

Tri-City Genealogical Society Kennewick – Pasco – Richland WA

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13 Jun 2018 Monthly Handout — Linda Stephens, Editor – skip6944@aol.com

Benton County PUD

Free Beginner Class 6:15 to 6:45 PM –

Hidden Treasures of

Ancestry.com — Margie Beldin

General Meeting 7:00 PM

13 Jun 2018 — Hollywood and

the Home Front: Tinsel

Town's Contribution to

World War II — John Jensen

FUTURE TCGS EVENTS

Organized by **Art Kelly**, Programs

- 8 Aug 2018 — Annual picnic
- 12 Sep 2018 — Family History Premium Sites – Heather Murphy
- 17 Oct 2018 — Are you Acadian? – Margie Beldin
- 7 Nov 2018 — Annual business meeting

Don't Miss this Special TCGS Event!

Monday, 25 Jun 2018 — 6:30 PM

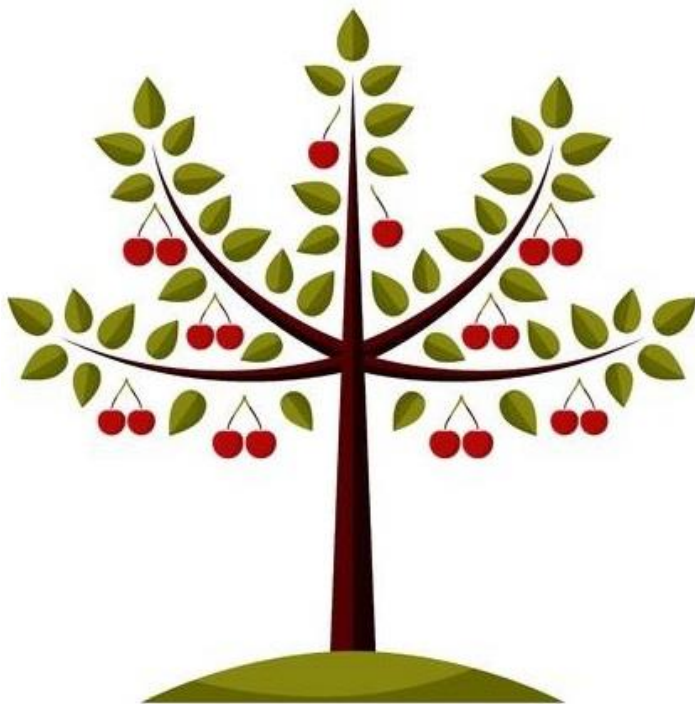
Mid-Columbia Library

1620 S Union St, Kennewick WA

Robert 'Bob' Foxcurran presents "The Canadiens and their Métis Descendants: Out West before the Americans." The French-speaking *Canadien* and Métis (pronounced may-TEES), who descended from the French and indigenous nations, developed a hybrid culture invigorated by their close kinship ties with the native peoples across the continent. Yet they kept their French songs and language, which effectively made French the *lingua franca* (Frankish tongue—a bridge language) of the American and Canadian West well into the 19th century.



14th June
Flag Day



Welcome New TCGS Members!

Patrick Bundy

Jeanne Duerring

Linda Roberts-King

TCGS currently has 139 members.

2017-2018 School Year Ends

Did you know what the first compulsory education law in the American Colonies was called? It was passed in 1647 and was called "The Old Deluder Satan Law." The goal of the law was to prevent illiteracy and to prevent the abuse of power over a population ignorant of the Scriptures. It read in part, "It being one chief project of that old deluder, Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures ... It is therefore ordered that after the Lord hath increased the settlement to the number of fifty households, they shall appoint one within their town to teach all such children as shall resort to him, to read and write."

HOLLYWOOD HEROES THEN AND NOW

If you start a list of Hollywood actors who also served in the military during World War II, you can probably come up with a list of at least 100 names. The WWII list is so great, room isn't sufficient here to list all their names here, but it includes so many heroes like **Audie Murphy**—America's most decorated soldier, who became a Hollywood star as a result of his U.S. Army service from 1942-1945. He also received the Medal of Honor—our country's highest and most prestigious personal military decoration that is awarded to recognize U.S. military service members who distinguished themselves by acts of valor. At first the Army, Navy and Marine Corps all turned Murphy down for being underweight and underage, so with his sister's help, he falsified his birth date by a year and got accepted into the Army. He also served 6 years with the Texas Army National Guard as well as 3 years with the U.S. Army Reserves, where he attained the rank of Major. And then there's **James Stewart**, U.S. Army Air Corps bomber pilot who rose to the rank of General. You probably don't know the name of **Bob Keeshan**, but you'd probably recognize the name of 'Captain Kangaroo.' That U.S. Marine saw action on Siapan and Okinawa and received the Silver Star, Bronze Star and 3 Purple Hearts. Another U.S. Marine and actor **Lee Marvin** said in an interview that Keeshan was the bravest man he had ever seen. How many current Hollywood actors do you think there are who have served in Afghanistan or Iraq? Maybe 1?

Preserving Memories Past & Present

Thursday, 28 Jun 2018 — 6:30 PM

Richland Public Library @ 955 Northgate Dr

Learn how to use the digital scanner available that's available for library patrons. You can digitize old family photos, children's artwork, documents, or anything else you want to preserve digitally. Also learn about several websites to edit, store, or share your images.

<http://wasgs.org/blog/2018/05/22/tri-city-genealogical-society-preserving-memories/>

CONGRATULATIONS, LAWRENCE CLAY!

At the annual meeting of the Washington State Genealogical Society in Vancouver, Washington, on 26 May 2018, 30 local society members and four teams were recognized with Outstanding Volunteer and Team awards. From the Tri-Cities Genealogical Society, **LAWRENCE CLAY** received the WSGS 2018 Outstanding Volunteer Award for his years of volunteer work for TCGS. Since he joined TCGS in 2000, he has been an active member and volunteer. For 4 years, he was responsible for all TCGS Publications, and for 2 years after that he was in charge of society Publicity. He also started helping with Membership and soon took over as Chairman. For years, he gathered genealogy donations for raffles, and with his projecting voice at the beginning of general monthly meetings, he sold raffle tickets; and then winners were selected afterward. He made the raffles entertaining, and all that money that he collected was used to purchase new books for the Genealogy Library. His expertise in parliamentary procedures was also a valuable resource at many of the Board meetings. TCGS is proud to honor Lawrence for his many years of service. He has set a great example.