West Side Story: Tualatin and Washington County Railroad History

Historic Railways that traveled through Tualatin and Washington County will be the focus of Alfred Mullett’s journey through time. Alfred is active in the Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation and has been researching interurban electric rail companies. He notes there were several different operators of passenger and freight trains through Tualatin. As the Tualatin Country Club started growing in 1913, golfing families in Portland had their choice of two railroads to reach their “destination resort”.

Farmers relied heavily on railcars for moving their goods from our area; likewise, Hervin Company received regular grain shipments for making dog food off one spur running behind Clark Lumber Company near Tualatin-Sherwood Road.

The presentation will be at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, April 1 at the heritage center. This train will be on time.

Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For in-

History of Oregon Forestry

Mike Cafferata of the Oregon State Forestry Department will review the storied history of Oregon’s leading industry. Join us on Wednesday, May 6, 1:00 pm at the Heritage Center.

Tualatin shared this fame for many decades as loggers and sawmills produced lumber for building many Portland-area homes and business enterprises. (A brick manufacturer also operated here.) Fluctuations in the world economy, regulations (e.g. spotted owl protection) plus more efficient growing and harvesting have impacted today’s timber operations. Farms and subdivisions have eliminated once-majestic Douglas fir stands and “wigwam” burners that once marked our landscape.

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Photo: Tillamook Forest Center

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President's Column

April-May-June, are the three months of the second quarter of the year. During these three months occur: April Fools’ Day, Easter, Tax Day, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day, Fathers’ Day, D-Day and the 1st Day of Summer. Each date carries its own significance, some more personally significant than others based on experience. History and culture play into the 5th of May, nature on the summer solstice, spiritual significance for Easter and an annual car race on Memorial Day. Memorial Day originated as Decoration Day during the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the war. Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, while Veterans Day honors the service of all U.S. military veterans. It’s a sobering exercise to delve into the recurring lessons from history, decision making, and the interconnectedness of Easter, Memorial Day, D-Day, Tax Day, and Fools' Day.

Love, peace, and joy,
Art Sasaki

The Missoula Floods: A Mega-Transformation of the Pacific Northwest

Follow these giant floods from their inception in Western Montana all the way to the Pacific Ocean with pictures and information that help define the huge impact they had then and still have today. Join us for this presentation on Thursday, May 14, 7:00 pm. Bob made a similar presentation to THS in December.

Bob Setterberg is a long-time volunteer docent at the Oregon History Museum. He is a lifelong resident of Oregon and a graduate of Portland State University earning a BS in Education with a focus on US History. Bob’s interest in the Missoula Floods began about three years ago when he attended the monthly meeting of the Lower Columbia Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute.

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National Park Service Staff Visit Tualatin

Two different study tours by planners for the National Ice Age Geologic Trail spent a day examining Tualatin’s accomplishments in interpreting the Lake Missoula Floods and artifacts that have been discovered since that era. The Park Service is gathering information that may someday lead to designation of a new National Scenic and Historic Trail (similar to the one that commemorates the Lewis and Clark Trail across 13 states).

Photo above: THS member Paul Hennon (Tualatin Community Service Director) and Yvonne Addington and Tualatin Chamber CEO Linda Moholt hosted Don Foster, chief planner, at the Tualatin Heritage Center.

Photo left: Taken at the mastodon statue at Nyberg Rivers shopping center.

Former Mayor Passes ~ from Yvonne Addington

A late notice but just got back from Redmond, Bend and Madras. No answer at Jim Brock's. Called son Shawn Brock of Portland who said Jim Brock passed away 12-14-2014. He has tried to reach me but my number remains unlisted (even though I have tried to list it).

James M. Brock served as Mayor of Tualatin for 9 years (1970-1978) and 6 years prior as City Councilman during the first phase of rapid development of the city during the 1970s. He led the city in providing city of Portland's Bull Run water needed residents and infrastructure to new industries. He was responsible for the Peerless Trailer and other properties north of Tualatin River (including Bridgeport Village property) annexing into city. Years later, Peerless owner Harvey Van Raden paid gratitude to the city for allowing his company to move to Tualatin and gave to the city the Van Raden Community Center and property ,the Parks and Recreation office; led the council and staff in recruitment of Meridian Park Hospital; and led creation of the downtown Urban Renewal Development Plan.

His sons, Shawn of Portland and Kyle of Redmond survive. They said he discussed often and had fond memories of times serving and living in the City.
Made in Tualatin

Beginning with this issue, we will be featuring several businesses and organizations that have put Tualatin on the map and are continuing today, sometimes with unique products and services now distributed around the state, nation and world. We welcome your nominations!

Clark Lumber/True Value

2015 marks the 50th anniversary of this Clark family-owned business which carries on a tradition of friendly hometown service that began with the Silvey Family many years earlier in the same location. Harvey Clark and staff sell construction and hardware products to contractors and homeowners and often provide in-kind donations to nonprofit groups needing a helping hand with a project. Free popcorn and a popular old car show in the parking lot in May. David Silvey still maintains a family presence as owner of Suburban Door on Herman Road. Jerry Clark operated Clark Auto Parts adjacent to Clark Lumber for many years before setting up his stand-alone store on Tualatin-Sherwood Road.

JUGS Sports

When John Paulson set out to build a baseball pitching machine to help his two sons become better hitters, he didn’t realize the venture would have such a tremendous impact on the great American pastime. But that is exactly what happened. Ninety-four percent of all baseball players entering professional baseball in the last forty-two years have developed their skills with the help of JUGS, now selling a variety of pitching machines and accessories for several sports. JUGS is located on Herman Road.

50 Years in Tualatin! Since 1965, nearly all the textbooks and learning materials for K-12 school kids in Oregon, Alaska and Washington have passed through a warehouse on McEwan Road in Tualatin. Every summer the Depository payroll grows as workers box and ship print and electronic media from dozens of publishers so they will be ready for “eager?” students in mid-August.

Nels and Debbie Lewis started Paramount Bedding in 1989, a company that dates back to 1921, but now is known as ParkLane Mattress Company. Headquartered in Tualatin, its factory outlet stores operate around the Portland area and are spreading to other states. Manufacturing and the original sales room is just off Teton at Spokane Street. Their niche is high-quality mattresses equivalent to name brands sold direct to customers rather than using wholesalers. The company pioneered a two-truck delivery system: one reserved just for new mattresses and another for picking up old mattresses for recycling so no contamination occurs. Another manufacturer in Tualatin makes mattresses under the Englander brand.

Tualatin United Methodist Church

Tualatin’s oldest church had its roots as a community church destroyed by fire in 1925 near Tualatin Community Park. It was rebuilt near today’s Clark Lumber Company on Boones Ferry in 1926. Knowing it would outgrow that space someday, in 1960 the congregation purchased four acres at the highest point in Tualatin on Martinazzi Street. The new facility opened in 1981 and the old building served other churches and users until 2004 when it was given to Tualatin Historical Society, moved to Sweek Drive, and became Tualatin Heritage Center. Tualatin now boasts some 17 faith communities of various sizes.

Coming next issue:
Tualatin’s agribusiness and food processing companies (Lee Farms, Century Christmas Tree Farm, Pacific Foods, Wade Rain, Winona Grange, others?)
Oral Histories Now Being Collected

Your Society is beginning to conduct oral history interviews with some 30 persons with important stories to share. Mary Leslie sat down February 22 with Edie Torgeson who is related to the Cimino family in Tualatin. She grew up in the Butteville area on the way to Champoeg. This is just two short excerpts from that hour-long session:

"There were woods and hop fields where Charbonneau is now. [Edie's parents owned] property down the river between Butteville and Wilsonville. They started growing hops on poles instead of wires. People came out on the Oregon Electric and brought whatever they needed to camp out there [to pick the hops]. And we grew onions on the swamplands. My brother wrote in his memoir that we worked hard—pretty hard though I don't remember it that way. We had lots of timber. My dad cut our firewood and hauled it by horse and wagon to our woodshed, for the kitchen stove and the big wood burning heater in the living room.

"When I started school we rode a bus that was built under the hardware store at Aurora. The bus turned around at our house where six people got on: me, my two brothers, and my cousins Roberta and Elmer Crissell and later their sister Agnes. It was one of the first bus routes in the area. Others had to walk up the hill [to the school]. We did not know how fortunate we were that the Aurora Colony had built that school."

Scholarship news

The THS scholarship committee has again submitted our application to the Tualatin High School to help fund a worthy Tualatin graduating 2015 senior. Some great news is that we have been able to increase our amount to $2500. This is possible due to two significant amounts recently sent in by two society member families.

We have been following the careers of our previous five award winners and want to share with you their college experiences. Our 2010 winner, Nathan Andrews, recently submitted the following report.

Hi Gerry Brosy,

First, I wanted to say thank you and everyone at the Historical Society for the scholarship. It was such a blessing to have the support from my community going into that stage in my life. Since receiving the scholarship in 2010 I did two years of classes at Clackamas Community College, then transferred to PSU where I graduated in 2014 with a degree in Organismal Biology. Currently I am at OHSU Medical School working to become a physician. I know that I want to be in primary care however I have not decided between family practice or pediatrics.

Thank you very much,
Nate Andrews

We think you will agree that we have some amazing youth in Tualatin and we think it is appropriate that our society promotes and encourages their careers. We thank all those who have helped fund this important program. In order to fund future years we ask all members to consider helping with their contributions to assist in this effort.

~ 2015 THS Scholarship Committee
Chair Norm Parker, Evie Andrews, Gerry Brosy, Diane Swientek and Chris Nyberg Tunstall

Editor’s Note: You can quickly learn how to capture an oral history using a simple device donated by Ross Baker. Ask Lindy Hughes about who you might interview in their home (or another convenient, quiet spot) and she will fix you up with a small, user-friendly digital recorder.

Photo above: Hops farm pickers and families. Photo from the THS archives.

Everybody ❤️ Cookies!

A big thanks goes to Gerry Brosy, Diane Barry and Loyce Martinazzi for providing treats and Ruth Prier and Gerry Brosy for making coffee for the THS monthly programs in January, February and March. They were delicious!
Duplicates of Mastodon Tusk and Molars Completed

Tualatin Historical Society’s Ice Age artifacts are now safely back in their display cases after a remarkable process of creating nearly-identical replicas which can be touched and admired close up for years to come. Thanks to hundreds of hours of volunteer effort to make molds, cast and paint the replicas, THS, the City of Tualatin and Cabela’s can now let the public have access to objects that will not be affected by human touch or UV rays. Mike Full, inspiration and leader of the Willamette Valley Pleistocene Project, led the replication effort and assembled fellow fossil enthusiasts and middle/high school students to accomplish the feat. What looked at first like a simple project took many days of patient attention, particularly with final tinting to match the originals. Medical illustrator Joan Livermore oversaw this final phase. Yvonne Addington served on the National Park Service planning/scoping committee as a local representative in partnership with THS, Tualatin Chamber of Commerce and the City of Tualatin.

An important outcome of the project was the involvement of young people who may someday be interested in preserving and interpreting history themselves because of their exposure to the fields of paleontology and archeology. Two sets of teens - nicknamed Team Fuji (Zoey and Andy) and Team Blue (names from Yvonne) provided energy and inquisitiveness to the project (mother Kimberly Blue, staff member for CenterCal operator of Bridgeport Village, Nyberg Rivers and Nyberg Woods retail centers). Students at Woodburn High, led by teacher David Ellingson, also contributed to the effort.

Casting of Fossils

Join us on Thursday, June 18, 7:00 pm for an interesting presentation from Mike Full (pictured left) on the casting of Ice Age artifacts. Mike is the founder of the Willamette Valley Pleistocene Project. Composed of local volunteers and resources, avocational paleontologists, land owners, and local government working alongside trained professionals and museum staff, our goal is to discover, study, and preserve our prehistoric past.

Extensively involved in the ongoing Tualatin Ice Age Trails project, the topic of the talk will highlight recent finds throughout the valley as well as work done to repair, restore, mold, cast and finish a number of our fossils for public display.
What's Happening Over There?

Maybe the Spring will be a good time to visit one of our neighbors in the business of preserving local history. Check out what these historical societies are doing:

Beaverton Historical Society (History Center),
12412 SW Broadway, Beaverton; open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-4 p.m. 503-430-0106.
Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 pm “What is S.A.R.: Sons of the American Revolution” Suggested donation: $2

Oswego Heritage House
398 Tenth Street, Lake Oswego, OR 97034
Exhibits change monthly, open 10:00-4:00 weekdays, free; oswegoheritage@yahoo.com

Sherwood Historical Society
22552 Park Street, Sherwood
Two historic buildings open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1:00-4:00 pm. Hand-crafted items exhibit in April. Call 503.625.1326.

Tigard Historical Association
P.O. Box 230402, Tigard, OR 97281
The 1880 John Tigard House is open 5 times a year and group tours can be arranged by calling 503.747.9856 or e-mail info@tigardhistorical.org

Wilsonville/Boones Ferry Historical Society--c/o Wilsonville Public Library, 8200 SW Wilsonville Road, Wilsonville, OR 97070, 503.682.2744
The Society co-hosts free “history nights” on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Wilsonville McMenamin’s Old Church.

Washington County Museum--120 East Main Street, Hillsboro, OR 97124, 503.645.5353.
Free Pioneer Heritage Family Day, May 9. Try all things “trail” including pioneer dress-up, packing a wagon, dipping candles and more. Music show at 11:00 am with banjo, guitar, autoharp, spoons, limberjack, ukulele and more. Current museum exhibits include naturalist David Douglas, photos of Fanno Creek, “Washington County Goes to War”, the Bracero Program, and “The Silicon Forest in Washington County.” Monthly lecture program on Third Wednesdays (see website for details). Modest admission fees.

Heritage Center Hosts Emergency Preparedness Workshop

This workshop is particularly critical given the increasing number of major disasters we are seeing today, such as floods, earthquakes and winter storms. It enables you to understand how you can safeguard the lives and welfare of your loved ones. Plus, it details how to avoid major damage and the loss of your personal property when disasters do occur, particularly home fires which are the most common threat in this area of the world.

This one hour session covers:

• Major disasters that could strike your home and community.
• The impact each can have on you.
• What you need to do to get ready for a major disaster.
• What you need to do during these disasters.
• Actions you need to take to protect your pets and personal property.

Comprehensive handouts are provided. If you knew you would experience a major disaster this week, do you know what to do to prepare for it?

Join Us!
Thursday, May 7, 7:00 pm
Tualatin Heritage Center
8700 SW Sweek Drive

The World Welcomes Portland:
The 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition

The Exposition opened on June 1, 1905. During its four-month run, it attracted over 1.6 million visitors—more than three times Oregon’s population at the time! Portland grew from 161,000 to 270,000 residents between 1905 and 1910, a spurt that has been attributed to the exposition.

Dr. Carl Abbott, PSU history and urban planning professor, wrote the definitive history of one of the most critical happenings from Portland’s and Oregon’s past. His unique perspective will answer some of these important questions: What was the purpose? How did Portland pull it off? What was it like to visit? Why is its physical legacy so obscure?

Join us on Wednesday, June 3 at 1:00 pm and learn how the fair, even 110 years later, still provides us lessons about the development of Portland and Oregon. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.
**Heritage Center April Event Calendar**

**THS Monthly Program**  
**Wednesday, April 1, 1:00 pm**  
See page 1 for details. For information, call 503.885.1926.

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop**  
**Fridays, April 10 & 24, 10:00 am-Noon**  
Bring a project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

**“Massacred for Gold”**  
**Ice Age Evening Program**  
**Thursday, April 16, 7:00 pm**  
See page 1 for details.

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**Community Concert in the Heritage Center**

**Alba’s Edge Concert and CD Release**  
**Friday, April 24, 2015, 7:30 pm, doors 6:45 pm**

Notes: All community (ADA)  
Cost: $10 under 12, $15 students, Veterans and Tualatin residents, $20 general available only at Brown Paper Tickets 800.838.3006 or on-line at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1171491.  
$20 all at the door (cash or check only)

Come and enjoy a blend of Celtic music with Jazz, Latin and Funk styles from this groundbreaking progressive Celtic band. Alba's Edge will celebrate the release of their debut album *Run to Fly* as part of the Northwest leg of their CD release tour. The product of a brother-sister collaboration between pianist Neil Pearlman and fiddler Lilly Pearlman, Alba's Edge has been rapidly gaining attention for their blend of Celtic music with Jazz, Latin and Funk styles. Over the past few years the quartet has played festivals and concerts around the US and toured Mexico through the US Consulate in Guadalajara as ambassadors of American Celtic music.

Alba's Edge is the product of this wide variety of musical backgrounds. Their music layers fiddle tunes with cycling and building motifs, Jazz improvisation and Latin/Funk grooves to create a momentum that makes each piece a journey, pulling the listener along for the ride. Don't miss this very special chance to celebrate the new album just as it is fully released to the public!

For information, call S and A Irish Entertainment & Events at 503.691.2078.

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**May Event Calendar**

**History of Oregon Forestry**  
**Wednesday, May 6, 1:00 pm**  
See page 1 for details. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop**  
**Fridays, May 8 & 22, 10:00 am-Noon**  
Bring a project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

**The Missoula Floods: A Mega-Transformation of the Pacific Northwest**  
**Thursday, May 14, 7:00 pm**  
Donations accepted

See page 2 for details. Monthly program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

**Spring Ice Age Floods Institute Field Trip**  
**Saturday, May 30**

“Willamette Valley Flood Channels, Ripple Marks, Erratics and Wine” is the theme of this year’s Ice Age Floods Institute spring field trip. Contact Sylvia Thompson at 503-257-0144 or email Sylvia@Gigaflood.com for details. These adventures fill up quickly.

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**June Event Calendar**

**1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 1:00 pm**  
See description on page 6. Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

**Knitting and Crochet Workshop**  
**Fridays, June 5 & 19, 10:00 am-Noon**  
Bring a project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

**Casting of Fossils**  
**Ice Age Evening Program**  
**Thursday, June 18, 7:00 pm**  
See page 5 for details. For more information, call 503.257.0144.
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Heritage Center Closures

The Tualatin Heritage Center will be closed for our annual ‘Pioneer Days’ with the 4th graders on the following dates:

Wednesday, May 27
Thursday, May 28
Friday, May 29

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.