

NEWSLETTER

P. O. Box 3324, Lacey, WA 98503
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Lacey School Reunion

The second biannual Old Lacey School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 17, 1991, at The Thurston County Fair Grounds, Heritage Hall—starting at 1:00 p.m.

Special guest on this occasion will be all who attended the Old Lacey School from the time it opened in the 1890's until it closed in 1967. This also includes teachers and any work force connected with the school. The affair will be quite informal with the purpose being an opportunity for all the guests to renew acquaintances and talk over old times. Bring whatever old picture and Memorabilia you might have that would be interesting to share. The public—anyone interested—is invited, also.

There will be no admission charges, but donations will be accepted at the door to help cover expenses. Guests are requested to sign in as they arrive and receive their name tags. A Potluck Dinner will be served about 3:00 p.m. with each participant bringing their one favorite dish. The *Historical Society* will furnish coffee and soft drinks. It is requested that each bring his own eating utensils.

Meeting Time

The LACEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Board Meeting is held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All members are invited, in fact urged, to attend—your input is needed. The meeting is held at the Lacey Historical Museum, 827 Lacey Street S.E. in Lacey, WA.

MEMORIES

The following letter was received from Helen Carkin of Chico, California. Helen was a Gallagher and lived across from the Old Lacey School.

"I am writing about happenings as I recall them. This account was on Mar. 9, 1908

We arrived at the ranch in Lacey in the late afternoon. The first thing we did was run across the field to see the "Goose Pond". Next we watched Dad unhitch the horses and we explored the barn—how big it looked to us! A goose gander came with the ranch, as well as three cows and some chickens. The gander was a fighter and would nip us on the legs. One day Sy grabbed him by the neck, lifted him up and threw him. Sy was only ten years old and small for his age, so it was quite a show for us.

We found the goose nest with huge eggs. One day Mother used one goose egg instead of two hen's eggs for a cake. It was some cake—like rubber—we couldn't eat it.

The school house is across the road from our house so we were soon enrolled. The teacher pulled a rope and rang a bell in the tower. Quite different from school in Olympia. Kids came from near and far. Russell Dolloff of Hawks Prairie rode his nice mare, "Dandy", and kept her in our barn. The three Berwert girls came from Chambers Lake in a buggy and kept the horse in our barn. Many kids walked the railroad tracks from Union Mills and the other direction. This was a bit different from today's way of going to school. There were only two cars in Olympia at this time—the Fire Chief and the Police.

Helen Carkin

Curator On Duty

If you haven't been to the Museum lately—attend and see the changes! A Curator is on duty two days a week: Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The displays are continually changed for your enjoyment.



Lacey Post Office Centennial

One hundred years ago, June 29, 1891, the post office in Lacey was officially named THE LACEY POST OFFICE.

One hundred years later, June 29, 1991, a centennial celebration was held at the new Lacey Post Office, 5815 Lacey Blvd., Lacey Washington. The event included an Open House with greetings from period costumed greeters and tours through the facility. Cake and ice cream were served.

Especially stamped and postmarked envelopes were available to commemorate the event. Also, co-hosting the event was the Olympia Philatelic Society who took part in the design, preparation, and sales of the cachets.

The Post Office estimated that well over three hundred people attended the event.

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Reminder

The Stormans' sales slip campaign has slowed down a bit and this is a reminder to all to please save the register receipts from all Stormans' stores. This includes: Bayview Market; Ralph's Thriftway; Food Pavilion; Crown Seafoods; and Hawks Prairie Market Place.

Even though the *Society* only receives one percent of the total of all receipts, it is amazing how much this can add to the depleted treasury when everyone is conscientious in sending the receipts to the *Society* address on the heading or give to some of the *Society* personnel.

Membership Dues

The *Historical Society* does depend on the membership dues and donations for current operating expenses. All are asked to recruit as many interested persons as possible. Dues are for the calendar year starting January 1st. Memberships are: Regular \$10.00; Family \$15.00; Seniors and Students \$5.00.

