Bring Your Vanished Items from 1957

Do you have a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Coupe? Or maybe a 1957 Rambler, Studebaker or Nash? How about 1957 toys, advertising, calendars, campaign buttons, movie posters, or other collectibles? We are putting together a special display for our 60th Anniversary of items that were made in or specifically related to the year 1957. So many things happened in that year besides the creation of the Yamhill County Historical Society and we would like to display it all. WE WANT YOU to lend us your 1957 memorabilia!

If you have items you would like to loan to the society for this one-day-only 1957 display, please contact Charles Hillestad at president@yamhillcountyhistory.org.
Letter from the President

A very loud Huzzah is in order for our Society Vice President Dave Rucker. Not only did he create our now annual Vintage Baseball event out of whole cloth and still inspires its operation, he organized the team and pitched it to victory three years in a row as chief “hurler”. He presented a striking figure on the mound in the new team uniform. The latest win against the Portland Pioneers experienced a wipeout. I believe the score was 31 to 11 in favor of our Gristmiller. Eleven runs were scored by our team in the first inning alone.

Applause is also due for all the volunteers Dave found who either trained to be the team playing under 1860s game rules or to be the arbiter [translation: umpire] and explain all the old fangled terms like “crank,” “daisy cutter,” “aces” and “hurler” to the crowd. Applause is also deserved for the rest of the volunteers who served at the food and merchandise tents, not to mention serving admirably providing the orderly parking assistance and helping the crew who set up and cleaned up everything. Special thanks are due to broadcaster Steve Cox for announcing the game using the old fashioned language and to County Commissioner Rick Olson for throwing out the first pitch.

According to all the spectators I spoke to, a fine time, hot popcorn and root beer floats were had by all. Speaking of popcorn, apparently even though they were free, the bags given out raised over one hundred dollars in donations. Now that’s salesmanship.

A similar chorus of thanks is needed for Chairperson Sarah Miller, Pam Watts, Raylinda Price and all the rest of the Activities and Events Committee who put on a great Harvest Fest, our biggest event of the year. The well organized affair attracted a good crowd despite the heat, the air pollution from all the fires and the uncertainty due to the total eclipse. There was an astonishing number of things going on during the event to keep it interesting for kids and adults alike.

We should be getting bigger crowds for the event starting next year. The Society board has approved proceeding immediately with construction of the electronic signage for the Heritage Center out along Hwy 18. The big electronic screens will be mounted on a working replica of a farm windmill. With luck, we might have it functional before the end of the year. It should make a big difference on attendance at events and, hopefully as a result, enhance our revenues once operational.

Coming up as our next big event is the 60th Anniversary Celebration for our Society. If you have a 1957 auto you could bring to the event or know someone you could persuade to bring one from that year, we would be delighted to showcase it that day. Other things prominent in 1957 that have disappeared from general circulation would be welcome to bring along as well.

Don’t forget to take a look at all the new merchandise we are offering with the Society logo on them. Tami Spears, our Merchandise Chairperson, did a great job selecting items. Buy them, wear them with pride and volunteer to help out as a volunteer. We need volunteers at all levels from helping direct traffic, to fixing or restoring our antique farming equipment to being a docent, to running for the Board of Directors. Two slots are going to be open for the coming term. Elections are coming up this Fall. If you have interest in running, contact the elections Committee which includes our Secretary Alex and our Vice President Dave or me. You can find our respective email addresses to the left of this article.

And finally, the Blacksmith shop will be giving lessons. It could be fun learning a new trade. Watch our newsletter for announcements or contact Dale Turner, the Blacksmith Shop Committee Chairman, at jswdt@frontier.com or stop by the Heritage Center on the third Saturday of every month.
Board Meeting Recap ~ September 13, 2017

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 and Events—Pam Watts reported that we will provide light refreshments at the 60th Anniversary in lieu of a potluck. Kory Knutz will be the guest speaker.

♦ Education Committee—Cynthia Christensen requested an increase to the fee per student price for 2018-2019 Pioneer Days. Terry Nelson will be stepping down as the scheduling coordinator. The Board approved Raylinda Price taking over the scheduling and will add it to her job description/tasks.

♦ Heritage Center Operations—Cliff Watts reported that foundation work for the new windmill sign has been started. Siding will be added to the new equipment storage building as volunteer time permits. In October, McMinnville Water and Light will announce a new rebate program for energy efficiency upgrades and the lighting at the Heritage Center may be changed to LED bulbs. The payback will take approximately three years and will help cover the increased usage at all our large events.

♦ Lafayette Operations—Todd Holt reported that he has been working with the City of Lafayette to get the exposed drainage pipe corrected. The city is working on a plan for street improvement to include new paving and sidewalks in the area. Parking concerns will be addressed with the City.

♦ Merchandise Committee—Tami Spears reported that sales at both Harvest Fest and Vintage Baseball game were a huge success with over double the projected sales. The committee has decided to have a booth at only 5 major events, Farm and Harvest Fest, Vintage Baseball game, Handmade Holiday and the December Annual General Meeting until more volunteers can be trained to process sales.

President’s Report:
♦ Charles applauded the Vintage Baseball event for the authenticity and great turnout. He suggested that the committee request a budget for team uniforms. Shade for the events is a short commodity and either a permanent or temporary structure should be considered.

Treasurer’s Report:
♦ Todd Holt provided the treasurer’s report which is on file in the record book in Lafayette. Harvest Fest netted approximately $8200, final numbers are still coming in. The discounted half-priced membership needs to be looked at, and more communication needs to be made on how it works. Donations in memory of Vince Haworth and Joyce Martin have come in and will help pay for Vince’s last project, the ADA access to the meeting room.

Event & Rentals Coordinator Report:
♦ Raylinda Price reported that Harvest Fest saw 1357 people attend this year, which was very close to last year’s attendance. Net income was approximately $11000. The increased admission price went over well. There has been an increase in new rental requests.

Unfinished Business:
♦ Funding to purchase the digital copies of past General Meetings made by MCM was approved. The Media Committee will create an annual budget request to purchase future copies of the meetings.

♦ Poling Church—Cynthia reported on the engineering report. It details the scope of the needed repairs to make the building structurally safe. It does not include the cost of a fire system, wiring, plumbing, etc. The initial structural project would be a two to three year project.

♦ Updated Rental agreement was discussed. 10% off membership rentals was removed. 10% discount to non-profits for rentals was kept. Raylinda was given the general authority as Events & Rentals Coordinator to approve rentals, subject to the policies established by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Botten, Secretary
Submitted September 15, 2017

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Activities and Events:
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Blacksmith Shop:
Dale Turner
Budget:
Todd Holt
Business Plan & Grant Review:
Steve Leonard
Education Committee:
Cynthia Christensen
Farm/Harvest Fest:
Cliff and Pam Watts
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Century Farms

At the annual awards ceremony at the Oregon State Fair, families from across the state received recognition for operating as Century or Sesquicentennial (150-year) Farm or Ranch.

Nineteen farms and ranches from ten different counties were honored this year as Century Farms or Ranches and one farm from Clackamas County reached Sesquicentennial status, bringing the total number of Oregon Century Farms and Ranches to 1,200 and Sesquicentennial to 39.

Yamhill County is very lucky to include two new Century Farms. Shady Brook Farm—Tom & Lona Bunn out of Lafayette and Cattrall Brothers Vineyard—William and Thomas Cattrall out of Amity.

The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program began in 1958 to honor farm and ranch families with century-long connections to the land. To qualify for a century or sesquicentennial award, interested families must follow a formal application process. Members of the Application Review Committee review each application against the qualifications, which include continuous family operation of the farm or ranch; a gross income from farm use of not less than $1,000 per year for at least three years out of five prior to application; and family members must live on or actively manage the farm or ranch activities. Application documentation may include photos, original deeds, personal stories, or other historic records. These records help support Oregon’s agricultural history by providing valuable information about settlement patterns or statistics on livestock and crop cycles. All documents are archived for public access.

Award winners receive a certificate signed by the Governor and Director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Historic roadside signs are imprinted with the founder’s name and the year the ranch or farm was established.

Inside the Lafayette Research Library

If you are interested in history, especially Oregon or Yamhill County, the Research Library at our Lafayette site is the place for you. There are shelves and shelves of books regarding Oregon History, pioneer adventures across the Oregon Trail and the early lives of some of our founders. If you are going on a historical day or weekend “field trip” around the state we probably have the books and resources to help you with your plans. There is information regarding ghost towns, railroads, Native American life, geology, and other county information is available also.

We have notebooks of notorious murders and even old jail rosters. Other notebooks include pictures of people and places of Yamhill County, and early Yamhill County census data.

The file cabinets that line the walls contain cemetery information, death certificates, obituaries, and some old school records. Each community, past and present, has files regarding their histories, and current or past issues and events. We regularly pull current articles and obituaries from three different regional newspapers (News Register, Statesman Journal, and Newberg Graphic). Many families have files regarding their histories which could include photos, diaries, news articles and scrapbooks or books published by the families. Please check out our research library listings on our web site. It is pretty complete.

We are not a lending library so come and plan to spend some time with us. Our volunteers are knowledgeable and can help you through your journey of exploration of the state or county’s past or your own search of family history. You may find that you won’t want to leave or need to come back again and again. So if you find that you can’t keep yourself away, please consider being a volunteer at our Lafayette site. Volunteers are needed to help with research and to accompany visitors over to the Historic Poling church. Our busiest days are usually Fridays and Saturdays. Wednesdays are quiet so it’s a good time to work on special projects, yours or ours.

So if you like to hang out with like minded people, meet local and out of town visitors or just want to get out of the local hum drum of your life, please come visit and volunteer with us. We would really like someone who could commit to a day or two a week in Lafayette.

The Lafayette site is open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 AM to 4 PM unless there is a holiday or other major YCHS event. Come check out our facility and talk to us if you are interested in volunteering and becoming part of our team.

Susan Reed
Lafayette Research Library Volunteer

REMINDER...

As we begin our newsletter mailings again, PLEASE remember to let me know if you have moved or if you are going to be away on vacation. We had several newsletters returned to us with new mailing addresses, and it costs us more to get them back than it does to send them to you!

Also, it would be helpful if you change or discontinue your email address, to notify me of that correction as well. It really helps when our system is up to date.

You can either call me or email me with your new contact information. Thanks for your help.

Carlene Kadell
Membership Coordinator
(503) 474-0480
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

OCTOBER 2017

4 Wednesday
Lafayette Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm

6 Friday
Lafayette Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm
Heritage Center Open 10:00am-3:00pm

7 Saturday
Lafayette Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm
Heritage Center Open 10:00am-3:00pm

8 Sunday
General Meeting - Heritage Center -
12:30 Light lunch 1:00pm program
60th ANNIVERSARY - Heritage Center -
10:00am-3:00pm

11 Wednesday
Lafayette Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm
Board Meeting - Lafayette Museum -
5:30pm

13 Friday
Lafayette Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm
Heritage Center Open 10:00am-3:00pm

14 Saturday
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18 Wednesday
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20 Friday
Lafayette Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm
Heritage Center Open 10:00am-3:00pm

21 Saturday
Lafayette Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm
Heritage Center Open 10:00am-3:00pm
BLACKSMITH SHOP OPEN

22 Sunday
Live Music & Dancing at the Heritage Center 3:00pm-5:00pm

25 Wednesday
Lafayette Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm

27 Friday
Lafayette Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm
Heritage Center Open 10:00am-3:00pm

28 Saturday
Lafayette Museum Open 10:00am-4:00pm
Heritage Center Open 10:00am-3:00pm
A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM - Heritage Center - 6:00m-9:00pm

FUTURE DATES to REMEMBER

Lafayette Museum Open
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
10:00 am—4:00 pm

Heritage Center Open
Friday & Saturday
10:00 am—3:00 pm

3rd Saturdays—Blacksmith Open
4th Sundays—Live Music at the Heritage Center 3-5pm

- November 8—Board Meeting
- November 11—Veteran’s Day Event
- November 12—General Meeting
- December 2,3—Handmade Holiday
- December 10—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- December 13—Board Meeting

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The 8th Annual Handmade Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday December 2nd and Sunday December 3rd at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. Over 50 booths with local artists and handcrafted items. Music, food, silent auction, Santa’s Walk, and decorated tree auction—it's a great holiday tradition! Limited vendor spaces are available. For more information, contact Karen Sitton-Saxberg (503) 434-2189 or go to www.yamhillcountyhistory.org.
The McMinnville Gristmillers of the Yamhill County Historical Society finished their third season as a club this September and remain undefeated. This is vintage baseball, as played in the 1860's and as a member of the YCHS, this is your team.

Your Gristmiller club started in 2015 when Gloria Lutz asked if the YCHS could host a vintage baseball game during a regional historical society conference to be held at our Heritage Center. When the team from California cancelled, our own Activities and Events Committee, with their usual enthusiasm for living history programs, simply scheduled a vintage base ball game of their own.

Thus, the McMinnville Gristmillers were born. Named to honor our founding families building a new life in the West tirelessly grinding grains to dust using the “ol” Kinney wheel at the Star Mill (The Kinney wheel can be found perched atop a pedestal at the upper McMinnville city park), all players are from Yamhill County, and a few are 3rd and 4th generation county residents.

This is 1866 base ball (yes, it was two separate words in the 19th century). AJ Rawlings wouldn’t invent the baseball mitt until 1877 so our players catch barehanded and bandages are kept readily available in the bullpen. The game is played in the Heritage Center outfield after the Harvest Fest threshing. The field is measured, drawn and raked manually. Flour is spread along baselines by hand following a line of twine from base to base. Our field has been called “the most historically accurate and challenging field played upon” by the Portland Pioneer club.

As it was is 1866, players used the resources available to them in camp; an enameled iron dish for home plate and pillowcases filled with straw for 1st, 2nd and 3rd bases were regulation for pioneer games and they are regulation for Gristmiller games today. Our bats are carved of very heavy wagon tongue, and baseballs are hand-woven and sewn just as they were 150 years ago. Upon a home run, the player must ring a cowbell for the tally to be counted. Meanwhile, spectators are seated on hay bales or wagon beds.

The common terms and expression of the times are used during the game. Spectators of 19th century baseball were called cranks or bugs, for instance. The outfield is called the “garden”, pitchers are “hurlers”, and the umpire is an “arbitrator”. Players call one another Sir and are exclusively complimentary on the field. Cranks however, are encouraged to call players “muffins” when errors are made, or give an order to “stir your stumps” asking the runner to speed up. There is no cussing or spitting on the field and our arbitrator fined several of our players two bits when rules were broken. Our Captain attempted to bribe the official with whiskey to no avail. There are no “high-fives” in vintage games, only polite handshakes and the often heard “well played sir” or “well struck sir”. Pitching is under hand, originating from the game of Cricket, and the ball is meant to be hit by the striker (batter). Truly this was, and is at Gristmiller field, a gentleman’s game.

Once on the team, players are assigned nicknames accordingly. One can find, “Gunner, Slowpoke, Maverick, Ol’ Mac, Stretch, and Muskrat on any given base. The Gristmillers, however, are much more than just nine players. The team is made up of YCHS board members such as Roy Carter and Cynthia Christiansen behind home plate and third base. Board President Charles “tri-pod” Hillestad in the announcer booth and behind the camera. County Commissioner Rick Olson throwing out the game’s first pitch. Steve “The Law” Cox calling play by play. Daryll “truths Ayer” Alt as Arbitrator. “Mess Hall” Mel and Debbie Kelchner cooking for cranks in the Gristmiller Chuckwagon. Chuck and Sharon Rogers dressed to the nines serving fresh popped corn. Joyce Anderson stirring up root beer floats for all. Theresa Berthelsdorf ushering each guest to the hay bale seat of their choosing. Cliff “one gun” Watts turning a field into a stadium. Patti Compton sewing our new team crests on her 1960’s Singer, and Tami “two bits” Spears for pennants waving in the wind and continuous brilliance. Along with all YCHS members and volunteers; too numerous to name. And from abroad, Blaise “Freight Train” Lamphier and the Portland Pioneers for their wisdom and patience as we learn the history of the game.
What Happened in 1957?

What happened in 1957? 1957 saw the continued growth of bigger taller tail fins on new cars and more lights, bigger with more powerful engines and an average car sold for $2,749. The Soviet Union launched the first Sputnik 1. Movies included “Twelve Angry Men” and “The Bridge Over the River Kwai”, and TV showed “Perry Mason” and “Maverick” for the first time. The music continued to be Rock and Roll with artists like “Little Richard”. The popular toys were Slinkys and Hula Hoops. The continued growth of the use of credit was shown by the fact that 2/3 of all new cars were bought on credit. Some of the areas that would cause problems later were starting to show. South Vietnam is attacked by Viet Cong Guerrillas and Troops were sent to Arkansas to enforce anti segregation laws.

4. Final I Love Lucy
The final new episode of the classic TV comedy “I Love Lucy” aired on CBS on May 6th. The episode was titled “The Ricardos dedicate a Statue.” Throughout the series’ 181 episode run, viewers watched Lucy’s crazy antics unfold with the help of her landlords Fred and Ethel, often to the dismay of her husband Ricky. The show had been nominated for several Prime Time Emmy Awards and won four.

6. Transcontinental Speed Record
During July, test pilot and future astronaut, John Glenn Jr. set a new transcontinental speed record while piloting a F8U Crusader from Los Angeles to New York. He became the first pilot to average supersonic speed during a transcontinental flight and it took three hours and twenty-three minutes to complete.

1. First Frisbee Toy
Wham-O releases the first Frisbee toys for sale during January of 1957. The most common origin story for the name of the flying disc is that college students would throw empty pie tins from the Frisbie Pie Company in Connecticut in the late 1800s. Inventor Walter Fredrick Morrison got the idea for a flying disc in the late 1940s and developed a plastic version, specifically designed to fly easily. He originally named it the Pluto Platter, hoping to cash-in on the alleged flying saucer U.F.O. sightings at the time.

2. Asian Flu Pandemic
The Asian Flu pandemic claims over 150,000 lives world wide.

5. American Bandstand
The popular Philadelphia TV show “American Bandstand” makes its national TV debut in August. The show aired on ABC and featured groups of teenagers dancing to the most popular songs of the week. Often, one of the featured musical acts would appear on the show to perform a lip-synced version of their hit song. The show was hosted by Dick Clark and ran for over 20 years and the final episode aired during October of 1989.

7. US Little Rock Nine
The National Guard on the order of Governor Orval Faubus is used to prevent nine African American students from entering Central High School in Little Rock on September 4th and shortly after Federal troops charge defiant protesters with fixed bayonets to ensure nine African American Students can attend Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas.

8. Toyopet Crown
Toyota starts selling cars in the US, the first is the Toyopet Crown.

9. Graceland
Elvis Presley purchase a mansion in Memphis, Tennessee and calls it Graceland.

Written by The People History
And found on www.thepeoplehistory.com/1957
**Treasures in the Attic Recap**

This year’s Treasures in the Attic was a great success! We heard many compliments about the set up and all the great things happening around the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center campus! This year 470 people came through the gates (with approximately 70 of those being volunteers and exhibitors). A number of those folks were from Portland, Salem and beyond. Last year event attendance came in at about 400, so our event is growing!

During Saturday’s activities there were 215 quilts displayed throughout the facility. Our Featured Quilter, Helene Knott, displayed her art quilts and participated as a presenter. We were fortunate to have a variety of guest speakers and presentations going on throughout the day. Thank you to all our quilt guild contributors for displaying your work and helping make this event such a success!

A variety of vendors and displays were present during the event. Antique evaluators viewed 58 items that were brought in by participants. Attendees were able to view demonstrations from the Old Iron Show, Blacksmith Shop, Saw Mill, as well as from the Lace Makers and the various quilting guilds in attendance.

There has been some discussion about possibly moving the event to June. This would help to space out our major events throughout the year. While our net revenue will be greater than last year we are still finalizing those numbers.

Raylinda Price
Events & Rentals Coordinator

**Vintage Baseball Concluded**

If the Gristmillers are more than just the nine players, then too, is this event more than just a baseball game. It is living history. It’s a celebration of our heritage. Inherited small town values and close community. Sunday afternoons in oatfields and open spaces. Hard work and playing hard. Cooperation and collaboration. All this in a simple baseball field.

If any member would like to start a vintage baseball club out of Dayton, Yamhill, Carlton, Willamina, Sheridan, Dundee, Newberg or Amity, the Gristmillers would be happy to show you how to start your team and challenge you to a match. You won’t be able to beat us, but you’ll find it most enjoyable none the less. For questions about vintage baseball and your McMinnville Gristmillers of the YCHS, contact Dave at volunteer coordinator@yamhillhistory.org.

Dave “Stretch” Rucker
Halloween Superstitions & Traditions Explained

Halloween may seem like it’s all about costumes and candy, but the holiday—which is relatively new to America, having only become popular in the early 1900s—has its roots in pagan beliefs. Dating back about 2,000 years, Halloween marked the Celtic New Year and was originally called Samhain, which translates to “summer’s end” in Gaelic.

Some Halloween traditions, such as carving Jack-o’-lanterns, are based on Irish folklore and have been carried on throughout the centuries, while others, such as candy corn, are more modern Halloween additions.

Jack-O’-Lanterns

A fun fall activity, carving Jack-o’-lanterns actually has its roots in a sinister, tragic fable. Celtic folklore tells the tale of a drunken farmer named Jack who tricked the devil, but his trickery resulted in him being turned away from both the gates of heaven and hell after he died. Having no choice but to wander around the darkness of purgatory, Jack made a lantern from a turnip and a burning lump of coal that the devil had tossed him from hell. Jack, the story goes, used the lantern to guide his lost soul; as such, the Celts believe that placing Jack-o’-lanterns outside would help guide lost spirits home when they wandered the streets on Halloween. Originally made using a hollowed-out turnip with a small candle inside, Jack-o’-lanterns’ frightening carved faces also served to scare evil spirits away. When the Irish potato famine of 1846 forced Irish families to flee to North America, the tradition came with them. Since turnips were hard to come by in the states at the time, pumpkins were used as a substitute.

Candy Apples & Bobbing for Apples

Candy apples are popular Halloween treats, and the sugary fruit on a stick was handed out during the early days of trick-or-treating in North America—before concerns over unwrapped candy became an issue. Today, candy apples can be covered in caramel or chocolate with nuts, as well as in the classic, shiny red syrup. The fusion of Celtic and Roman traditions is behind Halloween’s candy-apple staple. Samhain was around the time of the Roman festival honoring Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees. The goddess is often symbolized by an apple, so the fruit became synonymous with Samhain celebrations of the harvest.

In ancient times, the apple was viewed as a sacred fruit that could be used to predict the future. Bobbing for apples is one of the traditional games used for fortune-telling on Halloween night. It was believed that the first person to pluck an apple from the water-filled bucket without using their hands would be the first to marry. If the bobber lucked out and caught an apple on the first try, it meant that they would experience true love, while those who got an apple after many tries would be fickle in their romantic endeavors. Another myth was that if a girl put her bobbed apple under her pillow on Halloween night, she would dream about her future husband.

Trick-Or-Treating in Costumes

In olden times, it was believed that during Samhain, the veil between our world and the spirit world was thinnest, and that the ghosts of the deceased could mingle with the living. The superstition was that the visiting ghosts could disguise themselves in human form, such as a beggar, and knock on your door during Samhain asking for money or food. If you turned them away empty-handed, you risk receiving the wrath of the spirit and being cursed or haunted. Another Celtic myth was that dressing up as a ghoul would fool the evil spirits into thinking that you were one of them so that they would not try to take your soul. In the U.S., trick-or-treating became a customary Halloween tradition around the late 1950s, after it was brought over by Irish immigrants in the early 1900s.

Written by Remy Melina
And found on www.livescience.com
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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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.