

# The West Side



Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society

Preserving our Past, Enriching our Future

## Harvest Fest 2009

The Event Committee is busy putting last minute plans together for the upcoming Harvest Fest. It promises to be bigger and better than ever before. In addition to what is on the above flyer, we will be on TV!

Joe Vithayathil, Feature Reporter for "Good Day, Oregon" on KPTV, Channel 12, will feature our event **live** on Thursday, August 6, off and on from about 5:50 a.m. until about 8:45 a.m. His program is "On the Go With Joe." Catch it if you can. It will give you a sampling of what will be happening on Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9.

There will be plenty of food for all those attending. Kiwanis will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and all of the trimmings. The Yamhill County Historical Society will be providing pie, ice cream and root beer floats. The Fire Department's popcorn wagon will be there as well. The Genealogy Society will have coffee, cookies, doughnuts, and water.

Sunday, August 9, there will be a wheel setting demonstration at 1:00. Maybe we can get some new tires for our covered wagon!

New this year is a \$2.00 admission charge for cars. It is free to members of the historical society IF the enclosed coupon is presented. You must have the coupon to get in free. Speaking of parking, the lot in front of the buildings will be for handicap only. Make sure you have your handicap permit otherwise all other cars will be parking across the road in the former Valley RV Center lot.

If you have any questions, please call Gloria at 503.472.7563.

Yamhill County Historical Society  
*Presents*  
**Harvest Fest 2009**

Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9, 2009

**Yamhill Valley Heritage Center**  
11275 SW Durham Lane, McMinnville, Oregon  
(Intersection of Highway 18 & Durham Lane)

- ☉ Harvesting of oats using vintage farm equipment & mules
- ☉ Tractor Parade    ☉ Old Time Music    ☉ Hay Rides
- ☉ Food & Other Vendors    ☉ Kids Area with Hands-on Activities
- ☉ Agricultural & Historical Displays    ☉ Blacksmith Demonstrations
- ☉ Sawmill Demonstrations    ☉ Fun for the Whole Family!
- ☉ Free admission to Harvest Fest activities; \$2 parking fee per vehicle

**Schedule of Activities**

7:00-10:00 am	Teams and equipment arrive; registration
10:00	Opening ceremonies
10:15	Parade of tractors and teams
11:15	Sawmill Dedication (Saturday only)
11:15	Pioneer Kids begin harvesting wheat
11:00-3:00	Threshing, binding and baling
11:00-3:00	Sawmill and blacksmith demonstrations
1:00-3:00	Old-time Music
3:00	Day concludes

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## President's Letter

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July everyone! Hope that you had a pleasant and enjoyable weekend. It did have a sad note as our friend and benefactor, Ray Kauer, passed away. He will be missed by many. Our sympathy to the family.

Ray's collection of farm equipment has been moved to the Durham Lane. site and our thanks to the many volunteers who helped with the move.

We are entering into the busy time of the year for the society and there are lots of opportunities for members to volunteer to help with activities.

Turkey Rama has already occurred and thanks to the many volunteers who helped with this event. This is one of many events to get the word out for our museum.

The Yamhill County Fair is July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have a booth and volunteers are needed to hand out

brochures.

Harvest Fest is August 8 & 9. Everyone needs to turn out for this event, as this is our biggest event of the year and there are lots of jobs. Call Louise Heindl (phone number in the column to the left) to sign up.

The YCHS picnic is August 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Parrett Mountain Farm, 10500 NE Parrett Mtn. Rd, Newberg. Bring a potluck dish, table service and chair. This is a fun activity to be enjoyed by all. For info. call 503-929-0393.

Treasures in the Attic is September 19<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for several positions. Info. at [Shirley@onlinemac.com](mailto:Shirley@onlinemac.com).

Hope to see Ya'll at the above listed functions.

Bill Roll, President

## Yamhill County Genealogical Society

In the past few months, the Yamhill County Genealogical Society has been very busy. Our members have put in several hundred hours volunteering at the Lafayette museum, and we all agree that it's a pleasure to be able to help visitors find the information for which they are searching. We have nearly finished sorting and filing the vital records left by Ruth Stoller, which will be an important addition to the research library. We have also brought over the materials which had been stored at the Family History Center, and those are now on the shelves at the museum as well.

Genealogical society members participated in Farm Fest, selling coffee, doughnuts, pop and cookies, and we will be back at Harvest Fest with more goodies. Our members have also volunteered to help with other aspects of Harvest Fest.

In the past few months Yamhill County Genealogical Society members have planted

flowers on the south side of the barn and the north side of the log cabin. We thank Jean Sartor for the rose she purchased and planted, too.

Perhaps our biggest news is that we bought a computer! This has long been a dream of ours, and the Community Rewards program at First Federal made it possible. We are extremely grateful to them. The computer is designed to be used by the public in doing research, and we feel that it will be a huge benefit not only to visitors to the museum, but to the members of both societies.

We hope those of you who haven't been to the museum lately will stop by soon. It's a welcoming, vibrant place.

Kathy Burden and Nancy Mahi  
Co-Presidents, YCGS

## Pioneer Days A Smashing Success

“That was the best field trip EVER!” “I don’t want to go home.” “This was awesome.” “We need more time.” “If it wasn’t for you paying for this (Dal Baker grant), we would not have gone anywhere this school year.” Those were some of the early comments that we heard.

We are in the process now of tabulating the feedback from students and teachers who attended YCHS’s Pioneer Days in early May. We hope to do this again and so the feedback will help us improve our offerings.

We had 1300 children plus many chaperones who experienced what the pioneers must have experienced. The weather - cold, wet, and windy—added a touch of realism.

When weather permitted, we planted spring wheat, pumpkins, sunflowers, and corn. Students also planted 30 sunset maple trees that Don Christensen donated. They ring the parking lot of the Heritage Center. One of the tasks for kids who came after the trees were planted was to water them. Didn’t pioneer children have to haul water?

The education committee was made up of Bonnie Mann, Chuck Kadell, Tonia Beebe, Bill Moore, Jean Sartor, and Matt Weber. What a creative group.

We had about 100 volunteers throughout the two week

event helping us. Our volunteer guest list included people coming from as far away as Idaho, Portland, and Aloha. Some spent every day with us. Others were only able to help for two and half hours. All the time given was greatly appreciated by the education committee.

We are hoping to have a fall Pioneer Days. We will emphasize what the pioneers had to do to prepare for the winter months.

Lessons are also being prepared to enhance literature the students are reading. If we have artifacts that are mentioned in these books, we can enhance learning with hands on experiences giving more meaning to what the children are reading. These artifacts can be used at the Durham site or taken into classrooms for presentations.

Gloria Lutz, Education Coordinator



## Good Bye to our Valued Member Ray Kauer

Ray Kauer, a benefactor and supporter of the Yamhill County Historical Society, passed away July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ray had a vision to share the history of Yamhill County with all. Because of his donation of land and money to build the structures that are now at the Heritage Center, we can provide opportunities for our community and visitors that we could not do before.

- We now have the space to share and teach about Yamhill County’s agricultural heritage.
- We have space to showcase the evolution of farm equipment.

- We have the space to share and teach about Yamhill County’s lumber industry.
- We have space to share with our community living history through the building of the blacksmith shop and a one-room schoolhouse.
- We have the space to bring school children out to the site and let them get their hands dirty digging in the soil. The children have an opportunity to see where food originates. Ray had a vision and the Yamhill County Historical Society will carry on that vision. Ray will be missed.

## Good Bye to our Valued Member Dorothy Gunness



Dorothy Gunness, one of the founding members of the Yamhill County Historical Society, passed away on June 24, 2009, at the age of 87. She had just recently donated much of her extensive archive of research materials to the YCHS Library and Museum, including books, letters, research notes, old scrapbooks, and a large collection of historical photographs of Yamhill County people and places.

Dorothy took an early and avid interest in family and historical research, first encouraged by her father, Frank Wortman, and her uncle, Ralph Wortman, who were themselves much

interested in documenting the history and development of Oregon and the Yamhill County area.

She enjoyed sharing her knowledge and research, and over the years gave many talks at monthly Historical Society meetings (after the potluck dinners, of course), and to school and other community groups. According to her family, it was her fondest hope that young people would take an interest in learning about, and preserving, the past for the benefit of future generations.

Jo Lynn Gunness



# August 2009 Happenings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Locations:</b> 8/8-9: Harvest Fest—Heritage Center 8/15: YCHS Picnic—Parrett Mountain Farm, 10500 NE Parrett Mountain Road, Newberg OR.						1 Lafayette Museum open
2	3	4	5 Lafayette Museum open	6	7 Lafayette Museum open	8 Lafayette Museum open  <b>Harvest Fest</b>
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16	17	18	19 Lafayette Museum open	20	21 Lafayette Museum open	22 Lafayette Museum open
23	24	25	26 Lafayette Museum open	27	28 Lafayette Museum open	29 Lafayette Museum open
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## YCHS Upcoming Events

- September 19, Treasures in the Attic at the Heritage Center—Volunteers are needed for several positions. Contact Shirley for information. shirley@onlinemac.com



Hembree Ranch

## Thank You New and Renewed Members!

### New Members

#### Family

Tim and Jennifer  
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Blanger  
Frank Schurman  
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#### Senior Family

David & Glenda  
Robertson

#### Individual

Clark Peters  
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#### Senior/Student/ Educator

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Harry Chandler (2 years)  
Cynthia & Lyle  
Christensen  
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Frank & Lila Meyers  
Lea & Ronald Burcham  
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To be continued in the  
next issue of *The  
West Side*.

#### Planning a Vacation?

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## Talent Lined Up In Yamhill—(From the YCHS archives)

YAMHILL – Ten sponsors will present 18 acts for the 8 p.m., March 23, Yamhill Grade School P-TA talent show program at the grade school. Acts registered so far are, from the grade school, a song and dance by Penne Dumdi, a vocal group composed of Michele and Denice Wagner, Annsley Walter, Rita Geelan, Wanda Foster, Dottie Wampler, and Carolyn Bodeen, accompanied by Alma Heckman. Sharon Hudson and Karen Savage will sing and Marlene Wilhelm will render a piano solo.

The Yamhill Grade School P-TA will sponsor Jerry Frye and Roy Herokawa in a Hawaiian vocal and ukelele duet, and Wilhelm children, Fred and Marlene, will have a trombone and piano duet.

Y-C High will sponsor Frances Peterson in a ballet solo, and the cast of the senior play will present a scene from its production scheduled March 28 and 29.

From the St. Johns Alter Society, will come Patty Elliott with a piano solo. The Y-C P-TA will sponsor Paula Paola's accordion solo.

A male quartet composed of Charles and Bob Kuykendall, Fred Wilhelm and Russel Bony,

accompanied by Mrs. Merton Dickinson will be sponsored by the Christian Church.

A Hokey Pokey dance routine will be performed by the pre-schoolers of members of the sponsoring Young Mothers. Pythian Sisters of Fern Temple will sponsor Crystal Weidner and Carita Stille in a vocal duet.

The Yamhill Chamber of Commerce will present a skit, details yet to be worked out. From the Rainbow Girls, three members, Georgia McLeod, Pamela Mehlhoff and Frances Mason will present a skit.

The Methodist Church will sponsor a women's trio composed of Evelyn Enger, Harriett Davidson and Delores Hodney. 4-H Hoofprinters will sponsor a member, Christy Skuzesky in a ballet number.

March 20, 1963

By Eleanor Mitchell

*The Historical Society has articles written by member, Eleanor Mitchell. This is one example. More will follow in future issues of the newsletter.*

## Security Measures

We are happy to announce that Bob Rogers and his wife Sandra are new residents at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. Their RV is very obvious parked under the cover by the warehouse. Their purpose is to establish the fact that someone who cares is present at the site at all times. They are very excited about being at this new location and look forward to learning more about the Yamhill County Historical Society and their activities.

## YCHS Picnic

**Date:** Saturday, August 15, 2009

**Time:** 11:30 am

**Location:** Parrett Mountain Farm, 10500 NE Parrett Mountain Road, Newberg OR

No volunteers needed at this event. Bring potluck dish, table service and a folding chair. Drinks will be available. This is a fun activity to be enjoyed by all. For information call (503) 929-0393. This is a beautiful place and worth the drive.

## USING MY FEET TO SAVE MY HEAD

In my younger years  
People said:  
"Use your head."

It is good advice  
To first think twice.

These days my head  
Does not comply.  
I get some place and wonder  
Why:  
Or  
If I did the task?  
There is no one to ask.

So I retreat  
And use my feet  
Until it comes clear  
Why I am here.

N. Thornton May 4, 2009

## “Top Ten” Non-Academic Skills

In 2008 I posted in our “Little Fishies” newsletter that I was working on the list of graduation requirements for our kids and would like input on what people thought were the "Top Ten" most important non-academic skills that young people needed to know before they stepped out on their own into the world.

I received responses from people of varying ages and educational backgrounds. Much thought and effort went into those responses; it was great fun reading them! Because there were so many wonderful ideas, I have chosen to list more than just the “Top Ten”. The most unique suggestion came from my mom after she had been snowed in without electricity for numerous days last December, “People should know how to entertain themselves.”

My favorite suggestion came from a college friend in New Zealand. He listed, “Project planning – how to set goals/objectives, how to design a job, write a work plan and budget, do a time line, undertake the job, review it and learn from it.” I think that is a good description of a valuable home school “Senior Project” that would be wonderful training before stepping out into the world.

complete categorized list, email me and I would be glad to send it to you.

- Credit card responsibility
- Check book balancing
- Preparing and sticking to a budget
- Planning and cooking well balanced meals
- Shopping economically
- Gardening and preserving
- Sewing and mending
- Using basic tools for maintenance and repair
- Prepare a professional resume
- Job interview skills
- Conflict resolution, disagreeing without a fight
- Time management skills
- Vehicle repair and maintenance (change oil, tires, fuses, etc)
- Written communication skills (essay, project plan, letter to the editor)
- Information acquisition skills

Compiled by Janet Haddock  
 Witness Tree Academy  
 May 4, 2009

Here are the top responses. If you would like the Nancy Thornton

## Treasures In The Attic

Do you have something from your grandma or an old family heirloom that you always wondered what it was worth? Saturday, September 19th from 10 until 3, the Historical Society will host a "TREASURES IN THE ATTIC" event to provide the opportunity to obtain an appraisal on such items. Professional people with knowledge for appraising antiques will be present. This will be held at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center off Highway 18 and Durham Lane. Proceeds to go toward the Heritage Center Building Fund.

To be held concurrent to the appraisals, the Historical Society will host the "TREASURES FOR SALE." These items are quality antiques donated to us by Lea Burcham when she closed her shop on Third Street in McMinnville. These items will be priced to sell so come early or stay late and have a look.





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- Free admission to the Museum & Library
- Access to genealogical & historical files
- Access to the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center
- Monthly potluck & program for Members
- Notification of events & summer picnic

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