

Lacey Historical Society

Lacey Community Museum - Dedicated 1980

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Two Events in 2005

#1, Lacey School Reunion ~ August 24, 2005

#2, Society's Annual Meeting ~ October 24, 2005

Both events will be at the Jacob Smith House, 5:30 ~ 7:00 p.m.

The Lacey School Bell is ringing for the class of 1953 . . . the last class to graduate from the Lacey Grammar School! The Lacey School Reunion wants to honor these students:

Carol Gilliam	Vera Bellamy	Betty Ottaway	Beverly Lee	Sherry Day
Sylvia Drake	Kay McHurdy	Claudia Spuke	Audrey Jensen	Darlene McGille
Madybelle Willerstead		Carol (unknown)	Wendy Pullum	Bernice Wolfenbarger
Angela Acres	Arlys Hukee	Gertrude Shreeve	Jane Sullivan	Shirley Skeen
Gay Clements	Iris Ziegler	Betty Lindsay	Earline Stephens	Bob Rossenoff
Michael Pawell	Paul Wieks	Bob Spencer	Larry Parr	Jack Sprout
Rollie Thompson	John Brown	Ray Weidert	David Acrea	Paul Jones
Don Bartalama	John Weatherbie	Paul Fleutch	David Schincke	Gilbert Ridgeway
Ted Russell	Jerri Cody	(unknown) Murphy	Peter Peterson	Dennis Byers

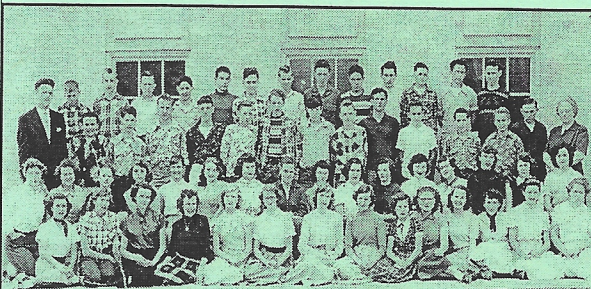
(and more than 12 students not identified)

Teachers ~ Joe Hale and Elizabeth Fleetwood

Thank you to the teachers of Lacey Grade School, 1892-1953!

Please come and help us identify unlisted students - corrections are most welcome.

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Lacey - 8th grade-Mr. Hale & Mrs Fleetwood-1952-53

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A potluck meal is planned of fried chicken and sandwiches, fruits, vegetables, and desserts. Last names beginning A-D, please bring sandwiches, E-H fried chicken, I-L vegetables or relishes, M-P, fruit, Q-X desserts, Y & Z, chips. Olympic Roasters, Inc. will donate the coffee. The Lacey Museum will have the Lacey School Photo albums available for viewing and further student identification. A "round-robin" roll call will let us know everyone who's there. Visiting will be the "business of the day"

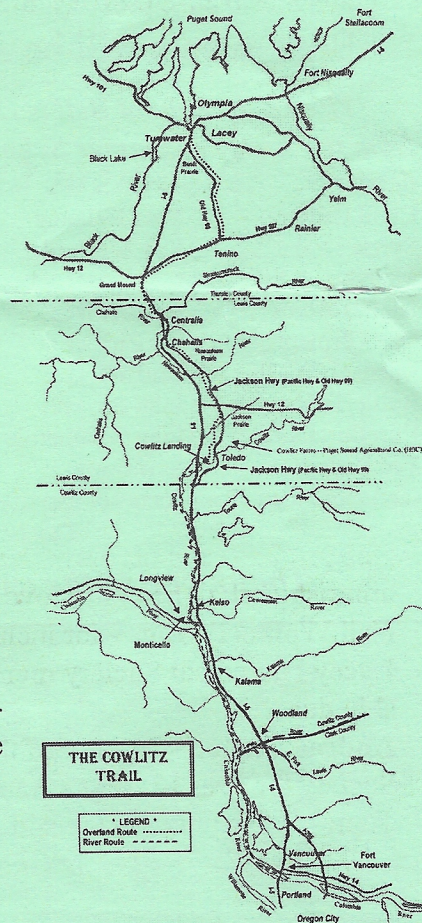
Society's Annual Meeting - Five more early Lacey Pioneer Families are joining the "Oregon Train" traveling to the Washington Territory in the 1850's. they will be recognized at the Society's Annual Meeting.

Fifty citizens present at the 2004 Annual Meeting joined one of the pioneer family tables (John and Lydia Hawks, Urban Hicks, Tyrus and Emeline Himes, Stephen Ruddell and Chamber Brothers). Attendees were instructed on what to expect on their six-month journey west by:

- Wagon Master **Dave Welsh**, past-president of the Oregon California Trails Association.
- **Weldon Rau**, author of *Pioneering the Washington Territory*, the saga of his great grand parents, Willis and Mary Ann Boatman on their 1852 Oregon Trail Journey.
- **Chuck Hornbuckle**, author of *Cowlitz Trail*, an Auto Tour Guide.

The 2005 Annual Meeting includes a 15-minute documentary on *The Naches Trail* and viewing an update of the TCTV production of the *Cowlitz Trail* video.

The Annual Meeting Committee, Paul Henderson, Zelma Bernd and Emeline Ruddell Kilber are researching the next five settler families to be recognized. Their names will be announced in the August newsletter.



President's Report:

Our 125 plants/trees were inspected by Neil Wolbert of *Wolbert's Inc. Landscape Health Care*. His advice will result in the installation of additional drip irrigation, fertilizer and replacement of six dead flowering cherry trees. Mr. Wolbert generously offered to include our memorial plantings in his Spring insect spraying program.

Ken Marmion of *Mr. Fix-it* was awarded a contract to provide the services necessary to insure the Memorial Plants maintain healthy growth during summer, 2005. When we began the Memorial Plantings in 1986, nineteen years ago, our costs were minimal. Today, we are now facing major financial responsibilities to maintain the plantings.

Gallagher House preservation remains a principle Society purpose. The inset photo shows the new roof and painting that was recently completed. Electrical renovation is under way at newsletter preparation time. The house remains rented (same renter since 1994) providing security for the Gallagher House, the Lacey Museum and Lacey Women's Club. These three buildings are amongst the 125 Memorial Plants and truly can be called the heart of historical Lacey.

**A Special Thanks to:**

- **Arlys Hukee Peterson** ~ donation of \$1,150 for Gallagher House preservation.
- **Bob Audet** ~ and his crew from Lacey's Maintenance Department for the professional arborist work done to improve the Society's Memorial Plantings..
- **Neil Wolbert's Inc.** ~ for including our Memorial Plants in his insect control program.
- **Lacey Historical Society members** ~ (37 to date) who have paid their 2005 membership dues.
- **Andrea Taylor** ~ Curator of the Lacey Museum since 1993 and valuable friend to the Society for over 12 years. Andrea has accepted a position with PUD District #1 of Thurston County. Taylor said . . .*the new job is a great professional opportunity for me . . . history will now become a hobby rather than a profession.*

Shirley Dziedzic

Meet Your Trustees

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Shirley Dzedzic
President 1995-2005
1986- 2001
Memorial plants/Albums
The Remembrance Place
1994-2003
Lacey School Memorial



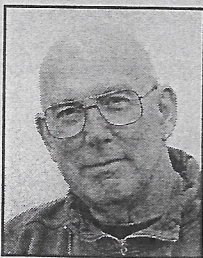
Zelma Bernd
Trustee
Chair, Annual Meeting
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Descendant of Himes,
Ruddell & Fleetwood
Pioneers



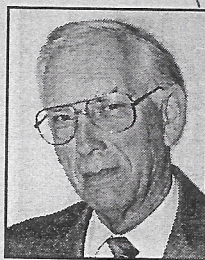
Paul Henderson
Vice-President
Member, Annual Meeting
Committee
Thurstoneer*
Hermann & Anna Franz
Pioneers



Nora Brown
Trustee
Member, Lacey School
Reunion Committee
Thurstoneer*
Frank Albert Smith
Pioneer



Bill Bush
Secretary
Former Lacey Mayor and
City Councilman
News Letter Editor



Dick Husk
Trustee
Chair, Gallagher House
Committee



Doctor Ehlers
Treasurer
Member, Gallagher House
Committee
Lacey's first Doctor

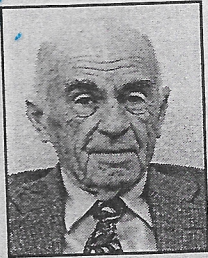


Emeline Ruddell Kilber
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* *Thurstoneers are direct descendents of settler pioneers.*

Meet Your Trustees *(continued)*

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John Puckett
Trustee
Member, Gallagher
House
Committee
Lacey School Student



Amy Turner
Trustee
Chair, Lacey School
Committee
Lacey School Student



Frank Welter
Trustee
Member, Newsletter
Committee
Lacey Historical
Commissioner

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Zelma Bernd, Trustee, has researched *Washington Territory Donation Land Claims* in the Olympia Timberland Library (G979.7 Washington 1980). The chart on the next page records the dates of arrival in the Oregon Territory. Italicized names designates pioneers honored by the Society in 2004.

A special invitation is extended to all of the descendants of our four honored Lacey pioneers for 2005. A "wagon-train" trip over the Naches Pass will be seen. Historic clothing may be worn. A very short annual election will elect Historical Society Trustees and officers for 2006.

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Congratulations to two Alumni

Ford Mullen, for his recent induction into the Olympia High School Hall of Fame as a distinguished alumnus. According to the Olympian reporting on the school alumni association newsletter, Ford played professional baseball in the 1940's and had a number of coaching jobs before returning to Olympia to teach and coach.

Phyllis Gunstone, for her Volunteer Salute by the Volunteer Center. According to the Senior News, Phyllis helped organize *Morningside* where she was a board member for 12 years and bookkeeper for seven. For 15 years Gunstone typed up news for Senior News and continues volunteering today. For 14 years, Phyllis has volunteered at the Service Center of Timberland Regional Library.