

BLHS NEWSLETTER

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YOU ARE INVITED TO...SHARE YOUR HISTORY!

The Quarterly meetings of the BLHS are held at 6:00 PM at the Big Lake Community Church of the Nazarene on the fourth Thursdays in the months of January, April, July and October.

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We learn from history that we do not learn from history.
 -Georg Hegel

BLHS ANNUAL BUSINESS AND BOARD MEETING



Pressing cider in Baker Heights

Date: July 25, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: Big Lake Community Church of the Nazarene

All local history buffs and interested people are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Business Agenda (5:30): Review and acceptance of the revised and updated BLHS Bylaws; committee reports; elections of Officers and Board Members.

Social Agenda (6:30): Special Speaker for the evening is Dale Thompson of Sedro Woolley, who will be sharing childhood memories of growing up in Baker Heights and the surrounding area.

Coffee and cookies are provided.

SUMMER ON THE LAKE 1920-1930's

Sedro-Woolley *Courier Times*—

Big Lake to Have Novel Water Sport—F. J. Green of Big Lake, owner of the Green Camp Grounds, is making plans for a fine swimming season on the lake this year and is building a water toboggan which will be equipped with ten sleds on rollers. Each sled will carry one or two passengers and Shute will be 150 feet long. It will stand 40 feet above the level of the lake, with the Shute sloping out over the lake.

Bathing in Big Lake is Popular—With the approach of summer, Big Lake bathing is becoming more popular every day. Owners of property are getting their summer homes in shape or preparing to build new ones. C. J. Wicker has added a fine fireplace to his home at the lake shore, an W. M. Kirby and Q. P. Reno are among others



Green's Resort

who plan to improve their property.

Green's camp has erected a high toboggan slide, which is expected to furnish much sport for swimmers this year. During the past few hot days all the public beaches, on the lake, as well as the private beaches have been thronged with swimmers, and several beach parties have been held. Each year there are more

and more summer cottages erected on the shore of Big Lake.

New Dance Hall is Built at Big Lake—Alfred P. Schrock, former theater proprietor of Sumas, is building a new dance hall at Glen Allen Park on Big Lake. The new hall will be the best and largest of its kind in the county, having a maple hard wood floor 50 by 100 feet. The hall is being built as a pavilion, so that it can be thrown open or used as a closed building, according to the weather. It will be opened for dancing July 3, and a big program of dancing and sports is planned for July 3, 4, and 5. Glen Allen, with the new dance hall, its fine swimming beach, boat house and fishing facilities is getting to be one of the best known amusement places in the county.

BLHS Board Activities

Current Committees and Members:

Bylaws: to revise and update BLHS bylaws—Andrea Xaver and Pattie Pleas

Big Lake Photo Captions: to ensure historic information is not lost over time—Melba Hall and Colleen Nelson.

2020 Calendar: to select photos and captions for the BLHS Calendar to be published and sold for the 2020 calendar year—Pattie Pleas, Melba Hall, Andrea Xaver, and Jim Farmer.

BLHS Inventory: to inventory artifacts in BLHS storage unit and identify as much historic information as possible—Jim Farmer and Phil Hoffman.

Big Thank You to Louis Requa of Skagit Surveyors! He gave a presentation at the April Quarterly Meeting on the early surveying of the Big Lake area. The survey began in 1883 before there were settlements in the area. The surveyor noted as he meandered around the lake that there were only 2 cabins and a Native American hut on the westside of the lake; "there were many fish here but are all frozen over and the uplands are unfit for cultivation, gravel almost everywhere. The whole township is covered in a dense forest of fir, hemlock and cedar; with maple trees, blueberries, crabapple, and scattering vines on the very high points in the upland areas."

HELP! Looking for information about the early settlement of the Amick Road (NE side of Little Mountain/Devils Mountain). If you have anecdotes, stories, or artifacts you are willing to share about Amick Road or any other Big Lake area neighborhood please email Trudi at biglakehistoricalsociety@gmail.com