

THE
NACHES
STORY

Bits, Pieces, Facts, and Figures of Naches History from the 1850s to 2023

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BITS & PIECES OF NACHES, WA HISTORY FROM 1850 TO 2023

Early History

Native Indians traveled through the Naches Valley on their way to the Coast, to fish the rivers, hunt, or to pick huckleberries in the Cascade Mountains. In addition, fur trappers, explorers, missionaries, and military personnel crossed through the Valley as well. There is also at least verbal evidence Indians had been living in our Valley. In the late 1890's Indians approached Naches's pioneer Harry Painter telling him an Indian Chief was buried beneath a 10-oak tree grove (#1) on Painter's property. Note: The location was near the former West Winds Mobile Home Park area on the south side of Highway #12 and Shafer Avenue. Due to that encounter Painter named his ranch the "Ten Oaks Ranch" (#31). The Indian pronunciation of the river sounded like Nach-cheese, of which the Indian translation meant turbulent or swift flowing water. Eventually this was translated to Natchez and today it is pronounced Na-cheese.

The 1800's

1852 - Scouts from the Longmire Wagon Train recorded what they observed as they viewed the Naches Valley while traveling across the Wenas Valley prior to reaching the west side of the Cascade Mountains. When the wagon train reached the Wenas area they camped for 2 days near Indian Chief Owhi's garden which is along the North Wenas Road today. A monument marks the location. (#2) The train consisted of 36 wagons and 148 persons. They bought potato's and had a feast but Chief Owhi, who was an uncle to Yakama Indian Chief Kamiakin, refused to sell them melons...?? Leaving the Wenas area the wagon train crossed and re-crossed the Naches River 68 times before reaching the summit of Naches Pass. Note: Naches Pass is some 1600' lower in elevation than Chinook Pass and, if built, would be some 40 miles less to Tacoma and a year around Pass. The Naches Pass Road served as a military road until 1872. The South Sound settlers did not realize their dream to have it as the main road between Puget Sound and Walla Walla although there was agitation for such a road into the 1940's and beyond. The main route went where the little settlement of Seattle wanted it, through Snoqualmie Pass.

Late 1860's – Albert and Nira Kelly were the first to file a Homestead Claim in Upper Naches. He was a retired Methodist minister, had two sons, Philander and Lee and a daughter, Etta. Kelly built the first log cabin in the Upper Naches Valley and died either in December 1873 or January 1874. Son Philander has been given credit for digging the first irrigation ditch in 1872 (#3) that traverses through what would become the Town of Naches. (The Kelly ditch is the most southerly ditch beneath both Naches and Shafer Avenues.) Unfortunately, Philander froze to death in the winter of 1880 when he encountered a blizzard in the Tieton area while looking for his horses. Brother Lee drowned in the Naches River in 1875. Their land was east of Naches near present day Rowe warehouse and was sold about 1886 to Joseph Sinclair Sr. and is part of the Rowe family holdings today. Alfred and Hugh Sinclair settled on land to the west of Joseph Sinclair's which was later owned by the McPhees.

Kelley Ditch poem: The Kelley Ditch where children play,

Where water runs to grow the hay.

A ditch that's seen the Valley grow,

And helps the farmer make his dough. (Author unknown)

1870's - The families of Lowery, Denton, Kincaid, and "Preacher" Capps were early settlers in the Naches area. They were so impressed with the Valley they brought their families arriving here on May 6, 1876. Russell Lowery took up a preemption claim on land east of Naches that later would be owned by the McPhees. He also dug the ditch bearing his name which flows north of the Kelley ditch under both Naches Avenue and at the north end of Shafer Avenue near 2nd Street. That year, 1876, Elijah Denton became the first permanent settler in Naches. He took up a preemption claim on 160 acres of land east of our current Naches Valley Middle School and includes what is known today as the McDowell Addition on the east end of town. Abner Sinclair built a home for the Denton family in 1888 or '89 that still stands today on Shafer Ave (#11). It is the oldest house in Naches. Lumber came from the Wenas sawmill which costs about \$8.00 per 1,000 bd ft. With a team of horses and wagon, Denton went to The Dalles, OR to get windows and square cut nails for the house. The trip took a week. About that same time Abner Sinclair also built a house for himself that stood on the bench

at the very north end of Sinclair Ave (#12). A fire in the 1980's destroyed much of the house. T.E. Forsythe purchased the house from Sinclair in 1906. John Slaven later bought it from Forsythe who then sold it to Kevin Patrick who since sold it. Denton also donated the land for the Naches Cemetery (#4) whose small daughter was the first to be buried there in 1880 (#5). The 2nd cemetery burial was Newton Heacox's wife who died the same year (#6). Heacox homesteaded in Naches in 1878 (#13) on land that today is within our town limits. Also, in 1878 Denton purchased one half of the 500 apple and cherry trees brought to the Valley by J.M. Kincaid & Preacher Capps. Those three men started the fruit industry in the Naches Valley.

The Naches Valley with the primary vegetation being sagebrush and grasses was beginning to attract more settlers. Fertile soil, abundant water from both the Tieton and Naches Rivers, the recently dug irrigation ditches Kelley (1872), Lowery (1877), Scott (1886 - South Naches), Wapatox (definition:" warm valley") Canal (1883) (#7 & 8), the Selah/Naches Canal (1887) (#9), abundant sunshine, plus a long growing season brought more and more people to our valley. Note: For over twenty years the primary source of domestic water for town residents came from the Wapatox Canal. The Selah/Naches Canal (the upper canal) was built with wooden flumes and 8 tunnels and primarily supplied water to the Upper Naches and Selah areas. The canal was completed in 1894 with additional improvements in 1897. Bringing water to the Selah Valley locale along with other canals may be considered the beginning of the commercial fruit growing industry in the Yakima Valley. During 1912-13 the capacity of the Wapatox Canal was greatly increased by lining the canal with concrete, a smaller gradient and materially shortened. The 1-mile powerhouse was built at that time. (#61). In 1925 high school student Esther Penney wrote the early history of Naches in the Naches High School Pioneer annual yearbook. (# 74 & 75) She wrote: “The Wapatox Canal was a local enterprise in the Naches Valley extending down the north side, designed, to cover the lower lands. It was constructed and managed by local farmers, but it became the property of the Pacific Power and Light Company later”.

“- An Indian scare caused concern for Naches’s area residents in 1879, but no uprising occurred.

" - In 1879 three (3) sewing machines were in the Valley owned by the Glead family, Hugh Sinclair's, and the Denton's.

1880's - The families of the Cowan's (Wenas), Sinclair's & McPhee's (East Naches), Clark's (West Naches), Scott's (South Naches), Steven's (Nile/Buckeye Ranch), and Heacox's (Naches) settled in the areas listed. Heacox homesteaded the land that he sold to Clifford Clemens who passed it on to his son-in-law, Sam Williams. A.E. Penney bought his three quarters from Williams in 1901.

“- Abner Sinclair arrived in Naches in 1881. He and his brother Alec bought land from Preacher Capps east of the spillway. Abner built a house that burned down, so started over. (See 1870's previous.) Alec soon sold his land to W.D. Thompson and sons Leslie and Russell in 1898. The Thompson's found it good hay land and erected a huge barn seen in so many old Naches photos, for hay storage. The hay was sold to cattle men who operated nearby feed lots for \$3 and \$4 a ton.

“ - Russell Lowery, Elijah Denton's father-in-law, came to Naches in 1876 but left the area in 1883 selling his land to John McPhee. McPhee married Isabella Sinclair, the only girl in a family of 11 boys of whom Thomas, Joseph, and Hugh were brothers.

1890's - The Forsythe, Painter, and Thompson families arrived in the Naches area during the 1890's. Henry Sedge moved to the Nile from Yakima and Linnie Rowe to East Naches. Note: Henry Sedge was the first Cascade Mountain Forest ranger, and the Ranger Station was at Crow Creek. Sedge Ridge is named after him.

“- Area pioneers would celebrate the 4th of July in the Wenas area due to it being more heavily populated than the Naches area.

“ - Harry Painter came to Naches from Orting, WA., in 1898 but previously lived in Eastern Washington on the family homestead south of Cheney, WA. The Miller brothers, who were dairy product wholesale dealers in Seattle had purchased the James Creamery in Naches and Painter purchased it from them in 1898 changing the name to the Natches Valley Creamery (#27 & # 29). He was soon followed in the Spring of 1898 by wife Nora and infant son Floyd. Their daughter Gladys, my mother, was born in their home in Naches on March 12, 1900. Within

a few months Painter replaced the older square wood churn with a new Disbow churn. That machine could and did make as much as 600 lbs. of butter at a churning, thus increasing the business the creamery was able to handle. Consequently, more cream was needed from the surrounding area, so Painter purchased four horse drawn rigs (#28) to collect and purchase the needed product at various drop off points in the Wenas, East Naches, South Naches, Naches, and Nile areas which spurred economic growth throughout the entire area. More than \$10,000 worth of dairy cattle from Oregon were sent to the Wenas Valley alone. Painter furnished the cows to any man who owned his own land and could sign a decent note. The Nile Valley cream was very important. Painter took great pride in his butter making and won statewide acclaim for its quality. In 1901,'02 &,'03 he won 1st prize at the Yakima State Fair and each time the winning butter was made from Nile Valley cream. The higher altitude gave the butter a special quality of extra flavor. Twice a week Painter made the rough, rutty, and dusty 30-mile round trip to Yakima via fast horses and a specially built wagon to deliver the butter encased in ice to keep it from melting. The butter was made in 1 lb. wraps (#30) and 2 lb. molds for private consumption and 50 lb. wooden tubs for restaurants. Much of the butter was sold in Yakima and the surplus shipped to Seattle and Tacoma by train. As he made his twice weekly trips people started asking if he would pick up their mail, bring them flour, sugar, coffee, or ?? which he gladly did. This saved the busy pioneers a long, dusty trip to Yakima and Painter would often trade the merchandise for cream. Consequently, he began stocking a variety of consumer items for the locals in the 2nd story of the creamery building. That was the beginning of Naches as a trading center and subsequently was the forerunner to his building the first store in Naches in 1906. (#32)

Dorothy Mac Neil Matthes recently found papers printed below that were written by our grandmother Nora Painter describing to some group(?) what she observed when entering the Naches Valley for the first time in 1898. Note: Some of the pages of the narrative were eaten by mice making it difficult to decipher various words or sentences.

The Early History of Naches by Nora Painter

I guess we will have to turn the pages of time back four more years as it was the Spring of 1898 that we first became acquainted with the Naches Valley.

My husband Harry had just finished installing a creamery plant at Orting when he got the call to come to Naches to operate a plant here. He came over a week ahead of me, so when I and our small son Floyd arrived at the depot in Yakima, he was there to meet us with a light rig (hack) drawn by our good neighbors (?) favorite horses, Molly and Cynthia (roadsters) as he said, "If you will all get aboard".

You might be interested to know that Yakima was a busy town of about 2,000 inhabitants, and instead of cars parked along the streets there were hitching racks in front of each business house, and they were about full of rigs and riding horses.

It was early in the afternoon but we thought we had better get started home as early as possible as 15 miles by horsepower is slow traveling compared to now. When we drove away from the Northern Pacific Depot (station where it is now) there was not a single business building on this side of the track, and only one residence between the railroad and the powerhouse on what we call the Old Road and 5 homes between the powerhouse and Nelson Bridge. The road from Nelson Bridge was called Nelson Lane because the land on both sides of the road was owned by members of the Nelson family.

We rattled along through Nelson Lane and passed the Lower Naches school house which was a one room building one story high. Next was the Glead Ranch homestead and timber culture which extended on the left side of the road down to what we call Glead today. We passed plenty of sagebrush on either side of the road till we got to the top of the first hill (Dobie ranch today). On the right side was a hop yard all set with hop poles. (All the hops were trained on poles instead of string in those days.) Sage brush adorned the roadside till we came to the Rowe home on the top of the next hill. A lovely home overlooking the countryside for miles around.

From there we rounded the downhill curve on a swinging trot and it was my first glance of the Naches Valley. The wind was blowing, and a huge gust caught my rather large hat and lifted it skyward as high as my hat pin would allow. I retrieved it with both hands and anchored it back on my head just as another gust caught under my cape and flopped it over my head. (Capes were the fad in those days.) By the time I got it tucked securely under my arms we crossed a little bridge and the water from under it looked like it was running uphill.

Where does that water come from? There were no homes in sight, and it was a mile down to the river. My husband said, "That is the Wapatox irrigation ditch". I asked, "How does it get up on top of the hill"? He said, "It is taken out of the river high enough up so the water level would carry it over the hill". I didn't get the idea too well but thought I might learn in time.

Down the last stretch of the hill the grade was so high and so narrow I hardly dared to breathe till we got to the bottom, and then at our feet was the beautiful Naches Valley, nestled so peacefully at the foot of the surrounding hills.

Land was sectioned off into 20-80-160 or 240 acres and was government land. The government had the land surveyed into sections of 640 acres. Anyone wanting a piece of land could homestead it by making an application at the land office in Yakima, giving the location and description. The official in the land office would send this filing into Washington D.C. where it would be recorded and that would give you the right to the land if you complied with the required government law. Which meant that land is your land and your home for 6 years. You had to build a house and furnish it with a stove, bed, table, and such and put so much ground into cultivation. If you didn't have enough money to meet these requirements you were allowed to be away from the land six months at a time providing you slept in the house at the end of each six months for the first three years, then the next three years you had to live on the land all the time, improve your buildings and cultivate more land. At the end of six years if you could prove up on your home claim, by that I mean you could take a witness with you to the land office to verify your claim of improvements that would be sent to Washington D.C. You then would receive a deed to your homestead, and it would become yours to sell or make it your home.

To not take up too much of your time by telling you about each individual home beginning at the foot of Rowe hill, I'll just tell you the names of those industrious hospitable people that we came to know and liked so well. Can you follow with your mind's eye the homes as we came up through the Valley. Many of the names I'm sure you remember in your history of Naches. (Note: In 1898 there were 24 families from the foot of Rowe Hill to the western end of the Naches Valley.)

Off to the left was the Senior Chamberlain meadow bordered on the river side with some farm buildings and the Chamberlain home. A little further on was the Sam Kincaid home where the lovely Earl Bailey home now stands. The next was a little house where the Bob Bailey's now own. Toward the river from there was the alfalfa meadow and lovely home of Hugh Sinclair's. The Hugh Sinclair's were the parents of the late Alfred Sinclair and the grandparents of Ken Sinclair, that some of you know.

The Joe Sinclair's owned the place where Billy McPhee now lives. They were the parents of Kirtley Sinclair. On the left side of the road a little further on was the home of the Emerson Parmentier's who were the parents of Sadie Akers and Archie Parmentier who still live in the Valley. A little further on was a little shack where the Selah Ditch caretaker kept his tools.

Then the Lee Chamberlain home on the left of the road. Down in the Valley was the spacious John McPhee home, Uncle John, and Aunt Sis (?), surrounded by alfalfa fields. That is where Mrs. Archie McPhee lives. The John McPhees were the parents of the late Archie and Will McPhee and their sisters Bessie, Minnie and Mable McPhee who now live in Yakima.

Further on was the Dan Sinclair home. Uncle Dan and Aunt Amie's(?) home was the house where the Searches now live. Further up on the left was the John and Martha Kincaid home – a

log house. It's been said they brought the first apple trees to the Valley – packed them in a churn and brought them here from The Dalles.

The Kincaid school house stood close to the road about where Cloughley Road turns into the Rowe cherry orchard. (Note: The Kincaid school was located just east of the S curve on the East Old Naches Highway as the road crosses the Wapatox canal.) We jostled along through to the George Denton home on the right where the Clyde Joneses now live – through gate No #1 as we left the Old Road there and on to the W.D. Thompson home on the right across the highway from the Leroy Jones home. They were the parents of Leslie and Russell Thompson, whom you all know. From there was the Abner Sinclair home where the Forsythe's now live and beyond that to the west was the Sam Williams home where Lee Lowrance now lives. (Note: Dee Huck's home today.)

On thru pastureland to the Elijah Denton home on the left – where the new editor of the Naches Review now lives, and then to Gate #2. We soon came to the end of our journey and our future home and the Naches Creamery. Our job was to help the farmers increase their milking herds, make first class creamery butter, and develop a substantial creamery business.

(Going west from Naches) The W.S. Clark home is where Mrs. Charles Rennie lives. They were the parents of Clarence, Winfield, John, Marion, and Mrs. Manley Meloy, whom you all know. The Leonard Stump home is now owned by the Hager's. The house was where Charles Shanks lived but it had burned down. The Jim Grover home is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Akers. He used to make sorghum. The Wilders and the Lambertson's owned what is now known as the Hess Ranch. L.O. Janeck owned what is now the Bill Jones home. The Yeates owned what is now called the Two Rivers Ranch. Mrs. Meyster still lives on their original holdings. Elmer Stump was the caretaker of the Selah Canal and lived where the Hards are now.

Many of these people came from faraway places: Scotland, Nova Scotia, Florida, Arkansas. Twenty-four families and only two senior members of those families are living today: Mrs. Hilda Meyster and Mrs. George Denton. I just wish you could have known these wonderful people like we did. Each individual fitted into the pattern of woof and warp (Note: Regards individual freedom and democracy as the warp and woof of any civilized nation—character, composition.) that made this Valley famous.

These people earned their lively hood by stock raising and growing alfalfa. During the summer they had an open range, no permits, or other restrictions. After the cattle were rounded up in the fall, they were put out in the meadows with alfalfa up to their knees. When the pasture began to get poor, they would sell their fine big cattle for the sum of 3c per pound. If some years, they got 3 1/2c or 4c per lb.: that was a big price. They all raised chickens and eggs to sell, raised pigs to furnish their lard, hams, and bacon, and made ranch butter from their surplus cream. And here is where the idea of having a creamery came into practice.

Abner Sinclair was a very ingenuous person and he thought Naches should have a creamery. He had already figured out a waterpower system to drive the machinery which was a water wheel from a flour mill in Yakima. He constructed a wooden water flume from the Lowery ditch to the creamery that powered his machinery.

The highlight of the spring was for the stockmen to round up their cattle, brand their stock, get the herds all together and take them to the hills. There was no bridge across the Upper Naches River in the early days so they had to wait until the high-water runoff was over so they could ford the river. The mothers of the young calves were aware of the high water so they would see to it that their calf was on the upper side of them so when they got into deep water the calf would wash down next to them and not be carried off down the river.

The roundup in the fall consisted of getting out their pack outfits, seeing that their pack flashes(?) were ready to be filled with cooking utensils and plenty of camp food. After hanging them on the pack saddles, their bedding was securely lashed over the top and they were off on their favorite stock horse. Sometimes the weather was bad and hunting the cattle through the timber was very disagreeable. Some years they would have to make several trips to get all the cattle.

Beginning with the town of Naches - When Mr. Penney, who'd come from Iowa, settled here on Sam William's place, that land extended from the upper road along the west side of the waste ditch to just south of Jim Templeton's property. He and Abner Sinclair began to figure out a town for Naches. The Nile Valley had a post office, but the only access Naches had to a post office was Yakima. It was a difficult matter to have to go 15 miles to mail a letter or get your mail. So, Mr. Penney thought the Valley should have a town, talked it over with his neighbor, Abner Sinclair, about each of them allowing so much land to be a town site. Abner Sinclair's land extended from the old road along the east side of the waste ditch to the Naches River that runs ?? east and west...???" (Note: Some of the pages had been eaten by mice making it difficult to figure out the written word.)

"About that time George McDonald thought if Naches was going to be a town, they should have a railroad, so McDonald went about securing a railroad right-of-way from Yakima to Naches. Also, about that time President Theodore Roosevelt in Washington D.C. signed the Reclamation Bill authorizing the Government to build a dam to retain the run-off of Spring water to be carried thru ditches on dry land to save the crops from burning up".

"The government sent surveyors up to Bumping Lake and estimates were made of the cost for building the dam which was approved by Congress. As soon as the railroad was built to Naches, the depot (1906) and a big government warehouse (1907-08), where the Market Center Grocery store now stands, were built".

"In order to take care of the horses required for the freighting of supplies to Bumping Lake, Ed Case built a livery barn (1908) about where McNaul's garage stands. W.L. Dimmick was

interested in freighting, so he built a livery barn where the Pentecostal Church now stands. Mr. Case realized there would be a lot of people coming to Naches, so he built a hotel (1908) about where the theater is today. Mr. Crews, on the Tieton, built a restaurant where Cowan's Drug Store stands (about 1909). Mr. Sedge in 1908 decided Naches should have another grocery store so he built a store about where the Watson's (Bowman's) now live, and the government granted Naches a post office. Bill Bennington was the first Postmaster with the office in part of the Sedge store. Mr. O.M. Cobb in 1907 had the first meat market on 2nd street, about where Slim's store is today. Guy Shafer and Fred Layman had a pool hall between Case's Hotel and Cobb's Meat Market".

The Painters now owned the creamery business and then purchased the surrounding land from local settler T.E. Forsythe who had just recently purchased it from Abner Sinclair. That property today would be from the east side of the spillway ditch paralleling Naches Ave., south of the Greenway Trail (railroad) to the Naches River and east to the start of the current 4-lane freeway. Many businesses and residential homes occupy the property today including the Pit Stop (#177), Slim's Store (#115), the 1st Naches Ranger Station complex (# 160 & 161), Baughman's Saw Shop, Thompson's Fruit Stand (#176), Walkabout Creek Saloon, Laredo Drive-in, (#156) Gina's Beauty Saloon, Mt. Cleman Chevron, residential homes, ad infinitum. Note: Highway #410, now #12, divided the property in the 1930's. (#77)

The 1900's

1900 - 1909 - Religion was important. The Presbyterians established a Naches (originally spelled Natcheze) Presbyterian Mission in 1885 and built their first church at the base of the Wenas Grade in 1900 (#43) on 5 acres of land donated by the Selah/Naches Ditch Co. Abner Sinclair made the pews. He also named Bethel Ridge which means "a hallowed spot". The church built a 2- story manse in 1903 but the 2nd story was later removed. Today the house, located on East Old Naches Highway, is owned, and occupied by Tammy Fewel Vetsch. In 1908 the Church building was moved to the 200 block of Moxee Avenue (#44) and the congregation soon built an adjacent manse. In 1949 the building was sold to the Christian Science Society. Today it is the St John Catholic Church (#163) and several additions have been added including a reception hall and a shared parking lot with the town.

As the entire world welcomed the 20th Century the Town of Naches (called Naches “City” at that time) was no exception. More settlers continued to arrive. As colorful, now deceased Naches’s resident Bill Bennington wrote about the history of Naches in the Yakima Valley Newspaper published on 2/7/1963, “First, in order to do this, we must deal with people who lived here and were more or less active in the affairs of the valley. For what kind of history could we write about without McGurter’s, McPhees, Sinclair’s, Shafer’s, Denton’s, Allan’s, Kincaid’s, Razey’s, Penney’s, Painter’s, Lambertson’s, Meyster’s, Wilders and Yates”.

In 1902-03 the first telephone line was installed from Yakima to Naches. A small building (no longer standing) was in the 200 block of Moxee Ave behind our current Town Hall and was Mrs. Pooters music studio. This small house was the first telephone office and was owned by Mrs. Bennett who was the local operator. Several other early telephone operators were the niece of Dan Noble (Noble Hotel), and Roy and Adeline Brown around 1922-23. Still later Mrs. Starkey became the local operator, but the office was moved to the Starkey building. Later the building became the Naches Presbyterian Sunday School classroom followed by the Town’s Library (#114). Having a telephone meant being on a party line where everyone on that line could listen to your conversation. Privacy was virtually non-existence.

“ - The four (4) mile Powerhouse east of Naches was built in 1905 generating 5200 kilowatts of electricity. It was the chief power plant in Central WA. (#36)

In 1984 The Yakima Herald/Republic newspaper reprinted the following: January 26,1906. “Deeds for the land that will be platted in a town site up the Naches Valley were filed in the office of County Auditor Newcomb this afternoon. There is a total of 48 acres. The land will be platted at an early date and the name of Naches will probably be given to the new town. The deeds are from Alfred Penney for 27 acres and from Abner Sinclair for 21 acres more or less”. The town site was sold to the Naches Land Co. which Sinclair and Penney divided then sold lots toward community development. Both names appear on two of our residential streets.

“- The West and Wheeler Land Co. platted the Town of Naches in 1906 (#37) on the homesteads of Elijah Denton, Newton Heacox, Abner Sinclair, and Alfred

Penney. The plat listed avenues running north to south and streets east to west. West & Wheeler also installed a domestic water supply which came from the Wapatox Canal.

" - George McDonald, President of the Yakima National Bank acquired a right-of-way for the North Yakima and Valley Railroad between Yakima and Naches in 1906. The intention was to put the railroad from Yakima through Naches and on to Puget Sound. Shortly after construction the Naches River flooded washing out the railroad bridge adjacent to Nelson Bridge (Suntides area) as well as the South Naches Bridge. Both bridges were quickly rebuilt. In 1907 "Sagebrush Annie" brought supplies to Naches to build the Bumping and Rimrock Dams and the Tieton Canal. Our Naches Railroad Depot (#38) was also built at that time.

" - Construction of Bumping Dam was started in 1906 and completed in 1908 with equipment/material being transported some 35 miles to the job site by 4 horse wagons. The Tieton Canal was built from 1906 to 1911. The Rimrock Dam was started in 1917 but stopped in 1918 because of WW I. Construction resumed in 1921 and the dam was completed in 1925. (#40,41 & 42). The Bureau of Reclamation constructed an office building on 2nd St for the dam/canal projects (today large 2 story yellow building (#45) and built a warehouse (#39 A & B) for supplies on the SW corner of Naches Ave and 2nd St. (later a grocery store then a fire station)

" - In 1905, prior to the town being platted in 1906, Harry Painter hauled lumber from the Wenas Mill for a new store. This was the first store within the new town. (#32,33,34,35). Due to the success of his creamery and the new Painter General Merchandise Store, they have been given credit "for the building of the Town of Naches and for the prosperity of many ranches in all surrounding communities". The Sun, Naches, WA Volume 4, No.44 Thursday May 8,1958 p.1

" - The first Natchez Post Office was established on June 6,1878. It was discontinued in December,1881, reestablished in January,1882, discontinued in November,1885. Alfred Penney has been given credit toward establishing a permanent post office in Natchez at the SE corner of 2nd St. and Sinclair Ave. on 7/28/1906. He also organized the first basketball team in 1915 that played in the low-ceilinged Horticultural Warehouse. Note: Dr. Douglas Bowman moved the

structure to the NE corner of Marvin St and Sinclair Ave. (#39) and built his brick house on the site in the mid 1930's. The spelling of Natchez to Naches was changed in 1908 because Federal Postal authorities and some residents thought there might be postal mix-ups between Natchez, Mississippi and Natchez, Washington. Bill Bennington was appointed postmaster in October, 1906. As Bennington wrote from the above reference, "various residents prevailed upon me to take on the duties of sorting the mail. They never mentioned that the job didn't pay a salary and so when the kerosene gave out, I resigned. I mention kerosene because up to that time electricity hadn't arrived." He was followed by Postmasters Henry Sedge (1907), L.O. Pease (1908), Lewis Smith (1910), William Palmer (1915) Claude Blevins (1924) and Dewey Harvel Baker (1937 to 1973). In 1908 the post office was moved to Bennington's Cozy Corner Café (#56, #57) (former Lewis Smith Store & later Banner Bank property (#143)). Jack Smith was the first rural route carrier. In 1915 the office was moved to the Starkey building which was adjacent to Painter's store on 2nd Street. In 1937 the post office was moved to the back of Bill Jones Grocery store (NE corner of Naches Ave & 2nd St) (#55). In 1952 the post office moved to the NE corner of Naches Ave and 3rd St occupying what had been the former Bob Baird Hardware Store (#103, 146). A new and current post office building was erected on the former Horticultural Union/Blue Ribbon Growers/Snokist warehouse property on West 3rd Street in 1999. (#164).

"- Growth exploded in 1907 due to the Bumping and Rimrock Dams and Tieton Canal being built. Naches now had 2 hotels (Case (#48) on the SW corner of 3rd St & Naches Ave. and the Noble on the NW corner of 3rd St and Naches Ave that burned in 1910), 2 livery stables (Case #49) that burned around 1912 (Margaret's Deli today) & Dimmick (#47) on the NE corner of Tieton Ave and Railroad St.), Painter's general merchandise store (#32), a lumber yard (Cascade (1907) which later was Tum-A-Lum Lumber in 1916 (#64), Dower Lumber in 1935 (#87), Potlatch, and finally Copeland Lumber), government warehouse (#46), restaurant, 3 blind pigs (#10) a tavern w/o a license) and a post office. The area was also quickly changing from producing beef, dairy cattle, and sheep to the fruit industry.

"- Due to the above the Yakima Horticultural Union built a fruit warehouse and packing shed in 1908 (#50) west of the business district and parallel to the railroad tracks and 3rd Street. To accommodate the development, the town vacated Penney

Avenue south of 3rd Street to the railroad tracks. (The new Fire Station (#203), CA warehouses and Naches Post Office (#164) area today with Penney Avenue being recently restored from 3rd Street to 2nd Street).

" - Education was of utmost importance to the early settlers. The first school in what today is the Naches Valley School District was located near Nelson Bridge/Suntides Golf Course area on June 28, 1868. (#14) The territorial superintendent established District #4 Nelson (Lower Naches) for the entire area as there had been no prior organized school districts. The original description for that district was: "It begins at the mouth of the Natchez River; thence up said river to the summit of the Cascade Mountains and along the range to the divide between the Wenas and Umtanum Creeks; thence to the Yakima River and down said river to place of beginning". The area was far too large for a single school in that day of poor roads, no bridges, and slow transportation resulting in a variety of school districts being formed throughout the area.

Several school districts were formed in the 1870's that make up our Naches Valley School District today. In the Wenas were the Taylor, Cowan (#16), Sisk, and Burge (#20) school districts. At the lower end of the district were the Glead (#4), Morrisey/Dobie (30) and Lower Naches School Districts (89). Etolia was South Naches (#17), and the Nile (#18), Goose Prairie (#21), Oak Creek, Mystere, and Rimrock (#22) were to the west. Near the town of Naches was East Eureka (Kincaid/Sinclair) (#15), West Eureka (Clark), and Naches (# 23 & 24) Note: An early proposed name for the town was Eureka. There have been over 20 early school districts that were consolidated making up the NVSD Jt. #3 today. Jt. #3 indicates two counties are involved in the school district...Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The last consolidation was in 1944 when the Naches (#91) and Lower Naches (#89) School Districts merged, adding Valley to the name.

Beloved Naches High School teacher Rose Palmquist, who began teaching in Naches in 1920 and retired 38 years later in 1958, was asked upon retirement to write the history of our school district. Agreeing to do so, her efforts were originally published in May, 1960 by the Naches Valley High School Journalism class under the guidance and direction of Robert Lee "Doc" Wolfe. The Yakima Valley News, Section 2, Volume 8, Number 28, Thursday, December 21, 1961 published the above works along with a variety of pictures donated by Olive

Thompson, Nora Painter, Roberta Penney, Stella Chase, and Sarah Sedge. Quoting Mrs. Palmquist from the above references, "In 1908, a school, No.83, was organized in the new community of Naches, which was developing around the railroad. A two-room building was erected where the Presbyterian Church now stands. Two years later (1910) the process of consolidation began. The Kinkaid, Clark, South Naches, and Naches schools united to form the Naches School District #91. Another room was added plus a second floor with three classrooms and an office for the superintendent (#24). The school was graded, and high school classes were added". South Naches opted out shortly after consolidation but returned in 1920.

Mrs. Palmquist wrote how the school and community were continuing to grow. "The first high school class to graduate was in 1917 with Willard Sedge being the lone graduate. In 1918 there were four graduates: Marion Clark; Mary Mitchell; Harry Brown; and Jean McIver. Gladys Painter (my mother) was the lone graduate in 1919. Basketball and baseball were the two sports played by the high school boys. To play Selah in basketball the coach and team went by train to Yakima and by trolley to Selah. After the game they returned to Yakima spending the night in a hotel and back to Naches the following day. Naches didn't have a school gymnasium yet so home basketball games prior to 1922 were played in the low-ceilinged Yakima County Horticultural Warehouse building, later Snokist, on land where our current Naches Post Office is today".

" - In 1908 L.O. Pease constructed a building on the SE corner of 2nd St and Naches Ave which Lewis Smith bought a year or two later establishing his general merchandise store and the post office while living in the upstairs apartment until 1917 (#56 & #57) Later the building became known as the Leonard and/or Lemley Building which over the years had a variety of businesses. From 1908 to 1964 the building housed the following: Bennington's Cozy Corner & Leonard's restaurants; beauty shop; barber shop; radio repair shop; jewelry store; dry cleaning establishment; beer parlor; apartment; hotel; newspaper office; circulating library and, of course, the general store. It was torn down in 1964 and a new building for the National Bank of Washington was constructed (#142). Until recently Banner Bank was the last to occupy that site. Just south and behind that structure was the first lumber yard (Cascade in 1908) where the Nazarene Church is today. (#126)

" - Across the street from the Pease building the Clemmer brick building with upstairs apartments was built around 1908. W.E." Ed" Arnold acquired the building and operated it as a grocery store. (#55) Later Henry Sedge was awarded the building by the directors of the Naches State Bank. He also operated it as a grocery store, butcher shop, plus cold storage lockers (prior to home freezers). Bill Jones worked in the store with Sedge until he took over as the sole owner in 1935 to 1943 naming the store Jones Grocery & Lockers. Jones and wife Eva lived in the upstairs apartment where daughter Nadine Jones Hinze was born. In 1925 Dr. Grant Cameron began his dentistry practice upstairs as well. In 1943 "Slim" Fewel leased the building from Jones. He operated it as Slim's Grocery Store & Lockers until 1952. He then purchased property from Harry Painter and built a new store out on Hwy 410 (Highway 12 today). (#115) In 1954 Jones returned to the grocery business and operated it as Jones's Grocery. Shortly after Ross Davis took over and operated as the Lucky Dollar grocery store. When Davis left the building to go kitty corner across the street Emil Bilodeau acquired the building and opened the Green Door. Larry Naud owns the property today which has seen a variety of businesses.

“- The first car west of Yakima was a 1909 Mitchell owned by Harry Painter of Naches (#58). By 1917 there were 201 cars in the Upper Valley: Naches (132); the Nile (19); and Tieton and the Wenas combined (50).

" - The Naches Commercial Club was formed in 1909 with the following officers: Lewis Smith, President; J.R. Reynolds, Vice President; Wallace Goodsell, Secretary; and Harry Painter, Treasurer (# 59, #60). A very active group that formed the basis toward the eventual incorporation of the Town in 1921. Some of their activities included: convincing County, State and Federal officials to pave a concrete road from Yakima to Naches(Old Naches Highway) through the Federal Donohue Act; convinced postal authorities to add more mail deliveries to the area; yearly membership banquets (127 members in 1914); getting streetlights in Town; made several attempts to get a community newspaper; stunt nights; Community Chest drives; getting a depot agent in 1912. That was just a few of their many activities and endeavors.

" -In 1909 the Wapatox Grange #335 held their first meeting in the old Woodman Hall (#53) located near the base of Wenas Grade. 35 people attended

and paid the initiation fee of \$.30/quarter. Seth Brown was First Master, and W.D. Thompson was Sec/Treasurer 11/9/09. Membership increased to 78 in 1910.

" - Bill Clem built the first hardware store in Naches for Leroy Jones (#54) which included a rear residence and was located on the north side of 2nd St just east of the bridge and spillway ditch. In 1929 Jones sold the business to Tom and Dave Moore. They sold the business in 1958 to Carl VanWechel. VanWechel sold to Erman and son Keist Evans in 1961. In the 1960's fire destroyed much of the structure along with the storage warehouse, the residence, what had been Jenny Winters apparel shop, and portions of the bank. Part of what was left later became a restaurant but due to the fires and age, eventually that entire complex became uninhabitable. However, the bank vault was able to be saved and today is part of our Naches Town Hall. (#162)

“- The Naches Telephone Company was formed in 1909 by J.R. Reynolds. Individuals could buy stock in the company for \$145 per share. In 1910 day and night telephone service was started.

1910-1919 - Naches State Bank was formed with the following 5 directors: W.D. Thompson, President; Harry Painter, Vice President; Samuel Allan; Thomas Allan; and John Jay Reynolds, Cashier (#51, #52). Each contributed \$2,000 and received 5 shares of stock. Doors opened on 8/22/1910 on the NW corner of 2nd St and "

- Scotchman Jim Templeton's moved to Naches in 1910 and operated a dray business on the former Case Hotel property (which had burned down around 1911) at the SE corner of Naches Ave and 3rd St. until 1920. He then sold the business to Earl Robbins who operated it until 1951. Templeton's then purchased land south of the Kelly ditch and west of Canal/Naches Avenue to become a farmer. He preferred to farm using mules instead of horses. They built a house that stands today on the SW corner of Hwy#12 and South Naches Rd. (Today their land includes the Circle K gas station (#182), LaKat Gallery (#183), used car lot, the gun club, U.S. Forest Service (#171), Ace Hardware (#184 & #185), and the Dollar Store. (#204) Moxee Ave. and remained there until 1964 when it moved to 22 E 2nd St.

" - Superintendent of the Naches School District was D.H. Hammock. 9/1/1910. He was succeeded by Stanley Schroeder. Note: Four freshmen started classes at NHS on 9/1/1910.

“- In 1911 the Naches Commercial Club wrote a letter to the Railroad Commissioner in Olympia stating the railroad track had been in operation from Yakima to Naches since the Fall of 1906 and needed an agent. They also requested a connection be made between the North Yakima Railroad and the Northern Pacific Railroad.

“ - The one (1) mile Powerhouse was built in 1912 generating 1350 KW (#61).

“- A railroad agent was assigned to Naches in 1912 obviously due to the Commercial Club letter written in 1911.

“- In 1988 Naches Forest Ranger Mike Hiller wrote in Naches in a Nutshell - Naches Basin Community History about game animals in our area. By the turn of the century populations of most game animals had hit an all-time low. In 1913 local sportsmen purchased 50 elk (42 cows from 2-3 years old and 8 bulls from 1-2 years old but several died in transport) at a cost of \$5.00 a head which included catching and loading from Yellowstone National Park (Gardiner, MT) to the Naches area via rail. The elk were unloaded from the train on to horse drawn wagons then transported by Naches's area residents Bill Stevens, Oscar Wallin, Seth Brown, Manley Meloy and Chase Thompson to the Steven's "Buckeye Ranch" in the Nile (#65). In the Spring of 1914, the elk were released on to Bethel Ridge. These animals, plus seven elk brought from Spokane to the area in 1916, were protected in the old "Rattlesnake Game Reserve" created in 1922. The first special hunting season east of the Cascades was in 1927 according to an article in the Yakima Herald 11/14/1954. However, another source reports the first open hunting season was held in 1921.

" - A 2nd floor was added to the Bureau of Reclamation building on 2nd St. for the Masonic Temple (Masons) meeting hall. (#45)

“- In 1914 North Yakima Valley RR was absorbed by the Northern Pacific RR.

“ - Naches farmer T.E. Forsythe reported to the Commercial Club in 1915 that fire blight was affecting fruit in the entire Upper Naches. 6/5/15

" - The Grange requested that the Commercial Club share in securing a fire alarm and 100 buckets to fight fires. 6/5/15

" - Stanley Schroeder is replaced by John Kent as Naches School District Superintendent in 1915.

" - Local farmer Earl W. Bailey recommended that apple boxes packed by the Horticultural Union Warehouse in Naches be labeled "Yakima County Horticultural Union, Naches, WA". 10/6/15

"- In 1916 what today is East Old Naches Highway was starting to be paved with concrete from Yakima to Naches due to the Federal Donohue Act and was completed in 1920.

" - A twenty-five-mile government road was built in 1916 to haul supplies and equipment for the Rimrock Dam and Tieton Canal. Because of World War I construction on the dam was delayed until April, 1921. In 1917 a camp for workers was built below the dam. The dam was completed in 1925. The storage capacity was 202,000-acre feet providing water for 100,000 acres. The total cost of the Reservoir Project was \$4,250,000. At the completion of the dam, it was then the largest earth dam in the world.

"- The new Lewis Smith Store was built on the NW corner of Naches Ave. & 2nd St. in 1917 (#62)

" - On April 6, 1917 the United States ended our neutrality and declared war on Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire (the Central Powers). We joined with Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, and Japan (the Allied Powers) to fight the enemy in Europe. Eligible young men from the Naches, Tieton/Cowiche area were drafted. Those from Naches serving in the Army were Charles Bowers, George Brown, John M. Clark, George Grahlfs, Ellwood Hayes, Douglas Howatt, Philip Johncox, Edward Lamberson, J. Jay Long, Joel Meloy, Emile Meystre, Ray Nunn, Jackson Rader, Ray Rader, Alex Svendson, Allen Hewes, Roy Martin, Leonard Martin, Floyd Painter, DeWitt Hagerman, Harry Hass, George Hayes, William Rasciner, Henry Rasciner, Ralph Watkins, Edward Armstrong(LONA), Wilbur Cobb, Harry Brown, Rudolph Huettner, Carl Vanhoy, Robert Woodin, John Woodin, Carlos Gralphps, Rex Harlan, James Ross, and Frank Sims. Serving

in the Navy were Ora Anderson, Cyrus Johncox, Narbert Magel, Halbert Palmer (Nile), Edward Sell, William L. Stevens, John M. Campbell, Douglas Holt, Harold T. Armstrong (LONA), Elbert A. Stump, and Roy E. Hutton (Rimrock). Several of the Naches servicemen lost their lives during World War I. They were Dewitt Hagerman killed at battle of Chateau Thierry July 18,1918, Elwood Hayes died October 11,1918 of pneumonia at Fort Harrison, Ind., Emile Meystre killed at battle of Soissons July 19,1918, and Floyd Painter died April 9,1918 at Ft. George Wright/Spokane, WA of pneumonia, plus Roy Whitley from Tieton. (#81) Others from our area served in various ways. They were Stanley Baker, E.D. Barnard, James C. Blevins, Brunos Gertos, E.G. Hulett (Wenas), T.H. Skidmore, and Frank Zeechino. Many servicemen during World War I died of pneumonia. A.M. Otto was appointed Chairman of the Naches District for "The Four Minute Men" which was a committee on Public Information created on April 14,1917 and about the time the war started with Germany. Moving picture audiences were shown 4-minute direct messages on subjects of vital national importance. On April 17, 1917, the Yakima Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross was organized. There were 31 branches of the organization between Yakima and Benton Counties. The Chairman of the Naches Branch was Mrs. Harry Painter which she and many volunteers made surgical dressing, knit sweaters, sox, scarfs, robes, and did anything necessary toward the war effort.

" - J.M Campbell replaced John Kent as Superintendent of the Naches School District when Kent entered World War I (1918), He was replaced by W.H. Carney who resigned due to poor health and J.M. Campbell returned to finish the year. Naches High School won the Yakima Valley Baseball Championship in1917.

" - As stated previously the first Naches High School graduate was Willard Sedge in 1917. I don't know what happened to the other three students that started with Willard in 1910 when the school was graded? Also, Willard must have attended the East Eureka, Kincaid/Sinclair school prior to consolidation in 1908.

“ - Cowan's Pharmacy was built with a common wall adjacent to Smith's Store on the west side of the 200 block of Naches Ave. in 1918. (#63) A soda fountain was installed (#102) that was an important part of the store and a popular "hangout" for the youth of Naches. Milkshakes were a huge favorite made by

either dad Jim, Mom Alma, or one of their kids.... Jim, Don, Dick, Carol, Fred, or Ted.

" - The Ladies Aid Society asked the Commercial Club to help clean up the cemetery and to form a cemetery association. 2/11/18

" – In 1918 Harry Painter sold his store on the SE corner of 2nd St and Moxee Ave. to Hendy and D.C. McIver who'd been a clerk for the Lewis Smith Department store. Following the McIver purchase the store was then known as the B & C Food Store, Red and White Grocery with Bob Eastwood manager, followed by Don Matthes Sr. who came up from Toppenish when Eastwood moved to Prosser. In addition to the grocery store various businesses have occupied the south side of the 2nd Street block over the years. That included: Cowan's Apothecary Store (Drug Store); Post Office; Starkey Electric; Telephone office; Beauty Shop; My Favorite Deli; Butcher Shop; a 10c Store; the Masonic Lodge on the 2nd floor; apartments; and a resident.

" - Walter Ward was named the station master for the Naches Depot. 9/18/18 (#38)

" - World War I ended on 11/11/1918. Deaths occurred because of the war. As President Abraham Lincoln said following the Civil War, "May they not have died in vain".

“- In 1919 the Commercial Club discussed the need for a new high school. The only site being considered was 8 1/2 acres north of Town on the A.E. Penney property which could be obtained for \$350 per acre. The Club suggested the School Board get an option on the land. 5/12/19. Henry Sedge reported to the Club on 8/9/1919 that the School Board had secured the site for the new school.

"- In 1919 W.P. "Prof" Tyler became the Naches School District Superintendent and coached basketball. His teams achieved a great deal of success during his years of coaching. More later.

“- According to the plaque on the east side of the Band Stand (often referred to as the Gazebo) was built in 1919. (#72) The structure straddled the waste ditch on the south side of 2nd Street and east of Canal (West Allan) Avenue. Many band concerts along with other community events used the facility. Picture # 67 shows

the PP&L waste ditch on the north side of 2nd Avenue prior to being landscaped. More later.

1920 -1929 - On Christmas Day December 25,1920 Naches residents were startled when the fire siren sounded. The Dalton Mercantile Store with a dance floor upstairs was engulfed in flames. (#66) The store was located on the east side of the mid 200 block of Naches Avenue and later was the site of the Darby Theater (#104) and the Masonic Lodge today. As was the custom of the day whenever the fire siren sounded many residents would leave their homes to see where the fire was. Town folk stood in awe as the volunteer firefighters unsuccessfully battled the blaze. Many other fires had occurred prior to causing great concern and prompting the town fathers to seriously consider incorporation. Previous fires of businesses included: Case Hotel on the SE corner of Naches Ave. and 3rd St. (Al & Kathy Farnsworth's holdings); Noble Hotel on the NW corner of Naches Ave. and 3rd St; the lumber yard where the Nazarene Church is today; the warehouse behind the recently vacated fire station; Case Livery Stable and the St John Blacksmith Shop where Margaret's Deli and Nier the Nook are today; and Dimmick's Livery Stable where the Baptist Church is today on West 2nd Street. In addition, many homes had also caught fire and burned.

1921 - On May 21,1921 Naches became an incorporated Town of Washington State. Many kudos to the Commercial Club for spearheading the movement. A good part of the inspiration was due to the vast number of business and residential fires occurring within the town and surrounding area. The first Mayor of the newly incorporated town was Lewis Smith and Councilmen were: A.C. Schawallse; J.A. Hagerman; S.H. Dalton; James Cowan and Leroy Jones. The Mayor and Council needed to pass a variety of ordinances dealing with fire hydrants, streetlights, police protection, garbage, dogs, ad infinitum. Earl Robbins was appointed Marshall and Clarence Robbins was appointed Fire Chief. Signs reading "WELCOME TO NACHES" "Speed Limit 20 mph" were erected at the east and west entrances to Town which would be the Old Naches Highway today. To help with fire issues the Town purchased additional fire hydrants and fire hoses.

" - Prior to 1921 school consolidation caused students to be spread around town. Five grades and the high school were in the building located on the NE corner of 2nd St and Sinclair Ave. The 2nd and 3rd grades were in portables on the grounds.

The 1st grade was in Henry Sedge's carpenter shop behind the Painter store on the west side of Moxee Ave in the 100 block. Unquestionably, something needed to be done. In 1921 two high school girls presented the school board a petition signed by patrons of the district asking that an election be held to vote bonds for a new school. The election passed with a small majority. However, a legal technicality stopped the sale of the bonds. In 1922 an early Spring election brought an overwhelming response for the bond passage. On May Day the entire student body marched up the hill north of town to watch the Masonic Lodge members lay the cornerstone for the new school in a field of alfalfa. (#25) Today the cornerstone is at the front entrance of our Naches Valley High School with a time capsule beneath it. 100 years later, 2022, the capsule was opened in front of the NVHS student body.

“- Picture (#70) is labeled the first Naches High School Boys Basketball Team with Coach W.T. “Prof” Tyler in 1921. This was the first team to play in the newly built Naches High School gymnasium. Previous teams had been assembled primarily by A.E. Penney and played in the low-ceilinged Horticultural Union Warehouse on West 3rd Street. Team members on that 1921 team were Mike Briskey, Harry "Bones" Miller, Clinton "Chink" Dimmick, Leroy Leonard, Orville Smith, and Louie Briskey.

" - The Town purchased the West and Wheeler Water System for \$5,000 after lengthy and sometimes contentious discussions. Well Number #1 was drilled in 1922 where the former Town Hall was in the 300 block of Naches Ave. (Naches Library today). Also, around this time a domestic water line was installed parallel to the East Old Naches Highway from Shafer Avenue to the intersection of the Wenas/Allan Road. Prior to drilling the well, domestic water came from the Wapatox Canal.

" - Naches News was designated as the official publication for the city.

" - The Town Water Reservoir was built just south of the Wapatox Canal and adjacent to the west side of spillway ditch. Dimensions were 24' wide x 50' long x 12' in depth.

" - The Town was in the process of having concrete sidewalks built and streetlights installed.

“- The Odd Fellows and Rebecca’s built their lodge adjacent to the first high school and east of where the Peace of Christ (Presbyterian) Church is today on 2nd Street. In the 1950’s the Boot and Spur Club purchased and moved the building to their location on East Highway #410 (today #12) and later it became the clubhouse for Cleman’s View Sports Complex and more recently the Naches Event Center.

" - Stray dogs are a concern for both the Council and residents of Town.

1922 - The town and surrounding area celebrated Community Day with a parade and a variety of activities. Buttons were sold to commemorate the day. Perhaps the reader has seen the button depicting a piece of cheese with a knat atop it. (#68 & #69) Translation: Nat...Cheese. Clever huh...?

1923 - NHS was accredited by the State of WA as a four-year high school.

“- The town council adopted the aster as the town flower.

1924 - A report was given to the Commercial Club members regarding apples shipped. WA apples in Hamburg, German sold for \$4 to \$5 per box, in England for \$2 to \$3 per box. It cost \$1.60 per box to ship to South American ports, and \$.83 per box to ship to the Atlantic Seaboard. 3/17/24

" – In 1924 Naches didn’t have a community newspaper. When school started in the Fall, Naches High School staff and students compiled and published the Ye Town Crier (#76) community newspaper. That lasted for 17 consecutive years ending in 1941. Also, the high school senior class published the first NHS Annual that year naming it the Pioneer. (# 74 & #75)

" - A.M. Otto was elected on 1/14/24 as Mayor. He served for 3 months.

" - James Cowan was appointed Mayor on 4/14/24. Note: Cowan was often referred to as the 2nd Mayor due to the short time Otto was in the position.

“- NHS Harry Miller ran a 2:06 $\frac{3}{5}$ in the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile 5/1924

Mid 1920's - Sheep stockyards were built at the south end of Moxee Ave and east of the spillway ditch. The sheep were herded out of the hills by riders on horseback and assisted by their amazing sheep dogs. The sheep were then loaded into railroad stock cars and taken to market.

1925 - Naches Barber Ernie Lizotte added Hubert Foster to his business. (#71)
Prior to that Foster had been barbering in the east corner of the McIver store. Eight months later Foster bought out Lizotte. Foster continued to be a barber until his retirement in 1970....45 years cutting hair. Wow!!

" - Walter Dalton was appointed Fire Chief in 1923? and C.O. Calvin was appointed Marshal (8/14/22).

“- A picture looking west from the Shafer Ave area prior to Highway 410 construction. The 10 oak trees, where, according to legend, an Indian Chief had been buried is on the left side of the picture. Mid to late 1920's or early 30's. (#77)

“- Murray McPhee qualified for State Track meet in Pullman. Event...??

1926 - F. D. Healey was elected Mayor and started on 1/11/26. Floyd Preston was appointed Marshal on 7/9/23 and Fire Chief on 8/10/26.

" - Dr. H.S. Atwood and Dr. F.G. Cameron (Dentist) built a medical facility on 2nd St (#79) across from the Huettner Bros. Garage. (#78) 11/4/26

1927 - The Naches School District bought its first school bus which was driven by Curly Steindorf. He picked up kids on the east and west sides of Naches.

" - 135 members decided to build the Wapatox Grange Hall #335 at the north end of Sinclair Ave (# 80). The building was constructed by Wm "Bill" Clem. The first meeting in the new hall was with Jim Templeton being the Master on 6/23/28.

" - NHS Boys Basketball team coached by “Prof” Tyler won the Yakima Valley Championship and qualified for "State". At "State" they beat Napavine but lost to Walla Walla and Everett.

1928 - George Ketchum replaced F.W. Preston as the Town Marshal.

“- The NHS athletic teams were called “Knights” and their colors were blue and gold.

“- George and Rudy Huettner built on the NE corner of 2nd Street and Moxee Avenue and established Huettner Brothers Chevrolet Dealership.

“- Charles Lindberg was the first one to make a solo flight from New York to Paris in his “Spirit of St Louis” plane in 1927. To promote aviation, he “barnstormed” throughout the United States. In 1928 he flew up the Yakima Valley flying over the high schools including Naches High School. Kids rushed outside waving as he tipped his wings on his way to Seattle.

1929 - The Commercial Club planned to buy additional land from Leroy Jones for the cemetery on Kel-Lowery Road. 4/5/29. On 5/6/29 Jones decided not to sell because of objections by nearby property owners. Mr. Archie Eaton was the major objector.

“- During the 1920’s the town had a Hudson fire truck with failing parts. Parts to fix the same were unavailable. The council motioned and carried to buy either a Reo or GMC 1 ½ ton truck and to use \$300 to purchase and solicit funds from residents for the truck. 3/10/1929 On 4/5/1929 the town agreed to purchase the GMC truck. “Speed” Myrick reported he had obtained \$1730 and over \$700 accessible at the present time plus \$30 from the city. On 4/8/1929 the GMC truck was purchased. The truck fund had collected \$1,689.50 or \$1.00 more than needed to purchase one GMC 1 ½ ton truck Model 30 T on a 164” wheelbase and a 74 hp motor with dual tires. Following the purchase, the truck was taken to the Yakima Fire Department for the installation of a pump and to build the body.

1930-1939 - At the outset of the 1930’s the period known as the Great Depression hit the entire world. Departing from the good times of the “Roaring 20’s” the depression caused fear and panic throughout the United States, Naches included. A Great Depression Motto was: Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.

“- Goose Prairie S.D. #122 was started in 1930. (#21). Doors closed in 1935.

" - "Rangers" replaced the “Knights” to become the NHS mascot and teacher Miss Winifred Sage composed the school's fight song which has endured throughout the years.

“Oh, we are the mighty Rangers.

Lead us on to victory.

Let our names be known forever.

From the mountains to the sea.

Let our spirits go undaunted.

Through defeat or victory.

For we are the mighty Rangers

Oh, the mighty ones are we!"

“- NHS Bud Wade qualified for State Track meet in the high jump. 5/1930

1931 - M.J. Leake was elected Mayor and took office on 1/12/3 and ended after 9 months. George Huettner was then appointed Mayor on 9/28/1931.

“- Ordinance #60 was from the “Town Fire Department Fund” for a \$3,000 bond to construct City Hall. Construction would be on Lots 13 & 14 of Block 3 to construct a fireproof building to house the fire equipment, pump, town records, one jail cell, and a council or assembly room therein, together with the necessary heating plant, plumbing and wiring and other fittings and appurtenances essential to complete the building. 2/23/1931

“- Ordinance #61 from the “Town Water Fund” to drill a well on Lots 13 & 14 Block 3 and replacing the wooden mains with 8” metal mains from a point near the school grounds to 2nd street on Naches Avenue and 6” from 2nd Street to the East City limits. 2/23/1931 Note: Following the well being drilled several of the “good ol’ boys”, Henry Sedge Sr and George Huettner put water lines to their property that were not within the town limits. Sedge dug a trench for a mile along the East Old Naches Highway to the intersection of Allan Road and Wenas Grade Road. Huettner to the intersection of West Old Naches Highway and Simmons Road.

“- Resolution #16 was a contract with A.S. Long and Sam D. Cox providing for the construction of the Naches City Hall to be substantially completed by March 1, 1932.

" - Chinook Pass Highway #410 was completed. Normile Grade was on the east side from Morse Creek to the summit and the "switchback" road was on the west side of the summit.

“- Despite the tough economic times the 1931 Naches Ranger Basketball team coached by “Prof” Tyler qualified for the State “B” Tournament. The players were Walt Allan, Duane Bailey, Glen “Slim” Fewel, Harry Jones, Ed Nelson, Tom Smith, Bill Wade, and 1st team All-State Bill McPhee. The team defeated Otis Orchard 43-31 but lost to Snoqualmie 22-24 and Steptoe 25-32 thus ending their season.

1932 – With the Naches Town Hall & Fire Station being built in the 300 block of Naches Ave (#82), prior Town Council meetings from 1921 to 1932 were held in Woodman Hall (#53), Leroy Jones Hardware Store (54), Old Fire Station, Naches State Bank (51), and the new Naches High School (25).

“- Caps and gowns were worn for the first time at NHS graduation. 6/1932

" - The depression didn't discourage Dr. Douglas Bowman from coming to Naches to begin his medical practice while sharing the building with dentist Dr. Grant Cameron (#79). He, along with wife Francis and children Doug, Howard and Lois arrived in town driving a 1929 Ford Model “A” 2-door sedan. Dr. Douglas Bowman practiced alone until son Howard joined the practice in June, 1957.

1933 - Dentist Dr. Grant Cameron was elected Mayor and took office on 1/9/33.

“- In December of 1933 practically the entire state experienced flooding just prior to Christmas. Roads and bridges were washed out or impassable including the South Naches and Nelson bridges. Naches River dikes or Highway #410 we

not yet in existence allowing water to come up to our present day restored railroad depot.

1933-34 - Construction was started for Highway #410 (today Hwy #12) south of Town which split various farming operations/properties. (# 77)

1934 - George and Rudy Huettner bought property from Jim Templeton to build a service station, office area, lubrication bays and tire repair room, restrooms, and an automobile showroom on the NW corner of Hwy#410 and Naches Ave. The business opened in May of 1935 and was known as Huettner Bros Super Service

(#83). (The former office building is today the Art Deco/Spire Building on Naches Ave., (#165) and the automobile showroom is the LaKat Gallery. (#183)

“- The Horticultural Union asked the Town to vacate Penney Avenue south of 3rd Street. 6/25/1934

“- As bleak as the depression was federal money became available throughout the United States for community development. It was the Federal Governments attempt to put people back to work. Naches Mayor F.G. Cameron applied for and received a federal loan to install a town irrigation system. Water would come from the Wapatox Canal. When the town drilled the well in 1922 for domestic consumption residents were also using that water to irrigate their lawns, gardens, flowers, etc. The well didn't have enough capacity to do both, thus the loan request. On January 7, 1935 fifteen workers began digging trenches for the irrigation pipeline. Two miles of wood pipeline ranging in size from 10” at the canal to 4” in some parts of the residential district were laid. Some forty to fifty men were employed at the peak of production. Residents were given job preference.

1935 - The Naches Sawmill was started south of the Naches River on South Naches Road by Orville Smith and Charles Dower (#84). In 1936 Smith and Dower hired Perry and Stan Orr, who were running the Nile Sawmill, to boost output and manage the enterprise. Taking over the operation the brothers were able to increase the output from 7,000 to 15,000 board feet of lumber per day. Further improvements and rebuilding raised output eventually to 60,000 board feet per day. Many of the innovations at the mill were copied elsewhere by larger sawmill operators.

" - Marshal Henry Morris was told by the Mayor and Council to cut the connection between the Wapatox Canal and Town Reservoir to prevent contamination of the well water.

1936 - Roy Allan was elected Mayor and started his duties on 1/13/36.

" - Dewey Harvel Baker became the new Naches Postmaster. He retired 3/30/1973.

" - W.D. "Prof" Tyler ended his 15-year career as the NHS basketball coach. (1922-1936)

" - NHS along with most schools in Washington dropped girls' basketball.

" - The Town Council told the Fire Dept. it was limited to out-of-town calls. They would only be able to respond to Tieton City, Tieton Headquarters, Rowe Hill, Yakima City Intake and Eschbach Campgrounds.

" - The Town bought a blinker light for the intersection of Highway #410 and Canal Avenue. (Naches Avenue today.)

1937 - Streets paralleling the spillway ditch were designated as East and West Allan Avenue on 12/13/37. The Council on 3/14/1938 also approved putting trees on the grass paralleling the ditch from 4th Street to 2nd Street. (#67) For some reason West Allan Avenue was renamed Canal Avenue. The east side...?

“- In August 1937 Rev. Haskell E. Tudor was called to pastor the Naches Presbyterian Church (#44). According to his successor Rev. John Zimmerman, his major achievement was getting the necessary funds to build the current church on the former site of the first Naches school building (#105). The membership of the church doubled while Rev. Tudor was pastor and stood at 480 members upon his death on July 28, 1965.

1938- The town council approved the planting of trees along Allan Avenue (Canal Ave. today) 3/14/1938

“- In Naches two very significant events occurred in 1938. The first was the completion of Naches High School built on Shafer Ave. The front of the building had an attractive mixture of trees, shrubs, and grass, with a grove of trees at the south end of the building. The building itself was designed to reflect the shape of the nose and wings of an airplane. (#93) In comparison to the 1922 high school at the north end of Naches Ave, the new school had a much larger gym and stage with more seating capacity, a wood shop, more classrooms including band, home economics, and science, a larger library, and adequate playgrounds that contained both a baseball and a football field. The former high school became the Naches Grade School, and 4 classrooms for grades 1-3 were added on the NE corner of that building. (#26)

“-The second event was the completion of Highway #410 (#12 today) traversing up through the middle of the Naches Valley. To the west of Naches, the Horseshoe Bend Road was redesigned. (#85 & #86). The “Old” Naches Highway from Nelson Bridge (Suntides area), through the Town, and to the junction of Hwy #12 and Hwy #410 today became a secondary road.

" - The Naches High School community newspaper, Ye Town Crier (#76) on October 27,1938 had a variety of ads for Naches’s businesses. They included: Lee's Market, Naches Beauty Shop, Speed Myrick's Service Station, Cowan's Pharmacy, John Dower Lumber Co., Moore Bros Hardware, Ford General Garage, Lewis Smith Dept. Store, McIver's Red & White Grocery Store, Naches State Bank, Huettner Bros Motor Co., Naches Bakery, Jones Grocery Store, and the Naches Telephone Co with Ruth Starkey as the telephone operator from 1938 to 1953.

“- Young enterprising entrepreneurs Ted & Fred Cowan and Don MacNeil decided to publish a local newspaper they titled The Crackerjack. (#88) The paper was filled with local Naches’s news and a few corny jokes that would be compiled during the week. Mom Alma Cowan would then type the newsletter and the three boys would deliver the \$.02 paper to some 60 customers.

1939 - As the 1930’s ended fighting broke out between nations in Europe. This would soon involve the United States in multiple ways resulting in the start of World War II.

" - Boise Cascade Lumber Co. bought the Naches Sawmill with Perry & Stan Orr retaining a percent of the stock.

1940 -1949 - John Hagerman was elected Mayor and started on 1/8/40 serving for 4 months. Then William "Bill" Clem was appointed to replace Hagerman and served for 6 months starting on 5/13/40. Harry Hayes was then appointed on 11/13/40.

“- Henry Morris who was appointed Marshal in 1934 was also water and street superintendent plus other duties. A.M. Otto was police judge and Charles Dower was fire chief. 2/12/1940

" - NSD hired Ned Phillips to replace Frank Robertson as Superintendent. Phillips' prior job was Superintendent of the Lower Naches School District. 6/1940

" - The Commercial Club members, plus others, built a baseball grandstand for the NHS baseball team on the SE corner of Sinclair Ave and 1st St. Both the grandstand and bus garage were built using lumber from the former school which was located on the NE corner of Sinclair Ave and 2nd St. 6/7/1940

" - Naches Apple Festival Royalty was Queen Phyllis Moore and Princess Shirley Huettner. Queen Phyllis, Princess Shirley, and Naches Mayor William "Bill" Clem took to the air in a Northwest Airline plane to advertise the festival on a state-wide tour. Their first stop was in Portland, Oregon presenting Mayor E.B. Riley with a box of Naches grown Delicious apples. (212) 10/11-12/40

1941 - Naches Apple Festival Royalty was Queen Francis Kelly and Princesses Helen Clark and Wanda St John 10/3-4/1941

" - Japan attacked the United States by bombing Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941. On December 8, 1941 President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress to declare a state of war between the United States and the Japanese Empire. Three days later Germany and Italy declared war upon the United States. Thus, began World War II. Almost immediately the United States began preparations for the full national defense of our country including the first peacetime conscription being authorized by Congress in September, 1940. All men between the ages of 21 to 35 inclusive were compelled to register. Many Naches residents were drafted into military service, and as the war continued Naches High School senior boys were also thrust into the service of their country. (#89). Government Ration Books (#91) were issued each month and distributed throughout the U.S. limiting the purchase of war needed goods such as sugar, gasoline, and rubber for tires. Automobile manufacturers such as GM, Ford and Chrysler converted their assembly lines toward the war effort. Consequently, trucks and automobiles were not produced for domestic use during the years 1943, 1944, and 1945. Everyone, including the youth of our country was encouraged to buy United States Saving Bonds (#90) to help fund the war. A filled bond book of 187 \$.10 War Saving Stamps along with \$.05 in coin had a value of \$18.75. At maturity the saving books value was \$25.00. "Victory Gardens" were

also being planted. In Naches Dr. Douglas Bowman encouraged residents to plant gardens on the former school building grounds on the NE corner of 2nd Street and Sinclair Avenue. People did whatever they could to help in the war effort.

Finally, after much bitter fighting and a huge loss of life, on May 7, 1945 Germany accepted the terms of an “unconditional surrender”. V-E Day (Victory in Europe) was announced to an expectant world. On August 6, 1945 American airmen dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. Three days later a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan. Both cities were virtually obliterated. V-J Day (Victory in Japan) occurred on August 14, 1945 when Japan surrendered. World War II is finally over...! However, the war took its toll on many U.S. men and women who were killed fighting for freedom. The following Naches area military men were killed: Mark Bateman, Douglas Campbell, Merle Carlton, Clifford Dehart, Matthew Gregorich, James Kenyon, Thomas Watkins, Howard Weddle, and Harley Wilhelm.

1942 – As World War II continued, the town purchased a new siren to be used only for an air raid warning. The old siren was used for fires. 4/13/1942

" - Jennie Winters opened Winters Apparel Store on 2nd St located between the Naches State Bank and Moore Bros Hardware store. It was a very popular women's apparel store. In 1963 Winters sold the business to Mary Evans and Dee Ennis.

1943 - Bill Jones leased the grocery store on the NW corner of Naches Ave and 2nd St to Glen "Slim" Fewel. (#55)

1944 - Naches and Lower Naches School Districts consolidated forming the Naches **Valley** School District Jt. 3. The NVHS Principle was Fred Timm. In the Fall of 1945 Naches Valley High School fielded its very first football team under Coach Art Gariss. The team had a season record of 2 wins, 4 losses, and a tie.

" – Boise Cascade Lumber bought the Nile Mill and eventually continued the entire operation south of the Naches River on South Naches Road.

1945 - Charles Moore was elected Mayor and took office on 1/8/45.

Following the war servicemen were returning to their homes, but in most areas of the U.S., including Naches, there was a housing shortage requiring many to move in with their parents or relatives. Teachers were needed everywhere in the U.S. as the “baby boom” had started following the war but housing wasn’t available. In 1946 our school district erected three “teacher cottages” built on the SE corner of the high school property. In later years two of those houses were combined to form our district administration building and the third is now the district migrant office.

“- In March my brother Bob found a baby crow in our grandparent’s hayfield/pasture where Slim’s Grocery Store is today. A family of baby crows had been found in the Wenas by Rex Frye. Rex operated the Ridgefield Service Station (today Gary McDowell’s Fruit Stand). All but one crow died, and he released that one which Bob found. When Bob was told it was Frye’s crow, Frye told Bob he could keep the bird and named him “Dick”. Our Grandmother Nora Painter wrote a story about the antics of Dick, but space doesn’t allow for that. (#92) So, I’ll only relate one that was written up in the Yakima Herald newspaper. As stated earlier in the Fall of 1945 NVHS fielded its first football team on our recently completed non-lighted football field and hosted the Selah football team on October 26th. We were living with our grandparents across the railroad tracks from the football field and went to watch the game in which brother Don was fullback on that team. We left Dick at home with our grandparents, but he heard the crowd noise and flew over to investigate. After showing off to his many young admirers Dick suddenly started flying between the goal posts acting as if he was the school mascot while cawing his displeasure with the football official’s whistle. Several times early in the game he swooped down at the officials either not liking their calls, stripped shirts or ?? as reported in the above paper. Spectators said it was worth the price of admission just to watch Dick. In November, 1945 the call of nature lured him away never to return. But what a unique and special pet he was.

1945-46 - Perry and Stan Orr along with Boise Cascade built the Naches Box Factory (#101). It was on the east side of South Naches Road north of the mill. The factory produced box shooks for making primarily apple boxes, which preceded today’s apple bins. The sawmill and box factory employed some 100 people. Logs were brought to the mill by Louis McDonald, Fred Webb, and Wallace Meloy logging companies. Twins Ted & Fred Cowan, affectionally

known as "The Sawdust Twins", would go from farm to farm making apple boxes with box shook from the box factory. (#106)

1946 – Fred Timm replaced Cliff Bromling as the NVHS Principal. 6/1946

“ - Following the war NVSD Superintendent Ned Phillips found he could buy a surplus P-51 fighter airplane from the U.S. government for \$217 including fuel. He felt there was enough interest among the high school students to offer an aeronautics class. The problem was how to get the plane to our high school. Local Naches World War II pilot Captain Bob Baird volunteered to “fly it in”. Bob had flown some 61 missions in Europe during the war with his P-51 he’d named the “APPLEKNOCKER (#98). He was not a novice pilot...!! In July, 1946 with Baird in the cockpit, he made a couple of high-speed low-level passes over the Naches area to get our attention then climbed up the face of Mt Cleman’s. With those maneuvers he now prepared to land after making several passes over Hwy #410. It was going to be very tricky because #410 at that time was a 2-lane highway, 37’ wide including the 6’ shoulders. The plane’s wings were 37’ - 2 ¼” inches from tip to tip. Baird lined up the highway near Allan Road and touched down at a speed of approximately 150 mph. The plane was a “tail dragger” meaning once down he couldn’t see over the cowl dome 10’ in front of the cockpit. With State Troopers assisting and many watching, Baird very carefully taxied up the highway, turning onto Shafer Ave (#99). Road signs, brush and trees were kept away from the wing tips as Bob pulled into the rear high school parking lot (#100). He revved the beautiful 12- cylinder engine blowing dirt and gravel across the lot then shut it down to never run again. But what an exciting 1946 day it was for Naches.

The P-51 engine was removed and sent out to be sectioned through the middle, mounted on a special stand, to be studied by the newly formed aeronautics class. Eventually the class was dropped from the curriculum and the engine was sold to George Fife in the Wenas. Fife later sold it for parts to owners of the hydro plane Miss Bardahl. Sometime in the ‘70’s the Miss Bardahl group donated the engine to Seattle Goodwill Industries. It was “rescued” from Goodwill and currently the engine is in the Hydro and Racing Boat Museum in the Seattle area. Other parts from the plane were obtained by various Naches individuals such as the radios, canopy, wheels, props, and hubs.

In the 1990's an avid restorer of military aircraft, Seattleite Bill Floten, contacted several of us. He'd been told the fuselage of the P-51 was possibly buried in the old dirt filled service pit in the bus garage and was eager to retrieve it. With permission from the school district Floten arrived with a crew and backhoe to start digging. As we watched, including Alan Baird, Bob's son, the dig was intriguing but all for naught for no fuselage was buried there.

In 1947 Baird purchased two lots from George and Rudy Huettner which were adjacent to our town hall and fire station in the 300 block of Naches Ave. With the help of Elmer McKean, a cinder block machine shop/hardware store was constructed. In 1951 Baird sold the building to Postmaster Dewey Harvel Baker. Baker relocated the post office from the east end of Jones Grocery store into the Baird building where it remained until 1999. (#103) 10/14/1946

" - Cowan's Pharmacy removed the popular soda fountain to provide more retail space. (#102)

" - Elk, having been brought to the Naches/Nile area in 1913, were creating problems particularly with orchardists during the winter months. Without fences the elk came into the orchards eating the leaves, branches, or anything else as they foraged for food due to the lack of winter feed. Eventually fences were erected and feeding stations were started in the Oak Creek and Wenas areas.

" - The Town received legal authority from WA State to construct a system of under drain sewers, sanitary sewers, and a sewage treatment plant (#111).
3/14/1946

" - A letter from NPRR stated that property owners south of the railway on Orchard St. were on temporary leases that could be cancelled in 30 days. 5/13/1946

“- William H. Needham was appointed Police Judge. 6/10/1946

" - Marshal G.D. "Speed" Myrick was told by Council to keep house trailers out of Town. 6/10/1946

1947 - Mrs. Gladys Painter MacNeil convinced the Town Council to budget \$550 to establish a Town Library in the former Presbyterian Church classroom building on Moxee Avenue (#114) 9/22/1947. On 10/24/1947 a 5-member library board

was established. Gladys Mac Neil was elected Chairman, with Margaret Bollis, Mrs. Vern Reid, Mrs. L. Hagerman, and Mrs. Perry Orr.

" - Former Mayor and Pharmacist Jim Cowan died.

" - A caution light was placed at the intersection of Naches Ave & 2nd St.

" – G.D. “Speed” Myrick resigned as the town marshal and Julius Knox was appointed to replace him. 10/6/1947

1948 - The Naches Presbyterian Church was built on the former school property and adjacent to the Odd Fellows Hall (#73) at the NE corner of 2nd St and Sinclair Ave. at a cost of \$70,000 (#105). Other churches that have been in Naches over the years have included: Assembly of God, Pentecostal, Baptist, Christian Science Society, Latter Day Saints (Mormon) (#154), St. John Catholic (#163), and Nazarene (#126).

“- The Naches Band Stand because of disrepair was moved to the north end of Sinclair Ave to become a garage. 9/12/1948

" - Edwin Darby built the Naches Theater on the former site of the Dalton Mercantile Store and Dance Hall in the 200 block of Naches Ave. (#104) (Today the Masonic Lodge building). “Bank Night” brought huge crowds to the theater all hoping to win the \$100 prize money.

" - Dial phones were installed in the Naches area requiring new phone numbers. (#107)

" - Some 80 residents signed a petition against establishing a liquor store within our Town limits. 5/24/1948

" – A 10-year agreement was negotiated between the Town and Yakima County to establish a new county dump for \$100 per month in the foothills north of town starting on 1/1/1949. It wasn't long before rotten apples and rats caused problems.

1949 - Paul Walton was elected Mayor. 1/10/49

“- The Commercial Club discussed the closing of the railroad depot.

" - The Charles Moore property on the east side of Shafer Ave. was purchased by the NVSD. Due to overcrowding the district bought and erected a military surplus Quonset hut on this property to house 2 grades. In 1953 Naches Elementary (later the Intermediate School (#96) was built on the property.

By the late 1940's the following businesses were located in Naches: 2 grocery stores, a general merchandise store, drug store, jewelry store, dry cleaning establishment, beauty shop, 3 auto garages, 6 service stations, bank with \$1 ½ million on deposit, 3 hardware stores, shoe repair shop, 2 barber shops, 2 taverns, a bakery, ice cream shop, 4 restaurants, theater, lumberyard, 2 large fruit warehouses along with several smaller ones, and a women's dress shop.

"- In March our NVHS Boys Basketball Team qualified for the 16 team State Class "B" Tournament in Tacoma returning home with the 7th place trophy and a season record of 18 wins and 5 losses. Players on that team coached by Don Hesselwood were Roger Blevins, E.J. Gibson, Jerry Blevins, Bobby Terrell, Dick Thomas, Jerry Busey, Ray Carley, Ed Dodson, Ernie Hinze, Olie Dake, and manager Jim Thompson. The cheerleaders were Wilma Gibson and Dorothy Ennis. 3/9-12/49

"- The Naches Lions Club was formed on 1/27/49 by Naches's businessmen and local ranchers. They met in the old Odd Fellows Hall (#73) to discuss an affiliation with a national service organization. Representatives from Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions Clubs presented their programs. A vote was taken, and the Lions won overwhelmingly primarily because their main objective was to take an active interest in the civic, commercial, social, and moral welfare of the community. The club was chartered on March 10,1949 (or April 12,1949...?? (#108) with the Tieton Lion's Club being the official sponsoring organization.

Once the decision was made to join Lions Club International the prime interest of the newly formed club was for the welfare of the children. To accomplish that goal meant developing an annual event. Previously Naches had celebrated Community Days and Apple Festivals but none lasted more than 2 or 3 years. In the Naches Lions Newsette paper dated August 17,1949 it reads: "In recent years there has been an increasing amount of discussion concerning the relation of Naches to the huge scenic and sports area including Mount Rainier National Park

and more specifically our Rimrock, Cliffdell and American River areas. Many local people began voicing the opinion we should turn our attention to the field of sports instead of concentrating on our agricultural products, however excellent they may be.”

That idea materialized into the formation of the very first annual Sportsman’s Day. Mayor Paul Walton, who was also General Chairman, gave his full support for the event. He met with the new Planning Committee consisting of: Roy Leonard, Lewis McDonald, Ron Nelson, Glen “Slim” Fewel, and Perry Orr. Lewis “Red” Robbins was elected the first Lions Club President (Robbins Sand & Gravel business) and said, “Our club has named its main objective as Parks and Playgrounds. Through our Sportsman’s Day celebration which we hope to make an annual event, we can raise the necessary funds to finance our objective”.

The September 1, 1949 issue of the Naches Lions Newsette (#109) stated the Midway would be on West Allan Avenue named after former Mayor Roy Allan and adjacent to the PP&L spillway ditch between 2nd and 3rd Streets. The concessions would be on the blacktop allowing people to walk on the ditch bank grass. Thus, the first Sportsman's Day was scheduled for October 8, 1949 (#110). A parade was planned with a kiddie parade, royalty with NVHS girls riding on the Lions Club float plus royalty from other communities, local and visiting floats, bands, horses, and each high school class built a float competing against each other.

The sale of buttons had been used previously to promote and help fund community events. As written earlier, button collectors might have the 1922 Naches Community Day button showing a gnat on a piece of cheese. If you were clever at figuring out puzzles you could readily perceive the button stood for “Nat- cheese”. The sale of buttons was also adopted by the new club and has been an integral part of each celebration except for 1969 and 1970. Then State Auditor Slade Gorton declared the sale of buttons was gambling and wouldn’t allow their sale. Note: A few years ago, Lion Dave Heath paid to have some 20 from each of those years made up. To be a part of this new community celebration one felt obligated to buy at least one button and wear a red hat.

During the first 7 years of their existence the Lions club earned and spent nearly \$15,000 on community betterment. Having a booth or activity on Sportsman's Day allowed other clubs and organizations to benefit by raising funds for their treasury. \$5,000 was given by the Lions to light Mullan Football Field (#119) which was on the south side of the high school and west of Shafer Ave. They also gave some \$2,000 a year toward the March of Dimes drive along with many, many other worthwhile projects.

“- NVHS student/athlete Donnie Baun qualified for the State Track meet in the pole vault. 5/1949

" - Sportsman's Day Royalty was Queen Barbara Rader. 10/8/49

" - Three property owners, Charles Moore, Fred St John and Bog McDowell combined their properties east of Shafer Avenue to form a new housing area that would become known as the McDowell Addition. A petition to annex the addition was heard by the council and a hearing was set for 8/15/1949. A special council meeting was held on the above date with no objections forthcoming. Consequently, Ord. #134 was drafted and had its first reading annexing the property with the final plat being accepted on 12/12/1949. On 3/13/1950 Charles Moore and Fred St John asked council for water mains and street grading within the addition. On 10/9/1950 Moore and St John told the council the lots weren't selling and asked the council to allow them to vacate part of the streets and put the land into orchard. No action was taken. On 12/11/1950 Moore and St John petitioned the council to vacate 277.77' of St John Avenue and 283.20' of Moore Avenue. An ordinance was drawn up and on 2/12/1951 Ord.#140 was passed vacating streets in McDowell Addition.

1950 -1959 - Town leaders debated the installation of a State mandated sewer system, but despite objections, the sewer treatment plant and collection lines were started at a cost of \$180,000 (#111). Septic tanks for most homes north of Hwy #410 would no longer be needed.

“- NVHS Band under the direction of Don Graham performed several times during the year in their new uniforms. It was the first time in the history of the

school the band had uniforms. The Glee Club composed of over 100 students received a superior rating at the Ellensburg Music Festival

" - On January 5,1950 local resident Willard Hess began the weekly publication of the Upper Valley Review newspaper serving the communities of Naches, Tieton, Cowiche, Naches Heights, and Lower Naches/Gleed areas 1/5/50.

“- On March 7,1950 forty-two interested horsemen and women assembled at the Tieton Odd Fellows Hall to organize an upper valley riding club. After Doyle Wetmore was elected president, discussion centered around what they should call themselves. Several suggestions were submitted including Upper Valley Riding Club, Mt Cleman’s Riding Club, Upper Valley Saddle Club, and Rimrock Ridge Riders. None of those names seemed too “fit” so at their March 14th meeting Doyle proposed a new name; The “Boot and Spur Club”. All agreed and the newly formed club was off and “riding.... err running. Land was acquired east of Naches and south of Highway #410. Rodeo grounds were constructed, and in 1958 the former Odd Fellows Hall which was built in the 1920’s was moved from 2nd Street to the site for their club house (#112 & #113). Many people thoroughly enjoyed the club’s activities, but membership eventually dwindled away due to age and other interests. In 1999 the organization donated their holdings to the newly formed Cleman’s View Sports Complex group.

" - The Naches Railroad Depot (#38) closed its doors in March of 1950. Walter Ward had served as Depot Master for 32 years.

“- Fred Gatter was elected Lion’s Club President. (Owner of Gatter Chevrolet) 5/1950

: - NVHS student/ athlete Jay Russell qualified in the pole vault and was the lone NVHS participant at the State Track Meet. During the season Jay vaulted 10’ 1” which broke the Valley “B” pole vault record. 5/1950

" - Four Naches Primary School classrooms were built on the east side of Shafer Avenue (#96).

“- The Korean War started in July,1950. This resulted in many of our Naches young men and women being thrust into that “Police Action” as it was referred to by our federal government.

“- A Special Council Sewer meeting was held to discuss the situation regarding the type of sewer, well, pump, storage reservoir, meters, replacing mains, etc. which totaled some \$240,000. The council agreed the 200,000-gallon reservoir be left out costing \$30,000. 7/24/1950

“- Former NVHS Science teacher Don Batey was appointed NVHS Principle replacing Fred Timm. 8/1950

" - The Sportsman's Day Royalty Queen was Evelyn Dolliver. 9/23/1950

“- A special council meeting was called to determine whether the town should have an election authorizing a \$30,000 bond to construct a new water storage reservoir. Councilmen Harold Smith and Donald Cowan questioned the need of a new one, so the decision was tabled. 9/29/1950

“- In the 1950's Naches had 3 grocery stores. Jones Market (later Lucky Dollar), Davis Market Center (later the Naches Fire Station) and Slim's Grocery on Highway #12. In addition, there were three local fuel distributors: Gordon Manring delivered for Shell, Harry Hayes for Standard Oil, and Floyd Hager (later Harold Hughes) for Union Oil. The tall fuel storage tanks of Shell and Union Oil were very visible when driving from Yakima into Naches on Highway #410. These were located south of 1st Street behind the current NVMS and adjacent to the former railroad spur line. Note: Just west of the Union Oil tanks were the sheep stockyards. Standard Oil's drop plant was located at the west end of 3rd Street and the Old Naches Highway. (Today B&J Mini Storage units.)

" - J.T. Knox resigned the Marshall position because he was going back to active-duty with the Air Force during the Korean War. Deputy Marshal V.C. Addington was appointed to the Marshall position, and Fritz Engelbart became the Deputy Marshall. The Marshal duties were to include keeping the water department books, acting as water, street & garbage superintendent, and keeping fire equipment in good shape. The marshal and deputy were to work 7 days a week and to arrange their schedules so one or other was always on duty. Additional deputies were hired during the harvest season. 8/8/1950

" - Despite of an earlier petition the Mayor and Council had no objections for a State-owned liquor store Al Halgren opened at the very west end of 3rd St.

1951- Ord. #139 was adopted to develop a State mandated water and sewer system for the Town. 1/8/1951

" - The Upper Valley Review became the official newspaper for the Town.

" - Don Cowan became the Naches Fire Chief on 2/12/1951.

“- NVHS Boys Basketball team coached by Jake Borck qualified for the State “B” Tournament in Tacoma earning the 8th place trophy and having a season record of 21 wins and 6 losses. Team players were Jerry Blevins - 1st Team North All Star, Joe Hayes – 2nd Team North All Star, John Doebler, Jerry Busey - Honorable Mention North All-Star Team, Doug Mac Neil - Honorable Mention North All-Star Team, Jerry Zirkle, Chas Moore, Gary Orr, Ron Malnar, Jim Penney - Honorable Mention North All-Star team, and manager Don Wade. The cheerleaders were Peggy Terrell, Wilma Gibson and Daris Orr. 3/5-8/1951

" - Stan Riley sold his barber shop business in the Naches Theater building to Carl Bjorling who took over on 3/12/51. Riley, with wife, began training to become trick riders in rodeos and horse shows.

“- The council specified that the sewer flow line from the house to the sewer must be 30” in depth. 4/18/1951

" - Jewel Knox returned from military duty to resume his duties as Town Marshal, but conflicts within the town were occurring which caused him to resign from the position and move to Renton in 1953. Shortly thereafter Marshal Addington left without a reason and Mayor Walton hired Richard Ross as Marshal on a probationary basis. (No relation to current Yakima County Auditor Charles Ross.) But there were problems between Ross and Engelbart causing Engelbart to resign on 6/30/51. E.J. Cooper was appointed to take his place. A restraining order was placed against Ross who had started working in Bingen, WA. When the dust cleared Engelbart was reinstated, but Cooper requested Engelbart be named Marshal and Cooper his deputy.

“- The NVSD purchased 6 acres of property adjacent to Shafer Avenue and McDowell Addition. 5/14/1951

“- According to longtime teacher Rose Palmquist there were 816 graduates at NHS/NVHS from 1917 to 1951.

" - The Town drilled Well # 2 east of the tennis courts in the 400 block of Naches Avenue to a depth of almost 1,000' before getting an adequate supply of water. But the “witched” well water proved to be elusive. On 5/14/51 the Mayor & Council gave the OK to drill the well to 400' to 420'. On 5/21/51 no water was found at 435'. On 6/11/51 there was still no water at 593'. On 7/9/51 drilling was now at 720' and there was still no water. On 8/13/51 the drilling company was at 735' without water but the well was cased to 255'. The Council on 8/27/51 approved the driller to go to 800' and case it with 8" pipe. Now the well was at 755' on 9/10/51 and cased all the way with 8" pipe. On 10/1/51 the Council OK'd the driller to go to 850' and on 10/8/51 they reached 811' with no water. On 11/12/51 drillers reached 915' and hit black sandstone. The Council gave the OK to go to 1000'. Thankfully around 920' a very adequate supply of water was finally found. On 3/10/52 a 300-310 gal/min turbine pump was purchased for well #2. The cost to drill the well was \$16,992.77.

“- NVHS Track athletes Larry Bond (shot put) and Terry Field (pole vault) qualified for State. 5/1951

“- Richard “Dick” Cowan was elected Lions Club President. (Entrepreneur/Clothing Store/Fireman/Cowan's Pharmacy) 5/1951 The Club constructed the restrooms and pump house at Lion's Park.

" - The Leonard Building was torn down which is where the recently closed former Banner Bank building stood. (#56) 6/11/51

“- NVHS science teacher Don Batey replaced Fred Timm as the NVHS Principal. 6/1951

" – The sewer outfall line would go through the Paul Scott property and the contractors would repair any damage. 6/11/1951 The Sewer Treatment Plant became operational as of 9/10/1951.

" - The Sportsman's Day Royalty Queen was Peggy Dolliver (Fewel) 9/22/1951.

" - Ord. #143 was passed to combine the town clerk/treasurer positions into one paying \$1,800 per year. Thus ended the terms of Alfred Palmquist, Treasurer since 1925 and Dewey H. Baker, Clerk. 12/31/1951. The assessed value of the Town was \$425,692.00.

" - Naches churches in 1951 were the Presbyterian, Full Gospel Assembly, Christian Science Society, and Pentecostal.

1952 – NVHS student/ athletes Doug Mac Neil and Jim Penney were 1st team members of the All Valley “B” Team and Jerry Gaudette was selected for Honorable Mention. 3/1952

“- King Sligar was elected Lions Club president. (Orchardist) 5/1952 The wading pool plus a concrete slab for a kitchen area was put at Lions Park.

" - Fred Gatter was appointed Mayor on 5/12/52.

“- Irrigation rates were raised to \$7.50 per tap. Non-irrigation users using domestic water to irrigate would pay ½ of the domestic rate from April 1 to September 30 of each year. 5/12/1952

" - Rachel Powell was hired as the new clerk/treasurer for the town on 7/14/52.

" - A classroom plus a kitchen and multipurpose room were added to the Naches Elementary School on Shafer Ave.

“- The Sportsman’s Day Royalty Queen was Penny Palmer (Adams) 9/20/1952.

" - Due to an increase in student enrollment, NVHS moved athletically from "B" to "A" classification. Under the leadership of football Coach Jake Borck NVHS tied for the Upper Valley “A” league championship with Marquette and Naches each compiling a 7-win 2 loss season. A coin toss between the two schools resulted in Naches winning the toss meaning we would play the winner of the Lower Valley conference. That was Richland High School who took the field with over 100 players. Naches had 33. We played hard but lost 25-6. 11/14/1952

" - Glen "Slim" Fewel decided in the early 1950’s a grocery store on Highway #410/12 would generate more business than his “uptown” Naches Market location could. Consequently, he purchased frontage property from Harry Painter that was

west of Shafer Ave and north of Hwy #410. Shortly thereafter construction started to build a grocery store (#115) followed by a hardware store, drug store, liquor store, service station, and a car washing facility were added. Later the car wash was converted to a drive-in hamburger establishment (#156).

1953 - Norm Meloy negotiated with Harry Painter to purchase frontage property on the south side of Highway #410 extending from the current Baughman's Saw Shop at the west end to the Trading Post Fruit Stand at the east end and across from Slim's Grocery Store. Meloy named the development the Ten Oaks House Tracts with a mix of businesses and residential homes. Meloy installed a domestic water supply line but no sewer hookups. Water and sewer plus a lift station on South Naches Road were put in place by a grant in the 1980's allowing for town services south of Highway #12 to the Naches River.

In 1953 Meloy also built the current Pit Stop Mini Market (#177). Originally built as a service station and repair garage, Meloy named his business the "Ten Oaks Mobil Service" (#116). That derivation was in keeping with the Painter's naming their property the Ten Oaks Ranch (#31) relating to the Indian Chief having been buried beneath the ten oak trees on the Painter property as described previously.

"- Huettner Brothers Chevrolet dealership on the NE corner of 2nd Street and Moxee Avenue was sold to Fred Gatter (#78). Keith Farley bought into the business a couple of years later and the automobile dealership became known as Farley/Gatter Chevrolet. During the 1950's the sale of Chevrolet cars and trucks at the establishment rivaled any dealership throughout the entire Yakima Valley.

" - Several new Naches businesses started in 1953. On the west side of the 200 block of Naches Avenue two businesses were constructed: Creamland and the Marshall Wells Hardware Store. Creamland became a very popular hangout for the youth of the community and was eventually converted to the very popular Basket Fort Restaurant, later the Country Rock Café and currently Nier the Nook Restaurant. The hardware store later changed to the Coast-to-Coast Hardware Store and today is Margaret's Apple Cart Deli.

"- NVHS student athlete Doug Mac Neil earned 1st team honors on the All Valley "A" Basketball team. 3/1953

“- The band stand was removed from 2nd street and put at the back of a lot at the north end of Sinclair Ave. to become a garage. (#117 & #118)

“- Paul Walton was elected Lions Club President. (Bookkeeper for Naches Sawmill/Mayor) 5/1953 A fireplace was built adjacent to the concrete slab at Lions Park. In June 1953 the club took on the responsibility of sponsoring Pee Wee baseball, each year paying for needed equipment.

“- Fred Alkire built a pallet and bin factory on West Old Naches Highway as the apple industry was converting from apple boxes to bins. The business provided meaningful employment to Naches’s area residents.

" - Columbia Asphalt won the bid to resurface 28 Town streets totaling \$12,801.02.

" - NVHS added boy and girl showers & locker rooms, administration offices, new music room with storage space for uniforms, instruments, practice rooms and an office.

" - The Sportsman's Day Royalty Queen was Janet Clark (Lyons). 9/19/1953

1954 - Robert Tenney was nominated to fill the unexpired term as Mayor for Fred Gatter when he submitted his resignation on 1/11/54.

“- The Naches Commercial Club voted to disband. With \$1,600 left in their treasury, they used that money to help fund the sidewalk from 2nd Street to Highway #12.

" - Ron Nelson was elected Lions Club President. (PP&L Serviceman/ “Reddy Kilowatt”) 5/1954

" - Jones Market on NW corner of Naches Ave & 2nd St. (#55) was restarted by Bill Jones when Glen "Slim" Fewel moved out to Hwy #410. Bill Jones started his career in the merchandising field with Ed Arnold for whom he worked for 3 years at the above location. Later he became partners with Henry Sedge and the store was operated as Sedge & Jones from May 13,1933 to 1935 when Jones became the sole owner and changed the name to Jones Market. He operated it until 1943 at which time he leased the store to Glen "Slim" Fewel.

“- The speed limit within the town was increased from 20mph to 25mph.
7/12/1954

“- The council passed a motion for the town to join the Yakima Health District.
7/12/1954

“- The NVSD decides to put lights on their football field.

“- Water and sewer rates to be raised by 10%. 8/13/1954

" - Jack R Still published The Sun newspaper covering Naches, Glead & the Nile areas.

" - The Miss Sportsman's Day Queen was Sue Dake on 10/2/1954. Note: The Sportsman's Day queen from 1949 to 1953 was selected by a rodeo type event associated with the Naches Boot and Spur Club. Starting in 1954 NVHS students selected the queen resulting in Sue Dake being named queen.

“- NVHS Football team coached by Jake Borck tied Cle Elum for 1st place. They played Richland for the Valley crown losing that game 12-0. Tom Terrell, Wayne Richardson, and Don Wilson earned spots on the Yakima Valley All-Conference team. Coach Borck was presented an award from KIMA TV as the man who had done the most for sports in the Yakima Valley in 1954. 11/1954

" - James P. Norman was hired as Town Supervisor/Clerk/Treasurer on 12/13/1954. He was instructed to have the town hall open from 10a.m. to 1p m. M-F. and to mow the town hall lawn once per week. The Marshal was to mow the spillway ditch lawn regularly once per week.

1955- Sometime during the 1950's a large group of Naches area women formed the Naches Junior Women's Club. The club took an active role in promoting the betterment of our community. Members in 1955-56 were: front row l-r Linda McCoy, Lola Cowan, Rita Bowman, and Bernadette Lewis. In the second-row l-r Pat Cowan, Leora Richardson, Geri Rowley, Nilah Burnett, and Dorothy Matthes. The third-row l-r Louise Davis, Paula Thomas, Mary Tenney, Peggy Harris, Pat Tipler, Marilyn Clark, Daris Richardson, Eileen Jones, and Myrna Yerty. (215)

“- A franchise was given to S.M. Maddicks to collect the town's garbage. 4/9/55

“- Ross Davis was elected Lions Club President. (Davis Market Center grocery store owner) 5/1955

“- The Town Clerk was instructed to have Town Hall open from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. Monday - Friday. 5/9/1955

“- Several businesses were started on the east side of the 200 block of Naches Avenue in the mid 1950's. One was Richard “Dick” McKees plumbing and appliance store/laundrama. (#122) Next door was the Naches Flower Shop owned and operated by Maurine Shaw assisted and advised by Clyda Hass. (#123) Due to more business being located out on Highway #410, the “downtown” Naches's businessmen had a “Naches Shopping Center” sign erected at the intersection of Canal Ave (Naches Ave today) and Highway #410 (Highway #12 today) (#120)

“- NVHS senior Sue Dake was crowned “Miss Yakima of 1955-56” 5/22/1955.

" - NVHS built an Agricultural Shop on the rear parking lot adjacent to the bus garage. The shop included a work area, classroom, office, restroom, and storage area.

" - Miss Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Janice Buyan with Princesses Sylvia Simmons and Sylvia Anglin. 9/16-17/1955

“- In October, 1955 Lions Club President Ross Davis presented NVHS Principal Don Batey a \$1,000 check toward retiring the bond for lights on Mullen Football Field that had been erected in 1954. (#119). By 1955 the Lions Club had contributed \$4,500 for the lights which had come from Sportsman's Day proceeds. Note: Mullen Field was named after Mike Mullan who was an outstanding football and baseball athlete at NVHS. Following graduation he'd signed a professional baseball contract, was hit in the leg by a baseball resulting in cancer and ultimately his death. Community members, school staff and students wanted to honor his NVHS athletic achievements. The naming of the football field and a baseball inspirational trophy commemorated his accomplishments. 10/57

" - Bert Davidson was hired as the Town Supervisor/Clerk replacing James Norman on 10/10/1955.

“- Naches Box Co. opened one of the most complete building materials yards in the Valley with Erman Evans in charge of the yard. (Current site is the LaKat Gallery store on West Hwy #12 and Naches Avenue #183).

" - A grand opening for the Cascade Service Station w/ Gene Haskett, operator was located on the SE corner of Hwy #12 and South Naches Road (#121).

1956- An emergency ordinance #172 was agreed to by the council in regard to putting water and sewer lines in McDowell Addition. Warrants 1-28 were issued totaling \$10,500. 4/9/1956

“- Harold Hughes was elected Lions Club President. (Union Oil products delivery man) 5/1956

" - Four more classrooms were added to the Naches Primary School (#96) on Shafer Ave. Shower and dressing rooms were added to the front of the Naches Grade School (north Naches Ave on hill) in accordance with WA State regulations. In addition, the State of Washington condemned the 50-year-old Lower Naches building with Lower Naches Grade school being built with classrooms, administration offices, storage, restrooms, additional property for fields, a gym, boys and girls shower rooms, lockers, and heating facilities that opened in March 1956. (#94 & #95)

" - Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Donna Johnson with Princesses Leora Robbins and Nancy Kelly. 9/21-22/1956

“- The town budget was accepted totaling \$51,104.30. 10/8/1956

‘- Streets in McDowell Addition to be discontinued due to insufficient funds. 10/8/1956

“- NVHS student/athletes Jerry Richardson, Jerry, and Jim Breymeyer were named to the football mythical Valley 1st team. 11/1956

1957 - On 11/19/1956 the Naches Junior Women’s club submitted a street sign and numbering proposal to the Council. The Council ok’d the proposal in January, 1957 and street signs were soon erected and a numbering system for businesses and residences within our town limits was accomplished. (129)

" - The Naches State Bank merged with the National Bank of WA. (#124) 1/1957. Clarence Carrell remained as bank manager having started in that position on 11/15/1935.

" - Richard "Dick" Cowan of Cowan Enterprises purchased the former Lewis Smith Department Store and furnished it with a large variety of clothing items for both men and women. (#130). 1/1957

"- In February the Farley/Gatter Chevrolet Agency acquired the Union "76" Service Station on the NW corner of Shafer Avenue and Highway #12. (#125) 2/1957

"- NVHS student athlete Jerry Richardson was selected 2nd Team All Valley Basketball and Jerry Breymeyer received Honorable Mention. 3/1957

"- Keith Farley was elected Lions Club President. (Co-owner of Farley/Gatter Chevrolet) 5/1957

"- Councilmen discussed 18" curbs and gutters in Mc Dowell Addition. 5/13/1957

" - Dr. Howard Bowman joined his Dad Douglas Bowman's Naches Medical Practice on the SE corner of 2nd Street and Moxee Avenue. (#139) 6/1957

" - As one looks back regarding the history of our community, religion played an important part both in our development and our way of life. One example was when the Nazarene Church began services in Naches on July 24,1955. Rev. George DeVoe and wife Mertle arrived from St. Paul, Minnesota to begin pastoring to the large local Nazarene congregation. Since no building was available church services were held in the Grange Hall on Sinclair Avenue. The church purchased the former Copeland Lumber Co. property located between Canal and Naches Ave. and south of the former Banner Bank building. Note: The site had been the location earlier of various named lumber yards: Cascade, Dower, Tum-a-Lum, Potlatch and Copeland. (#126)

" - Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Sara Olson with Princesses Linda Smith and Audrey Orr. 9/20-21/1957

" - George and Jim Layman relocated from Goldendale to build a sawmill adjacent to West Highway #410. George operated the mill while Jim had the logging end of the business operation. (#127 & #128).

" - As better TV reception and programs were occurring in our area the number of movie goers was dwindling. Darby's Movie theater fell victim to this new form of entertainment. In November of 1957 Erwin Darby sold the theater (#104) to the Mason's thus establishing the Masonic Temple on Naches Avenue. TV caused many small-town theaters to close their doors.

" - Ord. # 180 was about the organization of the Fire Department.

1958- As mentioned earlier the Naches Junior Women's Club took an active role toward the betterment of our town. Members in 1958-59 were: Front row l-r Louise Davis, Rita Bowman, Peggy Carrell, Joan Graham, Bernadette Lewis, and Mary Tenney. The back row l-r Marilyn Clark, Paula Thomas, Pat Tipler, Gretta Neal, Pat Cowan, and Shirley McKee. (216)

"- A NVHS scholarship was established by the Naches Teacher Parent Association (PTA) due to the untimely death of beloved Naches's teacher Gladys Painter MacNeil who died due to a vehicular accident on Snoqualmie Pass on April 11, 1958. Gladys was the daughter of Naches pioneers Harry and Nora Painter and was the lone graduate of Naches High School in 1919, a past president of the PTA, and the person most responsible for the establishment of a Naches branch of the Yakima County Library. The scholarship totaling \$200 would be awarded each year to a graduating senior planning to attend college in the fall, based on scholastic achievement, citizenship, and financial need. The scholarship would be awarded each year until the fund was depleted. As stated in The Sun newspaper on May 5, 1958, "No other memorial could have been as fitting as this to honor Mrs. MacNeil". Note: This scholarship predated "Dollars for Scholars" today.

"- In 1958 Marlene Evans from Naches was named "Miss Peaches and Cream".

"- Robert "Bob" Tenney was elected Lions Club President. (Tenney Insurance/Mayor) 5/1958

"- Due to algae and other problems the wading pool was converted to a sprinkler pool at Lions Park.

“- Front Street was renamed Orchard Street by the Town Council on June 17,1958. The reason was “Front Street” in many towns and cities was often an area of questionable activity. Our town fathers decided a different name was in order, thus the change.

“- Rome Berghoff operated a vehicle repair business for many years on the west side of the 200 block of Naches Avenue which originally was part of Ed Case’s livery barns. In 1958 he decided to relocate, and the building was then occupied by Bob Myrick’s Excavating business, later Statuary Gardens and today is a veterinarian office facility. Berghoff purchased property from Norm Meloy, which was across from Slim’s Grocery store. He constructed a cement block building and continued operating the same type of business but also added two gas pumps (#131). Today that building houses the Thompson’s Farm Market Fruit Stand.

"- The start of Applewood Park and swimming pool on the north side of 4th St. was in the process of development (#133 & #134). Originally the plan was to locate the park and pool adjacent to the then Naches Primary School (NVHS Baseball field today). As plans were being developed, the facility would become a separate entity not owned by Town, County, or State. More later.

" – As stated, earlier land located east of Shafer Avenue owned by Charles Moore, Fred St John and Bog McDowell combined their properties to develop a new residential housing area. Known as “McDowell Addition” some 20 lots were sold for home construction. Building codes and regulations didn’t require developers to put in curbs and gutters, pave the streets, put in streetlights and sidewalks or provide irrigation. Years later residents in the addition voted to form an LID (Local Improvement District) for curbs, gutters, and street paving. 6/11/1962. Sidewalks are still non-existent, and many homes still do not have access to irrigation.

" - Moore Bros. Hardware was sold to Carl VanWechel.

“- Leigh Steele replaced Don Batey as the NVHS Principle. Batey left to become the principal of Selah High School. 8/1958

" - Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Janet Lindsey. NVHS elected Dorothy St. Martin as Miss Pioneer (#132). 9/19-20/1958

“- Charles Moore made a request to the town to extend utilities to the land east of the John Paul Jones residence on East Old Naches Highway. The town said they were unable to finance his request. 10/13/1958

“- NVHS added wrestling to the athletic program with Jake Borck as coach. 11/1958

“- Charles Moore and Jack Parker discussed with Mayor Robert Tenney regarding their property to be annexed to the Town. Note: The Moore property was on the south side of the East Old Naches Highway and west of Kel-Lowery Road. The Parker property was south of the cemetery and west of Kel-Lowery. (Jay & Joanne Russell, Jim, and Susan Schneider residence today) Mayor Tenney told them a petition to annex was needed. 11/10/1958

“- The Town Council directed town employees to do an inventory of all tools and equipment at the end of the year and every year thereafter. 12/8/1958

1959 - Linda Moore, daughter of former Mayor Charles & Stella Moore was crowned "Miss Peaches & Cream" following Marlene Evans who held the same honor in 1958.

" - The Jack Parker property on Kel-Lowery Road south of the cemetery on Kel-Lowery Road was annexed to the town. The Charles Moore property wasn't. 2/9/1959 Also 24 properties were annexed to the town along Highway #410 (#12 today) 9/13/1959. Also there were 24 properties along Highway #410 annexed to the town.

“- NVHS Basketball team coached by Dick Thomas ended the season with a win/loss record of 2-18. However, they were the only team to defeat the eventual State “A” Champion Cle Elum with a winning score of 54-47. 2/14/1959

“- Naches Banker Miles “Ed” McCoy built a house in the Parker Addition (Mc Dowell Addition) 3/9/1959.

“- Richard “Dick” McKee was elected Lions Club President. (Owner of McKee Plumbing & Appliance Store) 5/1959 The Club spent some \$1,800 for grass seed and shrubs to plant the previously graded and sloped ditch bank from Highway #12 to 2nd Street.

" - The Boot and Spur Club discussed with the Town Council about donating their land to the town if they were to disband. Council said they would accept the property should that happen. 5/11/59

“- Leigh Steele replaced Don Batey as the NVHS Principal when Batey accepted the Principalship of Selah High School. 6/1959

" - Grange members voted to have their name changed from Wapatox Grange #335 to Naches Grange #335. 9/59

" - Sportsman's Days Royalty were Queen Pat Schofield with Princesses Judy Kirksey and Pat Shelton. 9/18-19/1959

" - This was the first year for wrestling at NVHS. Jake Borck was the coach. 11/1959

1960 - 1969 -The Naches Grange #335 received a new Charter and celebrated their 50th anniversary. 1/9/1960

“- As mentioned earlier as the town entered the 1960’s residents felt a real need to establish a community park and swimming pool. Concerned parents didn’t believe swimming in irrigation ditches or the Naches River was in their child’s best interest. An organizational meeting was held on 1/29/1959 with Ron Nelson as president, Doyle Wetmore vice president, Flora Miller secretary, and Harvel Baker treasurer. Directors were Lila Lounsbury, Perry Orr, and Lewis “Red” Robbins. On 6/30/1960 the public was invited to attend a meeting at the NVPS Multiple Purpose room. Some 100 people were in attendance, so interest was widespread. Preliminary studies indicated the cost to build the pool was estimated to be between \$70,000 to \$90,000. That meant several money-making schemes would be necessary to raise that amount, so brainstorming was in vogue. A Snow Derby to predict when the last bit of snow melted on Mt Cleman’s was one with a \$100 1st prize going to the winner. Other money makers included a donkey basketball game, hamburger booth at Sportsman’s Days, a motorcycle race, a car auction, a community birthday calendar, and bowling tournaments to name a few. Obviously, it would take a while to accumulate the dollars needed but the “dye had been cast”.

The original plan was to locate the facility to the NE of the Naches Valley Primary School on Shafer Ave. Eventually that plan was abandoned, and another site

needed to be found. As the idea grew several locations were suggested but the area north of 4th street was considered the best location. A.J. Penney offered his 4th street property. Plans were in the works to build a Gunite 75' x 42' swimming pool with 6 lanes and a bath house. Construction was to begin in the Summer of 1963. Bob Baird came up with an idea to sell 1500 cement blocks for 50c a block for the bath house. Purchasers got their name attached to their block purchase. Finally, the fund driving efforts resulted in the pool and bath house being built with doors opening in the Summer of 1967.

Madge Long and Bob Tenney had spearheaded the entire project and were told by State Recreation officials to "think big". In July, 1973 the Naches Park and Recreation District was formed consisting of 5 commissioners. The Commissioners felt the park could better serve the community if the two properties east of the pool on 4th street could be purchased from Sylvia Robbins and Hap Keys. Negotiations took place and the Board was able to purchase the properties for \$45,000 in June 1974. The tennis courts across Naches Avenue were also included as a part of what is now known as Apple Wood Park. (#134) What a great asset the decision has been for our community. Over the years hundreds of youngsters have participated as members of the Naches Barracuda Swim Team. Picnics, class, and family reunions, play equipment, basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts, covered gazebos, sidewalks, concession stand, and the swimming pool has resulted in enjoyment for multitudes of people. (#135 & #136)

" - Boyd Akins became the Town Marshal.

"- Walt Allan was elected Lions Club President. (Co-owner of Allan Bros.)
5/1960

"- The 1960 census declared there were 674 residents in Naches. 5/9/1960

" - Layman's Mill burned in August and a new \$200,000 mill was built and operating by 12/1960. The new mill incorporated computer technology and was designed to process smaller logs. The mill produced 120,000 board feet per day with some 70 employees working two 8-hour shifts. Jim Layman's logging operation had some 35 employees cutting and hauling logs to the mill.

" - Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Penny Johnston with Princesses Dee Fewel and Sammie Jo Wamsley. 9/23-24/1960. Note: Prior to 1960 the Lion's Club wanted everyone to wear a red hat. In 1960 the hat of color was changed from red to yellow.

“- Sportsman Day's Grand Marshals were Mr. & Mrs. Jim Templeton. 9/23/1960

" - An Army surplus Quonset hut was erected east of Shafer Ave which became NVHS classrooms for the Biology and Art Departments. 9/1960 Note: The Quonset hut has been occupied in a variety of ways. Today it is the school district maintenance shop on the west end and the NVHS Virtual Academy on the east end.

" - The NVHS Annual changed its name from the "Pioneer" to the "Ranger". 9/1960

" - The Naches Fire Department realized the one bay fire station on the north side of Town Hall was totally inadequate. (#82) As such they purchased the former Davis Market Center grocery store (#138) on the SW corner of 2nd St and Naches Ave. A proposed contract was discussed between the town and the fire department, but WA Surveying & Rating Bureau was not in favor of the contract. 9/12/60. Council approved the Fire Department agreement 12/12/60 (# 137)

1961 - Town engineers Gray & Osborne recommended to Council to abandon the irrigation system saying the domestic water system was adequate to meet irrigation needs for the town. According to G & O replacing the old irrigation system and extending it to new customers would cost \$50,000. 2/13/1961 At the town council meeting on 4/10/1961 approximately 45 residents attended the meeting opposing abandoning the old irrigation system.

“- NVHS wrestlers Rudy Davis and Eric Olson qualified for State. 3/1961

“- George Schrindel was elected Lions Club President. (Manager of Elk Feeding Station) 5/1961

“- Blue Ribbon Growers asked the Council for permission to construct a Controlled Atmosphere System Warehouse east of the present one on 3rd Street. 6/12/1961

" - The town hall was remodeled when the fire department moved into their new building. The library moved into the former fire department bay. 9/11/1961

" - Carl VanWechel sold the hardware store on 2nd Street (former Moore Bros) to Erman and Keist Evans.

" - The Fire Department removed the grocery store front, and two 12' doors were installed.

" - Sportsman's Days Royalty Queens were twin sisters Janet and Judith Smith. The princesses were Donna Huerd and Charlotte Lounsbury. 9/15-16/61

“- The Grand Marshals for Sportsman’s Days in 1961 was Curly and Myrtle Steindorff. 9/16/1961

" -The Council established a 20-mph speed limit in McDowell Addition due to no sidewalks and school playfields being at the east end of the street. 9/1961

“- NVHS Football players Rob Spence, Dave Allan, and Terry Meloy were awarded positions on the All-Valley football team. 11/1961

“-Ordinances #201 and #202 allowed C.E. DeAtley to put curbs and asphalt paving in McDowell Addition. However, it ended up with only curbs and gutters being installed. An LID was passed later to pave the 3 streets. 11/13/1961

“- A medical/dental office building was constructed on the SE corner of 2nd Street and Moxee Avenue. 11/13/1961

“- Rich McConnell replaced Dick Thomas as the NVHS basketball coach and also took over as the NVHS baseball coach replacing Eli Leonard. 11/1961

" - Cowan's Pharmacy was sold to Pharmacist Charles Harris.12/1961.

“- Northern Pacific Railroad gave the OK to construct a sidewalk across the railroad tracks on Canal Avenue. 12/11/1961

“- Irrigation rates for town customers will be assessed at \$15 per season.

1962 - NVHS basketball players Rob Spence, Terry Meloy, George Vaughn, and Earl Hill received Honorable Mention on the Valley “A” Team. 3/1962

“- Jack Lewis was elected Lions Club President. (Orchardist/NVSD Board member) 5/1962 The Club finally completed the roof and shelter over the fireplace and kitchen area at Lions Park.

" - Hubert Foster was appointed Mayor on 6/11/62.

" - Sportsman's Day Royalty was Queen Rosie Kauzlarich and Princesses were Gerry Huck and Cheryl Brannon. 9/15/1962

“- Ernie Hinze was named the NVHS basketball coach replacing Rich Mc Connell. 11/1962

“- George Pickard was named NVHS wrestling coach replacing Jake Borck. 11/1962

" - Boyd Akins resigned as Town Marshal on 9/10/62. Dick Cooper was appointed to replace Akins on 11/08/62.

“- George Allan was selected on the 1st Team All-Valley Football team. 11/1962

1963 - Town Council approved the National Bank of Washington to put a sign at the SW corner of 2nd and Canal and at the NE corner of Highway #410 and Canal Avenue. 3/11/1963

“- Bob Cruzen replaced Jake Borck as NVHS track coach. 3/1963

“- Erman Evans was elected Lions Club President. (Manager of Bestway Building Center/ Purchased Moore Bros Hardware w/son Keist from Carl VanWechel) 5/1963 Due to “horseplay” and vandalism in the wading pool and restroom area, the Club was ready to disband their Lions Park. In December 1963 the NVSD notified the Lions Club they were making plans to use the park area which would eventually become the NVHS baseball field.

" - Ned Phillips resigned after 23 years as NVSD Superintendent 6/30/63. Ned was named superintendent for the Lower Naches School District in 1934. He became the Naches School District Superintendent in 1940 and oversaw the successful completion of the merger between the two districts in 1944 forming the Naches **Valley** School District. From 1950 to 1957 the following structures were completed under his leadership: 28 classrooms, 3 multipurpose rooms, 4 shower

rooms, and a high school agriculture building. Robert (Bob) Holstine replaced Phillips as Superintendent on 7/1/63.

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Sandi Rowe and Princesses were Pam Sveen and Bertha Duncan. 9/6-7/1963

“- Grand Marshals for the 1963 Sportsman's Days were John and Hazel Clark. 9/7/1963

“- A building permit was issued to Frank Rummelhart for a barber shop building on the east side of the 200 block of Naches Ave. 6/10/1963 (#144 & #145)

“- Council granted permission to the Naches Telephone Co. to install a pay station telephone booth on the north side of 2nd street and Canal Ave. 10/14/1963.

“- The 1963 Town budget totaled \$62,219.

“- The NVHS football team coached by Jake Borck went undefeated and were crowned the mythical Washington State Class “A” Champions. (Note: WIAA football playoffs had not been adopted at that time.) Dale Tester, Miles McPhee, Frank Tobias, Terry Fewel, and Ken Volland were named to the All-Valley 1st team. Kendall McBay and Dale Aherns were named to the All-Valley 2nd team. 11/1963

“- Boyd Akins resigned as the town marshal. Dick Cooper was appointed to replace him. 11/8/1962

“- Bob Hughes replaced Ernie Hinze as the NVHS varsity basketball coach. 11/1963

“- A 10'x30' machine shed was built on the north side of Town Hall. 12/9/1963

1964 - By 1964 the National Bank of Washington (formerly the Naches State Bank) made the decision that a new building was badly needed to meet the needs of their customers. The former Leonard building was purchased and demolished on the SE corner of Naches Avenue and 2nd Street. The dimensions of the new bank were 97'x38', designed by the architectural firm of Paddock & Cowan with Hills Construction being the General Contractor. Over the years a variety of branch

banks have occupied the building including the above bank as well as Wells Fargo, First Interstate, American West and until recently Banner Bank.

“- NVHS football players Terry Fewel, Frank Tobias, Denny Metzger, and Kendall McBay were named to the All-Valley football team. 11/1964

“- NVHS wrestler Bud Hollingbery qualified for State. 2/1964

“- Eleanor Frawley was employed as the town clerk/treasurer replacing Bert Davidson. 3/9/64

“- Jim McKay replaced Bob Cruzen as NVHS track coach. 3/1964

“- Frank Carothers was elected Lions Club President. (NVGS Principal) 5/1964

“- Naches Swimming Pool Association wanted the town to buy the tennis courts for \$850 and claimed the town was "squatting" on the property with Well #2. The Council rejected the offer. 7/13/1964

“- The Lions Club named Nora Myrick the Grand Marshal for Sportsman's Days 9/11/1964.

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Kathy Prevet with Princesses Barbara Thomas and Jerrene Murray. 9/11-12/1964

“- The 1964 NVHS football team coached by Jake Borck was crowned the "A" mythical State Champions.

1965 - According to the Town Council all unlicensed dogs to be impounded. 4/12/1965

“- Multiple residents complained to Council regarding garbage pickup and the rates being charged. 4/12/1965

“- Leigh Steele elected Lions Club President. (NVHS Principal) 5/1965

“- Due to an increase in enrollment and lack of classroom space, four classrooms were added to the front of NVHS completely changing the 1938 design of the building. (97) In addition, a new gymnasium was built on the west end of the building with boys and girls shower rooms added. Perhaps of interest was in regard to the first basketball game played in the new gym between NVHS and

Doug Mac Neil's Orting basketball team. The final score was 55-34 Orting. That Orting team went on to play for the State Class "B" Boys' Basketball Championship while compiling a 25 win-1 loss record. The old gym/stage area was converted into administration offices and the bleachers became the library and study hall.

"- The Boise Cascade Corporation decided that July 12, 1965 would be the last day of operation for the Naches Sawmill located on South Naches Road. Originally the mill was started in 1935 by Charles Dower and Orville Smith. Later that same year they convinced brothers Perry and Stan Orr to leave their Nile Sawmill and come join them in Naches. The mill and box factory, which closed in 1956, provided employment for over 100 people. (6/12/1965)

"- Representatives of the Naches Swimming Pool Association attended the Council meeting to discuss the possibility of the town assuming responsibility of the maintenance of a town park if such park were to be given to the town. No decision was made – More information was needed. Clerk/Treasurer Frawley was instructed to contact PP&L regarding maintenance of the ditch bank. If the town could be relieved of that responsibility the council might consider a town park. However, PP&L told the town to take care of the ditch bank thus ending the town park issue. 7/12/1965

"- A stop sign was put at the corner of Marvin Street and Sinclair Avenue. 8/9/1965

"- The Lions Club named Jim & Vera Cochrane as Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals - 9/10/1965.

"- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Karen Gentry with Princesses Marjorie Gregorich and Sherry Craig. 9/10-11/1965

1966 - The obsolete original Blue-Ribbon warehouse on 3rd St was torn down.

"- In 1966 WSDOT planned construction of a 4-lane highway through Naches, but it would be either north or south of the current corridor. Led by Glen "Slim" Fewel, businesses on Highway #410 protested causing the plan to be rejected. Obviously, that proposal didn't happen. Instead, a center left turn lane was built in the original corridor. However, traffic volume through Naches was continuing to

increase resulting in WSDOT authorizing the building of a 4-lane highway from Yakima to the eastern outskirts of Naches. Construction started from Yakima in 1965, a 2nd Nelson Bridge built in 1966, with the 4-lane road being finished in 1973.

“- The NVHS football team with a 7-1-1 record were the Co-Champions of the Valley “A” League. During the season Coach Jake Borck earned his 100th victory as the NVHS football coach. Buzz Rowe and Mike Hatten were named to the 1st team All-Valley and Greg Stotsenberg was named to the 2nd All-Valley team.
11/1966

“- Initially voters failed to pass a bond to make a variety of building changes within the district. A second bond was submitted which reduced the size of the proposed high school gym. That bond received a favorable vote. In 1965 the new gym was built on the west end of the high school on Shafer Avenue resulting in the baseball field being moved from the corner of Sinclair Avenue and 1st street to its current site on the east side of Shafer Ave, the Quonset hut, and the Intermediate School. (Note: Being across Shafer Avenue from the high school was not a big problem, but when the new high school was built at the north end of Naches Avenue it created a variety of accessibility problems.) Negotiations took place between the Lion’s Club, who had previously designated the area as Lion’s Club Park, and the Naches Valley School District. That being settled, Bob Myrick brought his excavating equipment to the site preparing the field for baseball. One item that needed to be considered was which way should the field be placed. It was determined home plate should be in the northwest corner of the field thus minimizing the effect of the afternoon sun on the fielders as it was setting in the west. There were no provisions for dugouts, fences, concession stand/announcer’s booth, electrical, ad infinitum. The one item retained was the cement block restroom building that had been constructed by the Lion’s Club. The configuration of the area all changed in the 1980’s under the leadership of NVHS Varsity Baseball Coach Del Cruzen. Note: See the 1980’s for “the rest of the story”.
3/1965-66

“- NVHS student athlete Doug Hatten was selected to the Valley “A” Top Ten Basketball Team. 3/1966

“- Dewey Harvel Baker was elected Lions Club President. (Naches Postmaster/news correspondent/TV Radio repairman/Antique shop) 5/1966

“- NVHS Greg Stotsenberg placed 3rd at State in the discus with a throw of 150’ 3” and Jim Wilbanks placed 6th in the long jump with a 20’ 9” leap. 5/1966

“- Frank Davis was named Grand Marshal by the Lions Club for Sportsman's Days. 9/9/1966

" - Sportsman’s Day Royalty was Queen Sandi Edmondson with Princesses Pam Schimpf and Sandy Tangeman. 9/9-10/1966. Note: From 1949 to 1959 the diameter of the buttons was 2¼”. Some thought they were too big. From 1960 to 1965 they were changed to 1¼”. In 1966 the buttons were changed to 1½”. Since 1966 most buttons are 2¼”. To commemorate the year 2000, they measured 3”. For the first time in 2009 and 2010 the buttons were rectangular in shape.

“- Robert LacQuay was appointed Town Marshal @ \$425/month on 12/12/66. His salary would increase to \$450 on 5/1/67 after a 6-month probation.

“- First year for golf at NVHS. 4/1966

1967 – Town Council approved the purchase of a new U.S. flag for City Hall and a City Hall sign in front of the building. 3/13/1967

“- Bill DeMoss was elected Lions Club President. (Butcher for Slim’s Grocery) 5/1967

“- Miles "Ed" McCoy was appointed Mayor on 5/8/67. He served for 7 months.

“- The Council discussed the maintenance of the ditch bank and having PP&L assume care and maintenance of the property on 4/10/1967. On 7/10/67 PP&L told the town to take care of the Parkway.

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Bonnie Gentry and Princesses were Liz McPhee and Judy Kauzlarich. 9/8-9/1967

“- During the 1970’s Naches Valley High School enjoyed success in a variety of programs. Previously the high school music programs had been “top notch” but when music teacher Chuck Madden arrived in the Fall of 1967, he brought some new and different concepts that were incorporated into the program. The on-field

half time performances during football games thrilled young and old alike. A Band Booster Club was organized, and monies earned were primarily used to fund band trips or music items not funded by the school district. As trips were taken, they not only encouraged students to perform at a high level but also promoted music programs throughout the school district.

“- Council said sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner for maintenance and repair. 11/13/1967

“- NVHS student/athlete Mike Hatten was named on the 1st team All-Valley Football Team. 11/1967.

“- Doug Mac Neil replaced Bob Hughes as the NVHS varsity basketball coach. 11/1967

" - Albert "Al" Rosenbush was appointed Mayor on 12/11/67.

" - The swimming pool and bath house opened at Applewood Park in the Summer of 1967.

1968- NVHS adds golf with Jake Borck as coach. 3/1968

“- NVHS student Chris Mahre was the Yakima Valley District winner in the “Voice of Democracy” contest.

“-NVHS track athlete Jon Lindsey broke the school record in the javelin with a throw of 179 feet. 5/1968

“- Walter Wilson elected Lions Club President. (Standard Oil products delivery man) 5/1968

“- Tony Di Tommaso signed a contract to pick up the town’s garbage. 9/1/1968

“- Sportsman’s Days Royalty was Queen Rosie McNamara with Princesses Mary Wachter and Debbie Cowan. 9/6-7/1968

“- A new furnace was installed in Town Hall. 10/14/68.

“- A letter from Fire District #3 to the Town was related to the 1929 Fire Truck owned by the town and presently housed in the district fire station. The council

members decided the town would keep the truck and house it at the town hall shop if necessary. 10/14/1968

“- NVHS student/athlete Tom Holman earned 1st Team All-Valley honors in football. 11/1968

1969- Former Selah Football Coach Bob Jaderlund replaced Jake Borck as NVHS football coach. 9/1969. Doyle Torres, Don Dunham, and Dan Cunningham were named to the All-Valley “A” League team while Rick Thomson and Dan Leinan received Honorable Mention. 11/1969

“- NVHS wrestler Don Dunham was the Class “A” State heavyweight champion and Rick Maib placed 2nd at 178 lbs. 2/1969

“- NVHS student/athlete Norm Powell earned 1st team All-Valley honors in basketball and Blake Bostrom earned Honorable Mention, 3/1969

“-Ted Cowan was elected Lions Club President. (Wilbur-Ellis field man/Fire Chief/Cowan’s Pharmacy) 5/1969 The Lions Club sponsored the Mt Cleman’s Snow Derby with ticket sales ending at the close of the day on April 7, 1969.

“- Sportsman's Day Royalty was Queen Patty Booth with Princesses Cheryl Robinson and Lorilee Hanigan. 10/20/1969. Note: WA State Attorney General Slade Gorton declared the sale of buttons for Sportsman’s Days was a form of gambling. Consequently, no buttons were allowed in either 1969 or 1970. Years later Lion Dave Heath, at his own expense, had a very limited number of comical buttons depicting the situation for those two years.

“- Donald G. Anderson was hired as the Town Superintendent.12/8/69

" - Pharmacist Don Jonas bought Cowan's Drug Store from Charles Harris. 12/69

1970 - 1979 - The NVHS 1969-70 team ended a 17-year drought of consecutive losing basketball seasons starting with the 1953-54 team. The team compiled a 16-6 season record and won the 1969-70 Valley “A” Championship thanks to Assistants Dick Thomas and Ed Thill who coached some games while Coach Doug Mac Neil was recovering from back surgery. Unfortunately, the team lost in District to Highland who we had defeated 3 times during the season giving the lone

State berth to the Scotties. Blake Bostrom was named to the Class "A" All-Valley team and Ori Winter received Honorable Mention. 2/1970

"- NVHS Wrestling Coach George Pickard's team placed 3rd at State. Don Dunham (heavyweight) and Rick Maib (194) were State Champs. Jeff Maib (158) and Jeff Bauguess (175) also qualified for State. 2/1970

"- Kailan Dunn replaced Jake Borck as NVHS golf coach. 3/1970

"- NVHS student Larry Davis was chosen to play in the State Band.

"- Ed McCoy was elected Lions Club President. (Naches Bank Manager) 5/1970

"- NVHS Baseball Coach Bob Hughes led his team to the Valley "A" League Championship. It was their 2nd baseball "A" league championship in the last three years. 5/1970

"- NVHS Track Coach Jim McKay's team placed 5th at State. School records were made by Gailon Gentry running the 100-yard dash in 9.9; Randy Wilbanks with a time of 52.8 in the 440; Steve Cochran with a 14.6 in the high hurdles which tied the State record; and Don Dunham's heave of 54' 2 1/2" in the shot. 5/1970

"- A Town of Naches Resolution that read "We discontinue our Police Court in January, 1971 and avail ourselves of the services of the District Court of Yakima County and requesting that a commission be appointed for our immediate area". 3/9/1970

"- In September the Town Council declared the speed limit in McDowell Addition to be 15 mph. The reason was a lack of sidewalks plus school playfields at the eastern end of McDowell Street. 9/14/1970

"- Sportsman's Day Royalty was Queen Maggie Goeckler with Princesses Kay Penney and Debbie Rodman. 10/20/1970

"- Betty Cochran was hired as the Town Clerk/Treasurer @ \$300/month replacing Eleanor Frawley. 9/14/70.

"-The Council and Fire Dept met to discuss the proposed amendment to the current contract. The proposal asked for an increase of one (1) mill on the annual

assessment.5/11/70. On 8/10/70 there was a new agreement to increase the annual millage assessment from 3 to 4 mills to be effective 1/1/71.

“- Bea O' Neal inquired of Council regarding establishing a church in the former Lewis/Cowan building in 200 block of Naches Ave. (10/12/1970)

1971- Resolution #38 – Police Judge Earl Coffenberger's was terminated. 3/8/1971

“- The residents living in McDowell Addition narrowly passed an LID to pave St John, Moore, and McDowell Streets which would eliminate the gravel roads in that development. Sidewalks or irrigation was not included in the LID. 4/12/1971

“- Naches Town Marshal Robert LacQuaye accepted a job with the Yakima County Sheriff's Department. The council discussed the possibility of doing away with a town marshal and contracting with the Yakima County Sheriff's Department. 4/26/1971

“- Wes Yerty was elected Lions Club President. (Naches Continental Telephone) 5/1971

“- NVHS Steve Cochran was # 1 at State in the 110-meter-high hurdles with a 14.4 time and Mike Gillespie placed 2nd in the shot put with a 51' 10" toss. 5/1971

" - Howard W. Adams was appointed Town Marshall @ \$550/month on 5/10/71. He resigned and Frank W. Hagey was hired to replace Adams. 6/4/1971

“- Ord #227 was passed to improve McDowell, St John, and Moore streets in McDowell Addition. 6/14/1971

“- Sportsman's Day Royalty was Queen Trudy Hinze with Princesses Sandy Walker and Cindy Cassidy. 9/16-17/1971

“- Coach Jim McKay fielded the first Cross Country team earning a 2nd place in the Valley “A” League. Steve Martin was the lone Ranger who qualified for State. 11/1971 This was also the first year for Girls Volleyball.

“- In 1971 medical research concluded girls were able to run the entire length of the basketball court rather than stopping at mid-court. That ruling plus implementing a 30 second shot clock changed the girls' game immeasurably. In 1972 Federal mandated legislation, referred to as Title IX (9), required a balance

between boys' and girls' athletic programs. Because of Title IX, NVHS added the following sports: cross country, girls' softball, soccer, tennis, girls' fast pitch, and swimming. That legislation significantly changed the landscape of athletic programs throughout the United States. Field and gym space now had to be shared. During the 1970's NVHS Girls Basketball Coach Iva Sands was now charged with teaching a whole bunch of new concepts for the first year of full court girls' basketball including the 30 second shot clock. 12/71

“- The last section of the 4 lane Highway #12 to Naches from the PP&L substation (mile post 190.42 to 192.73) was awarded on 12/28/1971 and construction was started in 1972 and completed on 6/1/1973. The section from the PP&L to Jacob (mile post 192.78 to 197.71) was awarded to the contractor on 4/24/1969 and completed on 4/26/1971. There were several other contracts to connect Highway #12 to Yakima with the second Naches River Bridge being built in 1966. The 4-lane highway was connected to Fruitvale Avenue via 40th Avenue and Highway #12 between 1969-1970.

1972 - Donald Kilpatrick was elected Mayor following Al Rosenbush's resignation taking office on 1/10/72.

“- Doug Peters was hired as the town attorney. 2/14/72

“- Town Engineer Preston Shepard reported to Council there were 14 streets needing to be rebuilt and repaved. 2/14/1972

“- Mike Cass was the lone Ranger who qualified for State on George Pickard's Wrestling team. 2/1972

“- There was a discussion between Yakima County Sheriff John Thompson and the Town Council regarding the feasibility of a contractual service between the two entities. 3/12/1972

“- John Briskey was elected Lions Club President. (Orchardist)5/1972

“- NVHS Jim Sedge was 1st at State in the 110-meter-high hurdles with a time of 15.4. 5/1972 In 1973 Jim broke the U of W record in the high hurdles at an indoor track meet which stood for many years.

“- Long time postal clerk Bill Needham retired. 6/30/72

- “- James Spooner replaced Robert Holstine as the NVSD superintendent. 7/1/72
- “- The homes of Robert Myrick and Thomas McNamara on East Old Naches Highway petition for annexation to the town.7/10/1972. Ord. # 238 allowed the Myrick and McNamara properties to be annexed. 10/9/1972
- “- Council passed Ord.#240 relating to a person who violates an ordinance will be jailed either in the Town Hall or Yakima County Jail. 10/9/1972
- “- Sportsman’s Days Royalty was Queen Kim Lockard with Princesses Tina McBay and Cindy Sodorff. 9/15-16-17/1972
- “- Sportsman’s Day’s Grand Marshals were Ned and Ethel Phillips. Ned had retired as the NVSD Superintendent. (1940 -1963) (9/16/1972)
- “- NVHS Band under the direction of Chuck Madden marched in the Yakima Sunfair Parade beating the other nine bands to take 1st place. 10/1972
- “- Jake Borck returned as NVHS football coach replacing Bob Jaderlund. Jim Thomas and Rick Campbell were named to the All-Valley team. Honorable Mention was earned by Mike Payne and Marc Eldridge. 11/1972
- " - Jean Carothers and Slavins Trailer Park at the north end of Moxee Ave and 4th St were annexed to the town on 4/12/72.

During the ‘70’s Naches was a real mecca for antique lovers. Two antique shops were in the 300 block of Moxee Avenue. They were Hodge Podge Antiques owned by Harvel and Phyllis Baker and the Wishing Well owned by Bob and Lucille Hatten. In the 200 block of Naches Avenue was the Now & Then shop owned by Linda McCoy. Many shoppers made the “loop” from Yakima or the surrounding area by going to the above shops then traveling South Naches Road to Ford’s Calico Barn and/or to Grimshaw’s Hobbit Antique Shop.

1973 - Engineer Preston Shepard wanted the town to apply for a grant to build a 500,000-gallon water reservoir with the estimated cost of \$120,000. 1/8/73

- “- NVHS heavyweight wrestler Richard Lewis qualified for State. 2/1973
- " -Yakima County Sheriff John Thompson continued discussing with Council the feasibility of a contractual service between the Town and Sheriff's office. 3/12/73.

“- Long time Naches Postmaster Dewey Harvel Baker retired on 3/30/1973.

“- Don Wade was elected Lions Club President. (Grange Hall Insurance/ Orchardist) 5/1973 Lion George Schindel made a sign for the Depot with the town name and the elevation. A new roof was installed on the Depot by the Lions.

“- Sportsman’s Days Royalty was Queen Jill Penney with Princesses Jill Matthes and Terri McDowell. 9/14-15/1973

" - A motion by the Council was made to raise the pay of the mayor to \$15 per meeting and the council to \$10 per meeting. 10/8/73

1974 - As stated earlier the Naches Park and Recreation Association purchased property on 4th St from Sylvia Robbins and "Hap" Keyes for approximately \$45,000. The purchase expanded Park property from the tennis courts east of Naches Ave to Penney Ave on west.

“- Discussion at council meeting regarding a new reservoir to be built north of town with a 500,000-gallon capacity. 2/11/1974 Land was purchased north of town from Sunrise Development for \$2,000 on 8/12/1975 but there was no road to access the reservoir in the agreement.

“- NVHS junior wrestler Rick Lawson qualified for State with George Pickard as his coach. 2/1974

“- NVHS qualified for the State "A" Basketball Tourney in Tacoma coached by Doug Mac Neil. The players on the team were Dennis Poole, Don Riddle, Bill Huck, Ron Evans, Jerry Sodorff, Rusty Stringham, John Cuillier, Dennis King, Matt Hanshew, Jeff Webb, Jeff Ehlis, Bruce Granger, and manager Don Sheneberger. Song leaders were Vicki Mortimer, Sue Allan, Lanette Patterson, Lorna Vik, Jill Mortimer, and Debbie Dunn. It was the first time since 1951 the Naches boys’ basketball team had qualified for “State”. A 22-year drought. A great experience but no trophy was forthcoming in the 16-team tournament as the team compiled a 14 win - 11 loss season. 3/6-9/74

“- Superior Asphalt won the bid to repave 6 town streets. 3/11/1974.

“-The town was unable to render any services to a non- governmental unit such as the Swimming Pool Assoc. 4/8/74.

“- Property owners Ben Diener and Dallas “Bud” Hinze living on East Old Naches Highway inquired of Mayor Don Kilpatrick regarding annexation of their properties. Their properties were not contiguous with town boundaries. 12/9/1974

“- Dick Clements was elected Lions Club President. (Co-manager of Rowe Farms) 5/1974

“- John McKinstry replaced Jake Borck as the NVHS Varsity Football Coach. 9/1974

"- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Delrae Carrell with Princesses Julia Cowan and Karen Fisher. 9/13-14-15/1974

“- The Grand Marshals for 1974 was Naches Mayor Don and wife Kay Kilpatrick. 9/14/1974

“- NVHS Band under the direction of Chuck Madden participated in the Band-o-Rama competition where they took 1st place in the Class “A” division. 9/1974

“- The Town Council agreed to pay Boise Cascade \$15,000 for property east of the treatment plant for a sewer spray field. 10/16/74

“- NVHS Cross Country runners Gailon Gentry and Kent Brown qualified for State under the coaching leadership of Jim McKay. 11/1974

“- NVHS football player Mike Fredrickson earned 1st team All-Valley honors. Honorable Mention was awarded to Jeff Ehlis and Steve Mahre. 11/1974

1975 - NVHS wrestler Rick Lawson qualified for State. 2/1975

“- A Building Code Inspection Agreement was made with Yakima County that provided the town with inspection services. 3/14/1975

“- Leonard “Sonny” Stouffer was hired to become the Town Superintendent and a Planning Commission was established with Ordinance #261. 4/14/1975

“- The town was in poor financial shape due to the costs incurred for the sewage treatment plant, buying Boise Cascade property, building a new reservoir, and 10% inflation. An increase in water rates was inevitable. 4/14/75

“- Don Kilpatrick was elected Lions Club President. (Union Oil Service Station proprietor/Mayor/employee of Rowe Farms) 5/1975

“- This was the 1st year for NVHS Girl’s Track with Ann Clark as Coach. Jackie Van de Brake placed 3rd at State in the 800 meters with a time of 2:33.3 5/1975

“- Goldie Molnar voiced her concern to the Council regarding the Nazarene Church’s opposition to her having a liquor license and not being able to use the front door of her restaurant on the NW corner of 2nd Street and Moxee Avenue. 5/12/1975 (Note: Current site of the Naches Town Hall and former Naches State Bank, Winters Apparel, and hardware store. .)

"- Providing police protection for residents in towns and cities of Washington is a state law. Naches had our own “cops” for many years, but longevity of personnel was often fleeting resulting in a variety of problems. The cost of a police car(s), equipping and maintaining same, finding qualified personnel, training seminars, salaries, benefits, retirement, uniforms, radios, labor contracts, ad infinitum all added up causing the town council to consider an alternative solution. Looking at all the facts, the Council made the decision to sign a contract with the Yakima County Sheriff’s Department in July 1975 for police protection which would cost the town approximately \$21,000/year. 6/9/75 That contract remains in force today with yearly adjustments/contracts.

“- The town agreed to sell the 1929 fire truck to the Naches Fire District #3 for \$1.00. The town was given the 1st option to buy the truck back for \$1.00 should the fire department decide to sell it. 7/14/75

"- After much discussion the Council agreed to build a 500,000-gallon reservoir & upgrade the water system in agreement with the Department of Social and Health Services. 8/27/75.

“- The Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Laura Lewis with Princesses Michelle Burwell and Roz Lukehart. 9/12-13-14/1975

“- The Town entered into an agreement to organize and establish a regional agency known as the Yakima County Conference of Governments. (YCOG) 10/15/75

“- Council continued discussion regarding the Sewer Treatment Plant with a new estimate of \$256,300 plus \$25,000 borrowed for purchase of land and legal fees. 10/15/1975

“- Yakima County Sheriff Leonard Birkinbine introduced to the Council new Naches Residential Deputy Sheriff Jerry Hafsos. 11/10/1975

“- The town signed a mutual aid agreement with the Department of Emergency Services of Yakima County. 12/8/1975

1976- Council gave Harvey Keezer permission to build a car wash on the SE corner of Naches Avenue and 3rd Street. 1/12/1976

“- Don Jonas was elected the Lions Club President. (Naches Pharmacist) 5/1976

" - The Naches branch of the Pacific National Bank of WA was robbed of \$6,000 on Friday, August 13, 1976. The robber entered the bank, placed a handgun on the counter of teller Karen Bunting and told her to fill a cloth bag with money. The other tellers Betty Thomas and Joy Griswold along with bank manager Ed McCoy quickly realized what was happening. Naches's pharmacist Don Jonas and groceryman Jack Radford from Tieton were in the bank ready to deposit large sums of money but the robber fortunately ignored them. Once the cloth bag was filled by Bunting with "marked money", the robber slowly turned away and walked out at a normal pace. As he exited the bank an accomplice was waiting in an older model black car which had been stolen previously from the Yakima area. Together the robbers quickly drove south on Canal Ave, crossed Highway #12 to South Naches Road and turned left on to Lewis Road where they had stashed a rubber raft. Climbing aboard the raft they floated down the Naches River to the confluence of the Yakima River while watching and hearing the police cars racing up and down the roads searching for them. A few days later the robbers entered Poulin's in Yakima to buy a motorcycle using the bank money. A Poulin employee recognized the "marked money" and notified authorities which would end up being the robber's downfall. The motorcycle had a faulty headlight which they brought back to Poulin's the next day to be repaired. Dressed as store personnel, Yakima County Sherriff's detectives and an FBI agent awaited their return. When the robbers entered the building, they were quickly arrested.

Unlucky Friday the 13th for Frank Fredrick Frisch, 23, and Ira Glen Taylor, 24, as they were formally charged with the robbery and held in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

“- The Nazarene Church continued their protest regarding Goldies Restaurant using the front door leading to her bar. 7/12/1976

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Chris Riddle with Princesses Lauri Van De Brake and Colleen Smith. 9/17-18-19/1976

“- The NVHS Football team under Coach John McKinstry were District “A” Champs with a 9-0 record and were 3rd in the final State Poll. As a result, they went to the State Playoffs for the first time in school history. All-League honors were bestowed upon Steve Dellinger (guard); Tim Rippstein (Guard); Mitch Briskey (tackle); and Jim Mortimer (running back). 11/1976

“- NVHS Cross Country runners Mike Shinn (17th) and Charlie Lewis (31st) qualified for State. 11/1976

1977- After numerous community complaints Burlington Northern Railroad agreed to repair the railroad crossings on both Canal and Shafer Avenues. 2/14/1977

“- Irving Vik was elected Lions Club President. (NVGS Principal) 5/1977

“- The Naches Valley School District petitioned to have the area not within the town limits be annexed for the new high school. 5/9/1977 Annexation was ok'd on 9/12/1977.

“- Following World War II(1945) our Town Council was told by State and Federal agencies we had to build a community sewer system. Those mandates required that land, easements, and contracts had to be acquired which they were. Construction was started and septic tanks were being eliminated. However huge that original investment was, eventually upgrades were needed. In 1976 the sewage treatment plant was upgraded and by 1977 the plant was operating at full capacity. 11/14/1977

" - Ord. #276 - Was to regulate mobile homes being installed within the town limits. 9/12/77

" - Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Tamie Leist with Princesses Susan Vetsch and Denise Ehlis. 9/16-17-18/1977

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Madge Long & Bob Tenney who were the “movers and shakers” regarding the swimming pool and Applewood Park. 9/17/1977.

“- John Mullinnex was hired as the new treatment plant operator. 10/1/1977

“- In 1977 registered voters living within the Naches Valley School District failed to pass a building bond for a new high school that included a football stadium with storage facilities. 11/1977(Note: It wasn't until 2016 that the stadium was constructed with funds left over from the NVES on Bonlow Dr.)

“- NVHS Football Coach John McKinstry's team won the Valley “A” League crown compiling an 8-0 season and qualified for State Playoffs. The team lost in the playoffs to Forks 6-0 thus ending their season. Eight players were named to the All-Valley team. They were Mitch Briskey (tackle); Kelly Callaghan (center); Jim Mortimer (running back); Steve Tabor (tackle); Kurt Cooper (Tackle); Rick Matthes (defensive back); Larry Russell (tight end); and Huck Vannoy (fullback). 11/1977

“- NVHS Cross Country team coached by Jim McKay were the district champs. The boys placed 11th at State. Charlie Lewis placed 13th and the girl's placed 7th with Jacki VanDeBrake sprinting to a 4th place finish, the highest finish ever for any Naches girl.

"- Harvey Keezer made a proposal to the Council to abandon the alley on the north side of the former Farley/Gatter building now owned by Keezer. In exchange the alley would extend out to 2nd St. 12/12/77. Ord. # 280 permitted the exchange. 4/10/78

1978 - A second building bond for a new high school was submitted to Naches's voters excluding the stadium/storage facility. The bond passed allowing for the new school to be built at the north end of Naches Avenue. The grounds included land where the 1922 Naches High School was originally located, later the Naches Grade School, plus part of the Penney Farms orchard property. Negotiations between the school board and the adjacent Busey orchard property to the east

failed. That failure adversely affected campus configuration. Today the Mormon church resides on part of that piece of property. In September 1978 building permits were issued and construction of the new school was underway. (#148)
Note: A high school football/track stadium was able to be built in 2018 due to unspent funds for the Naches Valley Elementary School on Bonlow Drive. (#152)

“- Now deceased Naches entrepreneur Roy V. Herald periodically would put pen to paper and write a poem. Below he wrote about the 1922 Naches High School building.

The Old School

What hand was dealt to each in turn?
What did the future hold, as the world turned?
The old school produced doctors and lawyers,
Excellent teachers, and now and then, an
occasional preacher.

The graduates now are spread over the earth,
The old school sinks into the earth.
And, as the last bell rings, and quiet descends,
The night wind whispers, “Well done, Old Friend”.

I drove by the old school today,
And paused as the dump trucks hauled it away.
Each load that passed contained hopes and dreams,
Has it really been as long as it seems?

The Jr. Prom, the Senior Sneak, the Freshman Picnic,
Sadie Hawkins week.
The memories flood back over the years, the people,
The teachers, the hopes, and fears.

Where are they now, the many who have trod these halls?
Who answered the bell when the Nation called?”

“- The new Resident Deputy for Naches was Steve De Vilbiss, and he would have four other deputies working with him in the area. 1/9/1978

"- The three former teacher cottages on the south end of Shafer Avenue were converted into Naches Valley School District and Migrant offices.

“- NVHS wrestler Mike Billings placed 4th at State. 2/1978

" - NVHS qualified for the State "A" Boys Basketball Tournament in Tacoma coached by Doug Mac Neil and earned the 8th place trophy while compiling a 20-win 6 loss season. The players were Brent Lafferty, Rick Matthes, Jim Mortimer (1st Team All-Valley), Dave Cruzen (2nd Team All-Valley), Craig Bowhay, Roger Howell, Larry Russell (2nd Team All-Valley), Jeff Miller, Kelly Callaghan, Billy Craig, Gerry Holman, Jon Harris, and manager Tony Thomas. The Rally Squad consisted of Sue Vetsch, Lori West, Diane Tinsley, Cindy Phipps, and Lauri Bishop. The Cheerleaders were Tammy Thompson, Rita Hudson, and Sue Phipps. The bear mascots were Steve Tabor, Dave Anderson, and Eric Kanzig. 3/6-7/78

“- NVHS Girls Basketball team coached by Iva Sands won the Northern Division “A” League Championship compiling an 11-4 record. Players on the team were Carol Lewis, Diane Williams, Kelli Boyes, Jacki VanDeBrake (1st team All-Valley), Paula Moore, Diane Chambard, Vicky Cannon, Judy Shafer (Honorable mention All-Valley), Karen Cuillier, Kim VanDeBrake (1st team All-Valley), Brenda Briskey, and Mary Hughes. 3/1978

“- NVHS Band has been an important part of the high school. In 1978 our band under the direction of Chuck Madden was crowned “Kingdome Champs” and was known as the “Show Band of Central WA”.

"- Roy Herald purchased the former Naches Highway Café west of town on Highway #12 from the Hayes family. He built the Drift Inn Restaurant, including a mini market, movie rental business, and gas station. (#147) Ord. #279 allowed the property to be annexed to the town. 4/10/78

“- Bob Pringle was elected Lions Club President. (Orchardist for Allan Bros.)5/1978

“- NVHS Track team had 5 wins and 0 losses in League. They also won at both the Sub District and District meets while establishing new school records in the high jump, 440, 220, and mile relays. Seven team members qualified for State. 5/1977

“- The NVHS Baseball team won the League Championship under Coach Bob Hughes. They placed 2nd in the District Playoffs and ended the season with 23

wins and 4 losses. Pitcher Ken Childress was named to the 1978 Valley "A" All Star team. 5/1977

"- The NVHS Track 440 team consisting of Rick Matthes, Mike Alliston, Chet Smith, and Bob Alliston were State Champs in the 440 relay. Bob Alliston placed 1st at State in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.3 and was 2nd in the 100. Carol Lewis placed 2nd in the mile and Gerry Holman was 6th. Jacki VanDeBrake was 6th in the 2-mile, Kelly Callaghan 6th in the discus, Craig Bowhay was 5th in the 120 hurdles and 6th in the 180 hurdles, Kim VanDeBrake threw the javelin and Larry Russel competed in the high jump and triple jump. 5/1978

"- A traffic problem had existed for years at the intersection of Shafer Avenue and East Old Naches Highway. In 1978 a new configuration with raised curbing was designed by WSDOT Engineer Bob Mac Neil thus eliminating many traffic problems at that intersection. Town staff facetiously labeled the intersection "Mac Neil Island". Sometime in the 2000's the curbing was removed with painted lines directing traffic making it better for the plowing of snow at that intersection.

"- Richard Davison replaced Jim Spooner as Superintendent of NVSD. 7/1/78

"- Town Attorney Doug Peters told the Council that all new water/sewer hookups must install a backflow valve to prevent contamination. 7/10/78

"- Ord. #281 was an update to Ord #276 - Defined and regulated mobile homes within the town that were outside mobile home parks. Ord. #283 defined a "dwelling", "yard", "city lot", "tract or parcel", and defining the number of dwellings and sizes of property for dwellings. 8/14/1978

"- A building permit was granted to the NVSD for the construction of NVHS. 9/5/1978

"- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Lori Sipe with Princesses Cathy Cunningham and Linda Leist. 9/15-16-17/1978

"- NVHS Cross Country runner Carol Lewis qualified for state and placed 16th. She then went to Nationals in Kansas and placed 91st. 11/1978

"- The NVHS Football team was tied with Granger for the Valley "A" Champs with an 8-win-2 loss season but lost to Granger (6 - 27) for the League

Championship due to multiple injuries to some of our key players. Five players made the All-Valley team and two received All-Valley honorable mention. 11/178

1979 - NVHS Wrestlers Joe Harris, Tom Gabbard and Ron Sears qualified for State under Coach Larry Noble. 2/1979

“- NVHS Girls Basketball placed 2nd in league under the leadership of Coach Shirley Hansen. Kim VanDeBrake was named to the All-Valley “A” team. 3/1978

“- NVHS qualified for the State "A" Boys Basketball Tournament in Tacoma coached by Doug Mac Neil but didn't earn a trophy. The team won 20 games and lost 5. The players were Jeff Meloy, Doug Lewis, Troy Huck (Honorable Mention All-Valley), Billy Craig (Honorable Mention All-Valley), Jeff Miller (1st Team All-Valley), Steve Busey, Rick Matthes, Craig Bowhay, Roger Howell, Larry Russell (1st Team All-Valley), Eric Kanzig, Doug Riddle, and manager Terry Flowers. The cheer squad consisted of Linda Leist, Rita Hudson, Lori Schrindel, Lori West, Diana Alliston, and Tammy Thompson. The Ranger Bear mascot was Dave Anderson. 3/79

“- Ken Knight was elected Lions Club President. (Orchardist) 5/1979

“- Mayor Don Kilpatrick resigned as Mayor and Mary Tenney was appointed. She was the first Naches woman mayor taking the ‘reins’ on 5/14/79.

“- The NVHS Boys Track team under Coach Jim McKay captured their 3rd consecutive District and League championships. Brenda Briskey placed 4th at State in the discus with a toss of 117’ 01” and Kim VanDeBrake threw the javelin 124 feet. Doug Lewis placed 4th at State in the triple jump and the 440-relay team consisting of Rick Matthes, Craig Bowhay, Russ Moon, and Robert Johnson placed 6th. 5/1979

“- The Naches Swimming Pool installed solar panels to heat the water. That installation of solar was the first in the Valley.

“- Charles “C.T.” Purdom takes over the reigns as the NVHS Principal replacing long time Principal Leigh Steele. 6/1979

“- The Town’s garbage contract was changed from Tony Di Tommaso to Yakima Valley Disposal Inc. 7/9/1979.

“- NVHS moved into their new building at the north end of Naches Avenue and 5th Street. (#150) NVMS then moved into the former NVHS on Shafer Avenue which combined both the Lower Naches and Naches Grade Schools into one. (#151) 9/1979

“- Ord. #292 - Established 4th Street from Naches Avenue to West Old Naches Highway. 9/10/79

“- John Mullinnex resigned as treatment plant operator and Ron Fletcher was hired. 9/10/1979

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Diane Chambard with Princesses Ginger Carrell, Lori Schindell, Debbie Smith, and Tami Welch. 9/14-15-16/1979

" - Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals was former Naches Valley Superintendent of Schools Jim and wife Charlotte Spooner. 9/15/1979

" - Superior Asphalt to "shoot & chip" a variety of town streets. 10/8/79

“- NVHS Girls Cross Country team consisting of Carol Lewis, Karolyn Tinsley, Laura Shinn, Anne Turner, and Kate Kendall placed 11th at State. 10/1979

“- The treatment plant sludge pump was causing problems which needed to be fixed asap. 11/27/79

“- NVHS Football with Coach John McKinstry won their 4th straight league championship and their 4th straight berth into the State football playoffs. Thirteen Ranger football players were All-Valley selections and Dain Lukehart was selected as an All-State guard becoming the first Ranger to win that honor. 12/1979. From 1977 through 1979 NVHS Football compiled 25 wins against 3 losses.

1980 - 1989 - A special town census counted 656 people residing within town limits in 271 homes. 65 of the 271 homes were one person residences. 3/10/80

“- NVHS Track and Field team saw Carol Lewis (distance runner), Kim VanDeBrake (javelin) and Randy Brewer (pole vault) compete at State under the watchful eyes of coaches Jim McKay and Pete Jarvis. 5/1980

If one were to compile NVHS athletic records from 1944 the most successful program has been baseball. Baseball coaches who had great success include Elmer

Leonard, Bob Hughes, Dick Thomas, Del Cruzen, Bill Walker and currently Jake Fife. Previous NVHS baseball players who signed professional baseball contracts include Dick Briskey-Seattle Rainiers; Jerry Busey-Red Sox; Mike Mullen and Jim Hudspeth- Cardinals; Mike Briggs- Dodgers; and Jack Briggs - Pirates.

“- Jim Dukes was elected Lions Club President. (Rowe Farms Manager)5/1980

“- Robert “Bob” Ames comes from Orting, WA High School where he was Principal to become the NVHS Principal replacing Charles “Chuck” Purdom. 6/1980

" - When writing about the 1980's one of the most important, if not the most important event that happened in the State of Washington was the eruption of Mt St Helens on Sunday May 18,1980 at 8:32 a.m. (#153,206,207,208) The first rolling cloud of gray grit from the roaring young volcano hit the Yakima Valley shortly after 10:00 a.m. turning a typically sunny valley into a blackened ash-filled hole. By noon it was dark as night while covering Naches in ash. The streetlights came on and birds were nesting as the ash continued to fall until around 8:00 p.m.

The town council passed Ord. #297 which was a special fund known as the Mt St Helen's Disaster Fund. (6/19/1980) Naches Mayor Mary Tenney quickly got in contact with Washington State Governor Dixie Lee Ray and U.S. Representative Mike McCormick for cleanup help. (6/27-28/1980) President Ronald Reagan declared Washington State a Disaster Area. Soon the “wheels” began to move. Mayor Tenney formulated the necessary steps needed to cope with this natural disaster. The Washington State National Guard was mobilized along with the Division of Employment Training (CETA). The town was told it needed to furnish gloves, shovels, brooms, hoses, ladders, and wheelbarrows for the supervisor and 15 workers. Fortunately, residents and orchardists loaned ladders and other equipment to help with the cleanup and reduce costs.

Mayor Tenney asked citizens to clean the ash off their roofs, sidewalks, and driveways. It was a common sight to see people with irrigation hoses washing their roofs to get rid of the ash. Once done the ash was piled out on the street and kept wet until picked up. A 15-mph speed limit was put in force. Highway #12 was closed between Naches and Yakima, as were the mountain passes and Yakima Airport. It was recommended pets and animals be kept inside and heat pumps and

air conditioners shut off. Naches Valley schools were closed for the remainder of the year which created a dilemma due to end of year activities such as graduation, athletics, turning in books, ad infinitum.

The Naches Valley High School gym was opened for stranded motorists. Local citizens donated food to serve some 150 people for 3 days. One stranded couple said Naches was the “City of Hospitality” in appreciation of the efforts being made toward their dilemma. KIT Radio also did its part by broadcasting 24 hours a day, keeping all informed.

The ash contents weighed approximately 12 lbs. per gallon, dry weight. Fruit trees broke down and some house roofs sagged because of the weight. Cars stalled due to air filters being clogged. Naches and Tieton residents joined together to rid their towns of the “gray matter”. It was estimated the two towns received the greatest and heaviest amount of ash with the depth being from 2”-5” depending on who or where measured. The fallout created enough problems by itself, but the next day very strong winds swept through the Valley as an aftermath of the eruption. The wind was a blessing in disguise as it blew the ash off the power lines and trees. With the wind and not knowing how the ash and possible gases might affect us, face masks were worn by most everyone.

Thanks, from the town for helping with the cleanup was extended to the Washington Army National Guard, Department of Game, U.S. Forest Service, CETA, citizens of the town and surrounding area, town council members and employees, and certainly Mayor Mary Tenney for organizing such a huge cleanup effort. On May 31, 1980, Naches was featured on national television via the “Prime Time Saturday Show”. Naches wasn’t the ideal place to be during that time but working together brought forth a tremendous amount of community pride and accomplishment for a job well done.

Shortly after the eruption of Mt St Helens the town applied for and received a grant to repave many of our streets and replace 30-year-old sewer lines. As the streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and sewer lines were being torn up, town merchants repeatedly voiced their displeasure regarding the length of time it was taking and how much business they were losing. Change and progress can often be frustrating and irritating but finally the project was completed, and the businesses survived.

“- Dogs have been a problem for years. Ord. #299 was an ordinance related to dogs regarding the keeping, control, licensing, impounding and destruction thereof and providing penalties while repealing all other previous ordinances. 9/08/80 A contract was signed with Yakima County’s Dog Catcher which helped to alleviate the problem.

“- Ron Fletcher was terminated as treatment plant operator. Leroy C. Utter and wife replaced Fletcher. 9/8/1980

“- The council discussed licenses for new businesses wanting to locate within the town limits. After a series of discussions an ordinance was adopted requiring all businesses to acquire a license.

" - Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Kim Fletcher with Princesses Brenda Ferry, Ramona Jones, Lona Joslin, and Cindy Watson. 9/12-13-14/1980

“- A petition and request for the annexation of 9 acres of land adjacent to the NVHS for the Church of Latter-Day Saints (LDS/Mormon). 10/27/1980

“- The NVHS Band under the direction of Chuck Madden participated in a variety of parades including the Ellensburg Rodeo Parade taking 1st place, Wapato, Sportsman’s Day, Sunfair – 1st again, CWU’s Homecoming Parade – another 1st place, and the Veteran’s Day Parade. In December, the Ranger Band was named the Division “A” State Champion at the Kingdom. As division winners they performed the half time show at the State “A” football championship game. 12/80

“- NVHS Cross Country team earned a trip to State placing 13th. Number one runner Jed Kendall placed 35th. 10/1980

“- Larry Utter resigned as treatment plant operator. 12/31/1980 Leonard “Sonny” Stauffer was hired to replace Utter.

1981 – NVHS student athlete Jeff Meloy earned 1st Team All-Conference Honors in basketball and was the Valley “A” Scoring Champ with a 20.6 points per game average. 3/1981

“- Paul Kauzlarich was elected Lions Club President. (Orchardist) 5/1981

“- NVHS Track with Jim McKay and Pete Jarvis as coaches sent 9 athletes to State. They were Lona Joslin (1st in shot with a throw of 40’ 2 1/2”), Lee Yerty (pole vault), Kelly Paulinsky, Carla Jaeger, Ruth Finley, and Lavonne Agnew placed 5th in the 400-meter relay, Jed Kendall (3200 meter), John Blanchard (shot put), Troy Chase (pole vault). Ruth also ran in the 100-meter hurdles (10th) and 300 -meter hurdles (13th). Also, Kelly ran the 100-meter and 200-meter races. 5/1981

“- The town signed a contract with PP&L to convert incandescent streetlights to high pressure sodium fixtures. 5/11/1981

“- Residents reported that 8 dogs had been poisoned over the past month. 4/13/81
A \$1250 reward was offered leading to an arrest. 6/8/81

“-In 1981 George Layman built a 2nd Mill west of Naches along Highway #12 using computer technology designed to process smaller logs of pine, Douglas fir and white fir.

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Heidi Aplanalp with Princesses LaVonne Agnew and Donna Leist. 9/11-12-13/1981

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshal was NVHS Band teacher Chuck and wife JoAnne Madden. 9/12/1981

“- The NVHS Ranger Band under the direction of new band instructor Ted Christiansen performed at the Ellensburg, Wapato and Sportsman’s Day Parades and placed first in their division at the Yakima Sunfair Parade. At the Abbotsford parade they placed first against schools 3-4 times their size.

“- NVHS Football under Coach John McKinstry captured the division Championship for the 5th time in the last six seasons. Jeff Meloy, Lee Yerty (1st team All-Statewide Receiver w/47 receptions), John Blanchard, Roger Martin, Bob Jennerjohn, and Todd Lounsbury were recognized as the league’s best at their respective positions. 11/1981

1982 - On February 20th, 1982 Mayor Mary Tenney and the council declared the day as "Don Cowan Day". Don joined the Naches Fire Department in 1947 and became the Naches Fire chief in 1950. He held that position for 32 years.

“- NVHS Wrestlers under Coach John McKinstry had 4 wrestlers qualify for State. They were Don Shafer, Troy Dukes, Jon Bishop, and Isaias Valdovinos. 2/1982

“- Gene Welch was elected Lion’s Club President. (NVSD employee) 5/1982

“- NVHS Baseball team under Coach Del Cruzen won the District Championship, defeated Kettle Falls in Regionals but then lost to Ephrata at State. Kent Cooper was M.V.P. All-State. 5/1982

“- NVHS Track Team coached by Jim McKay qualified 3 members to State. They were Lee Yerty in the pole vault where he vaulted 13’ placing 2nd, John Blanchard in the discus with a throw of 147’ 11” placing 6th and the girls 880-meter relay team consisting of Ruth Finley, LaVonne Agnew, Kelly Paulinsky and Carla Jaeger which did not place. 5/1982

“- NVHS student Darrell Riddle was elected the 1982-83 State FFA President. Darrell was the first Naches Valley student to hold a State FFA office. 7/1982

During the ‘70’s and ‘80’s NVHS students/graduates Phil and Steve Mahre, living with their family at White Pass, were recognized worldwide with numerous victories in skiing. In 1982 Phil won the Giant Slalom, Slalom, and Combined thus capturing the very coveted World Cup title. Twin fraternal brother Steve placed 3rd in the World Cup that same year. In 1983 Phil won the World Championship in Giant Slalom again.

“- John Jones replaced Richard Davison as the NVSD Superintendent. 7/1982

" - Satellite Communications System was granted a town franchise for the transmission and distribution of television, radio, or other audio-visual electrical systems. 8/9/82

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshal was renowned artist Floyd and wife Virginia Broadbent. 9/11/1982

" - Sportsman’s Days Royalty was Queen Kate Kendall with Princesses Susan Gilmore and Tracy Vance. 9/10-11-12/1982

“- The NVHS Show Band of Central WA led by teacher Ted Christensen won the first-place trophy in their division at the Kingdom. 12/1982 They also won one of two trophies in their division at the Victoria Days parade while competing against some sixty bands.

1983 - Leonard “Sonny” Stouffer resigned the Town Superintendent position on 3/14/1983 and Roger Carothers was hired on 4/11/1983 to replace him.

“- NVHS wrestler Lance Craig placed 5th at State. 2/1983

“- Now deceased local veterinarian Dr. Bob Penney, grandson of Naches pioneer A.E. Penney, submitted a proposal for town beautification starting with planting trees along the north side of 3rd St from Naches Ave to the West Old Naches Highway intersection. Dr. Bob researched the best trees for the project and plantings occurred. Unfortunately, his untimely death ended more of his beautification projects. 4/11/83

“- NVHS FFA placed 1st and 2nd at the Central WA State Fair in livestock judging and the parli-pro team advanced to state competition for the 3rd year in a row. Randy Meloy and Darryl Henning became state farmers.

“- John Hartwell was elected Lions Club President. (Continental Telephone Manager) 5/1983

“- Roy Herald inquired of Council regarding the Band Stand being replaced to its original location on the south side of 2nd Street and Canal Avenue. 5/9/1983

“- John Jones replaced Richard Davison as the NVSD Superintendent. 7/1/1983

“- The council approved raising the mayor’s salary to \$150 per month. 7/11/1983

“- The Town accepted Jump, Huibregtse & Stouder as the town engineers replacing Preston Shepard. 8/18/83

“- The Grand Marshall for Sportsman’s Day’s was Don Cowan who had served as the Naches Fire Chief for 32 years. (1950-1982) 9/10/1983

“- Sportsman’s Days royalty was Queen Anne Thompson with Princesses Lori Yerty and Darci Moore. 9/9,10,11/1983

“- Scott Berry was hired by the NVSD to replace interim coach Doug Mac Neil as the NVHS Varsity Basketball Coach. 11/1983

1984 – The town was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through engineers Gray & Osborne to pave Penney, 2nd, Shafer, 4th and Marvin totaling \$361,782. 1/9/1984

“- In skiing Phil Mahre won the Gold Medal and brother Steve the Silver at the 1984 Olympics in the Slalom. (#149) 2/1984. Steve had victory “in the bag” until his final run ending up with the Silver. Phil won 27 world medals and Steve 9 in skiing during the 1980’s. (#149)

“- NVHS wrestler Lance Craig placed 1st at State in his weight class. 2/1984

“- NVHS basketball freshman student athlete Ron Deaton was the “A” League Scoring Champ. 3/1984

“- Burlington Northern RR agreed to replace 2 railroad crossings and repair the others on Shafer Ave and Canal Ave (Today Naches Avenue). 3/12/1984

“- Resolution #102 allowed the town to abandon the old reservoir on the former Oscar Busey property which is now owned by the LDS church. 3/26/1984

“- This was the first year for NVHS girls’ softball. 3/1984

“- NVHS student Suanne Atwood was elected to be the 1984-85 director of Public Relations for the Washington Association Future Homemakers of America. This was the second time in the club’s history a member from NVHS was elected to a State FHA office. 4/13/1984

“- NVHS Band under the direction of Ray Dietz placed first in their division at the Spokane Lilac Parade in Spokane as they splashed through the rain.

“- NVHS Track athlete Lorrie Barton placed 6th at State in the high jump and Steve Young placed 6th in the 300-meter low hurdles under Coach Arem Langhans. 5/1984

“- Jim Shafer was elected Lions Club President. (Employee of Sears & Roebuck) 5/1984

“- The Urban Arterial Board Street project allowed 2nd street from Shafer Avenue to Naches Avenue to be 40’ in width. 5/29/1984 On 6/11/1984 4th Street would, in addition to being paved, would get curbs and gutters.

“- As written earlier an upgrade to the NVHS Baseball field was going to be realized on land east of Shafer Avenue and the NVIS. The design and details were planned by Baseball Coach Del Cruzen and local resident/avid supporter George Thomas. They traveled around the State observing various baseball fields seeking the ultimate and best configuration. They liked the above ground dugouts of both Eisenhower and Ephrata and the backstop at West Valley. The dimensions of the field were set at 320’ down left and right field lines to a depth of 350’ in dead center field. A booster club was formed with George as president and Vaughn Gooch second in charge. It was evident a project of this magnitude would have to be done over several years and money, volunteers, and planning had to take place prior to any changes or construction. From start to finish it took some 3 years, but what a great baseball facility was established with no funds being asked for or received from the Naches Valley School District. It was all volunteer...!!

Arm twisting and super salesmanship allowed the project to reach fruition. The following firms and individuals were major contributors toward the project. Orchard Rite donated virtually all the necessary concrete plus a variety of other needed materials. Inland Pipe and Supply was “hit up” for pipe for fencing, backstop, etc. Layman Lumber donated all the needed dimensional lumber. Yakima Cement gave #2 cement building blocks free for the dug outs plus the concession/storage/announcer building. Mike Sanislo, Danny Trissell and Loren Dunbar and a variety of hod carrier volunteers put up the above structures and lent their talents wherever and whenever needed. But funds were still either short or non-existent. Early on Ray Keller of Keller Fruit donated \$500 and later added more. The booster club decided to sell 30 outfield fence advertising signs costing \$500 per sign with Boise Cascade donating the necessary plywood for the signs or wherever else plywood was needed. Talented artist Linda Gooch volunteered to paint all the logos on the plywood. But Linda needed help applying the base coat. NVMS Art teacher Joan Ullom volunteered her class for that task. Once the base coat was applied Linda did her “logo magic”.

A variety of people were now starting to take a real interest in the project. Nearby resident Dave Hammermeister, who was a manager at Boise Cascade and a former Gonzaga University baseball player now fan, convinced his firm to donate an additional \$8,000 toward construction. George Layman followed Dave's lead by quietly donating a like amount. Electricity was needed in a variety of areas. Electrician Gary Gooler and "Reddy Kilowatt" Everett Henning on the qt from PP&L provided the expertise and installation of same. Dave Connell representing SECO Construction donated the use of needed equipment and Phil Wachsmith excavated the banks of the Lowery irrigation ditch.

The second year the outfield fence was erected with Danny Thompson lending his expertise toward installation. Marv Champoux and Don Edmundson trenched the outfield for underground irrigation. Western Supply offered a pump at their wholesale price. The third year the infield was dug up with underlying rock put at a depth for adequate drainage. Crushed red rock for the "infield topping" was available from Goldendale but the booster club had to pay \$2,000 for diesel and truck transportation. Pepsi Cola donated the electrified scoreboard in center field with controls and a speaker system being operated in the second story of the concession stand. In conclusion, the result is the envy of other high schools throughout the Yakima Valley and beyond. Without the leadership of Del Cruzen and the determination of George Thomas and Vaughn Gooch spearheading the project it probably wouldn't have culminated into the beautiful facility we enjoy today. (#209, #210, #211)

"- The Band Stand is one of the focal points of our town and deserves its place in telling our Naches history. (#72) An article in the Yakima Herald-Republic newspaper dated July 3, 1984 related the following: "In the early 1920's, Naches's residents, looking for a way to bring the community together constructed a bandstand in the parkway surrounding the canal, which runs through the Upper Valley town."

"Relying on volunteer labor, men in the community designed and built the large structure. And the bandstand did live up to its purpose – a gathering place for local churches, clubs, and youth groups." 7/3/1984.

Eventually structural deterioration and lack of interest took its toll. As a result, in 1954 the bandstand was removed (#117) and relocated to the NW end of the 200 block of Sinclair Avenue. Siding was applied and the structure became a garage. (#118)

In the 1980's Gene and Doris Estes owned the residence where the band stand had been used as a garage since 1953. In 1983 they decided the structure was no longer wanted or needed and was in a state of disrepair. When Roy Herald heard of the Estes decision, he approached the recently formed Naches Beautification Committee. Roy convinced the committee to endorse his plan of resurrecting the band stand back to its original location and for them to underwrite the renovation. The Estes family agreed to donate the structure to the town and in April 1984 it was moved back to the original location.

The renovation was started, and a variety of people donated labor, cash, and advice, but the main work crew consisted of Roy Herald, son Kevin, contractor Larry Buckles, son Chip, and Mike Abhold. The continued generosity of Layman Lumber Company donated the necessary lumber. Volunteer area residents and businessmen moved and reroofed the structure for cost only. The siding was removed and thankfully the building didn't collapse with the removal. A new floor was built, suspension cables and lattice installed, a fresh coat of white paint along with the original uniquely designed shingle roof painted green completed the renovation. Rufus and Treva Hayes donated shrubs to decorate the surrounding landscape.

The Band Stand was rededicated at an Independence Day celebration on July 4, 1984. (#157) As then Mayor Mary Tenney said at the dedication ceremony, "We wanted to give people a reason to come to Naches and we want them to like it once they get here". Today the Band Stand is depicted on the town's letterhead. It also is the broadcast location for the Sportsman's Days parade as well as being used for a variety of other community events. In March 1987 it became a Washington State Historic Site. (#159) A plaque depicting its history and renovation can be viewed in the courtyard east of the structure. (#158) Note: There is a discrepancy between the Yakima Herald-Republic article and the dedication plaque regarding the year the band stand was built.

“- Sportsman’s Days Royalty was Queen Roberta Mahre with Princesses Stephanie Cobb and Andrea Grow. 9/7,8, 9/1984

“- Grand Marshalls for Sportsman’s Days were skiing twins Phil and Steve Mahre who won the Olympic Gold and Silver medals. 9/8/1984

“- Wilford Daggett bought the remaining Painter property on the north side of Hwy #12 to build the U.S. Forest Service building. (#160 & #161) Builder and town disagreed on a variety of issues such as sewer and water connections and installing a fire-retardant shake roof. Several “battles” ensued but eventually they were resolved with the town prevailing. 10/8/1984

“- A NVHS Reader Board was installed on the grass area adjacent to the spillway ditch on the north side of 2nd street and adjacent to Canal Avenue.

1985 - Dr. Mark Bauer joined the Naches Medical Clinic. 1/2/1985

“- Mike Learn was elected Lions Club President. (U.S. Forest Service - Naches)5/1985

“- Five residents were appointed to the town’s planning commission. 5/13/1985

“- The Council was in a discussion regarding sewer and water to the proposed new U.S. Forest Service buildings. Developer Wilford Daggett was informed he must put in an 8” sewer line with separate connections to both buildings. 5/20/1985

“- The UAB Project #1 street overlay was completed on 3rd street, Naches Avenue, and 2nd street from Naches Avenue to Canal Avenue. 8/12/1985

“- Discussions continue regarding Wilford Daggett and the new forest service buildings. 8/12 and 9/9/1985

“- Sportsman’s Day Grand Marshal was Myrna Yerty who had designed numerous Sportsman’s Days floats. 9/14/1985

“- Sportsman’s Days Royalty was Queen Kristy Clements with Princesses Stacy Peck and Angela Stark. 9/13,14, 15/1985

1986 – The Town population as of 4/1/1986 was 680 residents.

“- Frank Wilson was elected Lions Club President. (NVSD employee)5/1986

“- Superior Asphalt was awarded the bid for the UAB project of Shafer and Moxee Avenues. 5/12/1986

“- NVHS Softball team won their league and placed 4th at District. 4/1986 The teams in '87,'88, and '89 were also league champions, The '89 team won the district championship.

“- NVHS Matt Williams was 1st at State in the high jump with a leap of 6'10" and Kris Gilmore was 1st at State in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.1. 5/1986

“- A discussion was held between WSDOT and the Council regarding the speed limit on Hwy #12. WSDOT determined the speed limit from the blinker light to west town limits would be 45mph and 40 mph from blinker light to east town limits. 7/14/1986

“- In September 1986 the town received a grant for a sewer lift station and to install domestic water and sewer connections for the residents and businesses on the south side of Hwy #12 and along South Naches Road to the Naches River. 9/14/1986

“- Iron Horse Development after lengthy discussions agreed to install rubber pads on Shafer and Naches Avenues. That installation greatly reduced the need to have yearly front-end alignments on vehicles. 9/8/1986

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Alex and Dorothy Allan who were partners in Allan Bros Fruits. 9/13/1986

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Teresa Vetsch with Princesses Christy Cheney and Shelly Cochran. 9/12,13,14/1986

“- This was the first year for boys' and girls' soccer, girls cross country, and tennis at NVHS. Tad Kendall qualified for State in tennis.

“- The town drafted ordinance #358 for zoning purposes on 12/8/1986. It was approved on 6/8/1987.

1987 - Town Hall was closed for 3 days for the State "A" Boys Basketball Tournament in Tacoma. 3/9-11/87

“- The 1986-87 NVHS Boys Basketball Team won not only the league and district titles but also the very coveted Class "A" State Boys Championship while recording a perfect 27-0 record. The team was led by 6’5” sharpshooter Ron Deaton and rebounding extraordinaire 6’3” Matt Williams. Ron’s four-year career resulted in him setting a state scoring record of 2112 points which included 630 points during the ’86-’87 season. The Scott Berry coached team included other talented players as well. They were Brian Schmidt, Mike Burge, Miles Kohl, Rob Sundquist, Kevin Knight, Jason Fargher, Mike Stillwaugh, Dan Andrews, Duane St Martin, and Scott Thomas. Naches defeated Ki-Be 71-34 in the championship game to bring home the “Big Gold Ball” 1st place trophy. 3/12/87

" - The Band Stand was designated as a Washington State Historical Site. (#159) 3/12/87

Preliminary discussion was started in 1987 between the town and WSDOT regarding a center left turn lane within the Highway #12 corridor between the east and west town limits which was eventually approved by WSDOT.

“- Dave Zimmerman was elected Lions Club President. (Self-employed) 5/1987.

“- NVHS track star Kris Gilmore was 1st at State in the 200-meter dash with a 25.6 time. 5/1987

“- The Town Council approved the Town of Naches Zoning Ordinance #358 on 6/8/1987. On 8/10/1987 the Town Council adopted English as the Town’s official language.

“- The Naches Valley Ranger Band under the direction of Ray Dietz was the Washington State representative to the Independence Day Parade in Washington D.C. on July 4, 1987, and received the “Salute to Liberty” award and ranked third in the nation overall. 7/4/1987

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Shana Irby with Princesses Lisa Hires and Lori Learn. 9/11-12-13/1987

"-The White Pass Sports Hut II was opened across from "Slims" by Dave Bliss and Jerry Staley. Mark Ferguson opened Sam's Pizza Parlor next door to the

Sports Hut. 11/1/1897 Currently those two buildings house the Walkabout Creek Saloon and a closed Ticketyboo's Antique Shop

" - Developer Ron Long informed the council of his intent to build 5-20 homes on 5 1/2 acres adjacent to the LDS Church and NVHS. The property was annexed to the town but only one house was ever built. 11/9/87

“- NVHS Girls Soccer team earned their first trip to State by beating West Valley in District but lost to Rainier Beach at State. 11/1987

"- Cozzetto's Basket Fort Restaurant (former Creamland) opened their doors in the mid 200 block of Naches Avenue with authentic Italian Cuisine which included sea food, poultry, and red meat items. (#155)

“- Ord #360 for the intent of the Town to join the Yakima County Fire Protection District #3 by annexation. 12/14/1987

“- The "Arthur A. Rosenbush Day" was declared by Mayor Mary Tenney on 12/14/87. Rosenbush served 28 years on the Town Council and 4 as Mayor. Commemorating that day multi-talented Mayor Tenney wrote a poem below with a chronological listing of Rosenbush's accomplishments over those 28 years.

Twas on May 11th,1959, when Al was sworn in.
He promised to be good, love his city, avoid sin.
Bob Tenney was mayor and took his pledge.
Manring, Harlington, Herald, and Davis witnessed,
There was no way to hedge.

The Naches Council was launched to a
glittering height.
The dog ordinance was tabled that very night,
And passed in 1960 with care.
In hopes that the dogs would soon beware.
Amended in '63 and discussed every year,
I'm afraid it is clear.
The dogs in Naches have nothing to fear.

Al sprang to the challenge—now don't you titter.
In 1961 he chaired the committee on litter.
Crime was a problem, it would meet its doom,

He changed the jail cell into a restroom.
Abolished forever the court in Naches,
Some of the locals are so hard to please.

Then what to his wondering eyes should appear?
But the sheriff's department and a proposal so dear.
For only our money, they'd take away fear,
Enforce all our laws.... well, maybe next year.

Then Al became Mayor in 1968.
Naches was ecstatic, everything would be great.
Pursuing the minutes, what wonders we see.
An engineer on the scene and for a small fee
He'd fix the streets and sewers, add a reservoir, plus,
He'd plan a new treatment plant so we could all flush.
It wasn't all roses, there were problems galore.
Sludge pumps and flow meters and so much more.
Five years of meetings, would it never be thru?
Al hung in there bravely, they might have to sue.
But finally, it was over, an attorney had helped.
The plant was working but the town had been scalped.

So on through the minutes we find Al's name.
On annexations, on paving's, on dogs, still the same.
On budgets, on finance, on contracts, and gee
He nominated another Tenney for Mayor we see.
St. Helen's a-blowing was surely not in his plan.
The clean-up was awful, took more than spic'n'span.
Beautification was started, the band stand restored,
City Hall was remodeled, there were grants, thank the lord!

You've sacrificed much in serving us all,
Evenings with Bonnie and Monday football.
We appreciate every long hour you've given,
Naches is so proud of you.... Thanks a million!
So, we'll hear you exclaim, ere you drive out of sight.
"Twenty-eight years are enough, and to all a goodnight."

Published in the Yakima Herald-Republic EXTRA on 12/22/1987.

1988 - Two derelict houses at 222 Naches Ave were demolished. (Natchez Hotel today) 1/11/88

“- Public records indicated that the town has one (1) share of Wapatox water and wants/needs more shares. 2/8/88.

“- The NVHS Girls team coached by Bunny Anderson placed 5th at the State “A” Basketball Tournament. Team players were Kris Gilmore, Jenny Sanislo, Jill Sanislo, Shana Irby, Lisa Hires, Becky Hatten, Jenifer Cadden, Stephanie Dixon, Brenda Phillips, Dawn Dobie, Karen Stillwaugh, and Tawnya Andrade. 3/88

“- The town plans to dispose of their sewer sludge on Department of Game land near the elk feeding station on Highway #12. 4/11/88

“- Snokist Growers petition to abandon the alley through Block 6 from 3rd Street to Railroad Avenue to build a CA warehouse. (#141) 4/11/1988

“- Dick Cooper was elected Lions Club President. (Naches Cop/ Boise Cascade employee)5/1988

“- NVHS Kris Gilmore was 1st at State in the 100-meter dash with a 12.2 time, and the girls team placed 2nd at State 5/1988

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Lonna Anderson with Princesses Jessica Mussett and Karen Stillwaugh. 9/9-10-11/1988

“- Sportsman’s Days Grand Marshal was former Mayor Al Rosenbush. 9/10/1988

“- The current 2023 NVSD Superintendent Rob Bowman participating on the NVHS Cross Country team had the best 3-mile time of 17.08 11/1988

“- NVHS Girls Volleyball qualified for the State “A” Tournament. It was the first time since volleyball was started in 1973 that NVHS had qualified. 11/1988

1989 - The Department of Ecology approved the town’s project proposal to design and construct sewer system improvements totaling \$125,000. 2/13/1989

“- The NVHS Wrestling Team coached by George Pickard qualified Darin Foster at 135 lbs. for the State “A” Tournament. 2/1989

“- NVHS Girls Basketball Team coached by Bunny Anderson placed 5th again at the State “A” Basketball Tournament. Team members were Dawn Dobie,

Tawnya Andrade, Jenifer Cadden, Stephanie Dixon, Karen Stillwaugh, Brenda Phillips, Chris Henderson, Nicole Sanislo, and Lana Jones. 3/1989

“- Well # 2 was lowered 50' due to an inadequate amount of water. 3/18/89

“- Frank Wilson was elected Lions Club President. (NVSD employee) 5/1989

“- Faye Wilson was the 1st President of the Women's Naches Sunshine Lions Club.

“- NVHS Girls Softball coached by Loy Reeves qualified for the State “A” Tournament. It was the first time the softball team had qualified since the 1983-84 season. 5/1989

“- The NVHS Girls Tennis team qualified Susie Moore, Nichole Sanislo and Wendy Marlow for State competition. 5/1989

“- The NVHS Track team qualified fourteen athletes to State. They were Charles Cost, Greg Swart, Travis Watkins, Kelly Mattson, Kjell Mattson, Rick Maib, Stephanie Dixon, Carrie Wullner, Sara Kindelspire, Dawn Dobie, Erika Maib, Staci Barr, Craig Tyler, and Scott Reinmuth. Stephanie placed 3rd at State in the triple jump with a leap of 35' ½” and 3rd in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.8. 5/1989

“- NVHS Baseball coached by Del Cruzen finished in the top 8 at the State “A” Baseball Playoffs. Scott Thomas led the team in hitting with a .466 average and stole 26 bases. Lance Buck, Chad Christopherson, Jeff Jefferson, and Scott Thomas were selected to the 1st Team All-Valley “A” team. 5/1989

“- A new club was formed at NVHS known as the “High Five” Club. 9/1989

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Jenny Ellis with Princesses Heather Hursh and Shannon Brantingham. 9/8-9-10/1989

“- NVHS Cross Country experienced the largest turnout in its history. This was also the first year for Girls Cross Country. 9/1989

“- NVHS Volleyball team coached by Toni Croshaw qualified for State at Riverview. Team players were Shae Eve, Wendi Marlow, Susie Moore, Carla

Champoux, Tricia Thomas, Jennifer Crothers, Angie Walton, Kem Patteson, Tara Young, Holli O'Hare, and Tanya Dunn. 11/1989

1990 -1999 - The Transportation Board (TIB) notified the town that it had been funded the street improvement for Canal Avenue at a cost of \$280,000. 1/8/1990

“- Resolution #130 – To apply to the State of Washington for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Housing Rehabilitation and Weatherization designed to benefit low- and moderate-income residents. 1/22/1990

“- Robert Burow was terminated as the treatment plant operator on 1/11/1990. Donald “Buzz” Gosnell was hired to replace Burow on 2/2/1990.

“- NVHS Wrestling Team coached by George Pickard qualified Randy Anderson to State. 2/1990

“- The 1989-90 NVHS Boys Basketball team coached by Rich Rouleau qualified for the State "A" Boys Basketball Tournament in Tacoma. Unfortunately, the team lost to both Ilwaco and Nooksack Valley thus eliminating them from earning one of the 8 State trophies. 2/28-3/3/1990. The team had a season record of 16 wins and 10 losses and was led by 6'7" Rich Llewellyn who compiled over the course of his high school career 722 rebounds while scoring 1158 points. Other team members were Eric Zook, Rob Bowman, Brian Monoian, Kjell Mattson, Tyler Pelkey, Chris Holt, Jeff Jefferson, Jason Horton, Chad Burns, Stacy Young, Mike Birge, and Brian Johnson. The cheerleaders were Darla Thomas, Lorie Jefferson, Jenny Ellis, Dione Harris, Lisa Jimenez, Kelli Blaine, Danielle Christen, and Amy Thiessen. Those cheerleaders were awarded the highest GPA for all “A” schools cheer squads with a 3.7 GPA. 3/1990

“- Ord. #377 - Council members' pay was increased from \$10 to \$20 per meeting. 3/12/90

“- The Town Council was presented with reconfiguration plans for the construction of Canal Ave from Hwy#12 to 2nd St. by Huibregtse/Louman Engineers. 4/9/90 Various community members plus the Nazarene Church opposed the plan to abandon Canal Street. Discussion ensued but the original plan was approved, and construction was started and completed, thanks in part to the Nazarenes for deeding 110 square feet of their land to the Town for the project.

4/15/1991 In July 1991 Canal Avenue was changed to Naches Avenue from Railroad Street to the Highway #12 intersection. 7/1991

“- NVHS Girls Tennis athletes Heather O’Hare and Nicole Sanislo were State Champs. 5/1990

“- NVHS Track Team coached by Jim McKay, Todd Peyser and Kathy Rouleau qualified 21 to State. 5/1990

“- Jim Smith was elected Lions Club President. (Owner of Slim’s Grocery/Fire Chief) 5/1990

“- Marty Close was elected President of the Naches Sunshine Lions Club.

“- In May the town received a housing rehabilitation grant coordinated by the Yakima Valley Conference of Government (YVCOG). Approximately 30 low- and moderate-income owner-occupied homes were remodeled and made more habitable resulting in much better living conditions for those residents. 5/14/1990

“- Washington Human Development purchased the former "Old Hitching Post" Restaurant at 600 2nd St for agricultural schooling. Schooling would be available to all unemployed people and funded by grants and farmers. (That complex of buildings had formerly been the Naches State Bank, Winter’s Apparel shop, and a portion of Moore Brothers Hardware store) 5/14/90

In 1990 Naches was able to secure another street grant. Bill Huibregtse of the Huibregtse/Loman Engineering firm submitted plans for a new configuration of Canal Street from Highway #12 to the intersection of 2nd Street and Naches Avenue. Various community members plus Nazarene Church members opposed the plan to abandon Canal Street. Discussion ensued but the original plan submitted by HLA was approved by council with construction getting started and the project being completed. In July 1991 Canal Avenue was changed to Naches Avenue from Railroad Street to the Highway #12 intersection.

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Carriann McNamara with Princesses Amanda Anderson and Kelly Blaine. 9/7-8-9/1990

“- NVHS Band got new uniforms and placed 1st at the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Parade. 10/1990

“- Resolution # 137 - A Town policy prohibiting the use of force by law enforcement agencies or personnel against individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations. 10/8/1990

“- NVHS Freshman Josh Mattson qualified for State in Cross Country. 10/1990

“- NVHS Girls Volleyball qualified for State placing 4th. It was the first time NVHS earned a state trophy in volleyball.

“- The NVHS FFA with advisor Kailan Dunn attended the State Fair in Yakima. They placed 2nd out of 72 schools in livestock judging and 3rd at the West Valley Fair. At YVCC they received four 1st places and two 2nd place trophies: 1st place in crops, horses and livestock judging team and the farm shop team. 2nd place in dairy judging team and the volleyball team. Four students won State Farmer awards. They were John Feusner, Ryan Ringer, Brian Merrill, and Steve Young.

"- The Council passed Resolution #138 related to the Washinton State mandated Growth Management Act of 1990 for comprehensive land use planning and development of a Regional Growth Management Strategy. Naches along with the entire State had to comply with the Washington State Legislative mandate regarding this legislation. 11/13/90

"- Clerk/Treasurer Betty Cochrane retired and Janelle Riddle was hired to replace her. 12/10/90

"- The Town purchased its very first computer plus the necessary software from Application Products Software Inc. 12/10/90.

1991- As our community entered the 1990's the Naches Valley School District Board of Directors submitted a bond to the voters asking them to approve a new Naches Valley Middle School on Shafer Avenue. Voters approved the building bond and demolition was started on what had been Naches High School (#93) from 1938-1978 (Naches **Valley** High School since 1944 when Naches and Lower Naches School Districts merged). Upon completion of the current high school in 1979, (# 150) the former high school building was converted into the Naches Valley Middle School (#151) which encompassed the entire district. Prior to that time there were 1-8 grade schools in both Naches and Lower Naches. While computer technology advances were occurring throughout the world, the old

building was deemed inadequate for a variety of reasons to meet current student needs. As stated, the building was demolished with the former high school gym and foyer areas being left intact. Construction followed with students entering the new Naches Valley Middle School in the Fall of 1992 to enjoy their new high-tech learning opportunities. (#213)

“- The NVHS Band performing at the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Parade received the 1st place award on 10/1991.

“-NVHS Wrestling Coach Spurr was able to qualify 6 wrestlers to State. Cody Freeze (101), Tim DeVoe (108), Jeff Dunbar (135 placed 3rd), Randy Anderson (141 placed 2nd), John Dobie (148), and Clark Moore (168 placed 7th).

“- Roger Peterson was elected Lions Club President. (Owner of Pallet & Bin) 5/1991

“- Diane Baumgarten was elected President of the Naches Sunshine Lions Club

“- Town Engineers informed the Council the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades would allow for an additional 75 residences. 5/13/91

"- The Town joined with Yakima County and YVCOG for a Public Benefit Transportation Service which would include Yakima, Gleeed, Naches, Tieton & Cowiche. 6/10/91

“- Developer Ron Long told Council he planned to purchase the former Penney Farm property on the west side of Naches and wanted to be annexed to the town. His plan was to build storage units and an apartment house complex. 6/10/91

“- The NVHS Track team saw Sarah Shanks place 5th at State in the javelin and John Dobie took 6th in the pole vault. 5/1991

“- In NVHS Girls Softball players Tawnia Myron and Chris Henderson earned 1st Team All-Valley honors. Their coach was Mary Rennie. 5/1991

"- The NVHS Baseball Team coached by Del Cruzen and labeled the “Cardiac Kids” won the 1990-91 State "A" Baseball Championship by defeating Rochester 5-4. Their season won-loss record was 21-4. Players on the team were Travis Jacobs, Steve Young, Brian Johnson, Dave Shoults, Blake Cruzen, Mike Nell,

Kyle Monoian, Steve Knight, and Steve Brownlow who got the key hit resulting in the victory over Rochester. 6/91

“- Ord # 385 designated Naches Avenue to be from Highway #12 to Railroad Avenue to 2nd Street. WSDOT’s proposal of a 4 lane Highway was met with opposition by Highway #12 business owners. 7/8/1991

“- Sportsman’s Days Grand Marshals were Doug and Ann MacNeil. 9/14/1991

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Mary Allan with Princesses Danielle Christen and Melissa Drowns. 9/13-14-15/1991

“- In October 1991 the population was listed at 605 residents. A new count was taken in April of 1992 showing there were 689 people living within the town limits. The recount was important because with 84 more residents the town would receive a greater amount of tax reimbursement from the State of Washington.

“- NVHS girls volleyball team placed 4th at State “A” Tournament. 11/1991

1992 - The town had no vehicular access to the water reservoir. 1/13/92

" - The town has several inoperable fire hydrants. They needed to be replaced ASAP. 1/13/92

“- Sun Country Cable transferred their Naches cable franchise to Classic Cable Holdings. 1/13/1992

" - The town withdrew from PTBA re: transportation service. 3/9/92

"- The Council declares NVHS, NVIS, and Applewood Park to be Drug Free Zones. 4/13/92

“- Alex Sousie placed 2nd at State in the javelin with a toss of 181’ 07”. 5/1992

“- Kerry Gavin and Kjell Mattson qualified for State in Tennis. 5/1992

“- NVHS Baseball coached by Del Cruzen qualified for State and placed 3rd. Their two-year record was 42 wins and 8 losses.

“- Bob Pringle was elected Lions Club President. (Orchardist for Allan Bros.) 5/92

“- TJ Green was elected President of the Women’s Sunshine Lion Club.

“- Nick Eddy replaced John Jones as NVSD Superintendent. 7/1992

“- Fire commissioners deny Town to annex to Fire District 3. Kurt Layman of the Yakima County Assessor’s office stated that annexation would be a detriment to both the town and the fire district. 7/13/1992

" - Clerk/Treasurer Janelle Riddle asked Council for compensation beyond 5 hours/day and 25 hours/week. She also made a request for the town to hire a Utility Clerk/Receptionist for 3 hours/day to start. 8/10/1992 The council agreed, and Pam Reno was eventually hired resulting in the town purchasing a 2nd computer. 3/8/1993

“- The Town designated Saturday October 3, 1992, as Vietnam Veteran’s Day.

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Jackie Hannen with Princesses Siri Preston, Amber Dixon, and Kristine Olson. 9/11,12,13/1992

“- Grand Marshals for Sportsman’s Days were Dr. Howard & wife Rita Bowman 9/12/1992.

"- The Council agreed to buy the City of Moxee’s street sweeper for \$3,000. 10/12/92

" - The town signed a garbage contract with Yakima Waste Systems. 11/9/92

“- NVHS Football team clinched League titles and # 1 berth to playoffs.

" - Entering the ‘90’s, Naches along with the entire State had to comply with the Washington State Legislative mandate regarding Growth Management. Due to the mandated requirements and time involved Mary Tenney decided to resign as mayor. Mary had served the town as mayor for 14 years, which was more years than any of the other previous 19 mayors or those who followed. 12/31/92

1993 -Following the resignation of Mayor Mary Tenney, Doug Mac Neil was appointed Mayor to begin on 1/1/93.

"- Land developer Ron Long's attempt to annex Penney Farm property was denied by Council. Concerns were treatment plant and domestic water capacity and the need to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. 1/11/93

"- The Town entered into a contract with Lon Wyrick, chairman of YVCOG, to comply with the State mandated Growth Management requirements with costs to the town not to exceed \$5,885.78. 1/11/93

“- In January local businessman Al Farnsworth submitted plans to the council to build a 5-unit hotel/motel fronting Naches Avenue on the east side of block #200. Those plans culminated in the construction of an attractive and much needed addition to our community and eliminated a run-down residential eyesore.

“- As previously stated, in 1975 the town had contracted with the Yakima County Sheriff's office to provide police protection. A variety of trial-and-error policies had been attempted over that period. In February 1993 Sheriff Maury Rice was appointed the permanent part-time duty officer for Naches. That policy worked well until Sheriff Rice retired. 2/8/93

“- The Council agreed to renumber the town's streets and houses, so they were in compliance with State requirements. 3/8/93

" -The town contracted with Timke Machine Shop to construct a safety catwalk around the treatment plant clarifier. 3/8/93

"- The town must comply with WA State mandated garbage separation. 4/12/93

“- Bob Tenney elected Lions Club President. (Tenney Insurance/Mayor) 5/1993

“- Pat Shafer was elected for ½ year as President of the Sunshine Lions Club. Carol Asher served as President for the other ½ year.

"- The Town vacated the southern end of Sinclair Avenue to accommodate the newly built Naches Valley Middle School. 5/10/93

"- Former Mayor Mary Tenney received the 1993 Yakima YWCA "Woman of Achievement" award. A very well-deserved award for the many years of dedication and hard work Mary gave to our Naches community. 7/12/93

“- Area residents questioned the Penney Farm annexation and adjacent West Old Naches Highway Project from 3rd to 4th Streets.

"- Ord. #403 stated that permits were required for outdoor burning within town limits and establishing penalties for individuals not in compliance.

“-Town purchased a truck with a snowplow from WSDOT for \$10,500. 7/12/93

" - WSDOT says the speed limit will be 40 mph from east to west town limits on Hwy #12. 7/12/93

“- Ord. # 404 stated that riding bicycles, roller skates and skateboards, etc. in the downtown business district was prohibited. 7/12/93

“- Council discussed the possible creation of a combined Naches/Tieton Police Department which never materialized 7/12/93.

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Angie Thomas with Princesses Tammy Lloyd and Starla Dunn. 9/10-11-12/1993

“- Sportsman’s Days Grand Marshals were John, Walt, and Alex Allan. 9/11/1993

1994 - The Council adopted the Naches Planning Commission By-Laws and Rules of Procedure. 4/11/94

" - For years our town hall in the 300 block of Naches Avenue was inadequate to meet the needs of our community. In March 1994 our town council approved the negotiation process to purchase the former Naches State Bank plus the adjacent hardware store/restaurant property at 29 East 2nd Street. Final negotiations in 1995 resulted in a purchase price of \$41,500. The old burned-out buildings were removed but the bank vault was able to be retained. A mobile office building from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation was purchased for \$17,500 and placed on site with the total cost being under \$60,000. Town employee Del Mears and Council member Wayne Hawver designed, supervised, and built, along with volunteers, the attractive façade of the building. The interior was also reconfigured. By 1998 the building was occupied by staff, which provided a much-improved environment to meet the governmental needs of our community. (#162)

“- John Strong was elected Lions Club President. (Restaurant owner/Computers) 5/1994

“- Jan Smith was elected as President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- NVHS Josh Mattson placed 1st at State in the mile and 4th in the ½ mile, Jenna Hall 4th in the ½ mile, Misty Forgey 6th in the triple jump and in the 4x4 relay Mandy Rouleau, Heidi Ogg, Angie Thomas, and Misty Forgey placed 3rd. 5/1994

“- Josh Mattson and Heidi Ogg were named the recipients of the Don Matthes Memorial Inspirational Award. 5/1994

"-The Council allowed town employee Pam Reno, clerk/receptionist to proceed with grant writing activities. 6/13/94

“- Pharmacist/owner Don Jonas retired from the Naches Pharmacy. 6/16/94

“- PP&L donated a backhoe to the town that needed the torque converter repaired which cost \$3,000. 7/11/94.

"- After research regarding who owned Orchard Ave., it appeared to be owned by the Washington Central Railroad. 8/8/94

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Wendy Wickersham with Princesses Katy Toney and Sarah Sommerville. 9/9-10-11/1994

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Doyle and Cleora Wetmore. 9/10/1994

“- As the population throughout the Naches area continued to increase, it became more and more evident a traffic signal light at the intersection of Hwy#12 & Naches Avenue/South Naches Road was needed. On 9/19/94 WSDOT gave the approval to fund the installation resulting in better traffic flow plus a significant decrease in traffic accidents.

“- South Naches Road properties were brought into the Growth Management Boundary area by the Yakima County Commissioners.

"- The Council allowed for the annexation process to proceed for "Cherry Blossom Estates" located by the LDS Church and NVHS. 10/10/94

“- West Old Naches Highway project completed with final cost to Town being \$1,500 after grant coverage funds from ISTEA-STP & TIB. 11/14/94

“- In December 1994 the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments (YVCOG) notified the town a second housing rehabilitation program was being made available. However, this program differed from the previous one because it not only included owner occupied residences but also included later (8/12/96) tenant (renter) occupied as well. A survey by YVCOG staff stated 169 out of 194 single family homes in Naches needed some sort of rehab service 11/14/94. Twenty-three homes qualified and were included in the project again, making living conditions very much improved for those Naches residents. 12/12/1994.

“- Ord. #422 - Council adopted the Yakima County Dog Control Code. 11/14/94

“- The sewer line in McDowell Addition going through the Finney Orchard to the treatment plant needed to be replaced at a cost of \$8,000 - \$10,000. 11/14/94 Completed 1/9/95.

“- Town Superintendent Russ DeFields told Council there was a need for a grease trap ordinance to prevent the clogging of the sewer system resulting in problems at the treatment plant. 12/12/1994

1995- Ord#425 - Council approved the annexation of Penney Farms ("Vetsch et al") and zoned R-2 which would become effective on 2/1/1995.

" - Naches joined with 7 other Upper Valley communities regarding the Well Head Protection Program as mandated by Washington State but unfunded. 2/13/95

“- Donald “Buzz” Gosnell quits as the sewer treatment plant operator. 2/13/1995

“- Council agreed to allow Roy Herald's Drifter Restaurant annexation on West Highway #12 to proceed. (#147) 2/13/95

“- Council agreed to have a work session meeting one week prior to the regular council meeting. 4/10/95

“- Council makes the motion requiring items to be placed on the agenda must be submitted no later than noon on the Friday preceding the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting. 5/8/1995

- “- Nick Eddy was elected Lions Club President (NVSD Superintendent)5/95.
- “- Peggy Voorhies was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.
- “- Al Farnsworth submitted plans to the Planning Commission regarding an awning over the sidewalk on the Cornerstone Restaurant and Appliance & Home Repair buildings. 6/12/1995
- “- Mayor Mac Neil inquired of architect Gary Bickley if the former Naches State Bank building was able to be remodeled. (#51) Bickley’s recommendation was to tear the building down and replace it. 6/12/1995
- “- Layman Lumber donated a major structural beam for the Band Stand reconstruction project 8/14/95.
- “- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Becky Witcher with Princesses Cheyenne Warner and Marcee Dellinger. 9/8-9-10/1995
- “- Grand Marshal for Sportsman’s Days was Jean Penney Harris. Jean was the home economics teacher at NVHS and the granddaughter/daughter of Naches pioneers A.E. and A.J. Penney respectively.
- “- A business name change from Cozetto's Basket Fort to Country Rock Café was requested and granted by the Council. 9/12/1995
- “- A business license application for T & T Recycling was submitted to Council. There was no provision for this type of business in the Naches Zoning ordinances. 10/9/1995
- “- Grease in sewer system from area restaurants was continuing to cause problems at the treatment plant. An Ordinance was needed. 10/9/1995
- " – Town of Naches Clerk/Treasurer Janelle Riddle was terminated. 11/8/95
- “- The following NVHS Volleyball players won Valley “A” League honors. Wendy Olson – 1st team, Tammie Birge – 2nd team and Heather Ogg – Honorable Mention. 11/1995
- “- NVHS Cross Country runner Nick Clark qualified for State placing 43rd out of 146 runners. He also set a new league record with a time of 15:25. 11/1995.

“- NVHS Football players John Allen Hires, Kevin and Matt Fuller were 1st Team All-League. 2nd team All-League honors went to Luke Miller, Josh Mullinex, and Adam Rowe. Honorable Mention players were Bryant Bullamore, Dusty Armstrong, Eric Turley, Nick Creach, Marcus Roberts, and Adam Rowe. 11/1995

1996 – Two Naches residents Steve Chase and Delta Pierson plus two non-residents Ron Long and Janelle Riddle filed an unsuccessful recall petition against both the Mayor and Council. The recall charge dealt with violating the State Open Meeting Laws. 1/8/1996 In May, 1996, Yakima County Superior Court Judge Heather Van Nuys dismissed the case. The proponents appealed that decision and finally on 1/16/1997 the Washington State Supreme Court upheld the lower court ruling saying the proponents had no factual basis for the charge.

“- Julie Lawther was hired as Clerk/Treasurer replacing Janelle Riddle. 1/8/96

“- NVHS Wrestlers won District for the first time in 26 years. Nate Foster was the Academic All-State wrestler at 158 lbs. Kevin Fuller received Honorable Mention honors at State at 190 lbs. 2/1996

“- NVHS Girls Basketball player Tammie Birge scored 1281 points and garnered 787 rebounds during her high school career. 3/1996

“- Town Utility Clerk/Receptionist/Grant writer Pam Reno resigned her position. 4/8/96

“- Jim Dwinell was elected Lions Club President. (Dwinell Insurance) 5/1996

“- TJ Green was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- NVHS Double Tennis players Teresa Gregorich and Amanda Sheeley placed 3rd at State. 5/1996

“- NVHS Boys Soccer player Mike Turnbloom received 2nd Team All-League honors. 5/1996

“- NVHS Track team members Dusty Armstrong, Nick Creach, Wendy Olson, and Matt Mayer qualified for State. 5/1996

“- NVHS Track Coach Jim McKay ended 31 years of outstanding coaching from 1964 to 1996. 5/1996

“- The NVHS Baseball team returned to State and ended the season with a 20 win/5 loss record and placed 3rd at State. Pitcher Jason Yates was selected to play in the Class A-B All-State baseball game.

" - Bob Powers constructed B&J Mini Storage units at 10160 West Old Naches Highway. The area had previously been the Standard Oil Drop Plant operated originally by Harry Hayes and later Walt Wilson. Discussion between the Council and Mr. Powers at times became contentious regarding construction and property lines, but in the end, permission was granted, and that business continues to operate today. 6/24/96

“- The Town's Wapatox Canal irrigation inlet was reduced from 10" to 6" with a possible reduction of water pressure. 7/8/96

" - The Housing Re-Hab program was expanded to also include tenant occupied residences. 8/12/1996

“- Ord. #439 required all food businesses to install grease traps. Violators would be fined \$100 per day if the business refused to comply. 8/12/96

"- Council discussed with developer Ron Long his proposed development of Cherry Blossom Estates adjacent to NVHS and LDS Church. Items discussed included connection to the town sewer system, street construction & maintenance, and access into the development. 8/26/96

“- Council approved the Farnsworth/Roberts hotel/motel office building complex in the 200 block on the east side of Naches Ave. 9/9/96.

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Janette Vowell with Princesses Mandy Pierce and Cari Wickersham. 9/13-14-15/1996

“- Ord #442 was regarding a gambling tax to become effective 1/1/97. A gambling tax has been on the Washington State RCWs since 1975 but the town had never adopted it until now. 10/12/1996

1997- The Town purchased a 1983 Blazer mobile office structure from Pettey's Mobil Home and RV Sales in Grandview for \$17,500. Originally from the Hanford Reservation the structure was erected for the new Town Hall at 600 2nd St. (#162) 5/12/97. Asbestos found in the former bank/restaurant building had to be removed prior to setting the mobile office at the location, but the former bank vault was able to be retained. Unfortunately, the original beautiful glass door showing the interior gears was apparently stolen and a "plain Jane" vault door had to be purchased. Land plus the mobile office totaled \$59,000.

"- NVHS Brad Freeze (148), Matter Fuller (unlimited heavy weight) and Chad Atkins (?) qualified for State wrestling. 2/1997

"- The Thompson Family Farm was featured in the April,1997 issue of Sunset Magazine. (#175)

"- Postal authorities became aware our current post office on the NE corner of Naches Avenue and 3rd Street was inadequate to meet the needs of our ever-expanding postal area. Mayor MacNeil toured them within the community suggesting several different sites. See the results in the 1999 segment.

"- John Miles was elected Lions Club President. (NVHS Librarian) 5/1997

"- Faye Wilson was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

"- NVHS Brad Freeze placed 2nd at State in the 400-meter dash. Matt Myer, Wendy Olson, and Crystal also qualified for State. Boys placed 7th, the Girls 10th. Coaches were Todd Peyser, Mike Batali, Wayne Sprouse and Sandy Jetton. 5/1997

" - Naches Wells Fargo Bank was now the Home Security Bank. (#143) 6/9/97

" - The railroad line from Yakima to Naches that was started in 1906 was shut down by Burlington Northern RR.

"- Twenty-three Naches homes were rehabilitated through the Community Development Block Grant program. CDBG. 8/11/97

“- Once again Roy Herald put pen to paper and wrote in the Upper Valley Press a poem about Naches and how it has evolved.

NACHES

The small town stirred ‘neath the summer sun,

Another day had begun.

Somewhere a screen door slammed,

Out front kids passed, eating bread and jam.

Naches was platted in 1906.

Northern Pacific drove the sticks into the ground.

They said they needed a place

To turn the train around.

There had been a few settlers here

Since before we became a State.

But the coming of the railroad opened the gate.

Naches was on the grow.

Just ask anyone, they’ll tell you so.

The Scotch came with their sheep and cattle.

And with Mother Nature they did do battle.

The Valley floors cover hay and grain,

Lots of sunshine and just enough rain.

With the coming of the railroad the Valley prospered

And the merchants began to arrive.

To fill the local needs, they did strive.

Painters Creamery, Sedges Flour Mill, Leroy Jones

Hardware, White River Lumber.

Soon there were too many businesses to number.

Lewis Smith Mercantile, everything you'd ever need,

The livery stable with hay and feed.

The smithy toiled in the heat of the forge.

And anything made of iron and steel he disgorged.

There were several saloons to shake your thirst.

And showers and baths at the barber shop,

But you'd better get there first!

Every Naches resident was a civic booster.

And when it came time to eat

Where else but Mrs. Wooster's?

The automobile was beginning to appear,

So, Rudy and George Huettner opened the

The Chevrolet garage. Their motive was clear.

Speed Myrick opened a service station.

And the automobile owners greeted this with much elation.

Russell Thompson Movie Theatre, the Noble Hotel,

Kept travelers in style.

And up on the hill above the town,

A new brick high school appeared,

And that made everyone smile.

We now had our own bank

thanks to local folks.

Walter Ward ran the depot and took care of the freight,

And Bumping Dam and Rimrock began to take shape.

We started a telephone company run by Mrs. Starkey.

And this fine lady stood for no malarkey.

Judge Otto was the notary.

The butcher shop was owned by Ed Lee,

And everything was in order, the way it ought to be.

Irrigation is coming,

And hay and cattle were making room

For orchards and apples

Which many local families would grapple

Pacific Power and the Selah Ditch

Brought water which would make this Valley rich.

Orchards were everywhere and with April showers,

In the springtime became beautiful bowers.

MacIver's Red and White Store,

The General Service Ford Garage,
The Grange Hall and the Woodsman Lodge.

Doc Atwood cured the ills and Jim Cowan sold the pills.

The Commercial Club and volunteers built the bandstand

In the center of town.

It not only provided music,

But was the meeting place for everyone around.

Many of the menfolk worked in the woods

and the mills.

The logs were hauled down out of the hills.

Falling and hauling and lots of hard work.

From these hardy tasks these hardy men did not shirk.

It's a way of life that we'll never see again.

Let's tip our hats to these hardy men.

Naches was booming and busy,

So many things going on.

It would make anyone dizzy.

In 1933 U.S. 410 came by.

And it opened vistas, clear to the sky.

New roads and first cars,

And, people said with a sigh,

At this point forward small-town America

And its way of life began to die.

Naches will never disappear,

There are too many fine people and memories here.

The many folks who have built this town and passed away.

Seem to be with us every day.

And the wise will say, "God and Ol' Mr. Cleman's

Watch over us each day".

"- A variance to change Section 8 of the zoning ordinance to allow a manufactured home at 116 Moxee Avenue was made by the Council. 8/11/1999

" - Council moved to relocate the Town Hall to 600 2nd St ASAP. 8/11/1997

"- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals was former Naches Councilwoman/Mayor Mary Tenney and Clerk-Treasurer Betty Cochran 9/13/1997.

"- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Johanna Wade with Princesses Linda Rummel and Lori Finney. 9/12-13-14/1997

" -As written earlier in the 1957 segment the Naches Junior Women's Club erected street signs and a numbering system for in-town businesses and residents. That numbering system started at the eastern town limits and increased moving to the western town limits. Forty years later in 1997 the council made the dividing line from east to west Naches Avenue and Highway #12 north to south. Obviously, the town's street numbering system had been out of compliance with WA State recommendations, thus the change. (#129) 10/13/97

" - Ord#454 - Changed the gambling tax of punchboards/pull tabs to 10% of net receipts from 5% of gross.10/13/97

1998 - RJ's Tire and Auto Center opened for business on South Naches Road. (#170) 1/12/98

"- NVHS wrestling coach Rick Lawson watched wrestler Chad Atkins place 5th at State and Jose Veliz 8th. 2/1998

" -Town employees petitioned to join the Teamsters Union. 3/9/98

" - In 1997-98 the NVHS Boys Basketball Team coached by Ron Deaton qualified for the State "2A" Basketball Tournament in Tacoma. Team members were Damon St Martin, Chad Tillett, Luke Mc Ilroy, Scott Robert, Brian Thompson, Jace Dwinell, Brooks Kohl, Zack Mazz0ncini, Greg Dawson, Joe Geffert, Aaron Hurting, Jason Meloy, and manager Duke Snyder. It was the first and only time Naches had played at the '2A' level. They did not trophy and the team finished the season with 13 wins and 12 losses. 3/98

"- During that same season the NVHS Basketball Cheer Squad received the State award for achieving a 3.81 GPA which was the highest GPA for "2A" schools in Washington State. Squad members were Laura Novobielski, Sarah Sjule, Amy Mc Farlane, Tracy Keniston, Jennilynn Eakman, Tracy Lloyd, and Teah Huls. 3/98 During 1998-99 the Basketball Cheer Squad once again had the highest GPA for "2A" schools achieving a 3.753 GPA. Squad members were Teah Huls, Tracy Lloyd, Sarah Sjule, Laura Novobielski, Mandi Foster, Amber Bentz, Tracy Keniston and Jessica Lounsbury. 3/99

"- NVHS Choir received a 1+ rating at Sunnyside High School.

"- NVHS swimmer Rob Messer placed 5th at State in the 100-yard breaststroke and 13th in the 200-yard individual medley.

" -The Town contracted with the Book Publishing Co. to codify the Town Ordinances. 4/13/98

" - Keith Chronister was appointed Mayor following Doug Mac Neil's resignation on 4/27/98. 5/1/98.

"- Rod Vorrhies was elected Lions Club President. (Orchardist) 5/1998

"- Karol Asher was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

"- NVHS Britta Dale at State placed 3rd in the javelin, Mike Jones 5th in the pole vault, and Joe Blomberg 10th in the discus. 5/1998

" - St John Catholic Church added classrooms and a meeting hall to their building in the 200 block of Moxee Avenue. (#163) 5/1/98 The church negotiated

with the town to pave and use the parking lot at the rear of the new town hall.
9/14/98

" - Council approved an agreement between the Town and Fire Dist.# 3. 9/14/98

"- NVHS Boys Cross Country team coached by Rick Maib were the Class "A" Academic Champs with a 3.6 GPA.

" – Local Yakima County resident John Thompson proposed to the Council a "Norman Rockwell" theme for the town. 6/8/98

" - To follow State guidelines plus public safety, the town's residences and businesses were renumbered to comply. 6/8/98

" - This was the first year for NVHS girls fast pitch softball.

" - Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Jessica Dellinger with Princesses Christina Eakins and Cheryl Kemple. 9/11-12-13/1998

" - The Town received a Public Works Trust Fund loan for \$535,000 to upgrade the treatment plant. 9/14/98

" - A fence was put around the Town's water reservoir, plus a filter was added to the air vent. The interior of the reservoir was cleaned and scoured also. 8/14/98

" - Layman Mill celebrated its 40th anniversary of being in Naches. (#127 & #128)

" - The Art Deco Building was moved from Highway #12 to Naches Avenue (#165) 10/12/98.

" - The new Town Hall at 600 2nd St. was opened for business on 10/27/1998. The library moved into the former Town Hall building in 300 block of Naches Avenue. (#82)

"- As one enters our Naches Post Office, they observe a bench with a plaque that dedicates the bench to Bobby Arnold. The question is then, "Who's Bobby Arnold"? Bobby was the son of Carol Steindorff Arnold and the grandson of Curley and Murtle Steindorff living just west of Applewood Park. He was a resident of Naches for all his 55 years having died of a heart attack in November

1998. As Margaret St. Martin wrote in the Upper Valley Press on 11/25/1998, “Bobby’s life was simple and just the way he wanted it to be. You never hurt anyone and spoke to whoever would speak to you first. You were a fixture in Naches, and people would stare, and we who knew you would only say, ‘That’s just Bob’”. On really cold winter nights Bobby would seek refuge in the warmth of the post office, thus the bench commemorating the man. He was a unique individual who preferred to wear skirts and would push his wheelbarrow to the store to carry his purchases back home. Bobby read a lot and was knowledgeable on a variety of topics. He wasn’t averse to writing letters expressing his thoughts and ideas particularly to our town leaders. In addition to the post office bench there is also memorial plaque at Applewood Park honoring Bobby and his Naches legacy. 11/25/1998

“- Doug Mac Neil was awarded the 1998 Outstanding Service Award by the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments. (YVCOG) 12/9/199

1999 - U.S. Postal authorities selected part of the former Horticultural Union/Blue Ribbon Growers/Snokist warehouse complex in which to build the current post office at 210 West 3rd Street. (#164) This was the 6th different location for a post office within the town.

"- Mayor Keith Chronister hired John Elsdon to be the Naches Town Administrator. 1/11/99

" - There was great concern regarding the upcoming year 2000. Pacific Power took the lead to be Y2K compliant. 2/8/99

“- NVHS Wrestling coaches Cody Freeze and Curtis Smith watched Chad Atkins win the State “A” wrestling championship at 190 lbs. and John Williams placed 8th at 215 lbs. 2/1999

"- The former Boot and Spur Club members decided to donate their property, which included a clubhouse and acreage south of Hwy#12 to the newly formed Upper Valley Sports Association. Once papers were signed the area became known as the Cleman's View Sports Complex. Reconstruction, upgrades, and land leveling was started with the future Naches Town Administrator Jeff Ranger being the “guiding light” as the transformation unfolded. 5/10/99 Later Allan Bros

donated their property which was west of the club house. Baseball fields, dugouts, pathways, concession stand/lavatories were built, tennis courts, paved parking, irrigation, a deck around the clubhouse, soccer fields, and a stage have all been a part of this ongoing endeavor. (# 172,173,174) And.... It's not done yet.

“- Jim Gillie was elected Lions Club President. (NVHS Special Ed teacher)
5/1999

“- Jan Smith was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

" - The town ordinance codification was completed. 5/10/99

“-The NVHS cheer squad was the State “2A” academic champs with a 3.753 GPA. Jayann Cruzen was the advisor and members were Teah Huls, Tracy Lloyd, Sarah Sjule, Laura Novobielski, Mandi Foster, Amber Bentz, Tracy Kenniston and Jessica Lounsbury.

“- Resolution #216 which recommended rezoning land within the Naches Urban Growth Area. 6/14/1999

" - A Town Mission Statement was adopted as stated. "The mission of the Town of Naches is to serve residents in a courteous and professional manner, and to provide essential public services effectively and efficiently to ensure the health and safety of our citizens". Town values were, "Accountability, Integrity, Responsive Customer Service, Reliability, Honesty". 6/14/99

“- A new gas station/mini market was constructed by then owner Mike Abhold on the former Shell Service Station property on the NW corner of Hwy #12 and Naches Avenue. (#83) The former office for the service station, which is recognizable by its art deco design and tall spire, was very carefully moved to its current location. The Art Deco building (#165) surrounded by a railroad car (#166), water trough (#167), information plaque (#168), vintage orchard sprayer (#169) plus the Band Stand (Gazebo) (#157) north of it, and the restored 1906 Depot (#186, #212) presents a very significant historical entrance for visitors and local folks alike as they exit north from Highway #12 on to Naches Avenue.

“- Kevin Roy was appointed the Naches Town attorney. 7/12/99

" - Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Gracie Garcia and Princesses Shannel McGowan and Jennifer Garton. 9/10-11-12/1999

" - Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Paul Kauzlarich and Marty Close who have been very active in their respective Naches Lions Clubs. It was the 50th anniversary of the parade/Sportsman's Days. 9/11/1999

" - An open house for the Cleman's View Park and Sport's Complex was held on Wednesday, 12/15/

The 2000's

2000 - 2009 - As we entered the year 2000 there was universal fear our computer world and way of life would crash. Fortunately, those fears were ill founded, and our lives continued without any real glitches.

“- Town residents questioned Mayor Keith Chronister and Town Administrator John Elsdon over policies and procedures. 3/13/2000

Our town of Naches saw significant changes starting in the year 2000. Mayor Keith Chronister resigned due to serious health problems on 4/30/2000 and Charles Ross was appointed to fill the mayor position on 5/8/2000. Town Administrator John Elsdon resigned on 3/12/2001. Mayor Ross then hired Jeff Ranger as Town Administrator on 8/14/2001. With that hire positive changes within our town started to occur and have continued to the present day.

“- The newly relocated Art Deco building was vandalized. A reward up to \$2,150 was offered for information and arrest of the vandals. 2/14/2000

" - Ord. #526 was regarding annexing and zoning the West Naches property. 4/10/2000

“- NVHS was honored by being named a Blue Ribbon School.

“- Paul Kauzlarich was elected Lions Club President. (Orchardist) 5/2000

“- Peggy Voorhies was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

" - Resolution #243 authorized a sidewalk from Naches Avenue Extension to Hwy#12. 5/8/2000

" - Resolution #251 authorized the mayor to sign an agreement with Water Tech to develop a cross connection inventory program. 7/10/2000

" - Clerk/Treasurer Julie Lawther resigned on 8/14/2000. Linda Mead replaced Lawther. 8/16/2000

" - Five citizens were appointed to the Naches Advisory Committee. 7/10/2000

" - McDowell Addition residents inquired again about getting irrigation water. 8/14/2000

“- Sportsman’s Days Grand Marshals were NVSD Superintendent Nick and wife Susie Eddy on 9/9/2000.

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty were Queen Tina Putas with Princesses Miranda Zirkle and Becca Tatum. 9/8,9,10/2000

" - Resolution #259 authorized the mayor to sign an engineering agreement with Gray and Osborne to study problems at Well #2. 9/11/2000

" - Lions Club provided hot dogs at the Band Stand for the Halloween Trick or Treaters. 10/31/2000

“- NVHS Swimmer Kyle Hinze qualified for State.

“- NVHS Cross Country Team coached by Rick Maib placed 3rd at State. Team members were Jacob Groves, Benjamin Groves, Brett Carter, Phil Grahlfs, Chris O’Brine, Peter Gavin, Isaac Love, Bryce Robberts, Cory Baird, and Matt Sutton. 11/2000

“- Naches Avenue sidewalk extension project from 2nd Street to Highway #12 was completed. 11/13/2000

“- NVHS Soccer girls soccer team coached by Harvey Robicheau earned a trip to State for the first time in 12 years. During the season they recorded 15 shutouts. At State they defeated South Whidbey 2-0 but lost to East Valley 1-0 to place 2nd. Team members were Danielle Bernhardt, Beth Drollinger, Ashley Flory, Sandra Laidler, Erika McPhee, Tricia Buck, Kalaina Huls, Abby Drollinger, Jessica Meloy, Yesenia Chacon, Leah Rouleau, Yvonne Avalos, Lacey Holman, Brenna Christen, and Kellee Keniston. 11/24-25/-2000

2001 - Sophomore Joe Rozenkranz was the lone member of the NVHS Wrestling team to make it to State being coached by Cody Freeze and B. Rogers. 3/2001

“- NVHS Girls Track Team had 8 girls that made it to State with Nicole Phipps, Beth Drollinger, Catlen Lewis and Jessica Lounsbury placing 3rd in the 4x400 relay. The Boys Team saw Brett Carter placing 5th at State in the mile and Matt Mazzoncini placed 8th in the high jump. 5/2001

“- NVHS Golfer Winston Eken qualified for State. 5/2001

“- Ted Cowan was elected Lions Club President. (Orchardist/Wilbur-Ellis Fieldman/Trail Wagons delivery man/Naches Fire Chief) 5/2001

“- TJ Green was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- Originally drilled in 1952, the casing for Well #2 had collapsed, perhaps by an earthquake, and our water was coming from the wrong underground aquifer. The Department of Ecology required the town to drill a 3rd domestic water well. The town applied for and received \$628,000 from the CDBG program to replace Well # 2 with Well #3 north of it. 5/14/2001 thru 9/10/2001

" - The population of the town was 703 residents as of 5/14/2001.

" - Richard Doehle replaced Nick Eddy as the NVSD Superintendent. 7/2001

" - Ted Schmelzer requested the Council to make a road change at West Old Naches Highway and Simmons Road. 8/13/2001

“- Mayor Charles Ross hires Jeff Ranger to be the Naches Town administrator. 8/14/2001

" - Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Lavinia Lenhart with Princesses Rosalea Froehlich and Michelle Vance. 9/7-8-9/2001

“- Sportsman’s Days Grand Marshals were Margaret and Don St Martin who have been extremely active in community activities. 9/8/2001

" - NVHS Girls Soccer Team coached by Harvey Robicheau won the State "A" Championship by defeating Meridian 1-0. 10/2001

“- NVHS Cross Country team coached by Rick Maib placed 2nd at State.

“- NVHS Apple Bowl team coached by John Miles placed 2nd. It was the first time in 15 years NVHS made it to the final round.

2002 - Aurora Construction was selected to be the contractor to loop the town's water mains thus eliminating dead ends that could cause contamination. 3/11/2002

“- Randy Juette relocated his business from the building at the SE corner of South Naches Road and Highway #12 to his new modern R.J. Tire Factory complex at 10160 South Naches Road thus offering the community a wide variety of automotive services. (#170)

" - The Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project was awarded to Stellar J. Corp. for \$1,217,678.06. to meet Federal mandated requirements. (#111)
4/08/2002 The project was completed by 5/12/03. Due to the upgrades but more importantly the knowledge and expertise of town employees Mike Davis and Paul Stanton resulted in the plant being given the “Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Award” for 2004, 05, 06, 07,10, and 11 by the Washington State Department of Ecology. 4/8/2002

" - Naches Postmaster Larry Decker informed the council curbside mail delivery would be allowed in alleys and along any grass strips. 4/8/2002

“- Jim Wetch was elected Lions Club President. (Armored Car Service/Trucking Company for R&R beverage) 5/2002. Upon his death Paul Kauzlarich (Orchardist) was appointed to the position on 1/21/2003

“- Rachel Toney was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

" - The U.S. Department of Agriculture decided to build a new and larger Naches Ranger Station complex west of Naches Avenue at 10237 Highway #12. (#171) This land parcel had previously been owned by Jim Templeton and later by Penney/Harris Farms.

" - The original swimming pool built in the early 1960's at Applewood Park was having problems. It was removed and a grant for a new pool with a wading area was obtained while retaining the former shower and equipment rooms, snack booth and office space. The new pool has provided swimming for all ages as well as our youth participating in the Naches Barracuda Swim Team. Local masonry “guru”

Don St Martin spent many hours doing rock work adjacent to the pool thus enhancing the beauty of the new facility. (#178)

" - Schneider Equipment Inc. awarded the bid to drill Well #3 amounting to \$207,764.84. 6/10/2002

" - An IAC grant for the Naches Depot and Trail Project for \$200,000 was accepted by the Council. 6/10/2002

" - Ord. #574 restricted parking on Naches Ave. between 2nd and 3rd Streets from 2:30 a.m. to 6:15a.m. Monday through Friday. 6/10/2002

"- The Naches Planning Commission held an open record Public Hearing regarding the Naches Meadows Subdivision. 8/12/2002

“- The Town Council approved the Naches Meadows Long Plat. 9/9/2002

" - The Council praised Jeff Ranger for the job he'd been doing for the citizens of Naches. 9/9/2002

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Bre Hickman with Princess Jenny Razy. 9/13-14-15/2002

" - Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Gene & Velda Welch. Both have been very active in the Lions Club, NVSD and community activities. 9/14/2002.

" - Well # 3 was drilled by Schneider Equipment Inc. to a depth of 982' and 500 gallons per minute. 10/14/2002

" - Ord. #578 approved a recreational vehicle park (Many's Chinook Center) at 10450 U.S. Hwy #12. 10/14/2002

“- NVHS Girls Soccer team coached by Harvey Robicheau qualified for the third year in a row for State but lost to Sultan 1-0 for 2nd place. 10/2002

“- NVHS Cross Country Boys team coached by Rick Maib and Coach Spate won the league, district, and the Class “A” State Championship. Nicole Phipps and Caitlin O’Dever-Lewis both ran individually in the State Tournament. 10/2002

“- NVHS Wrestlers coached by Pedro Solis and Brett Rogers sent 3 to State: Joe Rosenkranz, Brandon Wagner, and Kyle Prescott. 11/2002

" - Pacific Corp sold their holdings to the Bureau of Reclamation that included the Wapatox Canal, 4-mile Powerhouse, and 2 Homes. The Town, NVSD, Naches Park and Recreation, and Yakima Fire District #3 met to discuss the proposed sale ***and*** the benefits to each entity. Proceeds from the sale of the 2 houses will go 1/4 to the Naches Fire Dept. and the balance being pooled by the other three entities to construct a tennis court at Cleman's View Park as a community project. 12/9/2002

2003 - The Town and Yakima County collaborate on the South Naches Road Project plus the illumination project on Hwy#12 from South Naches Road to the west town limits. 1/13/2003

" - Gregory Lighty is the new Naches Town Attorney as of 1/13/2003.

“- The NVHS Band under the leadership of Jeremy Friesz are now garbed in new matching blue and black “tin soldier” outfits that replaced the Hawaiian shirts and khakis. 1/2003

Starting in 2003 a new housing development was started off West Old Naches Highway by KNIK development LLC. In keeping with our fruit industry, the streets within the complex were named Cherry Lane, Apple Loop, and Pear Court. An increase in vehicular traffic due to the housing development and the J & J Wood Products Plant resulted in expanding West Old Naches Highway to 3 lanes to the western town limits.

" - Pacific Corp donated to the Town approximately 4 acres of ditch bank property, lawn care equipment and \$18,000 to reimburse the Town for 1 year of lawn maintenance and installation of underground sprinklers. 1/13/2003

" - Council approved the expenditure of \$437.20 to the Naches Lions Club for the purchase of United States Flags. 3/10/2003

" - Senske was hired to prune the trees along the spillway ditch bank. 3/10/2003

“- Well #3 was completed as of 3/10/2003.

“- The NVHS Choir under the direction of Joan Ullom received a standing ovation at the Capitol Theater following their performance of the Songfest Medley, entitled “The Beat Goes On”. 3/2003

"- The Council authorized Administrator Jeff Ranger to apply for the "Wood in Transportation" grant through the Forest Service for a pedestrian bridge over the spillway ditch near the Art Deco building on Naches Ave. 4/10/2003.

“- Don Kilpatrick was elected as the Lions Club President. (Mayor/Rowe Farms/Proprietor of Union Oil Service Station) 5/2003

“- Rachel Toney was reelected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- NVHS Track coached by Rick Maib, Anne Spaete, and Brad Worby qualified the boys 4x4 relay team to State where they placed 1st. The girls 4x4 team placed 2nd. 5/2003

“- The public works staff painted the exterior of town hall. 6/9/2003

" - Ord#591 - Reduced the speed limit on Hwy#12 from 40mph to 35mph between east and west town limits. 6/13/2003

" - Land developer Ted Schmelzer told the Council the importance of the Growth Management Act and their need to understand Urban Growth Area Boundaries. 9/8/2003

“- Sportsman’s Days Royalty was Queen Jen Brown with Princess Amie Griffie 9/12,13,14/2003.

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshall was Regina Baumgarten. Regina was a beautician and “blew the whistle” on Janet Anderson when she failed to show for her hair appointment because she fell down her stairs seriously hurting herself. 9/13/2003.

“- NVHS Girls Soccer under Coach Harvey Robicheau qualified for State but lost to Connell 1-3 to end their season. 11/2003

“- NVHS Cross Country coached by Rick Maib and? Shellenberger placed 6th at State. State finishers were Chris Sutton, Isaac Love, Josh Thomas, Brandon Flory, Philip Davenport, Alex Krienke, Daniel Walker, and Andy Breymeyer. 11/03

2004 - The Council approved the submittal of the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) loan application for \$60,000 to update the Town's Water Comprehensive Plan. 1/12/2004

- “- NVHS wrestler Todd Ferguson placed 3rd at State. 2/2004
- “- It was the first year for NVHS to compete in the Knowledge Bowl. Under the direction of advisor Harvey Robicheau, the team placed 13th at State.
- “- David Heath was elected Lions Club President. (CWU Computer guru)5/2004
- “- Donna White was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.
- “-Well #3 Equipment Project has been completed and cross connection software was installed by 3/08/2004. But well #3 shows a high iron content requiring it to be scrubbed and chlorinated by Liqui Vision. 5/10/2004
- “-The town purchased 10.5" of Wapatox irrigation water shares from Dale Tester for \$13,695.70. 5/12/04
- “- NVHS Baseball under Coach Bill Walker qualified for State, placing 4th 5/2004
- “- NVHS Swimmers Mark Garrigues and Kyle Hinze under the coaching of Ike Coach Rick Alderson qualified for State at Federal Way. 5/2004
- “- NVHS Golfer Winston Eken placed 7th at State. 5/2004
- “- The town annexed approximately 12.40 acres lying NE of Simmons Road and West Old Naches Hwy which is commonly known as the Huck property. 9/13/2004
- “- Rick Winters was hired as the NVSD Interim Superintendent replacing Richard Doehle. 7/2004.
- “- Swimming was offered to NVHS student/athletes while piggybacking w/ Davis High School.
- " - Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Amanda Covert with Princesses Jayann Blanchard and Tori Hauber. 9/10-11-12/2004
- “- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshal was Ruth Mather. Ruth was the owner of Van's Tavern and active in community activities. 9/11/2004.

" - The Town voided Ord #578 regarding the R.V. Park at Many's Chinook Center due to there being no construction. 11/08/04

“- NVHS Girls Soccer Team coached by Harvey Robicheau won the State “A” Soccer Championship by beating Archbishop Murphy 3-1. 11/2004

" - The Town was awarded a TIB grant for the West Old Naches Hwy Project totaling \$398,956 on 12/13/2004.

2005 - The Council approved funding for the Naches Depot Trail Project in the amount of \$586,000. 2/14/05

" - The population of Naches totaled 755 residents as of 4/11/05.

“- Randy Juette was elected Lions Club President. (Owner of RJ’s Tire & Auto Center/President of Naches Chamber of Commerce) 5/2005. Juette resigned 9/2005 and Ken Kime was appointed president. Kime died on 10/18/2005 and Frank Wesselius was then appointed president. 11.2005

“- TJ Mattingly was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

" - The West Old Naches Highway Project resulted in the roadway being 36' in width with curbs and gutters both sides, sidewalk on the south side, streetlights, and a new intersection at the corner of Simmons Road and West Old Naches Hwy. 5/9/05 Superior Asphalt was awarded the bid on 6/20/2005. Completed 12/12/2005.

"- Duane Lyons replaced interim Rick Winters as the NVSD Superintendent. 7/2005

" - Naches hosted the "2005 Great Race", consisting of vintage vehicles traveling across the United States. The Town provided 60 parking spaces and local volunteers served 300 lunches to the participants. 7/08/2005

“- NVHS approved an Alternative School Program as of 8/8/05.

" - Town Administrator Jeff Ranger informed the Council of his intent to subdivide his property known as Naches Meadows II which is adjacent to the West Old Naches Highway. 8/8/05

“- The Naches Trail project awaited the anticipated signature of President George Bush. 8/8/2005

“- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Kiley Grimsley with Princesses Meagan Voorhiest and Karissa King. 9/9-10-11/2005

"- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Jim & Jan Smith who owned Slim's Market. Jim was also the Naches Fire Chief. 9/10/2005.

“-The Council heard a variety of citizen opinions regarding the 4th of July fireworks. 9/12/05

“- The Bureau of Reclamation installed water meters in the Wapatox Canal prior to the 2006 irrigation season. Users exceeding their allotment will be shut off. 9/12/05

“- The Council held a public hearing regarding the KNIK Development Subdivision - Meadows II. 10/10/05

“- NVHS swimmer Jillian Garrigues qualified for State in the 500-meter Freestyle. 11/2005

“- NVHS Soccer Coaches Drollinger and Gengler rallied their young team to State where they defeated Othello 4-1 in the first round of State playoffs. 11/2005

2006 - NVHS Wrestling Coaches Pedro Solis and Brett Rogers were able to get B.J. Bernard and Armani Emmal qualified for State. 2/2006

“- NVHS Girls Basketball Coach Cris Willmarth led his team to State for the first time in the “2A” classification. 3/2006

“- Forbes Mercy of Washington Broadband discussed with Council about bringing high speed internet to Naches. 4/10/06

“- Frank Wesselius was elected Lions Club President. (Insurance Salesman) 5/2006

“- Marty Close was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

"- U.S. Highway #12 was expanded to 3 lanes from the east to the west town limits. South Naches Road was expanded to 3 lanes from Highway #12 to the Naches River Bridge causing less traffic congestion and better left turn access.

" - Brad Christianson bought the former Jim Templeton/Victoria Boyd property on the south side of West Highway #12 and west of Naches Avenue with plans to build and open Oak Creek Ace Hardware by mid-March 2007. 5/08/2006

“- Plans to restore the 1906 railroad depot plus building an adjacent restroom/storage building facility were relayed to the Council on 6/12/2006. (#188) To view before and after pictures go to # Construction to begin in September 2006.

“- Tonya Gomez was hired as Clerk/Treasurer on 6/12/2006 replacing Linda Mead.

“- Layman Lumber Co. made the request to be included to the Town's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) on 6/12/2006.

"- Allan Bros. decided to give back to the Town the original easement of Penney Avenue between 2nd and 3rd streets. 8/14/06

"- Sportsman's Days Royalty was Queen Logan Smith and Princesses Brittany Kuehn and Jacqueline Delquadri. 9/8-9-10/2006

" - Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Kailan & Sue Dunn. Both were Naches Valley school teachers. Kailan as Ag teacher and Sue teacher and librarian. 9/9/2006.

" - Two new homes were built on Orchard Ave. 11/13/06.

" - Resolutions 2006-9 annexed the Haun property on Kel-Lowery Road and Resolution 2006-10 annexed 127.6 acres on both sides of East Highway #12 to Allan Road that included the Cleman's View Park complex. 11/13/06

“- The Naches Park and Recreation District Levy failed. 11/13/06

"- Eric Wolfe was appointed Mayor on 12/31/2006 after previous Mayor Charles Ross was elected to the Washington State Legislature representing District #14.

2007 - NVHS swimmer Jillian Garrigues placed 4th in the State “2A” Meet in the 100-yard backstroke and 5th in the 500-yard backstroke.

“- NVHS Football team coached by Ty Kime qualified for the playoffs with a record of 7 wins and 4 losses. 11/2007

“- When the “Sagebrush Annie” train quit coming to Naches, the Lions Club signed a lease agreement in 12/2004 to take possession of the train depot. (#140) Their plan was to store Sportsman’s Days equipment/supplies along with a variety of medical devices for loan to residents. The Lions Club signed off on their depot lease agreement on 3/12/2007. The Town issued the Club a check for \$5,000 to help them relocate their storage facility and the opportunity for the town to now seek funding to restore the depot.

“- The Town developed a web site. 4/8/2007

"- Ribbon cutting for the new Oak Creek Ace Hardware Grand Opening was celebrated on 4/20/2007. (#184 & #185) From 3 hardware stores in the 1950’s to zero meant the citizens of the area were ready to embrace this new venture made possible by owners Brad and son Jason Christianson.

“- NVHS wrestling coaches Pedro Solis and Jesse Hastings qualified 4 wrestlers for State: Ryan Gifford; Bryan Jones who placed 7th; Armani Emmal; and Jacob Stiles who won the 285 lb. State Championship. 2/2007

" – The Lions Club signed off on their depot lease. The Town issued checks to the Lions totaling \$10,000 to help them relocate their storage facility. 4/9/07

Since it was formed in 1949 the Naches Lions Club and later the Sunshine Lions Club have played an integral part as a service club in our Naches community. Much of the project funding has been made possible due to the proceeds generated by the sale of Sportsman’s Days buttons and the event itself. The following are some of the contributions/projects over the past 60-70 years.

Sponsored 4-H groups; athletic teams, boxing clubs, students for boys and girls State; cabin at Prime Time; coin toss booths; exchange students; DARE projects; youth programs and teams; student safety programs; swimming pool and park funding, and library donations.

They have also held blood drawings; cancer prevention programs; sent cards and flowers to those sick in our community; donated to CARE projects; collected cell phones for the battered women center and women shelter donations; made donations for band and choir trips and helped purchase 3 different sets of band uniforms, clothing drives; crime watch events; parade floats; Easter egg hunts; eyeglasses; hearing aid and Golden Ear programs; drug awareness programs; food baskets; March of Dimes; and money donations to many groups, organizations and individuals.

During the Christmas season the Lions have done community tree decorations, been involved in a variety of Christmas events, street decorations, gave to needy families and schools, distributed senior citizen gift bags, and invited seniors to dinners and lunch.

In addition, the Lions have been involved with shopping trips, gardens, signs, sympathy card program, yard sales and cleanup projects. They also helped develop 3 different parks in the community; built athletic fields; donated land and buildings; gave support and equipment to the fire department; flood and fire victims; rebuilt foot bridges; twice funded football field lights and bleachers; Halloween hot dog give away; K-9 Project funding; supplied paint and labor for area buildings and various projects; swim team sponsorship; park benches and tables; picnic shelters; playground equipment and car washes.

It seems there is no end to what the Lions have contributed to our Naches community, so here's some more. Emergency communication towers; fireworks; medical surgery funding; loaning of medical equipment and supplies; Red Cross projects; Salvation Army projects; dental assistance; stuffed toys for the WA State Patrol; White Cane Days; support of the Rifle Club; Special Olympics funding and events; Sheriff Department support and funding; sight and hearing projects and funding; special equipment for the blind; Spinoza Bear projects; swimming pool starting and timing devices; swimming pool bleachers; tennis courts construction and funding; town beautification projects; vandalism prevention rewards programs; PTSA funding and support; sponsorship of quilt shows; recycling projects, restroom construction; royalty and pageants, kids shopping projects; Lions Club International; aluminum can collection and putting up flags in Naches on public holidays. An absolute amazing array of projects and contributions.

“- Ken Stevens was elected Lions Club President. (Maintenance man at Memorial Hospital) 5/2007

“- Jan Smith was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- A conditional use permit was issued to Apple Valley Orchards and Allan Bros. for 4 26' x 48' H2A manufactured homes for guest workers housing. 5/14/2007

“- A community fireworks show was held at Cleman's View Park on 7/4/2007.

" - The Naches Depot and Trail Project bid was rejected as being too high. 5/21/2007. The bid was resubmitted, approved, and the contract was awarded to Stephan's and Sons of Yakima. 9/10/2007

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Tom & Pat Jacobson. Both were active in the Lions Club and Tom was the NVSD bus mechanic and former employee of Layman's Mill. 9/8/2007.

"- After serving for 20 years as Councilwoman Janet Anderson resigned from that position. 12/10/07

" - The Depot project received additional funding from WSDOT. The money was used for the pedestrian bridge, hardware, and added parking. 12/10/07

“- Local 14th District State Legislator Charles Ross sponsored a State funded project that would allow for a pedestrian path, lighting, drinking fountain and benches from the Depot to Allan Road and eventually to the Yakima Greenway as a part of the Naches Depot and Trail Phase II "Pathway". 12/10/07

2008 - Residents and visitors alike coming off U.S. Hwy #12 onto Naches Avenue observe the restored Train Depot, (#186) the Art Deco Building, (#165) the Historic Band Stand, (#157) landscaping along the PP&L spillway ditch, and the Greenway Walking Trail (#187) creating a very inviting entrance into our Naches community.

When the “Sagebrush Annie” train quit coming to town the Naches Lions Club received permission to take possession of the train depot. The building would be used to store Sportsman's Days equipment/supplies along with a variety of medical equipment for loan to residents. Negotiation between the Club and Town resulted

in finding a new location for the above items and the opportunity for the town to seek funding to restore the depot. In June 2009 many citizens and a host of political dignitaries headed up by Mayor Eric Wolfe gathered at the depot to dedicate the Greenway Path from Naches to Allan Road and inspect and admire the newly restored building.

“- Audience participation time at Council meetings will be limited to 3 minutes starting as of 3/10/08.

" - Yakima Waste Systems reported to Council they have new and better garbage and yard waste containers which will help alleviate dogs ransacking garbage cans. In addition, it will result in keeping our town cleaner and hopefully eliminate illegal dumping of yard waste and other refuse. 3/10/08

" - The Town installed radio read water meters. The installation has allowed much more accurate and quicker reading. Consequently, town employees can devote more time to other tasks and duties. 3/10/08

“- NVHS baseball coach Bill Walker guided his team to a 4th place “1A” finish at State. 5/2008

“- Duane Lyons was elected Lions Club President. (NVSD Superintendent) 5/2008

“- Marty Close was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

" - Ord. #683 prohibited skateboarding at the Depot. 5/12/08

" - The Drift Inn Restaurant and Many's were shut down due to a septic system failure. The Yakima County Health District informed them they must hook to the Town's water/sewer system prior to reopening 8/11/08.

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshal was Jim Gillie. Jim was a special education teacher in the NVSD and very active in the Lions Club. 9/13/2008.

“- NVHS Football players Ethan Flory, Brandon Gillespie, and Jake Wilcox were nominated to play in the All-State football game.

" - Prior to graduating from high school, the State of Washington required the graduate to do a “Senior Project”. Two such projects have been a real asset to our

community. In October 2008 Adam Ranger's NVHS project was acquiring the funding and erecting directional signage throughout the Town. Council approved funding for the project on 9/13/2008. (#189) Not to be outdone Adam's sister Taylor in November 2009 presented her project to the Town Council, Lion's Club, the Naches Valley School District, and the Naches Chamber of Commerce by asking each entity to fund a community electronic reader board they all could use to advertise their various events. Approval for each to give \$500 was given and Taylor erected the board in the Art Deco building on Naches Avenue with the electronic controls being in the Naches Town Hall. (#190)

2009 - NVHS wrestling coach Pedro Solis had 6 wrestlers who qualified for State. They were Logan Roberts, Tyler Slick, Ashton Gottschalk, Michael Ramsey, Armani Emmal and Chelsea Robles. 2/2009

“- The Naches Park District purchased new playground equipment for \$25,000. The playground area was named "Janet Anderson Dream Park". 3/9/09

“- The NVHS Boys Basketball Team coached by Jon Eldridge qualified for the State "A" Basketball Tournament in the Yakima Sundome and won the 8th place trophy while compiling an 18-win 9-loss season. The players on the team were Adam Ranger Tommy Wilson, Ethan Flory, Chris Walker, Brandon Gillespie, Weston Parker, Austin Alexander, and Justin Weigel. 3/4-7/2009

“- NVHS Track athlete Jake Wilcox won the Class “A” State Championship in the discus. 5/2009

“- Tennis Coaches Teresa Fossum and Seth Basford qualified 5 for State. They were Mariah Elsner, Cameron Fisk, Tyler Slick, Zori Fossum and Larisa Fossum. Zori and Larisa won the State “A” championship in Girls Doubles. 5/2009

“- John McGowan was elected Lions Club President. (Manager of Elk Feeding Station) 5/2009

“- Gina McGowan was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- The NVHS Baseball Team coached by Bill Walker won the “1-A” State Championship compiling a 23-win 2 loss and 1 tie season. The opening game at “State” resulted in a 13-5 victory over Chimacum followed by defeating Kalama 8-6 for the championship. Players on the team were Adam Ranger, Joe Mills,

Brandon Gillespie, Tommy Wilcox, Ethan Flory, J.R. Weigel, Chris Walker, J.D. King, James Carrell, Aaron Putas, Cody Johns, Jordan Dreisbach, Carson Kass, T.J. Moser, Austin Molnar, and Jake Frazier. 6/2009

"- Resolution 2009-06 - Authorized the Mayor to accept the Naches Depot and Trail Phase II Project as completed. 7/13/09

" - Columbia Asphalt was the low bidder to resurface 2nd and 3rd Streets. 7/15/09

"- Town Administrator Ranger applied for a Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) grant for \$500,000 to extend water/sewer services to Allan Road. Council also granted Ranger permission to apply for an additional SIED loan for \$500,000 to finish the project. 8/10/09

“- Sportsman’s Days Grand Marshal was Charles Ross. Charles was a Naches Councilman, Mayor, 14th District State Legislator, and currently Yakima County Auditor 9/12/2009.

“- Prior to the start of school in September 2009 the Town and the Naches Valley School District obtained funding to erect 20 mph school zone flashing lights on Shafer Ave. These lights were a visual reminder for drivers and made students and staff much safer as they crossed between the middle and intermediate schools.

2010 -2019 - On March 14, 2006, Allan Bros purchased the former Snokist property west of Tieton Avenue between 2nd and 3rd which included the office complex and the CA warehouse. In March 2010 they donated Penney Avenue back to the Town. As stated previously, that section of road was abandoned by the Town in 1908 to house the Yakima County Horticultural Union fruit warehouse (later Blue Ribbon Growers and then Snokist). (#50) Today we see the consequence of that donation with a connection between 2nd and 3rd Streets via Penney Avenue with the street being paved along with curbs, gutters, lighting, and a sidewalk.

" - STP Funds were secured to resurface Naches Ave from 2nd to 3rd St. Water lines were replaced prior to the start of the project. 2/8/10

" - Council accepts the WSDOT agreement on the Alan Road Project. 4/12/10

“- John Miles was elected Lions Club President. (NVHS Librarian) 5/2010

“- Megan Alvarez was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

"- The Town resurfaced Naches Ave from 2nd to 3rd Street and from Naches Avenue and 3rd Street to Tieton Avenue. Water and/sewer lines plus a lift station were extended from Shafer Avenue to Allan Road. 6/14/10

" -Town signed an Interlocal Agreement with Yak Corps putting County, Cities/Towns, and Law Enforcement all on the same Spillman database. 7/12/10

“- Administrator Jeff Ranger informed the Council he wants the Town and the Naches Valley School District to join and apply for TIB Funds for badly needed road improvements leading up to NVHS on Naches Ave from 3rd Street to 5th Street. 7/12/10 The application with TIB was approved on 4/11/2011 with Granite Construction winning the bid. The project was started in mid-June and was completed on 11/10/2011. The street was repaved and widened, with guard rails parallel to the PP&L spillway ditch, new lighting, and storm drains making the road much safer while driving to NVHS. (#191)

“- Naches Lions were granted the right to place a bench on the Greenway Trail in honor of deceased Lion Dave Zimmerman. 8/13/10

“- Knik Development Managing Partner Ted Schmelzer requested the Council to allow KNIK Development, at their expense, to put arborvitae trees paralleling West Old Naches Highway adjacent to the Naches Meadows II housing project. (#179, #180 & #181) 8/13/10

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Dave, George & Larry Allan of Allan Bros Fruit. 9/11/2010.

“- NVHS Volleyball Coach Sharri Partlow's team placed 8th at State. It was the first time in 15 years the Volleyball team trophied. 11/2010

“- Funding to continue the Greenway from Allan Road to Locust Lane had received enough donations for that phase to be completed in 2010. In 2011 the

Greenway was extended from Locust Lane to Low Road (Kershaw Warehouse area).

2011 - Each year the Town is required to submit a budget for the ensuing year. In 2011 the budget contained the following: water valve replacement, water reservoir maintenance, preventing sewer infiltration, street sealing, and replacing the roof on the former Naches Town Hall, now the Naches Library. Each was completed.

“- Allan Road Utilities Extension Project has essentially been completed.
3/14/2011

“- Elvira Birrueta replaced Tonya Gomez as the Town’s Clerk/Treasurer
4/4/2011.

" - Rick Carney was appointed Mayor on 4/11/2011.

“- Ron Freeze was elected Lions Club President. (Building Contractor)5/2011

“- Candy Delagasse was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- Track Coaches John Blanchard and? Farris watched State Champion Kelsie Taylor set a “1-A” State record by throwing the javelin 146’10”. 5/2011

“- Starting in March 2010 discussions at the Town Council meetings were related to extending water and sewer lines east to Allan Road and parallel to Highway #12. Allan Road was widened along with lighting, curbs & gutters. Also, additional lanes were added on Hwy #12 regarding ingress and egress improving safety significantly. This area had been annexed to the Town in 2006. Funding came from WSDOT, Yakima County Development Association and State and Federal transportation sources with the project being completed in June 2011. A new office complex for Allan Bros on the annexed property was built in 2013.
(#194)

"- TIB application made by Town to reestablish Penney Ave from 3rd St to 2nd St. 8/8/11.

“- As previously mentioned prior to high school graduation seniors had to complete a community project. In 2011 NVHS students Kyle Stanley and Shane Tillett took on the task of dismantling two shelters located at Eschbach Park. The

shelters were donated and after being dismantled they were re-erected at Depot Park by the Lion's Club. (#192, #193) 8/8/11

“- NVHS Band was chosen to play at the WA State Music Education Association All-State Convention. It was the 1st time a single “A” school had been chosen.

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Gary & Mary Lukehart. They were owners of Trailwagons and involved in a variety of community activities. 9/10/2011.

2012 - Chamber President Randy Juette revealed to the Council his "Upper Valley Rally" idea to be held on 7/21/2012 to promote both tourism and Town plus being a money maker for the Chamber. 3/12/12

" - Naches has received over \$900,000 in STP/RTPO funding since 2009. 4/9/12

“- Cory Graves was elected Lions Club President. (Apple Tree Golf Course/Pallet & Bin)5/2012

“- Vera Backstrom was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- Another senior project was done in 2012 at the Applewood Park Swimming Pool area by Aaron Roberts. Aaron planted grass on the terraced hillside north of the pool for a more appealing and comfortable area for the public as they cheered on the Barracuda Swim Team members at their swim meets.

“- Ord. # 670 was the Town's attempt to join and annex into Fire District #3 but it failed for lack of a 2nd. 5/14/12

“- Ord. #672 - The Town granted a franchise to DBA "LS Networks", a light speed network, to construct, operate and maintain a telecommunication network within the Town. 5/14/12

“- Resolutions #2000 - 05,06 and 07 for the authorization of the 2nd St project, the Penney Ave project, and the funding of water and sewer improvements.6/11/12

" - Ord. #673 - A franchise granted to Northwest Open Access Networks for transmission, distribution, and telecommunication services within the Town. 6/11/12

“- The YMCA/Kiwanis Invitational Swim Meet was held at Applewood Park. 6/2012

“- West Old Naches Highway Utility Extension project was approved by the Council. 7/9/12

“- Town Council approved a sidewalk on the west side of Penney Avenue between 2nd and 3rd street and replace the water and sewer valves. 8/13/2012

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were local Fire Chiefs Jim Kohl (Gleed), Dan Mansfield (Naches) & Steve Smith (Nile) on 9/8/2012.

"- The Council plus residents discussed the Long Plat and Conditional Use Permit for KNIK Development regarding the allowance for duplexes to be built within Naches Meadows II. 10/8/12

“- NVHS Band under the direction of Jeremy Friesz brought home the top honors in AA competition at the Cavalcade of Bands, as well as in Yakima at the Harvest fest where the band taking all categories in the AA ranking. The last competition, the Puget Sound Festival of Bands in Everett, the band placed 3rd in the AAA division. In that event they took 12th place overall against the best bands in the Northwest.

“- NVHS Swimmers under the Coaches Kessler and Tollackson led Daniel and David Whitmore and Andrew Brewington to State. Daniel placed first and David was second in diving as well as placing in the breaststroke and backstroke. Andrew swam the 200 and 500 freestyle events.

“- NVHS Girls Soccer won 17 games while losing 2 and qualified for State.

“- NVHS Volleyball being led by Coach Sherri Partlow ended up with a 12 – 1 league record and made it to State for the 3rd year in a row 10/2012

“- The NVHS Wrestling Team coached by Pedro Solis qualified Gavin Brumley and Tyler McTee to State. 10/2012

2013 - Sara Watkins became the new Town Attorney. 1/1/2013

" -Yakima Greenway proposed a "Color Naches Fun Run" for 5/19/2013.
1/14/2013

" - The Council approved Resolution 2013-01 supporting the Yakima Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan. 2/11/13

“- NVHS Tennis players Navi Lehal and double players Hannah and Katie Richardson placed 4th at State under the coaching of Jeremy Friesz and Brian Herting. 4/2013

“- An outdoor stage arena was constructed at the west end of Depot Park. In addition, Eschbach Park donated two shelters that were erected at the Depot. The first shelter was restored and set up with the Town budget. The second shelter was restored and set up by the Naches Lions Club.

“- John Morrison was elected Lions Club President. (Layman Mill employee/Railroad employee) 5/2013

“- Rachel Toney was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club,

“- NVHS Baseball Coach Bill Walker led his team to a 23-win 2 loss record. At State they lost to Cashmere. 5/2013

“- NVHS Golf under Coach Ron Deaton placed 3 at State: Hunter Vance, Nathan Nulliner and Ben Ranger. 5/2013

“- The NVHS Track team under Coaches Blanchard, Callaghan and Bodeen qualified 6 to State. Jake Callaghan placed 1st in the shot and 8th in the discus. Delaney Romero was 4th in the 100 meters and 6th in the long jump. David Whitmore was 6th in the high hurdles and 9th in the 200 meters. Emalie Islas was 8th in the javelin, Shaddia Meadows was 9th in the high jump and Daniel Whitmore 10th in the 400 meters. 5/20/2013–

“- The 2nd Street Improvement Project was signed by Mayor Carney authorizing Granite construction to rebuild the road and upgrade the water lines from Naches Avenue to East Old Naches Highway. 6/10/2013

“- The Penney Avenue improvements were completed in June of 2013. The project included engineering and construction, from 3rd to 2nd streets with lighting, curbs, gutters, and sidewalk. Funding was obtained from WSDOT.

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Buzz & Robin Rowe, Marietta Clements, Adam & Morgan Rowe, all representing Rowe Farms on 9/2013.

“- The Council heard Allan Bros./Yakima Valley Orchards Conditional Use Application regarding the building of 4 more 26' by 48' H2A manufactured homes on 31 acres from April 1 to November 30th each year. This was in addition to the 4 that were permitted in 2007. The Council approved it on 10/14/13.

“- The NVHS Band under the direction of Jeremy Friesz (Fong) participated in the Cavalcade of Bands (10th out of 28), Color Guards (Best Auxiliary award), the Harvest Festival of Bands (4 out of 16), and the 1st Place trophy for the AAA Large division. At the Puget Sound Festival of Bands, they placed 9th of 32 bands. At the Columbia Basin Community College competition, they earned a Gold Rating, the Jazz Band a 3rd place and the Band was awarded the Best Overall Music Program for “A” schools.

“- Mayor Carney signed the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for the installation of Reservoir and Water Valve improvements. 10/14/2013

“- NVHS Girls Soccer under Coach Jason Timm were league champs and compiled a 17 – 1 record. They qualified for State and Advanced to the “Elite Eight”. 10/2013

“- Cross Country runner Justin Warner qualified for State. 10/2013

“- NVHS Swimmers with Coaches Heide and Jake qualified five for State. Daniel Whitmore, Aaron George, Andrew Brewington and David Whitmore placed 7th in the Medley Relay and 5th in the 400-freestyle relay. David Whitmore got 3rd in Diving and Aaron George 9th in the butterfly. 11/2013

“- Ord. #701 - A business license would be required for any person or company to conduct, operate, engage in, or practice any business within the Town. The initial fee was \$40, and the annual renewal fee would be \$25. 12/8/2013

2014 - Appointed and elected town officials were now able to receive mail electronically. 3/10/2014

‘- NVHS Wrestling Coach Pedro Solis was able to qualify Gavin Burmley (7), Tyler McTee, and Austin Simmons for State. 3/2014

“- NVHS Boys Basketball coached by Jon Eldridge (his last year) compiled an 18-7 season record. Cameron Walker joined the 1,000-point club and was named to the 1st team All-League along with Riley Martin. 3/2014

“- The bid for water valve improvements was awarded to Rem Com Inc. of Chehalis. 4/14/14

“- Jim Gillie was elected Lions Club President. (NVHS Special Ed teacher) 5/2014

“- Peggy Walker was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- NVHS Tennis Coaches Fossum, Herting and Friesz had six players qualify for State. In boys’ doubles were Neil Campbell and Jedi Main and Grace Carrell and Navi Lehal (8) in girls doubles. Katie Richie qualified in singles for State. 5/2014

“- NVHS Baseball under Coach Bill Walker were league, district, regional and State Champions compiling a 24 – 3 record beating Woodland 7-1 for the title. 5/2014

“- NVHS Golf team coached by Ron Deaton qualified Aunika Capps (13) and Nathan Nulliner (9) to State. 5/2014

“- NVHS Track with Coaches Blanchard, Callaghan, O’Brien and Graf qualified 3 to State. Shaddia Meadows was 5th in the high jump, David Whitmore was 2nd in the 110 hurdles and brother Daniel placed 6th in the 400-meter dash. 5/2014

“- A right-of-way acquisition for the Railroad Street Extension was paid by the town to Harlan and Maxine Douglass totaling \$717.17 for cost and legal fees on 4/14/2014. The Extension Project was awarded to Scout Lake Const. of Selah on 7/17/14. The extension was completed 2/9/2015.

“- Naches Valley voters approved a bond to construct a new K-4 Naches Valley Elementary School on Bonlow Drive. The energy efficient building is designed to house 600 students. 10/13/2014 (205)

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were retiring NVSD teachers Mary Rennie, Joan Ullom & Al Tinsley. The parade was in reverse from previous years, starting at the south end of Shafer Avenue. 9/13/2014

“- NVHS Football – The following players made the AP All-State team. Blake Lukehart at linebacker, Ryan Widner as punter and Jarek Barbee as kicker. 11/2014

“- NVHS Volleyball with Coach Sherri Partlow were 11-1 in league earning their 3rd consecutive league championship. Going to State they placed 9th out of 164 teams in the State. 11/2014

“- NVHS Girls Soccer with Coach Jason Timm were league and district champs with a 13-0 record. They advanced to the 2nd round at State. 11/2014

2015 - A Naches Teen Center was opened at the Fire Station on 1/10/2015.

“- A Depot Advisory Committee was appointed consisting of Gail Welch, Mary Rennie, and Ryan Pennington on 2/9/2015.

“- NVHS qualified 10 wrestlers to State. Those who didn't place were Tyler McTee, Derek Stanelle, Bailey Haller, Kramier Patrick, Jared and Josue Navaxco. Those placing were Eathan Coleman (7th), Austin Simmons (6th), Gavin Brumley (5th), and Chris Jones (4th). 2/2015

“- NVHS Swimmers under Coach Jake Kessler and Heidi Tollackson qualified 3 for State. Aaron George placed 3rd in the 100 backstroke and 8th in the 50 freestyle. Ella Van Troba placed 2nd in the 500 freestyle and 3rd in the 200. Ryan Farris failed to place. 3/2015

“- NVHS Boys Basketball team under Coach Brandon Gillespie earned a trip to State placing 8th. It was the first trip to State for the boys since 2012. The players were James Stillwaugh, Jace Simmons, Jarek Barbee, Jeb Callaghan, Jacob Forbes, Billy Emmal, Garrett Upton, Kameron Williams, AJ Olsen, Ryan Deaton, Sean Coyne, and Kellen Stoffer. 3/2015.

" - The Naches Band Stand was renovated with a new reroof awarded to Lacy Roofing, structural repairs done by our public works crew, new fencing by MG Vinyl Fencing and painting and staining by Bruner Painting Inc. of Yakima. 4/13/15.

“- NVHS Lady Ranger Tennis team under Coach Herting and Carrell captured their share of the SCAC Championship with a 13-1 record.

“- Jim Gillie was reelected Lion’s Club President. (NVHS Special Ed teacher) 5/2015

“- Shirley Thietje was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- NVHS Baseball under Coach Bill Walker won the league championship for the 9th consecutive year. This was Walker’s last year coaching. He coached for 19 years with a record of 333 – 111, 9 SCAC Titles, 8 Final Four appearances and State Champion in 2009 and 2014. 5/2015

“- NVHS Lady Ranger Fastpitch under Coaches Cox and Lucas qualified for State. It was the first time for State since the program started. 5/2015

“- NVHS Girls Tennis team coached by Ron Deaton saw Aunika Capps qualify for State placing 17th. 5/2015

“- NVHS Track with Coaches Blanchard, Grahlfs, Wilcox and O’Brine had 6 athletes qualify for State. They were Brooke Benner 2nd in high jump and 3rd in the triple jump, Shaddia Meadows 2nd in the high jump and 7th in the disc, Macy Martin, Alyssa Matthes, Brooke Benner and Shaddia Meadows in the 4x100 but didn’t place, Daniel Perez didn’t place in the 400, Nic Knutson in both the 100 and 300 hurdles but didn’t place, and Ryan Widner 3rd in the javelin. 5/2015

"- Two movie nights at the Depot were approved by the Council to be held on 6/25 & 8/20. 5/11/15

" - An RMSA grant for \$7,000 was received by the Town to buy security cameras at the Treatment Plant.5/11/15

" - A left turn lane was approved by WSDOT at Hwy #12 and Kel-Lowery Road leading onto Bonlow Drive and the Naches Valley Elementary School. 5/11/15

“- A Lions Club Representative reported to the Town Council that Sportsman’s Days would be held on September 11,12,13 with a parade, carnival, and a beer tent. 6/12/2015

" - The Naches Chamber of Commerce was dissolved as of 7/13/15.

“- The Sportsman’s Days Grand Marshals were those who have been active in the Naches Dollars for Scholars on 9/12/2015.

“- Rick Carney resigned as Mayor on 8/31/2015. Paul Williams was appointed to fill the unexpired term replacing Carney.

" - A TIB application was submitted to resurface Shafer Ave from Marvin St. to Hwy #12. 9/14/15

“- The Depot Advisory Board added Lou Bailey, Ginger Carlton, and Gayle Lloyd on 9/14/15.

“- Ord.# 705 established a 35-mph speed limit on Highway #12 between the east and west Town limits. 11/9/15

" – A Washington State Department of Ecology grant totaling \$200,000 allowed the Town to buy a Street Sweeper and Vacuum truck. 11/9/15.

2016 - Town Attorney Sara Watkins resigned the position to pursue other opportunities on 1/11/2016. Mike Shinn replaced Sara Watkins as Town Attorney on 2/8/16.

“- Street lights were retrofitted with LED lights with a \$25,000 grant from the State of Washington. The lights consume about 1/3 of the power as previously. 3/14/16.

“- After all the bills were paid regarding the construction of the Naches Valley Elementary K-4 school building on Bonlow Drive there was enough money left over (\$1.7 million) to construct the long awaited NVHS Football Stadium. The stadium included seating for 1,185 spectators, new restrooms, concession stand, ticket booth, 2nd story press box and storage facilities.

“- The Town Hall was renovated. 3/14/16

“- Ron Freeze was elected Lions Club President. (Building Contractor) 5/2016

“- TJ Mattingly was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

"- Ord. # 711 -The Town Council voted to prohibit the cultivation, production, processing or retail sale of recreational marijuana within the Town of Naches.
8/8/16

“- The Greenway Path constructed on the former railroad track was completed from 40th Avenue in Yakima to the Naches Depot area.

“- The Sportsman's Days Grand Marshal was Yakima County Sheriff Brian Winters on 9/10/2016.

“- The NVHS Football team coached by Ty Kime reached the State Playoffs for the first time since 1992. 11/2016

NVHS Girls Volleyball coached by Sherri Partlow ended their season with a 12-win -1 loss record winning league and district honors and qualifying for State.
11/2016

“- NVHS Cross Country sent two to State. Pierson Jones (115th) and Gracie Maine(88th). 11/2016

“- NVHS student Julian Dow placed 1st at the Poetry Out Loud Regional Competition and went on to compete at the National Poetry Out Loud meet.

“- NVHS Swimmers Aaron George and Ella Van Troba qualified for State. Aaron took 5th in the 100-yard freestyle and 6th in the 100 backstroke. Ella placed 4th in the 200 freestyle and 2nd in the 500 free style.

" - The "Night in Naches Christmas Celebration" was held at Depot Park on 12/7/2016.

2017 - Four NVHS Wrestlers qualified for State. They were Logan Patrick, Kaylee Moore (3rd), Hunter Gangle (5th), and Jared Navarro (7th). 2/2017

“- The Wastewater Treatment Plant Head Works Improvement project was awarded to General Industries of Spokane for \$350,605.94. 4/10/17

“- NVHS Track athletes Summer Welch and Jared Van Scoy qualified for State. Summer competed in the triple jump, pole vault and the long jump. Jared threw the shot and discus. 5/2017

“- NVHS Tennis players Caroline Herting and Mechelle Busey qualified for State in the singles. 5/2017

“- NVHS Golfers Raehyun Park and Piper Lucas qualified for State. 5/2017

“- Aaron Roberts was elected Lions Club President. (Yakima School District teacher) 5/2017

“- Pat Cossey was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- Ord. #721, #722, #723 & #724 annexed to the Town the NVSD Jt#3, Spinner Wood Products & Ronald and Carolyn Deaton, John and Lynn DeVore, Allan Bros Inc, and David and Renee Silvestri respectively. 7/6/2017

“- NVHS Cheerleaders Morgan Young and Lydia Cuyle made the All-American team while attending the NCA Cheer Camp.

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were members of the Naches Garden Club on 9/8/2017.

“- The chip seal of Moxee and Sinclair Avenues was completed by 9/11/2017.

“- D'Nile Tap House opened their doors on the west side of the 200 block of Naches Ave. The building originally housed the Cowan Pharmacy that was built in 1918 with a common wall adjacent to the Lewis Smith Store built in 1917.

“- A new business named Timber loom was opened in 2017 adjacent to Slim's. where a hardware store and pharmacy had been. (#199)

“- The Naches Lions Club erected a Flag Memorial plus the Blue Star By-Ways Memorial by Mt Cleman's Garden Club at the west end of Depot Park. (#197 & #198) 10/19/17

“- The NVHS Color Guard participated in the Harvest Band Competition earning “Best Auxiliary” and placed 4th overall with a score of 146.

" - The Town received grant money totaling \$125,000 to complete a 3-phase program of lighting the Naches Trail (Greenway) from Allan Road to the Naches Depot area. The project was completed by 10/9/17.

“- NVHS Cross Country team coached by Wagner and Johnson watched Dylan Roberts place 8th at State, Joelle Shields 89th, and Summer Welch 102nd. 10/2017

“- Five NVHS choir students were chosen to sing in the All-State Choir at the Music Educators Conference,

“- Allan Bros Inc. added 4 additional 2-story buildings to house their H2A workers. 11/13/17

“- The NVHS football team coached by Ty Kime was the first team to play in the new Ranger Stadium where they compiled a 5-1 League record thus qualifying them for State playoffs. Unfortunately, they lost to Okanogan in the opening round ending their season. 11/2017

“- NVHS Girls Volleyball team coached by Sherri Partlow were 1st in League, 1st in District and placed 7th at State. 11/2017

“- NVHS Girls Soccer player Brix Mendosa was an All-League selection. Brix scored 103 goals during her high school career. 11/2017

“- NVHS swimmer Ella VonTroba placed 1st at State in both the 200 and 500 freestyle events.

“- Town Council members were told "Christmas Night in Naches" was deemed a success. 12/11/17

“- Council was informed Marvin and Mc Dowel Streets will be seal coated in 2018. 12/17/17

2017 - 2019 - Pedestrian lighting was erected on the Naches Greenway Trail from Allan Road to Naches Ave.

2018 - The Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Improvements were completed by 1/8/2018.

“- The NVSD along with Highland and Eisenhower hosted their first Adaptive Basketball Game on 2/1/2018. The program was designed to support kids with special needs.

“- The Town of Naches Entry Information Sign was erected on East U.S. Highway #12 by Concord Const. (# 200) Messages on the electronic reader board promote Naches events and businesses and encourage more of the 10,000 daily travelers who drive on Hwy #12 to stop in Naches for a meal, attend a community event, visit our park/swimming pool or whatever. Designed by Bora Architecture, the art deco design mirrors the landmark Art Deco/spire building on Naches Avenue near the historic Depot and Band Stand 2/12/2018.

“- The "McCleary Decision" caused a funding concern for the NVSD. 2/12/2018

“- Eight NVHS wrestlers qualified for State. Hunter Gangle placed 5th, John Mitzel 6th, Devon Gantt 8th and Kaylee Moore 2nd. 2/2018

“- Ord. #732 - A Fiber Optic Cable Network Franchise was awarded to Washington Broadband on 3/12/2018.

“- Twenty-four NVHS students with a GPA of 3.75 or above were inducted into the National Honor Society.

“- Two members of the NVHS Golf team coached by Ron Deaton qualified for State. Tanner Lange placed 37th and Miranda Daughs 103rd. 5/2018

“- NVHS Tennis players coached by Brian Herting and Carrell qualified Mechelle Busey, Simran Kaur, and Sitlali Cortez for State. 5/2018

“- The NVHS Baseball team coached by Jake Fife was ranked #1 for 1“A” State Baseball throughout the season. Undefeated in League and District they were then defeated in Regionals thus ending their wonderful season. 5/2018.

“- The NVHS Track team coached by Blanchard, Grahlfs, Wagoner, and O’Brien were able to qualify 4 athletes to State. Summer Welch took 1st place in the triple jump and placed in the vault, high jump, and long jump. Joel Briscoe was 14th in the pole vault, Faith Hahn-Landis was 9th in the pole vault, and Pierson Jones was 12th in the high jump. 5/2018

“- Aaron Roberts was reelected as the Lions Club President. (Union Gap School District teacher) 5/2018

“- Candy Delagasse was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were members of the Naches Women's Club on 9/7/2018.

“- The NVHS Band competed in the Harvest Band Competition placing 1st in their division. 10/20/2018

“- NVHS Girls Soccer players Torrie Hoover, Kaylee Moore, and Faith Hahn-Landis were All-League selections while Hannah Barber earned Honorable Mention.

“- NVHS Cross Country runners Dylan Roberts and Joelle Shields qualified for State with a time in the 5K of 18:06 and 20:55 respectively.

“- Ord. # 740 – Portions of the Town's business licenses were amended on 11/5/18.

“- The NVHS Volleyball team qualified for State for the 9th straight year.

“- "Christmas Night in Naches" was held on 12/5/2018.

2019 - The NVHS Boys Basketball team coached by Brandon Gillespie qualified for the Regional State game. 2/2019

“- The NVHS Wrestling team qualified 10 to State. Kaylee Moore was State Champion and Devon Gantt placed 6th in their respective weight divisions. 2/2019

“- NVHS Swimmer Maxx Black qualified for State in the 200 Freestyle.

“- NVHS Girls Basketball player Allison Uecker was selected as the SCAC Co-Player of the year. 3/2019

“- The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) nominated Naches to receive funding for Phase 3 of the Naches Trail Lighting Project from the Naches Valley Elementary School to Shafer Ave. 1/14/19 Funding was received on 5/13/2019.

" - The Shafer Avenue resurfacing project was awarded to Central Paving LLC. on 4/18/19 and the project was completed by 9/9/2019

“- The Town applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to upgrade the Wastewater Treatment Plant amounting to \$750,000 on 4/8/2019.

“- Twenty-one NVHS students with a GPA of 3.75 or above were inducted into the National Honor Society.

“- NVHS Tennis team coached by Brian Herting was 14-0 in League. Amy Leonard, Simran Kaur, Sitlali Cortes, Johanna Simmons, and McKenna Rowe qualified for State. 4/2019

“- The NVHS Girls Softball team were League Champions and eight players received All-League honors. Lacey Fridley was the MVP of the league. 5/2019

“- NVHS Golfer Miranda Daughs qualified for State. 5/2019

“- The NVHS Track team qualified 10 members to State. They were Faith Hahn-Landis, Joelle shields, Dylan Van Amburg, Dylan Roberts, Alex Sloan, Micah Mayes, Julian Rodriguez, Joel Briscoe, Brett Sedge, and Noah Robles. 5/2019

“- Bill Davis was elected Lions Club President. (Self-employed) 5/2019

“- Peggy Walker was elected Sunshine Lions Club President.

“- Robert Bowman replaced Duane Lyons as the NVSD Superintendent. 7/2019

“- The Town applied for a TIB Grant to resurface Naches Avenue from 2nd St to Highway #12 on 7/8/2019.

“- The Coronavirus caused the students within the NVSD into an online schedule and that continued into the beginning of the 2020-21 year also.

"- Sportsman's Days Grand Marshals were Duane Lyons & Robert Bowman. The retiring and the new NVSD Superintendents respectively 9/6/2019

“- A public hearing was held regarding the establishment of a microbrewery and craft distillery at the former RJ's Tire Center building on South Naches Road (#170) by Mike Hatten. Hatten earlier had established the very popular Bron Yr

Aur Brewing Company approximately 3 miles west of Naches on Highway #12.
(#195 & #196) 9/9/2019

" - A Supporting Investment in Economic Development (SIED) Grant Loan application was signed by the mayor for the expansion of the WWTP. The proposed expansion was for 20 years of future growth within the Town. The estimated cost was \$1,820,000. 10/14/2019

“- The NVHS Girls Soccer team coached by Bill Barber and assisted by Ryan Alexander made it to district for the 34th year in a row. Hannah Barber and Faith Hahn-Landis made 1st team All-League, Reese Washburn and Torrie Hoover made 2nd team and Hannah Flory honorable mention.

“- The NVHS Wrestling team coached by Pedro Solis had 3 wrestlers who qualified for the Mat Classic. Mitchel Helgert placed 2nd at 126 pounds. 2/2020

“- NVHS Boys Basketball team coached by Brandon Gillespie and assisted by Ron Deaton saw Caleb Deaton join his dad Ron in the 1,000 Point Club. Caleb was named the co-player of the year in the 1A SCAC West Division. Jay Daniel Lloyd Watson was selected for the 2nd team and Lucas Kent got honorable mention. 3/2020

“- The NVHS Girls Basketball team coached by Kim Breymeyer placed 3 girls on the All- League teams. 1st team selection was Allison Uecker, 2nd team Taylor Dunbar and Faith Hahn-Landis honorable mention. 3/2020

“- The Town received a "Risk Management Award" which acknowledged the hard work and dedication the Town puts into proactively managing the risks and keeping the community safe. 11/12/2019

“- The NVHS Boys Relay Swim team qualified for State. They were Joshua Board, Lucas Ross, Brandon Stanton, and Vincent Ross. Maxx Black also qualified in his individual events.

“- Phase II of the Naches Trail Link and Lighting Project was accepted as being completed on 11/12/2019.

“- A new metal Christmas tree was made for “Christmas Night in Naches”.
12/9/2019

2020 - 2023 - The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Naches Fire Department building at the NW corner of Tieton Ave. and 2nd Street was held on March 16, 2020. (#202 & #203) The former fire station was then purchased by the Department of Natural Resources. (#138 & #201)

“- Covid-19 caused the end of spring sports within the NVSD. NVHS sports cancelled were baseball, girls’ softball, boys’ soccer, track, and golf. 3/2020

“- The town ordered banners and hanging flower baskets to be placed along the Naches Trail adjacent to Highway #12. Also 10 dog waste stations were placed around town, parks, and trail. 3/9/2020

“- NVHS Poetry Out Loud finalists that went on to regional competition were Hania Manra Avelino, Kyle Buckles, and Emily Stout. 4/2020

“- There were 18 NVHS students inducted into the National Honor Society. They were Hannah Barber, Caitlin Busey, Allison Conger, Hayden DeVoe, Tristan Eims, Faith Hahn-Landis, Masen Hill, Adeena Kandler, Audrey Kime, Kenneth Knight, Taylor Kyle-Reini, Jay Daniel Lloyd-Watson, Diana Manon Tellez, Nicholas Mueller, Vincent Ross, Payton Smith, Katie Stout, and Miguel Torres. 4/2020

“- The Town staff applied with Yakima County through YVCOG regarding the Naches Community Pavilion which is south of the Depot. (Old warehouse on Orchard Avenue) 4/13/20

“- John Anderson was elected Lions Club President. (Air conditioning salesman) 5/2020

“- Vera Backstrom was elected Sunshine Lions Club President.

" - The Town acquired 44.57 acres of Cleman's View Park which included the club house, ball fields, restrooms/storage, tennis courts, concert venue, electric vehicle charging stations, and open fields on 6/8/20. (# 172, #173, #174) (Note: As written earlier the Boot and Spur club discussed with the town council about donating their land to the town should the club disband. The council said they would accept the property should that happen.) 5/11/1959.

“- Electronic Vehicle Charging Stations were installed at Cleman's View Park.
6/8/20

“- The Naches Avenue paving project from the Depot to Highway #12 was completed on 7/13/20.

“- Sportsman’s Days was cancelled due to the Covid virus. 9/2020

“- Due to the Covid 19 Virus practically everything worldwide was disrupted. NVSD students went to virtual learning and sports schedules were disrupted.

“- NVHS Cross Country team coached by Brandon Wagner was the District Champion. 11/2020

“- Long time NVHS Volleyball Coach Sherri Partlow decided to retire after coaching for 12 very successful volleyball seasons. 11/2020

“- The Cleman's View fund raising campaign by the Town staff was approved for capital development and equipment on 11/9/20.

2021- The Council approved the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades of Phase I to Pacific Civil & Infrastructures Inc. 1/25/21

“- Mayor Williams signed the ballot drop box property use agreement with Yakima County. The box was mounted on the front outside wall of Town Hall.
1/11/2021

“- Naches Fire Department moved into their beautiful new facility at the NW corner of 2nd St and Tieton Ave. on 3/8/2021. (# 203)

“- The new Dollar Store opened adjacent to Oak Creek Ace Hardware on West U.S. Highway #12 with a planned opening in May 2021. (# 204)

" - The 2021 census reported the population of the Town was 1010 residents.

“- The NVHS Girls Track team went undefeated, and Julian Rodriguez, Faith Hahn-Landis and Joelle Shields were League Champions in their respective events.
5/2021

“- The NVHS Girls Softball team had a league record of 16-0. Seven girls were selected for the All-League team. 5/2021

“- The NVHS Girls Golf team was the 2021 SCAC League Champions. 5/2021

“- Lesley Downing was elected Lions Club President. (Customer service) 5/2021

“- Faye Wilson was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- Naches celebrated its 100-year Anniversary with an evening firework show at Cleman's View Park. 5/21/2021

“- The rehabilitation at Cleman’s View Sports Park was secured by Senator Curtis King amounting to \$442,000. The building was renovated to meet current building codes, ADA requirements, and to meet the needs of the community. Construction was completed in 2022.

“- Park and Ride facility. Naches received a Rural Mobility Grant from WSDOT totaling \$565,000 at the Naches Event Center that included paving the parking lot, lighting, sidewalks, an electric vehicle charging station, and landscaping.

“- Waste Water Treatment Plant Phase I. The contract for Phase I was awarded to Pacific Civil & Infrastructure of Sumner, WA. The project funding came from the SIED program with the Town receiving \$750,000 in loans and \$750,000 in grants with the remaining portion coming from the Town’s Sewer Fund. Completion of Phase I occurred in 2022.

2022 –Andrew Sinift was elected Naches Lions Club President. (Pastor of Naches Nazarene Church) 5/2022

“- NVHS Principal Richard Rouleau resigns after 21 years to enter the retirement world. Eric Valentine replaced Rouleau. 6/2022

“- Shirley Thietje was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

2023 – Ryan Lambert was elected Lions Club President. (Landscape) 5/2023

“- Pat Crossey was elected President of the Sunshine Lions Club.

“- Waste Water Treatment Plant Phase II. The Phase II project focused on biological treatment process improvements including installation of 2 higher capacity headworks pumps, new activated sludge treatment process with 3 treatment trains, 3 variable speed blowers, repurpose of ditch affluent pumps for

use as RAS pumps, and site piping, grading, and paving to accommodate process improvement. Total cost was \$7,326,000 with loan and grant funding from the USDA Office of Rural Development. The project contribution costs to the Town of Naches were \$109,000 with HLA Engineering planning the project.

NACHES MAYORS FROM 1921 - 2023

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MONTHS SERVED</u>	<u>DATE STARTED</u>
1. Lewis Smith.....Elected.....	31.....	4/06/1921
2. A.M. Otto.....Elected.....	3.....	1/14/1924
3. James Cowan..... Appointed.....	20.....	4/14/1924
4. F.D. Healey..... Elected.....	60.....	1/11/1926
5. M.J. Leak..... Elected.....	9.....	1/12/1931
6. George Huettner.....Appointed.....	15.....	9/28/1931
7. Dr. Grant Cameron...Elected.....	36.....	1/08/1932
8. Roy Allan..... Elected.....	48.....	1/13/1936
9. John Hagerman..... Elected.....	4.....	1/08/1940
10. William Clem.....Appointed.....	6.....	5/13/1940
11. Harry Hayes.....Appointed.....	50.....	11/13/1940
12. Charles Moore.....Elected.....	48.....	1/08/1945
13. Paul Walton.....Elected.....	40.....	1/10/1949
14. Fred Gatter.....Appointed.....	15.....	5/12/1952
15. Robert Tenney.....Elected.....	89.....	1/11/1954
16. Hubert Foster.....Appointed.....	58.....	6/11/1962

17. Miles E. McCoy.....Appointed.....7.....5/08/1967
18. Albert Rosenbush....Appointed.....49.....12/11/1967
19. Donald Kilpatrick....Elected.....101.....1/10/1972
20. Mary Tenney.....Appointed....163.....5/14/1979
21. Doug Mac Neil..... Appointed.....64.....1/11/1993
22. Keith Chronister.....Appointed.....26.....4/27/1998
23. Charles Ross.....Appointed.....79.....5/08/2000
24. Eric Wolfe.....Appointed.....52.....12/31/2006
25. Rick Carney.....Appointed.....51.....4/11/2011
26. Paul Williams.....Appointed.....96.....9/14/2015

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