

WASHINGTON FLYING FARMERS

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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May 5 Tour of the historic Perkins House Colfax, Washington



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What a fun way to celebrate history, friends and spring!

President Art's Report

May 5th was a fun and interesting day as Barney had arranged a tour of the Perkins house in Colfax. Perkins, being one of the founders of Colfax, started out with a saw mill on the north Palouse River at the edge of town and then invested in several other businesses in town, including a bank. Later we traveled the five miles to Barney and Gerianne's home for a meeting and potluck lunch.

Here at home we finely have some garden planted. It has been so cold, we kept waiting for warm weather that didn't come in May.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Lind. Chris has made arrangements for a nice meeting place with a no host lunch and tour. At this meeting we need to pick a place and date for our annual business meeting in September.

RSVP Needed

Thursday, June 23 will be our next meeting in Lind. It will be held at the Senior Center. The cost of the lunch is \$6.00. When Chris Clinesmith arranged for us to meet there, they requested that she give a number of how many were coming. Please rsvp by June 15. You can send a reply to this email or call or text Colene at 509.592.0926. The email address is colenesager@hotmail.com. We will meet at the Senior Center at 11:00 for our meeting. Lunch is Noon Sharp.

Letter from Audrey Ledgerwood

Longtime Washington member who recently moved to Omaha, Nebraska

I am settling in. I now have a bed; I have had it for 6 days, so I am sleeping at my house. I only moved my bedroom set, lazyboy chair. a rocking chair, computer, TV, sewing machine, fabric, and kitchen stuff. I bought a couch and yesterday the end tables and living room lamp got here. When I get back from my trip I will go shopping for a dining room table, shelves and other stuff. These rooms are bigger than in Ephrata, just not as many. I am going to Washington on Thursday for a graduation in Wenatchee, then to Everett, Spokane, and a short stop in Ephrata then back to Bellevue and fly home on Tuesday June 7. I should have stayed a day longer but had the reservations made before I thought about it. I am going to put in lots of miles in a few days.

I am settling in. Omaha is easy to get around in. North-South Streets are numbers and east west streets are names. The numbered streets start at the river. In this development they are all four plexes and 99 units altogether. May 25 was a neighborhood potluck, not too many people came but I think there were about 35 people there. Today there is a coffee time at a truck stop close by. It was fun and I met some new people. I was invited to play Pitch with some ladies every other week on Wednesday. I also joined a TOPS group; they meet in the morning then go to breakfast. It is about a 20 minute drive there, otherwise most of the places I go are close. My son Boris is 5 minutes away. And they keep me pretty busy. Saturday we celebrated Lori, my daughter-in-law's birthday. They had a large party of about 30 people. Sunday we went to Top Gun Maverick. It has lots of action. I have watched more movies and TV than I used to. That is part of the lifestyle change.

Shopping for groceries is a challenge for me. Cooking for one is hard but in Ephrata I had a freezer full of vegetables, meat and canned fruit. I didn't have to think about what I wanted to eat. Also now I don't want to buy large quantities. I

eat over at Boris & Lori's a lot.

I miss the people in Ephrata and the church. I went to a Lutheran Church on Sunday. The music was great, a piano, organ, trombone and trumpet. They sang 6 songs, all verses to get through the communion. I sat in the middle of the church and didn't realize there were that many people behind me. When I get back from my trip I will visit the ELCA Lutheran Church. The way their website reads I think they are searching for a new pastor.

I am enjoying my granddaughter. She sprained her ankle ice skating, so was off the ice for 2 weeks. She is a competitive ice skater. She goes to lessons at 5:30 A.M. three days a week, then teaches twice a week in the afternoons. She was back to skating for two weeks, then totaled her car on the way to skate last week, so will be off for a while. She bruised pretty badly when the airbags and seat belt engaged and may have cracked some ribs. She is still pretty sore and has to drive her dad's pick up which is big and has no back up camera. I told her I can take her sometimes.

As you can see, I am staying pretty busy. I am going to Washington to see my God Children graduate from High School, then to Everett to see my son Bob, then Spokane to see my son Andy, back through Ephrata and off to Bellevue where I will spend the night with a friend and fly out June 7. June 24 I am going to Iowa City to the wedding of a great nephew. That will be an experience as the hotel was fully booked when I called for reservations, all full of invitees to the wedding.

The IFF website did not have a current newsletter from the Heartland Chapter. I do have my membership list and will call someone soon to get connected to this group.

Thanks for thinking of me, I do miss our group but was glad to get everything sold and not having to do yard work. I did enjoy it but the back can't take it anymore.

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