

Stories about Lyons : HONORING OUR 2014 LYONS HIGH GRADUATES OF PIONEER FAMILIES: Since 1980 (Lyons 100th anniversary) the Lyons Historical Society has honored the Graduates of pioneer families, for their perseverance of coming to this land, no houses, Indians, and its many adversities, and balding it up into farms, towns plots, and living here all these years. We honor you and your graduate and want to tell your history:
SAMANTHA LYNN BASHOR, JEFFREY THOMAS BOXRUD, ANNIE VON TRIBBLE, OLIVIA ROBIN VASQUEZ, LOGAN BENJAMIN WATSON

SAMANTHA LYNN BASHOR is a descendant of William Lafayette Basher who was born in 1860, in Tennessee, who moved to Colorado when he was 19. He married Mary Lena Webster, who was born west of Hygiene and was the daughter of George Washington and Mary Ellen Harp Webster, early Pioneers of Boulder County. They had nine children: Vestal married Earnest Boyer of Ill. He was a depot agent for the Burlington Railroad in Lyons; Seta Mae, taught school in Lyons from 1912-1915, Dora Cal, married Oscar Young; Mary Alma-taught in Lyons from 1913-1915; Geogeogy Wilma, Williard Landon (died in infancy); Wm. Lester-a brand inspector; Galen Webster, who took over the family farm west of Hygiene, He married Priscilla Wellman of St. Mary's Ohio, who came to Colorado to visit her sister and met Galen. They had 5 children; Shirley, Duane, Millard, Warren and Mary Lou. Galen was killed in 1941 digging a well on the farm and the methane gas exploded. Great grandmother Priscilla raised her five children on the farm. Priscilla was a longtime, beloved member of the Lyons Historical Society, the Old Stone Church, a quilter, and various events. She lived on the farm until her death at age 97. She died September 6, 2001; Also, Paul Eugene, and Wm Bashor who hauled hay to Jamestown; His Wife, Lena sold vegetables and eggs and butter in Lyons. He was manager of the St. Vrain Creamery in 1915. Samantha is the granddaughter of Warren, who lives on the property. Her grandmother is the former Sue Ann Roberts of Missouri. Her parents are Paul & Jodie. She has an older sister, Rachel, who graduated in 2012, and two brothers, Colton-7th grade and Wyatt-5th Grade at Lyons Schools. Her father, Paul, and uncle Wade, are both graduates of Lyons High School in 1985 and 1988, and helped the Lyons Football Team become State Champions in 1987. Samantha grew up on the family farm across from the Bashor Lake. She was a good student. She received a Letter in Softball 3 years; Track 2 years, Basketball 2 years, All Conference Honorable Mention in Softball, 2 years; a Softball Award, and is going to attend Dodge City Community College in Dodge City, Kansas this fall. We declare her and family as a Pioneers of the Lyonas area JEFFREY THOMAS BOXRUD is a descendant of Robert Bruce Montgomery, the son of William and Mary Dawson Mongomery. He attended school in Iowa, and at the age of 19, started across the plains for Colorado, in 1867 He reached Boulder in 41 days. He bought a farm on the Little Thompson and raised livestock. He then moved east of Lyons and married Clara Chapman, raised at Chapman Switch by McCall Lake; Clara came to Colorado in a covered wagon . Robert and Clara were members of the Lyons Methodist Church, Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges, and raised grain and apples on their eighty acre farm. They had nine children; Harvey, Pearl, Frank, Florence who married a Schwilke, Arthur who married Pearl Hodgell and had two children: Winifred and Donald Ewing – Jeffrey's grandfather; Martha who married Fred McLaren, Sr, Charles, served in WWII and lived on the home place all his life; Clarence Orvis who

married Ora Dell Green; Ruth Estella, who was a bookkeeper for Gates Rubber Company, Great Western Sugar Factory and the Longmont Ice Plant. She and her brother Charles farmed the family farm for many years; Don and Alice lived in California (he was in the US Army); they had 8 children, and moved to Colorado in 1975. They now live on the Centennial Montgomery Farm. Don is 94 years young; still lives alone, and is enjoying his children and grandchildren who live in Colorado and California. He is an avid fan of her grandchildren sports activities. We will see you at the Volleyball games this fall! Jeffrey's mom, Kim, married James Boxrud in Colorado. They also live on the family farm (having divided the 80 acres into three buildable lots); where they have raised their three children: Christopher, who graduated in 2007, Jeffrey, graduated this year-2014, and Jessica. Jeffrey is enrolled in Front Range Community College where he will be studying Construction and Architecture. He is working at the Buttonrock Bakery this summer. We declare Jeffrey and the large Montgomery family as area pioneers. ANNIE VON TRIBBLE was adopted from China in 1996 when 10 1/2 months old, by Eric and Jane Tribble of Tribble Stone Company, located on the Foothills Highway South of Lyons. The Tribble Stone Company was established in 1947 by his parents, Charles and Lisa Tribble, and has been operated by their son Eric, since 1990 He has two sisters. He married Jane who was from Kalamazoo, Michigan. They point out that during the September 12-18, 2013 flood the Left Hand Creek split to the South and North of them, and their stoneyard did not suffer much damage. Annie attended Elementary School at Eagle Crest; two private middle schools, and enrolled in Lyons in the 8th grade. (the best move ever-she loved it and gained from the small, friendly, high rating Lyons High School) She plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, with an emphasis on Special Education She earned Varsity Track Letter-1 year; Cheer Leader 2-years, and an Academic Letter 1 year.. We are happy to declare the Annie and the Tribble family as Pioneers of the Lyons area. OLIVIA ROBIN VASQUEZ is the great granddaughter of Isabelle, who came to Longmont in 1954 to visit her sister. She met and soon married the young man next door, Manuel Vasquez. His father, Santos, had moved to Greeley in 1947, from Brownsville, Texas. Manuel came to Colorado in 1953 and while staying at a farm in Mead, he was told to go to Lyons and work in the quarries. The next day he got work at the Jacob & Evans Stone Company, which was located on what is now Sandstone Park. They quarried at Beech Hill, and stayed in a little cabin at the Ohline Quarries. They wintered in Texas and returned the next summer to the Lyons quarries. They were paid by the tonnage so the harder they worked, the more money they made. Thus was the beginning of the Blue Mountain Stone Company with Vasquez Brother as well as The Garrita Stone Company. Isabelle used to give Mexican cooking classes and is retired from Andrea's Café where she cooked for 17 years. She lived in the old motel building east of Lyons, which was swept away by the September Flood. She now lives in Longmont, but is anxious to return to Lyons. Isabelle and Manuel had ten children. Ramon, Jesus who married Lori; Raul, who married Maria; Steve, who married Allison, Abraham, who married Kathleen, Vincent, who married Bobbi, Omar, who married Kay, Anita who married Lalo Rodriquez, Lisa, Linda, who married Angel Aveleno; Marizza, who married Alvano Gonzales, and Gasper, who married Rene Munn and had two girls, He died of cancer in 1997, at the age of 35. All of the Vasquez children attended Lyons school. In 1970 Manuel purchased his own quarry from Charley Waters. When his

son, Raul, was 17, he went to work for his father and called the business Blue Mountain Stone. They bought the Ohline quarries in the late 1990's. It is now one of the largest quarries in the area. Raul is Olivia's grandfather; her mother Delores, came from Las Cruces, NM. They met when Manny attended college there. He served four years on the Lyons Town Board. Manny operates the Outlaw Saloon and has been in charge of the Good Old Days ball tournaments, which were wiped out by the September flood. Olivia has two little brothers. Delores, her mom, is an assistant at the Lyons Town Hall. We pay tribute to Manny and family for being such good "friends" to Lyons in every way! The Stage in Sandstone Park is named for Raul; They built the sandstone cones along the Black Bear Trail as tourist attractions. We thank them for the help throughout the town for many years. Olivia plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado and major in Business. She lettered in Softball-2 years and Volleyball-1 year, and received the F. LaVerne Johnson Memorial Scholarship. We wish Olivia the best and declare she and her large Vasquez family as area Poneers.

LOGAN BENJAMIN WATSON is the son of Jacque (Lamb) and Peter Watson. Jacque was honored as a Lyons Pioneer in 1984, and so were her children: Samantha, Madison, and now Logan. How time flies! As a young man, Logan's great, great grandfather Albert Goodard lived in Pennsylvania and was in the Civil War. He was captured by the Confederate Army and put in the Anderson Prison. He released from Prison in 1865, he came West and lived in Marshall. Co. He married and had six children and operated a business in Jamestown. He was in a severe accident, and they thought he had died, however, he was later found in Missouri, but disappeared again! One of his daughters, Ethel married Edward Snider, who was born in Colorado City. They had 11 children; Edna, Jack, Iona, Charlie, Elizabeth, Nell, Bell, Ethel (Dude) Elmetta, Josephine, and Eunice, Logan's grandmother. They moved to Lyons in 1955. He worked in the timber selling lumber to David Goranson, who came to America in 1907 and to Lyons in 1928. He operated a gasoline station, feed business, sawmill and lumber yard, where the Classis Pinball and Wine store are now. He served on the Lyons Town Board and as Mayor several times. He wife, Alma, was also from Sweden. Their children were Florence, Helen, Carl, and Wallace Albert. At the age of 27, Eunice Snider married Wallace Goranson. They had three children, Albert, David, and Linda, all well known in Lyons. Eunice later married Floyd Lamb, who operated Lamb's Construction, Excavating, and Trash Business. They had four children: Jacque, John, Don, and Laurie. Eunice died in 1985 and Floyd in 2002. Logan's father, Peter Watson, was born in Maine, lived in New England, went to California, then came to Lyons. He met Jacque Lamb at the Lyons Good Old Days Dance in 1987. They were married in 1988. The Watson's lived in Connecticut, his home for six years, and moved back to Lyons in 1994. Jacque was the Editor the Old Lyons Recorder, and is now in charge of the Economic Development for the Town of Lyons, Peter owns the A-Z Construct Company. Logan was given the "Spirit Award" at the Lyons Christmas Parade for his days of help during the September Flood. He is going to CSU in Ft. Collins and major in Health and Exercise Science. He was a very athletic and good student: He received: Varsity Letter Football, 4 years; Baseball-4 years; Basketball-1 years; Academic Letter-3 years; All Conference Baseball-2 year; Most Homeruns in the 3-A Patriot League; All Conference Honorable Mention Offensive Quarterback (2012) 2nd team All Conference Linebacker (2012) 1st Team All Conference Offensive Player of

the year (2013) 1st team All Conference Linebacker (2013) 1st Team all Conference Offensive Player of the year (2013) 1st team All conference Quarterback (2013); He received the Memory of Steve Ralston Scholarship, F. LaVerne Johnson Memorial Scholarship, Multi-Sport Award, Boys Basketball Award, and Football Award We declare Logan and his family as Pioneers of the Lyons area. Our congratulations. FATHER'S DAY: We know you all honored your fathers and grandfather last Sunday – going to church with him, taking him out to eat, a box of chocolates, etc. As we think of our fathers, we think of someone that brings home the “bacon”, (old saying) which provides us with housing, food, transportation, and etc. My Dad, Bernie LaVern, was a farmer; he grew up in East Lake Colorado, where he met Irene, the school teacher at the Brantner school (on the corner of what is now the Adams County Fairgrounds); In January of 1928, he and his young family (wife, daughters Berene and LaVern) were called to Lyons to take over the family farm (Homestead by his grandfather John Reese in 1862, now Lyons Valley Park), where he made a living-hauling hay to the truck farmers in Welby, Colorado (now Commerce City) where they grew vegetables and used horses-before the day of tractors. Then He operated a dairy, where we kids got up at 5am; milked the cows, before walking to school, and had to hurry home to work in the field, until time to milk cows again in the evening. (6 McConnell Kids: Berene, LaVern, Violet, Herbert, Sharon and Byron) As each kid graduated, Dad got a new implement – when my sister graduated a Tractor, when I graduated a milking machine. All the kids helped to make a living – Bernie sold the farm in 1962 for development. As the years went by, it was annexed to the town. In 1970, after fighting to keep our high school since 1948, a School Bond was passed to build the High School on our old farm (out of the flood plain) THAT WAS TRULY A GREAT DAY, the school was finished in February, 1974. Dad and Mom then lived on 310 Main Street, where the Yoga is, and bought the Mack Farm up Apple Valley where he raised a few cattle and sold apples. He eventually moved to the Mack Farm, and lived there until 1987 his death. He was a great dad; hard worker, made us kids behave and taught us how to work and sustain ourselves. Those were the “Good Old Days”. THE LYONS DEPOT LIBRARY is located in the Old Transportation building, formerly owned by Tim Combs for his Antique Were-House where he sold all items on hand a couple of years ago. Tim operated that for around twenty five years, but previously it was operated by James P. Manning, Mayor and Town Board member and Town Crusader for many years. According to the Frank Weaver\Denise Berg book “Double Gateway to the Rockies” which states a new road was built in the fall of 1883 and a railroad line extended from Denver to Lyons. The stage line was moved to Lyons the next year, enabling the trip to be made in a half day. The road, was steep, narrow and dangerous Transportation systems to Estes Park illustrate the problems faced by those early entrepreneurs who established freight lines or passenger stages in the area. The first road into Estes Park was up the North St. Vrain, north over Rowell Hill into the Little Thompson Valley, which it followed to Muggins Gulch, thence over Park Hill into Estes in 1859. A Concord stagecoach pulled by four horses lumbered out of Longmont early on a morning of 187 to start public transportation through Lyons to Estes Park, according to information compiled by Ted James, former owner of the Rocky Mountain Transportation Company-housed in the old-building, now the Lyons Depot-Library. The first stagecoach line in Lyons was established in 1885 by

H. S. Gilbert and William Hubbell of Lyons. it was later known as the Lyons and Estes Park State Express Company. This is Part #1 of the Rocky Mountain Transportation. It is interesting to relate that Wm. Hubbell's granddaughters (Leona Dias-Age 103; and Wanda Gauthier-Age 96) reside in Littleton. HISTORIC HOME: Some interesting history: Ed & Pam Schroeder, own the old house on West Evans, which they hope can be saved. It is in the 404 Buyout, which says those in the Floodway have to be torn down.

Jacque Watson is looking into the Historic requirements that might save this, the Putnam house. Time will tell. However, it has an interesting history, which is In 1882 Edward S. Lyons, founder of the Town of Lyons, built his farm house on the banks of the North St. Vrain near 5th and Evans Street. When Thomas Putnam came to the area, he purchased the house and property calling it the Putnam Hotel in 1885. The railroad came to Lyons and the Depot was built in 1885. Putnam formed the first Subdivision in Lyons, which consists of Stickney, Seward, Reese Streets between 4th & 5th Avenues, (where here the lots are 75' wide, with other lots in town are 50' wide.; According to information in the Book "Piecing the Town Together-Lyons, Colorado", (research by Frank Weaver; written by Denise Berg) it states: "Mr. Lyon was promoter, a proud man, sensitive and deeply religious, but not a good business man. Problems arose, he was involved in at least two lawsuits, lost most of his fortune when the banks in Denver closed in the early 1890's. Mr. Putnam was one of the individuals who had a law suit against Mr. Lyon. He moved the town boundaries to overlay the Lyons Rock & Lime Co. It was the 80 acres that had been laid out as the Evans Townsite and Quarry. Mr. Lyon classed Mr. Putnam as a "wolf in sheep's clothing". In one of his letters Edward exclaimed. "E. S. Lyon broke down went to California, a dazed and helpless old man, at only 53 years of age" In 1895, he left for San Diego, Calif, leaving his family behind, never to return to Colorado. He died Jan 4, 1931 The house is not at this time a Historic Site, but it has a lot of history, but is in the floodway, the road in front washed out;, it has 10 reasons that it is declared 404; but maybe 404 would let the town keep the house to use as offices; meetings, recreation, art building, etc. where if in danger of the floodway. Ed & Pam hate to see the Historic house torn down. The FEMA and 404 historians are looking into the situation.