



# Tualatin Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019

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



*Save the Date  
Evening Programs*



## We've Got Gas Thursday, Oct 17 7 pm

Austin Mann, field engineer and geology specialist for Northwest Natural, describes the enormous natural gas supplies underground in our region of Oregon and what this means for energy independence in the future.

## Fishing for Fossils in the Yamhill River

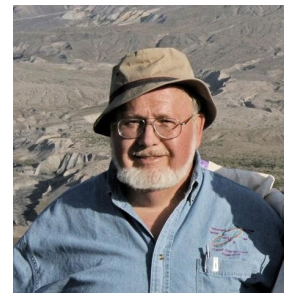
Thursday, Nov 21 7pm

Founder of the Willamette Valley Pleistocene Project, Mike Full is a retired police officer and native Oregonian with a lifelong fascination with fossils and prehistoric life. Each summer finds him searching the Willamette Valley for Pleistocene fossils. The *Willamette Valley Pleistocene Project* focuses on education to bring together various resources to preserve and study our Pleistocene past for the general interest of the public. Mike Full has for a number of years been searching the Yamhill River for fossils and has found quite a variety of bones and teeth from such Ice Age creatures as bison, mammoth, mastodon and even a baby mastodon. Come and hear the latest news and hold some specimens for yourself. Mike restored our mastodon tusk and molars, and the replicas.

Suggested donation of \$3 per adult. Program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the THS.  
[www.lafi.org/lowercolumbia](http://www.lafi.org/lowercolumbia)

## What we all need to know about the Ice Age Trail Wed. Oct 2, 1pm

The rich soil of the Willamette Valley is from eastern Washington, brought here by the Ice Age Lake Missoula Floods. It was this soil that attracted Oregon Trail pioneers to become part of one of the largest non-forced migrations in all of history.



Rick Thompson

## 2019 Annual Meeting & Champagne Lunch Wed. Nov 6, 12 pm

The 2019 annual meeting of Tualatin Historical Society is Wednesday November 6 at 12 pm. This year we will have a champagne lunch while we celebrate our accomplishments this past year.



Also slated is an election of board members and officers. Anyone interested in becoming a board member should contact the Historical Society President Ross Baker. Highlights include recognitions for outstanding service in preserving and interpreting Tualatin's rich and colorful history and a special raffle.

## Holiday THS Program to Feature Nativity Sets From Around the World

Join us for seasonal performances by the Tualatin high School Choir and Bridge Town Barbershop Quartet. Come learn about nativity sets from around the world brought by members. Do you have one you would like to display and later narrate at the meeting? Enjoy holiday treats, too. **Wed, Dec 4, 1:00 pm**

**Dec. 4-6 Wed-Fri. 10-2 pm. Enjoy family heirloom nativity scenes from around the world.**

**Holiday Concert.** Enjoy nativity sets and exhibits and a special concert by Rose City Timberlines barbershop chorus. **Sat. Dec. 7, 7 pm Free.**

## What Do Street Names in Tualatin Tell Us?

Did you know there are 398 streets in our city? What are the stories behind them? For starters, maybe a simplified explanation of the types of thoroughfares would be helpful: avenues run north/south; streets run east/west; drives are curvilinear; lanes are typically short east/west streets; terraces are short north/south streets; courts are east/west cul-de-sacs; places are north/south cul-de-sacs; circles begin and end at the same point. Boulevards are major north/south streets providing through traffic movements across the community. Roads are major east/west streets providing through traffic movement across the community. Counties use the road designation for thoroughfares that are long, wide and meandering.

Over 100 streets are numbered, a process that began in conjunction with Washington and Multnomah County. For example, the Willamette River is the "0" line in Portland with streets numbered east and west from there. Our 65<sup>th</sup> Ave is 65 blocks west of that north/south line. Before that, our 65<sup>th</sup> Ave was known as Meridian Road which is also a significant survey line that begins at the Willamette Stone near the Oregon Zoo in the Tualatin Mountains (West Hills).



The rest of Tualatin's streets are nouns and the majority of those are names of Indian tribes from North, South and Central America thanks to the work of Councilwoman Bonnie Nyberg in the late 1960s. But ironically, the Atfaliti Indians, our city's official namesake, was not selected as a street designation but instead was later honored as a park name. However, the larger nation of which they were a part—the Kalapuya—is not memorialized in Tualatin at all. Pioneer names began appearing in the 1990s.

As of 2015, when a new street is created, the City of Tualatin engineering department requires developers to choose from an approved list of tribes, native Oregon trees, and Oregon/local pioneers or request a new name from the City Engineer based on proof of a family name that lived in Tualatin for at least 20 years. Agencies like the fire department also must approve final street names to avoid confusion when responding to emergencies in the broader region.

Counties also confirm that a name has not already been assigned or is similar sounding. Several Tualatin street names are county or state roads leading into our city from neighboring jurisdictions like Boones Ferry, Grahams Ferry, Pacific Highway, McEwan, and Norwood Roads. Some street names like Hazelbrook, Helenius, McCammant, Marilyn, Myslony, Nasoma, and Rosewood were already named by the county before the area was incorporated into the city.

Three families who were awarded donation land claims in 1855 are remembered on streets near where their homesteads were staked: Meier, Robbins, Sweek. Later farmers and entrepreneurs are more frequent: Avery, Blake, Byrom, Bushbaum, Casteel, Cimino, Hedges, Ibach, Itel, Jurgens, Leveton, Lee, Martinazzi, Nyberg, Sagert, and Saum.



Might be interesting to mention that in 1887 Sweek had named the streets in the new "Tualatin" for presidents. And entrepreneur John L. Smith named streets in down town.

In more recent years, a variety of apparently more recent Tualatin family names appeared on street sign names like Anderson, Bradbury, Elmer, Fuller, Fulton, Gardner, Garrett, Gram, Greenwood, Hume, Jameco, Keller, Kellogg, Koller, Kumrow, Ladd, Lucas, Lumbee, Luster, McKinney, Miller, Neirman, Nelson, Patwin, Roberts, Sampson, Starr, and Stone.

Geography and history also played a role in a few street names, as in Bridgeport, the first name given to Tualatin and Tualatin-Sherwood Road.

Botanical names for streets are common in other cities and Tualatin is no different. Our practice started when Tualatin was awarded the Tree City USA designation in the mid-1900s with names like Aspen, Cascara, Cottonwood, Cherry, Dogwood, Fir, Hazelfern, Lodgepole, Madrone, Plum, Ponderosa, Port Orford (cedar), Sequoia, Tan Oak, and Whitebark to name a few.

If any reader can report more of the story behind any of Tualatin's street names, or if corrections to this story need to be made, the coffee's on us! Contact [larry.mcclure@gmail.com](mailto:larry.mcclure@gmail.com).



## Thank you's!!!!

### The Garden Corner

The Garden Corner pole at Tualatin Heritage Center was again a hit. Thanks to The Garden Corner for supplying 2 beautiful hanging planters for the Tualatin Heritage Center patio.



### DigaPix

Thanks to **Michael Loftin** from DigaPix for videoing our oral histories. He owns DigaPix, a film and video digital conversion company here in Tualatin.



Thanks to Attorney **Robert Kellogg P.C.** for stepping up to be our sponsor for hospitality. Those wonderful treats that you will have at our THS meetings monthly are provided by his office. Think of Robert for your will/estate and planning needs.

### Curator's Corner By Sandra Lafky Carlson

#### Old Tualatin High School Desks

Did you ever sit in a desk like this? Three of these from the old Tualatin High School (1900-1936) were recently donated to the THS by Yvonne Addington. They had been stored in Earl Itel's barn for years and needed repair and cleaning. THS President Ross Baker is currently doing this work.



#### Vintage Tools and Bottles

Casey Woods of Tualatin recently donated items accidentally uncovered in his yard by Jesse Nelson, of Western Excavation Specialists. Woods' property was part of the Jurgens Farm in the 1800's. Besides several metal tool pieces, there were 3 bottles, and a piece of crockery. Liza Schade, formerly the Washington County History Museum curator, identified the large dark bottle as coming from a prominent Portland druggist, William Pfunder, who created and sold his popular herbal remedy "Blood Purifier" in the late 1800's.



## Galbreath Farm Wagon Now At Lee Farm



The Galbreath farm wagon owned and restored by THS made another journey in August, this time back to Lee Farm where it was stored for many years before donation to the Society. It is now on display there where thousands of visitors will learn more about our city's rich agricultural past. Marking the 7th generation, Lee descendants are now celebrating 150 years of farming in Tualatin by the Jurgens/Martinazzi/Lee families beginning in 1869. Today's farm on 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue (formerly Meridian Road) features seasonal events and a market selling local products.

George Galbreath crossed the plains on the Oregon Trail when he was two years old with his parents Sarah and Sam and little brother Joseph. The Galbreaths took out a land claim that spanned the Tualatin River. He set up a ferry and later a bridge for travelers to cross to the new Boones Ferry Road. As a teenager, George headed for Idaho to work in the mines, sending his pay back home.

Returning when the mines played out, George married Emma Walker. They purchased land along Tualatin Sherwood Road and George became school board chairman, elder of the Congregational church and charter member of Winona Grange in 1895. Around 1900 George purchased a **Mitchell Lewis & Staver** farm wagon and used it until his death when **Joe Itel** purchased it at an auction. The original logo can still be seen on the axle. Itel later sold the wagon to **Mark Lafky** and Lafky later traded it to **Larry Lee** in exchange for custom farm work. The wagon was useful on the Lee farm, pulled with a tractor not horses, and was featured in several Crawfish Festival parades.

Larry Lee donated the wagon, then in pieces, to the Tualatin Historical Society in 2016. During most of the second half of 2016 and early 2017 Allen Steinke, a wainwright in Yamhill county, restored the wagon to its original look and glory—often having to hand-make parts no longer available. While waiting for a suitable spot for display it was graciously stored in a horse barn owned by THS member Dawn Westphal.



# Welcome New Members



Alan Lafky

David and Debra Mansfield

Kristina and Rick Wheelock

Michael and Joan Smith

Ross Hoover

Julie Spaniel & Adam Tarr

Doug and Beth Feller

## Turning 90 in the year 2020?

One of the perks of growing older at THS is free membership when the big 90 arrives on your timeline. Please don't be shy about contacting Cathy Stockwell when you reach that milestone. At last count we had 30 members in the "90 and Over Club".

## To be recognized on a plaque at THC Founders Club— 3 yr. membership

Frank Bubenik and Donna Capodacqua

Robert Kellogg

June Halliday

Allen Song

Steve and Kristin Kunkle

## Heritage Circle—5 yr. membership

Rochelle Martinazzi

Laura and Ross Baker

Norm Parker

Paul Morrison

Larry and Ellie McClure



**Summer Picnic held at the community park July 3. Fun was had by all the attendees.**

## Tualatin Historical Society Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

- Individual \$25
- Household \$40
- Founder's Club \$300 (3 years)

- Heritage Circle \$500 (5 years)

Mail form and payment to P.O. Box  
1055, Tualatin, OR 97062

Make Checks to Tualatin Historical  
Society – Visa/MC accepted

## THS Records Family Histories At New City Cultural Celebration

The first "Viva Tualatin" event at Community Park Saturday, September 13 proved to be a successful opportunity for documenting how our city is enriched by immigration, particularly in recent decades. The one-day event was a family-friendly celebration featuring food, music, dancing and dozens of ways we are connected worldwide.

Led by THS President Ross Baker and board member Cathy Stockwell, 11 oral interviews were conducted in a quiet Airstream trailer parked near the entryway. All residents of Tualatin, interviewees were from Mexico, Columbia, Honduras, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Australia. A waiting list was created for those who volunteered but could not fit into one of the 30-minute slots. These were adults hailing from countries Venezuela, Germany, Taiwan, India and maybe a couple more.

## 2019 Tualatin Heritage Evening & Auction

Thanks to the dozens of volunteers and donors who supported the Tualatin Historical Society's 11th annual auction fund raiser. Final figures are not yet available, but should be around \$7,000. Some 100 participants enjoyed a fun, fall evening filled with excellent items to bid on, delicious food from Dalton's Catering and music by Kevin Mark Eberhart. Docents were present to share more information on exhibits.

Kudos to the auction committee; Barbara Stinger Cindy Frost, Allen Song, Joyce Davis, Sandra Carlson, Ellie and Larry McClure. Behind the scenes were both familiar and new volunteers including: Stuart Creger, Cyndi Klauss, Joyce Davis, Janet Carr, Dan Zike, Ken Stinger, Karin Olson and Cathy Stockwell.

Proceeds will be used to advance the Society's preservation efforts, including display and storage of its collections, hosting all Tualatin 4th graders for "Pioneer Days" and sponsoring historical, cultural, civic programs just to name a few.

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Photographer  
Al Stewart



We were blessed with original music by Kevin Mark Eberhart.



The annual affair was held Friday, September 13 at the Heritage Center and on the patio under a tent graciously provided by Richard Hall.

*A special thanks goes to the many volunteers who spent countless hours to make this fundraiser a big success.*

Dalton's Catering



### Special Thank You's.

We all enjoyed the great food from Dalton's Catering again this year with smoked salmon and sweet and sour meatballs, among many other dishes. We owe them extra kudos for providing the table cloths, tables and chairs this year. They made an extraordinary effort with their trained wait staff and providing for our many extra needs.

Richard Hall really came through for us this year with his installation of the tent that we all enjoyed. Many thanks to Richard!!!!





**A big thank you to all who purchased \$10 raffle tickets.**

**Winners from THS 2019 Auction Raffle**



\$500 to Tracy Krause

\$250 to Ingrid Carlson

\$100 to Anne Ward



**THS AUCTION HONOR ROLL**

The grades are in for 2019! The following businesses have earned an A+ with their generous donations of cash, good and services. Please give them a big thank you and give them your business whenever possible. Also listed are members and friends of THS who generously donated goods, services and cash. .

- Armor Auto Detailing, Lalo Contreras
- Art and Diane Barry
- Ross & Laura Baker
- Barhyte Specialty Foods
- Jane Brown
- Broadway Rose
- Cracker Barrel
- City of Tualatin Parks
- Columbia Bank Tualatin
- Community Warehouse
- Sandra Lafky Carlson
- Ed & Joanne Casey
- Cindy Frost
- Citizen's Bank, Don Zinter
- Center Street Gold and Silver, Dennis Johnson
- Dalton's Catering
- Lindy & Bob Hughes
- Kurt Krause
- Robert Kellogg P.C.
- Lakewood Theater Company
- Ken & Barbara Stinger
- Carlo Mannocci
- Casey & Marcia Moore
- Pepiot Painting-Jaime Pepiot
- Karen Yates
- Northwest College School of Beauty
- John and Carol Hamilton. .



- Tom & Emilie Kroen
- Lakeside Family Dentistry
- Amanda Ballard of Marquis Tualatin
- Larry & Ellie McClure
- Karin Olson
- Summerwood Family Dental
- Mask & Mirror Theatre
- The Oilerie Beaverton
- Portland Spirit
- Portland Badge & Sign,
- Michael Carlson
- Aussie Mobile Pet Grooming
- Gay Paschoal
- Tualatin Police Dept.
- Gerry & Chris Tunstall
- Grimms Fuel
- Lakewood Theatre Company
- Rochelle Martinazzi
- Janet S. Carr
- Portland Center Stage
- Village Inn, Connie Watt
- Tualatin Chamber of Commerce
- Wilsonville Costco
- Alan Song, Izumi
- Sue Raxter, Paws and Tails Dog Care
- Stuart Byron, Clockwork Handyman & Remodel
- The Flowering Jade, Gary Shigeno
- Jeff Walsh-Tualatin Rotary club
- Angela Wrahtz
- Jeremiah Productions
- A Group Real Estate

**The Great Columbus Day Storm**

The greatest natural disaster to hit the Northwest in the past century, the Columbus Day Storm devastated the region in the fall of 1962. The sudden, shocking destruction and the long, costly reconstruction that followed, are epic stories. Historian Sig Unander covers the entire sequence of events and tells dramatic tales of tragedy, survival and a veteran weatherman who put his job on the line to save lives. Ages 16+  
 Library Community Room  
**Tues 10/15 7pm Free**

## Heritage Center October Event Calendar



**THS Monthly Program**  
Wednesday, October 2, 1:00 pm

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop**  
Fridays, October 4, 18 10:00 am-Noon

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

**Ice Age Evening Program**  
Thursday, October 17, 7:00 pm

## November Event Calendar

**THS Annual Meeting**  
Wed, November 6, 12:00 pm  
Member Champagne Luncheon.



**Knitting and Crochet Work-  
shop**  
Fridays, November 1, 15 10:00 am-Noon

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

**Fishing for Fossils**  
Thursday, November 21, 7:00 pm

**December Event Calendar**  
**THS Monthly Program**  
Wednesday, December 4, 1:00 pm



Join us for holiday music and sing along  
as well as nativity sets from around the  
world. Enjoy seasonal treats, too.

**Dec. 4-6 Wed-Fri. 10-2 pm.**  
**Continue to enjoy family  
heirloom nativity scenes from  
around the world.**



**Holiday Concert.** Enjoy nativity sets and exhibits  
and a special concert by Rose City Timberlines  
barbershop chorus.

**Sat. Dec. 7, 7 pm Free.**

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop**  
Fridays, Dec. 6, 20 10:00 am-Noon

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## Take Advantage of Tax Breaks



Remember your donations  
to Tualatin Historical  
Society as the year ends are  
fully tax deductible.

## We Remember

### Del Judy



Former THS president and long-time Tualatin resident Del Judy died Saturday, August 3 at age 97. Del was widely-known in Tualatin and remained active in the remaining years of her life as a volunteer at Tualatin Heritage Center, board member for Meals on Wheels, advisory board for Juanita Pohl Center, and “yoga master”. Professionally she was a teacher of deaf students at Tucker Maxon Oral School in Portland. In midlife after her husband died, Del served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand. but another fame was her popular creamy caramels business launched in her Tualatin kitchen using a secret family recipe. She was president of THS in the early 1990s and is credited with starting Tualatin’s first farmer’s market in the Society’s name.

### Ken Dickson

THS member Ken Dickson passed away in late August at 89 years of age. He was widely known in the area as an accomplished musician and active member of Tualatin's Winona Grange. A memorial service was held Saturday, September 21 at Newberg United Methodist Church.

### Eleanor Fitzgerald

THS member Eleanor Dickson also passed away in late August. A memorial service was held September 23 at Tualatin United Methodist Church with close friends and family enjoying her favorite dessert: apple cobbler.

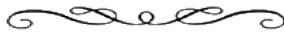
**Your 2019 Tualatin Historical Society Board**

**Executive Board:**

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**Whatz It?!**  
 What do you think this is?  
 Email askaboutthis-tory@gmail.com  
 With your answer.



**The Tualatin Heritage Center will be closed to observe Veterans Day on Monday, November 11 Honor and Thank a Veteran!**

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 Tualatin Historical Society  
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 Tualatin, OR 97062  
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**Tualatin Historical Society  
 P.O. Box 1055  
 Tualatin, OR 97062**

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 except for July and November.

**Visit Oregon Historical Society**

Thanks to our associate membership, THS members can visit OHS downtown at any time by borrowing two passes from Cindy at the Heritage Center. The free passes are also good for up to four visitors at various other museums on certain months of the year. For example, in October you can visit the World Forestry Center; in November, the Oregon Coast Aquarium, and in December, Lan Su Chinese Garden. Call Cindy at 503-885-1926 to reserve and find out museum free entries next year.