

District of Ross Mills
Ross Mills Newsletter
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Welcome Back Home

Snow birds. Sorry you missed our winter, but we'll be having another season. It is on its way. The sap has run and the flowers are growing and soon we'll be picking strawberries.



ROBIN All over the United States the robin is likely to be the first bird children know by name. It lives in all parts of the country. It seems to like to be near people. It is big enough to be seen easily. And it hops about on the ground in plain view when it is hunting for food.

In the southern United States the robin can be found all

the year round. Most of the robins from the northern states go south for the winter. They come back early in the spring. The sight of a robin is usually one of the first signs of spring.

This bird got its name by mistake. When the early settlers saw it, it reminded them of the robin redbreast they had known in the Old World. So they called it a robin. But it is not a close relative of the Old World robin. It is much closer relative of the bluebird and the thrushes. It belongs to the thrush family.

The robin builds a very sturdy nest. It is made of sticks, leaves, and grass cemented together with mud. The nest is often close to a house. It may even be on a porch. The mother robin lays from three to five beautiful blue eggs in the nest. The baby robins that hatch from them are almost naked and are very helpless. They have big appetites. Finding worms and insects for them keeps the parent birds busy. In about ten days the young robins are covered with feathers. But they do not yet look much like grown-up robins. They have speckled breasts that remind us that they are cousins of the thrushes.

Robins, like people, eat both plant and animal food. Some fruit growers object because robins eat some of their fruit. But robins pay for the fruit they eat by eating harmful insects.

The Golden Encyclopedia. Book 13. 1960

We will miss you at your desk!

Erlandson has served as town clerk since 1992. Subsequently, he ran for 13 more terms with more than three decades in office. Following Monday's meeting, town officials gathered for a surprise party to celebrate Erlandson's career.

During the event, Erlandson was also presented with a plaque in recognition of his years of service. A copy of the plaque will hang in the town offices. In addition, March 18 was deemed Michael C. Erlandson Day by Supervisor Patrick McLaughlin to be celebrated annually.

Excerpt from the Post Journal on March 19, 2019

Ross Grange held their annual baking contest - "Chocolate Jumbo Cookies" at their March 11 meeting. Winners were Betty Wakefield, 1st - Wendy Pollaro, 2nd and Ellie Burch 3rd. Linda Kesby of Ellery Grange was the judge. Mrs. Wakefield will submit an entry for the county contest later in the year.

Since the February 25 meeting was cancelled due to bad weather, checks will be sent to participating public libraries. A donation was voted to the Falconer After Prom/Senior Vigil committee.

A report on hosting the county Pomona meeting was given, including a discussion on Giant Hogweed and other invasive species. Mrs. Wakefield presented a humorous reading "The Boarding House."

Ross Grange News 3-25-19

Jamie Himes an 18 year member of the Ellington Fire Department was introduced at Ross Grange. He said they have 75 active firemen and 4 EMT's. He explained their training which must be updated, and what they do. Chicken barbecues are held every 3 weeks to help with expenses. Mary Jane Griffith represented the Fire Auxiliary, saying it was started in 1960 and now has 25 members. They serve food and beverages to the firemen at fires as well as helping serve at the barbecues and have a booth at the Ellington Town Picnic. Ross Grange presented them with two tubs of supplies. Betty Wakefield, lecturer, said this is a state wide project to recognize community service groups.

Letters of thanks were received for \$250 donations to libraries. Falconer Public Library shared some staff changes, said they have had book signings by local authors, have displays by local artists and continue children's story hours. Sinclairville Free Library said they will use the money to help with their summer reading program. Ellington Farman Library will use the money to continue improving their services to the community.

Following the program, refreshments were served by Mrs. Wakefield.

The next meeting, April 6, will go back to the regular time. A tureen dinner will be at 6:00 followed by the business meeting and program at the Falcon's Nest Banquet Hall.



*Don't Miss our
ONLY Fundraiser!*

2019 Easter Eggs

Dates

Feb 24, Orders BEGIN

Mar 24, Orders END

Apr 3, 6-9p SETUP

Apr 5, 6-11p Make Centers

Apr 6, 10a-3p Dipping/Boxing

Apr 7-13, DELIVER Eggs

Apr 14, All Money DUE

Extra Eggs Available

Apr 21, EASTER

