

CITY OF ROY

ROY ROUND-UP

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Thank you so much again to all of our City of Roy employees who volunteered time, community members who came out and participated, JBLM 555th Engineering Brigade, the Roy Grange 702, Roy Pioneer Rodeo Association, Roy Lions Clubs, Lemay, Nisqually River Council, Nisqually Indian Tribe, Nisqually Land Trust, Pierce County Council member Amy Cruver, Bethel School District, WDFW and so many others who helped us coordinate & celebrate our Community Cleanup - Hometown Heroes Event on Saturday, May 4th!

This event was a huge success and we could not have done it without each and every one of you!

Additionally congratulations to all of the recipients of our 2024 Hometown Heroes Awards!

The Roy Save The Water Tower Committee

Chief John Hawk

Tony Rotondo

Rose & Nick Loveless

These nominees shown immense courage, dedication and commitment to bettering our community and we cannot thank them enough for everything they have done to make Roy an amazing place to live!



HISTORY

Some history on our cemetery. We are recognizing one of our city's founders as well as the donor of the cemetery property.

Samuel Warren was born on May 16th, 1838, to Nathaniel and Julia Ann Whitecomb in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Samuel mustered into the Army on Sept. 1st, 1862, and served as a Private in the 100th Ohio Infantry Co. H. He was taken prisoner of war on Feb. 22nd, 1863, in Richmond, Kentucky where he took care of fellow soldiers. He served in the Army until the end of the Civil War on 4/9/1865 and mustered out on 5/29/1865.

After the war he returned home to Ohio where he began practicing medicine. He had already married Rebecca Shadle and together they had seven children. They made their way to Roy, WA in 1884 and lived in the hollow of a tree while building their home which was located on Warren and Water St. Samuel loved to fish in Muck Creek so much that he built a hotel for fishermen to come stay at while on their fishing excursions.

Warren also practiced medicine throughout the area and was the Postmaster of Roy.

When his wife Rebecca died on March 30th, 1889, Samuel donated the land for the Roy Cemetery and Rebecca was the first burial there. Rebecca's headstone is hard to miss when driving into the west entrance of the cemetery. Her white pillar is shining bright on the right-hand side just after entering the cemetery and is placed by Samuel's marker. Roy would not be what it is and neither would the cemetery if it wasn't for the generosity of Dr. Samuel Warren. Samuel later married Anna Glemmon on October 7th, 1889, and had 2 more children. Samuel passed away in Roy on April 8th, 1915.



Samuel & Rebecca Warren

The Roy Cemetery has been chosen as the only cemetery in Washington State to be included in the 48 State Tour for 2024, put on by Atlas Preservation. This event will be at the cemetery 8211 288th St S, Roy, on July 3, 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm. They will be giving cleaning, restoration, repair and preservation clinics all day as well as making a documentary movie of the cemeteries they are visiting in this year's tour. All are welcome to attend! Email info.roycemeterywa@gmail.com if you have any questions.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

- Council Meeting Monday June 10th 7:00 PM at City Hall
ALL are welcome to attend in person or online. Study session at 6:30
- Planning Commission Tuesday June 18th 6:00 PM at City Hall.
- Nourish Food Bank-Calvary Baptist Church 9010 320th St S. Wednesdays 1-3 pm.
- Roy Grange #702 meetings are the 1st Tuesday 6:30 PM
- Roy Lions Club meetings are every 3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM at the Roy Grange.

CITY UPDATES

We are in the beginning stages of the new crosswalk at Huggins Greig & McNaught with WSDOT, BNSF and Roy's Contracted Engineers, Skillings Inc.

City Hall will be CLOSED Wednesday June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

If you would like to submit photos, events or suggestions please email royadmin@cityofroywa.us

Quote of the Month

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." —Michael Jordan