



Pioneer Press

WEST SIDE PIONEER ASSOCIATION AND TRACY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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President's Message

We are into August and that means school! That's early for some of us who had Memorial Day count as a day—if teachers showed up the week before (come on, I can't be the only one who remembers!!). For the moment it looks like the torrid temperatures have given us a break. Remember when we used to say 'School's started and that means really hot weather!' ?? Okay, so John's showing his age.

The City has provided 'Agreements' to go with our projects—storage of the porta-potties at the schoolhouse and the storage container for the Museum parking lot. That means they both go through the City Council for approval. Hopefully we will have things up and going in another few weeks.

The committee for the Mayor's Grant has let us know we were chosen as one of the recipients again this year. The amount is not as large as last year, but will see our program at the Lammersville Historic Schoolhouse continue. It will be exciting to see students at the schoolhouse in January through May. Anyone who would like to help as a Teacher or Aide, let us know.

Again, we hope to restart the 3rd grade tours of the Museum with the school year. This depends on having enough adult volunteers to man the five areas of 'learning.' If you or a friend has a four-hour availability on Monday mornings, we'd love to have you be a part of this great learning activity for our third grade students! Call the office/leave a message/be a part of Tracy history for the next generation!!

John McVey
209-407-9314

~ ~ Memorials ~ ~

Betty Jean Shipman

In Memory of Onalee Koster

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~ Renewing Member ~ Davida Bellomo

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~ **Thank You** to the Raspo family for another generous donation to the Museum!

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We have recently been asked several questions about early Tracy. Should any of you-or friends-have info about any of these subjects, please contact us with answers or info. (a) There has been an inquiry about the Pescadero Land Grant, thus our El Pesdcadero Park. (b) A question has come up regarding a home with a large safe in it in Banta. The question is was this the *defacto* bank for the stage line that went through Banta(s)? I'm looking for info on that stage line, but have hit a brick wall. © Does anyone remember the balcony in the old Tracy High auditorium? We have found pictures in yearbooks, so hope to enlarge those for all to see.

We are making progress on Sam's treasures. Ellen has helpers who have been busy paring down and pairing info. Anyone who thinks they could add names to pictures, feel free to stop by on a Monday or Saturday! Also, any ideas for displays or informative binders, please let us know!!

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West Side Pioneer Association Membership Application

The West Side Pioneer Association of Tracy, Inc., operates the Tracy Historical Museum and TAGS, working to document and preserve Tracy's history—including such projects as the Historic Lammersville Schoolhouse and Historic Landmarks in and around Tracy. If you would like to join the WSPA and the THM, or make a donation to our historical preservation efforts, please fill out the form below and return it to the address below. Membership also allows members to use the Tracy Area Genealogical Society, a part of WSPA. Members receive our periodic newsletter. We also provide for memorial donations for remembrance of loved ones. Should you have questions or comments, please contact us.

NAME: _____ PHONE # : _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

** Please make checks out to West Side Pioneer Association. Return to WSPA, P.O. Box 117, Tracy, CA 95378

Please circle the type of membership you are selecting. Thank You very much!!

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Coming Events

Sat. August 3	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2 pm
Mon. August 5	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2pm
Sat. August 10	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2 pm
Sun, August 11	2nd Sunday @ TAGS	1—5 pm
** Mon, August 12	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<i>1 pm **</i>
Sat. August 17	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2pm
Mon. August 19	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2pm
Sat. August 24	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2 pm
Mon. August 26	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2 pm
Sat. August 31	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2 pm