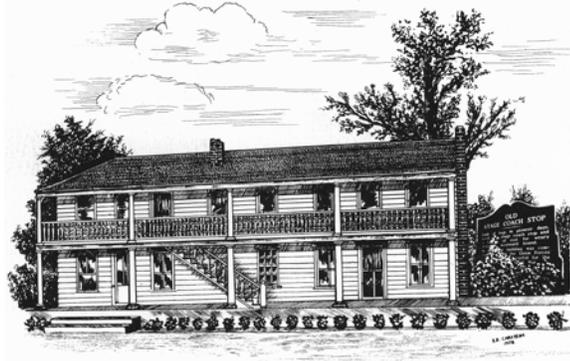


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Appreciation Day 2014

Our annual celebration will be in the backyard of the Old Stagecoach Stop on Saturday, October 18th in conjunction with Rt. 66 Oktoberfest. There will be much going on in and around our historic building, as well as all around the square. We will have activities for children to include Civil War dolls, woodcarving, and period games. There will be many things to see and do in the backyard, and the OSS will be open for tours. Vendors, including crafts and food, will be set up around the square and the Pulaski County Museum will be open for tours. It will be a delightful day for you to bring family and friends and join us in downtown Waynesville, on the square from 11:00am-4:00pm.

SAVE THE DATES:

*Oct. 2-Fire Ball Run Mission at the OSS/ 3:30pm-5:15pm

Live filming of all the teams, and their cars, will take place in downtown Waynesville October 2nd and 3rd. We encourage you to attend the filming and festivities. (Read more about this in **Taking the Reins.**)

*Oct.19-Oktoberfest-OSS Appreciation Day/Activities on Square- 11:00pm-4:00pm

*Dec. 4-Christmas on the Square/OSS 6:00pm-9:00pm

*Dec. 7-Christmas Parade/OSS open- 12:00 noon-3:00pm

View from the Balcony

Jan Primas, President

One of the missions of the Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation is to educate others regarding the history of the building. We have often been lucky enough to visit with past residents of the building and hear their stories. I am going to share one such remembrance in this newsletter, just as written.

Living at the

Old Stagecoach Stop

1953-54

**Reminiscence by Marilyn
Roberts, Grand Prairie, TX.**

My husband and I lived in the right side of this house from July 1953 to March 1954, a period of about 8 months. He was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, in the army. When we lived there, there was one big room with a big antique bed that went all the way to the ceiling and one small room with a half or $\frac{3}{4}$ bed in it. It was fully furnished with antique furniture. The beds had hay or straw mattresses. The kitchen was very small. No sink, no running water. We used apple crates as cabinets. They were fixed where the door let down and had a stick under it and that is what we used as a door for the cabinet and also for our table. We used folding chairs and had a small ice box. It held only a 12 #

block of ice. The top of the ice box was used as a wash basin. We had a two-burner kerosene stove for cooking. No oven, no air conditioning, and we heated using a kerosene stove. Utilities were furnished. There was a pump outside where we got our water. The one shower was in a building out back. Everyone used that same shower. The shower was flushable about like a campsite toilet. Everyone went outside to the toilet. There were several toilets in little buildings in the backyard. There was a drain outside the kitchen door to pour dishwater down. I was very surprised when I found out it was an old stagecoach stop. When we lived there, there were three couples downstairs and three couples upstairs, all in the army. I think the middle apartments were smaller than ours, with only one bedroom. The building did not have a name at that time. It was just an apartment house with all army couples living there. We paid approximately \$40 per month for the three furnished rooms. My husband and I shared the apartment with Weldon and Helen Bailey because we could not afford the rent unless we shared. We were all from Malvern, Arkansas and our husbands were drafted into the army. We took turns with the bedrooms. Our husbands were only allowed to come home from the base on weekends, so every other weekend we switched bedrooms.

The reason being, the front bedroom had a full size bed and the middle bedroom a smaller bed. We would wash our husbands uniforms in a tub on a rub board in the backyard and hang them on the line to dry. We could ride the bus to the army base at Fort Leonard Wood for 25 cents to take them the uniforms after we ironed them.

There used to be a USO on the other side of the square. We went there almost every night. They always had good food and they would show movies once or twice a week and you could play board games. Since we were living on a very meager wage, it helped us out. Helen and I used to sleep late so we wouldn't be hungry, then we would go to the drug store on the other side of the square, directly across from the apartment and get an order of toast and split it. I think the toast cost 15 cents. Sometimes we would get together with some of the other wives in the apartment and each would bring a dish and we would have a potluck. I will never forget, I cooked black-eyed peas because they were the cheapest thing I could fix. A girl upstairs was from Pennsylvania. She made fun of me for bringing black-eyed peas. She said in Pennsylvania that is what they feed their hogs. She also made fun of me because I was from Arkansas. I was 18 years old at the time.

While we were there I became

pregnant, so my son Steve was conceived there. I worked at the Army store at the edge of town until I was 7 months pregnant. I passed out one day as I was crossing the square going to the drugstore and when I came to, I was in the feed store, lying on a sack of feed. They poured cold water on my face to bring me to.

Another memory I have is my salary at the army store. I worked 8 hour days, six days a week and cleared \$27.56 a week. Back then that was a lot of money, at least to us it was. Before I went to work at the army store, I did babysitting at the church off the square. There were about 25 kids at a time, mostly kids of Captains and upperclassmen. The wives wanted time to do other stuff. It was a challenge to keep up with that many. I kept them on the church playground. I got 25 cents for the first kid in a family and 15 cents for each additional kid in a family. That was all for a day of babysitting.

One day I locked my keys in the car while it was parked in front of the apartment. I had already put my purse in the car and all my identification was in my purse. I couldn't get the car open so I borrowed a hammer from one of the girls in the apartment and broke the window to get in my car. I forgot about the police station on the square. Someone saw me and the police came to arrest me. The other girls came out of the

apartment and tried to tell the police it was my car, but they would not listen. They took me to the courthouse and one of the clerks there recognized me and vouched for me. She had watched Helen and I crossing the square going to the drugstore everyday. She told them that she knew me, and that I lived in the apartment, and that was my car. The police did not charge me. I remember how scared I was as I had never been in trouble before.

Thanks to Marilyn for giving us some insight into what it was like in our historic building in 1953-54.

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ANNUAL OLD SETTLERS DAY

The 34th Annual Old Settlers Day was another successful day. This year there were over 50 vendors displaying a variety of crafts and traditional festival foods. Opening ceremonies were led by Bob Hooper, an icon of the Master of Ceremonies for many of our past years. Opening Remarks from the Waynesville Mayor, **Luge Hardman**, FLW Commanding General, **Major General Leslie Smith**, and State Representative **Steve Lynch** led to the opening volley from the **Kickapoo Trace Muzzeloaders**. This year's entertainment included music from the **Generation Gap Band**, Irish Music by **Connor Howley**, traditional Native American Dances from **Nizhoni Wayz**, the

Falcon family, and **The Flowers of Scotland Dance Troup**. The 2014 t-shirt was designed by Junior, **Selena Montoya**, a student from the Waynesville Graphic Design class.

The OSS had assistance from the **Pulaski County Museum** during Old Settlers Day. Both **Denise and Mike Seevers** assisted chairperson **Kelly Howley**. Everyone seemed to agree, despite the extremely hot weather, it was another successful Old Settlers Day.

TAKING the REINS

A big thanks to former OSS board member **Louise Morgan** for her continued interest in the work of the Foundation and her generous donation. We enjoyed having her tour the building to see the progress.

The Old Stagecoach Stop now has a model stagecoach on display. **Jim Matthews**, retired Waynesville R-VI teacher and current city councilman spent 3 months building the **Southwestern Stage Company** stagecoach model. It is an exact miniature replica of the stagecoaches that passed through Waynesville, delivering passengers and the mail more than 150 years ago. "If you shrunk an actual

stagecoach down, it would look exactly like this, down to every hook and hole,” Matthews said. Jim loves the challenge required in model building and also the history learned as he researches the model. He recently won a Bronze Medal for his replica of the **HMS Victory - 1805**. The stagecoach model was a gift from Jim to the Old Stagecoach Stop Museum. It was first displayed on Old Settlers Day and you can see it on your next visit to the Old Stagecoach Stop. The OSS board wishes to thank Jim for his generosity.

A reality-filmed series, **FIREBALL RUN** is the Most Epic Adventurably in America®, a gripping and emotional 8 day, 2500 mile, life-sized trivia game where America serves as the game board. Forty driving teams compete for glory, bragging rights, and a plastic road sign, all while aiding in a massive effort to recover America’s missing children.

Team #10 will be representing our county on their adventure across America’s Frontier. Missouri House State Representative **Steve Lynch** and Waynesville-St Robert Chamber Executive Director **Cecilia Murray** will participate to promote Pulaski County as they compete to recover **Kylie**

Lawrence, missing since July 28, 2013 from Springfield Missouri. Fireball run starts in Frisco, Texas on September 26, arriving in Pulaski County October 2nd. Join in for the live stream event! Team #10 is in it, to win it! Go Pulaski Pride!

One of the missions is at the Old Stagecoach Stop, so the Fireball Run teams will be visiting the OSS. We cannot disclose the mission prior to their arrival, but you can join us to see what they will be doing.

Please **remember to renew your membership**. The form you need is included in this newsletter. We need the support and interest in the community to continue our mission. We have had many bus tours this season, and 11 4th grade classes visit the building, in addition to our regular Saturday hours. If you are interested **in joining our Foundation Board**, or **volunteering** at the Old Stagecoach Stop, contact a current board member.

The **Old Stagecoach Stop Foundation Annual Report** will be available on our website in late October.

