The Yamhill County Historical Society (YCHS) is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit educational and public service organization engaged to protect, preserve and share the history and heritage of Yamhill County.

The Yamhill County Historical Society celebrates the history of the West Valley this month with a presentation highlighting the old sawmills and log flumes of Sheridan and Willamina. This is a YCHS event and membership and announcements and updates will be on the agenda. However, this event is not exclusive to the YCHS membership and all are welcome to attend this free event. Bring your favorite potluck dish or dessert and enjoy.

John Cruickshank will share the rich history of our West Valley, and questions, or your own personal stories are part of the presentation. Heck, we might even get to hear from some of our very own planners from the Heritage Center mill.

Willamina, was named for the river that flows through it. The river was named in honor of pioneer Willamina Craig Maley Williams, who, in 1846, was reportedly the first white woman to cross the river. In 1878, a gristmill was built on the river, and soon Hezekiah Bailey was using its power to run a sawmill that provided lumber for the growing settlement. In 1879, Wisdom Millsap platted a ten-block townsite near the mill. By 1903, the village was incorporated and boasted 200 residents, with local storekeeper Paul Fundman serving as mayor. The first economic boom occurred in 1907, when O.K. Edwards established the Pacific Face Brick Company. The brick plant brought the railroad to town, and for over sixty years the unusual clay from Willamina was used to construct buildings up and down the West Coast. By 1939, logging companies and sawmills were processing nearly 350,000 board feet of lumber a day from nearby forests, and the Pacific Plywood Corporation opened a new plant. The population of the town tripled, and the quiet little community became known as The Little Town with the Big Payroll. In the town’s heyday, over 250 log trucks a day crossed the bridge through town.

YCHS Board Member and Quilt enthusiast Sarah Miller spent her fall working with a quilting guild, cutting pinning, and sewing a tree skirt for the USDA federal building Christmas tree in DC. Our own Yamhill County quilters, “Gone to Pieces” also joined in the fun and we were able to see Kathleen Bennett’s Progress during some of our Heritage Center events. Although we hear that there were many challenges in travel plans, Sarah and her husband Nathan were able to travel to DC to see the Oregon tree skirt in all its splendor, sitting proudly under the USDA tree. Eventually this skirt will make its way home to Yamhill County. We’ll be able to see it right here at the Heritage Center when it’s available. Our Counties quilters are amazing and numerous and we hope with the help of our YCHS mission, we can help to keep this tradition alive and well. Thanks quilters!
McMinnville’s Historic Malone Cemetery

Before there was a Yamhill County Fair, Turkey Rama, Linfield College or wine country, there was Madison Malone and his homesteader family. In 1843 the Malone’s left their home in Kentucky and joined the Drury wagon train leaving for the Oregon Territory.

Mr. Malone and his kin were granted a 320 acre claim and the hopes and dreams of a new life out west. These sturdy folk are truly the working pioneers of our county and the town of McMinnville. The Malone’s have no streets named for them, nor is their name engraved in marble in the halls of our public and private institutions. They built our community, passed on, and were forgotten.

For the last two years, under the shade of the old oak trees, employees from the Mac Wilco Farm Store, New Adventure Christian Church’s Project 327, and members of the Yamhill County Historical Society, have taken time to remember the Malone family through clean up events at the Historic Malone Cemetery.

Mr. Malone lost his wife, Virginia, in 1850 and buried her on their claim pronouncing the lot a perpetual cemetery. 25 family members would be laid to rest on this plot as time passed. The cemetery was all but lost when YCHS and Ralph Wortman stepped in. Together they had a wall built around the plot, a wrought iron entrance gate installed and a bronze memorial plaque erected. This act in preservation of our past may have been on of the first major accomplishments of the YCHS.

For two Sunday’s a year, this spirit of preservation is renewed when these volunteers and employees clear the ailing cemetery of blackberry vines and ivy and replace them with fresh soil and mulch. Decorative foliage and flowers are also donated by Wilco and planted along the plots perimeter. Tombstones are carefully cleared of moss and weeds and once again the Malone family name sees the light of day.

The Malone Historic Cemetery is on Hwy 99 at the southwest corner of the Wilco Farm Store site.

An excerpt from the YCHS WISESIDE newsletter 2002

Carrie Martin was quite elderly at that time, and seldom left the house. Of course in talking about the Malone family, the subject of the Malone Cemetery came up. Carrie did her best to give me the history of the cemetery and to tell me who was buried there. She hadn't been there for many years, and one day I asked her if she would like to take a ride out to see it. You would have thought she had handed her a million dollars.

The cemetery was in terrible shape at that time. Vandals had broken all but two or three of the headstones, berry vines, brush and weeds covered the whole plot. Carrie did her best to point out approximately where various members of her family, and some friends had been buried. She insisted that Highway 99 had taken the grave of one of her uncles, but there is no proof of that.

In discussing Carrie’s interviews with my uncle, Ralph Wortman, he became very interested in the Malone Cemetery. We made several trips out there together, and I could see he was in deep thought. I knew he had hired a man to go in, completely clean up the underbrush, and gather together as many pieces of broken headstones as possible. He then had a wall built around the plot, installed wrought iron gates, and had a bronze plaque installed telling a short history of the cemetery and the Malone family. The reason this story has been related is that I consider it the first major accomplishment due to the Yamhill County Historical Society, and another reason to be thankful for the interviews with the descendants of early pioneers.

Dorothy Wortman Espenes

Manager Kathy’s McMinnville Wilco Farm Store Team

Project 327: New Adventure Christian Church
Preserving our Yamhill County History and Heritage...

A Report From Ye Olde Blacksmith Shop

Date of Report: December 7, 2018
Committee Name: Blacksmith Shop
Committee Chair: Dale Turner
Committee Members: Ike Bay Co-Chair

Summary of accomplishments: edited for print by Rucker
The new lights in the shop have been installed and are working well.
We have been asked to have the blacksmith shop open to the public at
for one Saturday each month, however for a long time now the shop has
been busy on Mondays and Fridays for classes and has been open on eve-
ry Saturday of the month.
There were 18 smithed metal pieces sold at Handmade Holidays, each hand forged by volunteers and students, all totaled,
raising $365 during the event. Starting this month we are keeping track of income from the shop to report to operations.
Starting with the tail end of November, we have turned in $80 from our class and mentoring registration.
There continues to be a lot of interest and inquiries about our Fun in the Forge Program which gives students general
blacksmithing lessons in addition to specific lessons to forge specific items. It may turn out to be a busy next year!
Come see Dale, Ike, and the whole blacksmith team on any given Saturday at the Heritage Center. Learn more about Fun in the
Forge classes by inquiring at the shop.

The Tireless Preservationist’s– Wednesday’s Heritage Center Volunteer Crew

Preservation comes in many different forms, and every Wednesday at the Heritage Center, it manifests its self in several.
This hearty crew does headline preservation in the Restoration Shop by taking classic machinery like tractors buried in
brambles, and brings them to showroom condition and running smoothly in our annual Tractor Parade. They build stands
and cabinetry for our self guided museum tour audio system. All facets of facilities and Heritage Center operations are de-
pendent on folks like these. From an Allis Chalmers to a Model A to a new forge for Mike the Blacksmith; this crew is
preservation in action. Nowadays, this crew often takes the task of setting up for special events for our community, showcas-
ing the neighborly spirit of our Yamhill County heritage. According to the Restoration Committee report this month– these
folks took the time to clean bugs from all window sills and lighting this month because “it needed to be done”! Just some of
our unsung heroes of YC history...

Left side of picture; Jim Sumerlin, Walt Stahlnecker, Kenneth Scherrer, Chuck Kincaid, Chris McCoy,
Carol Williams (new volunteer who made the goulash)
On Right side by the sinks; Chuck Kadell, Dale Turner, Tony Meeker, Karen Sitton, Julie Cox, Doc (Dick Green)- Photo: Judy Turner
A Look Down Cozine Creek with Tom Cattrall

Recently the museum in Lafayette got an order for several photos from a person interested in the history of bridges in McMinnville. One of those photos is shown here to the right. It is a view of the bridge at the south end of town that crosses over Cozine Creek. It was taken circa 1914. In those days before heavy equipment, it was easier to build a bridge than to fill in the ravine with a culvert for the creek as is now the case.

The building on the left is an early McMinnville hospital built in 1904. From the tall chimney in front and the sheets on clothes lines, it looks like the hospital laundry was located on the South ground floor.

The building on the right is the original Columbus school. It was built in 1892 and replaced in 1930. The 1930 school was in use until it was damaged by the 1993 spring break earthquake. In its early years, the top floors of this Columbus school building were used for McMinnville's high school.

The photo to the left shows Columbus school from the front with McMinnville College's Pioneer Hall in the background. Partially visible in the trees between the concrete bridge and Columbus school is the wooden foot bridge that connected the town with McMinnville College, now Linfield College.

Our Miller Museum has an earlier photo showing a wooden bridge predecessor to this concrete bridge, as well as some photos of the foot bridge going to the college. Since this photo was taken, the ravine was filled in and Adams street was extended to join with Baker street at the south end of town. The most recent hospital building that was built at this location was removed and replaced with a Walgreens store after the hospital moved to Highway 18 near the airport in 1996.

Want to see more photos from our Yamhill County of Olde, visit the YCHS Website, visit the Miller Museum in Lafayette, or like us on Facebook...
Our YCHS Education and Outreach Committee recently trekked an exhibit down to Albany for the three day Ag Expo in mid November. Cynthia Christensen and Al Steinke headed up our display team with booth titled “What is it, or how was it used?” It’s like Jeopardy with historical agriculture answers! Our faithful team also ran videos of some the equipment in operation, interspersed with videos about the Heritage Center and it’s abundant events and activities in McMinnville. About 500 attendees interacted with our display over the three days. Special thanks to Jack McGarraugh and Cliff Watts for driving the big trailer down and back. They really could have used you two on the original Oregon Trail.

Upcoming Outreach includes -
The team will travel to The 160th Oregon State Birthday Party on the Capital Steps in Salem in February. Weather permitting we will be bringing our covered wagon down and have a hands on “how to build a log cabin” display. Donn Callaham has graciously volunteered to head up this outing. All are welcome to join! Contact the Heritage Center or Cynthia Christensen for more info...

Yet another fabulous Potluck and Presentation event was held in December during our Annual Membership Meeting in December. Our guest speaker was long time News Register journalist and great friend of the YCHS, Starla Pointer. Her presentation on holidays celebrated ‘round the world transitioned nicely into our guests conversations sharing their own personal Yamhill County holiday traditions and heritage. We remembered Color Wheels, tinsel, mincemeat pie and apples and oranges in our stockings. Per usual, the potluck was a feast for this McMinnville boy! Join us for next Potluck and Presentation, January 9, at 1pm in the Heritage Center.
Board Meeting Minutes ~ October 10, 2018

The following is not-yet approved minutes. All committee reports are filed in the record book with the minutes at the Lafayette Site.

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2018

All in attendance save Tom Havens, Peter Druckenmiller
Call to order: President Charles H. called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Motion #1
Pam W. moved and Todd H. seconded to approve the previous minutes as submitted.Unanimous

Committee Reports:
-A & E: Night at the Museum and Halloween night at Lafayette were successful, the amount of time and effort for this event will be examined to see if the cost/benefit is positive. Handmade Holidays is the next upcoming event.
-Rentals: Lots of volunteer help setting up and tearing down. There was a rental a day for an entire week! Several large groups have been renting repeatedly.
-Media Committee: new website is almost finished.
-Election: Ballots are out, will be counted early December.

Motion #2
Jack M. moved and Sarah M. seconded to approve committee reports as submitted.Unanimous

Treasurer’s Report:
Grant money has been received for the sidewalk project at the H.C. Financially we are doing very well.

President’s Report:
-YCHS was nominated for the Best Not for Profit award by the Chamber of Commerce.
-New conceptual drawings of the future Heritage Village are in the works.

Unfinished Business:
-Poling Church: a meeting was held to determine how to best move and store the artifacts in the Poling Church, how much space will be needed, and where to put the artifacts once moved. The recommendation was to use approximately 2-5 cargo containers at the H.C. Timing goals are 30 days to get archiving, 6 months to complete the move.

Motion #3
Jack M. moved and Sarah M. seconded that the Board authorize funds up to, and not exceeding an amount of $25,000, and give permission to allocate those funds accordingly to get the artifacts prepped and moved within six months.Unanimous

Legal counsel: Jack drafted a policy on pursuing legal counsel, and the costs associated with it.

Motion #4
Jack M. moved and Todd H. seconded to approve the Legal Counsel Policy as drafted.Unanimous

New Business:
-There was a need for a new policy on the checking out and loaning of artifacts from Lafayette, and H.C. sites. This will help keep better track of artifacts on loan.

Motion #5
Sarah M. moved and Jack M. seconded to adapt the new form that will allow other institutions to loan our artifacts, and be responsible for them.Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Botten, YCHS Secretary
Edited for newsletter format, Dave Rucker
As you are probably aware from many of our postings, our Poling Church building in Lafayette is in poor condition. We have made a number of investigations over the past few years and multiple experts tell us the building’s physical condition is not only poor, but potentially dangerous to people who might be in it when some portion collapses, not to mention the risk to the valuable artifacts we are currently storing and displaying there. Unfortunately, the cost to restore the Church will likely be One Million to Two Million Dollars. We do not have anywhere near that sort of money to spare from other key operations.

The Board has debated long and hard about what to do. We reluctantly decided we could not ignore those depressing facts. Since we do not have the wherewithal to do what the building needs right now, we felt we at least had to protect the accumulated artifacts in our charge and do so quickly. (Even if a Million or so in donated funds arrived dedicated tomorrow for building restoration, we would still have to move everything into temporary storage while repairs are made to the building.)

Many alternatives were considered. We ultimately concluded the least expensive, safest, most quickly obtainable storage would be to use some large, securable shipping containers. We are in the process of purchasing several. They will be placed behind the Heritage Center and painted to blend in with the main building and look like they belong there.

Most of the at risk artifacts from the Poling Church will be stored there. A few things might be loaned out to other museums temporarily. If we get new buildings for our Heritage Village, such as a general store or a firehouse, perhaps we can use the upstairs of those spaces for asset storage, but for the moment, the shipping containers we are buying is the choice being pursued. Fortunately, such used containers preserve a significant portion of their market value on resale. Once the containers are no longer needed, we might sell them again and recover much of the cost. Or, by then we might have more acquisitions to store or find other uses for them. First, we have to inventory everything inside the Church and decide what type of storage is needed, temperature control storage or not. Then, the items will be moved where they can best be protected. Meanwhile, we are moving ahead on developing protocols for inventory and also taking the opportunity to see if we can digitize our collection and potentially post it online where it can be researched.

As for the Church once it is emptied, we will have to decide what to do with it. Multiple options remain open.

-C. Hillestad

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2019 YCHS Election Results as voted on by the General Membership

Board members Dave Rucker, Walt Stahlnecker, Pam Watts counted 2019 bylaw change proposal and board member election ballots on December 9, 2018.

Results: Bylaw change proposals #1 through #8 are approved by the majority of YCHS voting membership.

Bylaw change proposal #9 was printed in two issues of the YCHS newsletter but was left off the mailed ballot form. This committee recommends that bylaw change proposal #9 be deleted from election results and that the bylaw in question remain as-is and reconsidered for change in next election cycle.

All Board of Director candidates for election or re-election are approved by the majority of YCHS voting membership.
9th Annual Handmade Holidays
volunteers enjoy record attendance this season!

Best Handmade Holiday Bazaar Ever. Thanks to Karen Sitton-Saxberg and her crew of “too-many-to-name volunteers”, along with our own YCHS Events and Rentals Coordinator Raylinda Price! This event brought the YC Christmas Spirit to town, raised thousands of dollars for our Historical Society, brought in 1200 pounds of food for the YCAP food bank, and let some of us get all our shopping done in one place. Thanks to all and we’ll see you for the 10th Anniversary of Handmade Holidays in 2019...

“Gone to Pieces Quilt Guild” gets in the spirit

“SILENT AUCTION

Gone to Pieces Quilt Guild” gets in the spirit

Silent Auctioneer Nancy Vasquez. “Thanks to Karen and Becky, the auction baskets were beautiful and of very high quality”. Easy to auction off these gems!

The famous Christmas ornament table

Here’s our YOUNGEST VENDOR of the season; his name is Sawyer Birman and he makes and sells “Sawyer’s Silly Soaps”. He’s a great kid and a great salesman. Even wore a collared shirt and a Santa necktie for Always an event favorite, it’s Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe with Joyce Anderson, Liz Linderman, and Kristin Muldoon selling cookies and cakes 3 for a buck!!! Joyce tells us this event had the best variety of pastries and the first ever treat topped with BACON. Many guests asked for recipes and it just so happened that our volunteer chefs had a secret recipe book and were willing to share. Always giving, these folks.

Bob and Ken– Sharing the season as our Greeters

Theresa Bertsdorf and Tom Cattrall, our Photographers for the weekend. Free family photos on Santa’s Sleigh drawn by our own Felix the Horse. Family photos could be printed on the spot thanks to Gloria Lutz and her mobile printer.

The Kelchner Family Kitchen does it again!!!
YCHS EVENTS

Join us for cake and ice cream, history and heritage, as we celebrate

Oregon’s 160th Birthday

Saturday, February 9, 2019
10am to 4pm
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
McMinnville Oregon

HISTORIC LAFAYETTE MUSEUM & RESEARCH LIBRARY
605 Market Street, Lafayette, OR 97127
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm

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

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

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

2019 Events
Yamhill County Historical Society

- February 9, Saturday 10am-4pm
  OREON’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, 2pm
  VINTAGE BASE BALL
  Cheer on the local McMinnville Grismillers as they play an exhibition vintage Base Ball game, using rules from the 1860’s
  Free - donations gladly accepted

- September 21, Saturday, 10am-5pm
  TREASURES IN THE ATTIC
  Quilt Show, Appraisal Fair, 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
  HANDEMADE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR
  50+ vendors, Local artists, Silent auction, Food, Decorated tree auction, & Food drive for YCAP
  Free - donations gladly accepted

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volunteercoordinator@yamhillcountyhistory.org
Facebook Group: yamhillcountyhistory.org/fb
Welcome to our newest members since our last newsletter... a warm “howdy” to you all.

Liz Linderman  
Mike and Jeri Paull  
Karen Tate  
John and Sherri Haslett  
Christine Newell  
Rob and Marsha Renne  
Mildred Schaber  
Lily Soriano  
Arturo and Anna Flores  
Doug and Shane Fritz  
Steve and Phyllis Fritz  
Michael and Troy West

Looking for a unique holiday gift for your friends, family, neighbor? Consider giving “the gift that keeps on giving”…a membership in the Yamhill County Historical Society. Also, since the end of the year is fast approaching, your 2019 dues will be due on January 1st. You can send in your renewal for next year at any time now. It will save postage for all of us. Thank you for sending your dues in in a timely manner.

Thank you all for your support.  Have a great holiday season.

Carlene Kadell  
Membership Coordinator

YCHS Memberships Make Great Gifts For Family and Friends Inside the County or Out; Christmas or not.

Yup, I love signing my friends and family on as members, paying their yearly dues and then sending them a copy of their membership form in a Yamhill County greeting card. Then maybe I throw in a YCHS tshirt or hat as a bonus. They always like it; especially those that are from here but have had to move away.

Your family member or friend will receive an official membership card from us shortly after we receive their application. Make copies of the application on the next page or come by the Heritage Center if you need a whole stack of ’em! YCHS clothing and hats can be purchased at the Heritage Center in McMinnville.

Some of 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.

**Activities and Events Committee members**— some will tell you this is the most fun Committee within the YCHS. Help plan our events, brainstorm exciting new ideas, eat cookies. We meet one night per month and participate in at least one event per month.

**These are a few of our PRIORITY volunteer needs. To sign up or ask questions about these volunteer positions email volunteercoordinator@yamhillcountyhistory.org**
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 RENEWING MEMBER

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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
FOUNDED: 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.