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NOTICE:

MARCH General Meeting and Potluck

- Date: March 8, 2015
- Time: 1:30 pm Potluck, 2:30 pm Program
- Program: The History of Adams Family and Adams Street by Nancy Thornton
- Location: Heritage Center, Hwy 18 & Durham Lane, McMinnville

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Great Moments In Oregon Health History

A State of Health. From Indian Remedies to Space Medicine.

1579—Thomas Hood, medical officer with Sir Frances Drake, was believed to be the first medical man to set foot in the Northwest.

1825—Dr. John McLoughlin founded Fr. Vancouver for Hudson's Bay Company.

1833—First hospital started at Ft. Vancouver. St. Vincent and Good Samaritan hospitals in Portland became our first general hospitals in 1874.

1842-43—Famous trek by Dr. Marcus Whitman. The doctor and his wife were killed by Indians in 1847 when his medicines failed to protect natives from measles brought by migration of the white man.

1846—First dentist settled in Oregon City. State Dental Society established in 1873.

1864—Portland City Council voted \$500 for the prevention of infectious diseases; \$400 for killing and burying dogs.

1866—Willamette University Department of Medicine at Salem became our first medical school.

1874—Oregon State Medical Society organized.

1875—First public health laws backed by medical society. State Board of Health wasn't established until 1903.

1890—Enactment of the Narcotic and Pharmacy Acts and the formation of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical Association.



McMinnville Doctors and Nurses 1911

1904—Oregon State Association of Trained Nurses organized.

1915—Association for Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis became our first voluntary health agency.

1922—The State's first county health unit started in Coos County on the coast.

From a Historical Souvenir from 1959

Call to Photographers for Farm Fest "Agriculture in Art" Show

Farm Fest, to be held April 11, 2015 at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, is including an "Agriculture in Art" photography contest in conjunction with the plowing competition and other activities. "Agriculture in Art" is a photography competition hosted by the Yamhill Valley Camera Club displaying photos in four categories: (1) people, (2) animals, (3) agriculture/farm, and (4) agriculture/winery. Student, amateur and professional artists are invited to submit their photography (maximum of three images). All photography must be taken of subjects in Yamhill Valley and the surrounding area. Maximum image size is 8"x10", with overall size of the entry including matting and/or mounting not to exceed 16"x20." For more details and a registration form, go to www.yamhillcountyhistory.org or contact Art Show Coordinator Steve Singleton at 971-237-9314 or stv.sngltn@gmail.com.

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President's Letter



YCHS Members,
February 14th marked another birthday for the State of Oregon. The YCHS celebrated the day with a birthday party at Lafayette in the Miller Museum and Poling Church. There was a good turnout and all seemed to enjoy the afternoon. In addition to that, Gloria Lutz and Dave Cruickshank took our Covered Wagon to Salem to display in front of the State Capital where they had a very positive response.

At our most recent General Meeting I inquired of the membership whether they liked to get emails announcing upcoming events with the YCHS. I had recently sent one announcing the General meeting and the Oregon Birthday Party. I was pleased to hear that everyone thought it was a good idea; so we will continue the practice for important communications. I shall also give credit to Pam Watts, who does a great job of crafting those messages.

During the February 11th Board meeting a discussion regarding the presence of the YCHS in social media and on the internet brought us to the conclusion that it was time to assign those tasks to a committee. A new committee, the Media Committee, was formed to coordinate all media; especially Internet

social media produced by the Society and maintain our internet domain registration. Sarah Miller was named Chairperson of the new committee.

We have filled the Volunteer Coordinator position. Dave Rucker, who has experience in this area, is organizing our efforts to identify and attract volunteers for the many open opportunities with the YCHS. We also now have Mercedes Chavez leading Miller Museum Operations. If you have questions, comments or time to help out at Lafayette, give her a call.

Save the date, Wednesday, April 15th for a visit to a YCHS fundraiser at the Newberg Burgerville restaurant. YCHS members will be there from 5 to 9 pm helping serve food and answering questions about the YCHS. Burgerville will contribute 10% of the proceeds during that period to the YCHS. Also, please remember that the annual Farm Fest and Plowing Competition will be the weekend before this on April 11th, and then Pioneer Days begin on April 27th.

Thank you for your support of the YCHS.

Steve Leonard
YCHS President
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Submitted: February 15, 2015

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Board Meeting Recap ~ February 11, 2015

The following recap is a condensed version of not-yet approved minutes from the board meeting. All committee reports are filed in the record book with the minutes at the Lafayette Site.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ **Activities & Events Committee**—Sarah Miller reported on plans for the Oregon Birthday celebration at the Lafayette site which will be open from 1—5pm.
- ◆ **Education Committee**—Cynthia Christensen reported that she will be speaking at the Newberg Kiwanis meeting on April 2. Pioneer Days begin April 27th. The covered wagon will be on display at the state capitol building for Oregon's statehood anniversary.
- ◆ **Heritage Center Committee**—Cliff Watts reported that the building is 99% complete. Work on the fire suppression system, shop, lighting and light pole are underway. The Accessions Committee met to receive the 10-piece Curtis collection and accepted a display cabinet originally at Champoe Park.
- ◆ **Lafayette Committee**—Todd Holt reported that efforts are going well to bring the buildings up to fire codes. Mercedes Chaves is now the Lafayette Operations Coordinator. The board approved new security fencing for the Lafayette site.

President's Report:

- ◆ Steve Leonard reported that the insurance renewal comes up March 15th. No change is expected but he wants to review whether the artifacts are sufficiently insured. The logos on the homepage of the website need to be updated for consistency. Rick Fieldhouse will look into disaster preparedness. Tillamook County Historical Society wants to coordinate a wagon ride with the YCHS on June 9.

Treasurer's Report:

- ◆ John Lewis provided the treasurer's report which is on file in the record book in Lafayette.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report:

- ◆ Dave Rucker reported that he will ask committee chairs to email him their volunteer needs.

Unfinished Business:

- ◆ 2014 Financial Review—The board decided to waive the three bid policy requirement in the case of the solicitation for a Financial Review of the 2014 financial year due to lack of bids and accepted the Engagement Letter from Bernards & Associate for a Financial Review.
- ◆ TLT (Room Tax) Grant—Rick Fieldhouse expects final approval by March. Three bids for the job were obtained.
- ◆ Organizational Structure—Further discussions on the organizational chart and revisions are being made.
- ◆ Fundraising—Sarah Miller reported that there will be a fundraising event with the Newberg Burgerville on April 15 from 5—9pm. 10% of the evening's sales will go to YCHS.

New Business:

- ◆ Media Committee—The board discussed the need for a internet and social media committee. The committee was formed and will coordinate the online media presence of YCHS including the website, social media and web hosting and Sarah Miller will be the committee chair.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jo McIntyre, Secretary*

Submitted February 15, 2015

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accessions Lafayette:

Ursula Doud

Accessions/Restoration

Heritage Center:

Cliff Watts

Activities and Events:

Pam Watts

Blacksmith Shop:

Dale Turner

Budget:

John Lewis

Business Plan & Grant Review:

Steve Leonard

Education Committee:

Cynthia Christensen

Farm/Harvest Fest:

Cliff and Pam Watts

Governance:

Carolyn Meeker

Handmade Holidays:

Karen Sitton-Saxberg

Heritage Center Development

& Operations:

Tony Meeker

Hutchcroft School:

Steve Leonard

Insurance Committee:

Tony Meeker

Lafayette Development &

Operations :

Todd Holt

Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery:

Todd Holt

Landscaping:

Gloria Lutz—Heritage Center

Media Committee:

Sarah Miller

Photographic Project:

Tom Cattrall

Sawmill:

Jerry Tessman

Secrets of the Past Tours:

Karen Sitton-Saxberg

Steam Engine:

Vern Yeager

Treasures in the Attic:

Pam Watts

Farm Fest & Plowing Competition

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center

10:00 am—4:00 pm

Largest Gathering on the West Coast of draft horses and mules competing in a plowing competition.

11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville
(Intersection of Hwy. 18 & Durham Ln.)



- ◆ *Plowing 10:30-2:30; Demos & Activities throughout the day*
- ◆ *Log Skidding 3:00 pm*
- ◆ *Plowing Competition Awards 3:30 pm*
- ◆ *Opening Ceremonies & Flag Raising by VFW 10:00 am*
- ◆ *Sawmill, Blacksmith, Horseshoeing Demonstrations*
- ◆ *Special exhibits of horse-drawn equipment*
- ◆ *Pioneer Kids' Area with Hands-on Activities & *Animals*
- ◆ *Historical Displays & Demos; Tours of Museum & 1880's Hutchcroft School*
- ◆ *Old-Time Music, Food & More!*

**\$5 admission—
Kids 12 & under FREE**



Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Association

Oregon's Birthday Celebration



Photograph by Ron Cooper

Yamhill County Historical Society celebrated Oregon's 156th birthday at the historic Poling Church and Miller Museum in Lafayette on February 14th. The whole event was planned and beautifully hosted by our very own Karen Sitton-Saxberg and Pam Watts with co-hostesses Cynthia Christensen and Sarah Miller. YCHS was once again the center of activity for our open house birthday celebration which included tours, family research and refreshments and a wonderful chocolate cake. All of us at YCHS send a big Thank You to more than a dozen regular volunteers and an estimated 70-plus visitors from as far away as Beaverton! Meanwhile at the same time on Saturday, Gloria Lutz and our covered wagon were on full display at the State Capital building! A special Thank You to Dave Cruickshank for driving the covered wagon to Salem.


Mercedes Chavez



Photograph by Ron Cooper

MARCH 2015



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 Ctr. Open 10-3
8 GENERAL MEETING 1:30 pm Daylight Savings	9	10	11 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 BOARD MEETING 5:30 pm	12	13 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	14 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 	18 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	19	20 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	21 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3 <i>Blacksmith Shop Open</i>
22	23	24	25 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	26	27 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	28 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
29	30	31				

Event Locations

- ◆ March 8—General Meeting 1:30 pm—Heritage Center
- ◆ March 11 —Board Meeting 5:30 pm—Lafayette Museum

Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 8—Board Meeting
- ◆ April 11—Farm Fest
- ◆ April 12—General Meeting
- ◆ April 15—Burgerville/ YCHS fundraiser
- ◆ May 12—General Meeting
- ◆ May 13—Board Meeting
- ◆ August 15-16—Harvest Fest
- ◆ September 19—Treasures in the Attic
- ◆ December 5-6—Handmade Holiday Bazaar

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
Contact: 503-435-9700

YCHS - Burgerville Fundraiser



Please join the Yamhill County Historical Society for a fundraiser at the **Newberg Burgerville** (2514 Portland Rd., Newberg, OR) on Wednesday **April 15, 2015 from 5 to 9 pm**. A portion of the sales during that time will be shared with YCHS, so tell your friends and neighbors to join us too.

Volunteer Appreciation Event...

YCHS will be recognizing some of our out-going volunteers like Louise, Jean, Pat, Barbara and others. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to every one of our members and friends who have given of their time over the years. The hard work and efforts of everyone involved are greatly appreciated. Many members of YCHS are also our volunteers for various events, activities and projects. Without our volunteers we would be unable to host and staff many of our planned events so we do value our volunteers. YCHS will be including our Volunteer Appreciation during the May 12th general meeting. Please attend so we can give our thanks!

2015 Northwest Agricultural Show



January 27—29 was our third year presenting an exhibit at the Northwest Agricultural Show at the Portland Expo Center. Our exhibit was displayed amongst the antique farm equipment. This year's theme was plows. From early horse-drawn walking plows; to riding plows — sulky plow and disc plows; even a Whirlwind Terrace Plow that is on loan to us from Chuck Kadell. Terrace plows were designed to improve the ease of terracing when contour farming methods were introduced in the early 1900's to reduce soil erosion.

Many thanks to our nine volunteers who helped set up and staff our exhibit.

Cynthia Christensen

New Installation of Heritage Bricks

There has been a new installation of Heritage Bricks at the Heritage Center on Durham Lane. The program has been a huge success thanks to the generosity of the Yamhill County Historical Society's members who have donated a brick or, in many cases, multiple bricks at \$100 each.

With the new installation of bricks, there are only **134 spaces** remaining on the base of the Flag Monument for additional donated bricks. If anyone is interested in donating a brick or bricks it would be a good idea to place your order soon.

One family, descendants of Oregon pioneers, donated 13 bricks to tell the story of their family's journey to the northwest and subsequent settlement in the Willamette Valley. Some people have told the stories of their families' journeys to America from other countries, commemorated their weddings, birthdates, children or grandchildren, or whatever they would like to have inscribed on their brick or bricks. If people do donate more than one brick, I will make certain that their bricks are installed together.

Your donated brick may be deducted from your taxes as a charitable donation. Each brick can have up to three lines with up to 17 characters on each line with whatever inscription the donor wishes.

The YCHS has been able to completely fund the Flag Monument and most of the outside concrete work, including the new ADA parking, at the Heritage Center with these brick donations. Additional funds raised from the Heritage Brick Program may be used towards completing the kitchen at the Heritage Center.

I would like to thank all of you who have helped make this program a success.

Carolyn Meeker
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Heritage Brick Program Coordinator
Submitted: 2/20/2015

New Display Case at the Heritage Center



We have a new glass display case for Heritage Hall. The accession committee agreed to accept the very heavy case on February 10th and a large group of volunteers went to pick it up on the 11th (Tony Meeker, Dave Cruickshank, Chuck Kadell, Lyle Christensen, Jerry Christensen, and Cynthia Christensen). All we need to do is mount wheels on its base and pick up the glass shelves that go with it. It was donated by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). It came from the DAR cabin at Champoeg. The cabin has been moved and now has been put back together at a new site in Champoeg State Park. They didn't need the extra case so they graciously offered it to us.

Cynthia Christensen



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Membership Categories

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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.

Current membership runs from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

- Senior/Student/Educator \$15 Family (Basic) \$30 Community Builder \$250+
- Senior Family (65+) \$25 Friend \$55 Community Benefactor \$500+
- Individual \$20 Supporter \$125+

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I would prefer to receive the YCHS newsletter via: Email Postal Mail

- I would like to volunteer to help with activities of the YCHS. Please contact me.
- Please click here* if you do not wish to have your name and contact information released 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.

Please make checks payable to YCHS and return with this printed form to:
YCHS, P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127

Questions? Call Membership Coordinator Carlene Kadell (503) 474-0480 or email: amity1956@yahoo.com

YCHS Membership Application