## Friends of Lone Pine CemeteryWhitman County, WashingtonJuly 2008



Plans are to keep the wild natural look in the cemetery but to make trails for access by visitors and make necessary repairs to gravestones.

Immediate plans are to place road signs to help visitors find the cemetery and Howard Morgan (pictured above) has volunteered his services to make a sign for the entrance to the site. Additional plans are to improve access by placing gravel on the entrance road and improve the parking area.

Our organization is registered as a Washington State Non-Profit Corporation and our mission is for this organization to have continuity and longevity in caring for this pioneer cemetery started by our ancestors. To accomplish this we will need to enlist local people and organizations to be involved, and to locate descendants of these pioneers, for their contributions of help and support.

Below: Fred Smith and Jeff & Candy Smith



**This is not a repeat of our last newsletter** but since I failed to proof read the news letter before sending it on to you, this is the corrected issue with my apologize.

We had a very good meeting & breakfast on the 20th in Tekoe at the Feeding Station Restaurant. Thank you, to all that were present, and thanks to Fred Smith for starting work at 5:00 am and Rod Smith for bringing his equipment. When we arrived at the cemetery the mosquitoes also had a great feast while we worked. They ran some of us off in a hurry.

## Annual Income & Expense Report

2007 Contributions	\$ 2400.00
2007 Expenses	<u>\$ 810.50</u>
End of year Balance	\$ 1589.50
2008 Contributions	\$ 650.50
2008 Expenses	\$ 0.00
To Date Balance	\$ 2300.00



The Second official meeting of the Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery took place on June 20, 2008 in the town of Tekoa WA at 10:00 am at the Feeding Station Café.

## Members Present

Left to right: Jim & Jo Ann Savitz, Shirley & Jim Irwin, Fred Smith, Rod Smith, Howard Morgan, Jeff & Candy Smith. <u>Next meeting or work party:</u> (Tentative) Friday, October 10, 2008



Maryum's yellow rose cutting that was transported from the Medford Oregon area and planted near Sarah Blue's grave has survived the long hot summer of 2007 and emerged from the snows of the long cold winter of 2008 with flying colors (just green no roses yet)!

Do you have ancestors buried at the **Lone Pine Cemetery In Whitman County Washington**?? It is approximately 3 miles from Tekoa which is south of Spokane. A group of people that are interested in cleaning up the cemetery have formed a non-profit organization and governed by a board. Our goal for last year was to clean up the debris which was created by people attempting to clean the brush, weeds, lilac bushes, etc. That goal has been accomplished. We have received many generous money donations toward the other needs of the cemetery, which are many. Many of the headstones have toppled over and the cleaning of the headstones is badly needed. We would like to have a path through the cemetery, which there is none now. The earliest date of birth on a stone is 1809 and the earliest date of death on a stone is 1883. No burials were permitted since 1953.

Please read the info and names of people buried at this website: http://www.interment.net/data/us/wa/whitman/lonepine/lone\_pine.htm

If you know of someone who is buried in the Lone Pine Cemetery and would like more info, please contact: Jim and Jo Ann Savitz

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If you have information , articles, or pictures you would like to see in this newsletter, please send to: Email: jimirwin@charter.net / phone: 509-529-2411 / mail: 404 Mica Place Walla Walla WA 99362

Please consider making a small contribution of \$10, \$25, \$50, or more for the maintenance of this Historic, Pioneer, Cemetery. Make check payable to Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery and mail to: Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery c/o Jim Irwin 404 Mica Place Walla Walla WA 99362