



# LONG VALLEY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Spring 2008

## NEWSLETTER

### Marge Cojerean Receives Distinguished Service Award

**A**t the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Long Valley Preservation Society (Valley County

Museum) the Distinguished Award was presented to Marge Cojerean of Cascade by the President, Barry Johnson. The award is given each year to a citizen who has demonstrated consistent service to the society which operates the Valley County Museum at Roseberry. This award is also



*Marge receives award from Barry*

available to any citizen or group who gives outstanding assistance to the museum. Cojerean has been a devoted member of

the society's board for seventeen years. She is familiar to the public as one of the major "ice cream dippers" at the annual

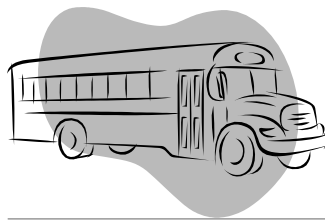
ice cream social, and she has headed or served on many committees, including the Historical Overlay Committee.

Marge grew up in Cascade and started her teaching career in Cascade. She has co-chaired the Pioneer Picnic for many years, carrying on a tradition of service taught to her by her mother,

Marion Kerby, who was a founding member of the Society. Marge's leadership and vision will be missed!

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### Tour Volunteers Needed June 26<sup>th</sup>

Forty-five Seniors from the Caldwell Recreation Center will tour the museum on Thursday, June 26.

We need volunteers to help with the tour. Call Kathy Eld at 325-500 to lend a hand.

### Please Enroll Me as a Member in the LVPS

✂Clip and Mail to: **Long Valley Preservation Society**, Box 444, Donnelly, ID 83615

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership \$8.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership \$15.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$5.00           | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$500.00           | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$1000.00 |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

- I would be willing to staff the museum one day next summer.
- I would be willing to volunteer for a workday (or part of a day).

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## From the Treasury by Juan Duarte

Since November 1, 2007 we have received the following membership contributions:

*Benefactor:*

**Mike & Jerry Mumford**

*Life members:*

**Bert & Pat Armstrong**

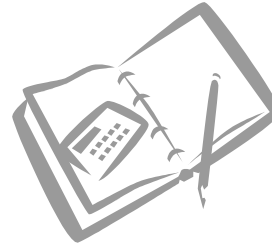
**Larry & Linda Nye**

**The McCall Folklore Society**

*Family members:*

**Herbert & Mardi Keen**

**Lynn & Larry Wilson**



We also received memorial contributions in memory **Louise Robertson, Thomas Eld** and **John Kantola**. LVPS sends our thanks for your continued support. Since November 1, we have received 12 new orders for commemorative bricks for the walkway at the museum. An order of bricks will be made as soon as a reasonable amount can be ordered.

## 2007-2008 LVPS Board

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## The McCall/Roseberry Arts & Crafts Fair

The McCall/Roseberry Arts and Crafts Fair at Roseberry will be the 5th and 6th of July. Sat. 9:30-5:30, Sun. 10:00-5:00. It is the 20th annual Arts and Crafts show. It will be a wonderful show as usual so keep in mind gifts for family and Christmas.

### 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

Do you have an idea that will make the 20th year a special one? If you do, we would love to hear to hear it. Let one of the board members know ASAP!

We need volunteers to help, either with a one time project, an ongoing task and at the event. Please call **Wilmina** or **Ivan Phelps** if you would like to volunteer some time for The Arts and Crafts Fair. Their contact number is 325-8886.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual McCall Arts & Crafts FAIR

July 5 & 6, 2008  
Saturday, 10-6  
Sunday, 10-5



In Historic  
**ROSEBERRY**

(1 mile east of Donnelly on  
the Farm-to-Market Road)

Fine arts and crafts from Idaho  
and the Northwest

Food and Entertainment



## Fundraiser to Benefit the Permanent Festival Stage



Sackerman Barn at it's  
current location near McCall

A fundraising dinner and auction for the permanent stage is scheduled for May on a date yet to be announced. The Permanent Stage Committee is looking for auction items in the form of gift certificates, gift baskets or high-end items. Contact **Gram Hubner** on the McCall Folklore Society website if you can help.

**2008 Goals:** Dismantle and move the historic Finnish barn donated by **Helen Sackerman**, and start building the stage portion of the project at the new festival location This new spot will be used for this year's festival.

Then begins the process of reassembling the barn starting with the log framework. We estimate the barn and stage project will take 5-7 years to complete. The McCall Folklore Society and the Long Valley Preservation Society are working together to make this dream a reality. The permanent stage built against the backdrop of an historic Finnish barn will make our venue the only one of it's kind.

The festival brings hundreds of people to Roseberry each year to enjoy three enchanted evenings of grass-roots produced entertainment.

## So You Think this Winter has been Tough?

Reminiscing with Sandy Cottrell

I have heard many comments this winter regarding the amount of snow we've received and the number of stormy days that have occurred. One "old timer" was quoted as saying it was the worst winter he could remember with so much snow he had to have his roof shoveled, he had to dig out his house windows to keep them clear and the power was out for four hours one day. He related that if this kept up, he'd have to sell and move elsewhere. When asked how many Long Valley winters he'd experienced he proudly stated this was his fifth year in the valley.

Looking back I can personally recall many winters with more snow, more severe storms over more days, and certainly more power outages. And I don't even qualify as an old timer since I've only been here 45 years.

One particularly memorable event occurred in 1971. There were many storms that year with both rain and snow in December and January. On January 15, after almost 24 hours of snowing an inch an hour of a heavy wet snow, the McCall Donnelly High School gymnasium roof collapsed. I'll never forget walking around the ruins and seeing the patron names on the stadium seats, broken and scattered helter-skelter over the ground. Most winters the snow covered fence posts along the roads, and one year when I was keeping track, it snowed every day in March.

Power outages were fairly common every winter during the 1960's, 70's and into the 80's. There were many times my house was without power for 24 to 48 hours at a time. It was standard procedure to have gallon jugs of water, kerosene lamps, candles, flashlights and plenty of wood for the wood stove, set aside and ready for those inevitable outages. During those winters I was also glad to have an outhouse available.

Back in the 60's and 70's there seemed to be more severe dips in the temperature.

Temperatures of less than 20 degrees below zero occurred several times a winter at night and sometimes held into the days. Walking outside at minus 20 caused a distinct squeak of the boots and quick freeze of the nose hairs.

Another long time resident of Valley County

remembered winters when she was growing up; "there was always four to five feet of snow on the ground." The winter she thought was most memorable was "either '42 or '43. We lived just north of Donnelly and the wind blew so much that from the

house roof to the sauna it was just one big drift. We had to dig it out by hand and had a tunnel with snow so deep we could walk standing upright." She related they had to dig the tunnel to get to the sauna because the laundry as well as bathing was done there.

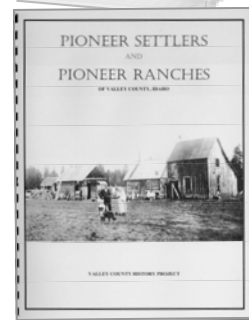
Probably the most cruel winter of all was 1888-89, after several open winters had enticed settlers to Long Valley. The great winter of '88 started in early November with a dump of eight feet of snow over several days. The problem was that settlers had not gotten winter supplies and cattle were still out on the range. Many cattle died of starvation and exposure and the settlers fared little better. By the end of the winter many families had eaten their seed potatoes, wheat seed and anything else they could find to keep from starving. When spring came they had nothing left to plant for crops and many left the valley.

So, is this a tough winter? If it snows every day in March, if the crocuses bloom under the snow, and if the daffodils and tulips bloom in July, I might have to agree; it was a tough winter.



February 28, 2008—Entrance to the Valley Co Museum

NOTE: Stories sought from early Valley County Pioneers for inclusion in 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Pioneers Settlers and Pioneer Ranches printing.



### Be Part of History...

**Support the Long Valley Preservation Society**

Reserve a prominent place for yourself in history by buying a personalized brick pavers to be placed in the walkways at the Long Valley Museum.

If you have questions or to request an order form and place your order: (208) 634-8567 or [eduarte@frontiernet.net](mailto:eduarte@frontiernet.net)

TO:

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## Wednesday Night Concerts on Again for 2008



Kathy Eld reports that **Wednesday Night Concerts** will be happening every Wednesday night (of course!) in July and August at the Bandstand.

**Jimmy Bivens** will be playing Wednesday, July 16th which is the night before the Folklore Music Festival, scheduled for July 17, 18 and 19th, begins it's 2008 event.

Favorite bands including **High Desert Band**, **Dan Wilson Band**, **BJ Wren** and **Fellina's Arrow** have all committed to return this year.

Thanks to Kathy for once again orchestrating this season of events which is family-oriented, held in a beautiful setting and free! Musicians are supported through donations given by attendees, so don't forget to help out!

## Newsletters by Email—Save Money for use on Society Projects—You Can Help!



Thank you to all the members who have offered to receive the newsletter via email in PDF format. We appreciate your help to save postage! If you would like to sign up, you still can in time for the summer edition.

E-mail Stephanie Johnson at:

[Steph@CabinCreek.biz](mailto:Steph@CabinCreek.biz).

We are still looking for a volunteer to help set up the LVPS Website. If you can help in any way, let one of the board members know! In this digital age, the more access the society gains, the better.