Reflections of Carlton—Transportation

Railroads—The Oregon Central Railroad often referred to as the Westside Railroad from Portland came through what is today known as Carlton. In the early 1870s, a Mr. Carl, on behalf of the farmers of the surrounding area who had a lot of freight to ship to Portland, went to ask the railroad officials in Portland for a station. The railroad first agreed to try a flag stop and in 1875 the Westside Railroad established a station and gave it the name of Carlton after Mr. Carl.

The depot was originally located on the east side of the tracks. It was a small green building with a potbelly stove inside. The train brought all the coal for the area.

It was recalled in 1904 that there was good train service with two or three passenger trains each way every day. On Sunday mornings large groups gathered at the station for the 9:00 am train from Portland delivering the Sunday paper and mail. In the afternoon on Sundays good entertainment was to go to the depot and wait for the train and see who came into town and who left.

In 1910, the Carlton and Coast Railroad was constructed to serve as a common carrier and log conveyor of the Flora Logging Company. It was considered a common carrier.

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FARM FEST & PLOWING COMPETITION

Largest plowing competition on the West Coast!

Photo courtesy of Michelle Blomenhol

Saturday, April 8, 2017
10:00 am—4:00 pm
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon
(Intersection of Hwy. 18 & Durham Lane)
Letter from the President

When you have a chance, be sure to welcome Raylinda Price, our new Events & Rentals Coordinator. The Search Committee began actively working on finding someone for the position clear back last Fall. A lot of great candidates were interviewed, but I can report she was the unanimous choice of the Committee. (By the way, I would like to extend many thanks to VP Dave Rucker, former President Steve Leonard, current Board member Sarah Miller, our Heritage Center Coordinator Tony Meeker and of course our current E&R Coordinator, Pam Watts for all the hard work and long hours they put in on that Committee.)

Raylinda, her husband Derrick, and three children, Caspian, Aemelia and Avaleigh, come to us from Dayton. She had been working most recently for 237 Marketing and Web in McMinnville and before that for Cascade College in Portland and even earlier for a School District in Boise City, Idaho.

Her new duties are first and foremost to coordinate with our various committees, volunteers, sponsors, and others to produce and expand events at the Heritage Center and help insure from the earliest planning phase right through cleanup that they remain well marketed, managed, supervised and successful in enhancing the goals of the Society. It’s a tough job because there are multiple overlapping committees that play a role in most events. There is not only the Activities & Events Committee (which has separate Subcommittees of its own for each of the bigger events), there is also the Heritage Center Operations Committee, the Media/Marketing Committee, and the Volunteer Committee, all of which have roles regarding the various events. And even the interests of the Newsletter and Membership Committee need to be considered. When you also stop to realize that some of our events involve up to 150 volunteers greeting visitors in the thousands, it becomes evident just how big a coordinator job is.

The position of E&R Coordinator has a secondary duty, also extremely important, which is to manage, market, obtain payment for and, to the extent possible, expand rentals of space at the Heritage Center when it is not in use for the 10 to 12 events of our own while being sure such rental use does not conflict with other goals of the Society including, without limitation, selection of the proper type of user for our available space. An excellent example of what we would like to see more of was the recent rental of our second largest hall to sell native plants. It was worthwhile being associated with a use of our space like that.

By the way, if your club, charity, church, team, organization, business or other entity is in need of space during the year, please contact someone at the Heritage Center to let us know. We’ll dispatch Raylinda to see if we have space for you. Your suggesting that to your circle of friends not only brings in revenue for the Society, it helps the rest of Yamhill County know first hand more about what the Society has to offer.

That should keep her quite busy, but we hope at some point to also find time to use Raylinda’s talents for possible grant writing, program development, and maybe even expanding the Society’s membership and volunteer base so long as the events and rentals duties are taken care of first. In any event, we should all welcome Raylinda.

Before I close this letter, I would like to draw your attention to Michael Hafner, our Website Administrator Coordinator. He has delivered some superb presentations at our monthly General Membership meetings and potluck brunches. His mining of the NewsRegister treasure trove of old photos dating back many decades has been both greatly enlightening as well as entertaining at such meetings. What we often discover from what he brings to show is that the subject matter which initially attracted the newspaper’s photographers at the time is no longer nearly as interesting as what is visible going on in the background of the photos. Michael also seems to have an encyclopedic memory for local history. So, if you have not been to one of our Sunday Membership meetings, you need to try them, especially if Michael is on the agenda. Check our newsletter for upcoming topics.

Charles Hillestad
YCHS President
Phone: (503) 687-1730
Email: charleshillestad@cs.com

Submitted: March 15, 2017
Committee Reports:

- **Heritage Center Operations**—Tony Meeker and Cliff Watts reported that the kitchen is nearly complete, the drywall is finished and the appliances are on the way. Preparations have begun for Farm Fest. Haworth has donated the use of a dozer for preparation for the new equipment storage building.

- **Lafayette Operations**—Todd Holt reported that the roof of the storage building is leaking and needs to be repaired before the fireproof storage can be started.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Todd Holt provided the treasurer’s report which is on file in the record book in Lafayette. Todd suggested forming a small adhoc committee to investigate options of what to do with large donations and to research how to best invest them for the future. Tony Meeker, Todd Holt, Charles Hillestad and Steve Leonard were appointed to the committee.

Unfinished Business:

- **Windmill Sign at the Heritage Center**—Tony Meeker reported that phase 1 is complete, phase 2 ($11,000) for pad, steel and erection of the windmill, phase 3 ($44,000) to complete the sign with electronic boards. A grant has been written but will not be awarded until August.

- **Events and Rental Coordinator**—Raylinda Price, the new paid E&R Coordinator, was introduced to the Board.

- **Insurance policy**—Tony Meeker provided the new quote for insurance which was approved unanimously.

- **Poling Church**—Todd Holt reported that a structural engineer will be looking at the church and will provide a report so we can research grants for a historical restoration. $5000 has been donated for the cost of the report.

New Business:

- **Correspondence**—Nancy Thornton will assist Todd Holt with thank you letters.

- **YCHS** will be advertising on the Yamhill Valley Visitors Guide Map so all visitors will see the Lafayette and Heritage Center sites and a QR code was added so people can scan it and go directly to our website for more information about the society.

- Newsletter Bulk Mail—Tami Spears reported that the minimum amount of 150 per AADC is not being met to maintain the AADC discount. She and Tom Cattrall suggested that we add a “Business Listing” to the system to include local targeted business to receive the newsletter. This will ensure we reach our target numbers and improve YCHS exposure in the community. Approved.

- Rick Fieldhouse and Tami Spears will hold New Board Member trainings and refresher courses for directors and will create policies and procedures for future trainings. They will also review how we file/store policies and procedures.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Botten, Secretary
Submitted March 15, 2017
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- Watch 20 teams of draft horses and mules in a plowing competition, see demos & meet the teamsters
- Plowing 11:00-2:30, Parade of Teams 3:00; Awards 3:30
- Sawmill Demos 10:30, 12:30, 2:30
- Blacksmith Demos 11:00, 1:00, 3:00
- Horseshoeing 12:00; Wheel Setting 11:30, 2:00
- Horse-drawn & Antique Equipment Exhibits
- “Agriculture in Art” Photography Contest
- Pioneer Kids’ Area & Animals
- Historical Displays, Tours of Museum & 1880’s Hutchcroft School
- Old-Time Music, Food, & More! (Come back for Harvest Fest on August 19 & 20)

$8 general admission
$4 for ages 6-12
FREE for kids under 6
(or buy a YCHS membership & get in FREE!)

For more information: 503.434.0490 or www.yamhillcountyhistory.org
**CALENDAR of EVENTS**

**APRIL 2017**

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**FUTURE DATES to REMEMBER**

- May 1-30—Spring Pioneer Days
- May 9—General Meeting/Volunteer Celebration
- May 10—Board Meeting
- June 14—Board Meeting
- June 14-26—Pioneer Camp
- June 18—Father’s Day Celebration
- July 12—Board Meeting
- August 9—Board Meeting
- August 19-20—Harvest Fest
- September 10—Vintage Base Ball Game
- September 16—Treasures in the Attic
- October 8—General Meeting & YCHS’s 60th Anniversary
- October 15-30—Fall Pioneer Days
- October 28—A Night at the Museum
- November 11—Veteran’s Day Event
- December 2,3—Handmade Holiday

**VISIT YCHS**

**HISTORIC LAFAYETTE MUSEUM & RESEARCH LIBRARY**
605 Market Street, Lafayette, OR 97127
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm
Or by appointment (503) 864-2308

**YAMHILL VALLEY HERITAGE CENTER**
11275 SW Durham Ln.
McMinnville, OR 97128
Wed., Fri. & Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm

**Mailing Address:**
Yamhill County Historical Society
P.O. Box 484
Lafayette, OR 97127

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volunteercoordinator@yamhillcountyhistory.org ♦ Facebook Group: yamhillcountyhistory.org/fb
In January, I sent out 192 reminders to YCHS members that it was time to pay your dues as we transition to a calendar year. Thank you so much to the 120 members who have already paid. To the 72 members who have not renewed your membership yet, please get your dues in as soon as you can, so you do not get dropped from our membership roster. Plus we don’t want you to miss out on the many benefits your membership offers you — a 10% discount on books and photographs, free admission to most events, our monthly issue of The West Side newsletter and other benefits.

If you have any questions, if you are unsure if you have paid, please feel free to call me at (503) 474-0480 or email me at amity1956@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carlene Kadell
Membership Coordinator

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**Calling All Photographers!**

A photography contest of “farm art” will be part of the annual Farm Fest & Plowing Competition on April 8 and we invite your entries. All work must be related to agriculture, farm animals, farm families, and/or farm life. There will be four categories: 1. People, 2. Animals, 3. Agriculture/Farm, and 4. Agriculture/Winery, with ribbons and prizes being awarded. For more details, view the Historical Societies webpage or contact Art Show Coordinator Steve Singleton at (971) 237-9314 or srv.sngltn@gmail.com

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**Heritage Center Blacksmith School**

YCHS has started Blacksmith classes at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center! The goal is to develop a group of blacksmiths to work before the public when the Heritage Center is open. Most of the students come to us with an interest, but no experience in the craft. The classes run 8 half days, one a week for two months. Students are free to stay after class and reinforce their leanings. Class size is limited to 4. Class projects are selected to high light specific skills, the first class starts with fire building, stance at the anvil and the dynamics of the hammer swing. This is reinforced at each and every class.

Projects:
- Chain links (2 days) - welding
- Tongs—different forging skills, use of jigs, rivet joint

Open Forge—On the last day, students review and get help on anything they want. One student wanted to learn to make fire steels, and this was dealt with during the classes. He is now making a dozen for the pioneer days instructors.

At end of class the students are very qualified to open the shop and work before the visiting public on their own. We would love to recruit a new class and repeat the classes as often as wanted.

Instructors:
-Ike Bay—Portland
-Dan Bowyer—Amity
-Dale Turner—McMinnville
-Dave Stearns—Scio

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1. to R: Rick Bolton (graduating student from Carlton), Instructor Ike Bay, Instructor Dan Bowyer, and Margaret Bowman (graduating student from McMinnville).
as passengers other than employees were carried and also freight and logs were transported to Carlton. Passengers used this service on their trip over the coast range to Tillamook. The railroad did not go all the way through and passengers transferred to a stage at the Tillamook Gate for the last part of the journey. Also during this time offering passenger service to and from Portland out of Carlton were the Red Electric trains. There were about six each way and they offered a real luxury way of travel.

The construction of The Carlton and Coast Railroad employed many local men and inspired others to come to Carlton with their railroad maintenance skills. At the completion of the railroad, a Mr. Forrest Cox brought the first load of logs down to Carlton for the Flora Logging Company. This man later became the Train Master in 1933 and the Superintendent in 1938.

The Carlton and Coast Railroad brought the logs down from the timber country to the Carlton Lake. A normal day of operations in 1939 consisted of about 100 loads of logs coming into Carlton with the same number of empty cars going out usually accompanied by a small shipment of supplies from Carlton to the various logging camps.

The Southern Pacific Railroad which had taken over the Westside Railroad cooperated with the Carlton and Coast Railroad by building a spur line to connect the two tracks which carried the cut timber to market then located at Oswego.

The Carlton and Coast Railroad was dismantled during the 1939-40 period and the tracks were later pulled in 1941.

Roads—Smith’s Bridge located on the west end of Main Street and allowed crossing of the North Yamhill River was recorded in use in 1857. Market Road #2 this is today Main Street was dedicated as a public road on September 8, 1857.

Wooden sidewalks in the commercial district on Main Street were built in 1899. Also on March 27, 1899, the second council meeting (Ordinance #4) gave the Superintendent of Streets the power to clean the streets of Carlton and later in the same year Carlton began a road tax.

By the 1900s, many improvements were in store for the roads and in 1901 crushed rock was being put on the streets and Mr. Wennerberg hauled the rock for the streets the next year. Although the streets were either a sea of mud in winter or dust in summer both sides of Main Street in 1904 in the downtown area had high raised wooden sidewalks about a foot off the ground. Crosswalks were also used but during the wet months were hard to find and it has been recalled many landed in the mud. In 1905, the streets were oiled and the Oregon Bureau of Labor reports that $800 was spent on improvements and repairs for the streets of Carlton. Happy must have been the day Main Street was paved in 1919. Along with the new street came cement sidewalks when a new building was constructed or a portion of the old wooden sidewalk was destroyed by fire.

Traveling from Carlton to Yamhill in the early 1900s was usually on foot and the road used followed the railroad tracks to about one half mile further, re-crossing the tracks and on into Yamhill. There was also no direct road to McMinnville. A traveler had to go east on the Newberg road, turning right and continuing on for about three miles before connecting with the present Highway 47 where the McMinnville Gun Club is located today. By 1920, a shorter route to McMinnville which paralleled the railroad tracks was in use. Once in McMinnville, the traveler had a paved highway all the way to Portland.

Some of the first improvements in the rural area outside of Carlton in the Panther Creek area were the so-called “corduroy roads.” These roads were constructed of logs laid parallel across the surface of the road giving the traveler a bumpy but passable road.

Reflections of Carlton
By Carlton Elementary School
Bicentennial Club 1976

Happy must have been the day Main Street was paved in 1919.

Reflections of Carlton Concluded.

The Carlton and Coast Railroad

The Carlton & Coast Railroad Company

The Carlton & Coast Railroad Company

Ragged terrain over the Carlton & Coastal Railroad

Carlton Railroad Depot showing mud roads and wooden walkways.
YCHS Wish List:

Are you looking for a place to make an in-kind donation? YCHS has made a wish list for you. As a volunteer organization, we depend on the kindness of our community to help us carry out our mission to protect, preserve and share the history and heritage of Yamhill County. Your donation will make a difference!

Donations Wished:

- Pre-European Artifacts—YCHS is looking to expand its collection of Pre-European, Native American artifacts related to the Yamhill valley. Please contact Charles Hillestad at charleshillestad@cs.com if you have items to donate or are willing to loan the society for display.

- Winemaking Equipment—YCHS is looking to expand its historical knowledge of winemaking in Yamhill County. We are seeking items for a display of grape growing and winemaking in the Yamhill Valley. Please contact Charles Hillestad charleshillestad@cs.com

- Antique, Vintage Dress Forms and Mannequins—YCHS is in need of forms and mannequins for historical displays and to display YCHS merchandise for sale. Please contact Tami Spears tamispears123@gmail.com

If you can help us with anything on this wish list, please contact the appropriate person listed above or contact info@yamhillcountyhistory.org.

YCHS is grateful for your generosity and appreciates your desire to help the society.

10 US Archaeological Discoveries

Shrouded in Mystery

Most people consider the start of the US history to be 1776, but nothing could be further from the truth. There are, in fact, thousands of years of North American history. Who lived there? What did they leave behind? This list explores these questions by taking a look at some of the most interesting and mysterious archaeological discoveries ever made in the United States.

10. LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE MYSTERY STONE

Discovered in 1872 buried close to Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire, the eponymous mystery stone is dark, smooth, egg-shaped, and about 4 inches tall and 2.5 inches wide. On its surface are a number of carved symbols and images, including a face, ears of corn, and a teepee, among other unknown images. Questions have emerged regarding the stone: Who made it? And what is it? One theory suggests that the stone may have been made by Native Americans to commemorate a peace treaty between two tribes. Other theories contend that the stone could be Celtic or Inuit in origin. The mystery was further complicated when researchers investigated two holes in the stone, one at the top and one at the bottom. These holes were drilled with a level of precision that seems inconsistent with the ability of premodern tools. This has led some to believe that the stone may be an elaborate hoax, while it has convinced others that the stone may be a “thunderstone” crafted by supernatural forces.

8. AMERICA’S STONEHENGE

Outside of Salem, New Hampshire, lies the ruins of what some believe to be an ancient settlement. Known today as America’s Stonehenge, the site is made up of numerous man-made stone chambers, walls, and other rock structures. The site has sparked a series of heated debates among historians and archaeologists as to the origins and use of the complex. The most prominent theory is that it was built by Native Americans some 2,500 years ago and was used for centuries as a place for religious ceremony. Another popular theory suggests that the structures were created and used by Irish monks around AD 1000.

7. POVERTY POINT

In Louisiana, there is an extensive complex of earthworks known as Poverty Point. The complex contains a series of mounds and ridges and was built by Native Americans sometime between 1700 and 1100 BC. What makes Poverty Point interesting is it’s the only known example of large construction done by a hunter-gatherer society. No one knows exactly what purpose Poverty Point served. Some archaeologists suggest that the site was used for periodic ceremonial events, while others contend it was a permanent settlement. Similarly, we don’t know which culture built...
10 Discoveries Concluded.

it, as there have been few artifacts found to link to any specific people.

6. THE UPTON CHAMBER
Throughout the New England countryside, there are hundreds of mysterious stone chambers and structures. There are various theories as to who built these structures, including everything from Native Americans and early settlers to Norsemen and Irish Monks. One of the most impressive of these man-made chambers can be found in Upton, Massachusetts. The Upton Chamber is built into a hill and has a long passageway that opens up into a beehive-like dome. The chamber indicates a fundamental knowledge of stonework on the part of its builders and is also astronomically aligned. On the summer solstice, the entrance of the chamber aligns perfectly with the Sun, allowing the inner dome to be fully illuminated. This has led some experts to believe that the chamber was not built by any settler but could be the work of an ancient people. According to some researchers, the chamber could be the work of Irish monks. These researchers claim that the beehive structure of the chamber as well as the stonework bear striking resemblances to structures found in Ireland dating back to the eighth century.

5. GREAT SERPENT MOUND
The Great Serpent Mound is an ancient earthwork discovered in Ohio. It’s an effigy mound, which is a mound in the form of an animal, in this case a giant snake. Archaeologists have been unable to figure out what culture built it, when it was built, or what its use was. Radiocarbon dating has suggested that the mound may have been built around AD 1000, while other studies have suggested it could be around 2,000 years old. There are a number of theories as to what the effigy was used for. Some scholars believe it was used in religious ceremonies and possibly sacrificial offerings. Others believe it is some sort of calendar, due to its astrological alignments.

4. PETROGLYPHS OF WINNEMUCCA LAKE
Near the dry Winnemucca Lake in Nevada, archaeologists believe they have discovered the oldest petroglyphs in North America. They’re located on a number of large boulders and vary in their design. Some of the boulders have circular designs, while others have diamond-like shapes. These petroglyphs are unique for a couple reasons: First, they are much more numerous than other petroglyphs found across the country. Second, the markings are at least 10,000 years old. Many questions remain as to the origin and meaning of the designs. They are undoubtedly the work of early Native Americans, yet no one is quite sure as to who exactly these people were. Similarly, the reason for such artistic creation and what the glyphs themselves are supposed to mean, if anything, remains unknown.

3. CAHOKIA
Cahokia was the largest city in pre-Columbian North America, with a population of around 15,000 people. Based in the fertile Mississippi Valley near where St. Louis is today, it lasted from about AD 700 to 1300. By all accounts, Cahokia was a complex urban society with a unique culture and a ruling class. They farmed, fought other tribes, and also apparently practiced human sacrifice. Then, without a trace, they vanished. Historians have debated what happened but haven’t come to a consensus. It has been suggested that deforestation, climate change, disease, and a fear of invasion may have been factors.

2. THE MAINE PENNY
While excavating a Native American settlement in Maine in 1957, archaeologists found something amazing. Buried in the dirt was a small coin of unknown origins. The coin was first misidentified as a 12th century British penny, but upon further inspection years later, English researchers declared the coin to be Norse. Experts at the University of Oslo stated that the coin was most likely minted between 1065 and 1080. It is the only pre-Columbian Norse artifact ever found in the US. So how does a Norse coin almost 1,000 years old end up on the coast of Maine? Some are convinced that the coin is evidence of contact between early Norse settlements in Newfoundland and mainland Native Americans. If this is the case, it would change the entire time frame of first contact between the New World and the Old World.

1. DIGHTON ROCK
Dighton Rock is a 40 ton boulder that was discovered in the Taunton River of Berkley, Massachusetts, in 1690. It is remarkable for its mysterious markings. The markings are seemingly inconsistent with any particular writing style, and the mysterious origins of the rock have baffled many. Throughout the years, a number of theories have been floated as to who the creators of the cryptic inscription may be. One of the most popular theories is that the markings are Norse in origin. This theory suggests that the rock was a portrayal of a Viking voyage into the area as early as AD 1000. Another popular theory suggests that the markings are the work of Native Americans. There was a significant population of natives in the area where the rock was found, and similar markings have been found and attributed to various native tribes across the Northeast. Other theories suggest that ancient Phoenicians, the Portuguese, or the Chinese may be responsible for the markings.

Written by Brad Sylvester
Call for Oregon Heritage Mentors

Oregon Heritage MentorCorps is looking for additions to its team to help heritage organizations protect Oregon’s treasures! Those trained in collections, interpretation, and nonprofit management in museums, libraries and archives are encouraged to apply. Mentors assist organizations in their region by providing advice, resources and planning assistance for projects related to collections, archives, administration, programs, exhibits, and more. Benefits for Mentors include networking with other mentors across the state and with organizations in their region, mileage reimbursement, all-expense paid annual training, resume building experience, and most importantly, being a part of Oregon Heritage’s statewide heritage preservation goals. The next Mentor Corps training will be held on April 26 in coordination with the Oregon Heritage Summit. Visit www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/OHC/Pages/C2C.aspx to view a full Mentor Job Description. For more information contact Katie Henry at katie.henry@oregon.gov or (503)986-0671

YCHS Online Auction

YCHS will run an online auction from Monday May 15 through Thursday May 18, 2017. There will be a 30 foot 1979 Silver Streak travel trailer, various shop tools and hundreds of other items up for auction. A viewing of the items will be held on May 11th and 12th at the Heritage Center.

Auction Sales Company, a trusted name in the auction industry for 38 years, will be hosting the auction. Go to: www.auctionsalesco.com. Successful bidders can pick up the items on Saturday May 20 or Sunday May 21, 2017 at the Heritage Center. If you would like further information about the auction and possible sale items, contact Dave Cruickshank at (503) 864-4027

Oregon’s Birthday Celebration

Thanks to all who participated in the Oregon Birthday celebration and to all who visited the event held at the Poling Memorial Church building on February 11th. Your help and attendance are always appreciated. Many wonderful comments were expressed to all the volunteers who helped make it possible. The Activities and Events Chair, Sarah Miller, said it was the highest attendance of any birthday event she had been involved with in the past six years. We met and talked with many new folks who shared their love for this celebration; thank you for your wonderful support!

Chuck and Sharon Rogers
2017 Membership Dues Renewal Notice

Dear Members,

THANK YOU for being a Yamhill County Historical Society member! Your contribution to the Society goes directly towards our activities, events, educational programs, building improvements and daily operations, all of which greatly benefit our community. We ask for your membership in the YCHS so we may continue with the valuable activities and events to increase and support our existing membership, and to foster potential visitors and new membership in our community.

Thank you for your continued support of the YCHS. You are important to us! It’s members like you that make all the difference.

RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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.

The membership year runs from January 1 (or date of new membership) to December 31.

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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
Yamhill County Historical Society was founded in 1957 to encourage an appreciation and understanding of the events, customs, and traditions of the Yamhill County community by protecting, preserving and sharing its history and heritage. The society operates and maintains museums, historical properties and research facilities, advocates for preservation, and presents educational and public services in accordance with its mission.

COLLECTIONS: Yamhill County Historical Society’s collections include genealogical materials, letters and documents from the late 18th century on, documents from schools, businesses, and other community organizations, and well over 5,000 photographic images. The Lafayette Museum and Heritage Center collections include furnishings, household artifacts, tools, agricultural and manufacturing equipment, dairy, logging and other transportation vehicles, a steam engine, quilts, textiles, historically significant landscaping showcasing native plants and other items that illustrate the history of Yamhill County.

FACILITIES: YCHS operates two facilities: a museum and research library, and the Heritage Center. The Lafayette Museum and Research Library contains the historic Poling Church and log cabin which house an exhibit hall and research facility. The Heritage Center includes a one-room schoolhouse, exhibit hall, activities building, blacksmith shop, sawmill, space for educational programs, meeting and event spaces. Both locations are open year-round on a regular schedule.