

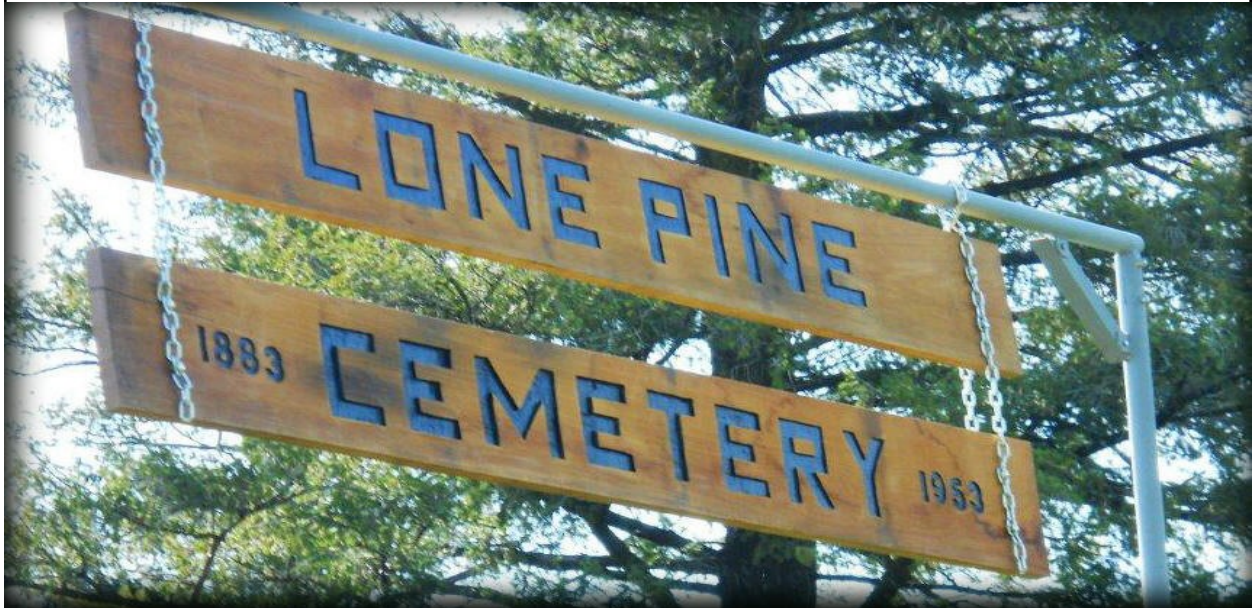
# Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

Whitman County, Washington

A Washington State Historic Site

Newsletter

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**Directions to Lone Pine Cemetery: From Tekoa take highway 27 west to Fairbanks Rd, turn left to Sieveke Rd, turn left 1 mile to cemetery on right**

## HISTORIC CEMETERY PRESERVATION CAPITAL GRANT

2017 - 2019 BIENNIUM

The Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, together with the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and the Historic Cemetery Advisory Committee, are pleased to announce the first round of grant funds through the Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant Program. Established in 2016 with the enactment of House Bill 2637, the capital grant program is intended to benefit the public by preserving outstanding examples of the state's historical heritage, enabling historic cemeteries to continue to serve their communities, and honoring the military veterans buried within them.

The Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant Program is a program of the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP). Management of the grant portion of the program is provided by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation under contract with DAHP. The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is Washington's only statewide non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to historic preservation.

Approximately \$450,000 in grant funds is available in the 2017-2019 Biennium with individual awards up to \$50,000.

**\*This is great news for our Lone Pine Cemetery !**

## HISTORIC CEMETERY PRESERVATION CAPITAL GRANT

The Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery are frantically working on the application for this grant as the final date for submission is June 29, 2018. For some reason we learned of it a little late but we are working as fast as we can to get bids from contractors and meet all the requirements in time to be considered for funding.

The cemetery is located on a gravel road and is surrounded by wheat fields. Due to the location, it gets few travelers past it and descendants have had difficulty finding it. Therefore, it has been forgotten over the years and had almost no care or maintenance until we started a few years ago. Someone planted lilacs many years ago and these plantings eventually took over the cemetery and it became a lilac jungle over a large part of the cemetery. The massive root system seems to be producing plants faster than volunteers are able to cut and remove them.

A few years ago; a stubble fire next to the cemetery got out of control and burned rapidly through the cemetery and some damage was done to the evergreen trees. These trees add a significant beauty to the cemetery. The trees survived and the lilacs grew back even stronger. The fear is that the cemetery could lose these large trees in a future fire if the brush is not controlled. Fire protection is very important to the health of this pioneer cemetery.

We are requesting funds to hire professionals with equipment to cut the brush close to the ground and remove it from the cemetery so future mowing's can be done with power mowers annually and as needed. Spraying the lilacs stubs immediately after cutting hopefully will kill the massive root system.



Thanks again; to the **HOPE** group, from the **Upper Columbia Academy** at Spangle WA . It was another cold and windy spring day in May when we met this excellent crew of hard working students to cut and pile the rapidly growing lilac brush for burning or removal from the cemetery in the fall.

Hopefully, Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery, will be successful in securing a grant from the Washington State Department of Historic Preservation this year to make the cemetery the beautiful place it deserves to be.



## History of the "Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery"

In 2005, two local residents, Amy Warwick and, Lori Enzler, both living in the area near the cemetery began contacting people to help clean up the overgrowth of brush in the cemetery. Several people responded and after contacting more descendants of persons buried there; we formed a non-profit Corporation and opened a bank account at the Tekoa branch of AmericanWest Bank, now Banner Bank. We also started a newsletter and began collecting names of other descendants for a mailing list to recruit volunteers and solicit needed funds for work on clearing and restoration of the cemetery. Work has continued since that time with workdays twice a year, one in the Spring, and one in the Fall of the year. In 2007 we began documentation of the work and meetings held by the group. Photos and stories have been archived in our website <http://www.lonepinecemetery.com/archive.htm>. In addition to the website we developed a virtual cemetery on "findagrave.com", of known burials with information about the persons. This information is accessible from the front page of the website to help descendants and others in finding ancestors graves. In 2009 we received a "Certificate of Authority" from the Dept. of Historical Preservation and the first significant changes in the cemetery in many, many years, took place when the group hired "Healing Hooves LLC" for vegetation management. Two hundred and sixty goats eating everything they could reach for one week, made quite a change in the landscape. The goats could not eat the woody parts of the plants and the lilac plants continued there relentless growth during the next growing season. Also, in 2009, the manager of the Coeur d' Alene Indian gravel pit, donated enough gravel for the driveway and many of the trails throughout the cemetery. At that time, we also began using the services of Dave Church of Plumer ID and his Bobcat tractor for many projects that could not be done by hand labor. In 2010 a new overhead sign was made and installed by Howard & Sandra Morgan, at the entrance to the cemetery off Sieveke Road. In 2011, the group purchased and placed a stone near the parking area indicating that the cemetery has been placed on a list by the Governor's Advisory Committee of the "Washington Register of Historic Places". In 2012, Rod & Sue Smith made and installed a kiosk in the parking area with names, plot map, and a signature book for visitors. Adding their names to our mailing list was instrumental in receiving additional contributions. In 2015, the Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery was recognized for their years of hard work by the presentation of "The State Historic Preservation 2015 Annual Award" in the category, Cemetery Preservation, by the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. In 2018, our aging group is continuing to care for the cemetery but seem to be falling behind in controlling the rapid growth of the well-established lilacs. Add to this, the resent loss by the death of our good friend, Dave Church, which has left us without affordable and dependable local contractor for moving and burning the many piles of brush generated with the help of the student volunteers.

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