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President's Message

Oliver Pratt, President

This is the week after the tragic death and Memorial Service of one of Moscow's police officers.

You have heard a lot about police brutality; most people don't realize the stress and the complicated situations the police are exposed to.

What chances would you be willing to take to protect people and their property?

Let's be more supportive of their job and less critical.

Also, We do thank the cook and the Neighbors who take advantage of all that fine food each Tuesday and Thursday (Noon) in the Great Room on the Plaza level of the 1912 Center.

A Quite and Beautiful Day

Spring is here
 The birds all cheer
 Finches and Robbins also returned
 The air is warmer
 The sun seems stronger
 All of nature is waking up.
 The trees are budding
 Some flowers are blooming
 The grass is turning green
 The birds are building their nests
 I wonder – do they ever rest?
 Some trees are actually blooming now
 I hope there will be no more snow!
 It's time to get the yards all clean
 So everything will have a bright sheen.
 Let's stop and pause – let's look and listen!
 So we can enjoy this happy season.
 -- Eva Paulucci, Lewiston

60 Years Together

Phyllis and Duane LeTourneau invite all the Friendly Neighbors to join them in celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary at the 1912 Center from 3 to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 24th. Your presence is your only gift.

A Message From The Membership Chairman

Barbara Townsend

Everyone who comes to senior meals is invited to join *Friendly Neighbors' Senior Club*. Dues are only \$2.00 per years.

Someone who only comes occasionally, ask them if they would like to join our group. Your help is appreciated.

We currently have 122 active members.

Moscow Lions Club

One June 16, 2007, the Moscow Lions Club will be rebuilding the kids playground at the Latah Fair Grounds. It will be an all day affair, and people are invited to drop by and visit. Food will be served in the display building.

---Jim Maley

Aspire to inspire before you expire!

1912 Center News

by *Jenny Sheneman* and **HAI**

Heart of the Arts, Inc. has been managing the building for almost a month now and I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank-you to the wonderful volunteers who make it possible to have a working office in the building. Thanks to: **Scottie Hecht, Doris Norman, Kay Keskinen, Leonard Johnson, Bob Leonard, Mary Ann Moser, Jan Jensen, Mike & Bernita Linderman, Dorothy Nichols, Bob Newbre, Hazel Jahr and Robert Mayburry.** These fine volunteers help unlock and lock, show the **1912 Center** for **HAI** and help to cover when I run to the post office, bank, lunch or a meeting. Plus they are welcome company for the single employee office. I look forward to coming to work to see them. If you want to volunteer your time with the **Senior Center** please contact **Dorothy Nichols at: 882-6784.**

As the last of spring flies by, we are busy getting things cleaned up and repairs made. We have a new working **EXIT** sign, the stove in the kitchen has been repaired to full operation, storage by the piano has been cleaned out and we have new keys in the whole building. We have a new podium to replace the one that the city took to the **Hamilton Recreation Center.** It is on casters so we can move it in and out of storage easily. I hope you like it! We also have a cart to move bread sacks out to the **Good Sam** van on meal site days. **HAI** doesn't want anyone getting hurt lifting heavy things. We will begin our *recycling program* in June. Look for the blue recycling containers that are coming soon.

I rely on your feedback to help run the **1912 Center** as a smoothly as possible. Please feel free to stop in the office anytime and let me know how we are doing, Monday

through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. I look forward to seeing you around the **Center!**

Senior Room Volunteers Needed

By **Dorothy Nichols**

We need a couple of people who will fill in to "baby-sit" the **Moscow Senior Center** when the regular volunteer can't be there.

There are interesting activities going on, or you can bring a book to read. The morning shift is 9 am to 12:30. The afternoon shift is 1 to 4 pm. The main duty is to answer the phone. If you can't answer the caller's questions just direct callers to Jennie in the **Heart of the Arts Office** off the **Senior Center**, or to one of the phone numbers posted on the bulletin board.

Please see or call **Dorothy Nichols at: 882-6784. Thank you so much.**

Donation

We extend a unanimous *THANK YOU* to Lee Fruits for the generous donation of the DVD player for the Moscow Senior Center.

2007 Summer Plaza Concerts

**Food from 5 pm and
Music from 6:30-8 pm**

- **June 11 ----- Dosiers' Jazz**
- **June 16 ----- Rendezvous
Chamber Players**
- **August 13 ----- 1912
Chamber Players**

From the rhythms and spirit of Moscow's jazz icons, Dody and Dick Dozier, to the summer sounds of Moscow's pre-eminent chamber players of Rendezvous to the glittering tones of local chamber music groups, all with savories, sweets and drink to buy, HAI offers a new fourth season of summer sound at Moscow's premier cultural center! Summer on the Plaza never felt to good!!!



Friendly Neighbors' Board Meeting

Each month, the elected members of the Friendly Neighbors' Board meet to discuss and decide important issues that arise in the operation of a nutrition meal site and senior center.

Pictured above are:

President – Oliver Pratt

Board Member – Lee Fruits

Secretary – Mary Ann Moser

Treasurer – Ida Pepe

Membership -- Barbara Townsend

Continuing Education -- Mary Wood

Vice President -- Jim Maley

Committee Member -- Bob Newbre

Those unable to attend:

Board Member --Virginia Hays

Board Member – Betty Anderson

[Friendly Neighbors' Meal Site](#)

Continues to serve USDA approved, nutritionally balanced meals for seniors on Tuesday and Thursday of each month (except holidays).

Donation: \$3.00 Over 60.

Donation: \$5.00-Under 60, Visitors, and Children



Friendly Neighbors on a shopping spree

The group above represents Friendly Neighbors who reside at the Good Samaritan Village Retirement Home -- On a shopping trip to Winco Grocery:

- Marilyn Mitchell
- Betty Dahl
- Frances Sundstrom
- Francis Kalan
- Lois Phillips
- Helen Pingree



Coffee In the Moscow Senior Center
Furnished courtesy of Jeff Bollinger
Investment Representative
Edward Jones Investments

Eastside Marketplace – 1420 S. Blaine, Suite 4

Your retirement years should be easier.

As a resident of Good Samaritan Village and Fairview Village Estates, you'll enjoy priority access to all services offered through out both campuses.

Fairview Village Estates is located on the east side of town, with beautiful views of Moscow Mountain and Paradise Ridge. You can find that care-free retirement lifestyle you've longed for. With brand new, personalized Twinhomes and a new apartment complex, The Lodge, our residents 55 and older can enjoy a maintenance-free home and the freedom they deserve.

Fairview Village Estates A Good Samaritan Senior Living Facility

Open Now!

Synopsis of the Trip to Texas – April 2007 (a total of 5,850 miles in about 32 days) *Melinda Crawford*

On Wednesday, April 4, 2007, Doris Norman and Don and Melinda Crawford left Moscow, and drove as far as Dillon, Montana; then on to Salt Lake City to visit with Sarah, Rob, and Josh Church, grandchild and great grandchild of Doris. We visited the Family History Library on Friday, saw Red Butte Gardens and watched Josh's soccer game on Saturday. On Easter morning (8 April) we watched Josh hunt for Easter eggs, and then headed out to Moab, Utah. We visited Arches National Park briefly and then went on to Cortez, Colorado where we spent the night. After a stop at Mesa Verde National Park, we drove on to Durango, Colorado and had lunch and enjoyed a stout at the Steam Works Brewery there; then on to Santa Fe where we stayed the night of April 9th.

The next day we drove to Santa Rosa and Tucumcari, New Mexico and on in to Amarillo, Texas. There we visited Palo Duro Canyon, the site of Great-Grandma Fleming's escape from the Comanche Indians.

On 11 April, we moved on, stopping in Sayre, Oklahoma, where we went to the Court House to look up a couple of records. When we were unable to find what we were looking for, we stopped at the Public Library and spoke with the librarian, who looked up a couple of items in newspapers on microfilm. Still not finding the information, we thanked the librarian and left. In the car, and about to pull out of the parking space, we noticed an older man approaching and looking curiously at our car, so we rolled down the window and asked if we could help him. It turns out that he was leaving a Kiwanis meeting and noticed our Idaho license tag. After talking for a few moments, we learned that the gentleman was from Sayre, but had lived and worked in Hobart years ago. Upon asking his name, we were stunned to learn that this was Herman Seymour, the man who worked with Doris at the Extension Office in Hobart, Oklahoma, 44 years ago, and who had loaned the twins his car when they were teenagers so that they could learn to drive. We had a nice chat and took a picture of Mr. Seymour, Doris, and Don in front of the Sayre Public Library. It is most definitely a "small world."

Next we drove to Hobart and toured the town. Karen and Max Moses, and several of Doris's former co-workers joined us for lunch at what used to be the "A & B Café", but is now a

Mexican restaurant. It was a very nice reunion. Then, we stopped to visit with another of Doris' friends, Mary Ann Allen. After a bit more touring of the town, we drove to Altus, where we spent the night.

The next day (12 April), we drove on, stopping in Vernon, Texas to get a bunch of marriage records and a birth certificate at the County Clerk's Office. Leaving Vernon, we stopped at the Harrold Cemetery to get photographs of several gravestones, mostly of C. C. Bristo and descendants, but also of some Barnetts, too. One stone was so difficult to read, that the only way to even decipher the letters was by stone rubbing. By the afternoon, we arrived at Aunt Betty Smith's (sister in law) house in Abilene Texas. On Friday, we took a day trip to Merkel to visit the cemetery and get a few photographs of the gravestones for some Dowdys. That evening, we met and talked with Glen Bohannon for a couple of hours, sharing photographs, and other genealogical information. We stayed in Abilene for a couple of days and visited with Aunt Betty and all four of her children. On Saturday, Bobby and Wanda and their son Robin came over from Euless, Mickey and Cheryl came up from Belton, Linda came from Throckmorton, and Kenneth made the 12 hour drive over from his job in Mississippi to spend the day.

On Monday (16 April), we drove to Albany and attempted to visit the County Clerk's Office, but they were closing for lunch. So, we drove on to Mingus, where we searched and eventually found the Russell Chapel Cemetery, where Amanda and J. C. Deaton are buried. Here is an example of how helpful it is to carry a GPS unit. Using the coordinates of the cemetery location (which Don had found on-line) we drove to the area near where the cemetery should be located; at the intersection of a couple of dirt roads, we were confronted with a big sign that stated "**Road Closed – Bridge Out**". Up the road a ways, we could see a cemetery. So, not to be swayed from our mission, off we went, walking up the dirt road, crossing the new bridge (note that the bridge had actually already been replaced, and was 'probably' usable, but we didn't want to take the chance that we'd be found later at the bottom of the stream). About a half-mile later, we were standing at the entrance of the Russell Chapel Cemetery, with Deaton Mountain in the distance. We spent a few quiet moments in the cemetery, enjoying the warm spring breeze and

taking photographs, and then walked back to the car, passing the resident cattle along the way.

Next we drove on to Stephenville, and had dinner with Don's Aunt Shirley and Uncle Bernard Hintner, and their daughter Amy, and granddaughter Ava at the Cotton Patch Restaurant.

On 17 April, we headed toward Athens, stopping in Granbury to visit with cousin Carolyn Jean Whetstone (and her menagerie) for a while. Then it was on to Euless for a nice visit with Don's Aunt Billie and Uncle Bill Freeman and Aunt Mildred Bennett. Quite a menacing looking storm came up, so Uncle Bill insisted that we put our car under shelter, which we did, under a carport at Aunt Mildred's apartment a few blocks away. After the storm passed, we all met Don's cousin Kayla and John Fazekas and their 8 year old twins for dinner at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. It was an enjoyable, although late, evening and we finally got to our motel room in Canton, Texas at about 11 pm.

The next morning (18 April), we drove on into Athens for a visit with Aunt Opal Stokes (sister). Doris and Opal spent a lot of time reminiscing and catching up. Don and Melinda did some genealogy research at the Henderson County Clerk's Office as well as the Smith County Clerk's Office. We visited the Athens Cemetery where Uncle Frank Stokes is buried, and also did a little antiquing at an antique mall that was having its second anniversary sale. We were able to also visit with cousin Tommy Stokes and his wife Shirley; and Mickey and Cheryl Smith came up from Belton to visit again.

On 22 April, Don and Melinda made a day trip to Waco, to meet Don's cousin Jackie Crawford Phillips. It was a pleasant four-hour lunch, sitting, and talking, and reminiscing, as if it had not been 39 years since Don and Jackie had last seen each other.

On 23 April, we left Athens, stopping in Tyler to visit a huge cemetery and see the stones there; one was a huge replica of a baby grand piano. We drove on to Paris, stopping in Quitman, hoping to visit the County Court House, but it was still under construction and it was not immediately evident where the offices were temporarily located. We stopped at the Deaton Cemetery at the Rains/Hopkins County line, and were even able this time to drive the grassy lane all the way to the cemetery (after securing the cattle gate, of course).

In Paris, we stopped at the Historical Society at the Old Depot and talked with a very nice volunteer there. We were hoping that she could

give us good directions to the site of the John and Luke Roberts historical stone, but, despite her best efforts, she wasn't able to find it. Doris, however, contacted the mother of Skipper Steely, the man who wrote "Six Months from Tennessee". Hearing that the stone was supposedly near the town of Novice, we set out to hunt for it. Doris even spoke via cell phone with Mr. Steely a couple of times along the way, and he tried to give us directions, although he admitted that it would be difficult to find, as it had been a year or so before that he himself had located it. Alas, by the time we got out to the general area, driving red dirt roads (without GPS coordinates this time), we were beginning to lose light, and a huge storm was approaching. So, after a valiant attempt to run up and down those red dirt roads, we finally high-tailed it out of there just as the deluge of blinding rain hit us. None of us wanted to speculate as to what would have happened if we had been stuck in the mud and rain if we had stayed a few minutes longer. We left and drove to McAlester, Oklahoma where we stayed the night (in a less than adequate motel).

On 25 April, we drove on in to Okmulgee, Oklahoma, stopping at the cemetery to pay our respects to Melinda's mother, who, on that day 22 years before, had died. We visited with Grampy (Bob) Blanchard in Okmulgee, and went to the Tulsa airport on Friday (27 April) to pick up Sarah and Josh who visited from Salt Lake City. A big family reunion and steak barbecue took place on Saturday, and Josh had a blast playing with his cousins (and we had a blast watching them). Josh and Grandpa Don played baseball, and all the boys went fishing in Grampy's pond. (Josh caught a perch all by himself – the only one who caught anything!) Sarah and Josh flew back home on Monday, and we left Okmulgee on Tuesday.

Our route home, largely to avoid the stormy weather, was via Liberal, Kansas and North Platte, Nebraska (where Melinda made a stop at an Urgent Care Center to get treatment for a cold, cough, and eye infection). We stayed a night in Sturgis, South Dakota and even made a side trip to Devil's Tower National Monument in Wyoming. Then to Livingston, Montana and on in to Moscow on Saturday 5 May.

It was a long, but enjoyable trip - about 5850 miles in about 32 days- filled with variety: visits to National and State Parks, cemetery viewings, library and court house research, and wonderful family gatherings.