



# The West Side

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## NOTICE: March Potluck and General Meeting

- **Date:** Sunday, March 11, 2012
- **Time:** 2:00 pm  
Potluck, 3:00 pm  
Program
- **Program:** Daily Life in a One-room Schoolhouse
- **Location:** 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd, McMinnville

## Blacksmith Shop Offers Glimpse of Living History

The Blacksmith Shop Committee met recently to plan new activities at the Blacksmith Shop at the Heritage Center.

Steve Gossett will be the manager, Ike Bay will be the student activities coordinator, and Jo McIntyre agreed to act as chair of the Blacksmith Committee, which they intend to expand.

They cordially invite volunteers to join the committee and even sign up for some classes - either as apprentice students or as volunteers working with the public.

"It takes more than a few classes to perfect your blacksmithing skills," Gossett said, but there's no time like the present to start. "It's taken me 42 years so far and we're

still counting!"

It is a high-level skill that allows them to create many beautiful items. "My goal is to help people see the skill for what it is."

The skills class will begin with people doing a quick tour of the blacksmith shop, then will move to the restoration shop to get the paperwork out of the way. He'll have handouts and visual aides.

"Then, we'll learn how to go out and build and maintain a fire and use it properly. Just jumping in and swinging the hammer is dangerous," he says. Gossett uses modeling clay to demonstrate how to use the hammer, because clay moves just like hot metal.

There's smoke and fire and dirt in a blacksmith shop and that is part of the interest, he



Blacksmiths at the Oregon Railway in Dundee circa 1880.

says, but also part of the problem. Students need to learn safety and the history and terminology of blacksmithing techniques before they can start swinging a hammer at a hot piece of metal.

Therefore, teaching will start with some paperwork, so students will have some safety and other problems solved

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## Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?



Do you have a passion for buttons?

In archaeology, a button can be a significant artifact. In applied arts and in craft, a button can be an example of folk art, studio craft, or even a miniature work of art. Museums like YCHS hold culturally, historically, politically, and/or artistically

significant buttons in their collections.

Lafayette is in need of someone who is interested in working with the YCHS collection of buttons. If interested, please contact Marjorie Owens at the Lafayette Museum (503) 864-2308

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## President's Letter

Dear Members,

In the last newsletter there was an article about Abigail Scott Duniway and her contributions to the Women's Suffrage Movement. The YCHS had partnered with the City of Lafayette in applying for a state grant to put up a historical sign in her honor. This grant application was written by Sheri King of Lafayette and supported by Lafayette's City Administrator, Preston Polasek. Although the grant was denied, the City of Lafayette decided to purchase the sign and it will be placed in the Joel Perkins Park in that city. We very much appreciate the work Sheri King and Mr. Polasek did in forwarding this project and, of course, the financial support of the city of Lafayette.

The Lafayette site was closed to the public during January but don't think that the volunteers were resting on their laurels. In fact, they were all working very hard to update their records and get the museum in top order before reopening to the public in February. Some of these volunteers are, Marge Owens (Miller Museum Director), Farell Furest, Nancy Thornton, Kathy Burden, Louise Heindl, and Shirley McDaniel. They all contribute to

keeping the museum open three days a week and running "like a top" in the words of one volunteer. Great job ladies!

I would like to encourage those members who do not attend the General Meetings to do so in the near future. We always have a delicious potluck and an interesting program in addition to our, usually brief, business meeting. The time for the next meeting will be listed in this newsletter.

The Program Chair for these meetings, Joanne Watts, was recently hospitalized for some tests. We all wish Joanne the very best and hope she has a speedy recovery.

On a sad note, we were all very sorry to hear of the death of Homer Rohse. Homer and Elaine were personal friends of my husband and me and were good friends of the YCHS for many years. We will miss Homer and will keep Elaine in our thoughts and prayers.

Carolyn Meeker

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*Submitted: February 15, 2012*

A special "Thank You" to Cliff Watts and his work crew. They spent a recent Saturday at the Lafayette site helping with the re-organizing project at the Poling Church. They moved glass cabinets to the barn, loaded a trailer with display items for the Heritage Center, moved items to the church basement for storage, brought items from the barn to the church where they will be used for displays.

As always, we appreciate the help of volunteers along with their "strong backs."

Thanks, Lafayette Ladies

## Lafayette Buzz

We have had a busy January. We achieved most of our goals. Remember Marje's LONG list of projects? Well, after spending over 397 volunteer hours, most of them are finished—WOW! When you visit the museum you will notice additional labeling on shelves and research material. The church projects are still going but the basement steps are now replaced and lighting has been improved. You will also notice some re-arrangement of cabinets and displays. We hope to give everything a good cleaning and dusting once everything has found its home.

Please stop in for a visit. We would appreciate suggestions or ideas that you would like to see at the museum.

## Board Meeting Recap ~ February 8, 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.

- ♦ **Miller Museum**—Louise presented plans from Garry Coats to build a framework to store the larger pictures at the Miller Museum so they are protected. Marjorie reported that volunteers put in 397+ hours of work at the Lafayette site in January. Due to supportive donations, and general goodwill in the community, the consensus was to continue offering free admission to the Miller Museum.
- ♦ **Lafayette Site Committee**—Cynthia reported that the gutters are up and the new stairs are in the church.
- ♦ **Education Committee**—Cynthia reported on behalf of Gloria. An Education Coordinator and Pioneer Days Coordinator are needed.
- ♦ **Property Development Committee**—Cliff reported that we have four bids for the ADS concrete work at the Heritage Center. Work will start soon.

**Secretary's Report:**

- ♦ Theresa gave a report on using the records book and museum computer to research documents and /or motions.

**Treasurers Report:**

- ♦ Kim presented financials for the overall year of 2011 and one for January 2012. She

emphasized that because we have become a large organization with many events and assets, each committee chair is responsible for creating and submitting their budget to the board and monitoring their own committee's budget, once approved, including all income and expenses. If a committee needs to spend money, they need to get board approval if they did not receive an approved budget. All committee chairs must be current YCHS members. Kim is able to run a report if a committee needs historical financial information on their committees.

**Unfinished Business:**

- ♦ Kim presented a quote on the proposed Financial Statement Review Services. Kim recommended that we do a financial review every other year and an audit every other year which will fit within our bylaws.

**New Business:**

- ♦ Conflict of Interest forms were filled out by all board members.
- ♦ Hutchcroft School—We have been offered a donation of the Hutchcroft One-room Schoolhouse. The Property Development Committee has begun researching the feasibility of this proposed donation.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Berthelsdorf, Secretary*

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Accession/Preservation Lafayette:**

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*Cliff Watts*

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*Don King*

**Secrets of the Past Tours:**

*Karen Sitton-Saxberg*

**Steam Equipment:**

*Vern Yeager*

## Happenings at the Heritage Center



Volunteers have picked up a John Deere "D" tractor and other equipment donated by Charlie Chegwyn. They hope to get the 1931 Case baler running in time for Harvest Fest.

Volunteers have also cleaned up and organized the Activities building recently.

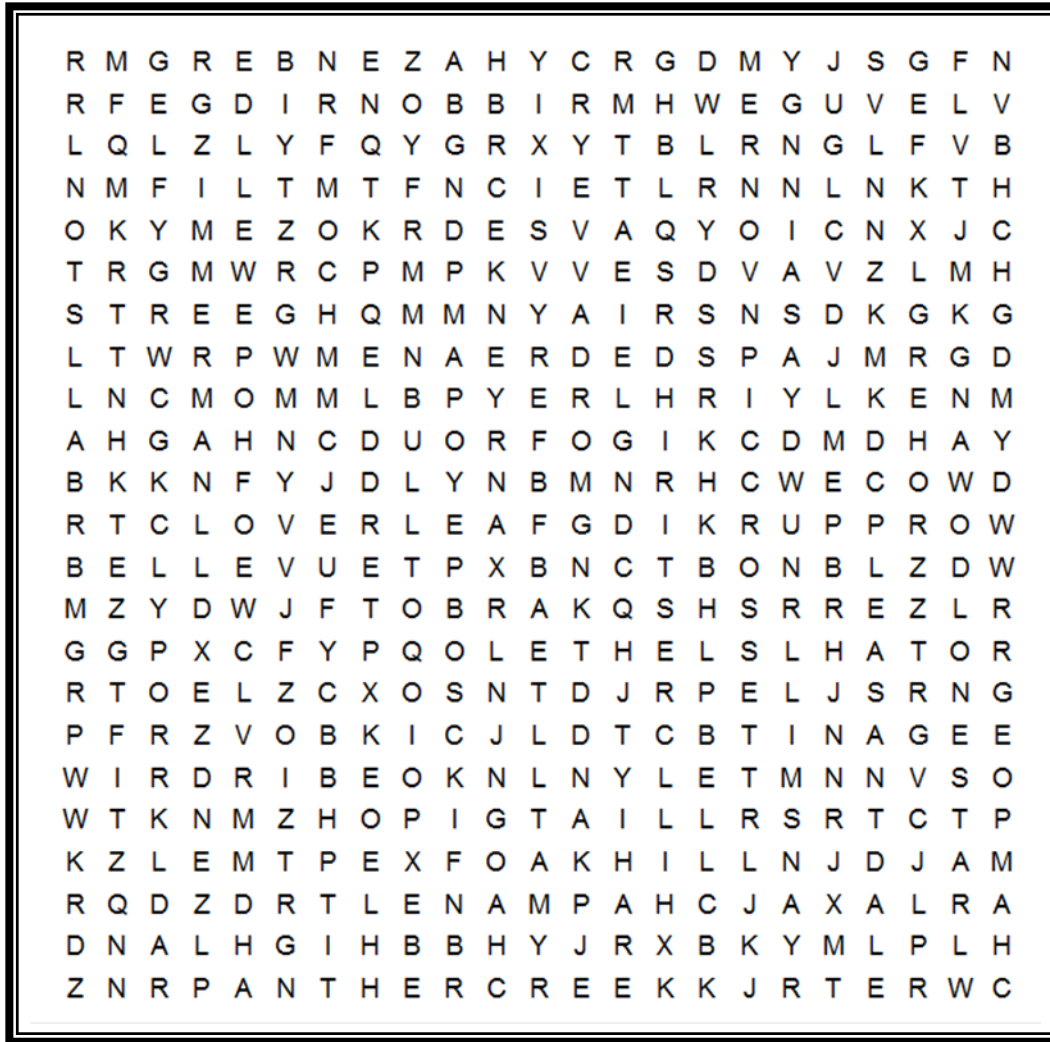
We can still use some volunteers at the Heritage Center. Come on over on Wednesdays when the sawmill crew is there, or Saturdays when we are open to the public from 10:00 to 3:00.

### YCHS GENEALOGY

*Louise Heindl*

*(503) 864-2308*

# YCHS Word Search—Schools of Old Yamhill



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|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Ballston     | Clover Leaf  | Lone Star     | Riverside   |
| Beehive      | Crossett     | Oakhill       | Ryan's Mill |
| Bell         | Dupey Valley | Oldsville     | Seth        |
| Bellevue     | Fox          | Panther Creek | Springbrook |
| Broadmead    | Hazenberg    | Pig Tail      | Sunnyside   |
| Buck Heaven  | Hebo         | Pike          | The Island  |
| Champoeg     | Highland     | Pleasantdale  | Woodland    |
| Chapman      | Hillcrest    | Popcorn       | Yampo       |
| Chicken Coop | Hopewell     | Ribbon Ridge  | Zimmerman   |

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

# March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	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 Heritage Center Open 10-3
11 GENERAL MEETING 2-4  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	12	13	14 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Board Meeting 5:30pm	15	16 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	17 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3  ST. PATRICK'S DAY
18	19	20	21 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	22	23 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	24 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
25	26	27	28 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	29	30 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	31 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3

### Event Locations

- ♦ January 20—March 10, 2012—Willamette Women: Our History is Our Strength, The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill
- ♦ March 11, 2012—General Meeting—7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Road, McMinnville
- ♦ March 14, 2012—Board Meeting—Lafayette Miller Museum

### Upcoming Events

- ♦ April 10, 2012—General Meeting
- ♦ April 11, 2012—Board Meeting
- ♦ May 2012—Pioneer Days
- ♦ May 8, 2012—General Meeting
- ♦ May 9, 2012—Board Meeting

## Book Report—Up the Capitol Steps

Up the Capitol Steps by Barbara Roberts is her biography of the events and politics that enabled a graduate from our Sheridan Union High School to become Oregon's first Woman Governor. It is for sale at the Log Cabin for \$24.95.

## February Crossword Answers

*Theme: Old Yamhill—The Early History of its Towns and Cities*

*Across: 2. Yamhill, 5. Scotland, 8. Willamina, 10. Ferry, 11. Willamina, 14. Newberg, 15. McMinnville, 17. Sheridan, 18. Dayton, 19. Baker, 20. Sheridan.*

*Down: 1. Carlton, 3. Lafayette, 4. Popgun, 5. Sheridan, 6. Sheridan, 7. Blacksmith, 9. Lafayette, 12. Amity, 13. Dayton, 14. Newberg, 16. Dundee.*

### 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



**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!*

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**Kids 12 & under FREE**



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Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Association

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

# Hutchcroft Schoolhouse



1934 class at #15. Teacher, Ruth Beckford (McCall), Esther Beck, Edith and Essie Beck (7), Florence Cate, Hazel Douche, Vernon Beck, Nellie Beck (7), Elmer Beck, Beck, Leonard and Arlene Livingston, Ruth, Lois and Mabel Allen (7), Elie and Mabel Douche, George Beck. Hazel Douche taken photo.

## District #15

### Woods-Hutchcroft One-room Schoolhouse

District #15 was formed by a meeting of the legal voters held October 14, 1854, at the home of Caleb Woods. Samuel McSwain, Tomas Wright, and William Stillwell were elected directors and Thomas Cox, clerk. It was not until March of 1855 that the site for the school in this district was determined to be on the Woods' place along the Tillamook Trail. The building was raised by the people of the district and finished by Mr. E. Washburn who was paid \$10 for his work. One of the first teachers in the new school was Thomas Cox who began teaching in April of 1856. Jonathon Catron had taken Cox's place as district clerk.

In 1877 #15 decided to build a new school, the old one being too small. Before the new

school was built, John Hutchcroft gave the district an acre of land on a knoll south and east of this home. Here was constructed a frame schoolhouse 20' by 36' that is still standing (1982), although moved from its original site.

By the 1930's enrollment at #15 was low. During the school year of 1933-34 twelve children were enrolled. Grace Farnham Campbell was the teacher. In 1934-35 Bernice Martin taught eight children. The last year (1935-36) that school was held at Hutchcroft school, Florence Johnson was the teacher and had only four pupils. After school was suspended in district #15, the children were transported to Yamhill at district expense. Final consolidation with Yamhill came in 1946.

In the spring of 1891, the Yamhill County School Superintendent, L.H. Baker, released to a McMinnville newspaper a short account of conditions in each school district in the county.

Baker's 1891 report:

*#15 The schoolhouse in #15 is pleasantly situated west of North Yamhill. It is a good building and well furnished. Miss Agnes Arnburg taught the spring term, Miss Josie Shearer the fall term*

Schools of Old Yamhill by Yamhill County Historical Society



After school was closed in the district. Eleanor Mitchell photo

Hutchcroft One-room Schoolhouse



# Blacksmith Shop Continued...



before we go to the fire.

That's also his goal for the demonstrations at the shop. "It's an historic skill that is still valuable. What we fail to pass on to the next generation is lost. History gets diluted. Very

few people have seen a true blacksmith shop operating."

For that purpose, Gossett also wants to train volunteers to be in the shop during demonstrations.

They'll learn about the history of blacksmithing in Yamhill County and how to describe accurately how shops operated during the 1880s to 1920s.

Other plans include communicating with high school students, who may be interested in learning about blacksmith skills in classes they

intend to conduct, Gossett said. It's important for them to learn how things are made.

"We also need volunteers to work on the Society Blacksmith Shop Committee to help write and design pamphlets for volunteers and the public, in addition to students at the blacksmithing classes, and volunteers for the training courses."

Please call Steve Gossett, at (503) 616-1501, to volunteer for any of these activities.



YCHS Blacksmith Shop hard at work! Photos by Tom Catrall



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