



October 2010

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## Veterans Honored

The historical society is celebrating Oregon Days of Culture and the culmination of McMinnville and Newberg High Schools' oral history projects with a display of wartime memorabilia.

On Friday and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Heritage Center will be open for visitors to view the exhibits from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Admission is free.

The oral history projects were funded by Trust Management Services and the Oregon Community Foundation.

Students from both schools interviewed veterans and those that were involved in the wartime efforts. We have artifacts spanning the wars between the Civil War and Desert Storm. Artifacts are from the museum's collection and personal collections as well. The display will be housed in the warehouse.

McMinnville High School has published a book of the student interviews. This special book will be for sale.

If you have questions, please contact Gloria Lutz, 503.472.7563.

## Sheridan's 130th Birthday Celebration

The Sheridan Museum of History is hosting Sheridan's 130th Birthday Celebration. Come be a part of history!

Sunday, October 24, 2010  
1 pm—4 pm

Sheridan High School Cafeteria

Step back in time viewing Sheridan's Historical Picture Show presented and narrated by Dick Jordan and assisted by Marjorie Owens.

- ◆ Displays of Sheridan's historical artifacts and memorabilia (some items never before seen by the public.)

- ◆ Sheridan limited edition collectibles for sale.

- ◆ Pose for vintage photos (\$6 ea.)
- ◆ Free community social event, cake, ice-cream, and beverages.
- ◆ Much, much more...

Donations and proceeds from this event will go to help establish a Museum in the City of Sheridan.

Contact Jane Hensley (503) 843-3527, Marge Gutbrod (503) 843-3184, or City Hall (503) 843-2347 for more information.



### October Potluck and General Meeting

- Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2010
- Time: 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:00 Program
- Program: Swedes in Yamhill County
- Location: 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville

### President's Letter

Hello fellow members of YCHS!

You and your family can now be a part of Yamhill County's history! You can now buy a brick (or as many as you would like) with up to three lines of inscription for only \$100. Each of up to three lines of inscription on the brick can hold approximately 17 characters. You may have the names of friends and family members incised on each of the standard sized bricks you purchase.

These bricks will be used in various projects, such as walk ways, walls and the base of a flag pole to be erected at the Heritage Center. The sale of these commemorative bricks will continue until enough have been sold to complete a particular project.

The proceeds from the sale of these bricks will be used for operations for the Yamhill County Historical Society. Operation costs include such items as insurance, utilities and maintenance for the property

owned by the Society.

If you are interested in placing an order for one or more of these commemorative bricks, you may call me at 503-835-8481. At least 15 members have already contacted me that they wish to buy a brick! Two of the requests were from members who live out of the state.

I am going to place my orders now and I hope you will too! If you have any questions you may contact me at the number above or email me at [acmeeker@frontier.com](mailto:acmeeker@frontier.com).

Thank you for your continuing support of the Yamhill County Historical Society's efforts to preserve the history of our county and educate our young people about their heritage.

Carolyn Meeker, President

### Buy a Brick—Be a Part of Yamhill County's History!

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

Amount for Bricks \$100.00 ea. Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Detach and Mail to: YCHS Attn. Buy a Brick P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127**

**Historic Lafayette Museum**  
605 Market Street/P.O. Box 484 Lafayette, OR 97127  
**Hours:**  
Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday 10 am to 4 pm  
Or by appointment 503-864-2308

**Heritage Center**  
11275 SW Durham Lane McMinnville, OR 97128  
**Hours:**  
Saturday—10 am to 3 pm

## Board Meeting ~ A Condensed Version of Unapproved Minutes ~ September 8, 2010

•**Museum report:** Marjorie reported that a paranormal group wants to visit our cemetery—consensus was that it was okay, just not on Oct. 23, which is our graveyard tour date. The museum volunteers are still shopping for a mower.

•**Membership:** Gloria presented a current membership breakdown by category, and a list of overdue memberships.

•**Veteran's Project:** the final book will be available for sale at Evergreen Air Museum at their event on Sept. 24, and Oct. 1 and 2 at the Heritage Center for Oregon Days of Culture. We will have a military display which will remain up for the Oct. 23 event for the vets and students.

•**Photographic Committee:** Tom assembled information on the computers at Lafayette, as well as the computers that were donated to us from SCORE. There was a consensus to wait on purchasing back up hard drives, and also the Board felt that YCHS members should get a 10% discount on all photo orders.

•**McMinnville Seventh Day Adventist Church:** They want to charge us \$25 per meeting, and they want us to sign a contract. Tami checked on First Presbyterian, where they require a one time deposit of \$50 (no monthly fee). There was a consensus that Tami would check on Sunday hours available at First Presbyterian.

•**Volunteer Report:** Louise will no longer be volunteer chairman as of Oct. 1. We need to find a new chair (or co-chairs) for this valuable committee.

•**Treasurer's Report:** Kim presented the treasurer's report, which is filed in the 2010 book with the minutes. Shirley V moved and Theresa seconded that the monetary award from Prudential be used for the temporary Heritage Center sign. Passed unanimously. The total cost of the sign is \$400, and Phyllis volunteered to donate the remaining \$150 so that Pam can get the sign made. Thank you, Phyllis!

•**A&E Report:** Tami handed out printed calendars showing upcoming events. This information is also available on our web site.

•**Property Development Report:** Tami moved and Phyllis seconded that we go ahead and start selling bricks at \$100 each as a fundraiser. Passed unanimously.

•**Don Hurless** reported that he has a friend who is an audio engineer, and who may want to work with the Historical Society to provide some audio options for the Heritage Center. Some ideas discussed were push-button audio boxes near some of the equipment in the Exhibit Hall, and a possible PA system.

•**Unfinished Business:** We received a letter from the lawyer's office regarding the Dr. Marquis Charitable Remainder Trust, which will be filed in the YCHS safe deposit box at First Federal.

•**Nominating Committee:** Four nominees are willing to serve: Shirley McDaniel, Cynthia Christiansen, Jo McIntyre, and Kory Knutz. The Governance Committee will make sure our elections follow the YCHS bylaws. The next Governance Committee meeting will be 4:00 October 6 at Lafayette.

•Shirley V moved and Tami seconded to reimburse Gloria \$91.67 out of office supplies for the U-Haul rental used to pick up the donated computers and office supplies. Passed unanimously.

•There was a discussion regarding volunteers and committee members who are not YCHS members. It is unclear if our insurance covers non-member volunteers. Some felt that policy should be created requiring membership in order to be a volunteer with key privileges. We will revisit this issue next month.

•Don moved and Phyllis seconded to allow the expansion of the sawmill with a spending limit of \$1,872.12. (If they raise more funds on their own, they can use those.) Passed unanimously.

•Chuck Kadell has proposed that the Heritage Center have its own accessions committee. He also has some volunteers willing to be members of that committee. Bob moved and Shirley V seconded that we establish a standing accessions committee for the Heritage Center. Passed unanimously. Kim and Carolyn will help them get started.

Next Board meeting is Oct. 13, 4:00 at Lafayette.

*Respectfully submitted, Theresa Berthelsdorf*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Columbus Day Storm—Newspapers for Sale



Remember the Columbus Day Storm (aka Typhoon Frieda)? YCHS has copies of the *Carlton-Yamhill Review*, October 18, 1962 depicting the results of that well remembered storm. You can purchase a copy for your very own while supplies last. Each one-page copy is \$3.00 if you pick it up at the museum in Lafayette. If you would like to have a copy sent, it is \$6.00 for postage and handling.

Send a request to PO Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127. Make checks payable to YCHS. Contact Gloria Lutz (503.472.7563 or [glutz@onlinemac.com](mailto:glutz@onlinemac.com)) for more information.

## Work then Play

Routines get me through the day.  
First my chores and then I play.

Brush my teeth, comb my hair;  
Walk to the road,  
Is the paper there?  
Sweep the floor,  
haul in the wood:  
Check the time  
Am I doing good?  
Open e-mail;  
Do the dishes;  
Use the phone  
to hear friend's wishes.

Each day rolls on in its  
individual way.  
It goes smoothly if  
first I work and then  
I play.

- Nancy Thornton

## Speakers Wanted

Do you know someone who is a good speaker and who loves history? Do you know a lot about the local Chinese underground, graveyards, Hotel Oregon, trains, or life in Yamhill County in the 1800's? WE WANT YOU! The YCHS Secrets of the Past Tour Committee is looking for people who are interested in giving presentations on local history.

If you are interested, please contact Tami Spears at [tami@spearsintl.com](mailto:tami@spearsintl.com).

## Book Report

Willamina's Charlene Brown is a treasure. She not only is interested in Yamhill County History, but she records her knowledge in a readable style. We have several of Charlene's books for sale at the Log Cabin Museum. The most recent on is **Ma & Pa's Memories** and other recollections. It sells for \$10 at the museum.

- Nancy Thornton

## Advertise in the Newsletter

To help the historical society offset the expense of publishing this newsletter, we are now offering advertising space to local Yamhill County businesses. If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact the Newsletter Editor Tami Spears at [tami@spearsintl.com](mailto:tami@spearsintl.com).

| Size               | Price Per Issue | Price for Year (10 Issues) |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Business Card Size | \$20            | \$180                      |
| 1/4 Page           | \$35            | \$315                      |
| 1/2 Page           | \$65            | \$585                      |
| Full Page          | \$125           | \$1,125                    |

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# October 2010

| Sun             | Mon | Tue                                   | Wed   | Thu | Fri   | Sat   |
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| 3               | 4   | 5                                     | 6<br>Lafayette<br>Museum open<br>10—4                                   | 7   | 8<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>open<br>10—4                              | 9<br>Lafayette<br>Museum open<br>10—4<br>Heritage<br>Center open<br>10—3                              |
| 10              | 11  | 12<br>6:00 p.m.<br>General<br>Meeting | 13<br>Lafayette<br>Museum open<br>10—4<br>4:00 p.m.<br>Board<br>Meeting | 14  | 15<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>open<br>10—4                             | 16<br>Lafayette<br>Museum open<br>10—4<br>Heritage<br>Center open<br>10—3                             |
| 17              | 18  | 19                                    | 20<br>Lafayette<br>Museum open<br>10—4                                  | 21  | 22<br>Lafayette<br>Museum<br>open<br>10—4                             | 23<br>Lafayette<br>Museum open<br>10—4<br>Heritage<br>Center open<br>10—3                             |
| 24              | 25  | 26                                    | 27<br>Lafayette<br>Museum open<br>10—4                                  | 28  | 29  | 30  |
| 31<br>Halloween |     |                                       |   |     |   |   |

### Event Locations

- ◆ 10/1,2—Oregon Days of Culture—Heritage Center
- ◆ 10/12—General Meeting—7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville
- ◆ 10/13—Board Meeting—Lafayette Museum
- ◆ 10/24—Sheridan’s 130th Birthday Celebration, Sheridan High School Cafeteria

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 9 — General Meeting
- ◆ November 10 — Board Meeting
- ◆ December 4,5—Handmade Holiday
- ◆ December 8—Board Meeting
- ◆ December 12—ANNUAL MEETING
- ◆ January 9, 2011—General Meeting
- ◆ January 12, 2011—Board Meeting

### Canceled Event

Due to unforeseen events, the Oral History Day that was scheduled for October 23rd has been canceled.

### Parade/Show Committee Chair Needed

The YCHS Activities and Events Committee is creating a new sub-committee called the “Parade/Show Committee.” This sub-committee will be responsible for the society’s participation in county parades like the Sheridan Days Parade or Alien Days Parade and shows like Turkey Rama or Carlton’s Walk in the Park. This committee will be an integral part in the historical society’s community outreach.

If you are interested in chairing this committee, co-chairing or being part of this committee, please contact Tami Spears at [tami@spearsintl.com](mailto:tami@spearsintl.com)

## YCHS Board Candidates Biographies

### Cynthia Christensen



I've lived in Oregon all of my life and have been interested in pioneer skills/crafts for as long as I can remember. Consequently I've been pursuing these hobbies: knitting, sewing, spinning, weaving, gardening, hunting, fishing, etc. I am currently a semi-retired former high school science teacher—I substitute teach when my volunteer work allows. I taught in the Portland Metro area for 15 years and also did a stint in biomedical research at the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center. I have a BS from Oregon State in Animal Science and a MS from Portland State in Biology.

I have been helping out at YCHS for the past several years by providing animal displays at some of the heritage center functions and with the Pioneer days Gloria Lutz heads. I am also actively involved in 4-H in Clackamas county as a leader, an assistant superintendent of Poultry and Pigeons for county fair, and as a treasurer for small animals. I also have a small chestnut orchard and a large assortment of turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens, and pigeons—I'm especially interested in the heritage breeds. I sell my nuts, live birds and eggs both directly from my farm and at the Oregon City Farmers Market. I am involved with the American Poultry Association, American Bantam Association, National Pigeon Association, American Racing Pigeon Union, and Chestnut Growers of America.

I mostly live at our Century Farm in Yamhill County off Highway 18 by the Glacial Erratic Rock State Park. I am married and have two daughters who are currently attending Oregon State University.

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### Kory Knutz



The easiest part is writing a bio, the hardest part is finding a profile picture, so we're limited to this cheesy Disneyland picture. I discovered in this endeavor that all the good pics are on my Facebook page and I'm not technologically advanced enough to know how to capture one of those and use it for a time such as now. Perhaps this is because I'm stuck in the past!

History has always been a great love of mine, specifically local history. It all started from a childhood of Sunday drives with my grandparents Argyle & Evelyn Confer. I always wish I could have retained more from those rich times of reminiscing they did as we drove along the back roads of the county. I always pondered what life was like for them in the "old days" and never grew weary of countless stories they told. Both sides of my family moved to McMinnville in the mid to late 1930's, although they weren't pioneers from the wagon days, it was enough to spark an interest

that has never been squelched as I've grown older.

I grew up on a pig farm north of Amity and moved to town (McMinnville) when I was 13. This was when I started the landscape business and started mowing elderly people's yards. In fact my first two accounts are still on my route today 21 years later. Harriet Berry who's 92, and Al and Bev Blunck, who will remain anonymous with age! I've always really enjoyed my work, and am so thankful for an occupation I love and a clientele base that are often times just as much friends as they are customers. I enjoy the outdoors, hiking, snowmobiling, and oddly enough... piano, as well as my commitments and fellowship at Creekside Community Church in McMinnville, and of course, history.

Concerning history, I'm most interested currently with Yamhill County's early days of 1840- 1930. Specifically the stories behind how each town was established, the railroads, and the steam boats that traversed the muddy Yamhill to Dayton and Lafayette. I received much inspiration recently as I've discovered the wealth of resources at the museum in Lafayette. Jim Lockett's books have been most compelling in gaining a hunger and desire to know the history, and have it memorized. Simply said, I love this community, and I've enjoyed helping out the YCHS, and look forward to serving this organization in whatever capacity is needed.

## Home Remedies

### Sore Throat

*Bake onions in an open fireplace; then tie them around your throat.*

### Arthritis

*A magnet draws it out of the body.*

### Foot Cramps

*To cure cramps in the feet, turn your shoes upside down before going to bed.*

### Burns

*Put hot coals on the burned place and pour water over them. The steam will draw the fire out.*

### Spider Bites

*If bitten by a black widow spider, drink liquor heavily from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. You won't get drunk, you'll be healed.*

### Earache

*Warm a spoonful of wine and put a few drops in year*

### Bleeding

*Place a spider web across the wound.*

### Headaches

*Tie a flour sack around your head.*

*From The Oregon Trail Cookbook c. 1993  
Publisher Scott Morris*

## YCHS Board Candidates Biographies

### Shirley McDaniel



Shirley E. McDaniel grew up near Cherry Grove, Oregon and went to school in Cherry Grove and Gaston. She graduated from Oregon College of Education (now WOSU) and taught first grade at Central School in Newberg for three years. She taught in McMinnville for 31 years, first in a second grade class at Columbus for

one year and then at Adams School's first grade until she retired in 1991.

During her retirement she has learned to do bobbin lace (taking some lessons in Belgium). She now demonstrates this skill at county fairs, the state fair and area festivals. Other hobbies include quilting, knitting, crocheting, tating, and reading.

She lives on a hazelnut farm in Yamhill with her food processor husband, Byron. They have one son, Mark, who lives in Portland and works at Reed College Library.

Shirley has belonged to the Yamhill County Historical Society for many years and has served on the board off and on during that time. Her current term is completed in December 2010.

### Jo McIntyre



Jo McIntyre is a full-time freelance business reporter/writer for several publications, including The Sun of Sheridan and its sister publication, Yamhill County Senior News; the Capital Press ag weekly; and Shopper Marketing, a trade publication based in Illinois. Over the past 20+ years, she has written for the Salem Statesman Journal, The Oregonian, and numerous trade and business publications covering economic issues, financial services, general assignments and

business & politics.

Her historical interests in Oregon include appointment to and several years service on the Yamhill County Historic Preservation Commission, during which time she participated in development of an Historic Preservation Ordinance for the county. She has been a member of YCHS for several years. She was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and lived in New Mexico, California, Switzerland and Michigan before moving to Yamhill County in 1972. She has three grown children.

## Thank You New and Renewed Members!

### New Members

#### **Family**

Paul Duchateau  
Jeremy & Lucinda Landauer  
Imogene Kleinschmit  
Jim Edy  
Bob & Laura Stephens  
Bradley & Kerry Wolfe  
1 anonymous

#### **Sr. Family**

Curt & Sue Miller  
Will & Barbara Cleek  
Judy & Les Buchholz

#### **Individual**

Richard Easterday  
Wayne Smith  
Jeff Monahan

Pat Engle

#### **Sr./Student/Educator**

Richard Almeida  
Vince Bogard  
Mike Laughlin

#### **Renewing Members**

#### **Supporter**

Edward & Evelyn Young

#### **Friend**

Clark Peters  
Leonard Whitlow II  
Bonnie & Jim Mann

#### **Family**

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Ron & Patrice Petersen  
Ivan & Dina Nuxoll  
Alda & Bob Scharf  
Gus & Catherine Carstensen  
Stephen Cone

#### **Individual**

Tom Cattrall  
Bill Messner

#### **Sr./Student/Educator**

Judy McAllister  
Charlene Brown  
Hazel Dailey

#### **Planning a Vacation?**

Please notify Gloria Lutz (503 - 472 - 7563 ; glutz@onlinemac.com

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### Membership

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Questions? Call Membership Coordinator Gloria Lutz at 503.472.7563 or email: [glutz@onlinemac.com](mailto:glutz@onlinemac.com)

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