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NOTICE:

JANUARY MEETING and Potluck

- Date: JANUARY 13, 2015
- Time: 1:30 pm Potluck, 2:30 pm Program
- Program: The History of Ft. Yamhill
- Location: Heritage Center, Hwy 18 & Durham Lane, McMinnville

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The A.R. Burbank Diaries

I have been rereading the Burbank diaries and find them as interesting as the first time I read them. Mr. Burbank had a store in Lafayette for many years and also owned a farm just east of the town of Lafayette. He usually recorded the weather, farm prices, the business climate and the political scene, as well as local developments. Here are some excerpts from the diary that trace his life in the West, most of which was spent in Lafayette. He did spend about ten years in Washington at a place called Monticello near the mouth of the Cowlitz River.

MAY 30, 1853. Arrived at Portland. (by boat from San Francisco).

JUNE 2, 1853. Started up the valley of the Willamette on a boat, steamer EAGLE. I left Mrs. Burbank in a boarding house in Portland. I went to Oregon City, Dayton, and Lafayette, then went on to Dallas and Corvallis on horse. Then back by land to Portland. Saw much of the valley. Went to Lafayette on a small steamer, HOOSIER. Returned on 11th to Portland. Left Portland on the 15th inst. And arrived in Lafayette on the 18th June 1853 via the river. Moved wife and baggage and set up housekeeping on arrival (had previously bought a house and lot in Lafayette).

JULY 1, 1853. Purchased one-half of stock of merchandise and storehouse of Randall and Hussey.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1855. Hussey & Burbank have been over two years in merchandising. Closed stock and stopped business.

FEBRUARY 3, 1856. I have just returned home from Salem, Territorial Capital, where I have been for the last two months, attending as member of Territorial Assembly from Yamhill County, O.T.

New Year’s

Civilizations around the world have been celebrating the start of each new year for at least four millennia. Today, most New Year’s festivities begin on December 31 (New Year’s Eve), the last day of the Gregorian calendar, and continue into the early hours of January 1 (New Year’s Day). Common traditions include attending parties, eating special New Year’s foods, making resolutions for the new year and watching fireworks displays.

EARLY NEW YEAR’S CELEBRATIONS

The earliest recorded festivities in honor of a new year’s arrival date back some 4,000 years to ancient Babylon. For the Babylonians, the first new moon following the vernal equinox—the day in late March with an equal amount of sunlight and darkness—heralded the start of a new year. They marked the occasion with a massive religious festival called Akitu (derived from the Sumerian word for barley, which was cut in the
President’s Letter

YCHS Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a joyous Holiday Season. The Society and our many volunteers have certainly had a busy time with the Christmas Parade in McMinnville at the end of November, Handmade Holidays and a Holiday Reception at the Heritage Center in early December. I hope you were able to attend.

We were able to announce the results of our recent election for new and continuing Board Members at the Annual Meeting in December. Alex Botten and Charles Hillestad will be joining the Board in January. We look forward to their contribution. John Lewis and Todd Holt were elected to another term on the Board. Both have been great contributors to our success and will continue in the future. Unfortunately, we will be saying good bye to Matt Dunckel who has retired from the Board at the end of 2015. We will miss him and thank him for all of his help in the past six years.

As for myself, I have been Board President for three years now and will be stepping down from that position. It is time to hand the baton to someone new. I will continue on the Board in ex-officio capacity and assist in the transition to new leadership as needed. I want to thank you and the Board for your support during my tenure. The Board will elect officers for the 2016 calendar year at the meeting in January.

In other business, the result of the vote to make changes to the Bylaws was favorable. Those changes have now been adopted by the Board. Should you need a copy of the current Bylaws, the Secretary of the Board can provide them.

With the New Year upon us, I look forward to the continued success of the YCHS. The Business Planning Committee is developing vision for our future. Completion of a warming kitchen at the Heritage Hall and opening the Heritage Center Museum for more days each week are part of that vision. Additional volunteers help make some of these things possible. If you would like to become more involved please speak to Dave Rucker, our volunteer coordinator.

Thank you for your support during my term of President, for the Board of Directors and for the YCHS in general. I wish you all the best for the New Year!

Thank you for your support of the YCHS.

Steve Leonard
YCHS President
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Submitted: December 15, 2015

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Board Meeting Recap ~ December 9, 2015

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

Committee Reports:

- **Activities & Events Committee**—John Lewis reported that Handmade Holiday continues to be a success financially and 484 pounds of food was collected for YCAP. The next event will recognize Oregon’s 157th birthday.
- **Education Committee**—Cynthia Christensen reported that Pioneer Days in May was completely filled. The increase to the fee did not reduce the demand.
- **Heritage Center and Accessions Committee**—Cliff Watts reported that the emergency lighting was installed, inspected and approved by the county. The doors to the steam engine building are being constructed.
- **Lafayette Operations Committee**—Todd Holt reported that Farnham Electric has repaired the outside lighting fixture.
- **Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery Committee**—Todd Holt reported that the blackberries have been sprayed and the cemetery is now in good shape.
- **Media Committee**—Sarah Miller reported that the Facebook Group now has 112 members. There is a need for the committee to review and further develop the society website. John recommended that the committee talk to a web developer.

President’s Report:

- Steve reported that he is continuing an ongoing conversation with persons who had an interest in the Willamina Murder Quilt Project to develop a sense of ownership and possession.

Treasurer’s Report:

- John Lewis provided the treasurer’s report which is on file in the record book in Lafayette. Committee budgets have been received and the 2016 budget proposal will be presented at the January board meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator’s Report:

- Dave Rucker reported that the Christmas parade float was full of volunteers. He and Karen Sitton-Saxberg along with the A&E committee are discussing a potential event for everyone who has volunteered for the Society.

Unfinished Business:

- Election ballots were counted on December 9 by Cliff Watts, Sarah Miller and Jo McIntyre. All candidates were elected and changes in Bylaws were approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo McIntyre, Secretary
Submitted December 15, 2015
What’s Happening at YCHS in 2016?

YCHS MONTHLY MEETINGS
2nd Sunday of the Month except for May
General monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month, September—April. Potluck starts at 1:30pm and the meeting/speaker/presentation starts at 2:30pm. Special Volunteer Appreciation meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30pm.

CELEBRATE OREGON’S BIRTHDAY
Saturday, February 13, 1pm—4pm
Come celebrate Oregon’s birthday at the Lafayette Museum. Tour the historic Poling Memorial Church and Miller Log Cabin, view exhibits specially created to showcase life as Oregon became a state. Free birthday cake and punch. Free admission with food donation for YCAP. Donations to YCHS gladly accepted.

YAMHILL SWCD ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE
Thursday, February 4, 9am-6pm
Friday, February 5, 9am-6pm
Saturday, February 6, 9am-3pm
The Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District’s Annual Native Plant Sale will be held at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. Come on over and buy some native plants.

FARM FEST & PLOWING COMPETITION
Saturday, April 9, 10am-4pm
Farm Fest will be held at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center and will include the largest draft animal plowing competition in the Pacific Northwest! Experience old-time farming as 20+ teams of draft horses and mules compete in a plowing competition. Blacksmith, sawmill horse-drawn exhibits, farm demos, food, music, Pioneer Kids’ activities & more! $5 admission; kids 12 and under free.

FATHER’S DAY AT THE HERITAGE CENTER
Sunday, June 19, 1pm—4pm
Celebrate Father’s Day with tours of the museum, special exhibits and refreshments. Free admission, donations to YCHS gladly accepted.

GARDEN PARTY
Saturday, June 25, 1pm—4pm
Join us at the Lafayette Museum for a Garden Party. Wear your best hat and enjoy an afternoon of croquet on the lawn! Tours of the museum, refreshments and a hat contest. Free admission, donations to YCHS gladly accepted.

HARVEST FEST
Saturday, August 13, 10am—4pm
Sunday, August 14, noon—4pm
Harvest Fest will be held at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. Enjoy old-time harvesting of the oat field using antique farm equipment and draft animals. Blacksmith, sawmill, steam engine, stagecoach, Pioneer Kids’ activities, food, music, exhibits & more! $5 admission; kids 12 and under free.

TREASURES IN THE ATTIC
Saturday, September 17, 10am—5pm
Come enjoy our Treasures in the Attic Quilt Show, Appraisal Faire & Vintage Market at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. Over 100 quilts on display from the YCHS collection and local quilt guilds, appraisal faire (YCHS version of “Antiques Roadshow”), vintage and collectible vendors, food, music and more! $5 admission.

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: HALLOWEEN TOUR
Monday, October 31, 5pm—7pm
Trick or treat at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center where “history comes alive!” Not super scary, but kids need to be accompanied by adults. Free admission with food donation for YCAP. Donations to YCHS gladly accepted.

HANDMADE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR
Saturday, December 3, 10am—5pm
Sunday, December 4, noon-4pm
Join us at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center for our 7th Annual Handmade Holidays! Great gifts from over 50 vendors and local artists, silent auction, Santa’s Walk, decorated tree auction, music, food and more! Free admission with food donation for YCAP. Donations to YCHS gladly accepted.

STAY TUNED for more information on YCHS participation at summer events and Ag shows around the area!

If you have questions about YCHS events, an idea for a new event, or if you would like to join the Activities & Events Committee or any of its sub-committees, please contact Pam Watts (503) 434-0490
Over 45 members and guests attended the December 13 YCHS Annual Meeting held in Heritage Hall. Holiday decorations, good food, and songs played on the player piano all helped make it a festive occasion. YCHS officers gave their annual reports and guests shared some of their holiday keepsakes and traditions. Chuck and Sharon Rogers shared about their interest in stereoscopes and 3-D photos. After talking about the history of the stereoscopes, Chuck and Sharon donated stereoscopes to YCHS, with one to be kept at the Lafayette Museum and one at the Heritage Center, along with photos of the Lafayette museum and Harvest Fest activities to be enjoyed by members and guests. Thanks to all who shared, and a special thanks to Chuck and Sharon for sharing their love of stereoscopes with us!
6 Weird Inventions In History

Throughout history, inventors have produced weird, wonderful and sometimes dangerous gadgets. Here, we round up six of the strangest...

1. WOODEN BATHING SUITS
In 1929, a group of women nicknamed the “Spruce Girls” donned some specially made spruce wood swimming costumes and posed for photos on a beach in Hoquiam, Washington. The women were promoting the Grays Harbor timber trade during “Wood Week” - a promotional scheme to advertise local lumber businesses. Despite catching the attention of nearby residents and the press, the trend for wooden swimming costumes never caught on.

2. THE GAS-RESISTANT PRAM
By 1938, the prospect of Britain entering into war with Germany looked increasingly likely. With this in mind, FW Mills from Kent designed a large pram to protect babies and toddlers from gas attacks that might feature in air raids. The pram was designed as such that a child could be placed inside on a small bed, and a lid would be fastened over the top. The child would then receive a supply of fresh air from a gas filter attached to the top of the lid. A rubber bulb was also added to the end of the pram to push out the stale air.

3. A MOTORIZED BATHTUB
In 1960, a new mode of transport appeared on the streets of Kingston in Surrey. Three students decided to attach wheels and a motor to a bathtub, and drove the bath around the busy Kingston High Street—much to the bewilderment of the locals. With a rear view mirror made from a bath brush and a rubber duck acting as a horn, the motorized bath was created by three students from the local technical college to raise money for charities’ week.

4. THE MONOWHEEL
Why have two wheels when you can cycle to your destination on just one? Rousseau of Marseilles thought just that when he designed the monowheel in 1869. The driver would sit inside an enormous wheel, which was just over two meters high, and they would control the steering by simply maintaining their balance—there was no proper steering device. In the early 20th century, some designs of the monowheels were improved by the addition of small engines and airplane propellers to help with the steering. Many different models emerged over the years, but the monowheel never caught on as a popular mode of transport.

5. A RADIO-CONTROLLED LAWN MOWER.
In the 1950’s, a gadget emerged that allowed people to sit back and relax as their garden was trimmed by a radio-controlled lawn mower. This ingenious lawn mower, which travelled at around two miles per hour, was first displayed to the public in Britain in the Chelsea Flower Show in 1959. Members of the royal family, including Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, took an interest in the gadget during their visit to the show.

6. AN EXTREME CIGARETTE HOLDER
Smoking enjoyed great popularity throughout the 20th century, and one cigarette was simply not enough for some people—one inventor in the 1950’s therefore created a cigarette holder that could carry not just one, but a whole pack of cigarettes. Surprisingly, this was not the first unusual smoking device invented. In the 1930’s, a cigarette holder was developed to hold a single cigarette in a vertical position, while a small umbrella hovered over the top in order to prevent the cigarette from getting wet in the rain.

Submitted by Jessica Hope
And found on www.historyextra.com
http://www.historyextra.com/article/international-history/6-weird-inventions-history
Handmade Holidays—A Wonderful Weekend!

Thanks to the efforts of chairman Karen Sitton-Saxberg and numerous volunteers, the Heritage Center was beautifully decorated for the holidays and Handmade Holidays Bazaar was another great success! In addition to the unique iron horse outside at the front entrance being adorned with thousands of twinkle lights, many holiday decorations inside welcomed visitors and made the Bazaar a friendly, fun place, with “Felix the Horse” and the antique sleigh greeting folks as they arrived and ten decorated Christmas trees standing beautifully in the buildings. Over 40 vendors offered hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind items for holiday shopping, musicians were playing music, carolers were singing, and food was being served! Thank you to Karen and to all the volunteers who helped with decorating, planning, cleaning, cooking, greeting, singing, selling, and all the other things that make up a successful event at the Heritage Center! And a special thanks to the Dickens Carolers from Valley Baptist Church who came out both Saturday and Sunday to sing to our guests – those 20+ students did a remarkable job! Save the date for next year – December 3 and 4, 2016!

Pam Watts, Chair, Activities & Events Committee

Photograph Credit: Thanks to Dave Rucker, Tom Cattrall, and Theresa Bertheldorf for supplying these wonderful pictures!
Yamhill Swcd Native Plant Sale at Ychs!

We are happy to announce that the Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District’s Annual Native Plant Sale will be held at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center on Thursday and Friday, February 4 and 5, 2016 (from 9am—6pm) and Saturday, February 6 (from 9am-3pm)! They have outgrown their current location in their building’s parking lot and are looking forward to using our facility. We are excited because it’s a great use of the Activities Building and parking lot that weekend and should draw a number of folks to the Heritage Center who may not have visited before! We’ll put out the welcome mat and plan to have the museum open as much as possible during that time for tours and promoting the many facets of the Yamhill County Historical Society. Go to www.yamhillswcd.org for more information on the sale, list of plants available, and an advance order form.

6 Interesting Historical Facts

We all love facts—Especially historical ones and ones that are new to us. Here’s a look at facts that are, hopefully, unknown to most of us here.

1. In 1927, Otto Rohwedder invented sliced bread. He made the first machine to slice and wrap bread and won a patent for the process. After only six years from invention, more sliced bread was sold than unsliced.

2. When anesthetic was used for the first time in childbirth in 1847, the mother was so amazed and relieved at how painless the birth was that she named her child Anaestesia.

3. The grid layout used in many cities around the world is not a new invention—it first appeared in the city of Mohenjo Daro, India, 4,500 years ago. The houses to the side of the streets had bare walls facing the street to keep out the sun and dust from carts.

4. Gorgias of Epirus (3rd century BC), a Greek sophist, was born in his dead mother’s coffin! Pallbearers heard him crying out as they carried his mother’s coffin to the grave.

5. The first policewoman was Alice Stebbins Wells who joined the LAPD in 1910. Because she was the first (and only) policewoman, she designed her own police uniform. Four years later, Britain had their first woman policeman.

6. In the 1700’s in Paris, women wore hats with lightning rods attached when venturing outdoors during bad weather. Bad idea.

Written by Jamie Frater
And found on listverse.com
New Year’s Concluded

spring) that involved a different ritual on each of its 11 days. In addition to the new year, Atiku celebrated the mythical victory of the Babylonian sky god Marduk over the evil sea goddess Tiamat and served an important political purpose: It was during this time that a new king was crowned or that the current ruler’s divine mandate was symbolically renewed.

Throughout antiquity, civilizations around the world developed increasingly sophisticated calendars, typically pinning the first day of the year to an agricultural or astronomical event. In Egypt, for instance, the year began with the annual flooding of the Nile, which coincided with the rising of the star Sirius. The first day of the Chinese new year, meanwhile, occurred with the second new moon after the winter solstice.

**JANUARY 1 BECOMES NEW YEAR’S DAY**

The early Roman calendar consisted of 10 months and 304 days, with each new year beginning at the vernal equinox; according to tradition, it was created by Romulus, the founder of Rome, in the eighth century B.C. A later king, Numa Pompilius, is credited with adding the months of Januarius and Februarius. Over the centuries, the calendar fell out of sync with the sun, and in 46 B.C. the emperor Julius Caesar decided to solve the problem by consulting with the most prominent astronomers and mathematicians of his time. He introduced the Julian calendar, which closely resembles the more modern Gregorian calendar that most countries around the world use today.

As part of his reform, Caesar instituted January 1 as the first day of the year, partly to honor the month’s namesake: Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, whose two faces allowed him to look back into the past and forward into the future. Romans celebrated by offering sacrifices to Janus, exchanging gifts with one another, decorating their homes with laurel branches and attending raucous parties. In medieval Europe, Christian leaders temporarily replaced January 1 as the first of the year with days carrying more religious significance, such as December 25 (the anniversary of Jesus’ birth) and March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation); Pope Gregory XIII reestablished January 1 as New Year’s Day in 1582.

**NEW YEAR’S TRADITIONS**

In many countries, New Year’s celebrations begin on the evening of December 31—New Year’s Eve—and continue into the early hours of January 1. Revelers often enjoy meals and snacks thought to bestow good luck for the coming year. In Spain and several other Spanish-speaking countries, people bolt down a dozen grapes—symbolizing their hopes for the months ahead—right before midnight. In many parts of the world, traditional New Year’s dishes feature legumes, which are thought to resemble coins and herald future financial success; examples include lentils in Italy and black-eyed peas in the southern United States. Because pigs represent progress and prosperity in some cultures, pork appears on the New Year’s Eve table in Cuba, Austria, Hungary, Portugal and other countries. Ring-shaped cakes and pastries, a sign that the year has come full circle, round out the feast in the Netherlands, Mexico, Greece and elsewhere. In Sweden and Norway, meanwhile, rice pudding with an almond hidden inside is served on New Year’s Eve; it is said that whoever finds the nut can expect 12 months of good fortune.

Other customs that are common worldwide include watching fireworks and singing songs to welcome the new year, including the ever-popular “Auld Lang Syne” in many English-speaking countries. The practice of making resolutions for the new year is thought to have first caught on among the ancient Babylonians, who made promises in order to earn the favor of the gods and start the year off on the right foot. (They would reportedly vow to pay off debts and return borrowed farm equipment.)

In the United States, the most iconic New Year’s tradition is the dropping of a giant ball in New York City’s Times Square at the stroke of midnight. Millions of people around the world watch the event, which has taken place almost every year since 1907. Over time, the ball itself has ballooned from a 700-pound iron-and-wood orb to a brightly patterned sphere 12 feet in diameter and weighing in at nearly 12,000 pounds. Various towns and cities across America have developed their own versions of the Times Square ritual, organizing public drops of items ranging from pickles (Dillsburg, Pennsylvania) to possums (Tallapoosa, Georgia) at midnight on New Year’s Eve.

By History.com

http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/new-years

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

A special thanks to all who purchased tickets for the YCHS quilt and bike raffles. The winning tickets were drawn at the conclusion of Handmade Holidays, and Janet Clow of McMinnville won the ladies’ bicycle and Steve Coquette of Corvallis was the winner of the beautiful quilt made by the Gone to Pieces Quilt Guild and donated to YCHS. Thank you everyone for participating! It helped us raise over $1,500 for YCHS operations!
A.R. Burbank Diaries Continued...

AUGUST 1, 1856. I have been acting as Deputy Commissary of Washington Territory Department, Yakima Indian War.

DECEMBER 1, 1856. I have been acting agent and treasurer of Pacific Telegraph Co. since March of this year.

APRIL 5, 1857. Past winter a hard one for Oregon, 1855 was an unpleasant one, 1854 was a mild winter.

NOVEMBER 30, 1857. On the 29th of September I bought property in the city of Portland, O.T. and moved there on October 25-27.

NOVEMBER 1, 1858. On the 29th day of September 1858 I went to Monticello, W.T. and closed a trade for a large store and 3 acres of R.C. Smith by deed by Tomas Roe. I fitted up the House for a hotel. On the 27th and 28th of October 1858 we moved down from Portland and on November 1st opened hotel in Monticello, W.T.

AUGUST 1, 1859. I have been elected to our Territorial Council. Our Assembly meets at Olympia, our Territorial capital.

FEBRUARY 7, 1861. I returned home this evening from the Territorial Assembly after an absence of 60 days, save a visit home in the Holidays. Mrs. Burbank gave birth to a daughter on the 22nd of January, which was 15 days old at my return. With the consent of Mrs. Burbank named her Evalina Louisa Burbank — we call her Eva.

APRIL 18, 1867. I purchased the stock of goods of Ferguson & Bird and moved the goods into my store.

DECEMBER 25, 1872. Still in Lafayette merchandising. In June 1872, I was elected to one of two representatives to the Oregon Legislature. Mr. T.R. Harrison and myself to the House, J.W. Cowles to the Senate. Session held 45 days and was one of interest.

DECEMBER 25, 1873. Still in Lafayette and still in mercantile business. On 3rd of August I purchased a farm of 258 acres costing $4282.00, known as the Stewart farm situated on the Sheridan Road 6 miles from McMinnville which farm I still own.

LAFAYETTE, OREGON, DECEMBER 25, 1874. I have had some of my land here east of the town cleared up and have built quite a good dwelling house thereon. Expect to move by spring.

DECEMBER 25, 1875. I moved into my new dwelling on 23rd of June 1875. Find it a good and comfortable residence. I live east of the town plat — some two or three hundred yards and on the road running east. I call the road or street East Street. So I reside on East Street near the town of Lafayette.

APRIL 10, 1876. I received one of Daniel Beatty’s pianos which was purchased in February at $260.00 and freight and insurance was $98.59, making the total cost here $358.59. The former price here was before reduction $900.00, hence a cheap and good piano forte.

AUGUST 25, 1878. Summer dry, grain crops short, price of wheat 75-80 cents.

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DECEMBER 31, 1877. Rain storms came on August 17 and September 1, greatly damaging grain crops. Rain continued all of October, November and all of December. Wettest for 3 falls.

EAST STREET HOME, JANUARY 24, 1878. Winter rainy, too wet for farming. So far no snow.

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NOVEMBER 29, 1878. After October 20 the fall weather mostly good. Very large fall crop of wheat has been sown, larger than ever before.

JUNE 1, 1879. December and January mostly dry and frosty, no snow. February some light snow and rain. April and May very wet. Too wet for sowing. Gardens not all in. Times hard, money scarcer than ever known.

AUGUST 17, 1879. Wheat harvest in full run. Winter wheat good and largest crop yet. Spring wheat damaged some by rust, which is unprecedented in Oregon. In the upper valley counties, rust destroyed nearly all spring grain.

Volume I of the diaries ends here. The piano mentioned above is the big square piano that we have in our Museum.

Submitted by Ruth Stoller
In February 1985
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 AM A NEW MEMBER

I AM A RENEWING MEMBER

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