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NOTICE: MAY GENERAL MEETING and Potluck

• Date: SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2013
• Time: 6:00 pm
Potluck, 6:30 pm
Program
• Location: YCHS HERITAGE CENTER
RESTORATION SHOP, Hwy 18 & Durham Lane, McMinnville

The “Bike” is Grandpa of Oregon Roads

Do you remember, or did you ever stop to think, that the bicycle is the grandpapa of the Oregon State Highway financing system?

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"Don't fence me in "was an old western song but we are delighted to be "fenced in" with a new backyard fence here in Lafayette.

Working with our neighbors, the new fence section blends nicely with the rest of our new fence which was donated in part by Shirley Venhaus.

Our landscaping throughout the grounds continues to improve thanks to Gary Coats. Spring blubs are in full bloom and many of the plants are flowering as well. Gary continues to make major improvements but his time and energy are limited and he would appreciate a few member volunteers or perhaps a youth group to help with maintenance. If you can help or know of a group that might be interested, please call the museum. 503-864-2308

A special THANK YOU to the Gallery Theater for their donation. Thanks to the urging of member Mary Jo Capps, several of us attended the recent production of The Quilters, a wonderful play about the importance of quilts in the lives of the early pioneers. Theater volunteers made wall hangings as well as a lovely bed quilt. These quilts were then raffled off as a fund raiser and the theater sent us a donation in support of the museum’s quilt collection. Community support helps us all.

Jean Sartor, Publications Coordinator
President’s Letter

Members,

We have had a very successful Farm Fest again this year. While I do not have an official count as yet, the preliminary numbers suggest about 1450 folks attended. The plowing competition held by the Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Association was very popular and, of course, the historical displays and activities were wonderful. A number of parents brought their children who seemed to really enjoy the children’s activities. We want to thank our sponsors, the Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Association, Botton’s Radiator and Equipment Rental, Oregon Stationers and Select Seed as well as the many volunteers that make the event possible. The Sea Cadets, Amity Fire Department and the VFW all helped out and the parking area was again provided by Northwest UAV. Pam and Cliff Watts have done an outstanding job of pulling this all together.

We had the Hutchcroft School open for viewing at Farm Fest. Quite a few folks took the opportunity to see the progress that has been made with that project. As we move forward we are in need of volunteers that can lend a hand with cleaning, painting and light construction work. If you have the time and opportunity, please contact Cynthia Christensen to see where you might be able to help out.

Spring cleanup is starting at the Lafayette Cemetery. Mowing and weed control will occur in May and the cemetery will be open for Memorial Day as we do each year.

Our next big activity will be Pioneer Days in May. This is our premier educational event for grade school children. We have schools coming from all over the area. We look forward to being able to show these children a glimpse into pioneer life. I am told that we have had to add some days to the event this year because of high demand.

Harvest Fest will be August 14 and 15 this year. Be sure you have that on your calendar. If Farm Fest is any indication, Harvest Fest should be another big event this year.

For those of you who frequent the Miller Museum in Lafayette you will notice new fencing at the rear of the property. The old fence was in disrepair and our neighbors approached us to help with the costs of replacement. The Board voted to do so and the fence has recently been installed. Otherwise, the Lafayette property requires regular routine maintenance that Gary Coats has been taking care of. There is plenty to do and Gary could use some help. If this is of interest you, please contact Gary or any of the folks at the Lafayette Museum.

I am saddened to tell you that Jack McPhillips passed away on March 21st. Jack touched many lives and was a great supporter of the Historical Society. Billie, his wife, has told me that she intends to bring his ashes to McMinnville for a memorial and celebration of his life sometime this summer. The dates have not been determined at this time.

Steve Leonard
YCHS President
Phone: (503) 472-6908
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Submitted: April 14, 2013

Observations

No flashlight this morning for our walk

A milestone for our morning walk—no flash lights—we’re getting to the warmer, lighter time of year.

The sky was a water color wash of pastel colors.

Spring beauties and woods violets nodded as we passed.

The bracken ferns stretch up like periscopes they check if it’s time to emerge.

As when our walking loop returned long shadows pointed our way back to our rigs.

Enjoy the sunshine—enjoy the spring
Board Meeting Recap ~ April 10, 2013

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.

♦ Activities and Events Committee—Upcoming events are Pioneer Days in May and three days in June, Ice cream social, Harvest Fest August 17 & 18, Treasures in the Attic September 14 & 15. Karen Sitton-Saxberg recommended that the committee review the rental rates of the Heritage Center buildings. She also stressed the need for more volunteers and possible ways to recruit them.

♦ Business Plan Review Committee—Steve Leonard reported that the committee is working on completing a draft of the Ford Grant application.

♦ Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery—Kory Knutz reported that the cemetery will be cleaned up in preparation for Memorial Day. The society will purchase and store herbicide for use at the cemetery site. The committee will put together an improvements proposal for board consideration.

♦ Lafayette Site Committee—Marge Owens reported that help is needed to assist with landscaping. Marge also requested an additional printing of the YCHS brochure.

♦ Heritage Center Committee—Cliff Watts reported that preparations for Farm Fest are proceeding as planned. Cliff is going forward with finalizing a proposal to construct a concrete slab at the front entrance and around the flagpole. Money from the brick fund will be used to fund this project.

♦ Hutchcroft School Committee—The school will be open for viewing at Farm Fest. A discussion was had about the approved budget versus expenditures to date. Expenditures are starting to increase as the project moves into Phase 2, restoration.

President’s Report:
♦ Steve Leonard reported that new software has been purchased for the Lafayette computers. Tom Cattrall will train those who need to utilize the computer. A memorial service for Jack McPhillips will be held sometime this summer. Jack was a major shareholder in the McPhillips farm and was instrumental in the land donation for the Heritage Center. Two display cases are being donated for use at the Heritage Center.

Treasurer’s Report:
♦ Kim Courtin presented the treasurer’s report, which is filed with the committee reports in the record book in Lafayette.

Secretary’s Report:
♦ No report.

Unfinished Business:
♦ Steve initiated discussion relating to the urgent need to recruit a permanent Treasurer. Two members indicated that they may have leads to potential candidates and would make inquiries.

New Business:
♦ Karen Sitton-Saxberg described a produce display unit that her family used at past events and displayed produce grown in the Yamhill Valley. Karen will reconstruct a similar display for future use at the Heritage Center. The issue of having a booth at this year’s county fair was discussed. YCHS would incur a fee to participate. No decision was made. Discussion was tabled.

Respectfully submitted,
John Lewis, Secretary

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Farm Fest 2013—A Great time by all!

Over 1450 people enjoyed a day of plowing and family fun on Saturday, April 13, at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. In addition to 16 teams of draft animals in the plowing competition, many other activities kept guests involved and spending time at the Heritage Center, including:

- Visiting with the teamsters and getting a chance to see the draft animals up close
- Sawmill and Blacksmith displays and demos, including wheel setting and horseshoeing
- 50 antique quilts from the YCHS collection on display, plus quilters and lacemakers
- Kids’ hands-on activities; dressing up and pretending to be on the Oregon Trail as they climbed into the covered wagon, rope making, petting the animals, hitting nails, sitting in the saddle, making a simple wooden toy, and out back plowing in the children’s garden!

- Great food in the Plowman’s Café provided by the Kelchner family and friends.
- Display and exhibits by the Yamhill County Historical Society and others and tours of the Heritage Center facility.

Thanks to everyone for your help in making Farm Fest 2013 such a great success! It takes a lot of people and volunteers to make this event happen, and we appreciate your willingness to help keep our local farm history alive. Harvest Fest will be held on August 17-18 and we are in the midst of planning for a full weekend of activities. If you would like to help, please call (503) 434-0490 or email pwatts@onlinemac.com

Pam & Cliff Watts, Farm and Harvest Fest Chairmen

Plowing Competition Winners

Here are the results from the 47th Annual Oregon Draft Horse Breeder’s Association Plowing Competition. Thank you to all who participated and the family and friends who help us, the spectators who cheer us on and the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center for making us part of their Farm Fest event. It was a glorious day!

- Supreme Plowman – Lise Hubbe
- Best Finish – Duane Van Dyke
- Best In and Out – Duane Van Dyke
- Dan Kintz Award – Jessica Erwert
- Ladies – 1st Suzanne Burkhardt, 2nd Jessica Erwert, 3rd Lise Hubbe
- Novice – 1st Tim Bielenberg, 2nd Chuck Meeuwse, 3rd Derek Noel
- Senior – 1st Neal McCool, 2nd Buzz Altman, 3rd Larry White
- Open Class – 1st Duane Van Dyke, 2nd Jerry Lee, 3rd Don Lee
- Junior Class – 1st Tucker Courtney

Michelle Blumenthal
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### Event Locations
- May 8 — Board Meeting — Lafayette Museum
- May 14 — General Meeting — YCHS HERITAGE CENTER, Hwy 18 & Durham Lane, McMinnville

### Upcoming Events
- June 12 — Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- July 2013 — TBA Ice Cream Social and Summer Picnic
- July 10 — Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- August 14 — Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- August 17-18 — Harvest Fest
- September 11 — Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- September 14-15 — Treasures in the Attic

### Stick Horses

Before the age of electronics and digital images, children used their imaginations for their play. Often they entertained themselves galloping on stick horses. Red willow bough became a sorrel bronco, a peeled branch a buckskin; a limb with chipped bark could produce a pinto. Add a halter created from baling twine and young buckaroos were ready to ride.

For Dale’s second Christmas, I constructed a fancy stick horse from a broom handle and a stuffed stocking. I embroidered eyes and created a mane of yarn.

Dale wasn’t a pretend kid. He insisted my creation was a dust mop and never would mount his fancy steed.

Time he was three; Dale had his own real hammer, shovel and saw. He never asked for or used a real dust mop.

*Nancy Thornton*
Appraisal Fair

SEPTEMBER 14-15

Treasures

In the Attic

♦ Appraisals ($5 donation per item, limit 3 items per person)
♦ Treasure Chest of Treasures

What’s hiding in your Attic?

The “Bike” Continued...

received a tag which, the law decreed, “must be securely fastened to the seat post of each and every bicycle.”

Any untagged rider caught on the pathway or riding without the tag on the stern post after April 1 was to have a warrant issued against him with which the sheriff would seize the bicycle and sell it for the amount of the tax, and costs. The “object and intent” of the law, the legislature said, was “to provide for a highway separate from that used by teams and horsemen.”

So, that statute of 1901 was the precedent for and the granddad of the present system of automotive licenses, gasoline taxes, fines and penalties which were established a decade later and dedicated to the task of constructing the highway system of the state.

And, since 1920, by command of the legislature, the state highway commission has apportioned a total of $62,771,101 of the highway funds among the 36 counties for use in county road construction to be expanded under the supervision of the various county courts and commissions.

This diversion has relieved the annual county road tax of up to 10 mills on the dollar on country property in direct proportion to the local allocations. Also it has decreased the funds available to the highway commission for use on main line state highways by the same amount of $62,771,101 during the 1920-1949 period.

Author Unknown
The Hutchcroft School, built in 1877, is one of the very few one-room schoolhouses remaining in near-original condition in Yamhill County.

After 59 years of dedicated service, the one-room schoolhouse was forced to close its doors and it sat empty for nearly 77 years. The school beckoned to be once again filled with students. In early 2012, Raymond Whitlow donated the schoolhouse to the Yamhill County Historical Society in hopes that the deteriorating building could be restored to its former glory. By September 2012, the newly formed Hutchcroft School Committee had raised enough funds to have the school raised and moved. On October 21, 2012, the school was moved to its current location at the YCHS Heritage Center on Hwy 18 and Durham Lane. Once set upon its new foundation, significant efforts began to prepare the school for restoration. The building needed to be made weather tight for winter. A complete new roof, shingles and a new floor were needed.

While our desire to advance the restoration project has remained steadfast, further funding is needed to realize our vision and to allow the Hutchcroft School to live again. This one-room schoolhouse is a key piece to the YCHS realizing its education mission. Will you help the YCHS to Protect, Preserve and Share the history of Yamhill County by donating to the Hutchcroft School Restoration Project? 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.

Should you wish to help, please fill out this donation form and mail it to the Yamhill County Historical Society. Comments and questions may be directed to the committee email address Hutchcroftschool@gmail.com or you may call one of the listed committee members. Shirley Venhaus (503) 434-0567, Cynthia Christensen (503) 421-5303, or Steve Leonard (503) 560-2676

Hutchcroft School Restoration Committee
Membership Categories

□ 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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I would prefer to receive the YCHS newsletter via:  □ Email  □ Postal Mail

□ Please check 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