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President's Message

Elaine Brack, President

Good Day everyone. This month has just flown by and so much has been happening at the Society. The most current thing was the "Chicken Pot Re Night" on February 28th. So many people made donations of time, money and skills to have a great time. Hope that you had made a reservation and joined in the fun.

Our next fun event will be the "Western Days Breakfast" and the Western Days Parade. Come and have breakfast and then stay to watch the parade. We will be having a float that will be fun for all to see.

Coming soon will be some much needed repairs to our "Little Church." Watch for things that will be happening.

Now, for some sad and unhappy news . . . If you have not heard by now, I have resigned as the President of the Lakeside Historical Society as of March 1, 2011. This was a very hard decision for me to make but my health is kinda important to me, so I went with the doctor's advice and resigned. Please be supportive of the person who will replace me.

Take care of yourselves . . .



A man rising in the world is not concerned with history; he is too busy making it. But a citizen with a fixed place in the community wants to acquire a glorious past just as he acquires antique furniture. By that past he is reassured of his present importance; in it he finds strength to face the dangers that lie in front of him.

~ Malcolm Cowley

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

Edna Kouns

What a privilege and a pleasure it is to volunteer in our Lakeside Historical Society, and to read about and to preserve our town's history. We have so many helpful, generous people who respond to our many requests.

Our archives now have an annual (year book) for every year Lakeside students attended Grossmont High School (1921-1953) thanks to Connie and Lynn Baer of the Grossmont High School Museum and Ruth Wolin, the past president of the Grossmont High School Foundation. Grossmont Museum also gave us a beautifully bound copy of the school board minutes of the years 1916-1919, when the High School was located in Lakeside and was named Riverview High School. It was located on Woodside Avenue where our Lakeside Union Grammar School was located and now our Lakeside Middle School is today.

Visit the Lakeside Museum or the Lakeside History Center to see the Memorial Ornaments of Grossmont's 90th celebration which were donated by the Grossmont High School Museum. Our own A. B. Foster was a member of the High School Board of Trustees 1920 through 1926, he also served as board president. When you visit Grossmont you can see his name on the cornerstone of the Old Castle. We also have a list of all the items in the corner stone which was opened during the 90th Celebration.

Thanks to those responding to our request to help name the faces on many of our old school pictures. Marilyn Gander Jenkins, Eileen Carender, Dixie Lansdowne, Marilyn Head Groff, Linda McLean McGue, and Janice Kouns Malm have added names to many of the faces.

We recently received a 1941 Lakeside Union Grammar School graduation program from Jim (Leroy) Haley. He attended school there from 1934-1941. He is also offering a picture of Miss Bevan's 1934 class. He said she was his favorite teacher. Thank you Leroy.

Richard White, our Web Master, includes wonderful information that invites members to share information and ask questions. Thanks to Richard for adding this to his long time editorship of the monthly newsletter, the *Historical Happenings*.

There are so many people helping to build our archives, put on our activities and preserve our buildings that deserve our thanks. We could use many more helpers. Come join in the fun, the fellowship and activities of our Lakeside Historical Society

In appreciation of each of you,

California State Arbor Day
March 7, 2011 – March 14, 2011

Got Tree?

Second Annual Lakesiders Picnic

This was a fast year. It's already time for us long term Lakesiders to get together again. We had a great time last year and look forward to making it even better this year. It will be held on May 14th at El Monte Park again and at the same location, site #5. For those of you that have vintage cars bring them. We had some very nice autos last year and hope to have even more this year. Bring a picnic basket, there will be plenty of hot grills ready for cooking. If you have suggestions please send them to one of the contact sites below. And please tell your fellow Lakesiders about the get-together.

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Welcome Our New Members

Joanne Allen
Lakeside, CA

Marilyn Groff
Corona, CA

Laurel Robbin Nielsen
Carlsbad, CA

Billy Ortiz
El Cajon, CA

The Local Mercantile (Vickie Ness)
El Cajon, CA

Pam Wilmers
Lakeside, CA

LHS Calendar of Events

APRIL
16

Western Days Breakfast

25

Apple Pie Night

Monday at 6:00 PM

Entertainment and meeting to follow

Wellington (Willie) Isaac Hoover

Legends of Lakeside by LHS

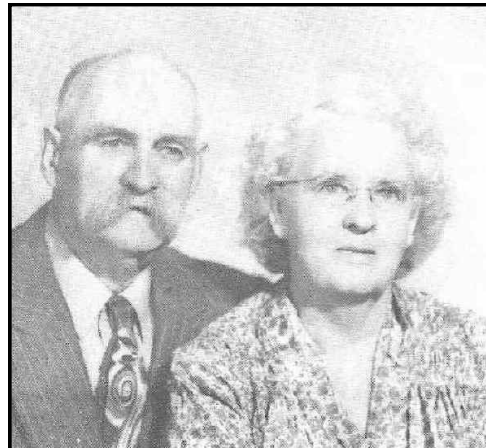
Wellington was born May 13, 1883 and was ten year old when the family arrived in Lakeside from Nebraska. He attended school at the Lakeview School.

Elizabeth Maud Young was born February 10, 1889 in Canada and moved to Lakeside in 1902 to a house on the hill on Los Coches which is still standing today. Her parents were James and Mary Young. She attended Lakeview School in the 4th through the 8th grades.

Wellington and Maud were married in 1908. He was a jack of all trades. In his early years he mined silica quartz from his own claim at La Cresta and was the contractor for mining ore and rock. He hauled with horses and wagons and later with trucks. He was a road grader, building the first road into Cardiff. Years later, his son, Albert, working for the San Diego Road Department, oiled the first road in Cardiff. 'Wellie,' as he was known, also did farming on the side; had cattle; was a mechanic and a carpenter.

When Lakeside School unified in 1922 and the school at Lakeview, which was built in 1892, was no longer used, Wellie moved from Dehesa and bought the building and surrounding acreage. He did extensive remodeling to turn it into a home. He built the fireplace in the living room and the fountain in front from the silica quartz at La Cresta.

Fourteen children were born to this union, ten of them were still living in 1986.



Wellington and Maud Hoover c.1959

In 1910, Wellington Hoover was driver of the Lakeside School bus.



Let's plant some trees, We'll use **DYNAMITE!**

Regis Rosner

Not long ago I wrote a story, "Let's Dig a Well, We'll Use Some Dynamite!" Times have changed so much that I wonder sometimes if I were just dreaming some of these stories. So I had to call on an old friend, Ed Stalder, a retired Deputy Sheriff, to verify the story.

It was early spring after the last frost when Ed and I rounded up our horses to ride to school. On the way we rode past the old Bostonia Volunteer Fire Department on Clarendon Street, the Bostonia General Store, the Bostonia Ballroom, and the Bostonia Pump Factory, to finally end up at the school. We brought ropes long enough for the horses so they could graze along the school fence until school was out.

We were a little early one day and as we tied up we heard a strong boom, like an M80 went off. They didn't have M80s then but we could tell it was a small amount of dynamite. It came from the direction of the school. We noticed the old school janitor/ bus driver, and some other kids, around a hole that was just dug with a 1/4 stick of dynamite. The ground was what they called "hard pan" and the janitor was teaching a handful of kids the safe way to work the dynamite.

Right away he included Ed and myself into this impromptu class on the safe operation of exploding dynamite. He demonstrated how he would take a screwdriver to plug the end of 1/4 stick of dynamite with a cap and then crimp the fuse. He would ask us to pay close attention how he did this as it was very important part of the operation. After that, he stuck the stick into another hole that he had just made in the hard ground. He lit the fuse and said "quickly, now follow me."

All of us followed him around the corner of the school building and peeked around the corner to see the show. We watched the smoke from the fuse advance to the stick . . . KA-BOOM, the brown dirt flew up into the air. After the dust had cleared, we ran over to see the hole. The old-timer had already proceeded to dig out the hole and begin preparing a small tree for planting.

This was post World War II days and there were plenty of guys around who were used to working with explosives of all types. There was an age limit to buy dynamite; but, it scared us enough to not even bother with it. Those who had to work for a living thought nothing of using a little help getting through the tough hard pan.

That area of the school has been worked over many times since 1946, but I can still see in my memory the kids along with that old timer making sure we all were "getting it right." This was a fun time to remember and also the most fascinating of times to recall the freedom we had to perform such activities in the open.

After school in those days, our teachers would come out with us to pet and hand feed grass the horses. It was always a fun ride home after school was out. Good times to remember. I also remember kids from Alpine bringing in their pet coyotes that they raised from pups. Well . . . that's another story! Blessings.

THANK YOU! To All Pot-Pie Dinner Sponsors

Janis Shackelford

In the February LHS newsletter, we asked members to help support the fund raising efforts of our volunteers by sponsoring the cost of food for the Annual Chicken Pot-Pie Dinner. The response was beyond generous! We send our heart felt thanks to:

Sponsorship Item/Sponsor

- * **Pot-Pies**
Brian & Betty Stearns (Cups & Cones)
- * **Pot-Pies**
Chuck and Elaine Brack
- * **Pot-Pies**
Edna Kouns
- * **Gravy**
Paul and Jean Rosenberger
- * **Salad**
Lee Bost
- * **Desert**
Janis and Gordon Shackelford
- * **Veggies, Mashed Potatoes & Rolls**
Karen Kuhn Stephens

Sponsors Wanted

The Lakeside Western Days Breakfast hosted by the Historical Society will be coming up on Saturday, April 16th. We are again looking for members to help sponsor the event. Hilliker's Ranch Fresh Eggs will provide the eggs for the breakfast. The remaining items needing sponsorships are:

Hams:	\$82.00
Biscuits	\$58.00
Sausage Gravy:	\$49.00
Potato Patties:	\$39.00
Orange Juice	\$30.00
Hot Chocolate & Milk (for kids)	\$8.00

Would you please give us a hand and help us out in this fundraiser event? Please call Gordon Shackelford at 561-6323 to become an official Lakeside Western Days Breakfast Sponsor.

Memorials

Generous donations from family and friends have been made in the loving memory of:

**Lonnie Hemphill
Harvey Huffman
James Nelson
Sylvia Sturges**

"Thanks for the Memories"

Sr, Anna Mary Meyer

The History of Arbor Day

www.arbor-day.net

I really enjoyed the article in the February 2011 "Historical Happenings" regarding the "Local Mercantile and the Big Red Barn." I bought feed and hay from the Glenview Feed Company for my horses and livestock out there in San Vicente Valley from 1950 to 1965.

I can't remember the owners name during those years but I came to know the fellow who drove the delivery feed truck during those years quite well. His name was Fern Carey. Somewhere in the late 50's, he married the mother of two of the 4-H boys I knew and worked with. Fern was a great guy and was very active in the 4-H club activities. He and another fellow, Jack Blankenship from Alpine and active there, were instrumental in raising funds for prize money for the first East County Fair that was held on the grounds at Gillespie Field for several years. We had a pit Bar-B-Que there in Alpine each year to raise funds for prize money for the fair and it was a grand time and accomplished its purpose each year. I also worked on establishing that fair along with Jim Dyer, Bill Benton and Royce Pierce. It was sort of a prelude to the big Del Mar Fair about a month later. We were able to get a 99 year lease for use of the grounds but developmental changes chopped that timeline down quite considerably.

Getting back to Fern, on one of his deliveries he got out of the big truck with an impish grin on his face and one hand behind his back as he walked up to me. He stuck out his hand and in it was a very fluffy long haired black kitten with brass button eyes and ears pinned back, mad as heck. Fern said a stray momma cat had chosen the feed store for her nursery and had her litter there. Fern was distributing the kittens on his route as "mouse traps in the making." So, what could I do but take her. She became "Queen of the Ranch" and was certain to let everyone, four legged and two legged, know that she was in charge. She did have an encounter with a rattlesnake that bit her on the hind leg and she was just lying on a bale of hay looking like she was going to breath her last. I called the vet over in El Cajon and his reply was just let her lay there and keep a cool damp towel on her and she will either die or pull through. She chose the latter!

Whenever I have been down there in the Lakeside/El Cajon area, I always take a drive by to see if the "old Barn" is still standing and have wondered where Fern, his wife and the two boys are. Given the age factor, I'm sure he is now making the angels laugh with his great sense of humor.



George and Kathryn Philbrook off to school. The horse and buggy waited patiently all day at the school. c.1922

The first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska. It was the brainchild of Julius Sterling Morton (1832-1902), a Nebraska journalist and politician originally from Michigan. Throughout his long and productive career, Morton worked to improve agricultural techniques in his adopted state and throughout the United States when he served as President Grover Cleveland's Secretary of Agriculture. But his most important legacy is Arbor Day.

Morton felt that Nebraska's landscape and economy would benefit from the wide-scale planting of trees. He set an example himself planting orchards, shade trees and wind breaks on his own farm and he urged his neighbors to follow suit. Morton's real opportunity, though, arrived when he became a member of Nebraska's state board of agriculture. He proposed that a special day be set aside dedicated to tree planting and increasing awareness of the



importance of trees. Nebraska's first Arbor Day was an amazing success. More than one million trees were planted. A second Arbor Day took place in 1884 and the young state made it an annual legal holiday in 1885, using April 22nd to coincide with Morton's birthday.

In the years following that first Arbor Day, Morton's idea spread beyond Nebraska with Kansas, Tennessee, Minnesota and Ohio all proclaiming their own Arbor Days. Today all 50 states celebrate Arbor Day although the dates may vary in keeping with the local climate. At the federal level, in 1970, President Richard Nixon proclaimed the last Friday in April as National Arbor Day. Arbor Day is also now celebrated in other countries including Australia. Variations are celebrated as 'Greening Week' of Japan, 'The New Year's Days of Trees' in Israel, 'The Tree-loving Week' of Korea, 'The Reforestation Week' of Yugoslavia, 'The Students' Afforestation Day' of Iceland and 'The National Festival of Tree Planting' in India. Julius Sterling Morton would be proud. Sometimes one good idea can make a real difference.

For the homeowner, Arbor Day is an excellent opportunity to take stock of the trees on your property and plan for the future. Inspect your trees. Note any broken branches or evidence of disease or insect infestation. Think about how planting new trees might improve the look of your property or provide wind or heat protection. Take a trip to your local nursery to see what's available and to get new ideas. Walk around your neighborhood. Are there any public areas where tree planting or tree maintenance might make a real difference to your community? Talk with your neighbors. Find out what their opinions are. And, oh yes, plant a tree.

Basic Rules for the Clothesline

Author Unknown

(If you don't know what clotheslines are, better skip this.)

1. You had to wash the clothes line before hanging any clothes--walk the entire lengths of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.
2. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always "whites" with "whites," and hang them first.
3. You never hung a shirt by the shoulders, always by the tail! What would the neighbors think?
4. Wash day on a Monday! . . . Never hang clothes on the Weekend, or Sunday, for Heaven's sake!
5. Hang the sheets and towels on the outside lines so you could hide your "unmentionables" in the middle (perverts & busybodies, y'know!).
6. It didn't matter if it was sub zero weather....clothes would "freeze-dry."
7. Always gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were "tacky!"
8. If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item.
9. Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded In the clothes basket, and ready to be ironed.
10. IRONED? Well, that's a whole other subject!

A Clothesline Poem

A clothesline was a news forecast
To neighbors passing by,
There were no secrets you could keep
When clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link
For neighbors always knew,
If company had stopped on by
To spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the "fancy sheets"
And towels upon the line;
You'd see the "company table cloths"
With intricate designs.

The line announced a baby's birth
From folks who lived inside -
As brand new infant clothes were hung,
So carefully with pride!

The ages of the children could
So readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed,
You'd know how much they'd grown!

It also told when illness struck,
As extra sheets were hung;
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe, too,
Haphazardly were strung.

MARCH 2011

Birthdays

01 Geraldine Morrin
01 Danell Marks
02 Barbara Pruyne
03 Lynne McCleary
03 Patricia L. Heger
04 Mary Blanchford
04 Donna Fae Brunot
05 Jackueine Grobarek
08 April Langill
09 Dolores Gruner
09 Jerry Lester
09 Mike Atkinson
10 Velmalynn Magill
10 Sharon Smith
10 Carolyn Hamilton
10 Billy Ortiz
11 Karen Kuhn Stephens
11 Nebel "Lee" Perry
11 John S. Hansen
12 Tom Claycomb
12 Betty Held
12 Lois Sangster
13 Phyllis Smith
13 Ida Windress
13 Amadita Ames
13 Ruth Wolin
13 Leslie A. Reeder
14 Patty Ford
14 Jeanette Way
15 Margaret Tuitel
17 Shirley L. Vildibill
20 Sandra Melville
20 Pamela A. Ourand
24 Robert E. Webb
24 Joseph E. Horger
25 Beverly Wendt
26 Faye Mondy
27 Maryanne Vancio
27 Joan Buckel
27 Greg Cranham
30 Thelma G. Dunn
30 Dale Melville
30 Dana Jones
31 Donna Martens
31 Gay Reed

Anniversaries

01 Lakeside Water District
89 years
01 Marjorie & Jerry Smith
53 years
05 Western Foundation - Shoring
33 years
05 Carolyn & John Sandoval
23 years
07 Elizabeth & Ronald Rowe
60 years
08 De Anne & Rick Markle
14 years
10 Barbara & Jim McCauley
15 years
19 Elaine & George Bailey
68 years
19 Lisa & Greg Smith
28 years
26 Barbara & Terence O'Rourke
23 years
28 Danell & Jack Marks
13 years
30 Gloria & Steve Dunkel
37 years

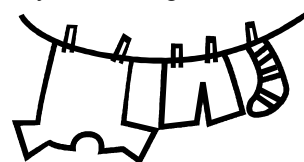


It also said, "Gone on vacation now"
When lines hung limp and bare.
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged,
with not an inch to spare!

New folks in town were scorned upon
If wash was dingy and gray,
As neighbors carefully raised their brows,
And looked the other way.

But clotheslines now are of the past,
For dryers make work much less.
Now what goes on inside a home
Is anybody's guess!

I really miss that way of life.
It was a friendly sign.
When neighbors knew each other best
By what hung on the line.



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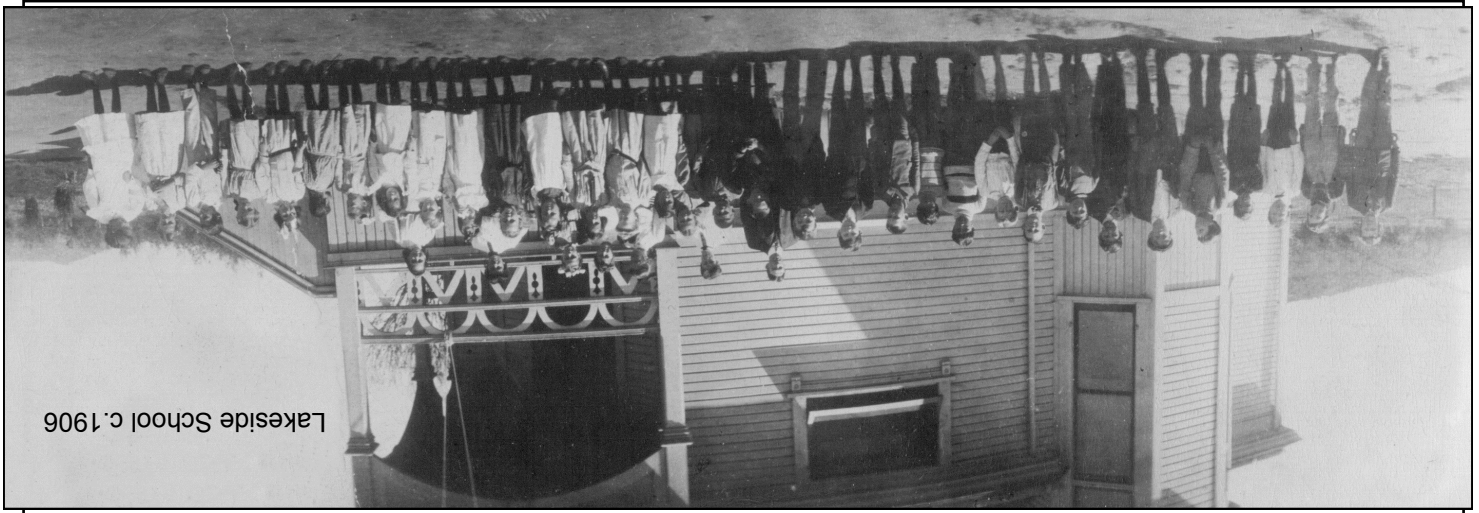
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