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August Happenings

HARVEST FEST

Great weather, maybe a little shower Friday night, brought out a huge crowd each day. Starting with the flag raising, the parade of tractor, mules and equipment with announcer Dave Cruikshank's introductions, the day was in full swing. The Kiwania served hot dogs & hamburgers, Mac Fire Department popcorn and the Committee Ladies root beer floats and ice cream in the partially finished restoration building. Inside the warehouse, the society was busy selling hats, calendars, publications, memberships and giving out information on the society, the museum in Lafayette and plans for the project at the new site. Other groups present were: Master Gardeners, Women for Agriculture, Amity Fire Dept. Pino-kee-o's toys, Portland Lace Society and Oregon Country Leceners, Gordon Zimmerman, Two Cylinder Club and the people responsible for the quilt display. The band, The Mavericks, entertained the crowd on Sunday. Thanks to all band members and Patty the Whistler.

Outside, the Covered Wagon was on display near the planting plots from the Farm Fest. There was one lone occupant dressed in her "on the trail" garb with a lariat on her shoulder, as she ate a root beer float. On Sunday she was joined by some chicks and a turkey. Should have had a camera.

Alan & Don were explaining the workings of the lumber mill and the "hit'n miss" engine. The forge was hot and Gary Lewis, general blacksmith was busy making items to display the craft.

Thanks to those who were recording the event on video and still cameras.

Out in the fields, combining, thrashing, baling and all that it takes to harvest a crop of oats was going on. Lots of people, mules, observers and kibitzers. 13.43 tons of oats were harvested. That was a yield of 1.98 ton per acre. This will be sold and the money will be applied to the Farm & Harvest Fests 2009.

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Barns of Yamhill County

The 15 month, 2009 Calendars, BARNs OF YAMHILL COUNTY, which start with the month of October are available and for sale at the Lafayette Museum and Prudential Real Estate office in McMinnville. There is a contest to see who can identify all the barns with their location. You must buy a calendar to participate. Contest closes October 1, 2008. There will be a drawing for duplicate winners. Send your lists to YCHS, PO Box 484, Lafayette, OR. 97127. The cost is $20 per calendar.

A Huge Thank You

The YCHS would like to thank all of the folks who participated in making the Harvest Fest a success. The committee, (Cliff and Pam Watts, Chuck and Carlene Kadell, Mel Kelchner, Dave & Doris Cruikshank, Gloria Lutz), all the people who brought their equipment and mules, volunteers who helped and people who attended. The estimated attendance was between 500 to 750 total for both days. The committee is looking for members and volunteers who would like to get involved in the planning of Harvest Fest August 8 & 9, 2009. You could contact Pam at pwatts@onlinemac.com or 503-434-0490.

The Yamhill County Historical & Museum is a charitable 501 (c) (3) organization, tax id #23-7090047.

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President's Letter

Thank goodness we are blessed with five senses.
Sight: The new buildings, people everywhere, equipment running, mules working, old toys, covered wagon, a field of oats and good friends.
Sound: The tractors running, mules bells jingling, people's conversations, music, roosters crowing.
Smell: Hot dogs cooking, popcorn, fuel from the tractors, dust
Taste: Hot dogs, popcorn, root beer floats, pie & ice cream, dust.
Touch: Petting the turkey, chaff in your hair, oats.
Thanks to everyone for the two Wonderful Days.
Darrell King is working on Oral Histories. He has a new video camera and loves visiting with people about history. We have asked you for names before, but we need some reminders of anyone you feel should be recorded for our files with information on themselves and family experiences. You could call Darrel directly at 503-434-1173 or contact any board member.
The Durham Lane site committee continues to meet on Friday mornings to discuss the status of the construction process. Anyone willing to work on a committee dedicated to site development, please contact Bill Boll - 503-916-9703.
The Lafayette Volunteers will be setting up training on how to handle accesses. Lots of help is needed with this and other activities at the Museum. If you have a few hours a month to help out, please contact Marjorie at the museum. They are there Wednesday & Saturday 10 to 4. Museum number is 503-864-2308.
As you can see, we need more volunteers at both sites. Please consider this when planning your fall schedule.
See you at the September meeting.
Sincerely, Shirley Venhaus

August Board Meeting Highlights

BY-LAWS: The By-laws committee, with Frank Drummer as chairman, has finally completed a revised edition of the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. This process has taken over a year to accomplish. These along with a copy of the old papers will be mailed out to all members for your approval. The mailing should occur sometime during the week of August 25th. You will be asked to respond with questions and/or clarifications to be returned by a specific date. Voting on these revised editions will occur at an upcoming general meeting.

HELP, NEEDS & WANTS: The YCHS Board desperately needs a secretary to take notes at our meetings until the end of the year. Following the resignation of our regular secretary, Shirley McDaniel has been helping out but this is only temporary. If anyone can help fill in, it would really be great. The board would thank you and we know Shirley M. would be eternally grateful. Thanks. The YCHS Board.

NEEDS & WANTS: YCHS needs some pipe rail fencing and gates to make the sty at Durham Rd. more secure. As you may know there have been several thefts during the construction. It can be old but usable. We would be glad to pick up, repair and paint. Please call 503-434-0567.

Thank You Renewed Members!

A gentle reminder. Dues are due July 1st each year. If you have not renewed your membership, there is still time.

Members that have renewed since June 25th. Thank you so much.

Individual:
Glen & Joanne Watts
Daryl & Cynthia Nelson
Robert & Ruth White
Harold & Mary Fox
Dick & Helen Wood
Frederick & Zella Hinaw
Lewis & Barbara Schaad
Kathy Barden
Robert & Nina Jackson
Gus & Cathy Carstensen
Robert & Rosemary Vertrege
Michael Hafner
Ivan & Dina Nozell

Friend:
Mary & Noel Martin
Steve & Kathleen Barnards Supporter
Maria & Carl Schwalb-Boomer
Mary Jo Capps
Edward & Evelyn Young
Virginia & Sam Graham

Family:
Lester and Evelyn Herrig

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Executive Director’s Log

In June 2007, I began meeting with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Committee to review the existing documents and restate them so they provide strong governance for today’s organization. This process took place over many months, with at least 15 meetings of the Committee.

The Articles of Incorporation dated to March 1969! It took a great deal of research and composition to prepare a draft for the Committee’s first review. The Bylaws, although revised many times over the years, received major rewriting for review. I gathered information from State and Federal statutes to make sure YCHS complied with all of the rules and regulations of a non-profit, tax-exempt organization.

After review, revision, debate, and more revisions, the Committee turned both documents over to YCHS legal counsel, Jerry Hart, for review. Mr. Hart made some suggested revisions and the documents went back to the Committee for a final work over. After a few slight changes, the Committee felt confident to submit the Articles and Bylaws to the Board of Directors and, after a few minor modifications, I am pleased to say the documents are now ready for the YCHS Membership’s review.

You will soon receive a copy of four documents in the mail: 1) the original YCHS Articles of Incorporation (March 1969), 2) the proposed Restated YCHS Articles of Incorporation, 3) The December 2005 version of the YCHS Bylaws, and 4) the Restated YCHS Bylaws. Please review them carefully and if you have questions or concerns, contact one of the YCHS Board Members.

Those of you who attended Harvest Fest know it was a fabulous success! It feels good to know that we now have two wonderful events that each offer educational opportunities and good old fashioned fun! The best is yet to come, right? There are some pictures from the event elsewhere in this issue of *The West Side*. You will also be able to view images on our website: www.yamhillcountyhistory.org.

Speaking of the website, I uploaded some past issues of *The West Side* for members to enjoy again! When you click on Join Today you will see YCHS newsletter *The West Side*. Click on that, and you will go to a page that lists issues by date. Click on any date and a new screen will pop up with the issue you selected. You can download the issue to your computer for later reading, too! As I come across older issues I will do my best to get them up on the site.

This is my final Director’s Log – as of September 1, 2008, I will move on to new ventures; however, I plan to remain active with YCHS as time allows. I renewed my membership for two years and I will be tracking the progress and activities of the Society. If you would like to keep in contact, please call me at 503.434.9853.

Until we meet again, enjoy the beauty, vibrancy, history and heritage of Yamhill County.

Cheers,
Katherine Huit

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**Welcome to our New Members since June 25th!**

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**Watch for updates at www.yamhillcountyhistory.org!**
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YCHS Upcoming Events

- Sept. 9th 6:30 pm—Meeting—Program: “Walk from Astoria to Yachats on the Beach in 1916” Location: Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheridan. Address: 311 SE Schley St.
- Oct. 11th 8:00—3:30—Family History Conference Location: LDS Church in McMinnville. Info. (503) 434-5681
- Oct. 13th - Sod Busting with the 7th Day Adventist School
- Oct. 14th 6:30 pm—Program: Marjorie Owens speaking
- Nov. 11th 6:30 pm—Program: Black Pioneers
- Dec. 9th 6:30 pm—Program: Frank Dummer and a sing-along

Important Volunteers

Volunteers are so important. It has never been more evident than when we have taken the covered wagon out to schools and events. (See the August issue of the West Side)

I would like to acknowledge all of the volunteers that have helped with this project. Numbers in () are the number of hours they have volunteered since March 19, 2008 for the wagon project only.

First the drivers: Ray Kauer (4), Chuck Kadell (32), Steve Huit (2.5), Dennis Hinckman (3), Walt Stahlnecker (6), and Wendell Martin (7.5). They have given not only of their time and vehicles but the fuel needed to pull the big trailer containing the wagon. You should see them back that trailer into tight spots. They are awesome!

The other volunteers that have helped with teaching, providing information, or crowd control are: Tonia Beebe (12), Katherine Huit (2), Jean Sartor (12.5), Beth Dell (3), Marcia Rau (4), Shirley McDaniel (4.5), Carolyn Stasny (9), Rebecca Ruggs (7), Carol Bacon (4), Theresa and Victor Bertelsdorf (2), Pat Williams (4), Shirley Venhaus (6), Daryl Nelson (2), Louise Heindl (3), Ursula Dowd (2), and of course the Linfield students (34.5).

Kim Alt (16), a spinner, has followed us to six different schools and demonstrated the use of a spinning wheel. She has given the children pieces of the wool that she was spinning.

We couldn’t have a museum or events without all of these valuable people.

By Gloria Lutz (79)