Garage Sale a Success
What do you need if you want to have a huge garage sale, get lots of volunteers to help out and make lots of money? You need a ‘frustrated shopkeeper’ and we just happen to have one. Millie Armstrong, the powerhouse behind the annual garage sale for the past three years, reported receipts just shy of $12,000 by the end of the last day of the sale on Durham Lane. The biggest sales occurred on Monday the 27th, which brought in nearly $2,300.

Many people helped out with preparations and during the event. Louise Heindl was second only to Colin and Millie giving of time and effort. She was once referred to as the little ‘Energizer Bunny’. Some who helped out were not even members of our organization, but believed in our cause and our supporters enough to give of their time and efforts.

For months prior to the sale volunteers were busy picking up donations and delivering them to the big barn, sorting, arranging and pricing. The amount of items taken in and processed was simply amazing. This continued even as the sale was well underway. The days of the sale were well staffed with cashiers and helpers who were busy helping customers, keeping things tidy, unpacking and pricing even as donations were arriving. Everyone worked very hard yet seemed to have a good time.

Here is a list of the folks who stepped up to assist: Colin Armstrong, Barbara Bass, Tonya Beebee, Joanne Berkstein, Arlys Berry, Kathy Burden, Mary Jo Capps, Gill Depuy, Frank Durnner, Mina Hansen, Louise Heindl, Dennis Hoisington, Barbara Kauer, Ruth Killius, Barbara Knutson, Eileen Lewis, Annta Linscheid, Reita Lockett, Nancy Mahi, Shirley McDaniel, Rosemary Moore, Marjorie Owens, Frank & Zelda Parsons, Kathy Peck, Carol Reid, Homer & Elaine Rohse, Jean Sartor, Kyle Swift, Nancy Thornton, Edna Troyer, Joanne Watts and Ken and Pat Williams. Apologies in advance if we’ve missed anyone.

This was the third year for this event, with the first being held in McMinnville at Colin and Millie’s home. We’re fairly certain their neighbors welcomed the change in venue.

If you recognize any of the volunteers who helped make this another successful event, please take the time to give them your heartfelt thanks for a job well done. Our volunteers have always been, and continue to be the kingpins holding our society together.

Dan Linscheid

From Your President
In response to a letter to the board concerning the monthly Newsletter "The West Side": When I first became a member of the society the newsletter consisted of a single page front and back. Peggy Roghair was the editor and she did a good job of getting the letter mailed to all members. John White volunteered to become the Editor and the whole appearance of the newsletter changed. John was also responsible for the name "The West Side". More items of interest were printed and the historical article became a part of the monthly issue. When John White was forced to retire due to his health, Dan Linscheid became the next Editor. John White, Dan Linscheid and Jim Lockett contributed to the historical articles along with guests now and then.

The Newsletter is the only way we have to communicate with the membership concerning information about the society and its activities. These members pay for this privilege and we feel responsible for keeping them informed as much as possible. We take this very seriously. The historical articles continue to be a part of this newsletter but we feel information concerning the progress of the new complex, donations, activities at the Lafayette site, the picnic, upcoming events and etc. of great interest to members.

Part of the Executive Director’s job is to keep the membership informed about her work on the new site and other activities. We are volunteers and we do our best to print a newsletter that contains something for everyone. I am aware of the fact that we will never satisfy everyone.

I will not respond to some of the childish accusations stated in the letter and since they did not desire to sign their name I can not visit with them about this.

If you have some constructive criticism please contact any board member. We will do what we can to assist you. We are certainly open to suggestions.

I hope you will continue to look forward to receiving and reading the next issue of your Newsletter. I DO! Shirley

September Meeting program
When we begin our monthly general meetings again, we will be fortunate to have Phyllis Dickey of Sheridan giving a presentation on Lorinda (Bewley) Chapman, wife of one of the original claimants in the Sheridan area, William Chapman. Their claim was laid out just across the South Yamhill river from that of Absolom B. Faulconer, town "proprietor".

While with her family on the way to Oregon, Lorinda was taken captive by natives following the Whitman Massacre, during which her brother Crockett was killed. She was eventually able to join her mother in Oregon City.

We look forward to more details on Lorinda’s trials and tribulations from Phyllis during our first meeting this fall.

The Yamhill County Historical Society is a nonprofit tax exempt educational and public service corporation established to protect, preserve and share the history and heritage of Yamhill County
Our Own Volunteer of the Month

In every volunteer organization there are always several people who seem to be the ones to call when things need to be done or an extra set of hands are needed. Through the years we have had many of these special volunteers who are willing to give so much for the Historical Society and Museum. As has been stated many times before, these people are the heart of the museum, and we would not have been able to function these many years without their caring assistance.

Marjorie Owens certainly fits this category. Marjorie has been named “Volunteer of the Month” by Yamhill County Hearts and Hands, for her volunteer efforts in the community, including Yamhill County Historical Society and Museum. Marjorie is also into her 11th year volunteering for the FAME program in Sheridan, giving two “hands on” lessons each month in helping area children learn Oregon and Yamhill County history. She also teaches two Sheridan School classrooms on local history in a volunteer capacity. She often gives lectures on history, many times focusing on her fascination of Lewis and Clark and their trek into the northwest. She actually was able to travel most of the trail herself a few years ago, which must have been a thrill for her.

We all know her for her dedication and hard work at the museum. Although she cheerfully does everything from conducting tours of the museum to housekeeping duties when needed, it’s obvious she has a special fondness toward helping people with genealogical research. Raised in Yamhill County, she has personal knowledge of a good many Yamhill County pioneer family descendants. Marjorie spends three Saturdays a month and every Wednesday at the museum. But it does not end there – she also serves on the Board of Directors for the Society and is usually available for special events or when needed in most any capacity to further the mission of YCHS.

Generally our volunteers tend to be unassuming, caring folks with big hearts who like to keep busy doing something for the benefit of others while having no expectation of reward other than the feeling of gratification gained by the experience.

This describes Marjorie, who has been busy all of her life it seems, meeting every challenge with quiet determination typical of her nature. Working at Chapman grade school in Sheridan as a weekend for ten years while raising a family, she needed to supplement the family income after her husband was disabled. Realizing this was not a situation that would improve she decided she would have to be the one to provide for the family herself and needed a better paying job. Rising to the challenge she put herself through three years of College at Western in Monmouth.

At 44 years of age she became a college graduate and went to work as a teacher, substituting at various schools for the next three years. In 1981 she was hired as full time Librarian for Chapman and Falconer schools in Sheridan. During her tenure she also worked at the High School in Sheridan for three years. As she was starting this new position her husband needed surgery and as a result of complications arising during that surgery became even more seriously disabled. For the first weeks in her new job Marjorie steadfastly made the trip up to Portland every day after work to visit him. When he was able to come home she said he was never the same and required much care and supervision. In 1986 her beloved husband passed away. Marjorie continued with the Sheridan Schools until 1994 when she retired.

Marjorie has continued to keep herself very busy doing the things she loves. Due to her work with YCHS volunteers, she has made friends who have come to know and respect her. She stated that during the trying time a year ago, when her grown daughter was near death due to a motorcycle accident in which her son-in-law and his friend were killed, it was her fellow volunteer friends and the museum work that got her through the tough times. Many came to her aid both emotionally, and mone-}

We appreciate Marjorie’s hard work, a true testament to what volunteerism is all about.
Hello Members!

I am looking forward to beautiful autumn colors, crunching of leaves beneath my feet, harvesting pumpkins, cooler weather — and Linfield football! Even more so, I am amazed at our accomplishments over the last month!

On August 18, 31 members enjoyed our annual picnic at Nancy Thornton’s place in Moore’s Valley. What a beautiful farm! Nancy set up tables in one of her wonderful old barns and the group gathered for a hearty meal and storytelling, followed by a nice tour of the place. My favorite part was the stories and of course the berry pie . . . Thank you so much Nancy for opening your home to the Society!

We also harvested our oat crop on August 18 using the Society’s 1939 Allis Chalmers combine and a 1948 Case combine, gifted to the Society by Charlie Chegwyn. Thanks to Ron Davison, we had all the belts to make these wonderful machines perform the task of cutting the oats. Chuck Kadell reports that we harvested 4.65 ton of oats and will realize a little over $900 for our efforts! As we grow our educational programs, we will incorporate a variety of agricultural and timber industry-related machines and equipment to conduct on-site demonstrations, which will also generate fun-filled activities and great big smiles . . . I hope to see you all next April for Farm Fest 2008!

An activity like harvesting the oats involves many helping hands. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Dave Cruikshank, Chadie Chegwyn, Dorland Drader, Chuck Kadell, Ray Kauer, Don King, and Cliff Watts for helping with this project. Donna Jo King helped by distributing our new site brochure and membership applications to the more than 80 folks who showed up for the event. I listened to visitors recount memories of their time on the farm — one gent talked about harvesting wheat in Ireland 67 years ago with an Allis Chalmers belt-driven combine! These stories and the comradeship of the group make my job such a joy!

On August 10, a wonderful group of men from Haworth Inc. volunteered their day off to help the Society salvage pieces of the old Muddy Valley Eagle Point District 14 Schoolhouse. I salute Jacob Beasley, Jason Bittner, Jordan Wylder, Scott Johnson, Kyle Grimland, Adam Brown, Vince Haworth, and Troy Haworth for stepping up and volunteering to help salvage parts of the old school. The structure was too fragile to move as originally intended, so we salvaged the window casings and the brick once used for the chimney of the old school. We will store these items in the warehouse at the new site and use them as part of a reproduction schoolhouse, which will serve as an example of Yamhill County schools during late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Thanks to Marge Clevenger, who donated $4,000 toward the Sawmill Restoration Project; and to Patriot Fire Protection of Vancouver, Washington, for gifting the fire suppression hardware necessary for the sawmill building. The sawmill is nearly ready to set up, and it will cut the timber necessary to construct its own building . . . Stay tuned for more information on this exciting project!
At press time, the Society’s Annual Garage Sale was well underway. With Millie and Colin Armstrong as leaders, Tonia Beebe, Ed Bigger, Ed Bigger Jr., Kathy Burden, Frank Dummer, Farrel Fuerst, Lorna Grauer, Allee Griffin, Mina Hansen, Louise Heindl, Dennis Hoisington, Steven Huit, Ruth Killius, Barbara Knutson, Eileen Lewis, Anitta Linscheid, Gloria Lutz, Nancy Mahl, Shirley McDaniel, Marjorie Owens, Frank and Zelda Parsons, Kathy Peck, Carol Reid, Heather Riha, Jean Sartor, Jennifer Sokol Blosser, Kyle Swift, Edna Troyer, Shirley Venhaus, Jo Ann Watts, and Ken Williams all lent a hand over the last several months to make this a very successful event. I salute you all for your dedication to our Society!

Members, if you are interested in becoming an active participant in planning upcoming events and/or exhibits, let me know via phone (503.472.5130) or email (ychsdirector@onlinemac.com). The events committee will meet for the first time on September 19. I will be forming an exhibits committee to help plan the exhibits for Agriculture / Timber Hall soon. Other opportunities include tour preparation and educational programming, which includes working alongside Gloria Lutz in the Covered Wagon Program.

We’ve received several donations since I last wrote, including a wonderful collection of framed photographs from the Yamhill County Commissioner’s office featuring veterans from our community as well as images of Yamhill County’s sister county in the Republic of Korea. We also received a collection of oral history documented on 78 rpm records from Frank Jonasson. Frank’s father was Stein Jonasson, a Linfield College history professor with a fondness for railroad history. I had the opportunity to become very well acquainted with Stein while attending Linfield and shared his love of local history, so it was gratifying to learn that he served as the Society’s Treasurer during the 1970s! Recorded in 1953 at what was then KMCM, 1260 AM radio (now KLYC), the vinyl discs document Frank Wortman’s recollections of McMinnville history. Other recent donations include a 1965 Allis Chalmers Gleaner from new member Mary Foix. We hope to feature the Gleaner in next year’s harvest activities. Frank and Lila Meyers donated several vintage milk jars that feature Yamhill County caps and will be nice illustrations in an exhibit about our local dairy industry.

As I write this article, Vince Haworth and his team are pouring concrete for the Agriculture and Timber Hall footings. They are concentrating their efforts on the 10,000 square foot area that will become the restoration and maintenance shop for our agriculture and timber equipment and will also begin pouring the cement slab for that portion of the building. The 50,000 gallon water storage tank is complete and the work necessary for the septic field will soon begin. When I write my October article, I image the view out my little office window of the Oregon Coast Range will be obscured by the new building... but that’s good news – it means the dream of our new facility is coming true! I encourage you all to stop by the site to see our progress first hand! You should be pleased to know that during the months of June, July and August we received in-kind donations totaling more than $30,000. Thank you Cascade Water Systems, Haworth Inc., Kizer Excavating and Meisel Rock Products!

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday evening, September 17 at the Lutheran Church in Sheridan, where I will make a surprise presentation during the meeting. Until then, enjoy the beautiful fall colors in Yamhill County!
Oregon and the Northwest had two visitors prior to 1861 who would take with them some of the lessons they learned during their time here, and in time, they would change the course of history, not only for this nation, but subsequently the world. Their experiences and prior military education became part of who they were until the very Earth shook with the force of their beliefs as they fought in the service of their President.

It was a U.S. President who laid the foundation for a standard of civilization in speeches prior to his election. Abraham Lincoln put into words, as only he could, his vision for the future of this nation. As he campaigned and became president, his words set into motion a series of events that would over time affect every living person in the world today. People choosing not to resolve their political differences in peace, by working within the framework of the Constitution, resulted in the War of Secession.

Lincoln's generals enabled his ability to secure the peace, in addition to securing his colossal changes in the government and culture of this nation. So colossal were those changes, they would require the help of those devoted generals, not only during the war but also in the years following the war. Without those gifted generals, considered by military historians to have been brilliant strategists, Lincoln would have lost the war. Lincoln had been forced to replace several generals during the early war years in his attempt to get a group of officers who could manage to offset the brilliant and lethal Robert E. Lee.

One of the most gregarious, resourceful, ever controversial, yet successful generals who served Lincoln has a town named after him in Yamhill County. The town of Sheridan has kept alive the memory of a man who brought this nation's most lethal enemy combatant on record to bay. Philip Henry Sheridan was many things to many people during the course of his tumultuous lifetime. His role in ending the war, in addition to his contribution to many pivotal battles during the war, seems to have escaped the notice of most of the modern historians.

Few books about Sheridan have been written as compared to the seemingly endless books about other generals of the same era; however, after one reads about General Sheridan, it is clear that his contribution was directly responsible for Lee's surrender. Compared to the contributions other generals made during the war years, it appears General Sheridan has not received the recognition he deserves from our nation's historians in proportion to his military accomplishments. This little series of articles will present some historical insights into the war, the generals, and in particular, General Philip Sheridan to allow the readers to decide for themselves what his rightful place should be in the pantheon of heroes this nation is indebted to.

Considering the historical background helps to put Sheridan's life into perspective. His role in the War of Secession is nothing less than stunning. Some generals are strategists and some generals are commanders, not all are both.

Sheridan seemed to have a gift for being both, as did his commander, Ulysses S. Grant. However, their personalities were very different: Grant was calm and low key, while Sheridan was renowned for giving verbal tirades that were impressive to all who had the privilege to hear them. So thorough were his thoughts when angered, he tended to include family members of those on the receiving end, just to make himself even more clear should there be any confusion about his opinions.

The next article will provide a quick overview of some of the events that this nation lived through that tore it to shreds during Sheridan's lifetime. It shows dizzying pace of events that forced every citizen to examine the purpose of this nation's being. Grant and Sheridan would emerge as leading generals, although each started out unknown at the beginning of the war. By the end of the war they were known throughout the nation. Their gift for command propelled them into leadership roles that were unforeseen at the outset of the war. Together with General Sherman, they would change the course of the war, how warfare was fought and subsequent changes in the course of human history.

New YCHS Member Sue Sherman owns and breeds historical type military horses. As an historian and writer of military equestrian history, she has had many articles published in magazines including Law Enforcement Technology, Paso Fino World Magazine, At A Gait Magazine, and Gaited Horse Magazine.

New Members

We welcome new members Molly Wright, Tony & Sylvie Roder, Stuart Pitman, Mickey & LuAnn Anderson, Frank & Zelda Parsons, Patrick Koch, Harold & Mary Foix, Kathryn Krieger, Oatrucua Royal, Patricia Ridenour and Cliff & Pam Watts and returning members Harold and Elsie Lehman and Sue Buel - Friend, as well as Marjorie Bowman - Community Benefactor.

We thank you all for supporting our organization. We invite you to attend our meetings and events, visit our museum and become more involved in our local history!

Please notify Gloria Lutz (503-472-7563) if you will be having your mail forwarded to another location during your vacation. The post office doesn't forward our newsletters. They return them to us and we have to pay additional postage. If you let me know that you will be gone, I'll hold copies of the newsletters until you return and send them to you all at once. Thank you. (submitted by Gloria Lutz)
During our general meeting in May, our membership voted to hold our monthly meetings during December, January and February on the second Sunday of those months at 2 p.m. (December's date may change)

These meetings will all be held at the Yamhill County Public Works Auditorium on Lafayette Avenue. We’ll update you with additional information in future newsletters.

We hope this will make it easier for folks to attend meetings, by not needing to drive to and from the meetings at night during inclement weather.

**What's Happening**

**Our next regular monthly meeting will be held 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 11th, at the Lutheran Church in Sheridan.** Our Board meets at 4:30, same place and date. Our program will be, "Lorinda Chapman vs. the Indian Chief", by Phyllis Dickey.(more details on page 1)