



Lacey Historical Society NEWSLETTER

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Hey! Old Lacey School Reunion Time

The third every-other-year reunion of the Old Lacey School will be held Sunday afternoon, August 15, 1993 in Heritage Hall, Thurston County Fairgrounds, from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m.

As in the past, the format will be informal and the refreshments pot luck: Bring one dish only—your favorite. The purpose of the affair is to present an atmosphere where old friends can get together, enjoy each other, and reminisce about times gone by.

The Old Lacey School began in the early 1890s and produced outstanding citizens and scholars through 1967. Anyone attending or being associated with the school in any way during that time is urged to be in attendance.



LHS Participation in Area Events

January 17, 1993: The Thurston County Birthday Party held at the Tye. The *Lacey Historical Society* participated with an information and photo display.

March 28, 1993: The LHS annual memorial Tree planting Ceremony held at the Museum. Ten trees and shrubs were planted honoring special people and organizations in our community. Those honored were: Ralph Bowen; Boy Scout Troop #214; Campfire Orca Friends; Jean C. Cunningham; Karen Fraser, Jerome J. Stroh; Donald O. Turner; Lewis B. Watkins; Harold Yeates.

May 1-2, 1993: The Lacey Fun Fair held at St. Martins Capital Pavilion. In addition to an information Table the Society had demonstrations of making old time butter, ice cream, and apple cider.

June 27, 1993: The *Lacey Historical Society* held it's annual Founders Day remembrance at the Lacey Museum. A display at the museum included photos and memorabilia of Lacey past, and guests were taken on tour of some of the old Lacey homes.

House Sale Brings Profit

The LHS House Project started with a gift of a house by Ruth and John Lewis, located on the new Albertson's store property. It had to be moved. The Society arranged with Olympia Federal Savings & Loan Association for a construction loan, then had Rainier Movers move the house to a lot secured with the help of John Puckett, on Mesplay St. SE.

The Society had a septic system installed, plumbing work done, new roof, new paint, a lot of grading and concrete work was sub-contracted, and donations were made by many generous construction companies.

The house committee members: Tom Hunt-amer, Dick Husk, Denise Keegan, and John Puckett, spent many long hours at the house, as did other members of the Society. The sale of the house has just been completed and the Society ended up with a substantial margin over costs which will be used for improvements on Society properties.



Pioneer Cemeteries Committee Report

Historic Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery Association elected prominent Lacey businessman Robert Kasgy, owner of ABC Printers, President. Other officers and trustees also elected by 35 pioneer family members attending this 79th Anniversary meeting June 13, 1993 were: Rodger Easton, Vice President; Mina Bowker, Secretary Treasurer; Judy Hildebrandt, Assistant Secretary; Lyman Fleetwood, trustee 3 year; Robert Mayes, Trustee 2 year; and Robert Southwick, Trustee 1 year.

This Historic "Cemetery within a Cemetery" dates back to 1852 with land donated by Stephen Ruddell and the James Southwick families.

The Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery Association was incorporated June 22, 1914 for the purpose to acquire, own, improve, beautify and manage the cemetery and was dedicated to pay tribute honoring the early pioneer family members burried there. The incorporators and first elected trustees and officers were, Del Kagy, President; W.W. Fleetwood, Vicepresident; Gwin Hicks, Secretary; G. A. Stedman, Treasurer; and W. S. Shaser, Trustee. History repeats—grandsons following leadership of grandfathers.

Be a Member!

The Lacey Historical Society is a non-profit organization, but it does require funds for operation. A large part of these funds come from our yearly membership dues and donations. Dues are payable by the calendar year, but we are still accepting membership dues for 1993.

Regular membership	\$10.00
Family membership	15.00
Students and Seniors	5.00

Receipts Equal Funds

Another fund raiser is collecting Stormans register receipts. You collect them—the Society will count them. Storman pays 1% of the net amount of their receipts and LHS has reaped many welcome dollars thanks to those of you who have saved receipts. We would like to encourage more of you to save and turn in to the Society all receipts from Food Pavilion, Ralph's Thriftway, Bayview Thriftway, and Hawks Prairie Thriftway..



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