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President’s Letter

Dear Members,

We will be welcoming two new YCHS Board Directors and two returning Directors on January 1st. I would like to thank all of our members who voted in this last election. Matt Dunckel will be returning to serve a second term on the board and Steve Leonard, who was originally appointed to the board and is serving as vice-president, will be starting his first term as an elected member. Katie Baker and John Lewis will be the two new board members.

My third term serving as your president is coming to an end. At the YCHS Board Meeting on January 9, the Directors will be electing all new officers for 2013. Their names will be announced at the January 13th General Meeting and in the next newsletter. I am confident that the new officers, along with the other board members, will do an outstanding job in governing the Society in this New Year.

I want to thank the YCHS Directors and, especially, the Society’s Officers for their help and hard work during the last three terms that I have served with them.

Theresa Berthelsdorf, has been particularly outstanding serving as YCHS Secretary and we will all miss her on the board. The good news is that she will continue to volunteer for the Society in many other capacities.

Tami Spears, editor of The Westside, will be moving to Arkansas with her husband, James, right after the New Year and will be a huge loss to the YCHS Board of Directors. She will continue as editor until we can find a replacement (no easy task) for her job. Tami has worn several hats while volunteering for the Society. She has served as Activities & Events Chair, Merchandizing Coordinator, and as a member of the Tours Committee in addition to serving for the last three years as an YCHS Director. On a personal level, I will very much miss her.

My husband, Tony, and I only became involved with the Yamhill County Historical Society when we first joined the organization in 2009 and I was elected to the board that same year. From the beginning, we were both impressed with the level of commitment and hard work exhibited by so many volunteers at both the Lafayette and Durham Lane sites. We are, of course, an all volunteer organization running a multimillion dollar private non-profit corporation. We have been successful in continuing to move forward with our Yamhill Valley Heritage Center building project, one foot at a time, but always moving forward as funding becomes available. Waldo Farnham, as the Oversight Committee Chair, and the other members of that committee, have done a wonderful job in getting funding from our community which has allowed us to move forward.

Tony and I will continue to enthusiastically support the Yamhill County Historical Society and I will serve out the remaining two years of my second term on the YCHS Board of Directors. It has been a pleasure getting to know and work with so many of our fellow YCHS volunteers.

Carolyn Meeker
YCHS President
Phone: (503) 835-8481
Email: acmeeker@frontier.com
Submitted: December 16, 2012
Board Meeting Recap ~ November 11, 2012

The following recap is a condensed version of not-yet approved minutes from the board meeting.

Committee Reports: All committee reports are filed in the record book with the minutes in the Lafayette Log Cabin.

- **Education Committee**—Cynthia Christensen handed out a sheet regarding expenses and income for the 2012 Pioneer Days. Terry Nelson, the Pioneer Days Coordinator would like to donate her stipend to the Hutchcroft School project. She would also like to donate any future stipends during her tenure as the coordinator. The Education Committee is working on contributing more to the general fund to cover expenses at the Heritage Center.

- **Lafayette Site Committee**—Jean Sartor reported that Copy Cabana is printing 50 copies of our book, *From Yamhill to Tillamook* by Stagecoach. We will be selling copies for $6. Cynthia Christensen announced that the gutters will be cleaned by the end of November.

- **Heritage Center Committee**—Cliff Watts reported that the site is being prepared for the Handmade Holiday event. The new garden shed is now set up and the Hutchcroft School has been set in place.

- **Hutchcroft School Committee**—Shirley Venhaus distributed the financial report for the school donations and pledges. The committee has raised enough money to cover the expenditures for Phase One of the project. Carolyn will obtain a list of educational grants that may be helpful for the school restoration.

- **Property Development Committee**—Cliff Watts reported that the committee decided to defer a decision on the murals that will be put on the side of the exhibit hall for six months. The large flag needs to be replaced. Cliff will research replacement costs.

**President’s Report:**

- Carolyn reported that a few brick orders have come in recently.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- Kim presented the treasurer’s report, which is filed with the committee reports in the record book in Lafayette.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Tami Spears reported that no one has stepped forward to take on the newsletter responsibilities. A volunteer is needed to learn the bulk-mailing processes.

**New Business:**

- Carolyn announced that an ad-hoc committee has been assembled to review and update the YCHS Business Plan. Committee members include Steve Leonard, Chair, Cliff and Pam Watts, Tony and Carolyn Meeker, Waldo Farnham and John Lewis.

**Announcements:**

- Cynthia announced that she has been set up at the Willamette Valley AG Expo in Albany. Tony Meeker and Gloria Lutz also participated in representing YCHS.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Theresa Berthelsdorff, Secretary*

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**Committee Chairs**

**Accession/Preservation**

- Lafayette: Ursula Doud

**Accessions/Restoration**

- Heritage Center: Cliff Watts

**Activities and Events**

- Carolyn Meeker

**Audit**

- Matt Dunckel

**Blacksmith**

- Jeff Monahan

**Budget**

- Kim Courtin

**Computer**

- Tom Cattrall

**Farm/Harvest Fest**

- Cliff and Pam Watts

**Freezer**

- VACANT

**General Meeting Programs**

- Joanne Watts

**Governance**

- Carolyn Meeker

**Grant Review**

- Kim Courtin

**Heritage Center**

- Cliff Watts

**Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery**

- Kory Knutz

**Lafayette Site Committee**

- Cynthia Christensen

**Landscaping**

- Gloria Lutz—Heritage Center

- Garry Coats—Lafayette

**Miller Museum**

- Marjorie Owens

**Newsletter**

- Tami Spears

**Parade Outreach**

- Rebecca Riggi

**Photographic Project**

- Jennifer Sokol Blosser

**Property Development**

- Tony Meeker

**Publications/Gift Shop**

- Jean Sartor

**Sawmill**

- Don King

**Secrets of the Past Tours**

- Karen Sitton-Saxberg

**Steam Equipment**

- Vern Yeager

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**Genealogical Society**

- Carol Reid, President

- (503) 472-9631

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**YCHS Genealogy**

- Louise Heindl

- (503) 864-2308

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**Lafayette Buzz...**

What are the Lafayette volunteers doing in January? Working, working and working! They will be filing and sorting records. Both buildings will get a good cleaning and changing of displays. This time will also be used by the volunteers to make long range plans and share ideas for improvements to the museum. We will be working on Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 4pm. If you would like to visit the Library or even help with the sorting and filing, please give Marge a call. (503) 864-2308.

Happy New Year!

Jean Sartor

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*Historic Photo of the Poling Church*
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January 2013

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HAPPY NEW YEARS DAY!

Lafayette Museum CLOSED

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Board Meeting 5:30pm

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Newsletter Editor Needed

The YCHS is looking for a newsletter editor urgently! If you like to edit and do a little page layout, this position is perfect for you.

The editor will select, edit and lay out stories; ensure that the newsletter is fresh and interesting every month; look for visuals to accompany articles; liaise with the Board of Directors to ensure important information is included in the newsletter, work with the Membership Coordinator, printing company, newsletter helpers in Lafayette and the USPS.

Qualifications: MS Publisher or other page layout software

The West Side YCHS newsletter is a monthly publication that currently has 10 issues per year.

If you are interested, please contact Steve Leonard or Tami Compton-Spears at tamispears123@gmail.com

Event Locations

♦ January 9, 2013—Board Meeting—Lafayette Museum
♦ January 13, 2013—GENERAL MEETING—7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd, McMinnville

Upcoming Events

♦ February 10, 2013—General Meeting 1:30pm
♦ February 13, 2013—Board Meeting
♦ March 10, 2013—General Meeting 1:30 pm
♦ April 14, 2013—General Meeting 1:30 pm
♦ May 14, 2013—General meeting 6:00 pm
♦ July 2013—TBA Ice Cream Social and Summer Picnic

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
Invest in a piece of Yamhill County History

Imagine a new brick pathway inviting visitors to the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. You, your family, or honored loved ones’ names can become a part of Yamhill County history.

These engraved Heritage Bricks will be incorporated in various architectural projects, such as walkways, walls, and the base of a flag pole now erected at the Heritage Center. For a donation of $100, your brick will be engraved to your specifications and become a permanent part of the Heritage Center, creating an amazing tribute to our ancestors, town fathers, loved ones and Yamhill County families. With your donations, you partner with us in building the future of our society.

Name ____________________________________________________________
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$100 per Brick

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In Memory of (or In Honor of)

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Amount for Bricks $ ____________
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Make checks payable to: YCHS
Detach and Mail form to: YCHS Attention Heritage Bricks
P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127
For several months you have seen an article regarding the Hutchcroft School that was written as we contemplated our ability to accept and move the schoolhouse to the Heritage Center. We accepted Mr. Raymond Whitlow’s offer of the building to further our goal of the preservation and sharing of our heritage. We believed that the opportunity to preserve this schoolhouse at our Heritage Center would be a valuable first step in creating a Pioneer Village at the Heritage Center site. In that earlier article we solicited donations for Phase I of the project to move the building and stated that the anticipated budget was $45,000.

You will recall that the Hutchcroft School is a one-room schoolhouse that was west of Yamhill and served as the school for District #15 from 1877 through the 1930s. It is one of the very few one-room school remaining in near-original condition in Yamhill County.

Thanks to your many donations, several of which were quite significant, and many from folks that have had ties with old one-room schoolhouses or education in the past, the Society has been able to proceed with Phase I. The schoolhouse was moved to the Heritage Center on October 21st and is in the process of having the roof reinstalled and made weather tight for the winter. Many thanks go to the Hutchcroft School Committee for making this happen. Particularly to Cliff Watts and John Lewis for managing the work. Our primary contractors have been Cliff Jensen from Yamhill and Northwest Structural Moving from Scappoose. Other local businesses have provided material and the Sawmill has cut much lumber for the reconstruction effort.

A dedication of the Hutchcroft School will be held during our Handmade Holidays Celebration in December.

As we approach the completion of Phase I, which has come in under the original budget, at approximately $35,000, we need to begin to address Phase II. It will include the restoration of the schoolhouse and will prepare it to support the Society’s educational efforts. There are substantial additional costs for Phase II and fund raising will continue.

**We continue to need your help in the form of donations.** All funds received as a result of this request will be used for the Hutchcroft School. The Society needs your support and involvement for this project to succeed. Email HutchcroftSchool@gmail.com to receive more information.

Alternatively you may call one of the listed Committee members:
Shirley Venhaus 503-434-0567, Cynthia Christianson 503-421-5303, Steve Leonard 503-560-2676

Should you wish to help, please fill out the donation form and mail it to the Yamhill County Historical Society.

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**Hutchcroft School Project Donation Form**

I want to help the Yamhill County Historical Society advance their mission of historical preservation and education by restoring the Hutchcroft School. I understand that my gift will be used exclusively for this project.

Please find enclosed my gift of $_________________ to support the Hutchcroft School Project.

Name __________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
City ____________________________ State ________ Zip ________________
Phone ___________________________ Email __________________________

Please make checks payable to YCHS and mail donations along with this form to:
Yamhill County Historical Society , P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127
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YCHS Membership Application

NEW MEMBERSHIP  RENEWING MEMBERSHIP

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.

Membership runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

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