



# Lacey Historical Society

Lacey Community Museum - Dedicated 1980

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## Gallagher House Loan Paid



*(left) Nancy Hukee Seakatz, Treasurer LHS (Nancy was born in the Gallagher House)*  
*(center) Shirley Dziedzic, President LHS*  
*(right) Olympia Federal Savings and Loan Officer*



In 1986 the first Lacey Historical Society Board of Trustees decided to save an important piece of Lacey's history. It was the Gallagher House also known for its recent owners, Abner and Hazel Hukee.

Joining in this effort with then President Denise Keegan and her Trustees were Jerry and Lois Stroh. The Strohs donated a small parcel of their land on Lacey Street to receive the relocated Gallagher House. Olympia Federal Savings and Loan, on December 31, 1986, approved a LHS loan of \$58,000 for the purchase of the remainder of the parcel. Terms required the loan to be paid off by 2012.

Then began the hard work and wonderful community support of many individuals and groups whose generous contributions helped us reach this successful goal in 2008. We are planning a symbolic shredding of the twenty-two year old loan contract at the Society's October 27, 2008 Annual meeting at the Jacob Smith House.

### **08 Annual Meeting**

The 2008 Annual Meeting on October 27, 2008 will include a "once-in-a-lifetime" event - a non-traditional disposal of the satisfied twenty-two year old mortgage loan with Olympic Federal Savings and Loan.

Three 1986 trustees, Denise Keegan, Shanna Stevenson and Ken Balsley will be present to do the honors. The 1852 pioneers

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to be recognized are:

**Archibald McMillian** by his descendent and Society member Dick Johnson.

**Joseph Conner** by Society member Sue Goff .

**The Parson family** by their descendent Susan Hartman.

There are still some seats available for reservation for the pioneer meal to be served. Please return the registration form to secure seating. You will be contacted in October for confirmation.

## 2008 Annual Meeting October 27, 5:30-7:30 pm

Due to the popularity our "Pioneer Journeys" are demonstrating, we are now requesting reservations. The Jacob Smith House has space to seat 60 people comfortably. *Please mail your reservation to: Lacey Historical Society, PO Box 3324, Lacey, WA 98509-3324, or you may call 491-0905.* Yes, there will be \_\_\_\_\_ attending

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Donations to cover house rental and food cost are greatly appreciated*

### 2008 Property Mgt. Committee Report

The Memorial plantings on the Society's land are being inspected and improvements made for them. \* **A River Ridge High School team** of four girls, Jennifer Blunt, Alisha Ghanie, Bethany Jensen and Yvonne Unu have removed competing vegetation around 21 trees to provide for better water absorption. Their Community Service project for LHS will be recognized at their graduation next June 2009. \* **Michael Moore of Moore Trees & Co., Inc.** generously removed a row of Douglas Fir limbs which were shading needed sun light from over 20 dedicated flowering crabapple trees. He also insured the health of a large Silver Poplar tree by pruning its weaker branches. \* **A Master Gardener** has offered to assist caring for the 75 memorial plantings. Other businesses helping LHS over the years: \* **Wolberts** - seasonal tree spraying to provide insect protection. \* **Olympic Roasters** - whose coffee we enjoy at LHS Annual meetings. \* **Dr. Jim Myers** - loan of his Medicine Creek Farm wagon for the 2007 Territorial Stage Coach Run.



River Ridge Team

**Thank You for Your Support!**





## Territorial Express Stagecoach Run - 2008

Last September's reenactment of the Territorial Stage Coach run of 1857 was a marvelous historical occasion. *THIS* September 18, 2008 will "kick off" its return run to Longview. The American Heritage camp ground located at 9610 Kimmie St. SW will be the site for the beginning of this event from 6-8 PM. The Tumwater Historical Society sponsors this 90-mile journey that will take two nights and three days to complete. If you're interested in riding some or all of the route, call Karen Johnson at 360-464-5963 for more information.

**John Danell** - 95 years, graduated from the eighth grade of Lacey School in 1926. He was present at our 2003 Lacey School Memorial dedication and the 2005 Lacey School reunion.

**Trustee Emeritus Frank Wetter** - also member of the Lacey Historical Commission. Served the Lacey Moose Club for many years as governor and secretary.

**Trustee Emeritus Emeline Ruddell Kilber** - a descendent of pioneer Stephen D. Ruddell. She was Grand Marshall of the 2002 Lacey Fun Fair Parade that traveled on the historic Ruddell Road named for her Great Grandfather. The Daughters of Pioneers (Olympia chapter) honored her 90th birthday with an honorary title.

**Former Trustee and Secretary Dick Webb** - Helped start Lacey Fire District #3 in 1948 - served as a volunteer until 1974. He was Secretary-/treasurer for the Volunteer Fire Fighters Association for 25 years. In 1966 he was elected to Lacey's first City Council where he served until 1969.

### Lacey Historical Society Members:

**Annabelle Webb**

**Robert O'Brien**

**Mary and Doyle Penry**

**Frank Weatherbie**

**Estella Southwick**

**Louise Huntamer**

**Frances Oehlerich**

**Noreen Gifford Dieter**

**Catherine N. Johnson**

## In Memoriam - 2008