Our Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society

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.

Newsletter Distribution Update:
The WestSide is now a bi-monthly newsletter distributed each September, November, January, March, May and July.

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Our Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck to be held at 12:30pm Sunday December 15th, 2019 at the Heritage Center

Upcoming Events for your Calendar

VETERANS’ DAY SPECIAL EXHIBITS
Fri and Sat, Nov 8th, 9th
10am-4pm

HANDMADE HOLIDAYS BAZAAR
December 7th, 8th
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 12-4pm

YCHS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND POTLUCK
Sunday December 15th
12:30 - 2pm

YCHS ELECTIONS
Ballot Mailing
November 1, 2019
Ballots Due December 1, 2019

All events take place at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center Museum
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon, 97128
unless otherwise indicated
(at the intersection of Hwy18 and Durham Lane)

Sunday afternoon, December 15, will be this year’s date for our Annual Yamhill County Historical Society General Membership Meeting.
The Annual Meeting is a great time to catch up with your fellow members and share highlights from your year with the YCHS and share stories with friends. We’ll hear 2019 reports from our Directors and committee leaders, and we’ll look to the future and how to best carry out our mission statement.

And it gets even better. The Annual Meeting is a potluck event so bring your best dish; casserole, salad, dessert or all of the above. We’ll start with a welcome, renew some old friendships and then enjoy the bounty of Yamhill County at our potluck buffet table.

This year’s meeting date coincides with the Monthly Joe and Janet Live Music event for December. Lucky us, our own Joe Justin and Janet Kay are playing at 2pm directly after the meeting. Admission to the show is $7.00 and we hope you’ll all join us.
Some of our favorite activities and events coming your way...

**Handmade Holiday Bazaar Returns to the Heritage Center in December**
**A Historical Society Holiday Tradition**

This YCHS member doesn’t have to stress about Christmas shopping during this busy holiday season. Our annual Handmade Holiday Bazaar takes care of everything one needs for a joyous and carefree Christmas. Our Bazaar vendors make and sell such an interesting variety of quality goods that one can easily check off their entire shopping list in just one day. If it’s the Christmas Spirit you’re looking for, our Heritage Center will be filled to the brim with holiday tidings. After shopping, sit down and have a meal from the Kelchner Kitchen, and enjoy some music and a few treats from the Sweet Shoppe. Also, this is your last chance to buy raffle tickets for the Gone to Pieces Handmade Quilt. There is a silent auction each year and you’ll want to bid on these beautiful items that will make great gifts and support your Historical Society at the same time. To end the day, and my personal favorite, spend some time viewing historical exhibits and displays or sitting on a bench visiting with ALL your Yamhill County friends and neighbors. We’ll see you December 7th and 8th and Merry Christmas from all of us.
Visit our new Website for a full color Calendar of Events page yamhillcountyhistory.org

You’re Invited...

to tour our

SPECIAL
VETERANS’ DAY DISPLAY!

WHEN
November 8th & 9th / 10 am-4 pm

WHERE
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
11275 SW Durham Ln. McMinnville, OR 97128

Local Veterans Memorabilia
Antique Vehicles and Agricultural Machine Display

Special performance by the Old Time Fiddlers on Saturday from 1-3pm
★ Free Lunch for Veterans on Saturday from 11am-2pm ★
others are welcome to purchase lunch for $6 (include hamburger, chips and a drink)
— Open to the public —
FREE Admission — FREE Parking
(donations gratefully accepted)

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2020 Events
Yamhill County Historical Society

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February 8, Saturday 10am-4pm
OREGON’S BIRTHDAY
Celebrate with us!

April 4, Saturday 10am-4pm
FARM FEST & PLOWING COMPETITION
Largest plowing competition on the West Coast with 20+ teams of draft horses & mules. Blacksmith, sawmill, farm demos, food, music, pioneer kids’ activities, vendors & more
$8 adults - free for kids under 12

June 20, Saturday 8am-2pm
HAY DAY & PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Haying demos with animals & antique equipment, old-time games, & pancake breakfast (available for purchase).

August 15-16, 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 12, Saturday
VINTAGE BASE BALL
Cheer on the local McMinnville Griswells as they play an exhibition vintage baseball game, using rules from the 1800’s.
Free - donations gladly accepted

September 19, Saturday, 10am-5pm
TREASURES IN THE ATTIC
Quilt Show and Vintage Fair
120+ quilts on display, vintage & collectible vendors, antique displays, food & more
$5 admission

October 31, Saturday, 5-8 pm
A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
Halloween themed tour of the museum with activities. For all ages (children need to be accompanied by adults)
$5 per vehicle

December 5-6, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 11-4pm
HANDBEADED HOLIDAYS BAZAAR
50+ vendors, local artists, silent auction, & food
Food drive for YCAP
Free - donations gladly accepted

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
YamhillCountyHistory.org
Yamhill County Historical Society
2020 Board Candidate Biographies

This November, the YCHS will hold the annual election for the Board of Directors. There are four Board Member candidates that have been nominated for election or re-election for the term 2020-2022. Each YCHS member will receive an election ballot in the mail in November. This ballot will need to be returned by mail on or before December 1, 2019.

Stan Primozich

Vietnam Veteran 64,65,66, 10 years District management JC Penney Co.,
Owned two small businesses a Men’s Clothing Store, and Tiffany’s Old Fashion Ice Cream Parlor and Chili Emporium, 35 years as a financial planner for Prudential Insurance Company of America.
Spent 24 years on the School Board for McMinnville School District #40
Spent 4 years on the Oregon School Board Association Board of Directors
4 years as Yamhill County Commissioner,
4 years Mid-Willamette Valley Counsel of Governments, 3 years on Executive Board, 1 year vice-chair.
2 years as Co-Chair of the Association of Oregon Counties Veterans Committee
2 years as Vice Chair of the National Association of Counties Veterans Committee
5 years on the Parkway Committee working on completion of the Newberg/Dundee Bypass, still serving
Currently serving on the following boards: Yamhelas Westsider Trail Board, Chehelam Valley Innovation/Accelerator Board, Yamhill County Historical Society, Parkway Committee
Recently asked to serve on the Yamhill County Fair Board which I will start in October.
(Stan was appointed to the Board in 2019 filling a vacancy; this will be his first elected term.)

Roy Carter

My name is Roy Carter. I was born in McMinnville, and have lived in the area my entire life. I graduated from McMinnville High School, then went on to earn a bachelors degree from Western Oregon University. While going to college I began working for the City of McMinnville Public works Dept. Over twenty years later I am still employed with the city, currently as a Waste Water Services Facilities Mechanic. My wife Angela and I live near McMinnville, and have three wonderful boys at home.

My father instilled a love of history, science, nature, and learning in general. As a child trips to museums, historical sites, and the back roads of Oregon were common vacation stops and at times destinations. My bachelor’s degree in Social Science, focusing in geography, geology, anthropology, and earth science was an easy choice to make. Those years learning about the history of the world, its people, and how they are connected were wonderful. I now look forward to the opportunity to learn more about local history and serve a group preserving and passing on knowledge of the place I call home. (Roy is our YCHS Merchandise Committee Chair and this will be his second term if elected.)

Arlen Pounds

Arlen was born in McMinnville (approximately where the Walgreens health and beauty aids aisle is now), graduated from Mac High, and received degrees from Northwest Christian College and the University of Oregon. His family’s roots go back to the 1880’s when his maternal great grandparents homesteaded near Bellevue. The fountain situated in the McMinnville City Park was donated to the city by Arlen’s great uncle Fred Soper in memory of Fred’s brother George. After living in Southern California for sixteen years, Arlen and his wife Sherry moved back to McMinnville in 2007. We appreciate the care that was taken in our absence to make this such a great place to live. Arlen is a realtor with Sundance Realty. (This will be his first term if elected.)

Lissa Wadewitz

After growing up in Portland, OR, I attended Pomona College, in southern California, where I majored in Asian Studies (Japanese history/Japanese language). Following graduation, I taught English on the JET program in a small town in rural Hokkaido, Japan for two years. After leaving Japan, I was fortunate enough to be able to spend almost a year traveling through southeastern Asia. These years changed my life. I returned to the United States and worked in the non-profit world for two years before returning to school for a higher degree in U.S. history. I received my Ph.D. from UCLA in 2004 and then spent a year as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Canada. In 2005 I was fortunate enough to receive a two-year post-doctoral fellow position with Stanford University’s Bill Lane Center for the North American West. I was then hired by the Linfield College History Department as an assistant professor in 2007. I teach courses on the history of the U.S. West, U.S. environmental history, and Native American history.

As a native westerner and outdoor enthusiast, I was thrilled to land a job in the Pacific Northwest and have been captivated by McMinnville’s charms since my husband, Tom, and I moved to town four years ago. As I am now Chair of the Linfield College History Department, I am excited about building connections between the college and the broader community. Serving on the board of the YCHS would be a welcome opportunity toward that end and I look forward to learning more about the YCHS and its wonderful programs.
September 14, 2019 Board Meeting abbreviated minutes
All present save Druckenmiller, Watts, Primozich. Guests: Tony Meeker
Call to order: President Charles H. called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm
Committee Reports:
 - A & E committee: Harvest Fest is this coming weekend, Vintage Baseball, and Treasures in the Attic are the next two events. A 2020 planning meeting will be on 8-21-19 at the H.C. all are welcome to attend.
   Pam Watts will chair the A&E committee effective January 2020.
 - Media Committee: meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:15 pm every month at the H.C. Jack M. would like to freshen up the website with new photos/information- please get them to him.
   --Election Committee: Up for re-election are Michael H., Roy C., and Stan P. Sarah M. will be leaving the Board creating a vacancy.
Motion-
Roy C. moved and Sarah M. seconded to allow the Merchandising Committee to start a contest for a new t-shirt design, and the winning prize is $100 and a t-shirt. Passed. Unanimous
Treasurer’s Report: The taxes have been completed by Bernards and Associates, everything went well and looks ok. Todd H. spoke to the accountant about putting some funds into a Board restricted fund, she did not think there would be any benefit to doing this.
Motion- Todd H. moved and Jack M. seconded to approve the taxes. Passed. Unanimous.
 - Tony M. updated on the berm along Hwy 18, and entrance. It will be done in phases-phase 1 will be construction of the entrance kiosk, phase 2 an electric gate and concrete apron at the entrance. The kiosk will be a post and beam construction, it will be paid for with donated funds, and left over grant money from the ADA sidewalk project. Last year all of the light bulbs had been changed out to LED bulbs, resulting in a tremendous savings on power. The only bulbs that were not changed were the 29 bulbs in the Heritage Hall. The company that installs them would like to change them out also with LED at $3 per bulb, and would like 10 family memberships in exchange for the installation labor.
Motion-
Sarah M. moved and Jack M. seconded to approve phase 1 of the entrance kiosk construction project.
Passed. Unanimous
Motion-
Jack M. moved and Todd H. seconded to change out 29 bulbs at $3 each plus 10 family memberships in exchange for labor. Passed. Unanimous
Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

October 9, 2019 Board Meeting abbreviated minutes
All present save Watts. Guests: Raylinda Price, Tony Meeker, Arlen Pounds, Lissa Wadewitz, Angela Carter
Call to order: President Charles H. called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm
Committee Reports:
 - Lafayette Operations: There is a need for more volunteers at Lafayette. Chuck and Sharon Rogers have resigned as volunteers at Lafayette. Lafayette will be closed until a volunteer staff can be found.
 - Heritage Center Operations: Very busy with events, setting up and tearing down.
 - Activities and Events: Night at the Museum is coming up and volunteers are needed to help man the exhibits. Veteran’s Day is being planned and they are open to ideas for displays etc.
 - Rentals: Getting the calendar set up for 2020, resetting contracts for ongoing rentals for 2020.
 - Media Committee: Jack M. will get biographies of all of the Board members on the website soon. They plan to start doing social media giveaways this month.
 - Merchandising Committee: A new Merchantile Policy has been drafted to give more control to the Committee, such as pricing and inventory control. Several shirt designs have also been drafted, and pricing is being gathered. A pre-order for volunteers and members will be going out via email.
 - Accessions and Restorations: Decorative bars were installed on a small window in the Blacksmith’s shop for security and to show off their work.
 - Volunteer Committee: The Annual Meeting will be December 15th, 2019.
Motion - Roy C. moved and Sarah M. seconded that the Merchandise Committee may discount excess inventory at their discretion. Passed—Unanimous
New Business:
 - H.C. Operations Committee has been discussing a no smoking or vaping policy on YCHS property as a courtesy to others and for fire danger.
 - Motion - Stan P. moved and Todd H. seconded to allow smoking and vaping in designated areas only. Sarah M. moved and Todd H. seconded to amend motion to allow committees to designate their own areas. Unanimous on both
Entered Executive Session at 6:16 pm Executive session ended at 6:42 pm
Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm
Volunteer Salute!

Thank you, Gloria Lutz!

(Submitted by Carolyn Stastny)

In 1992, the Oregon Tourism Division sent out a challenge to all county governments to come up with a unique way for each county to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the Oregon Trail. At that time Gloria Lutz and Elaine Craig were co-chairs of a committee formed by the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce to fulfill that request. $5000 was received from the Tourism Division using lottery funds as well as funds from the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners and private donations. Larry Barnhill of Newberg agreed to do the needed restoration of a covered wagon, the running gear having been purchased from the Singletarys for $600. At its completion, the wagon began making regular trips to the schools of Yamhill County, being transported on an open flatbed trailer pulled by a pickup truck. From November, 1992 to October, 1993, the wagon visited some 30 schools and participated in 15 community events. Jim Lockett was frequently behind the wheel of the pickup pulling the trailer. The covered wagon was initially housed in the building that would eventually become Golden Valley Brew Pub, the space being donated by the Bladines. It was later housed in a specially built building on the Yamhill County Fairgrounds and was the responsibility of the Willamette Educational Service District.

In 2005, plans were solidified to build the first phase of the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center and the wagon was donated to the museum by the Willamette ESD. Gloria wrote a grant to have a special covered trailer built to accommodate the wagon, and as the museum buildings were completed, Chuck Kadell suggested that instead of taking the wagon to the schools, let’s bring the students to the wagon.

During 2007 and 2008, the Education Committee was formed and Gloria developed a Pioneer Days curriculum for fourth grade that would encompass much more than just being involved with the covered wagon. The first class to be involved - a fourth grade class from the Seventh Day Adventist School - came to the museum in October of 2008. The following May saw many more schools involved with Gloria doing the scheduling, the volunteer recruiting as well as the supervising of the students as they passed from station to station. Each fall, additional activities would be tried with smaller groups, and if successful, the May sessions would be modified. Every year saw more and more additions to the curriculum until we have what we are working with today. However, the curriculum is a constantly changing thing, always looking for improvements.

When Gloria decided she wanted to have time to do other things, 3 people were recruited to do the jobs she had previously done by herself - scheduling (Terry Nelson), recruiting (Carolyn Stastny) and “crowd control” during the Pioneer Days sessions (Judy Turner).

Gloria Lutz and her vision of fourth graders actually living in the 1880s for a day has resulted in thousands of students enjoying this authentic experience. Her ideas of hands-on activities rather than only textbook studies have cemented in the minds of these students what life was like in the day. All anyone needs to do is visit the site for a day to see how much learning takes place and what an impact this experience has on 21st century children. Many thanks are due to Gloria for her hundreds of hours to make this dream come true.

Editors note: Gloria has spent hours and hours, days and days, years and years as our Heritage Center Landscaping Coordinator. She has recently left this post but leaves behind the beauty that is our Heritage Center grounds; a landscape filled with indigenous foliage of great importance within our Yamhill County History and Heritage. Alas, that’s for another story, in another newsletter. Gloria has done too much work to fit into a single publication.
Yet another great Treasures in the Attic event was held at the Heritage Center September 21. We welcomed back our vendors, volunteers and especially our guests and our Yamhill County friends and neighbors. Treasures in the Attic is a great precursor to our upcoming Holiday schedule and this year’s event did not disappoint. Reviewing our 2019 Treasures leaves us with a high expectations for fabulous holidays at the Heritage Center.

Over 425 people attended, including vendors, musicians, and volunteers. 125 beautiful, hand-made quilts were on display by Gone to Pieces, Coastal Hills and Piecemakers quilt groups, plus 25 antique crazy quilts from the Yamhill County Historical Society quilt collection ranging in age from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s.

Special thanks to Carroll Nigg, Brian Landry, and Barbara Pehrson; antique dealers who volunteered their time and expertise to help guests identify their treasures; and thank you to our vendors who provided unique shopping opportunities. Thanks again to our presenters and musicians, Donna Hulett, Rachel Greco and the Old Time Fiddlers; and finally to our volunteers, YCHS members, and Treasures in the Attic Committee for making it all a great success! Below are a few words from a few of our Treasures Volunteers:

Raylinda and Aemelia Price
When asked what she likes the most about volunteering for the Treasures in the Attic admission booth, Aemelia immediately and with full confidence said “the food!” We agree, the Kechners run our mess hall and they are GOOD, and our Sweet Shoppe volunteers with their homemade cookies and pastries are always my first stop. Next on Aemelia’s list of favorites was “I like being a part of Yamhill County History”. We love hearing this from our youth and it’s the reason we do what we do. Thanks Aemelia!

Carol Williams and Steve VanDuyn
Carol Williams is our Ye Olde Mercantile volunteer and sells our YCHS shirts, hats, mugs and blacksmith wares at each and every event. Steve, worked the mercantile and had his own Treasures booth set up on the side. So great to have these two with us. Carol and Steve tell me that the highlight of events for them are “the people and what we learn from one another about our Yamhill County History. And, oh yeah, it’s just fun.”

Kathleen Bennett
Kathleen is a long time member of the Gone To Pieces Quilt Guild and their future Guild president. She’s very active in her community and a valued YCHS Dayton ambassador. Kathleen tells us that “YCHS provides the Guild a great place to meet in the Heritage Center, and she loves being a part of her women’s group and teaching this craft to others.” We love having you at the Heritage Center too Kathleen.

Susan West, Gail Norby, and Sally Eagleman
These three folks, all members of the Gone To Pieces Guild, seemed to be having more fun than any table we visited. Makes sense; Sally says “I like the social aspect of the Guild. I get to quilt for others and I get to see what others have made, and we all learn a thing or two.” These three not only help the YCHS carry out its mission. The guild also makes bags for the Give a Little Foundation and Charity Quilts for both Henderson’s and Julliette’s House. Thanks team.
September 14th provided us with another beautiful day at the Heritage Center for our 5th Annual Vintage Baseball Game. Per usual, the crowd of cranks (spectators) were treated to a day in the life of 1866 Yamhill County. Although the scoreboard may not have recorded a win this year, we all had a hoot and carried out our YCHS mission. We’re looking forward to next year and introducing our new farm team The St. Joseph’s Diamond Pushers, a club that will give you more opportunities to get involved if you’d like to join in the fun. Thanks to Blaise “Frieght Train” Lamphier of the Portland Pioneers, our Announcer Kris Sluggo Zirkel, our Arbitor Mark Hawley, Photographer Chuck Hillestad, the Kelchner Kitchen, Joyce Anderson, Chad Mellinger and Teri Gunn our peanuts and popcorn team, the Wednesday HC crew, and of course all of our YCHS fans!

Learn more about YOUR McMinnville Gristmillers, with an email to the Captain at volunteercoordinator@yamhillcountyhistory.org or "like" our McMinnville Gristmiller Vintage Base Ball Club Facebook page for updates. Also see Portland Pioneers on FB.

Our McMinnville Gristmiller Vintage Base Ball Club; Another Grand Year In the Old Oat Field

Ike Bay Presents Blacksmithing History at our October General Meeting

Our own Blacksmith Shop Lead Instructor, Ike Bay, gave us a thorough education on the life a blacksmith and the tools of the trade at our October General Membership Meeting at the Heritage Center. Our YCHS Blacksmith shop construction started in 2009 and we now has 4 anvils and 2 forges running most Saturday afternoons. Some of these tools donated and picked up long ago by members like Shirley Venhaus; some tools were very recently donated by Agnes Chegwyn and Family. We thank them, and all the others that helped make the Blacksmith shop a centerpiece of our events.

Ike likes to get his metal heated up to the consistency of peanut butter before he works it. He wants the coals at about 2000 degrees but doesn’t know the exact temperature because a good Smith judges the correct heat by the color of the flame not a thermometer. This is how he can make “16 penny nails”, so named because one could get 16 nails for 1 cent long ago.

Our instructor tells us that anyone may be able to Blacksmith as long as they have good coordination, and eye for geometric shapes and maybe most importantly, skills with a hammer and tongs.

This was a foundational trade that helped shape the west and our own Yamhill County. Come share in our History and Heritage with Ike and the whole crew.
Yamhill County Historical Work Sometimes Goes Unseen, but Never Unappreciated

Congratulations Donna Hulett for winning the Marilyn Worrix Cultural Asset Award from the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition. Donna was honored as one of Yamhill County's premier cultural assets.

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Donna Hulett– your 2019 Worrix Cultural Asset Award Honoree

One of our volunteer blacksmiths Gary Johnson, donated an ornate wrought iron gate that would secure the new blacksmith window. Plus he has donated lots of materials for the blacksmith students to use. Seen here with Dale Turner on the right installing the new iron. Thank you Gary Johnson.

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Kayla Bird and the Mac Dance Team celebrating Handmade Holidays 2017 with our guests at the Heritage Center.

IT Coordinator and Photography Project Manager Tom Cattrall getting in to the Holiday Spirit during Handmade Holidays 2018

Board member Jack Maxwell III laying out baselines by hand for our Vintage Base Ball game. Back breaking but authentic.

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Welcome to our newest members since our last newsletter... a warm “howdy” to you all.

Robert Adams, Kathy DeRaeve, Helen Kennedy, Sue Vergara

Membership questions or comments: Contact our Membership Coordinator Pam Watts at membership@yamhillcountyhistory.org

YCHS Membership Services now available online

Thanks to our new Website Administrator Jack Maxwell III, your Historical Society now has a brand new, active and live, YCHS website. This site can process your membership renewal and sign on your family and friends as new members of our Society. It’s easy and it took only a few minutes to renew for 2019. **Bonus: Sign on as a new YCHS member today and your 2020 membership benefits begin immediately and run through December 31, 2020 so sign up today!**

[https://yamhillcountyhistory.org/about-us/join-today/](https://yamhillcountyhistory.org/about-us/join-today/)

Looking for a place to meet? We’ve got the place for you!

The Yamhill Valley Heritage Center is much more than an Agricultural History Museum. During 2019 the Heritage Center has hosted an amazing array of groups, organizations and individuals who continue to take advantage of our Event Venues and Rental Facilities. Here are several of the groups we have worked with this year:

- Bahai Faith History Class
- Car Club tours
- Dog Training sponsored by Doglandia Training, LLC.
- Gone to Pieces Quilt Guild
- McMinnville Chamber of Commerce Greeters
- McMinnville Garden Club
- McMinnville Newcomers Club
- MV Advancement Board
- National Association of Canine Scent Work Trials
- Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Association
- Oregon Forage and Grassland Council
- Sheridan Japanese School
- Yamhill County Community Emergency Response Team
- Yamhill County Soil and Water Native Plant Sale

We also host retirement parties, Christmas parties, reunions, memorial receptions, birthday’s, and baby showers.

If you are looking for a space for your next meeting, event, family gathering, contact us:

Email: Events@YamhillCountyHistory.org or Call: 503-472-2842 for more information and check available dates.

“We have only had 2 governors from Yamhill County. Most of us remember Barbara Roberts, but most of us haven’t heard of George L. Woods.” Submitted by Nancy Thornton

**GEORGE LEMUEL WOODS**

George L. Woods was born July 13, 1832 in Boone County Missouri. When he was 15, he came to Oregon with is parents—Caleb and Margaret McBride Woods, his brothers--Thomas and James—, Margaret's father Thomas McBride and several of their Bedwell and Davis cousins.( Thomas was a first cousin to President Andrew Jackson. Their mothers were sisters.) Caleb and his family took up a donation land claim west of Yamhill. George attended school with his McBride and Shelton neighbors. He continued his education at McMinnville College. He had a land claim in Moores Valley. Besides farming, he studied law and passed the bar in 1858.

In 1853, he married his cousin Louisa— Dr. James McBride's daughter.
In 1863, George was a judge in Wasco County.
In 1865, he was appointed to serve on the Idaho Territory Supreme Court. He became Oregon’s third governor in 1866 and served one term.
In 1871, he was appointed governor of the Territory of Utah.
George died January 7, 1890 (at age 57) He is buried at River View Cemetery in Portland Oregon.
Dear Members,

THANK YOU for being a Yamhill County Historical Society Member! Your contribution to YCHS 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.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Members receive The West Side newsletter, admission to the Lafayette Museum and Library, access to genealogical and historical files, admission to the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center and programs, and 10% off photo orders. The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31.

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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 is the Miller Log Cabin which houses 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.