

Stillaguamish Valley Pioneers Newsletter

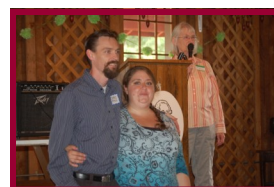
Fall 2018

Museum and Volunteer Spotlight

Pioneer Picnic and Pioneer Days



Caretaker for 22 years



New caretakers

It was wonderful to see everyone at the picnic on August 19th.. The acknowledgement of our oldest members, (Don Tillman and Martha Grimm Young), and the new caretakers (Austin and Shannon Myrick), was a highlight of the event.

Despite the rain, we had a fair turnout on September 15th for Pioneer Days. The kids enjoyed milking the cow, washing clothes, churning butter and face painting. The various activities served as a great glimpse into the past.



A View to the Past

Family names live in county

-Edgecomb like many other areas, was named for a pioneer. This one was John Edgecomb who logged in the John Ostrand claim in 1891. The railroad siding he used was dubbed "Edgecombe"

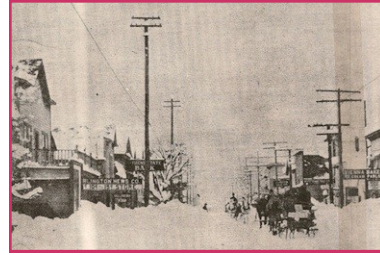
-Cicero was named for the owners of a grocery store, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cicero who not only built the store but also a post office. Other buildings include a tavern, school, hotel, Heath-Morley saw-mill and the Robertson shingle mill. The arrangement of the majority of these structures was such that they were known as the "cabbage patch." The Cicero family arrived from Stanwood in 1889 after traveling two days up the river with their stove, furniture and other supplies.

-Trafton was first known as Glendale and had a post office, school and store. Thomas Jefferson came in 1888 from Stanwood after paying \$10 for his canoe fare. Another early pioneer was Robert Maxwell, a veteran of the Civil War, who became the postmaster in 1891.

-Hazel was the pioneer home of the Higgins family who arrived in 1887. Other early settlers were Ira Hollingsworth and Petrus Pearson, who established the hazel Lumber Co. in 1902, and James Pierson who married a Higgins girl.

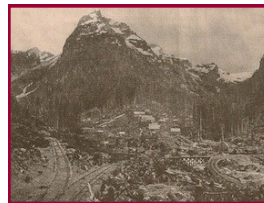
-Fortson was first settled by two Canadians, John A. Campbell and Bernard J. Duffy who came to the area in 1890. Duffy later went to Alaska during the gold rush but

Winter's coming,



The "big snow" of 1916 dumped up to four feet of snow in some parts of the Puget Sound area, the Stillaguamish River was frozen over and residents of Arlington and many other Snohomish County communities spent days digging out. This scene is looking down the main street of Arlington with horse drawn sleighs the prime mode of transportation.

The future of Monte Cristo



More than two years after a multimillion-dollar cleanup of the old mining town, the U.S. Forest Service is asking people what they want

for Monte Cristo's future.

The Forest Service, Washington Trails Association and Monte Cristo Preservation Association are gathering feedback about access, use, care, capacity and other issues at Monte Cristo. It's a popular hiking and historic destination. The Forest Service is working on a plan for managing the site in the years to come. That would include an environmental assessment of current and potential uses.

Monte Cristo in 1894 with Wilman's Peak in the background. In the late 1890's prospectors stake gold and silver mine claims at Monte Cristo in east Snohomish County. Frederick Trump, the paternal grandfather of Donald Trump, ran a hotel and real estate office at Monte Cristo, and in 1896 he was elected the town's justice of the peace.

Memorials

Loren and Pat Kraetz for
George Boulton
Ron Schultz
Lois Strotz Baker
Kay Klein
Tom Meehan
Betty Foster
Marvin and Gayle Anderson for
Peggy Eoff
Bob & Sally Shinstrom for
Bud Peterson



Help Wanted!!! Docents desperately needed. Come join us for three hours a month sharing our wonderful museum with the public. We have several schedules to choose from. No experience needed.

We also meet every Monday from 9 am to noon for behind the scenes work. Some of the jobs include working on displays, cataloging donated items, and computer work. You could also help with our special events or keeping the museum in tip top shape.



Bring your unfinished craft projects and meet new friends. Second Tuesday 10:00 -2:00 at Pioneer Hall. Coffee provided. For additional information call # 360 435 7289

2018 Calendar

****February 1st Saturday Opening of Museum**

General Meeting 1st Monday of each month 1:30

****December 16** Pioneer Christmas Party 1:30 PM

Museum Closed December and January

***Open Mondays for Volunteer work year round..
No Monday work day in Dec., No Pioneer Mtg***



Gift Shop

Books for Sale

The Story of the Great Forest by Will Verd is now available in our gift shop at \$20.00 each. For those who bought a previous copy, we now have an index available.

We also have the following books:

100 Years of Arlington

Volume one, two and three - \$20.00 each

100 Years of the Pioneer Association - \$20.00

Arlington Centennial 1903-2003, A Pictorial History of Arlington, WA - \$20.00

Stop by and see the vintage items on sale.
Something for everyone.

Come join us at Pioneer Hall for the Annual Christmas Party

December 16, 2018 @ 1:30

Please bring your favorite dish to share.



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