

Friendly Neighbors Newsletter

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President's Message

As September comes to a close, the flowers from the local gardens and the vegetables will come to an end. The change will go almost unnoticed, and everything we need for the meal site will be now shipped to us.

The finances are holding... even through we had to go into our savings fund and are now waiting for two and one half months of reimbursement from AAoA.

Our cook is doing a fantastic job in the kitchen with the help of volunteers.

Thank you to the people who are taking care of the table decorations and to the people that help put the tables and chairs away after each meal. Thank you to all those people who are busy in so many areas of volunteer work that keeps our meal site operating. We could not function without all those dedicated volunteers.

From Your President, Oliver Pratt

No Wonder I'm So Tired

YES, I'm tired. For years I've blamed it on middle age... iron poor blood... lack of vitamins... air pollution... obesity... dieting... and dozens of other maladies. But now I realize I'm tired because I'm over worked!

Here are the facts: There are 200 million people in this country, and 84 million of them are retired. That leaves 116 million to do the work.

There are 22 million on the payroll of the federal government, and leaves 19 million to do the work.

Of those, 4 million are in the armed forces, leaving 15 million to do the work.

Subtract from the 12,880,000 in state, city and local governments, and you have 200,000 people to do the work.

Well... there are 188,000 people in hospitals, and 11,998 people are in prisons. That leaves just 2 people to do all the work ... you and me.

And you're sitting there reading a magazine. No wonder I'm so tired

Mrs. Albert Byler, Clarks Mills, Pennsylvania



Marjorie Ethel McBride

With heavy hearts, we say goodbye to Marjorie McBride. She was one of our Friendly Neighbors for many years, volunteering wherever she saw a need. "We will miss you, Marjorie."

**Friendly Neighbors Senior Meal Site
Come to the Plaza level of the 1912 Building to have a good nutritious noon meal with a group of Moscow's Senior Citizens each Tuesday and Thursdays of the month (except holidays).**

- Over 60 - \$4.00 Donation
- Under 60 - \$6.00
- For Donation Carry-out Box - \$2.00



Duane & Phyllis LeTourneau

Duane, a country boy, and **Phyllis**, a big city (Minneapolis) girl, met during freshmen week activities at the **University of Minnesota (UM)** in the fall of 1943. They began dating in 1944 before **Duane** enlisted in the **U. S. Army Air Force**. They were married in June 1947 two weeks after **Phyllis** graduated with a B.S. degree in Home Economics. After receiving a B.S. degree (1948) in Agricultural Biochemistry, **Duane** started graduate work at the **UM** and completed M.S. (1951) and Ph.D. (1954) degrees.

The **LeTourneaus** headed west in the fall of 1953 after **Duane** accepted a position as assistant professor in the **Department of Agricultural Chemistry at the University of Idaho (UI)**. During most of his career at the **UI**, **Duane** taught courses in biochemistry and conducted research in plant biochemistry; he served as the Secretary of the Faculty in 1990-91. While at the **UI**, **Duane** took a year's leave of absence as a **USDA senior postdoctoral fellow** at the **Northern Regional Research Laboratory (Peoria, IL)** and one semester sabbatical leaves at the **University of Sheffield (England)** and the **Prairie Regional Research Laboratory (Saskatoon, Canada)**. He retired in 1991 but continued to teach on a part-time basis until 1998.

Phyllis and Duane have three children: **Bruce** (57), **Diane** (55) and **Keith** (53), and three granddaughters.

Over the years, **Phyllis**, a full-time homemaker, and **Duane** have been active as members of and volunteers for several **UI** and community organizations, including **Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Friendly Neighbors, Latah County Historical Society, Moscow Chamber of Commerce, and the University of Idaho Retirees Association.**



Bette Mitchell & Jeanette Talbott

In July 2007, **Friendly Neighbors** took time out to celebrate **Hawaii Days**. All on board enjoyed this hour of Hawaiian music, fellowship with friends, and good food.



Leidenfrost & Saunders Band

In August 2007, we were entertained with Celtic music by the **Leidenfrost and Saunders Band** from Latah County: **Csaba Leidenfrost**, drums; **Grace Saunders**, voice and dance; **Ruth Saunders**, lead voice; **Katie Saunders**, fiddle, Dulcimer, and voice; **Tricia Moss**, guest singer. They are the son, granddaughters, and friends of **Ted and Jane Leidenfrost.**



Linda Pike– Tom Trail– Jim Wordelman

The above were recent visitors who gave us interesting information on **AARP** and **AAoA** at **Friendly Neighbors Meal Site.**



Kids in the Kitchen

The first class bringing seniors and children together was a yummy success! **Scottie Hecht** and **Mary Ann Moser** worked with five children ages 4 to 6 years to make a meal of black bean chili with cornbread topping and an apple crisp that they took home to eat with their families. **Mary Ann** was the master peeler of a whole box of small apples and **Scottie** showed the children just how “**Angel Eggs**” are made. We learned a whole lot about how to work in the **1912 Center kitchen** with little people. The key is step stools! Consider volunteering your time at the next class.

•**Contact Jenny Sheneman in the management office at 669-2249.**

The kids would love to spend an afternoon with you!

Computer Day Care

By: Leslie Leeper

Computer: n. 2. A device used for computing specific. An electronic machine, which by means of stored instructions and information performs rapid, often complex calculations or compiles, correlates and selects data.

Computerese: n. The jargon used in computer technology.

The first day of class someone said, “Teacher, I want to learn everything you know about computers.” The second day of class someone said, “Please excuse my ignorance, will you teach me what I need to know to use a computer?”

Day three of Computer Day Care, someone thinks Teacher must stay close to me because I could cause a computer crash. Beginnings are intimidating but with an understanding teacher, it is possible for someone to gain confidence and curiosity.

Care: n. 2. Close attention or careful

heed. After hours of communicating in computerese: backspace, click, delete, edit, log on or log off; lose their mystery. Some people begin to believe computers are friendly and fun. And some people start dreaming of sending pictures (attachments) and Teacher says, “I’ll show you how to download a photo.”

There is a lot to learn in Computer Day Care, and a teacher will guide you through the first awkward steps and stand by on Monday mornings 9:30 to noon and Wednesday 1 to 3.

Google, Yahoo and www.com do not need to remain a mystery. You have a question? Bring it to *Computer Day Care* in the Moscow Senior Center in the 1912 Building, and Kay Doris and Scottie will stand by for the first awkward steps.

All definitions from *Third College Edition Webster’s New World Dictionary of American English, 1994.*



Coffee for **Moscow Senior Center** Courtesy of **Jeff Bollinger**, Investment Representative for **Edward Jones Financial Services**, Eastside Market Place, **Moscow.**

News of Friendly Neighbors We Have Known

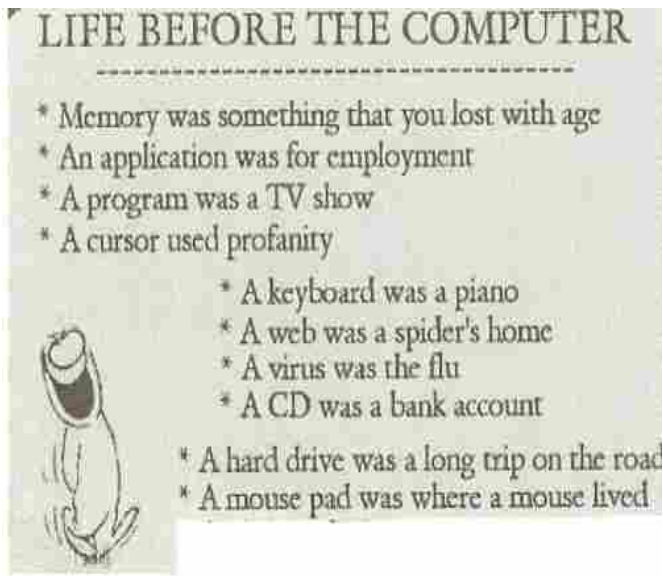


Betty Jackson



Vivian Hoffman

- For those of you who have not heard, **Betty Jackson** has recently moved from Good Samaritan Retirement Village to Oregon to be near her children.
- **Vivian Hoffman** still resides in Assisted Living on the 2nd Floor of Good Sam Apartments. She continues to be enthusiastic about life and enjoys living in Good Sam.



Whatever their origin, wooden nickels have uses

Don't take any wooden nickels. The phrase has been in our language for a long time. Its origin is a subject for speculation. One Web site says the phrase came from the use of wooden nickels at centennials and fairs. When the centennials and fairs were finished, the nickels were no longer accepted as legal tender.

Another site says that a bank in the State of Washington failed in 1931 and goes on to say that the Chamber of Commerce in that town started printing up wooden money, the first ever issued in America.

Then, there's a site about clichés. The authors don't say how the phrase got started, but explained it by saying it is "often used when parting company. This is a comment to tell someone to be careful and not to be too trusting."

Yet another site featuring the "word detective" answers a question about the origin of the wooden nickel phrase from a reader. It quotes Stuart Berg Flexner in a book titled "Listening to America." Flexner says it all started in the mid 1800s when so-called country bumpkins were "hornswoggled" by unscrupulous Yankee peddlers, who found themselves paying good money for "wooden nutmeg," "wooden cucumber seeds" and even "wooden hams." I guess if you would buy a wooden ham, you might take a wooden nickel in change.

There is a book called "*The Morris Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins*" that claims wooden coins became popular in the 1800s during exhibitions and fairs. If you took wooden nickels after the show closed, they would be expired.

The wooden-nickel business is thriving in the United States. There are companies that will make you any amount with any logo you wish. At The Old Time Wooden Nickel Co. there are 45 entries telling how the phrase would be said in other languages.

Have a Happy Day, All Day, and Every Day of Your Life. DN

