



THE SCOOP

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CLEARWATER

COMMUNITY CENTER

& SENIOR HAPPENINGS

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FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON & MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Thirty-five folks gathered on August 11 to share in the monthly luncheon. Hostesses were Geri Deninger, Stella Coble and Helen Fesnock. It's always a treat to see and taste the gourmet foods that line the serving table.

After the luncheon the business meeting was opened by the chairperson, Farol McMillan. Following the call to order, flag salute, devotions and reading of August birthdays and minutes of the last meeting, she proceeded with the business at hand.

- 1) One of the ongoing moneymaking projects is Biscuits and Gravy the third Saturday morning of the each month. Money received from the breakfast in July was \$338.00. Donations received during that time totaled \$52.00.
- 2) As of August 11th, \$665.00 of raffle tickets had been sold. All monies raised (and donations) will go toward installing the outside door in the Arts & Crafts room. The drawing will be held on Saturday evening, Sept. 11 at the Fish Fry.
- 3) The question, Do we want a raffle or an auction on the Fall Festival quilt?, was raised for discussion. After much discussion a motion was passed to wait until after Thanksgiving (or later) to sell raffle tickets on the second quilt.
- 4) Since it has been difficult to find volunteers to be hostess for the monthly luncheon, it was decided that hostesses would be done away with in the future.
- 5) There was some discussion as to what the group might be involved in at the Fall Festival in October. Last year the bake sale was a very big success, but no final decision was made.
- 6) It was reported that there were 27 people who showed up for the bone density testing. While tests were given, others enjoyed the games and food, the regular Friday night activities.
- 7) Twenty-seven attended the Sloppy Joe Night. Twenty-two played bingo and seven played several games of pool.
- 8) Angie Shaver has volunteered to take over the calling committee. This is a very important position, reminding folks of upcoming events.
- 9) The building was rented for Saturday afternoon, Aug. 15 for Lois Winters' birthday celebration, then again on the afternoon of Aug. 22 for Ruby Fisher's birthday celebration.
- 10) Next month's hostesses are Mary Mitchell and Mary Jo McMahan.
- 11) Farol introduced the guest speaker, Duane Freed, who told us about Reverse Mortgages. He stressed that everyone is not eligible for a reverse mortgage, and gave several reasons why some people should not even consider having one. Then he told of the advantages of a reverse mortgage for those people who are eligible. Duane was a good speaker, quite knowledgeable on his subject.

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One Liners: **Money talks. If it's the dollar, it's small talk.
**He made money the old-fashioned way--he inherited it.
**Hard work is the yeast that raises the dough.



The above quilt, pieced by Diane Nickelson, and donated to the Seniors is being raffled off to help raise money to install an exterior door in the Arts & Crafts room at the Community Center. At the time of this writing, ticket sales have exceeded \$1,100. Several bids on the door have been given, all in the \$8,000 range. Other donations are also going toward this project, but there's still a ways to go.

The drawing for the quilt will be held the evening of Sept. 11 at the 2nd Annual Catfish Fry Dinner. You need not be present to win!



The above picture is of Jerry Stitt holding part of our dinner last year at the 1st Annual Catfish Fry.

This year serving will be from 5PM to 7:30PM at the Center on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009.

Costs for the meal will be \$6.00 for folks 10 years and older, and only \$3.00 for children through nine year olds.

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***Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside.-Mark Twain

***The only food that doesn't go up in price is food for thought. - Anon.

WE HOLD IN HIGH ESTEEM



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Van Tjaden
- 02 Sondra Chambers
- 02 Sid Wise
- 03 Bert Morrison
- 04 Marion Johnson
- 06 Ava Dawn McGeary
- 07 Beverly Hammers
- 09 Harry Crum
- 09 Val Lange
- 12 Mary Ann Love
- 13 Madelyn McMillen
- 13 Suzi Wilbert
- 15 Nobuko Osborn
- 15 Ollie Robbins
- 17 Mary Jane Hoelscher
- 18 Betty Harbour
- 22 Evelyn Curtis
- 22 Betty Jo Emery
- 22 Betty Schmidt
- 23 Louise Stockhaus
- 23 Zona Stout
- 24 Mary Fleming
- 25 Norman Schwind
- 26 Marion Barrow
- 26 Irlene Kellogg
- 26 Wanda Stitt
- 27 Frank Gerlach
- 27 Wayne McEntire
- 29 Jim Lynn
- 29 Jeanne McCoy
- 30 David Fitzgerald
- 30 John Johnson
- 30 Valeta Nelson



There are many residents of this Clearwater community that have led admirable lives. We respect them for what they have contributed to this community, to their chosen field, and to our country. From time to time we will be presenting some of these outstanding citizens to you. This month we have chosen to introduce you to David Franklin Crews.

David was born in June 22, 1918, in Evansville, Indiana. He attended grade school in Indiana and graduated high school in Manhattan, Kansas. He attended college at Kansas State University and graduated in 1942 as a cereal chemist.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the US Army and sent to Panama with the coast artillery. He also served in Europe with the sixth armored division. After the war he came home and worked for Wichita flour mills, retiring after 48 years.

David married Helen Jane Macreadie on December 8, 1942 - the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The family {David, Helen Jane and two children, David (Terry) and Charlotte} moved to Clearwater in 1952. From that point forward, Clearwater has been David's home.

Last year David was one of the WWII veterans who flew to Washington D.C. to participate in honoring the WWII veterans. He is a member of the American Legion and is a past commander of Post 93.

If a bus tour is planned locally, David is usually one of those enjoying the trip. If a raffle is held, David will be holding a number of tickets. If the school is having a special event, David will be there encouraging them on. If the local merchants are planning a community event, David will be involved. During the Fall Fest you will see David either on a float waving at the spectators, or being a spectator, waving at those on the floats.

In his younger days, David enjoyed gardening and still enjoys being outdoors. On good days we still see David bicycling around town. He attends four exercise classes a week, keeping fit.

It's been a pleasure to get acquainted with David Crews. We do hold him in high esteem.



WHO TO CALL !

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President William Howard Taft, (R) was born Sept. 15, 1857 and died March 4, 1913. He served as president from Mar. 4, 1909 to Mar. 4, 1913.

Some of his famous quotes:

“The world is not going to be saved by legislation.”

“Enthusiasm for a cause sometimes warps judgment.”

“A government is for the benefit of all the people...”

“We live in a stage of politics, where legislators seem to regard the passage of laws as much more important than the results of their enforcement.”

“Don’t write so that you can be understood, write so that you can’t be misunderstood.”

How the Seniors Got from \$5,000 to \$18,000 From the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging.

Sometime in January 2010 the Clearwater Seniors will have placed in their account from the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging the total sum of \$18,000. Many of the seniors have worked hard to achieve this level.

The Federal and State Governments, along with the Dept. on Aging, established certain criteria for each level of Senior Centers. The lowest level is Senior Club, then goes to Senior Level I, then to Senior Level II, then to Multi-Level I, and on up.

Clearwater established a Senior Club in 1970. In 2007, the city built a new building for community use and a place for the seniors to meet. They also hired a director for the Center, Carl Shaffer, to make it more economical for our area. Looking at the criteria for each level, Carl saw it was very easy to make the Senior Club level (which meant we would get \$5,000 a year from the Central Plains Area Agency on Aging.) [CPAAA] With a little work, we could be at Senior Level I, and a little more work we could be at Senior Level II. The senior group has to be at a higher level of work for two years before it can apply to get raised to the next level.

By the end of 2007 Clearwater seniors were doing Senior Level II work. The Clearwater seniors accomplished Senior Level II work in 2008. They were then eligible to apply for the Senior Level I monies. If approval was given, the money was available. The Department on Aging came down to check the books and see if we were indeed doing the work, even though Carl has to turn in a 6-months report every year. They approved our senior's work. Following that approval, several other steps are needed. First it goes to the Sedgwick County Department on Aging's mill levy committee for approval. The next step is to receive the Sedgwick County Commissioner's approval. The County Commissioners approved the raise on August 5 (this month).

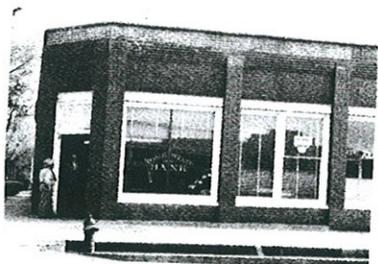
It took much support and a number of hard working volunteers to make it happen. We are ahead of what we did in 2008 this year and Carl will put in for Senior Level II in 2010. Should everything get approved, the money is available. That means that MAYBE in 2011 we can get approval at the higher level.

The Mill-Levy Committee is comprised of 13 members, eleven who are on the committee and two from the Department on Aging. We were fortunate to have the committee meet in Clearwater on August 12th. This is the first time the committee has met outside of the Wichita city limits. At this meeting the City of Clearwater was well represented by the Mayor, Mike Justice; the City Attorney, Janet Amerine; the City Clerk, Cheryl Wright; some members of the Center's Advisory Committee and Planning Committee; and other local residents who are interested in the future of the Community/Senior Center.

Carl sincerely believes that we all have a better understanding of what the Mill-Levy Committee does and in turn, the Committee has a better understanding of what a small group of seniors are doing for Clearwater, and how important the programs are in Clearwater, especially the RSVP program (transportation) and the GNNP senior meals program.

Carl was awarded a plaque at the August 25th City Council Meeting by Mayor Mike Justice for his dedication to the Center. Carl then spoke to the council, describing what has been done and what is ahead for the seniors.

FACELIFT ON MAIN STREET



Old Home State Bank



The picture on the left of the Home State Bank shows the door where the famous Calahan gang entered and blew up the safe in December of 1899. According to the *Clearwater News* in 1924, "the force was such that the currency was blown to atoms and a small amount of silver was their only reward."

The Centennial book, published in 1985, has a picture of the building after the City of Clearwater moved their offices two doors east.

That corner door is now another window for the city clerk's office personnel to see more of Ross Ave. The canopy above the new double doors says "City Hall." As you enter those doors, you step into a roomy vestibule where you find two more doors. The door on the left opens into the Clerk's Office while the one on the right goes to the City Council meeting room. If you haven't been on our main drag, come on by and check it out. Hmm, a fabulous facelift after over 100 years! WOW!



MEN'S & WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH SCREENING

!!!^^^SCREENERING DATE CHANGED^^^!!!

Last month's "Scoop" had a story concerning screening by the Galichia Medical Group to help identify risk factors for heart attacks. The screening date has been changed from Sept. 10 to **Sept. 29th** at the Clearwater community Center. The screening will be conducted by **Dr. Steve Asbury** of the Galichia Group for both men and women. In order to participate in this program you must call 1-800-657-7250, ext. 2277 for an appointment. You may also call Carl at the Center, 620-584-2332, and give him the information that he will forward to the Galichia Group.

Flu Shots to be Given on Oct. 1, 2009

The Sedgwick County Health Department will have personnel at the Clearwater Community Center to give flu shots from 9:30AM to 11:00AM. You need not register ahead but you must have your insurance card and your medicare card.

Flu shots cost \$30.00 for persons 9 years of age and older, \$15.00 for persons 6 months to 8 years of age. Flu vaccine is available for uninsured children who meet eligibility requirements. This information is taken from the Sedg. Co. Health Dept. website.

My great-grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My great-grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

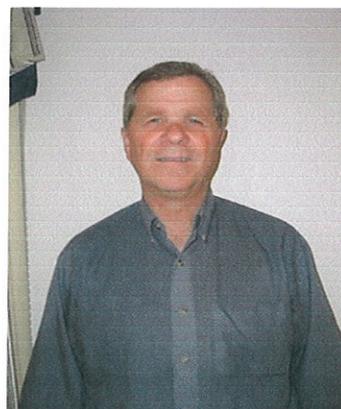
JAM SESSION

The September Jam Session is scheduled for the Saturday of the Labor Day Weekend, **Sept. 5.**

It was discussed during the August Session and was decided that since both the June and July session had been cancelled, that we definitely would have the one on September 5th.

So, if you're not planning a trip to the lake, or having something else planned, please join us We never know who will bring an instrument or who will come prepared to sing for us, but it's always a fun night!

We had nine musicians at the last Session: Bill & Bev Hammers, Arnold Gregg, Bob Parmele, Charlotte & Roger Dawson, Max Tjaden, & Ben Geltner. Roger even got John Chitwood to accompany him on the piano for one song.



Duane Freed of Reverse Mortgage of Kansas.

Mr. Freed spoke to the folks at the Friendship Luncheon on August 11th at the Community Center.

HOW TO QUALIFY: * You must own or have considerable equity in your home. * You must live in your home as your primary residence. *You must be at least 62 years old.

BENEFITS: There is No Repayment of the loan as long as you live in your home. You retain 100% ownership in your home. It eliminates your monthly mortgage payment. There are no restrictions on how you use the funds. Funds received from the Reverse Mortgage do not affect your SS Benefits. Home equity conversions are tax free. This was an educational talk well received by the group.

SOME HISTORY OF LABOR DAY

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on Sept. 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 & '86. From them developed the movement to secure state legislation. By 1894, 31 states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 18 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the Dist. Of Columbia and the territories. *****

This story was told at the August Jam Session. It went over quite well,

so here it is again for the readers of the Scoop.



A trucker came into a truck stop café and placed his order. He said, "I want three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards."

The brand new blonde waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, "This guy out there just ordered three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards. What does he think this place is, an auto parts store?"

"No," the cook said. "Three flat tires mean three pancakes, a pair of headlights is two eggs sunny side up, and running boards are 2 slices of crisp bacon."

"Oh, OK!" said the blonde. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a bowl of beans and gave it to the customer.

The trucker asked, "What are the beans for, Blondie?"

She replied, "I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might as well gas up!"



FOR ONCE THE BLONDE GETS EVEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN



September brings the last day of summer and the first day of fall. This year this will occur on Sept. 22, at 5:18 pm, EDT. (That is 4:18 pm here in Kansas.)

On the equinox, the sun rises directly in the east and sets directly in the west. This is true for both the fall and spring equinoxes. So on two days of the year you can find the exact cardinal directions of East and West by using the sun. The ancients did this when they set up their calendars at Stonehenge and the Mayan pyramid, among others.

The autumnal equinox for the northern hemisphere is the vernal equinox for the southern hemisphere. Another way to say this is that when fall begins for the northern hemisphere, spring begins for the southern hemisphere. Keeping this in mind can help you remember why we have seasons. If part of the globe has opposite seasons than the other half, the reasons for the seasons is NOT because of how close or far away we are from the sun. The reason is related to the tilt of the Earth on its axis.

As the north pole begins to tilt away from the sun, cooler weather comes to the northern hemisphere because the sun is no longer giving its direct rays to this part of Earth. In winter when the north pole is tilted its farthest away from the sun, we have the least amount of daylight hours and the coldest weather. You can even notice the angle of the sun and how it never gets as high above the horizon.

August. Jam Session Pics



Bill & Bev Hammers



Arnold Gregg



Bob Parmele, Charlotte & Roger Dawson, Max Tjaden



Max & Ben Geltner taking a break at the Jam Session



Members of the Sedg. Co. Advisory Council on Aging At Aug. 3rd Meeting



Joan Flippin & Martena Gerlach selling tickets on quilt at Mize's.

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The Children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child. "No," said another, "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."



Lewis Kellogg, Inst. At Seniors exercise Class 2 times weekly.



Warming up for exercise class at the Community Center. Class Meets at 10AM Tues. & Fri.



This is a picture of my 4 year old great-grandson, Cade O'Brien from Lawrence, and me taken Aug. 22nd at my 80th birthday party held at the Community Center. I want to thank each and every one of you who stopped by to help me celebrate my day. I enjoyed receiving each card and am still reading through them. Thank you so much for being my friends!!!!!!

***After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

***A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, "how do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."