



# Lacey Historical Society

Lacey Community Museum - Dedicated 1980

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## 150 Years of Ruddell History



was in the spotlight, May 4, 2002 when Grand Marshal, Emeline Ruddell Kilber opened the 15th year of the Lacey Fun Fair. Emeline is the Great-granddaughter of Stephen D. Ruddell, an 1852 pioneer and legislator in Thurston County. In her role as Grand Marshall, she led the Fun Fair

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**2002 Society Annual Meeting**  
**October 27th 2-4 PM**  
**Jacob Smith House**

parade on the historic Ruddell Road to the Saint Martin's campus where the fun activities occurred for two days.

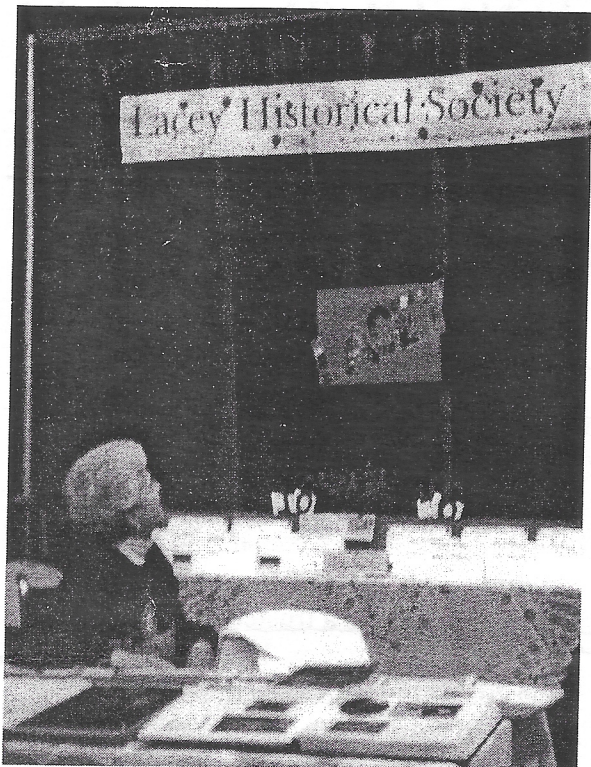
Emeline's companions in the antique horse and buggy were her daughter, Mary Kay, her son-in-law Mike Clift (facing camera), and Winnie Olsen (right of Emeline) an honored Tumwater historical figure. Emeline is a trustee of the Lacey Historical Society as well as having Emeritus status with the Thurston Co. Historical Commission.

Emeline's selection as Grand Marshall continues Thurston County's celebration of the sesquicentennial recognition of Lacey's early land-donation settlers.

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~ Memorial Albums ~

Lacey Historical Society memorial albums were on display at the Lacey Fun Fair May 4 and 5, 2002. Many positive comments were received and many of the 125 honorees were remembered and personal experiences shared.

Six new contact leads were given for our "detectives" . . . Norma Husk, Dorothy Tuggle, Geneieve Mason, Nora Brown, Molly Springer and Eunice Josephson to follow up. Eileen Cloutare, our Haiku writer, really gets excited when there is

interesting information. She keeps saying, "It is so much fun to write them". Do you have any leads that could help us find a contact to these Lacey citizens?

- Pauline Weatherbie
- Lois Ethridge
- Gordon "Snap" Foy
- George Main
- Virginia Main McBride
- W.B. "Pop" Popkes
- Selma Popkes
- Rex Travis
- Raleigh B. Yates
- Veronica Hoffman
- Aleda Hoffman
- Virginia Bailey

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us complete the missing Memorial Album pages

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~ President's Report ~

Three friends of the Society have gone on without us recently and I feel their loss. Two were men, vibrant and strong in their dedication to the Society . . . Harold Yates and Orval Reed. The third is an early Laceyite, Helen Gallagher Carkin whose friendship and generosity gave us some marvelous photos, stories and historical information. Harold was a trustee as well



as the provider of his famous delicious, smoked salmon at our affairs. Orval's support of our fifteen-year plant dedication program was the reason we have been successful in remembering 125 citizens of Lacey. What they have shared with us during their lives is still here. Our love and appreciation will keep their memory alive . . . . The Remembrance Place insures that.

A large-size "thank you" to those who are using their *Storman's Rebate Cards* to earn money for the Society's programs. Since 1998, we have received a total of \$144 from your purchases!



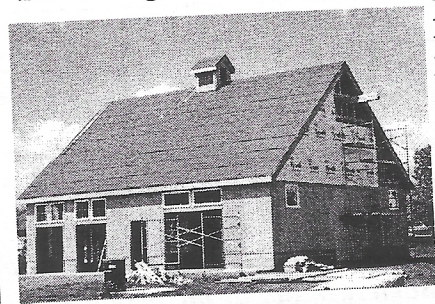
This supportive gesture as well as the money is an encouragement to all of the Trustees. To obtain a card you may call 360-491-2293.

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~ Up Date Report ~

The "*Gallagher Barn*" structure is progressing quickly over the Lacey water treatment well #7 plant on Lacey Street. Its "working barn" appearance disguises the treatment facility and enhances the two historic Lacey farmhouses located nearby:

the circa 1928 Russell house which is now the Lacey Museum, and the circa 1897 Gallagher House. Historically speaking, the "Gallagher Barn" placement in the



Lacey Historic Neighborhood looks quite natural as it also adjoins the

Lacey Women's clubhouse.

The gray and white trimmed "Gallagher Barn" completion date is expected in early June, 2002.

The "*Bell Sound*" project, spearheaded by the Lacey Historical Society is a task force partnership with The Lamplighter and Midday Lions clubs established in July, 2001.

*The task force purpose is to:*

- 1 Raise money needed to install a computer system to "ring out" the 1913 Lacey School bell sound from the Safeway Foods bell tower located on the site of the 1892 school.
- 2 Create a Memorial Plaza at the corner of Pacific Avenue and Carpenter recognizing the boys and girls of the Old Lacey School who were called "Lacey Lions" from 1892 - 1967.

Please see insert for more information