

**THE FERNWOOD
PIONEER**
Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery
Association
(Non-Endowed Care)



SPRING GREETINGS TO ALL -

As we welcome the season of renewal, we are excited to share the latest updates from Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery. Spring is a time for growth as well as remembrance and the honoring of our loved ones. We hope this newsletter helps keep you connected with what's happening at the cemetery.

Our 2025 ANNUAL MEETING will be held Saturday, May 17th at 11:00am. We will meet at Fernwood Grange #770- 216 N Springbrook Rd, NEWBERG. Come and join us if you're interested in serving on the board or just curious about what's going on.

Thank you for your donations that keep our cemetery looking so beautiful. Your time and or monetary contributions are greatly appreciated.

May this season bring blessings and refreshing -
Board President, Todd Windsor

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SPRING NEWSLETTER
EDITION

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Did you know.....

JAMES MESHECK LEWELLING 1841-1935

Last member of Abraham Lincoln's bodyguards to die. He is buried in Friends Cemetery. He watched over the body of the fallen president as Lincoln's body lay in state at the state house in Indianapolis. His friends in Newberg knew nothing of his Civil War service. He always stated that "he wanted no glory for himself," and gave his pension check each month to the American Bible institute in New York City. With his brother he started the first nursery on the Pacific Coast in Milwaukie. They pioneered the development of a variety of cherries: the Black Republican, the Lewelling, and the Bing, which took first prize at the World's Fair. When he moved back to Newberg, he pedaled around town on a bicycle, avoiding the new-fangled contraptions known as automobiles. He died at age ninety-four.

INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A FLAG HOLDER FOR A LOVED ONE?

FERNWOOD AVENUE OF HONOR

George Janssen
Owen Robert Janssen
Kelly Patrick Lundy
Jack C. DeVore
Forrest Robert Gish
Richard Allen Streight
Wilma Josephine Cornell Parrish
Earlene-Katherine-Frances Lundy
Robert George Rosendahl
Elton Gerald Brutscher

Contact Talle Malmstrom at 503-538-5489
Bronze flag-holder permanently installed lining the main road running through the Fernwood section

Flags are flown on Memorial Day weekend, Flag Day, July 4th, Presidents Day, and Veterans Day.
Your loved one does not need to be buried in Fernwood to be honored in this manner.

MEMORIAL DAY REMINDER - MAY 25TH, 26TH, 27TH, 2025

Our beloved Historian; Ronald W. Parrish, loves to spend as much time as possible at the cemetery during Memorial Day weekend. This allows him to greet visitors, connect with old friends and make new contacts. Please stop by and say "Hi" if you are lucky enough to visit the cemetery while Ron is there.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Notify us of any address changes to guarantee future newsletters reaching you and your family, or to add other family member; please email the information to: teri.council@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE **2025 Annual Meeting** **May 17, 2025** **11AM * ***

**** we are combining the board and open mtg**
Fernwood Grange #770
216 N. Springbrook Road

Please let one of us know if you would attend this meeting if it was held on a different date in May.

2025 **In Loving Memory**

Gerald Wesley McCabe
(1941-2025)

Dennis Leroy Cardwell
(1949-2025)

We are a 501c-3 non-profit organization so your donation may be tax deductible

2025 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT – by Teri Council

March 2025, we conducted our annual Edward Jones investment review meeting with Heath Cornick; Fernwood's account manager. Heath reviewed our goal of "long-term investment" and we discussed how we want to safely grow our cash flow long term too. We have a mix of stocks and bonds in the Franklin family in the low/medium risk category. At our annual meeting we can discuss if we want to change the mix. Right now, we have 45% bonds and 55% stocks mix. Heath also talked to us about thinking about our balances each year as unofficially "endowed," meaning we don't really look at it as, "available/don't touch the principal," but more as an investment growing "more" each year. This is a safe-unofficial way to manage the money without having the formality of it being officially "endowed."

We took advantage last year of the Edward Jones money market fund paying on average 4.8%-+/- and moved \$10,000 surplus from our checking to the fund. Good news is this fund grew with a net amount now of \$10,344.97. The interest rate is tied to the federal interest rate.

Stocks and Bonds are still strong. Edward Jones projects our cash flow for 2025 will be approx. \$1300.00

Heath explained we only pay a handling fee when we first invest. Once we own, we do not have a cost to move the money around. The handling fee is based on the total amount of investment we have with Edward Jones. So, right now we would pay 4.5% based on our investment amount total of \$52,585.86 (in the above \$50,000.00 category).

We discussed Fernwood has no known projects in the future so it would be best to move over the "cash gained" from mutual fund growth this past 9 months along with any excess from our US Bank checking account to our Edward Jones stock/bond funds to see more growth with our investment this next year. Michele Crisman, our Fernwood Treasurer, will have the exact amounts to propose at our Fernwood annual meeting on May 17, 2025.

WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE FERNWOOD FAMILY STORIES

Wallace Edgar Jones, 1893-1980, and Ruth Frances Jones, 1894-1989 - as told by granddaughter Sharon Jones Grischow Lucas

Wallace Jones (Grandpa Jones) married Ruth Frances Des Noyer, (Granny) in 1919.

Grandpa and Granny lived in Newberg and other Oregon locations before finally settling back in Newberg. According to notes from Granny's "Memories of Ruth Jones," written about 1976, their first home was on 40-acre homestead five miles northwest of Willamina, Oregon where they built a two-room cabin, a barn and outhouse. Granny moved temporarily in 1920 to Newberg, where Viola was born. They left the homestead and moved to Eugene in September, 1921, where Grandpa went to school at the Eugene Bible College. Wallace graduated in 1922, becoming a minister serving many churches throughout Oregon.

The family moved to a church in Creswell, Oregon, for two years. Their son, Ralph, was born in 1923 in Creswell. Wallace bought a bicycle in Creswell and rode 12 miles to and from school in Eugene each day. He bought an old Chevrolet after nearly being run over by an Adventist minister. They then spent a few years in Lexington and Helix, where Grandpa served at their churches.

Granny again returned to Newberg in 1927, where my mom, Cleone, was born. They stayed a few months in Newberg and then moved to the church at Halfway. Granny's notes end with their move to another church in Hermiston. Eventually, the family returned to live in Newberg.

Both Grandpa and Granny are buried in Fernwood with many other Jones family members. (Row 7, Lot 42S and 43S)

He had so many talents, including writing a notebook titled: "Memories of Early Twentieth Century Rural Life Newberg Oregon, Wallace E. Jones 1975". The notebook is available at George Fox University and can be googled for more information [Wallace E. Jones Memory Book - Archives West](#). In it, Grandpa says he "decided to write a brief memory of the physical characteristics of the land, and the life of the people, which lived near Newberg, Oregon, at the opening of the 20th century."

Excerpts from Grandpa's booklet include the following continued on the next page -

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The area of Newberg was homesteaded near the middle of the nineteenth century. "Some of those who took up donation land claims included David Ramsey, John H. Hess, W. M. Jones, D. D. Duekin, Oliver J. Walker, Richard Everest, Solomon Heater, Sebastin Brutscher, Luke McKern, Jesse Parish and John J. Hash."

Wallace was born March 18, 1893. There were six children. "Our father was Robert E. Lee Jones. Our mother was Christina Luvina Jones. Four of the children are living. They are Wallace, Noah, Harold and Gladys Beckly (Jones). Two of the children have died. They are Daniel Jones and Opal Howard-Jones."

"We lived on a little farm of twenty-two and one-half acres. The little place was located about one- and one-half miles east of the center of Newberg." [Their farm was on Springbrook Road, south of Hwy 99. Uncle Noah's home was next door.]

Wallace began his schooling in the country school called Brutscher School. In 1900 it was listed as District No. 59. "This school was located on the south west corner of the Brutscher Donation Land Claim. Jennie E. Jones was the teacher that year. The School Board was David Jones, Ruben Everest, Charley Jones, and Tomas Parrish." The students were: Claud Lane, Ola Lane, Lucis Lane, Estil Jones, Emery Jones, Daniel Jones, Wallace E. Jones, Vivian Hadley, Cecil Hadley, Eva Hadley, Garnet Woodworth, Lold Booth, Lee Renne, William Heater, Susie Everest, Elmer Everest.

In 1904, the Brutscher School was listed as District No. 32. The School Board was Walter Everest, Tomas Parrish, Henry Livengood and Lee Jones. The pupils listed that year were: Sophia Fisher, Fannie Fisher, Mary Hobson, Lena Hobson, Lold Booth, Elmer Everest, Bessie Baker, Lizzie Baker, Hary Baker, Ellis Baker, John Conrad, Earl Conrad, Almeda Conrad, Wallace Jones, Emery Jones, Estell Jones, Daniel Jones, Opal Jones, Ruby Jones, Rodney Hobson, George Hobson, Verne Hobson, Anna Peters, Charley Peters, Curl Orton, Louis Hepp.

As the population increased, the school district voted in 1906 to consolidate and build a new two room school building. Wallace's father, Robert E. Lee Jones, working with Franklin Jones built the new school and were paid \$1,455.

Wallace's notebook, written when he was about 82 years old, ends with: "I realize that I have waited too long to write these brief memories. My hands are shaky and I find it very hard to organize my thoughts. Yet I so hope this will preserve life as lived in the early 1900."

My Grandpa Jones was a renaissance man and a devout Christian with a good sense of humor.

Grandpa was a carpenter learning the skill at a young age of 11 or 12. He helped his father build their second home off Springbrook Road, in the Fernwood area due to their growing family. My Grandpa learned all the skill required to build a home, including his and Granny's cabin near Willamina, as well as additions to some of the church buildings where Grandpa served.

Grandpa helped my dad build our 3-bedroom family home in 1955 in Damascus Oregon. Later my dad helped Grandpa tear down an old school in Dundee. They reused much of the lumber to build a home for my Grandparents in Newberg for their retirement. My parents purchased Grandpa's old homestead on Springbrook Road to allow my grandparents to relocate. The home was later torn down and the land sold.

When Grandpa grew up in the family's home built on Springbrook Road, there were so many trees everywhere. There were 40 acres of oak trees very close together where the kids could go from tree to tree without touching the ground. Later, Grandpa built a treehouse in a wonderful oak tree in the backyard for us grandkids to play in. That tree also had gym rings that Grandpa used for doing flips when he was over 70 years old.

Grandpa always liked to keep busy and learn new things. In addition to writing, he started painting with acrylics; built furniture; did bead work and made jewelry. He learned how to crochet, knit and made hooked rugs.

Crafting and being creative is in the Jones' blood. My Mom, Cleone Jones (Grischow), loved to do all things creative, sewing, knitting, quilting, painting, and gardening. My sister, brother, myself, our niece and now my great niece love doing anything crafty - It is in our blood.

My grandparents loved visiting with family and friends. I remember the Jones-Schuck annual summer picnics that we attended starting while we were young kids though none of us kids understood what the relationship was between the families.

Fernwood Cemetery is the final resting place for many of our Jones side of the family. My husband, Dave, and I both feel the cemetery is special and we will be honored to be buried there. Our son, Eric, is already there, having passed away in 2021. Eric's gravesite is close to the bench dedicated to Doris Huffman, and the large tree that reminds us of Grandpa and Granny Jones' home on Springbrook.

Property Manager Report -

By Teri Council

Happy 2025 Spring everyone. This is my favorite time of year; I love getting out to clean up the cemetery and get it ready for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The grass and new leaves are all such lovely vibrant shades of green and the sun shines so much more than during the winter months.

We had to purchase new security cameras this past year due to out-of-date software and functionality. It has been great to have 24/7 coverage again. And no mishaps on the cemetery grounds too!!

I am always looking for family members to be willing to write articles for the newsletter with Fernwood family memories. If you are not sure what we are looking for or how much detail to include feel free to call me and we can discuss.

I cannot stress enough how nice it is for family members if you purchase a plot or niche before a death and have that task taken care of for them. Our pricing is the most reasonable pricing around.

Do you have your plot or niche purchased yet? Make it easier for your loved ones when you pass and get that detail completed.

Lots: \$700

Niche Top Row: \$700

Niche Middle Row: \$500

Niche Bottom 3 Rows: \$500

Second Right Burial Fee: \$250

Fernwood Office Processing Fee: \$250 NOVEMBER 2024 –

Each lot can contain 1 burial and 1 cremation; or 2 cremations

Second Right Burial fee is when there is a request to have cremains buried with an already purchased lot with one cremains or burial. The original purchase did not plan to have additional cremains added when purchased.

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Treasurer's Report as of MARCH 2025

By Michele Cardwell Crisman

Checking: \$7,426.35

Savings: \$3,965.86

Edward Jones: \$52,585.86

Monetary Donations: \$4,670.00

In Memory or Honor of Donations: \$550.00

Goods & Services Donations: \$71.58

Since last report in November 2024, there have been minimal abnormal expenses. We have been fortunate to have the ability to fund our typical expenditures... and I must say we have each of you who donate to thank for that.

There are currently no projects in the works; and with that being the case and at the advice of our Edward Jones agent, I plan to make a proposal at our annual meeting in May, to move excess funds from our Checking account to our Edward Jones Investments. Along those same lines, I plan to propose that the gains in our Money Market account (anything above the \$10,000 base) also be moved to Edward Jones Investments.

I hope many of you will be able to joint us for our annual meeting in May.

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING

Gerald & Marie McCabe - In Memory of Lori McCabe

Dan Cronin - In Memory of Gladys Jones Beckley

Judith Lake - In Memory of Isabelle Emry

Carolyn Lacy - In Memory of Jeffrey Alen Jones (Lacy)

Michele Crisman - In Memory of Dennis Cardwell

DONATIONS NOV. 2024 - MAR 2025

Dr. Patricia Baker

Ladd Brothers

Raymond Cardwell

Robert Cornelius

Jeff & Teri Council

Michele Crisman

Dan Cronin

John & Patti David

Katherine DeVore

Kim Ferrell

Duaine & Laura Harding

Charles & Dinah Hemphill

Dr. Harol Jones

Carolyn Lacy

Judith Lake

Jeff & Barbara Leisman

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Ronald Parrish

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Roberta Reed

Sue Sample

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Ken Wegter

Gary & Marcia Windsor

Gary Wohlgenuth

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE FOR THE FUTURE OF FERNWOOD -

Send any amount in - we appreciate small or large amounts

Identify an amount or percentage of your estate in your will or trust to go to Fernwood

Purchase lots/niches

Sponsor our liability insurance yearly expense - \$600

Sponsor our postage expense for 2 newsletters a year - \$400

Sponsor our yearly bank fee expense - \$75

Sponsor our yearly mowing/landscape expense - \$3000

Sponsor our yearly post office box expense - \$100

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AT OUR 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 17TH, 2025, 11AM

FERNWOOD GRANGE, 216 N. SPRINGBROOK ROAD, NEWBERG
