YCHS Slated to Celebrate Oregon’s 160th Birthday Party
Saturday February 9th at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center

‘Oregon, My Oregon’ written in 1920

John A. Buchanan, author of the state song “Oregon, My Oregon,” is buried in Ocean View Cemetery. To make sure people do not forget her grandfather’s contribution to state history, Carol Lambert and the Daughters of the American Revolution raised around $8,600 for a new headstone, installed Thursday, complete with Buchanan’s famous lyrics.

Born in Iowa, the sixth of 13 children, Buchanan lived in Missouri and Idaho before moving to Monmouth in 1875. He attended Oregon State Normal School (Western Oregon University) before starting an educational career in Yamhill County. In 1896, he was admitted to the bar, starting his law firm in Roseburg and later serving as the city’s justice of the peace.

Buchanan served two terms in the state House of Representatives representing Douglas and Jackson counties. As a member of the Oregon National Guard, he served in World War I as an artillery commander at Fort Stevens in Warrenton and later as a judge advocate at Fort Columbia near Chinook, Washington.

Buchanan published his first book of poetry, “Indian Legends, and Other Poems,” in 1905, although release of the book was limited to 25 copies after the collapse of its publishing warehouse in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire.

In 1920, Buchanan wrote a two-stanza poem, “Oregon, My Oregon,” for a statewide contest to select the state song. The lyrics were set to music by Portland theater organist Henry Murtaugh, and the song was chosen from more than 200 other entries. A joint resolution by the state Senate in 1927 made it the state’s official song.

Land of the Empire Builders,
Land of the Golden West;
Conquered and held by free men,
Fairest and the best.
Onward and upward ever,
Forward and on, and on;
Hail to thee, Land of Heroes,
My Oregon.

Land of the rose and sunshine,
Land of the summer’s breeze;
Laden with health and vigor,
Fresh from the Western seas.
Blest by the blood of martyrs,
Land of the setting sun;
Hail to thee, Land of Promise,
My Oregon.

Join us for cake and icecream, history and heritage, as we celebrate Oregon’s 160th Birthday

Saturday February 9, 2019
10am to 4pm
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
McMinnville Oregon
Discover Yamhill County Pre-1930

Yamhill County Historical Society has an extensive photographic collection of more than 5000 images of Yamhill County history, mostly pre-1930.

Our collection is in the process of being cataloged into a computer database. Many photographs are available for viewing at our research library.

We offer copies for personal use, and other uses by permission.

Donate Your Historical Photos

Do you have Yamhill County historical photos? Consider donating them to YCHS.

We are looking for pictures of historic Yamhill County buildings, businesses, and events. We also accept identified historical photos of Yamhill County people, place and things.

https://yamhillcountyhistory.org/photos/

Or visit the Lafayette Museum to learn more about this project.

*THIS IS JUST A FRAGMENT OF CATALOGUED PHOTOS AT YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Thanks to archivist members Michael Hafner, Tom Cattrall and Chuck Rogers and many, many donors!

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Ackerman, Mr. (unidentified)
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Adams, Oliver H. (see Goodell)
Adams, S. C. (see Goodell, Eunice)
Adams, William L. (see Goodell, Eunice)
Aken, Carl (see McMinnville Schools)
Albery, George
Alderman, Edith Ketty (see Lafayette)
Alderman, Harley (see Amity Schools)
Alexander, Edna (see Moores Valley)
Alex's Butte (see Yamhill)
Allen family (see also Patty, Henry)
Allen, Ed
Allen, Emeline (see Matheny, Emeline)
Allen, Ethel
Allen, Hattie (see Leighton, Elizabeth)
Allen, Levi (see Hembree, Wayman)
Allen, Lottie Vance (see also Amity)
Allen, Olive Beckett (see Collier)
Allen, Pearl
Allen, Rev. (see Lafayette)
Allen, Valine (see Sympkins, Robins, Lottie)
Allison, Lester (see Amity Schools)
Allison, Stanley (see Amity Schools)
Amity - Schools
Anderson, Alice (see Carlton Schools)
Anderson, Cecil (see Yamhill Schools)
Anderson, Ida Sophia (see Elmlund, Austin, Cora (see Austin, George)
Austin, Ethel (see also Austin, George)
Austin, George (see also Austin, Ethel)
Austin, Harriette Brown (see Austin family)
Austin, W. H., Brown, William
Austin, Nellie (see also Nichols, Nellie)
Cady, Austin, Ethel, Austin, George
Austin, W. H. H. (see also Whilsey, Bertrand,
Willers, J. E.)
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Bade, Mrs. Millsap
Badgley, Absalom
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Badgley, Enoch
Badgley, James
Badgley, Priscilla Jane (see Rittenhouse, Jane, Badgley, Absalom)
Baird, Belle (see Kuykendall family)
Baird, Cecil (see Kuykendall family)
Baird, Nina (see Kuykendall family)
Baird, Richard (see Kuykendall family)
Baker, Adolf
Baker, Charlie (see Newberg Schools)
Baker, Ed (see Howe, W. A.)
Baker, John Gordon
Baker, Katherine (see Hembree, Wayman)

Look for details in the next issue of The Westside for an upcoming Special Attraction on its way to the Heritage Center Restoration shop with Vern and Eileen. This one is gonna be good!
Getting’ ready for the Harvest Fest Tractor Parade this August?

Preserving our Yamhill County History and Heritage...

A Report from your Heritage Center Restoration Committee

Monthly Committee Report to the YCHS Board of Directors
Committee Name: Restorations Date of Committee meeting: December 2018
Committee Chair: Kadell/Stahlnecker

Summary of accomplishments:
• Cleaned up after Handmade Holidays event
• Multiple set up and tear downs for future events and rentals
• Made firewood out of some logs that were unsuitable for use in the saw mill
• Worked on steering problem on IHC140 tractor used to mow YCHS grounds
• Worked on list of equipment to consider selling at auction in the future.
  * Dug post holes and set posts around concrete pad where propane tank will be situated to provide heat for restorations area
• Cleaned out a bay in the Storage Building in preparation for installing wall racking
• Moved 2 tractors and 2 cars into Heritage Hall for display

The Restoration crew meets at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center each Wednesday. Their work is an invaluable part of our mission, and many of our more tangible pieces of history and heritage would be lost if not for the skills of this team. We hope they pass those talents on to the next generation and continue this legacy of preservation from the field to the showroom floor.

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Creative parts container labeling on the shop shelves...
Heritage Center Pioneer Days Offers “old school” Education

The mission of the Education Committee for the Historical Society is to engage, share, and demonstrate the history and heritage of Yamhill County. To that end, we invite schools and home schooled students to visit our museum in McMinnville and experience history.

Pioneer Days

Pioneer Days, at the Heritage Center, is an intricate part of the Yamhill County Historical Society. It is designed with a focus on Oregon history, including traveling the Oregon Trail and life on the Oregon farm for children. It is offered during the fall and spring and is designed for 4th graders (9-10-year-olds).

We conduct a program that allows students to enjoy many of the activities children of 130 years ago experienced. Students attend Hutchcroft School—a one-room schoolhouse from the Yamhill Area that was moved to the Heritage Center—experience an 1880’s class and participate in varied hands-on activities. Examples include:

- making candles
- working with wood using old-time tools
- washing clothes
- sewing
- leather work
- music
- watch a blacksmith ply his trade

We have a full-sized replica of a covered wagon for students to get in while wearing pioneer clothes.

The schools (public, private and homeschooled) from Yamhill County are our first priority to serve. If we have any openings after mid-December a waiting list is created for those who are outside our county. After the first of January, those on the waiting list will be contacted in the order that made their request.

This is a VOLUNTEER run program and activities can vary daily. To help us sustain this program, there is a $4.00 charge per student attending. Chaperones and teachers are free.

Please contact Terry Nelson at tnelson.97128@yahoo.com for more information and to schedule your students for a hands-on history lesson or sign up below.

As the Editor began typing the names of each Yamhill County Historical Society volunteer involved with the Pioneer Days Educational Program, that list grew too numerous to record here. Said list was reaching the 100 volunteer mark. Class size and student to teacher ratio does not seem to be a problem at the Hutchcroft School!
The YCHS Potluck and Presentations event welcomed Mr. John Cruickshank of Sheridan to the Heritage Center on Sunday, January 13. A large number of his friends from the Sheridan Museum of History came along to join in the fun. Thanks for the visit Sheridan! It was great to have you all.

John’s presentation was titled Historic Sawmills and Log Flumes of the West Valley. Turns out that that log flume, owned and operated by the Sheridan Timber Company, was 10 miles long! Thus, there was a lot to present, and a ton of history behind it.

This flume, from Mill Creek to Sheridan, was the primary transport for lumber from forest to mill, building the West Valley itself. The flume acted like a giant water slide, raising and lowering in elevation, twisting and turning dependent upon terrain and plum dryers and nut washers and barns in its path.

Flume Walkers played a key role in operations. Timber tended to jam up on corners or get stuck behind ice in the winter and it was these fearless pioneers that walked along the plank, one hundred feet up, to free the log jam and send product on its way. Rumor has it, after a long day of work, some of these guys would hitch a ride on passing lumber and down the flume, travelling all the way to Sheridan for a drink or two. Long ride down to Sheridan, but a longer walk home they said.

Our own Frank Shurman joined in the presentation with some historic language and slang from the timber days of long ago. Commonly used terms like “in a bind”, originated in the woods. “In a bind” once meant that one hadn’t poured enough kerosene on his chainsaw and it bound up in the middle of a cut. Frank’s got a million more; ask him about it when you see him.
Call to order: President Charles H. called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm
All Directors in attendance save Peter Druckenmiller   Guests: Stan Primozich

Election of Officers:
Alex B. nominated and Todd H. seconded to re-elect Charles Hillestad as Board President.  Unanimous
Todd H. nominated, Alex B. seconded to re-elect Dave Rucker as Vice President.  Unanimous
Sarah M. nominated and Pam W. seconded to re-elect Todd Holt as Board Treasurer.  Unanimous
Todd H. nominated and Sarah M. seconded to re-elect Alex Botten as Board Secretary.  Unanimous

Motion #1
To approve the previous Board minutes as submitted.  Unanimous

Committee Reports:
- Lafayette: Museum is closed for Winter cleaning and reorganization.
- H.C. Operations: The first storage container has been ordered, and the HVAC system for climate control is being donated by a YCHS member.
- A & E: Sunday 1-13-19 potluck and presentation, Oregon’s Birthday celebration Feb. 9th
- Media: Need to track new memberships being submitted online via the new website.
- Membership: The membership and event fees need to be looked at for 2020, and decide whether the newsletter should be cut back, or keep 12 issues.

Motion #2
Jack M. moved, Todd H. seconded to approve all committee reports as submitted. All yea.

Treasurer’s Report:
YCHS has received several major donations last month, there were enough unrestricted donations to complete all scheduled projects for the year. Todd H. is working with Bernard’s and Assoc. to move some funds around to better suit the current needs of the society. Estimate for the storage containers to be installed, set-up and ready for artifacts is approximately $30,000. There was a decline in the Community Foundation funds due to a poor stock market.

Motion #3
Jack M. moved and Sarah M. seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Unanimous

President’s Report:
The Murder quilt was loaned to Willamette Heritage Museum for the opening reception on January 23rd. No response yet from the Legal counsel on paid employee questions.

Unfinished Business:
-Poling Church: Several volunteers have been working very hard and getting a start on moving a few things, finding homes for some artifacts, and disposing/donating unneeded items. No update yet from the Archivist consultant’s proposal. A counter offer has been submitted. Transportation of items has been figured out using volunteers and H.C. equipment once storage is ready.
-Guest Stan Primozich was asked to consider filling a vacancy on the Board-he has agreed.

Motion #4
Todd H. moved and Walt S. seconded to nominate Stan Primozich for the remainder of Tom H.’s term expiring in Dec. 2019. Unanimous

Motion #5
Jack M. moved and Sarah M. seconded to approve the following budget requests:
- H.C. budget $39088
- Education $2400
- Sawmill $1095
- Steam Traction engine-committee volunteers will fund

Unanimous
Stan Primozich Appointed to the 2019 Board of Directors

Our Yamhill County Historical Society Board of Directors has appointed Stan Primozich to the Board, filling a one year term of vacancy after a recent Director resignation. Stan comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge in all things Yamhill County. We are fortunate that this opportunity presented itself and that our Board President jumped at the chance to have Mr. Primozich join us.

Stan is a 34-year resident of McMinnville and volunteers extensively serving on the McMinnville school board and representing Yamhill and Polk counties among the directors of the Oregon School Board Association. He was one of the founders of the McMinnville Athletic Club and the McMinnville Wine and Food Classic, as well as a member of the administrative council at his church. Stan’s occupational background is as Corporate district manager; small business owner; 35 years Prudential Financial Professional; 4 years U.S. Navy, 3 years active Vietnam duty. Stan attended Southwestern College, Eastern Washington University: business Administration. Stan served 24 years McMinnville School District Board of Directors, 4 years Oregon School Boards Association, 25 years St. James Administrative Council, and of course, until just recently, Stan was our YC Commissioner. Welcome to the YCHS Stan!
McMinnville. Did anyone of importance in city history have that name? Are there Scottish or Irish roots? As it turns out, no one in the city’s history was named McMinnville. The city’s founder William T. Newby (1820–1884), an early immigrant on the Oregon Trail, named the city after his home town McMinnville, Tennessee. He must have cared for his home quite a bit to establish a city across the country with the same name. McMinnville does indeed have Scottish roots however; McMinnville, Tennessee was named after Governor Joseph McMinn (1758-1824). His grandfather, Robert McMinn (1690-1757) emigrated from his home in Perth, Scotland, to make a home in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

By importing the name of his hometown, William Newby intentionally, or unintentionally, brought a bit of Scotland to our little town.

Great Selection–Low Prices–Good Quality
Over 50 species of Native Trees, Shrubs, and plants. Both Bare Root & Container Plants!

Support Miller Woods by joining us at the 2019 Native Plant Sale!

Friday, March 1         9 to 6pm
Saturday, March 2    9 to 4pm

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
11275 Durham Lane – McMinnville, OR 97128
(Hwy 18 at Durham Lane)
Questions? orders@yamhillswcd.org

Our own Gloria Lutz, at a native plant sale; of course she is.
YCHS EVENTS

Visit our new Website for a full color CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

Mark your calendars now for FARMFEST 2019!
Saturday, April 6   10am-4pm

YAMHILL COUNTY
Historical Society & Museums

2019 Events
Yamhill County Historical Society

Events take place at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center Museum
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon, 97128

February 9, Saturday 10am-4pm
OREGON’S BIRTHDAY
Celebrate with us!

April 6, Saturday 10am-4pm
FARM FEST & PLOWING COMPETITION
Largest plowing competition on the West Coast with 20+ teams of draft horses and mules. Blacksmith, Sawmill, Farm demos, Food, Music, Pioneer kids’ activities, Vendors & More
$8 adults - free for kids under 12

June 16, Sunday 10am-4pm
FATHER’S DAY
Special activities to help celebrate Dad
Free - donations gladly accepted

August 17-18, Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm
HARVEST FEST
Old-time harvesting with antique farm equipment & draft animals. Blacksmith, Sawmill, Stagecoach, Steam engine, Pioneer kids’ activities, Food, Music, Exhibits, Vendors & More
$8 adults - free for kids under 12

September 14, Saturday, 2 pm
VINTAGE BASE BALL
Cheer on the local McMinnville Gristmillers as they play an exhibition vintage Base Ball game, using rules from the 1800's
Free - donations gladly accepted

September 21, Saturday, 10am-5pm
TREASURES IN THE ATTIC
Quilt Show, Appraisal Faire, Vintage Market, 120+ quilts on display, Vintage & collectible vendors, Antique equipment, Food, Music & More
$5 admission

October 26, Saturday, 5-8 pm
A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
Special tours of museum, Kids’ activities & some surprises
For all ages (children need to be accompanied by adults)
$5 per vehicle

November 8-9, Friday and Saturday, 10am-4pm
VETERANS’ DAY SPECIAL EXHIBITS
Free - donations gladly accepted

December 7-8, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 12-4pm
HANDMADE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR
50+ vendors, Local artists, Silent auction, Food, Decorated tree auction, & Food drive for YCAP
Free - donations gladly accepted
Welcome to our newest members since our last newsletter... a warm “howdy” to you all.

Linda Olsen
David & Linda Johnson
Mackenzie Kampstra
Bri Kampstra
Daysha Hafner
Holly & Olivia Spencer/Kent Rucker Family

Your membership dues for 2019 are now due. Thank you to the 104 members who have already sent in their renewal... it saves on postage. Please get your renewal in as soon as possible so you don’t miss a single issue of the Westside newsletter, and other little perks your membership gives you.

Also, please remember to let me know if you are away on vacation or gone for an extended period of time. The Post Office will not forward your newsletter, so please have it sent to you if you’re not at your home address.

Thanks so much for your continued support.

Carlene Kadell
Membership Coordinator

YCHS Membership Services now available online

Thanks to our new Website Administration Chairperson, Jack Maxwell III, your Historical Society now has a brand new, active and live, YCHS website. This site can now process your membership renewal and sign on your family and friends as new members of our Society. It is incredibly easy and took this luddite only a few minutes to renew for 2019. Check out the many other updates and new features while you’re there. See the link below for membership services...

https://yamhillcountyhistory.org/about-us/join-today/

A GREAT BIG THANKS to all the donors that generously gave to the YCHS in December. Thanks to YOU, we’ve made essential electrical upgrades to the Heritage Center Museum, installed outside lights for the Heritage Center Activities Building, and a new Gate design for the Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery can go forward. In addition, monetary donations helped to meet the matching funds required for a grant to construct an ADA compliant sidewalk, stretching from the activities building, past the Tessman Sawmill, and on to the Blacksmith Shop. All these projects focus on the YCHS Mission to preserve, protect and share our Yamhill County History. You can now donate directly to the YCHS via our “Donate” button on our brand new website! Thanks all - Tony Meeker/Dave Rucker

Our Current Volunteer Positions Available:

Heritage Center Docents, Greeters and Hosts— Work with the greatest people in the County. Meet folks from across the street and across the globe. No experience needed, we’ll train you on site. Each Weds, Fri, or Sat of the week 10am-4pm.

Rental Events and Party Set Up— Set our exhibit hall and meeting rooms for public gatherings from 20 to 100 guests. Some lifting required, schedule is according to Rental and Events Calendar.

Lafayette Miller Museum Hosts— Greet guests to our research center in the Miller Log Cabin. No experience required, genuine warmth and fondness for history recommended. Each Weds, Fri, or Sat 10am-4pm.

Volunteer Coordinator — Meet with new volunteers, assign positions, schedule orientations, schedule volunteer groups and event volunteers. Work with the greatest volunteers in the County. Some coordination skills needed and time commitment required.

Merchandise Committee— Set up shoppe in at our Historical Society events and in both Museums. Help design, market, and sell and share YCHS shirts, cups, blacksmith wares and anything else YCHS you think our community will enjoy.

These are a few of our PRIORITY volunteer needs. To sign up or ask questions about these volunteer positions email volunteercoordina-tor@yamhillcountyhistory.org or visit our new website and click the Volunteer Tab for more info...
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

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 AM A NEW MEMBER

I AM A RENEWING MEMBER

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: _____________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: _______
Phone: ___________________________ Email: _______________________

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.