

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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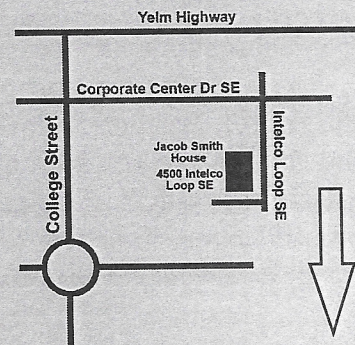
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Lacey School Reunion Details

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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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.