



The West Side

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Tour the Trask River Wagon Toll Road!

When: JUNE 19, 2014

The Tillamook County Historical Society cordially invites the members and friends of the Yamhill County Historical Society to join us on Thursday, June 19, as once again we enjoy a car-caravan tour of the Trask River Wagon Toll Road.

We plan to meet at 8:30 am at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds East Parking Lot, travel the route caravan-style over the beautiful Coast Range Summit, and enjoy our own brow-bag lunches together at Beulah Park (City of Yamhill) beginning at about noon. We will have a couple brief historical presentations at the beginning and at the end of the route. We will provide maps and interpretive information and we request a \$10 vehicle donation. No pre-registration will be required.



Tillamook Stagecoach 1906

Please note: We are awaiting confirmation from Weyerhaeuser that we can travel through their lands on June 19. We wanted to give Yamhill County folks a heads-up about the event now. Assuming we can indeed finalize our plans, we will ask your weekly News-Register to include press releases from us several times in early June.

With the expectation that we will be able to conduct the Tour, we hope some of you

can come over for the caravan or meet us at Beulah Park for lunch! For more information, please call Tour Co-Chair Linda Hofman (503) 983-0592 or Marjorie Owens at the Miller Museum. (Thanks so much Marjorie!) If any of you come over a day early, we would love to meet up with you in Tillamook.

Linda Hofman, Tillamook Historical Society

**NOTICE:
MAY Potluck and
General Meeting**

- Date: May 13, 2014
- Time: 6:00 pm
Potluck, 6:30 pm
Program
- Program: Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery
- Location: YCHS Heritage Center, Hwy 18 & Durham Lane, McMinnville

It's Not Too Early.....

Your dues are due next month (June 30). Please do your part and renew your membership in the Yamhill County Historical Society now. By doing so now, you will save the Historical Society money as we will not have to send you a reminder.

Also, the Post Office

returns your newsletter if you have moved or are on vacation and have not notified us.....They charge us 49 cents to return it to us, so PLEASE let your Membership Coordinator know if you have a new address, or your mail is being held.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Annual Dues

Thank you for your continued support.

Carlene Kadell, Membership Coordinator

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President's Letter



YCHS Members,
We have had a very successful Farm Fest this year. Preliminary numbers suggest more than 2000 in attendance and \$11,000 in gross revenues. Bills have to be paid out of that, of course. This will be our most successful event ever. Our many thanks go to all of the volunteers who make this possible.

Construction on the Heritage Hall is progressing nicely, and those of you who were able to attend Farm Fest will have seen that the walls are up and a significant portion of the heating system has been installed. There is a lot of work to go, but if you haven't seen it recently you can stop by the Heritage Center and see the work in progress. We are continuing to raise the funds needed for completion. If you can help in reaching our goal of \$75,000 to ensure completion we would like to hear from you.

At the General Meeting on the 13th we voted to have the meetings this Fall (September, October and November) on Sunday afternoons instead of the Tuesday evenings previously scheduled. We hope that works out better for everyone.

I want to mention several events that will be coming up that you can put on your calendar for later this summer. Harvest

Fest will be at the Heritage Center on August 16 and 17, Treasures in the Attic on the 13th of September and an Antique Equipment Auction on September 27th.

Thank you for your support of the YCHS.

Steve Leonard
YCHS President
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Submitted: April 15, 2014



Photo by Tom Catrall



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Board Meeting Recap ~ April 9, 2014

The following recap is a condensed version of not-yet approved minutes from the board meeting. All committee reports are filed in the record book with the minutes at the Lafayette Site.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ **Activities & Events Committee**—Sarah Miller reported that there are plans underway for an event in October tentatively titled Tea, Croquet and Lingerie. The lingerie component would be an exhibit of historical women's clothing, specifically corsets in the YCHS collection.
- ◆ **Education Committee**—Cynthia Christensen reported that Pioneer Days can use more volunteers and that a fuel policy has been adopted.
- ◆ **Heritage Center and Property Development**—John Lewis reported on Cliff Watts' behalf. Preparation for Farm Fest is well underway. The construction cost report was presented. There will be a reception on April 17 for donors to the recent construction effort. The partitioning of the interior is nearly complete. The County signed off on the sprinkler system.
- ◆ **Lafayette Development & Operations**—Karen Sitton-Saxberg reported that landscaping maintenance is needed and underway. The fire extinguishers need to be inspected, recharged or replaced as needed. An inspection company has been contacted. The board approved the use of a landscaping company to maintain the Lafayette Site grounds. Karen recused herself from the discussion and vote due to a potential conflict of interest.
- ◆ **Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery**—The gopher hunt is underway. Todd Holt is investigating costs and potential designs for the new gate.

President's Report:

- ◆ Steve Leonard reported on the Tillamook Historical Society Tour of Trask Toll Road.

Secretary's Report:

- ◆ Rick Fieldhouse reported that there was no report.

Treasurer's Report:

- ◆ John Lewis provided the treasurer's report which is on file in the record book in Lafayette. Fundraising for the completion of the Heritage Hall was already seeing success. We have already received pledges for approximately 25% of the \$75,000 necessary to qualify for the matching grant from the Ford Family Foundation.

Unfinished Business:

- ◆ Telephone and Data Service—Rick Fieldhouse reported that the Heritage Center phone and data service contract with Frontier had been completed and John Lewis reported that the work had been done to provide a line to the facility and would soon be completed to provide working phones in the building.
- ◆ Copier Requirements—Kim Courtin reported that more data is needed on usage counts before determining the average usage at the Miller Museum.
- ◆ Computer Recommendations—John Lewis reported that he received an email from Tom that suggested a computer system for roughly \$1,000.

New Business:

- ◆ Education Committee Charter—the newly revised charter was presented and accepted.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rick Fieldhouse, Secretary
Submitted April 15, 2014*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accessions Lafayette:

Ursula Doud

Accessions/Restoration

Heritage Center:

Cliff Watts

Activities and Events:

Pam Watts

Audit:

Jo McIntire

Blacksmith Shop:

Jeff Monahan

Budget:

John Lewis

Business Plan & Grant Review:

Steve Leonard

Education Committee:

Cynthia Christensen

Farm/Harvest Fest:

Cliff and Pam Watts

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Steve Leonard

Insurance Committee:

Tony Meeker

Lafayette Development & Operations :

Karen Sitton-Saxberg

Lafayette Pioneer Cemetery:

Todd Holt

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Garry Coats—Lafayette

Miller Museum:

Marjorie Owens

Photographic Project:

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Publications/Gift Shop:

Jean Sartor

Sawmill:

Don King

Secrets of the Past Tours:

Karen Sitton-Saxberg

Steam Engine:

Vern Yeager

Treasures in the Attic:

Carolyn Meeker

Farm Fest 2014 HUGE SUCCESS!

Farm Fest was a tremendous success with over 2,000 people gathering at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center on April 12. Sunshine, good publicity and 24 teams of draft horses and mules brought out the crowds! This year's Plowing Competition had 24 teams of draft animals competing, making it the largest plowing competition on the west coast. The new "Agriculture in Art" photography and art competition had 80 entries by local artists and students, plus a wide array of historical photos from the YCHS photo collection were on display. Kids enjoyed the pioneer kids' activities, petting animals, climbing on a John Deere tractor, having a chance to wash clothes the "old fashioned way," sitting on a saddle, and engaging in a variety of other hands-on activities. The blacksmith, sawmill, and steam engine were in operation, tours of the Hutchcroft School were given, people saw a horse being shod, plus food, music and numerous displays. It was a great event for all ages!

Special thanks to all the volunteers and the Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Association for making Farm Fest 2014 such a success! We estimated that there were approximately 150 volunteers who helped with Farm Fest this year, and we appreciate every one of them!

Pam & Cliff Watts, Chairmen, Farm Fest



Photo Courtesy of Michelle Blumenthal

Plowing Competition Winners from Farm Fest

Teamsters and 24 teams of draft horses and mules competed in the annual Plowing Competition at Farm Fest. Hosted by the Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Association, this plowing competition started in 1968 and has been happening annually for the past 45 years.

People's Choice:

- ◆ The Plow Girls - Michelle Blumenthal and Estelle Firestone
- ◆ Supreme Plowman - Sara Van Dyke

- ◆ Dan Kintz Memorial Award - Jonathan Jude
- ◆ Best Working Team - Gean Courtney

Ladies' Class:

- ◆ 1st Place - Sara Van Dyke
- ◆ 2nd Place - Jessica Erwert
- ◆ 3rd Place - Suzanne Burkhardt

Novice Class:

- ◆ 1st Place - Bozeb Beckwith
- ◆ 2nd Place - Chuck Meeuwssen
- ◆ 3rd Place - Matt Shaver

Senior Class:

- ◆ 1st Place - Buzz Altman
- ◆ 2nd Place - Wayne Beckwith
- ◆ 3rd Place - Neal McCool

Open Class:

- ◆ 1st Place - Gean Courtney
- ◆ 2nd Place - Gerry Lee
- ◆ 3rd Place - Don Lee

Sulky Class:

- ◆ 1st Place - Dick Werner
- ◆ 2nd Place - Lee Carlson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	3 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
4	5	6	7 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	8	9 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	10 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
11 Mother's Day	12	13 GENERAL MEETING 6:00 pm	14 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 BOARD MEETING 5:30 pm	15	16 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	17 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
18	19	20	21 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	22	23 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	24 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	29	30	31 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Ctr. Open 10-3

Event Locations

- ◆ May 13—General Meeting 6 pm—Heritage Center
- ◆ May 14 —Board Meeting 5:30 pm—Lafayette Museum

Upcoming Events

- ◆ August 16-17—Harvest Fest
- ◆ September 13—Treasures in the Attic
- ◆ September 27—Farm Equipment Auction
- ◆ October 4—Tea, Crochet and Lingerie...
- ◆ December 6-7—Handmade Holiday

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
Contact: 503-435-9700

Lafayette Buzz.....



Congratulations to our friend Marge Owens. At our recent YCHS General meeting, she received the Community Service Award for her volunteer work as both librarian and research director at the Lafayette site. Joanne Watts presented the award to Marge on behalf of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Marge volunteers three days a week at the Lafayette site along with participating in community activities in her home town of Sheridan. All those that work with Marge would agree “it’s about time she was recognized for her many hours

of volunteer time and effort”.

The volunteers at Lafayette are anxious for summer to arrive and hope you will join us for tours and fun events at both sites.

Farm Fest 2014



Photo Courtesy of Tom Cattrall



Photo Courtesy of Theresa Berthelsdorf



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Invest in a piece of Yamhill County History

Imagine a new brick pathway inviting visitors to the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center. You, your family, or honored loved ones' names can become a part of Yamhill County history.

These engraved Heritage Bricks will be incorporated in various architectural projects, such as walkways, walls, and the base of a flag pole now erected at the Heritage Center. For a donation of \$100, your brick will be engraved to your specifications and become a permanent part of the Heritage Center, creating an amazing tribute to our ancestors, town fathers, loved ones and Yamhill County families. With your donations, you partner with us in building the future of our society.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

\$100 per Brick

BRICK #1

Inscription (one character per box—include spaces and punctuation in boxes)

BRICK #2

Brick Inscriptions

Each brick may be inscribed with up to three lines, and up to 17 spaces on each line.

Typical inscriptions have included...

- ◆ In Memory of (or In Honor of)
- ◆ Family names
- ◆ Past or current business names
- ◆ Historic event
- ◆ Living or past family members

Inscriptions that are deemed inappropriate by the YCHS Property Development Committee will not be allowed.

Amount for Bricks

\$ _____

Additional Donation

\$ _____

Total Enclosed

\$ _____

**Make checks payable to:
YCHS
Detach and Mail form to:
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Preserving our Past, Enriching our Future

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McMinnville, Oregon
97128

Membership Categories

NEW MEMBERSHIP RENEWING MEMBERSHIP

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.

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

- Senior/Student/Educator \$15 Family (Basic) \$30 Community Builder \$250+
- Senior Family (65+) \$25 Friend \$55 Community Benefactor \$500+
- Individual \$20 Supporter \$125+

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would prefer to receive the YCHS newsletter via: Email Postal Mail

- I would like to volunteer to help with activities of the YCHS. Please contact me.
- Please click here* if you do not wish to have your name and contact information released to the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition and/or for the purpose of obtaining grant funding. Member information will never be sold or released for any other purpose unless written consent is provided by the member.

Please make checks payable to YCHS and return with this printed form to:
YCHS, P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127

Questions? Call Membership Coordinator Carlene Kadell (503) 474-0480 or email: amity1956@yahoo.com

YCHS Membership Application