



Lacey Historical Society

Lacey Community Museum - Dedicated 1980

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1953 Grads Create History

The eighth grade students graduating in May, 1953 from Lacey School ended an era in Lacey School's historical past. School began in Lacey in 1853 as the Liberty School, District #2. Stephen Ruddell, Gallentin Hartsock, Archibald McMillian, James T. Phillips and David Chambers built the first log cabin school house a few hundred yards south of the present-day Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery. Education in early Lacey continued through several consolidations. *Source ~ "The Origins of the North Thurston School District", Jan. 1995, Lacey Historical Commission publication.*

In December 1953, The North Thurston School District was formed by combining Lacey and South Bay Schools. The goal was to build a local high school for graduating eighth-graders to attend. The goal was realized just two years later, when in 1955, North Thurston High School welcomed its first Freshman class.

Lacey Historical Society is pleased to recognize the Lacey School Class of 1953 and honor their presence in bridging the past with the future in our community.

Lacey School Student Roster

An anchor group of Lacey School alumni met on July 14, 2005 to organize a *Lacey School Student's Roster*. A draft list of all known students including their class years will be ready for corrections and additions at the August 24, 2005 reunion.

Sign up to receive your personal copy when the work is completed and printed.

Lacey School Reunion

August 24, 2005

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

See inside for location map

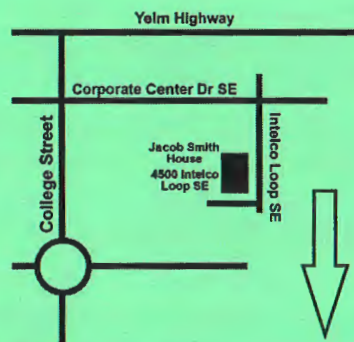
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Lacey School Reunion Details

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"

The easiest way to get to the Jacob Smith House is to travel south on College, west on Corporate Center Drive, north on Intelco Loop and right into the Jacob Smith House drive way.



2005 Lacey Historical Society Annual Meeting

Date: October 24, 2005

Time: 5:30 ~ 7:00 PM

Place: Jacob Smith House (see map above)

*Menu: "Oregon Trail" baked beans, hardtack
dried fruit and coffee*

*The Lacey Historical Society has selected the following to be honored as Lacey's
"Earliest Pioneers" for 2005*

<i>Nathan Eaton</i>	<i>1843</i>
<i>William Packwood</i>	<i>1844</i>
<i>Freeman Tyrell</i>	<i>1845</i>
<i>William Pattison</i>	<i>1849</i>

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Meet Your Trustees

Lacey Historical Society ~ 2005



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



Zelma Bernd
Trustee
Chair, Annual Meeting
Committee
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

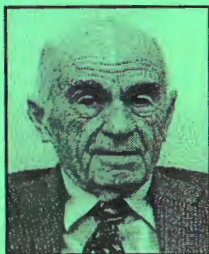


Emeline Ruddell Kilber
Trustee
Member, Annual Meeting
Committee
Thurstoneer*
Ruddell & Fleetwood
Pioneers

* *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.

Earliest Pioneers

1843

Nathan Eaton

1844

William Packwood

1845

Freeman Tyrell
David Chambers
T.M. Chambers

1846

T.J. Chambers

1849

William Pattison

1850

James Phillips
Ann White
William White

1851

Jacob Smith
Issac Wood
John Low
Stephen Ruddell
Urban Hicks

1852

Andrew Chambers
John M. Hawk
Joseph Conner
Gallentin Hartsock
Calvin H. Hale
H.C. Hale
Archibald McMillian
Marcus McMillian
Thomas Parsons
W.F. Parsons
W.S. Parsons
William Rutledge
George Turner

1853

Tyrus Himes
Vareen Davis
James McAllister

1854

Joel Risdon
William Wright

1857

Thomas Hicks

Italics indicates pioneers honored in 2004.

Join the Lacey Historical Society

Annual Dues

Name: _____

Seniors & Students: \$5.00

Individuals: \$10.00

Address: _____

Family(Household): \$15.00

City/State/ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Comments: _____

Grateful "Thank You" to the families who have given donations to the Lacey Historical Society to honor the memory of their deceased loved ones:

*You changed 37 to 93 paid members!
Thank you*

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