



Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014

*Founded in 1986, the Society's mission is
to preserve, promote and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin*



Save the Date...

Evening Program

Bonnors Ferry

Landslide 1998

Thursday, July 17

7:00pm

Tualatin Heritage Center

Bill Bugel retired in the railroad industry in both engineering and operations positions will talk about the Bonnors Ferry Landslide. He blended his knowledge of rail engineering and operations plus that of geology to deal with the continual challenges faced by operating a major railroad. Overlaps between the railroad industry and geology include: slope stability, bank erosion constraints, tunneling, earthquake notification, as well as the day-to-day maintenance issues such as keeping the ballast section clear of fines, dealing with run-off and so forth. Program co-sponsored by the Ice Age Institute and the Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, call 503.257.0144.



Photo: Bonnors Ferry Slide

THS 'Picnic in the Park' on July 2 at Jurgens Park

Join us when we gather for our annual 'Picnic in the Park' at a new location this year. The fun and fellowship is scheduled for the main picnic shelter at **Jurgens Park** on **Wednesday, July 2 at 5:00 pm.**

This popular potluck replaces the usual Heritage Center monthly meeting at 1:00 pm. For information, call 503.885.1926.



Bring a dish to share and your own table service, beverages will be provided. For information or to volunteer to help set-up, please call Gerry Brosy at 503.692.1247.

Business Leaders Explore Tualatin's "Great Leap Forward" from the 1970s to Today

Several private sector leaders part of the fast-moving business growth in our city will share their perspectives in a panel presentation **Wednesday, August 6 at 1:00 pm.** Moderated by former mayor Steve Stolze, the discussion will include Jack Broome, consultant for the city's first urban renewal plan and chief architect for the pacesetter Meridian Park Hospital dedicated in 1973; Harvey Clark, owner of the iconic Clark Lumber Company/True Value nearing its 50th anniversary; Arne Nyberg whose family's Sweetbrier Inn was another landmark before development in all four corners of Exit 289; and David Emami, whose downtown theatre in Tualatin was his first step in redeveloping several

core area business sites, including preservation of the city's first "skyscraper" (now home of Mashita's and the VFW, pictured below). Moderator Stolze is also a Tualatin businessman.

Monthly programs at the Heritage Center sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.



Photo: Tualatin's first 'Skyscraper'.



Message from the President

By Art Sasaki

Summertime And The Living Is Easy

The school year with its required homework has ended. But summertime for kids now is a lot different than during the mid-1900s when I was growing up.

There were endless days of picking strawberries in miserable, cold, rainy conditions which turned into endless days under a hot, blazing sun topping the strawberry plants. The payoff was a new pair of baseball cleats or a new mitt with money left over to put into college savings at the bank. Other kids bought new school clothes.

Peewee baseball behind the Hervin Plant and Babe Ruth baseball led to a high school state championship. Some of those kids went on to play in college or were drafted by the majors.

Like many farm kids, I learned how to drive on the farm, starting with a D2 Cat and the John Deere. Driving a '29 Model-A truck towing a trailer of 40-foot long irrigation pipe, I learned to back it up using only the rearview mirror. During high school summers, I hauled berry pickers driving a '36 Chevrolet school bus without synchromesh. I learned how to double-clutch going both up and down through the gears and also drove to and from 2/day football practice starting at age 15.

County and state fairs were fun times with FFA livestock judging contests and the carnival rides. FFA acquaintances from those days became college professors, politicians, business owners and leaders, and naturally, successful farm operators.

Summer picnics were welcome breaks and also memorable. The best annual picnic was our end-of-strawberry-season picnic with unlimited ice cream, hot dogs and potato chips. Everyone got their paychecks, including a bonus of 10-cents per flat (20%), for lasting out the season.

The annual church picnic was at Blue Lake Park or the beach. The food was always fantastic, and it was a good time to see city friends and to catch up on goings-on. The annual Judo Club picnic was held at a farm on the Clackamas River. A memorable highlight was when a soon-to-be Miss Oregon finalist made steam rise from the Clackamas River by wearing a bikini swimsuit to work on her tan. She was my first college fraternity house dance date with Paul Revere and the Raiders.

The Tualatin Historical Society Annual July Picnic will be Wednesday, July 2, at Jurgens Park, at 5:00 pm. Anyone willing to make (or relive) some history by wearing tanning attire that will have lasting memorable impact as in Roamer's Rest or Avalon Park days?

I hope to see you there!

~ Art



Pioneer Days 2014 Were the Best Yet—Even with a Little Rain



Volunteers agreed that this year's THS initiative to help fourth graders appreciate what the early settlers in Tualatin experienced was aided by carefully-prepared students ready and eager to learn. Once again the three busy days were preceded and followed by a devoted crew of THS members and helpers who gave their time. Coordinator Chris Tunstall tallied 35 helpers who worked directly with students, provided hot soup for lunch, provided tents to shelter from showers and sunshine and historic displays. A huge thank you to the following volunteers and staff of City of Tualatin, Heritage Center and Willowbrook: Sandra Carlson, Diane Barry, Evie Andrews, Barbara Stinger, Sue Raxter, Pam Langer, Janet Lockwood, Rochelle Wandzura, Alison Murray, Linda Seibold, Gretchen MacCracken, Ellie McClure, Larry McClure, Rochelle Martinazzi, Cori Conway, Lloyd Gooding, Jim Serrill, Gerry Brosy, Ruth Prier, Chris Tunstall, Anita Gilham, Samantha Brown, Arne Nyberg, Katy Peters, Amanda Wooten, Jan Guinta, Sam Keator, Martha Denis, Norm Parker, Loyce Martinazzi, Richard Hall, Rebecca Pratt, Patrick Norris, Rhonda Verbeck, Lindy Hughes, Tualatin Police and Maintenance Depts.

A new twist this year was a request that students give the "Toll Keeper" a card listing the countries or states/cities of origin for their ancestors. This was a reminder that their own parents/grandparents/etc. also made difficult journeys to arrive in Tualatin in later times. Here's how they answered "Where are you from?" ~ continued page 3

Family Origins of Tualatin Fourth Graders: 2014

If the toll gate man for Pioneer Days were checking passports of students on the 2014 trail, they would have reported these origins of their relatives. (Students could list any of the birthplaces for parents/ grandparents. Numbers indicate how many other students named that place.) Canada, Chile, Cuba, Mexico (36), Peru, Armenia, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, England 5, Germany 11, Norway 3, Ireland 6, Italy 5, Netherlands 3, Scotland, Spain, and Sweden, Australia 2, Guam 2, Japan 2, Korea 3, Marshall Islands, Laos, Philippines, and Samoa. From USA: Alaska 2, Arizona 2, California 20, Cherokee Nation, Colorado 3, Florida, Hawaii 2, Idaho, Illinois 3, Kentucky 2, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota 2, Montana 2, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, N. Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma 2, Oregon 6, Pennsylvania 5, S. Dakota, Texas 4, Utah, Virginia 2.

The purpose of this project is to remind us that all our ancestors made decisions to pack up and start a journey that landed us in Tualatin. Some of those “trails” were more difficult than others.

A Day in the Life of a Young Pioneer

Making butter from heavy cream



Washing clothes the old fashioned way



Planting beans in the garden



Photos courtesy of Laurel Mayberry.

Here’s the best summary we could give for what the students from Byrom, Bridgeport and Tualatin Elementary Schools experienced May 28-30:

Dear Tualatin Heritage Center Volunteers,

Thank you for making my fourth grade pioneer day so enjoyable.

One thing I really enjoyed was pounding nails into a cap to make a shape. I enjoyed that because I love to make things and do art. Another thing I enjoyed was tasting the butter that my class made. I thought that was fun because I made it, not a store. One more thing I enjoyed was sewing a button into a quilt square. Lastly, I really enjoyed helping finish the quilt that people have been working on for a few years.

I learned a lot at Pioneer school. One thing I learned was what school was like when there were pioneers. I had not idea that teachers checked their nails, hair, and neck. Next, I learned that Bridgeport was in the land that was owned by Goodall. In addition, I learned how to do laundry without a washer or dryer. I didn't know that people hit their clothes and rugs to get them dry.

One more thing I learned was that people planted three seeds. One for the bird, one to rot and one to grow. Last but not least, I learned how to plant seeds.

When I look back 20 years from now I will probably remember learning what it was like in pioneer school.

Thank you for making my day so amazing.

*Sincerely,
Paige O.*



Eagle Scout candidate Grant Mante from Tualatin Troop 35 demonstrated his leadership skills this spring to plan and install frames to define planting areas in our Pioneer Garden “farmed” by fourth graders each year. Be sure to take a stroll and see how neat these look (and maybe you could also pull a weed or two!).

Thank you, Scouts!

Bones on the Move!

Items from Tualatin’s famous collection of ancient animal artifacts have been traveling to various public events this spring as more and more folks learn about our city’s Ice Age history. Thanks to earlier contacts with local professional and amateur paleontologists and archeologists, Yvonne Addington has transported displays to Portland State University’s Archeology Road Show at OMSI and the Tualatin River Refuge Songbird Festival. The displays are now back at the Tualatin Library.



Nyberg Rivers Shopping Center Opens Mid-September

Tualatin Historical Society will have a role at the mid-September grand opening celebration of Nyberg Rivers and dedication of its featured mastodon sculpture and related children’s book. Table volunteers will be needed to sell the illustrated storybook published by CenterCal, the mall developer. The Society retains all proceeds from THS sales. Tualatin Library and school district will enjoy a similar arrangement, thanks to CenterCal. Watch for updated information as the time draws closer.



Rocks 101 and the Lake Missoula Flood

Have you ever tried to answer the question: “What is a rock” without having one to point to?

Join us on **Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 at the Tualatin Public Library** when Rick Thompson will not only define what rocks are but provide an explanation of the different kinds of rocks, how they are formed as well as how the three main types of rocks are related to the Lake Missoula Floods.

He will have samples of various kinds of rocks for the audience to examine. You are also invited to bring rocks or mineral samples from your own collections that are special to you and that you would like to share with others. Or you may bring a rock that you would like to have identified that may be a mystery to you and see if Rick or someone else there can solve the mystery.

For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

Photo right: Rick Thompson loves to show off NW rocks to family and friends.



Public/Private Trade-Offs Key to Tualatin Growth

Earlier this year the city council decided that the current city council chambers (photo right) on Martinazzi Avenue would be torn down to make way for a



new street to be named Barngrover (Tualatin’s first fire chief). In the early 1970’s, just as the city was starting to be the fastest growing city in the state, and before construction of the Tualatin-Sherwood Road bypass, the Hervin Company (Blue Mountain Dog Food Company) wanted a rail spur off the Oregon Electric Rail Road line across Boones Ferry Road and across the old city hall property (Boones and Tualatin-Sherwood Road intersection) back to their plant. An adjacent wood-frame building held the first Tualatin fire department and the first city hall office was set up for business there in 1967.

Mayor Jim Brock and City Council said okay but Hervin must buy the old fire department/city hall acre and parking lot and pay for the city to build a new city hall for a planned civic center downtown. Jason Hervin, owner, paid \$15,000 for the old lot then donated \$75,000 for a cinder-block city hall building and paving. Landscaping and historic plants were installed. That new (soon-to-be-demolished) building originally housed all city staff in administration, finance, building, engineering, planning, plus municipal court and city council. The city’s Urban Renewal Agency later bought the acreage now used for the library for over \$200,000 from the Tualatin Rural Fire Protection District (TRFPD) in the mid-70s after TRFPD decided to move administration offices to Wilsonville. TRFPD merged with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue in 1989. A book on Tualatin Fire Department and TRFPD history was written in 2010 by retired firemen and volunteers and is currently on sale at the Tualatin Heritage Center.

Submitted by Yvonne Addington, former City Manager and current THS board member.

Historian and Weatherman Remember Great Columbus Day Storm of 1962

Destructive weather in other parts of the nation and world still captures the news today. But Tualatin and the Pacific Northwest/Northern California experienced its own devastation on October 12, 1962 with at least 46 deaths attributed to the typhoon's horrific winds which at one point measured 113 mph at the Morrison Street Bridge in Portland. Long-time Tualatin residents recall the aftermath very well. Oregon Historical Society featured the Big Blow in a special exhibit this year and OHS Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk, will co-present with KGW weatherman Rod Hill at this **1:00 pm monthly meeting of THS on September 3.**

Do you have photos of this period in Tualatin? Bring them along and we will ask your permission to scan and return so our THS files have additional documentation for future researchers.



Photo above: Brick wall flattens car in downtown PDX Below: Taken "The Day After" in Newberg. ~ Photos courtesy of the National Weather Bureau.



(Note: Our August and September programs were spearheaded by new THS member Ross Baker. We have openings on our Program Committee and need your ideas, too!)

Thank You for Your Important Contributions



The THS board passed special resolutions at its May meeting to honor the retirement of Becky Savino from the City of Tualatin Community Services Office and Cheryl Dorman, manager of Columbia Bank who is moving to bank headquarters in downtown Portland. Becky was instrumental in arranging historic photos and art for the Tualatin Visual Chronicle and providing art, music and other cultural programming at the heritage center. Cheryl was the first local bank to step up and help THS save the old church and convert it to the heritage center. West Coast Bank (now Columbia) donated \$1000 ten years ago when we first solicited support from Tualatin businesses. She also arranged donations for each of our annual auctions and provided exhibit help when needed. We will miss both but welcome their replacements.

We Have a Fresh Look!

The Heritage Center's new exterior painting was completed in late June, thanks to careful work by Pepiot Painting (a Tualatin company) and a timely spell of good weather. All colors remained the same. The project is part of the City of Tualatin's commitment to maintain the building.





Join us for Wine, Food and Silent Auction

Buy your ticket today!



SAVE THE DATE!

DATE: FRIDAY, 9/12/14

TIME: 6:00-9:00 PM

Where:

**Tualatin Heritage Center
8700 SW Sweek Drive
Tualatin, OR 97062**



You are invited to attend our Sixth Annual Wine, Food and Silent Auction fundraiser. Help us continue with the Society’s mission “to preserve, promote, and interpret the rich and colorful history of Tualatin”.

Your attendance and donations will enable us to:

- Protect historic artifacts
- Present twice monthly programs with guest speakers
- Collect and archive historic photos and artifacts
- Put on special historical events
- Annually host Tualatin 4th Graders for “Pioneer Days”
- Maintain a garden of heirloom plants
- Identify important sites with markers, Tualatin historic buildings
- Sponsor historical, cultural, civic and environmental classes and workshops

In addition to an array of intriguing auction items, you will find the following activities:

- Taste some fabulous Northwest wines
- Beer & non-alcoholic beverages
- Enjoy scrumptious hors d’oeuvres and desserts
- Back by popular demand - Music from *Island Trio*
- Wall of Wine - wine bottle grab bag
- Raffle drawing for a fabulous prize

We have only 120 tickets available, so get yours today. Tickets are \$25 each (21 years and over) and may be ordered by phone, Barbara (503.645.1596) or Lindy (503.885.1926) or email lindy.thc@gmail.com.





Heritage Center July Event Calendar

Annual Picnic in the Park
Wednesday, July 2, 5:00-7:00 pm
New location: Jurgens Park



See page 1 for more information.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop
Fridays, 18 & 25, 10:00 am-Noon

Bring a project or start one.
 Help is available. All levels welcome.

Bonnors Ferry Slide 1998
Ice Age Evening Program
Thursday, July 17, 7:00 pm

See page 1 of the newsletter for more details. For more information, call 503.257.0144.



August Event Calendar

Business Leaders Explore Tualatin's
"Great Leap Forward" from the 1970s to Today
Wednesday, August 6, 1:00 pm

See description on page 1. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop
Fridays, August 15 & 29, 10:00 am-Noon



Bring a project or start one.
 Help is available. All levels welcome.



Clothing Swap
Wednesday, August 13
6:45 pm to 8:00 pm

Recycle, Reduce, and Reuse and attend this clothing swap. Bring something, take something. All sizes of women and teen clothing and accessories. This popular swap is held quarterly. For information, call 503.716.8910. Swap to save a planet...and save some green!



Event Calendar

Historian and Weatherman Remember Great
Columbus Day Storm of 1962

THS Monthly Program
Wednesday, September 3, 1:00 pm

See description on page 5. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

THS Annual Fundraiser
Friday, September 12, 6:00- 9:00 pm

See page 6 for information and reserve your tickets today!



Knitting and Crochet Workshop
Fridays, September 19 & 26

Bring a project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

Rocks 101 and the Lake Missoula Flood
Evening Program

Thursday, September 18, 7:00 pm

See page 4 for details.
 Evening program for this month will be held at the **Tualatin Public Library** in partnership with Lower Columbia Chapter Ice Age Flood Institute. For more information, call 503.257.0144

Tualatin Heritage Center Closures:



July 4, Independence Day
September 1, Labor Day



Auction Donations Needed

We are in the process of planning our silent auction for our big fundraiser in September. We hope that we can count on you. Any item large or small, is greatly appreciated. Please consider some of the following ways that you can support us:

- ~ Purchase tickets, invite friends and attend!
- ~ Physical items, wine for our 'Wine Pull' grab bag
- ~ Gift Certificates/Cards for goods or services
- ~ Themed gift baskets, tickets to sporting events
- ~ Hotel lodging, vacation home stay
- ~ Cash, gift items or products that can be used in a themed basket.

To donate, call Lindy at 503.885.1926 or email lindy.thc@gmail.com

Your 2014 Tualatin Historical Society Board

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 See our current and past newsletters in color and other articles of interest at www.tualatinhistoricalsociety.org.
 Website updates- Lindy Hughes
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 Office assistant- Rhonda Verbeck

Mmmmm, good!

A big thanks goes to Lois Roby, Mary Leslie and Ellie McClure for providing cookies and Ruth Prier and Gerry Brosy for making coffee for the THS monthly programs in April, May and June. They were delicious!



Volunteer Opportunities at Heritage Center

Your time is very valuable to us at Tualatin Historical Society. We maintain an ongoing list of services that require little or no skill other than your smiles and time. However, if there are specific strengths you have (such as computer applications, organization of materials, writing, research) then let us know those.



Two ongoing needs:

1. Monitoring for rentals. This requires learning how to open and close the building, assisting users with setting up and storing tables/chairs, pointing them to cleaning equipment, helping with operation of the audio-visual equipment, keeping an eye on their activities, etc. Being able to lift 25 pounds is needed. THS retains the full rental price when volunteers serve as monitors; otherwise, we pay someone else to handle it. Rentals can vary from 2 hours to longer and are typically evenings and weekends.
2. Weeding of our planters and the Pioneer Garden such as Karin Olson and Bev Phelps have been doing for our planters and rose garden. Thank you, ladies!

Please leave word at the heritage center if you'd like to give a hand.

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The Center is open to the public weekdays from 10am to 2pm. The Tualatin Historical Society holds open program meetings in the Center at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

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