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NOTICE:
April Potluck and
General Meeting

- Date: Sunday, April 10, 2011
- Time: 2:00 pm Potluck, 3:00 pm Program
- Program: Coming West Before the Oregon Trail: The Zimmerman's of Yamhill County by Gordon Zimmerman
- Location: 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville

Yamhill County Historical Society
& Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Association
Presents



April 9, 2011
11 am—3 pm

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

- * Experience old-time farming as 18-20 teams of draft horses and mules demonstrate their plowing skills and compete for awards
- * *Parade of Teams and Awards 2:00 pm*

PLUS...

- * *Sawmill, Blacksmith & Horseshoeing Demonstrations*
- * *Tours of Heritage Center Museum*
- * *Kids Area with Hands-on Activities*
- * *Food, Music & More!*

**\$3 per person,
children 12 and under free**



***Come back for the harvest and old-time family fun!
Harvest Fest—August 13 and 14, 2011***

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

The Society lost a long time volunteer and former board member when Eileen Lewis passed away recently. The YCHS Board of Directors will be donating a Heritage Brick in her honor. Eileen will be missed by all of her many friends in this organization.

We have several exciting events going on this month and in April. There will be a tour of the historic town of Lafayette on Saturday, the 26 and Farm Fest will take place at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center on April 9. There will be more information on these two events elsewhere in the newsletter.

Board Directors, Phyllis McBride and Don Hurless will be resigning their positions at the end of this month. While we will miss their thoughtful input at our board meetings, it is good to know that they are not leaving the YCHS. Fortunately, both will continue with their committees and other volunteer work. The board has appointed Katie Allwander to fill out the remainder of Phyllis' term. We will look forward to working with Katie.

I would like to thank Gloria Lutz for serving YCHS as Membership Chair. She has stepped down from that position in order to have more time to devote to Pioneer Days. Until we can find a permanent replacement, I have agreed to take on that responsibility.

The Yamhill County Historical Society owns several properties. The Society owns, and has the responsibility of maintaining, the following properties: the Miller Museum and the Poling Church (which is on the National Register of

Historic Buildings), and a Pioneer Cemetery which are all located in Lafayette. The YCHS also owns the new Yamhill Valley Heritage Center located on Durham Lane just out of McMinnville. I will have more to say about each of these sites and the Society's responsibility to manage and maintain all of these properties in next month's letter.

As of March 21, we have received a total of \$9,300 in Heritage Brick donations! This amount continues to increase almost daily! The Flag Monument Project, which will be the first project the donated bricks will be used for, is estimated to cost \$12,276 for the construction work. The cost of the bricks and the inscriptions on the bricks will be an additional cost of, approximately, \$20.00 per brick. I absolutely believe we will receive enough brick donations in time to get the Flag Pole Monument built at the Heritage Center by Harvest Fest this August! For more details on this program, please take a look at the article on the Heritage Bricks found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Yamhill County Historical Society is a diverse organization made up of many members and volunteers who have many different points of view. I can assure you that your YCHS Board of Directors benefit from listening to a divergent range of viewpoints before concluding our decisions. Our intention is to always base our decisions on what is in the best interests of the Society we serve.

Carolyn Meeker, President
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Carlton Happenings January 7, 1910

Carlton

—♦—

Cold weather here! The Old Man is taking a vacation and the boys are running the weather this season.

Lots of sickness these days—the Oregonian would like to see rain.

John Staleup has been very sick but is better.

Mrs. Wright Johnson of McMinnville is with her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Martin, who has been very sick but

is better.

August Ford shipped hogs from Carlton this week.

Huber Sittion and wife were visiting the John Fryer family this week.

Skating is the main go in Carlton this week. The Carlton lake is the grandest place in the country for skating, there being three hundred acres on which to skate.

Wren Pierce has sold his farm to August Almlund.

Will Hudson has sold his

farm.

Fred Sittion was in town this week on business.

The Christian church is holding protracted meetings this month.

The saw mill is running at full blast these days.

It takes no small amount of wood at present to keep warm.

The wheat is not damaged by the frost yet, as there was no thaw, thus saving it.

Articles from The News-Reporter January 7, 1910

Board Meeting Recap ~ February 9, 2011

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—Marge reported that the new “Newberg” book by Arcadia has disappeared. If you see it, please return it. There is now a **Borrowers Log Book**. If you wish to borrow a book, please notify the research librarian for approval and fill out the request in the **Borrowers Log Book**.
- ♦ Photographic Project—Jennifer reported that the Yamhill County website will soon be removing all YCHS photos that were posted. Research is being done on website options for hosting YCHS photos for sale to the public. A quantity discount on photo orders is being developed.
- ♦ Computer—Tom announced that the back-up system is now up and running.
- ♦ Steam Committee—An education program for YCHS members is being developed.
- ♦ Sawmill Committee—They are working on hooking up the steam tractor to the sawmill, so they might need a drive belt.
- ♦ Blacksmith Shop—Work is being done on a new forge, new fire pot, and refurbishment of the bellows. They would like to put in a new ventilation system.
- ♦ Education Committee—A job description is being drafted for this position for future committee members.

- ♦ Activities and Events Committee—At the recommendation of community members, the committee reviewed and raised the YCHS private event rental rates for 2011 on the Activities Building at the Heritage Center.

Treasurer’s Report: Kim reported that construction on the Heritage Center minus the roof membrane has been paid in full. Kim presented an eight page draft of the 2011 budget. We will discuss this working document at the March board meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- ♦ Poling Church—Cynthia, Karen, and Shirley have put together a notebook on the Poling Church including all our records of maintenance and work done on the church. Contractor reports will also be kept in this file. This newly formed committee will assess the needs and problems of the church and report back to the board.
- ♦ Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery—Newly formed committee to include Joanne Watts, Carolyn Meeker, Karen Sitton-Saxberg, Kory Knutz, Debbie Clark, and Tammy Burnell. This committee will keep track of the needs of the cemetery and report to the board.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Berthelsdorf, Secretary

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Cliff Watts
- Sawmill:**
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Karen Sitton-Saxberg
- Steam Equipment:**
Vern Yeager
- Treasures in the Attic:**
Shirley Venhaus

Heritage Center Administration Building

Work is being done on the new Administration Building at the Heritage Center. Come visit any Saturday between 10 and 3 for a tour of the new building.



Goodbye to a Longtime Member Eileen Lewis



Eileen Lewis
1937—2011

Eileen Lewis passed away, at the age of 73, on February 19, 2011 in her home in Amity due to health complications.

Born December 14, 1937 in McMinnville, Oregon, she grew up on a farm outside of town with her 3 sisters. She graduated from McMinnville High School in 1956 and was part of the Grizzly marching band. She married Ivan Lewis in 1958, and they settled in Amity where they raised 2 sons.

Eileen was an active member in the community and enjoyed being a member of the Valley Women's Club, Gallery Theater, The Amity Pancake Breakfast, Amity Daffodil Festival, and Yamhill County Historical Society and was instrumental in getting Meals on Wheels established in Amity. She was an active Catholic.

Eileen was the Amity Head Librarian for over 30 years and enjoyed all the people she has met. When it came to people's names and books, her mind was a steel trap. Eileen enjoyed her grandchildren, traveling, genealogy, history, reading and lighthouses. She collected nutcrackers and owls and gained the nickname Grandma Owl from her grandchildren.

She is survived by her two sons, R. Marck Lewis of Amity, Russell Allen Lewis of Willamina; three sisters, Pauline Shultz of Amity, Connie Hooker of McMinnville, and Gerri Bryant of Petaluma CA; four grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

NewsRegister.com Obituary 3034121



Whitewashing the Blacksmith Shop

A Cub Scout pack 284 from Lafayette came out to the Heritage Center Saturday, March 12, to help blacksmith chair, Steve Gossett, whitewash the blacksmith shop. They did one whale of a good job. After painting, Steve and volunteer Ike Bay, demonstrated how to make an iron hook on the forge. The children then had an opportunity to sit in the school house, stagecoach, and covered wagon. They were able to visit the Exhibit Hall and see the collection of farm equipment. What a great group of kids!

Yamhill County Communities—Amity in 1894



Amity Train Depot

Amity, Oregon—located in Yamhill County, but a short distance from the southern boundary, situated on a level plain and partly surrounded by a low range of hills, is the town of Amity. It is on the line of the West Side division of the Southern Pacific railroad, 57 miles south of Portland, and is within two and one-half miles of the line of the narrow-gauge system of the same company. Amity thus enjoys exceptional facilities for railroad connection with Portland and the larger valley towns. Two trains pass each way over the narrow-gauge lines daily, and one passenger train from the north and south stops at Amity's depot on the main line of the Southern Pacific.

The population of Amity is about 400 and the place is incorporated. While no manufacturing is done here at the present writing, its advantages as a site for future manufacturing enterprise are worthy of attention. The town is located in the midst of the richest farming districts. The principal crops of this tributary section are wheat and hops, with considerable attention paid by the farmers to the cultivation of vegetables and fruit. The locality is one that has been settled for many years and the farms

are principally in a high state of development.

One principal and an assistant have charge of the public school system of Amity, with an average number of pupils enrolled of 100. The Methodist, Baptist, and Christian denominations maintain strong organizations and the congregation of each occupies a building of its own. The Odd Fellows hall is used for all public gatherings and has a seating capacity of about 200 people. The Amity Popgun handles the news features of the town in a truly effervescent style. Amity supports one hotel, and has a good livery stable for the accommodation of the traveling public.

Good garden and farming lands can be bought adjoining the town limits of Amity at the rate of \$80 per acre. The value of land becomes less, of course, in a fair ratio as the distance from the town is increased. Mr. John L. Watt, a long-time resident of Amity, is thoroughly conversant with property values in the vicinity of the town, and he is able at all times to offer good land at the prices indicated above.

The Oregonian's Handbook of the Pacific Northwest, c. 1894



Amity—Trade Street
Looking North

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	2 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
3	4	5	6 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	7	8 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	9 Lafayette Museum CLOSED FARM FEST 11—2 HERITAGE CENTER
10 General Meeting 2—4	11	12	13 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Board Meeting 4 pm	14	15 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	16 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
17	18	19	20 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	21	22 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 GOOD FRIDAY EARTH DAY	23 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
24 EASTER	25	26	27 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	28	29 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	30 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3

Event Locations

- ◆ April 9, 2011—
YCHS Farm Fest
Heritage Center
- ◆ April 10, 2011—
General Meeting—
DATE CHANGE
— 7th Day
Adventist, 1500 Old
Sheridan Rd.,
McMinnville
- ◆ April 13, 2011—
Board Meeting —
Lafayette Museum
- ◆ April 26, 2011—
Newberg Historical
Society Meeting—
101 West Foothills
Drive, Newberg

Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 10, 2011—
General Meeting
- ◆ May 11, 2011—
Board Meeting
- ◆ May, 2011—Pioneer
Days
- ◆ June 4, 2011—
Settlers' Reunion

Newberg Historical Society

The April meeting of the new Newberg Historical Society is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2011, starting at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Newberg Adult Enrichment Center at 101 West Foothills Drive, Newberg.

George Edmonston Jr., Chair. (503) 554-0132

The Settlers' Reunion

The Settlers' Reunion Committee is looking for the following to help make stilts and old-fashioned dolls for the event: 10 foot 2x4's, 8 foot 2x4's, 5 1/2 inch length by 1/4 inch shaft bolts with wing nuts, cotton fabric pieces, cotton string, and crochet thread or embroidery floss.

We continue to look for anyone who would like to be included in this program. If you have a skill that you would like to demonstrate, or you have a product from the 1860-1880 time period that you would like to

sell, we need you. Quilters, spinners, weavers, silversmiths, blacksmiths, whittlers, chair bodgers, wheelwrights, seamstresses, embroiderers, potters, and candle makers are some of the things that we would like to see for this program.

Please contact Phyllis McBride at 503-516-1652 or email at pinokeo@gmail.com.

Phyllis McBride, Settlers' Reunion Chair

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

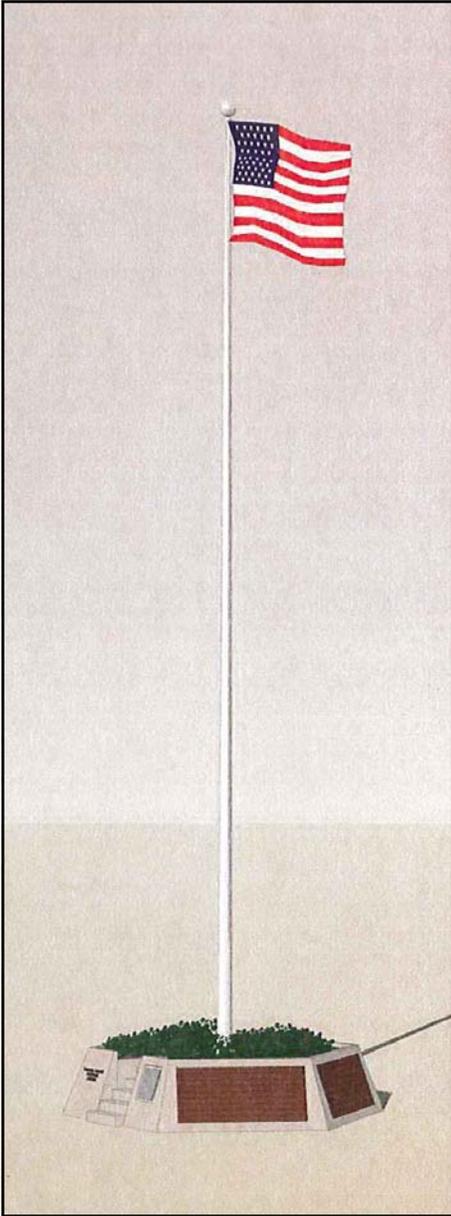
Yamhill Valley Heritage Center

11275 SW Durham Ln.
McMinnville, OR
97128

Hours:

Saturday 10—3

Heritage Center Flag Pole Monument



The Yamhill County Historical Society has almost reached our initial goal of raising the funds for the Flag Pole Monument to be erected at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center.

The drawings to the right and left of this article depict what this monument will look like. The base will be four feet high and twenty feet across, from the lower part, and eighteen feet across from the upper part of the hexagon. There will be a bronze plaque with the likenesses of Ray and Barbara Kauer on one of the hexagon's sides. There will be steps leading to the upper portion of the monument on another of the sides of the hexagon. The remaining sides of the hexagon will hold the Heritage Bricks inscribed with (up to three lines) of text as directed by the donors. There will be a sixty foot flag pole extending from the upper portion of the monument with a large American flag flying atop which will be lit at night.

We have raised \$9,300 in donated Heritage Bricks as of March 21! The construction cost for the Flag Pole Project is estimated to be \$12,276. The cost of the bricks and the inscriptions on the bricks will cost approximately \$20 for each brick. There are variables in these estimated costs. For instance, if we place an initial order for over 100 bricks, we will receive a fifty cent discount on each brick. There has been (to date) a total of \$1551 of in kind donations and this figure could change. Given these variables, we need to raise, approximately, another \$4,185 in order to cover the cost of the bricks, the inscriptions on the bricks, the construction costs of the Flag Pole Monument and any possible increases in costs between now and the time construction actually begins.

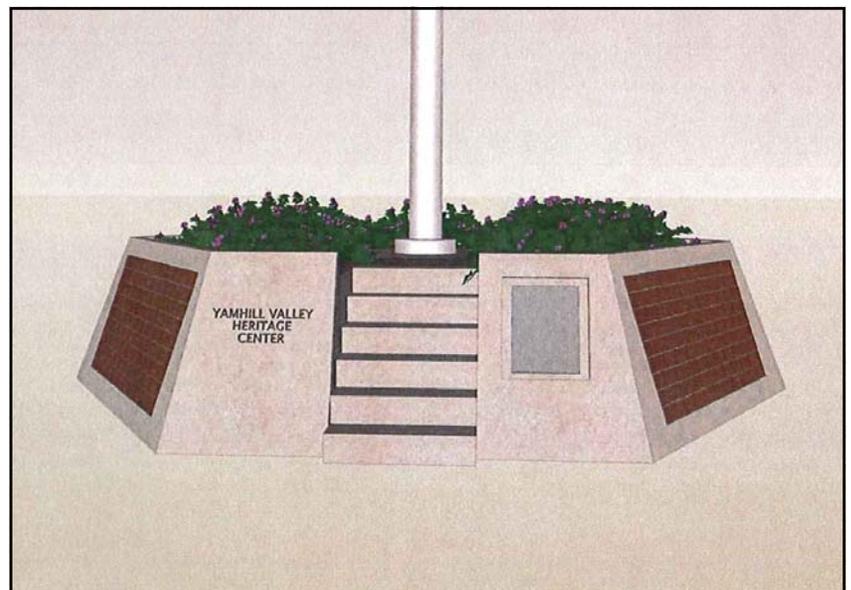
All of the Heritage Bricks will be used on the base of the Flag Pole Monument until that space is completely filled.

After the completion of the Flag Pole Monument, the Heritage Brick funds will be used towards other construction costs at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. Bricks donated after the space on the Flag Pole Monument is filled will be used for other purposes such as walkways or retaining walls. For those who have not yet visited the new site, the Heritage Center is located just southwest of McMinnville on the corner of Durham Lane and Highway 18.

On behalf of the Yamhill County Historical Society, I want to thank all of those who have already contributed to this project. I would also like to urge all of those who wish to contribute, but haven't done so yet, to order your bricks today!

For a donation of \$100, you can have a Heritage Brick engraved, up to three lines of seventeen characters each, with the wording of your choice. You may choose to honor a family member, friend (living or not), organization, or other entity of your choice.

Carolyn Meeker, President





Preserving our Past, Enriching our Future

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Lafayette, Oregon 97127

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McMinnville, Oregon
97128

Yamhill County Historical Society Membership Application

Membership Yes! I want to support the Yamhill County Historical Society's efforts to preserve the county's rich history. 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.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____
(Work): _____ Email: _____

**Please mail this form
with payment to:
YCHS
P.O. Box 484
Lafayette, OR 97127**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Student/Educator \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family (Basic) \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Builder \$250+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Family (age 65+) \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend \$55 | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Benefactor \$500+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter \$125+ | |

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Questions? Call Membership Coordinator Carolyn Meeker (503) 835-8481 or email: acmeeker@frontier.com

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