

# District of Ross Mills Ross Mills Newsletter July 2019

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## The White House, Washington DC



It's summer time, again. Enjoy the long days!



The article below was taken from The Golden Book Encyclopedia: Book 1; 1960

**WHITE HOUSE.** As soon as a man becomes the president of the United States, he moves into the big house shown in the picture. This is the White House. Of course, it is in Washington, D.C.

The White House was started when the United States was very, very young.<sup>1</sup> An architect named James Hoban planned it. The first president to live in it was John Adams. When John Adams moved into the new house, it had not yet been finished. Mrs. Adams hung her washing in a big room that later became the East Room, the largest of all the many rooms in the building. In those days the White House was not white. Its walls were of gray sandstone. It was called the "President's Palace."

In 1814, during a war with the British, the President's Palace was badly damaged by fire. But it was soon rebuilt. It was painted white in 1817, when James Monroe was president. The paint hid the smoke stains that showed on some of the walls. The building has been white ever since.

Later presidents added more rooms to the White House. In time it came to have more than 60.

While Harry S. Truman was president, it was found that the building was in bad shape. The walls and ceilings were so weak

that there was danger that the building would fall down. When the leg of a piano came through a ceiling into the room below, it was clear that something had to be done. Should the White House be torn down completely? No one wanted it greatly changed. This, then, is what was done:

A great steel framework was built inside the building to hold the walls and roof in place. Then the whole inside of the building was torn out and rebuilt.

The rebuilt White House was finished and ready for use again in 1952. It now has 107 rooms and 31 baths and lavatories. Some of the rooms are offices where the president works with his helpers. The main rooms were rebuilt just as they were before.

The best known of the White House rooms are the East Room, the Blue Room, the Green Room, the Red Room, and the State Dining Room. If the White House were a royal palace, the Blue Room would probably be the throne room. Here the president and the first lady greet the guests at state dinners. A hundred guests can be seated in the big State Dining Room.

Visitors are welcome at the White House. Every year about 1,000,000 people visit the home of the presidents of the United States. (See WASHINGTON, D.C.)





You are invited to join us at

Ross Mills Church of God  
for Vacation Bible School  
from Aug 4-9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm

Athens, Greece: Paul's  
Dangerous Journey to  
Share the Truth

All ages are invited to  
attend and nursery care

will be provided. Parents may leave their children or are welcome to stay and join in on the fun.

This will be a week of a Holy Land Experience where we will travel back in time to Athens, Greece to experience life as a citizen in Ancient Greece. We will be part of a Grecian, Oikos Family group, experiencing hearing about Paul and his dangerous journey through Greece, spend time in a Grecian Marketplace including a food Market, where we will enjoy a light dinner.

We will play games as they would have in Greece, and have a time of celebration with song and dance, all the while meeting new friends and learning about the one true God and his love for us.

For questions or to pre-register, please contact Denise at 720-0916. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Ross Grange News

The regular meeting of Ross Grange was preceded with a buffet meal. Robert Goodwin presided.

Lecturer Betty Wakefield led a discussion from an article in the "Good Days" National Grange magazine regarding Broadband service and Paper or Digital.

Plans for the display booth at the county fair were reviewed. Subject will be "Home Raised Sustainability." Members will provide needed items and arrange times to erect the booth.

Mary Jane Griffith has made arrangements for the annual picnic to be at Hallquist Park in Kennedy on July 8. Two members will be recognized for years of service.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Those attending should bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Table service and beverages will be furnished. Friends are invited to attend.

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Richard J. Ruszkowski, 72, of Falconer, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday (June 4, 2019) in his home.

~ One of our neighbors passed away this last month. He and his wife have been in our neighborhood for quite some time brightening up the area.

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Lois N. Hitchcock, 88, of Jamestown, passed away Monday, June 24, 2019, at home with her family by her side.

She was born March 31, 1931, in Jamestown, a daughter of the late Fred and Alice Eklund McGraw. She was a graduate of Jamestown High School. Prior to her marriage, she was employed by Persell School as a secretary.

~ Lois Hitchcock was a neighbor in Ross Mills many years ago. She and her husband raised their family here. She passed away this last month.