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## Hutchcroft School On The Move!

The Hutchcroft School Committee is very pleased to inform the society that sufficient funds have been raised to allow us to move the school building from its current location west of the city of Yamhill to the YCHS Heritage Center on Durham Lane. The school is scheduled to be moved on September 23, 2012. Mark your calendars.

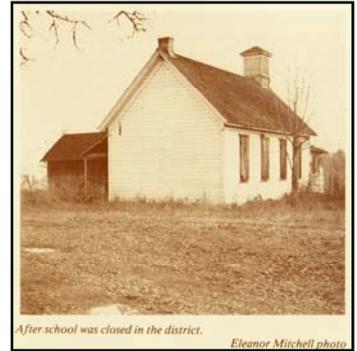
We want to thank all who have shown an interest in this project and donated to help.

Completion of stage one is moving the building to the site, setting it on a foundation, and putting the roof back in place. No easy task as you might well know but satisfying for we are saving an important part of Yamhill County's history.

Stage two will be the restoration of the building getting it back to its original condition. The Hutchcroft School will be the first building to be placed in our planned "Pioneer Village". The Education Committee is very excited to have the school to use in our Pioneer Days programs and many other planned events.

Remember September 23, 2012. Come down to the YCHS Heritage Center and see the Hutchcroft one-room schoolhouse, a piece of history, moved onto its new home.

If you would like to contribute to the move and restoration of this piece of history, please fill out the donation form on page 7 of



*Hutchcroft One-Room Schoolhouse*

this newsletter and mail your contribution to the society. If you would like to be on the committee that will help with the restoration, please contact Cynthia Christensen (503) 421-5303 or Shirley Venhaus (503) 434-0567

**NOTICE:**  
September Potluck and General Meeting

- Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2012
- Time: 6:00 pm Potluck, 7:00 pm Program
- Program: Steam Engine and Oats—From Field to Table
- Location: Heritage Center, 11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville

## DUES ARE DUE...

### DUES ARE DUE...DUES ARE DUE...DUES ARE DUE!!!

If you haven't already paid your dues, please send them in as soon as possible. Dues are due July 1st and run through June 30 of each year. ....send your dues in today so you don't miss a single issue of the newsletter, or other benefits.

Thanks,  
Carlene Kadell  
Membership Coordinator



*Neal McCool overseeing the stagecoach rides at Harvest Fest*

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## President's Letter

Dear Members,

Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Harvest Fest was the "best one yet" according to many of the guests who stopped by the Information Booth during the event. I certainly thought it to be the most fun of the four I have attended. This year, for the first time, the replica of the Abbot Downing type stagecoach we have at the Heritage Center was hitched up to four beautifully matched black mules. Guests were able to ride in the vehicle and get an idea of what it was like to travel by stagecoach in that era. The stagecoach was built and is owned by Gary Manning of Dundee. Thanks Gary! The handsome mules were provided by Neal McCool, so a big "thank you" to Neal as well.

There were probably at least fifty people who worked diligently for weeks just getting the Heritage Center ready for this year's Harvest Fest. Of course, Pam and Cliff Watts, along with the Harvest Fest Committee, are to be thanked for spearheading this event.

With the help of many of you folks, we were able to get the next section of the Heritage Bricks installed on our Flag Monument in time for Harvest Fest. There

are now only two sections left on the monument base to be completed so if you want your brick donation to be placed on the base of the monument you should get your order/orders in soon. If you donate multiple bricks and want them placed together, every effort will be made to honor your request. There were four Heritage Brick donations made at Harvest Fest towards the remaining two sections.

More good news! The Hutchcroft School Project has raised enough funds to move the structure to the Heritage Center. The next step will be to raise the funds to restore the school and be able to use it for our events. Cynthia Christensen and her father have been very generous in this effort. We want to thank Mr. Raymond Whitlow for donating the Hutchcroft School to the YCHS.

On a sad note, our condolences go out to Mr. Bob Rogers for the recent loss of his wife, Sandy.

Carolyn Meeker  
YCHS President  
Phone: (503) 835-8481  
Email: acmeeker@frontier.com  
*Submitted: August 21, 2012*

## Second Annual Ice Cream Social

Y'all came to the second annual Ice Cream Social!!!! Great fun was had by all that attended. I owe many thanks to everyone that helped. But a special thanks goes out to Marjorie Owens for the cake cutting and Jo McIntyre for scooping ice cream. For above and beyond goes to Bob and Rosemary Vertregt for all that they did, very much appreciated!

Kory Kuntz gave a great lecture, no one wanted it to end and everyone was totally

fixed on the pictures. Michael Sheets our wonderful musician and Kory as our pianist.

I think the pie judges enjoyed picking our four best pies from the wonderful entries. First place went to Joan Leonard for her Apple Pie, second place was awarded to Carlene Kadell for her Marionberry pie, third place went to Laura Cattrall for her Apple Pie, and finally the fourth place winner was Theresa Berthelsdorf for her wonderful Cherry Pie.

With lots of cakes and cupcakes, the cake was a huge success.

Thanks to all who helped with and entered in to making the success we were honored to have.

Karen Sitton-Saxberg and Kathy Burden committee co-chairwomen

## Board Meeting Recap ~ August 8, 2012

*The following recap is a condensed version of not-yet approved minutes from the board meeting.*

**Committee Reports:** All committee reports are filed in the record book with the minutes in the Lafayette Log Cabin.

- ♦ **Lafayette Site Committee**—Marge Owens reported that vandals continue to be an issue. Marge has contacted the City Hall, Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, and our neighbors. A motion sensor light has been installed on the property. We recently received a new red and white quilt circa 1896 which has Yamhill County names sewn on the squares. The City of Lafayette will be inviting the society to its unveiling of the new Abigail Scott Duniway sign in September.
- ♦ **Cemetery Committee**—Kory Knutz reported that C&D Landscaping will do the lawn maintenance in the fall.
- ♦ **Education Committee**—Ms. Terry Nelson was approved as the new Pioneer Days Coordinator.
- ♦ **Heritage Center Committee**—Cliff Watts reported that several maintenance projects are starting and the new bathrooms will be ready for Harvest Fest. The TV show "On the Go with Joe" will be broadcasting from the Heritage Center on August 16.
- ♦ **Hutchcroft School Committee**—Shirley and Steve announced that we have raised enough money to match the estimated moving cost of the school. The board gave approval to start the move. We will continue to raise money for the restoration phase of the project.
- ♦ **Property Development Committee**—The committee is starting to look at colors and signs for the front of the Heritage Center.
- ♦ **Blacksmith Shop Committee**—Kim Courtin reported on behalf of Jeff Monahan. The shop will now be open the second Saturday of every month from 10—3.
- ♦ **Photograph Committee**—Jennifer Sokol Blosser reported that they are wrapping up the YES Foundation project. There was a great turnout and a lot of interest in our photographs at the downtown event. This project has given us some ideas for making our displays more appealing at Harvest Fest and for subsequent events. We are working on revamping our numbering system, and editing old cataloging has been coming

along nicely. Jennifer continues to research how to print the photographs from the halftones the society owns. We are starting to research plans for obtaining sponsorship for digitizing and website plans.

- ♦ **Activities and Events Committee**—Karen reported that we did very well at the Yamhill County Fair. Next year we should consider renting a booth and/or bringing the covered wagon for display. This is great exposure for the society.

### President's Report:

- ♦ Carolyn reported that we are still receiving brick orders. The price for stamping the bricks has increased. When more bricks are sold, the proceeds will pay for sidewalks on the grounds between buildings at the Heritage Center. Cynthia made a YouTube video about Pioneer Days.

### Treasurer's Report:

- ♦ Kim presented her very thorough 11-page report, which is filed with the committee reports in the record book in Lafayette. We have received the annual Miller fund money. Kim distributed the engagement letter from Want & Emery in regards to our annual financial review.

### Unfinished Business:

- ♦ The Yamhill County Cultural Coalition has requested the use of our member list.

### New Business:

- ♦ The society will be represented at Turkey Rama, the Yamhill County Fair, and the Drag the Gut Festival events this summer.
- ♦ Barbara Doyle of the YCCC contacted us to let us know about the Days of Culture, October 1-8.
- ♦ YCHS Newsletter—Tami distributed a cost analysis of the YCHS Newsletter. Tami recommended that we increase to 11 issues per year. After discussion, the board decided to leave the schedule as it for now but to reassess next year. Tami notified the board that she will be moving and a replacement newsletter editor will need to be found.
- ♦ Volunteer Brainstorming Session—September 20, 5:30 pm, Heritage Center.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Berthelsdorf, Secretary*

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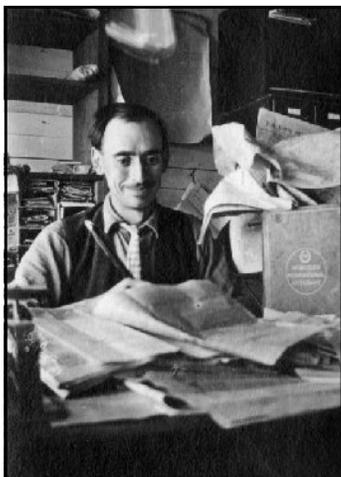
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## Looking for Newsletter Editor

After 6 wonderful years, our newsletter editor, Tami Compton-Spears, is stepping down. So the YCHS is looking for a new editor! If you like to edit and do a little page layout, this position is perfect for you.

The editor will select, edit and lay out stories; ensure that the newsletter is fresh and interesting every month; look for visuals to accompany articles; liaise with the Board of Directors to ensure

important information is included in the newsletter. Work with the Membership Coordinator, print company, newsletter helpers in Lafayette and the USPS.

Qualifications: MS Publisher

The West Side YCHS newsletter is a monthly publication that currently has 10 issues per year.

If you are interested, please contact Tami Compton-Spears at [tamispears123@gmail.com](mailto:tamispears123@gmail.com)

## Harvest Fest 2012 a Success!

Over 1,400 guests and volunteers enjoyed this year's Harvest Fest on August 18-19. The harvest team harvested the crop of oats using an antique threshing machine, baler, binder, mule-powered hay press and other equipment. Guests enjoyed food, great music, visiting with organizations and local authors, viewing the toy tractor display of over 150 tractors, artisan craftsmen (lacemakers, quilters, spinners, and wood carvers), and kids' pioneer activities including caring for some smaller animals, rope making, clothes washing, and saw cutting. A highlight this year were rides in the old stagecoach and wagon, both being pulled by mules, and driven by teamsters Neal McColl, Dottie Holt, Wayne Beckwith and families!

Thanks to everyone who participated in making this year another successful event! It takes many volunteers to put on an event of this size and scope, and we appreciate your involvement!

Cliff & Pam Watts, Chairmen



*Stagecoach rides—a popular item at Harvest Fest this year!*



*Local musicians "Yambillbillies" entertain the crowd with old-style music*



*New this year—toy tractor and quilt displays!*



*Jonathon Jude drives the binder with his team of horses.*



*The "Harvest Crew" using the 1912 Peerless steam traction engine and Rumley threshing machine to harvest oats*

*Photos provided by Tom Cattrall*

# September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
2	3 LABOR DAY	4	5 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	6	7 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	8 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
9	10	11 GENERAL MEETING 6PM HERITAGE CENTER	12 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Board Meeting 5:30pm	13	14 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	15 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
16	17	18	19 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	20 VOLUNTEER BRAIN-STORMING SESSION 5:30 pm	21 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	22 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
23 HUTCHCROFT SCHOOL MOVE	24	25	26 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	27	28 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	29 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
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### Event Locations

- ◆ September 11, 2012— General Meeting— Heritage Center
- ◆ September 12, 2012— Board Meeting— Heritage Center
- ◆ September 20, 2012— Volunteer Brainstorming Session—Heritage Center
- ◆ September 23, 2012— HUTCHCROFT SCHOOL MOVE

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 10, 2012— Board Meeting
- ◆ October 14, 2012— General Meeting
- ◆ November 11, 2012— General Meeting
- ◆ November 14, 2012— Board Meeting
- ◆ December 1-2, 2012— Handmade Holiday
- ◆ December 9, 2012— ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- ◆ December 12, 2012— Board Meeting

### Historic Lafayette Museum

605 Market Street  
P.O. Box 484  
Lafayette, OR 97127

**Hours:**  
Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10—4  
Or by appointment  
503-864-2308

### Yamhill Valley Heritage Center

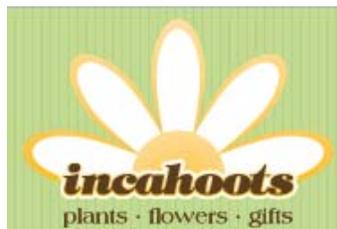
11275 SW Durham Ln.  
McMinnville, OR 97128  
**Hours:**  
Friday & Saturday 10—3

## Heritage Center Flowers

With the generous support of Janet Gahr, owner of Incahoots, and Carl Kraemer at Kraemer's Nursery, we have flowers at the Heritage Center. Both provided plants at a discount to help "pretty up" the center.

Janet came out one Saturday and helped pot all the plants she had ordered for us. Those plants are around the tractor and baler.

The red, white and blue petunias planted around the flag pole are from Kraemer's Nursery. Thank you to our generous local supporters!



## Spring Pioneer Days



During the month of May, the education committee headed the Pioneer Days for YCHS. This was our fourth year having the program at the Heritage Center. For three years before that, we took the covered wagon to the schools.

This spring we had 1035 students from 11 Yamhill County Schools, one public school outside of the county, and five private schools.

Bonnie Mann gathered 67 different volunteers to help us. Students attended school, heard storytellers, played music, made candles, followed the covered wagon as it was pulled by mules, and visited the blacksmith. In addition,

the girls planted a garden, washed clothes, learned about cooking over a fire, and learned about a woman's life in the early days. The boys used a draw knife, crosscut saw, made shingles, ground corn and wheat, made possible bags from deer hide, made ropes, and dug a ditch for water. At recess time, students tried out games and activities that were common 130 years ago.

Feedback from the students indicates that they learned a lot and enjoyed their time with us. We enjoyed having them.

Gloria Lutz

## SummerFest Parade in McMinnville



People lined Third Street in McMinnville on the evening of July 14 to watch the second annual SummerFest Parade, and the entries from the Historical Society were a grand finale to the parade! Leading our entries and carrying banners were the "Singing Suffragettes", and adults and children in period costume, followed by Frank Schurman driving his 1910 International Harvester Auto Buggy. Dave Cruickshank was next in line driving a 1950's Farmall Super C tractor and pulling a wagon with musicians playing old-time country folk music. Cliff Watts drove a 1937 Allis Chalmers tractor pulling the late 1800's wooden Altman Taylor Clover Huller Separator. Last in our

lineup was the very impressive 60-foot long entry with Waldo Farnham driving his red semicab pulling a lowboy trailer with the 1912 Peerless Steam Traction Engine steamed up and tooting its whistle all the way down Third Street! Vern Yeager, Chuck Kadell, Don King and Donna Jo King were keeping the fire stoked and whistle blowing.

Parade goers were enthusiastic about seeing the equipment, and we had the opportunity to introduce more people to the Historical Society, Heritage Center and Harvest Fest. Thanks to all who made this possible!

Pam Watts

## Remembering Shirley Kuykendall

Thoughts of Shirley bring to mind her complete dedication to do whatever needed being done, demanding no recognition or thanks because she was a lady who always thought of and served others rather than herself. For years she arrived at historical society potlucks early and, along with Bob, set up the tables and chairs, and also helped Roma Sitton make the coffee. Then they were usually the last to leave as Shirley wanted to make sure the meeting room and kitchen were as clean, or cleaner, than they were before the meeting.

She never missed clean-up days at the museum when they took place in May. Bob brought his vacuum cleaner and took care of the carpeting, but Shirley was a whiz at scrubbing and could outwork the rest of us. She did a lot of outside work, too, even tackling thistles almost as big as she, which had snuck in behind the roses.

As far as I know, she never served in any office, but she was an active and agile member of the Heritage Tree Committee and served on the committee to move, sort, and catalog the treasures

from Roma's private collection—a time-consuming job.

She and Bob were faithful museum volunteers until Bob's health deteriorated and Shirley's eyesight made it impossible for her to drive. However, her loss of clear vision never stopped her from enjoying the potlucks and speakers.

She loved the Harvest Festival when it was held in Lafayette and would bring the nutcracker invented by an older relative to demonstrate for the visitors. Once she and Bob spent hours cutting up apples so they could make fresh cider with their press which they set up in front of the log building.

And who can forget the liver and onions and gooseberry pie she brought to the potlucks?

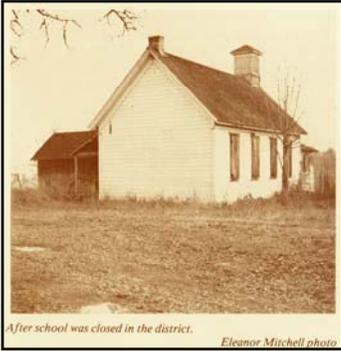
She was a very dear person.

Submitted by Lois Brooks



Shirley Kuykendall 1919—2012

# Hutchcroft School Project



In our last newsletter you may recall an article discussing the history of the Hutchcroft School, a one-room schoolhouse west of Yamhill that served as the school for District #15 from 1877 through the 1930s. For those of you who may have attended the YCHS General Meeting in March you would have heard in the presentation by Cynthia Christianson about this school house as well.

So why is this particular schoolhouse so important to the YCHS? The Hutchcroft School is currently located on the Whitlow property on Rocky Ford Road, west of Yamhill. It is the only one room school remaining in near original condition in Yamhill County. As with many of the old buildings in our county, the building has outlived its usefulness at its current location and must be removed. The current owner, Mr. Raymond Whitlow, has offered the building to the Yamhill County Historical Society to further our goal of the preservation and sharing of our heritage. The opportunity to preserve this schoolhouse at our Heritage Center would make it the first building to be placed in the proposed Pioneer Village.

The Society has conditionally accepted the donation of the Hutchcroft School based upon the completion of the financial goals for Phase I in a timely manner. Phase I of this project includes moving the Hutchcroft School building from its present site to the Heritage Center and making it structurally sound at a cost of approximately \$45,000. The funding for this phase of the project must be in place before we can proceed. We hope that will be late this summer.

Once Phase I is complete, we will have more time to accomplish Phase II, which will include restoration and use in the society's educational programs. This work will follow over the next two or three years. There are substantial additional costs for Phase II and fund raising will continue.

As you know, YCHS is a non-profit, educational, and public service organization established to protect, preserve and share the history and heritage of Yamhill County. Saving this school could be an excellent opportunity to further these goals. The Hutchcroft School Committee has been formed to work with the Property Development Committee to develop this project.

**We need your help in the form of donations.** All funds received as a result of this request will be used for the Hutchcroft School. We have already received approximately \$20,000 towards Phase I. The Society needs your support and involvement for this project to succeed. Contact via email [HutchcroftSchool@gmail.com](mailto:HutchcroftSchool@gmail.com) to receive more information. Alternatively you may call one of the listed Committee members.

Shirley Venhaus (503) 434-0567, Cynthia Christianson (503) 421-5303, or Steve Leonard (503) 560-2676

Should you wish to help, please fill out the pledge form and mail it to the Yamhill County Historical Society.

## Hutchcroft School Project Donation Form

*I want to help the Yamhill County Historical Society advance their mission of historical preservation and education by acquiring the Hutchcroft School. I understand that my gift or pledge will be used exclusively for this project. If the school fund does not reach the minimum necessary (gifts and pledges combined), my gift of \$100 or more will be returned or my pledge will be void. Gifts of less than \$100 will be redirected to the Yamhill County Historical Society education program. We hope to move the school late this summer. Funding must be in hand before we begin.*

*Please find enclosed my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the Hutchcroft School Project.*

AND/OR

*I pledge to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the Hutchcroft School Project.*

Signature:

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*Membership runs from July 1 to June 30 of each year.*

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