Tualatin’s famous Crawfish Festival was successful for decades thanks in part to the energy and leadership of the local VFW. Dale Potts was a leader in the VFW and today spearheads the annual Memorial Day celebration at Winona Cemetery followed by a community picnic. The old VFW hall on Seneca Street was the center for many community events over the years, including weekly bingo games.

Funds raised by the VFW supported many children, youth and family services, particularly serving veterans. Today’s VFW holds meeting in the historic red brick store above Mashita Teriyaki.

Dale Potts invites folks who have memories of VWF to come share.

“What 4-H Meant to Me” with John Nyberg

John Nyberg, oldest of today’s iconic Nyberg family, will share how 4-H projects put many Tualatin youth on a path for leadership. In recognition of Arbor Week, he will also share how the legendary Nyberg Chestnut tree was saved when I-5 was built.

Join us on April 4, 1:00 pm at the Heritage Center. Monthly program of the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926

Two Tualatin businesses deserve your support for helping us conserve important parts of our heritage. 99West Trailers on Tualatin-Sherwood Road hauled our newly-restored Galbreath farm wagon back to Tualatin where it is now stored in Dawn Westpahl's barn until we can find a permanent location. And for several years Tote N’ Stow Storage on Tualatin Road has provided two rent-free storage units for sheltering THS artifacts and backup supplies. If you know of someone needing these services, please recommend these companies!

Thank you for Preserving Tualatin History!

My Remarkable Ball and Robbins Ancestors

Wednesday, June 6, 1:00 pm

Barbara Stinger, THS treasurer and descendant of these two pioneer Tualatin families, will share how and why they came to Oregon and how their roots have now spread far beyond their original homesteads. A new display featuring the two families is now being installed at Tualatin Heritage Center.

Robbins Pioneers

History of Tualatin’s VFW with Dale Potts

Wednesday May 2, 2018 1:00 pm

www.TualatinHistoricalSociety.org

Dale Potts invites folks who have memories of VWF to come share.

Chestnut Tree at Exit 289
Save the Date…

Evening Program
“Dynamic Geological History of Iceland and the World’s Biggest Flood”
Thursday, April 19, 7 pm
Heritage Center

Dr. Scott Burns, Tualatin’s own world class geologist, leads trips around Iceland annually which includes a look at how an ice dam failure there created a massive flood larger than our own Missoula Floods.

“A Glimpse into History: What Prominent People Have Said About Nature in Oregon and the Need to Conserve It”
Thursday, June 21, 7 pm
Heritage Center

Michael McCloskey will share from his new book of that title. It features words of over 90 explorers, scientists, poets and others who turned Oregon into the premier “green” state.

Suggested donation of $3.00 per adult. Monthly program co-sponsored by Ice Age Flood Institute Columbia Chapter and the Tualatin Heritage Center. For information, visit www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia or call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

Fourth Graders Come After Memorial Day

Local Tualatin elementary school fourth graders are looking forward to learning about pioneer life in the mid-1800s when they make their annual trek May 29-June 1 to the Heritage Center. Teachers and parents accompany the eager kids for a busy day of hands-on activities rain or shine. THS members and several volunteers from local businesses have even more fun themselves.

Please call Cindy at 503-885-1926 if you would be willing to collect tolls, show children how to sew a button on some clothing, plant some vegetables, find their house on a Donation Land Claim map, play hop scotch, spread butter on hard tack, hammer a tin medallion and other activities. Food for volunteers is always appreciated. You can come for just one day!
School Days in Old Tualatin
By Loyce Martinazzi

Establishment of schools was a preeminent need of far-seeing pioneers in the 1850s. It was on the property of John E. Hedges, Sr., a pioneer of 1851, that the first log school house was built in 1855 on what is now Herman Road. Isaac Ball was the first teacher of School District #25. John A. Taylor was the clerk and school board meetings were held at Taylor's Ferry.

John Sweek and Edward Byrom made plans for another school and by 1865 two schools were open in the area. District # 26 was built on the corner of Avery and Boones Ferry Road. Known as the "Little Red Schoolhouse", Harvey Scott was the first teacher. Dances and church meetings were held there which served as the community center.

By 1899 the Little Red Schoolhouse was near collapse and George Saum won the bid for designing a new school. In 1900 the proud community opened its doors to grade and high school students.

Serving the community for many years, the building was raised twice to accommodate more students, and as the community grew, a primary building and gymnasium were built behind the school. After the brick school was built in 1939, the old school stood vacant for many years until Omer Moore turned it into an apartment house.

Who could have imagined back in the 1800s, that Tualatin would have 5 schools today?

Photos from our new display at the Tualatin Heritage Center.
Conserving Habitat and History: Managing Cultural Resources for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Anan Raymond is head Archaeologist and Regional Historic Preservation Officer, for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Hawaii U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Anan’s regional team of archaeologists have their office in Sherwood and are called in to examine and preserve evidence of human activities in federal lands administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Examples in our local Refuge would be dwellings of the Atfaliti Indians in our area, ancient mammal bones showing evidence of hunting and early settlement artifacts. Anan is a nearby example of archeology as a career.

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THS Scholarship Donations Still Sought

It’s that time again! Tualatin High School graduating seniors are planning the next step along their career journey.

This year our Historical Society is pleased to again offer a $3000 scholarship to a deserving Tualatin High School graduating senior. It’s not too late to make your own contribution for the post-high school aspirations of a low income Tualatin Student.

In order to be considered, the student must be planning to attend an Oregon university or accredited community college in the fall of 2018 with the goal of completing a four-year degree. The scholarship is not restricted to any particular course of study. Some of the considerations are: grade point average, activities in school and outside of school. Applications will be submitted to their school counselor for review.

It is through the generosity of THS members and friends of the Historical Society that we are privileged to acknowledge and encourage these Tualatin High School seniors, and we thank all who have contributed to this effort.

~ 2018 THS Scholarship Committee
Chair Norm Parker, Gerry Brosy, Kay Gooding, Rochelle Martinazzi, Diane Swientek and Chris Nyberg Tunstall

Sunday, July 8  5 -8 p.m.

PICNIC

New day this year!

Summer Picnic for Tualatin Historical Society members and friends at Tualatin Community Park main shelter. Bring a potluck dish to share. Lemonade, dinnerware provided, if needed.

2017 winner, Sharona Shnayder

Everybody Cookies!

A big thanks goes to Loyce Martinazzi, Lois Roby, Diane Barry and Mary Leslie for providing treats for the THS monthly programs in January, February and March. They were delicious!
Thanks, Paul, for Helping Preserve Tualatin History!

From the THS board of directors

Paul Hennon, director of Community Services for the City of Tualatin, is saying farewell May 31 to the endless meetings, budgets and paperwork that shaped our city's recreation and library programs the past 30+ years. Retirement means he'll now have time to enjoy those opportunities himself. Since 1987, conserving and interpreting history has always been high on Paul's to-do list. Examples of his commitment to preserving history were topped off by the move and transformation of the old Methodist church to become Tualatin Heritage Center in 2006. Leading up to that major project, Paul introduced historical themes at Ibach and Jurgens Parks and with signage at all parks. Art Walk and the newly-conceived Ice Age Discovery Trails all include appreciation of Tualatin's heritage.

The more recent Tualatin River Greenway Trail won several national awards in part because of its inclusion of history themes. The framing of some 90 historic photos in the THS collection now hanging in city buildings and available in a publication at THC was a less-heralded achievement thanks to Paul's work with the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee as well as his instigation of Tualatin's Heritage Tree program.

You've created a lot of history of your own, Paul, and we at Tualatin Historical Society appreciate having you as a member who walks our talk. As a Tualatin resident yourself, we look forward to the continued journey ahead as we continue tracking and documenting Tualatin's rich and colorful history.

Welcome New Members

Cindy Dauer
Cindy Frost
Rachel Martin
Chris and Nancy Myers
Janet S. Carr
Doug Turner
Angela Wrahtz
Joyce Olson and Keith Hopkins
Janet Dieringer
Marjie Jones
Richard Bowman

New Levels in 2018
Recognized on a plaque at THC

Founders Club– 3 yr. membership
Frank Bubenik and Donna Capodacqua
Robert Kellogg
June Halliday

Heritage Circle– 5 yr. membership
Rochelle Martinazzi
Laura and Ross Baker
Norm Parker
Paul Morrison

Thanks to the City of Tualatin and our own Karin Olson, Sandra Carlson, Barb and Ken Stinger, neighbors Joyce Davis and Donny Barham and Greg Doering from General Tree Service for their many hours of work on the THC landscaping.
Living History Legends-Jack Broome & Althea Pratt  
By Yvonne Addington

Sometimes in our hasty lives, we overlook current history makers who have made our community great. Newcomers may not get a chance to rub shoulders with some of these “shakers and movers”, some of whom are no longer able to be out and about like they once were able to do. We need to honor them and show our appreciation for how they have contributed to our community.

Jack Broome and Althea Pratt are two such Tualatin citizens who still live in our city’s only house on the National Register of Historic Places just north of the Wes train station.

Legacy Meridian Park Hospital Jack was founding partner of the Portland architectural firm Broome, Selig and Oringdulph and was lead architect for Meridian Park Hospital (now Legacy Meridian Park). Next month, Meridian Park Medical Foundation will celebrate 45 years since the hospital opened its doors in Tualatin. It was a huge project with land use disputes and advance work required by City of Tualatin Mayors Lee Gensman and Jim Brock and City Councilors, Clackamas County officials, first hospital administrator Carlton Lindgren, and owners of Physicians and Surgeons Hospital and Emanuel Hospitals, partners in the effort. In 1973 when the hospital opened, Tualatin’s population was less than 1,000; in 2018 the population is more than 27,000 and the hospital is the city’s second largest employer with over 875 jobs.

Tualatin’s Urban Renewal Plan (downtown core area improvement plan). When elected representatives grew concerned about rundown buildings in the downtown core area, the City Council voted to hire a team of four major Oregon and California architecture, engineering, and financial firms to develop the original major downtown development concept. Once again, Jack found himself researching needs and plans for the core area. Some of the results can now be seen, including the Lake of the Commons and many new businesses in a former very blighted area. Part of the planning process involved visiting other cities who had developed urban renewal projects. It was on one of those bus rides that Jack met Althea Pratt, a member of the Citizen’s Advisory Committee for Urban Renewal. They married not long after.

Wetlands Conservancy. In part because they live adjacent to large wetlands threatened by development, Althea and Jack advocated for environmental issues and historical preservation in the fast growing city and state. In 1981, they created the non-profit Wetlands Conservancy originally based in Tualatin (now in Portland). The City agreed to protect 57 acres of Hedges Creek Marsh for education and wildlife protection. Today, the Conservancy monitors over 1500 acres of wetlands in 32 preserves all around Oregon in partnership with landowners businesses and other non-profit organizations.

Willowbrook Summer Arts Camp. In 1978, Althea Pratt offered summer coursework at Sweek House for graduate students enrolled in her “Giftedness, Creativity and Human Potential” course at Portland State University. The venture focused on nature study and the arts. By 1985 it had morphed into a several-week day camp for children around Althea’s home, outbuildings and wetlands. It soon became known as ‘Willowrook” (originally the name John and Maria Sweek gave their home and property). Now Willowbrook serves as many as 1600 children over a six-week period each summer at Brown’s Ferry Park. Althea retired in 2007 and her daughter Rebecca Pratt took over as program director for the next ten years until she and Richard Hall turned management tasks over to others after the 2017 season. Both are members of THS. They provide items and equipment used in Pioneer Days from their own extensive collection of artifacts. They live in the historic Smith-Boone House next door to Sweek House where they help care for Althea who turns 96 in April.

Tualatin Heritage Center. After the 1926 Methodist church was donated to THS in 2004, Jack Broome (retired from practice) volunteered to serve as an unoffi- cial architect guiding the move and remodel in collaboration with the City of Tualatin. Jack’s knowledge of building requirements and contractor relations was invaluable. City codes and interagency criteria were complex. Jack kept meticulous notes and was a vital resource on the building committee that guided the process with Paul Hennon representing the City. Many people helped finance and restore the historic building which now serves as headquarters for Tualatin Historical Society, a place to interpret artifacts of value and an active community center for groups of all kinds.

We applaud and thank these two living legends who have left an indelible mark on Tualatin’s rich and colorful history.

Note: Yvonne was Tualatin’s first city manager and served as THS president for three years. She was born in the Tualatin Mountain Range at St. Vincent Hospital in NW Portland and raised in the City of Tualatin.
Heritage Center April Event Calendar

Growing up with 4-H
Wednesday, April 4, 1:00 pm
See page 1 for details. For information, call 503.885.1926.

Knitting and Crochet Workshop
Fridays, April 6 & 20, 10:00 am-Noon
Bring a project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

Dynamic Geological History of Iceland and the World’s Biggest Flood
Thursday, April 19, 7:00 pm
See page 2 for details. For information, visit www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia or call Sylvia Thompson at 503.257.0144.

May Event Calendar

History of Tualatin’s VFW
Wednesday, May 2, 1:00pm
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 4 & 11, 10:00 am-Noon
Bring a project or start one. Help is available. All levels welcome.

Conserving Habitat and History: Managing Cultural Resources in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.
Thursday, May 17, 7:00 pm
Donations accepted
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.

June Event Calendar

My Remarkable Ball and Robbins Ancestors
Wednesday, June 6, 1:00 pm see page 1.

Save the Date!

THS 10th Annual Wine, Food and Silent Auction Fundraiser
Friday, September 14 at 6:00 pm
Join us for an evening of fun! Enjoy delicious wines from the northwest, scrumptious food and live music while helping to raise money for THS. For tickets and information, contact Cindy at 503.885.1926 or cindy.thc@yahoo.com
We are also looking for donations for our silent auction. If you would like to donate, please contact Cindy(503.885.1926) or Barbara (503.645.1596). Thank you!!

Happy Father's Day!

Monthly program sponsored by the Tualatin Historical Society. For information, call 503.885.1926.

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

Thursday, June 21, 7:00 pm
For information, visit www.iafi.org/lowercolumbia or call Sylvia Thompson at 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, May 29,30,31, and June 1. Let us know if you would like to volunteer.

New Book Tells Story of Last Kalapuya speaker
Louis Kenoyer was the last person who spoke the Tualatin Northern Kalapuya language after his father died in 1886 and before his own passing in 1937. “My Life, by Louis Kenoyer: Reminiscences of a Grand Ronde Reservation Childhood” has now been published by Oregon State University Press in cooperation with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. It is his first-person narrative describing life on the Grand Ronde Reservation in the late 19th century. The book features a forward by renowned Oregon historian Stephen Dow Beckham, and an introduction written by local linguist Henry Zenk.