.

When dry rot and disrepair took their toll in the 1960's, church services were moved into the vacant brick schoolhouse

until the congregation disbanded.

The railroad was built through Springbrook in about 1885. Water for the steam locomotives was held in a water tower west of Springbrook Road across the tracks from the cannery. The tracks ran between the schoolhouse and the store. The former students recall watching the train from the north windows and the wise teachers were the ones who permitted a break to watch. For a time it was the Red Electric train which ran.

Train cars shipped goods from the Springbrook Co-



*Springbrook Cannery*

operative Cannery and Springbrook Coop Prune Grower's Association. The cannery, organized in 1904, had a start-up fund of \$5,000. Nearly everyone in the small community worked in the cannery at some time, until its closure in 1968.

An automotive repair shop joined the community, opening in 1948 next to the Friends parsonage east of the store. The proprietor was Donald C. Landauer, with his wife and partner Winifred doing the bookkeeping. Most of the area families trusted Don and his long-time employee Bob Thorne with their repair work at the Springbrook Garage. It was also a popular place for swapping stories by the wood-fired barrel stove.

Only the sturdy brick schoolhouse still stands, the last of the old place, but the fond memories are many in the hearts of those who called Springbrook home for so long.

The Community of Springbrook compiled by Donna Jo King.  
Sources of information:

Memories & family stories of Donna Jo & Don King

Longtime resident, Paul Drahn and Arden Butler

"Springbrook, A Cooperative Community Then & Now" by Daisy (Newhouse) Read, 1977

"Schools of Old Yamhill" by Ruth Stoller, Yamhill County Historical Society



## 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.

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**\$ 100 per Brick**

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**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

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**Amount for Bricks**

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

**Additional Donation**

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

**Total Enclosed**

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97128

## Yamhill County Historical Society Membership Application

**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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