

Friendly Neighbors' News Letter

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Renaissance Banquet

Delights Party-goers

By: Dorothy Nichols

Our Renaissance Banquet, held in conjunction with *LCSC Senior Nutrition*, was successful, grossing \$1642.18. *LCSC* donated the food, as well as cooking it, so **Friendly Neighbors**, after expenses, made a profit of \$630.59.

The **banquet** was also successful aesthetically, with authentic medieval food and **Renaissance** decorations, costumes, and entertainment provided by the **Realms of Avalon** organization.

The six course dinner, served in **Renaissance** costumes included homemade bread with herbed butter, Salad of Herbs, Lentil Soup, Genovese Tort, Chicken with butter sauce, Roasted carrots, Beef with Carmeline Sauce, lemonade and spiced cider, coffee or tea, and Gingerbread. Three kinds of wine were offered: Merlot, White Riesling, and Chardonnay, by **Camas Winery**.

Door prizes were awarded and a lively silent auction had buyers vying for desired items and services.

After dinner **Medieval Music** was provided by the **Zambinos** in their **Ends of the Earth** group. Then the **Realms of Avalon** showed what it took to get a knight suited up in medieval times, with lively commentary. **The armor** weighed 70 pounds, and **Rob Hamburg** circulated among the guests answering questions about his armor and medieval times in general.

The Realms of Avalon is an educational organization dedicated to the re-creation and

study of historical subjects and skills from the **Middle Ages**. They are a family centered organization, and hold workshops, competitions, and practice sessions in combat, dancing, and archery, wearing authentic costumes. They call their activities “**playing**” because they have fun while they are learning, meeting people and trying new things and activities. In the process they are learning about history.

(Visit their web site at:

[http://www.realms of avalon.org/](http://www.realmsofavalon.org/))

We hope to make the **Renaissance Banquet** an annual affair coinciding with **Moscow's famous Renaissance Fair.**

Idaho Spud

By: Lucille Magnuson

When my great-granddaughter's asking me
“Why?”

I try to satisfy her with reply.

Why does Grama want steaming Irish tea,
And my other grama, creamy coffee?

Because Great-grandmother is from Ireland,
The other came from Norway's snowy land.
I also explained one likes baked Irish spud
hot,

The other prefers spuds in seafood pot.

Her questions turned to those old country
lands,

And wonder grows as more knowledge
expands.

She learned about people crossing the sea,
Losing spud harvest, seeking to be free.

Because she asks, she learns how our spuds
grow,

How important the crops to Idaho.

Now she brags of our famous potato,

And says Idaho spuds are best you know!

This Month's Feature People Originally From Troy, Idaho

Welcome Home

Welcome back to **Ruth Smith** and **Frances Stewart**! **Ruth** has gone south to **Yuma, Arizona** for twenty-two years, but has now decided to stay in our beautiful **Moscow, Idaho**.

Frances Stewart had the misfortune to fall and break her hip since she has been home. She is now recovering at the **Latah Health Center**. We hope to see her back with us soon.



Ruth Smith

Ruth Smith was born at **Troy, Idaho** to **Oscar and Ida Asplund**. She graduated from **Troy High School** as **Salutatorian** of her class. While in high school this young meat cutter came to **Troy** to work at the local grocery store. They met and started dating. His name was **Clyde Smith**. They were married in 1941. They had three children, **Dennis, Alan, and Kathy**.

Clyde worked at several different grocery stores. Then, in the 1960's they started "**Clyde's IGA**" where the **Moscow Co-op** is now located. This was **Moscow's** first **Supermarket** with self-service meats, etc. **Clyde** was the meat cutter and **Ruth** did all the office work.

During the years when they had the store, **Ruth** was active in **Jay-C-Ettes** and the **American Legion Auxiliary**. **Ruth** was also a **Cub Scout** and **Blue Bird** leader.

When they retired in 1981 they sold everything in **Moscow** and moved to their home on **Lake Coeur D'Alene**. They spent six months at the lake and 6 months in **Yuma, Arizona**. What a life!! Then it all ended when **Clyde** died in 1995. **Ruth** stayed home for one year then she went back to **Yuma**. This will be her last year as a "**Snow Bird**".

Both **Ruth and Frances**, her sister, enjoy the ***Friendly Neighbors*** and the **Senior Meal Site** dinners.



Frances Stewart

Frances was born in **Troy Idaho** to **Ida and Oscar Asplund**. She graduated from **Troy High School**. While in school she worked at the **Troy Hotel** and for **Tina Berg** who ran a boarding house. In 1931 she married **Delbert Stewart** who, with his uncle, came to **Troy** to build a skating rink and dance hall. To this union a daughter **Sharon** was born. In 1943 they sold their home and moved to **Seattle**. **Frances** worked as a store clerk. **Mr. Stewart** passed away in 1964. **Frances** stayed in **Seattle** until 1994 when she came to **Moscow** to be closer to family. She has three grandchildren and five great grandchildren, who all live in **Minnesota** where her daughter **Sharon** lives. **Frances** enjoys coming to the ***Friendly Neighbors Meal Site***.



Autobiography of Don Nelson

Don Nelson was born in **Troy, Idaho** to **Leonard and Florence Martenson Nelson**. He had two brothers and three sisters. His brother **Rudy** passed away but his wife **Maxine** still lives on the family farm with her daughter **Marlene**. His other brother **Larry** has also passed away. His sister **Augusta** lives in **Troy, Verleen** lives here in **Moscow** at **Good Samaritan Village**, and his sister **Edris** lives in **Des Moines, Washington**.

Don attended grade school in a one room school house on **Little Bear Ridge** and graduated from **Troy High School**. He worked on the section for **Northern Pacific Railroad** until he was drafted into the **Army** in 1951. He took basic training at **Fort Lewis, Washington**, and then spent three months at **Desert Rock, Nevada** where he observed a nuclear blast. They had the men turn their backs to the explosion, but they got to see a beautiful mushroom. **Don** was amazed how much power there is in one small bomb.

Don shipped out to **Korea** in the spring of 1952. He served in the artillery where he was a driver on a 105 mounted howitzer and later on an 8 inch mounted howitzer. That is how he lost most of his hearing. He left **Korea** in February of 1953 and was discharged from the **Army** in March.

Upon returning to **Troy** he worked part time for the **Post Office** and for **Idaho Bean and Elevator Company**.

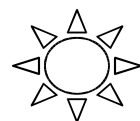
Don married **Sherrie Condell** of **Troy** in 1955. They had two daughters, **Connie and Marci**; a son, **Tom** and one more daughter, **Joane** while living in **Troy**. In December of 1964, they moved into **Moscow** to the house where they currently live, and their last daughter, **Amy** was born in **Moscow**.

Don drove a concrete ready mix truck for 30 years and retired in 1987. **Sherrie** now works in the **Social Services Department** at **Latah County Courthouse**.

Don and Sherri have two grandsons and two granddaughters. **Don's** hobbies have included raising cattle, gardening and crossword puzzles. **Don** gave up the cattle a few years ago; however, and now has more time to do the crosswords.

Don enjoys **Friendly Neighbors** and has made lots of friends through **contacts at the Senior Meal Site-----**

Life may not be the party we expected, but while we are here we might as well dance.





Betty Anderson

Betty Anderson was born in **Moscow, Idaho** and raised in **Deary, Idaho**. Later, her parents bought a house next to the **Lutheran Church** and next to her **Uncle Carl Anderson**, the sheriff and water commissioner. **Betty** attended school until seventh grade, at which point her family moved to **Moscow**.

Betty spent her summers taking swimming lessons in **Kendrick**, swimming in the reservoir and going to various church bible studies.

Halloween was always a big deal, 'trick or treating' (with soap) or bring 'junk' to deposit on **Main Street**.

Betty married late and not wisely. She lived in **Kentucky** and **New Jersey** for 25 years. When she received her divorce, she came back to the state she loves, **Idaho**.

Betty loves jazz and has many musicians as friends and a song was written just for her, ***Blues for Betty***. She likes playing pinochle and other card games, bowling and visiting with all her friends and those of the **Friendly Neighbors' Meal Site**.

Computer Assistance at the Moscow Senior Center

By: Kay Keskinen

Seniors interested in learning more about personal computers (**PCs**) are encouraged to stop by the **Moscow Senior Center** on Monday mornings for assistance

from **Doris, Scotte, or Kay**. There are four **PCs** and one **laptop** that are available for use, though access to the **Internet** is currently limited to one or maybe two **PCs** at one time. If you have questions about e-mail, word processing, spreadsheets, surfing the web, searching the web, or keeping your **PC** healthy, bring your questions to the **Senior Center** on Monday mornings for some friendly assistance along with a cup of coffee.

Whether you have beginner, intermediate, or advanced levels of questions, **Doris, Scotte, and Kay** have over **50 years** of experience with computers among them; if they can't help you with a question or problem, they can help you find someone who can help.

As much as **computers** can be great tools, there are some people who spread **computer viruses** and send fraudulent e-mails trying to get private information to try to steal a person's identity or access their financial information. For information about **anti-virus software**, some of which is free, stop by the **Senior Center**. The 'spoofed' e-mails and fake websites are called '**phishing**' attacks, where people go '**fishing**' to try to get people to divulge personal information such as social security numbers, bank account information, credit card numbers, account usernames, passwords, and such. Many of these phishing e-mails even have authentic looking logos of banks and other reputable businesses and fake web addresses that look to be genuine. Do not respond to these e-mails; they are not legitimate. These **phishers** are able to get 5% of the recipients to respond to them.

For these and other tips on using computers safely, stop by the **Senior Center** for more information.



President's Message

By: Duane LeTourneau

On May 25 your *Board of Directors* reviewed the financial reports for the first four months of this fiscal year. I am pleased to report that we are within our **budget**.

Further, recent fundraising activities will augment our income for the year. **The Renaissance** dinner (See details elsewhere in this newsletter.) netted \$630.59 for **Friendly Neighbors**. My thanks to **Dorothy Nichols** and **Nancy Sargent-Johnson** and her crew from **Lewis-Clark State College** for their efforts in organizing an enjoyable and profitable event, and for the donation of all the food.

Then on Saturday, May 22, **Betty Gibb** and **Jim Maley** took part in the benefit yard sale in **Lewiston**. While it was a miserable, rainy day and attendance was down, their efforts resulted in **\$120** for our treasury. Thanks to **Betty and Jim** and to those who donated items for the sale.

Please contact me (**882-5078** or **dlet@uidaho.edu**) if you have comments, questions or suggestions about any aspect of the operation of our **meal site**.

Duane LeTourneau



A Little Humor

Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation leans on the bell.

If God is your Copilot - swap seats!

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way BUT never forget to remember the blessings that come each day

The End of the News.

