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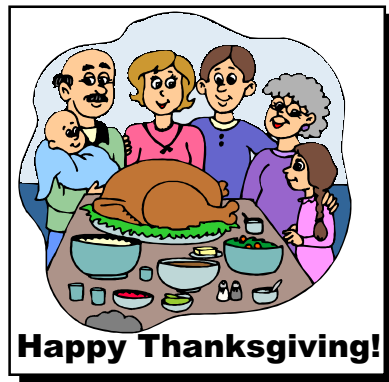
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Board Makes Choice

By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford Rural Fire District board of directors met on Tuesday night, November 14, at the Elk River Fire Hall.

Treasurer Jan Dacayana gave a report and stated that the District has \$3,150.87 in its checking account at Klamath First Federal and \$16,616.52 in its account with the Curry County Treasurer.

Assistant Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department Chief Randy Foster gave the department report. He stated that the department training was now geared towards the competency test for Firefighter I status.

Three members of the community put in their name for selection to fill the vacancy on the board. Board members Dacayana, Jeff Barnes and John Johnston voted for Richard Warrick while board member Richard Mijs voted for Leonard Foster. Mr. Warrick is a resident of Cedar Terrace. Leonard Foster spoke to the board and thanked them for the improvement in the board and the e-mail meeting notifications.

The board discussed the bids for the Cedar Terrace electrical work. Four companies were sent bids and three of them sent back replies. The board voted to approve the low bid, which was submitted by Yockey Electric in Bandon on a motion by Jan Dacayana. The bid was for \$3,525.40. There is a separate bill of \$1100 for six lights plus two dawn to dusk exterior lights. Jan Dacayana made a motion which passed for Yockey to use flex wire which would save the district \$500.

The board voted 4-0 to table for one month any discussion about forming a fire team and use of the fire vehicles by persons not authorized by the fire chief. Jan Dacayana made a motion to pay the Marsh debt of \$1540. It passed 4-0.

Richard Mijs brought up the meeting time which had been 5:00pm. The issue was discussed and it was decided by consensus to have the meetings begin at 5:30pm. The temperature in the Elk River Fire Hall (the older of the two buildings) was 50 degrees and the public was unhappy with the situation. Next month the fire board meeting will be held in the warmth of the Senior Center.

John Johnston updated the board and public about the contract negotiations

between the City of Port Orford and rural fire district. He said the negotiations are on a 30 day recess until November 28. Johnston said some of the important language hadn't been addressed but by the next meeting things would get down to brass tacks. He said the rural board wouldn't be involved with the policy manual. Johnston said he wanted a gathering with the volunteer firefighters to talk about things. He said the city and rural board were negotiating a 1 – 2 year contract.

The board passed a motion to provide a contract for all future independent labor done for the district.

John Johnston made a motion to hire Steve Abbott as attorney for the district on a retainer basis. The motion carried unanimously. Abbott said the first two hours of his work would be on a pro-bono (free) basis.

Thank You Santa Claus by Valerie Jean Kramer

This Thanksgiving I would like to give thanks to and for Santa Claus. When we speak of Santa Claus, we often picture a jolly fat man with white beard and warm red and white costume. He works with his elves all year making toys then deliv-

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New at the Library
By Paula Cracas

With the shopping season encroaching, I mean approaching, we have a couple of publications to help you make sound decisions when it comes to spending your hard-earned bucks. Hot off the press is "The Consumer Action Handbook – 2001 Edition," chock full of information covering shopping, warnings, consumer complaint procedures, and all the names and addresses plus web sites you might need to get you through the maze of goods and services offered now and all year round.

Another publication, "Shopping for a Better World," is a guide to socially responsible shopping. In other words, you can put your money where your mouth is...so your buying decisions reflect your values. Companies and products are listed and rated covering the environment, workplace issues, charitable giving, etc.

Are you already dropping from holiday shopping? Then stop by the library for a relaxation remedy. Who doesn't love a good movie? We have shelves of popular classics and favorites. We also have special videos, many originally shown on the PBS. Our collection of educational, informative, yet entertaining choices will surprise you.

The new additions to our video library include: "Lewis and Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery," where history was made in our own backyard. Further afield, "Around the World in 72 Days" the amazing story of Nellie Bly who exposed abuse of the mentally ill. "The Duel" between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr changed the course of history. Another person who changed the course of history was "Eleanor Roosevelt" If you missed this PBS special, here's your chance to learn about this amazing woman. Another remarkable woman, Martha Ballard, is the focus of a "A Midwife's Tale."

For a change of pace, check out "Great Drives," a journey on our country's highways...from sea to shining sea. And finally our new additions wind down with "American Photography: A Century of Images," where photographs tell their own story of our country.

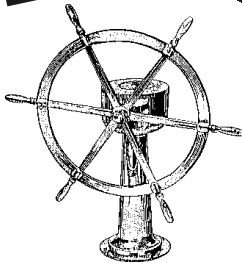
As we gather together in this season of thankfulness, the Port Orford Library would like to extend its thanks to the many volunteers without whom the library would be but a locked up shell. Our thanks also to the many who donate money, books, videos, magazines, audiotapes, etc. From the newspapers that published our fund-raising events, columns, and news, to the taxpayers who keep the wolves from the door...thank you. And finally, this writer would like to acknowledge the person who makes it all come together in such a special way: our librarian, Tobe Porter. I'm sure the community joins me in saying: job well done, Tobe. Thank you.



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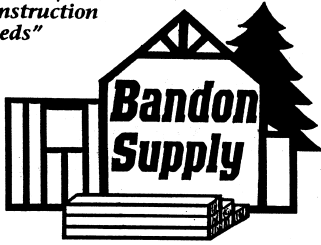
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Exploring our Backyard

The North Curry Community Health Grant is offering local hiking opportunities in a program titled "Exploring our Backyard." The second Saturday of every month, rain or shine, has been selected as exploration day. We will meet at the NCFCC Family Adventure Center in Buffington Park in Port Orford (A-Frame at 14th and Arizona) at 10:00am to carpool. The hikes will be for all age groups, and organized into beginning, intermediate, and advanced trips, depending on length and steepness of terrain. Grade school children need to be accompanied by an adult unless arrangements are made one week in advance through the North Curry Families and Children's Center – call Cathy at 332-1042. The RAD Outdoor Club (Recreation + Adventure = Developing Opportunities for Youth) from Pacific High School will be assisting with the hikes.

An active lifestyle is an important factor in the grant's focus of healthy heart and lungs, and prevention of diabetes and cancer. With this program we are hoping to provide an exciting, adventurous way to stay healthy. We have many unique hiking opportunities right here in our backyard! Let's have fun and go exploring. The first hike will be to Blacklock Point. This is a four-mile round trip hike for beginners and a five-mile loop for intermediate hikers. For more information call Cathy Boden at NCFCC at 332-1042.

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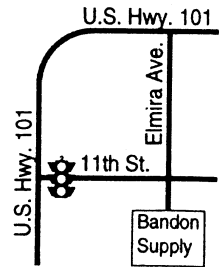
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Garrison Lake Flooding

On Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at the Port Orford City Hall a meeting was held with representatives of several state agencies to assess the flooding situation at Garrison Lake and explore regulatory and funding issues. Many ideas were presented and discussed, with further follow-up promised on several. There are many complex issues to be dealt with; progress was made on some of them, although no solution to the problems was forthcoming.

Attending were representatives from the City of Port Orford, Curry County Emergency Services, Oregon State University Extension Service, Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association, Dept. of Environmental Quality, Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries, Oregon State Parks and Recreation Dept., Curry County Planning, Curry County Road Department, and the South Coast Watershed Council.

This meeting was the latest of several held recently regarding the flooding situation at Garrison Lake. On September 21st members of the Governor's Community Solutions Team held a fact-finding meeting at the request of the City of Port Orford. On October 13th County Emergency Coordinator Mike Murphy and City Administrator Martha Weaver made a presentation on the Garrison Lake situation to an Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association meeting. These meetings and presentations are part of an ongoing effort by the City and the County to obtain assistance from state and federal agencies.

The consensus of the group at the November 7th meeting was that currently an engineering solution to the flooding problem is unlikely to work due to the extremely unstable nature of the dune between the ocean and lake. Any disturbance of the dune may increase the erosion of that area and create more prob-

lems than it solves. It was also the consensus of the group that any engineering solution would be extremely expensive and would require extensive and costly maintenance on a continuous basis.

Continued opening of the lake on an as-needed basis would be effective for the short term, but was not considered to be a viable long-term solution. It was proposed that the focus of efforts be to protect homes and infrastructure from flood damage through mitigation.

One other consideration concerning opening of the lake is the problem of landowner permission. Without permission of the landowner, the County is unable to obtain a permit from the State to open the lake. To date, both the City of Port Orford and Curry County have been unable to secure the required landowner permission. No permit can be issued until an easement is obtained from the landowner.

Light up a Life

A number of local supporters are lending a financial hand to Curry County Hospice this year for their annual "Light up a Life" campaign. Each holiday season, the local hospice program sponsors this event which is a celebration of the lives of loved ones. Commemorative ornaments are placed on Hospice Holiday Trees in each Curry County community.

Sponsorship of the project helps Curry County Hospice to offset many of the costs of promotion and printing for the program. Thus, proceeds from the memorial donations can be used directly for Hospice care. This year, corporate sponsors, who donated \$500 or more are Freeman Marine Equipment, Inc., Klamath First Federal and Arch and Harriet Lang. Underwriting sponsorship of \$250 has been provided by Bay Printers, Chetco Federal Credit Union, and Coast Auto Center, Inc.

"We are so grateful to these individuals and businesses who support our hospice program" states Lori Kent, Home Health/Hospice Director. "We really need the backing of our community to provide the care that we do. I hope individuals in turn will thank these great businesses for their assistance."

Kent reports that this event is Curry County Hospice's biggest promotion of the year, and serves a variety of purposes. The Holiday season is often a time of remembering loved ones, and this offers a meaningful opportunity to remember them while helping others.

The "Light up a Life" campaign kicks off right after Thanksgiving. Brochures about the event will be in the mail throughout the county. "Reading the Names" ceremonies will be held later in December in both Harbor and Gold Beach.

For more information about Light up a Life, or Curry County Hospice, Kent can be contacted at 247-7084 or 469-0405.



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Free Hiking Program

Outdoor guides will lead hikers through a pigmy forest to the secluded beaches and rocky reefs of Blacklock Point when the North Curry Community Health Grant kicks off a new hiking program, "Exploring Our Backyard," Dec. 9, in Port Orford.

Participants should meet at 10 a.m. to carpool from the NCFCC Family Adventure Center in Buffington Park, at 14th and Arizona, in Port Orford.

"The second Saturday has been selected as exploration day every month, rain or shine," Cathy Boden, program coordinator, says. All hikes will begin with carpooling from the Family Adventure Center at 10 a.m.

Hikes are for all age groups. They are organized into beginning, intermediate and advanced trips, depending on length and steepness of terrain, Boden adds. The four-mile Blacklock Point hike is especially for beginners, with an optional five-mile loop for intermediates, Boden says.

Adults should accompany grade-school children, unless arrangements are made a

week in advance through the North Curry Families and Children's Center. For details, phone Boden at (541) 332-1042.

The RAD Outdoor Club from Pacific High School will assist with the hikes. RAD stands for Recreation+Adventure=Developing opportunities for Youth, Boden says.

The group's second hike – also for beginners — will be four miles or less along Humbug's Old Coast Highway, Jan. 13.

"An active lifestyle is an important factor in the grant's focus of healthy hearts and lungs, and prevention of diabetes and cancer," Boden says. "With this program, we hope to provide an exciting, adventur-



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For more information, phone Cathy Boden at (541) 332-1042.

Heritage Society Benefit

There will be a booth for the benefit of the Point Orford Heritage Society at the Community Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 2. Funds generated will be used to further develop the museum. Please help support this project by donating baked goods wrapped ready for purchase. For more info call Anita at 332-0865.

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After several meetings and lengthy discussions, the Port Orford City Council adopted Resolution 2001-09 at the November 13, 2000 Regular Session, making the reduced business license fees retroactive to July 1, 2000.

License fees for operating a business within the City of Port Orford are \$48. New or small businesses may apply for a reduced rate as follows:

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Business owners whose gross income make them eligible for the reduced fees may apply to the City Administrator for a reduction in the business license fee.

Business owners who were awaiting approval of reduced fees, have until December 15, 2000 to purchase their fiscal year 2000-2001 business license without penalties. Fees collected after this date will be subject to a 10% late fee for each month past due. Business license applications with the new fees and criteria for a reduced rate are available at the City Hall Administration Office.

Good news for local business owners who paid their license and other assorted fees previous to the new schedule; a refund may be in process for the additional fees that have now been abolished. In addition, business owners may ask for a rebate of amount paid in excess of the fee schedule in effect prior to the adoption of the Resolution 2001-08 if they demonstrate compliance with the requirements of a reduced business license fee.

For further information relating to these and other City of Port Orford issues, contact City Staff at 332-3681.

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Roaring Sea Open House

Everyone is invited to enjoy the featured artists and musicians at the last-Sunday-of-the-month Open House at Roaring Sea Arts, 41687 Highway 101 South, Port Orford, from 2:00 to 5:00, Sunday, November 26. Since there is no Open House in December, this will be a special Christmas Open House, with Christmas music, and a sing-along at about 4:00.

Guest artists this month include Mary Hedges of Bandon, showing her ceramic work; and fiber artists who attended a silk workshop here recently: Robin Hanna, Betty LaVelle, Dawn McIntyre, Carol Moss, Elaine Pendleton, and Elizabeth Roman.

Informal music this month at about 2:15 and 3:15 will be provided by the Kammeroque Ensemble, with emphasis on Christmas themes; whimsical poetry or prose by Joyce Mueller; and at around 4:00, we will enjoy the vocal music of Katy Kraft, accompanied by Stephanie Hazle; young vocalists under the direction of Stephanie; and then the annual sing-along, starring everyone, and led by Katy Kraft.

Refreshments and potluck snacks are served. Come share the afternoon with us! For more information, call Donna at 541-332-4444.

Tree of Giving

Persons who wish to add children's names to the annual Rotary "Tree of Giving" list need to sign up at Common Good on any of the next three Wednesdays, November 29, December 6, and December 13 from 10:00 a.m. to noon or 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Only parents or legal guardians of the children can submit names.

Registration for the Tree of Giving can be done at the same time as application for Christmas food boxes at Common Good, 1405 Idaho Street. Parents need to have children's sizes and particular wishes at the time of registration.

Tree of Giving, sponsored by the Port Orford Rotary, is an annual program that has been held at Christmas time in Port Orford for many years. After families register children to receive gifts, the requests are placed on Giving Trees at local businesses. Then, members of the community take cards from the trees, purchase and wrap gifts for the children, and return them to the place of business for distribution. The gifts are distributed by Common Good and the Rotary Club a few days before Christmas.

Watch future editions for the location of the Giving Trees and the deadlines for purchasing, wrapping, and returning gifts.

OCCMA

By Martha Weaver, Administrator City of Port Orford

I attended the Oregon City County Managers Association meeting held recently in conjunction with the League of Oregon Cities Annual Conference. Approximately 1000 officials from cities all around the state attended. Work sessions and training seminars designed to help officials run municipalities more effectively were offered. Topics included saving money on insurance premiums and sustainable development for local governments.

Ballot Measure 7 was a topic of many conversations since it could potentially lead to claims filed against City governments. Many smaller cities like Port Orford do not have resources to pay either claims or the legal fees caused by such claims. I am sure we will hear more about this issue in the next few months.

I was able to stop in at the hospitality suites of both Senator Wyden and Senator Smith and share some current information about Port Orford's infrastructure problems with the Senators' staffs.

The League of Oregon Cities celebrates its 75th anniversary of helping Oregon Cities serve citizens well.

Massage Fair

Massage therapists and other bodywork specialists are sought to participate in the Touch of Health Massage Fair to be held on Saturday, January 6 in Port Orford. The North Curry Community Health Grant program is the event's sponsor.

"The focus of the grant program is healthy hearts and lungs, and the prevention and control of diabetes and cancer," Cathy Boden, program coordinator, says.

Besides offering demonstrations and information during the fair, participating therapists also will have an opportunity to present five-to-10 minute talks.

Boden says a directory of massage therapists will be distributed at the fair and throughout the year in healthcare centers from Bandon to Brookings.

Those interested in a directory listing, or in participation at the massage fair, can phone Boden at (541) 332-1042 in Port Orford, or Suzanne Alexander, LMT, at (541) 347-9618, in Bandon.

Funding for the activities is provided by the federal Rural Health Outreach Program which granted the Curry Health District a total of \$400,000 for three years. The program is now in its second year.

Pack 98 News

The November Pack 98 meeting was held on the 15th with these eleven boys receiving their Bobcat badges: Mathew Barnes, Michael Groves, Wade Johnson, Jacob Merryman, Jason Merryman, Michael Paugh, Michael Perry, Christopher Stout, Tim Wagner, Aubrey Walker, Kevin Waller.

Good job boys! They are now ready to start working on achievements. Mark your calendar for the next Pack meeting set for December 13 at 7:00pm. We need a few scout shirts (blue or tan, any size) if you have an extra or no longer used shirts please call 332-3026. Thank you!

Sorry! Wrong Chimney!

Sorry! Wrong Chimney! Will be presented by the Port Orford Community Theater on December 8 and 9 at 7:00pm and on December 10 at 2:00pm, at the Savoy Theater. Admission prices are \$5 for adults; seniors and children under twelve years of age \$2.50.

Sorry! Wrong Chimney! Is a lighthearted Christmas farce, full of mistaken identities and goofy foul-ups, much to the delight of everyone.

The cast: "Natalie Weldon" (Marcy Seefeldt) a neighbor, and suspected of begin the other woman. "Samantha Tuttle" (Megan Gaustad) the baffled suspicious wife, "William Weldon" (Jason Royal) a hypnotizing psychiatrist and neighbor, "David Tuttle" (Ian Ranny) the blameless husband, "Kris Kreigle" (Shane Ranelle) the mixed up Santa burglar, "Sheila" (Autumn Anderson) the getaway driver, and the "Policeman" (Casper). Kathy Bell will play "Samantha Tuttle" during the December 10 production.

Colleen Harrison is directing Sorry! Wrong Chimney! For Port Orford Community Theater. Come join us for a fun evening of wacky laughs!

Holiday Open House

Curry Prevention Services (CPS) is inviting the public to a Holiday Open House. The event is scheduled for Friday, December 1 from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Curry Prevention Services is a private, non-profit agency that provides lifeskills and education to children and families throughout the county and within the schools. CPS has recently taken on a countywide mentoring program. According to a paper published by the American Medical Association, youth that have mentors are less likely to carry weapons, use drugs, smoke or have sex. CPS has recently completed their first Mentor Training for the Gold Beach area. The Open House will be an opportunity

for the community to meet these 16 new members.

The Open House will be held at the office of Curry Prevention Services, 29513 Ellensburg, Suite 9, located behind Paul's Pizzeria. The staff and Board of Directors encourages you to attend the Open House. Please come by or call 247-2412.

Chamber Events

The Chamber of Commerce board met at the Paradise Café, on November 13, and agreed to go ahead and put together the Children's Christmas party at Driftwood Elementary School on December 10, between 4:00 and 6:00pm. Volunteers are needed for cookies, goodies or their time to set up and take down the party. Please contact Pat Campbell (332-9190) or Susan Shannon at the Chamber office (332-8055) if you are interested in helping. This event has put smiles on many faces.

The Chamber of Commerce member's lunch and meeting will be held on Monday, November 27, noon, at the Paradise Café. There will be update information regarding election of officers in December, discussion of budget and up and coming events, and coordination of the Christmas Party. Remember to pay your dues if you intend to vote.

Wyden Town Hall Meeting

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden is holding a Curry County Town Hall meeting on Monday, November 27, from 10:00 to 11:30am at the Harbor Sanitary Building, located at 16408 Lower Harbor Road at the Port of Brookings/Harbor.

Senator Wyden welcomes your questions and concerns. For more information, call the Medford office at 541-858-5122.

Senator Wyden's homepage address for Ron Wyden online is as follows: www.senate.gov/~wyden. Senator

Wyden's Copper Salmon Wilderness press release page with links to the actual wilderness act, Copper Salmon Wilderness map and public comments address is as follows: www.senate.gov/~wyden/coppersalmon.

Walt Kaplan

Port Orford resident Walt Kaplan passed away on Sunday morning, November 19, at the VA Hospital in Roseburg. He was 73 years old and a resident of Port Orford the past ten and a half years. A memorial service for Mr. Kaplan is pending.

Walt Kaplan and his wife Marilyn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary earlier this year. They have three children, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Walt was devoted to his family.

Walt was involved with his community and typeset and printed a series of well-designed and colorful posters advertising events at the Senior Center, Lutheran Church and for the Women's Time Out Luncheons. He and Marilyn were involved with the Lightin' Bugs organization.



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The Body Guard. Part 3

By Graeme Graydon



Ten years after the regression that gave me a glimpse into my past, my teacher took his class through 5 countries, which included a visit to the city of Pompeii.

Still in the process of being dug out of the layer of ash that buried it in 79AD, it is one of the very few places on our planet that have remained frozen in time for nearly 2000 years. Our teacher, (who claimed that he had lived there as a leper until Vesuvius ended everything, including his life), took us to some very special places in the city and then let us all loose saying, "Now find where you used to live." Sure, I thought, maybe with a lot of imagination, but Elza and I wandered off anyhow to find ourselves in a deserted street, high walls on either side with a doorway here and there giving no clue as to what lay behind. Elza went up to one of these, (it had a locked, wrought-iron gate), and stood there weeping. A plaque by the door named the previous owner and described him as an Official Poet. In the next moment a man approached from inside, opened the gate and invited us in.

Elza got all excited, "Come on, I want to show you the bathroom." She scampered off through some ante-rooms, turned

right in the atrium and proudly showed me a pair of connected rooms. Fanciful dolphins danced on the walls and floors in black and white mosaic tiles – it was outrageous – could have been built five years ago, this is where the family was bathed and anointed by their slaves. In the public rooms there were brilliant paintings depicting scenes from literature. My wife stood quietly before a life-size portrait of a girl of about 12, the face expressionless, (which was the fashion of those days), "That's me," she said. As we explored the kitchen and storerooms at the back of this gracious house, we saw some archaeologists unearthing skeletons in a passageway behind the back door. The house was beautiful – I knew it well – except the bathing room, but I didn't feel comfortable in my skin, I just wanted to get out of there.

Then I surprised myself, "Now its my turn, I want to show you my favorite

house in Pompeii, I didn't live there, but I loved it," and with that, I led her unerringly through the center of the city, turned into a street of shops and there, just past them, was a two-storied house on a corner. I could hardly believe that I had found it. Intimate, airy rooms off a passage, bright wall paintings, steps and benches, views of the 2 acre garden, water channels and pools and falls, roses – I went crazy with my camera. And then I realized that Elza wasn't with me anymore. Urgently, I scouted around, knowing that I wouldn't find her. When I got back to the hotel, she was waiting for me, elated to have got away from her body-guard once again – after nearly 2000 years – and I was just as humiliated and pissed as I was the first time it happened.

A "Toga Party" was posted for that evening. Beside our names on a list, (there were 80 of us), were roles that we could play. There was a gladiator-trainer, a senator, several prostitutes, government officials and their wives, servants, even a brothel keeper. My role was simply "Roman soldier," Elza's was "Precocious daughter of wealthy poet." After we had dressed elegantly in bed-sheets, with the classic dining room to ourselves, food and wine piled on the tables, (no knives or forks), it was so easy to step out of time, to forget that we had come from America, (there was no such place), and to know that for sure, our hometown was Pompeii.

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Keepers for a Week By Shirley Nelson

Continued from last week.

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While at New Dungeness there are duties to perform. The U.S. flag is to be raised at 8:00am each day and taken down at sunset. The lighthouse is to be opened at 9:00am and the windows of the lantern room cleaned. Tours are given as people arrive: as few as zero on a winter day to more than 40 in summer. More than 5,000 people visit each year.

At day's end brass is polished in the lighthouse, the stairs swept down and the public restroom cleaned. The lush, green lawn must be mowed weekly and watered daily, all year. The porous, sandy soil



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dictates the latter. The rest of the time you are free to walk on the beach (the same narrow stretch everyone uses to get there), and observe wildlife and passing marine life.

Wildlife includes seals, a great variety of birds, resident skunk, coyote, deer, etc. We saw a river otter in the surf one day. Passing ships include nuclear submarines and other naval craft, yachts and cruise ships and many commercial vessels, tugs and barges. The scenery is incomparable: snow-touched Olympic mountains to the south, Vancouver Island to the north, Whidbey Island to the east with Cascade mountains beyond. Mt. Baker rises majestically in the northeast.

Then there are the household chores: preparing meals and cleaning up, managing the garbage (burn what you can, carry out the rest), doing laundry and, before the next people arrive, cleaning the house.

Especially during inclement weather and after summer is over, there is time to read, play games or work puzzles and get better acquainted with your housemates. We were with one other couple, from Seattle. We were close to the same age, had similar interests and values. We had good conversations and good meals together.

A radio, stereo system and television reside in the living room. No TV antenna has been able to withstand the elements long enough to be effective, but videos can be played.

There is an emergency telephone and a helipad. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife person visits once or twice a week on an All Terrain Vehicle and collects garbage that volunteers have collected from the beach.

Some people who serve a week at New Dungeness are eager to come back again. Others, especially those who feel the need of a daily newspaper, computer, television or other trappings of modern civilization, say once is enough. We would go again.

Friday night came. We retired early, setting the alarm for 3:00am. When that hour arrived, we stumbled out of bed, stripped the bed, put linens in the washer and remade the bed with clean sheets. We carried our gear to the back of the house and sleepily awaited arrival of the shuttle vehicle. At 4:30, headlights moved toward us along the beach and then turned in toward the light station. It was time to return to reality.

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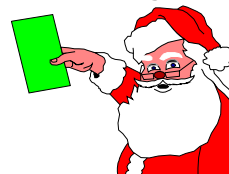
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Scouts involved were Tyler Knight, Michael Groves, Blake White, Greg Phul, Wade Johnson, Joe Bussman, Jacob Merryman, Levi Anderson, Thomas Oberbeck, Shane Obrien, Jason Merryman, Christopher Stout, Michael Paugh, Tim Wagner, Aubery Walker, Michael Perry, Kyle Bussman.

The Scout leaders are Diane Bussman, Mary Anne Phul, Bonita Stout.



Police Log

November 13

9:30am: Dog at large, black/white, medium to small, Port Orford Loop and Hensley Hill area – unable to locate, continue to monitor.

11:30am: Report of trespass at Port Orford Inn – report taken.

7:48pm: Harassment at Port Orford Inn – handled by contact.

8:15pm: Assist other agency, North Bend Police Department, on attempt to locate suspect – unable to locate.

9:10pm: Assist other agency, Oregon State Police, on traffic arrest north of Sixes.

November 14

12:10pm: Dog at large on Agate Beach Road – unable to locate, being monitored.

6:00pm: Complaint of offensive odor and smoke from burning trash – referred to Fire Department.

November 15

1:30pm: Public assist, relay death notice to family member.

November 16

11:15am: Report of vicious dog at large on Port Orford Loop Road – owner contacted and advised.

3:00pm: Report of barking dog on 18th Street – stopped prior to contact.

November 17

8:00am: Public assist with disabled vehicle at 20th Street – jump start.

9:00am: Assist other agency with MVC (motor vehicle crash) milepost 298 – traffic control.

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3:20pm: Report of dogs barking – stopped prior to contact.

4:30pm: Assist other agency, Oregon State Police, with abandoned vehicle in middle of road at milepost 306 – vehicle removed by owner.

8:00pm: Edward A. Bachlor, age 40, arrested on felony warrant from King County, WA – transported by Oregon State Police to Curry County Jail.

9:30pm: Report of gunshot area of Port and Starboard – area checked, unable to locate.

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Senior News By Mary Yoder

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Doing dishes etc. Norm Rice, Kathy Goad, Savannah Tremmel – setting up the dining room Mary Yoder and Lila Sarratt.

Just a note. Kyle Pace a high school student worked November 12 doing dishes. Hope to see you again soon.

November 20 was pinochle. A good time was had by all – high scorer Dorothy Spencer, second June Heyl, low Barbara Knapp – sad part no popcorn.

There will not be a luncheon November 25. November 28 will be board meeting from 11:00am to noon – office staff 10:30am to noon – chili lunch – blood pressure and hearing aid 9:30am to noon.

The computer class is doing fine. They are planning on having another class. If you are interested call or come in the center and sign up.

The walking group meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30am. No dominoes in November. The center will be closed but will be open Friday November 24 as usual.

Thank You Santa Claus Continued from Front Cover

ers them all in a mad dash around the world on Christmas Eve.

I've never met this gentleman, though I've met many of his stand-ins, helpers, and disciples. As a kid, I had plenty of evidence of his existence and although the tales about him seem incredible, there is no doubt that his spirit is alive and well.

I'd like to thank him for the joy he brings children. For inspiring so many people to give their time, money, and energy to helping others. For encouraging people to put aside their differences, at least for this season, thus proving that we can all get along if we really try.

Who are some of his followers and helpers? Look thru this issue and you'll find plenty of evidence. Read about the local libraries - staffed largely by volunteers. Read about Curry County Hospice and their Light Up a Life campaign - and note the list of supporters. Read about the all-volunteer Heritage Society activities, The Rotary "Tree of Giving", and the Cub Scouts "Good Turn Day". I could go on. All are members in good

standing of the "Santa Claus" club.

To all of these people and groups, I say, "Thank you!" And if you wonder if Santa Claus exists, just open your eyes - he's all around you!

Oregon Sci-Fi Convention by Valerie Jean Kramer

If you've never been to a Science-Fiction Convention ("Con" for short), you don't know what you're missing! Imagining assembling a large group of highly intelligent, well read, individuals with playful spirits, a propensity for puns, and an interest in science and fantasy. Stir well and you have the makings of a Con. Evan and I attended "OryCon 22", the 22nd Oregon Science Fiction convention this past weekend in Portland along with about 1000-1500 other like-minded lunatics.

We arrived Friday afternoon, registered, and made quick passes of the art show and dealers' room then took a break and sat in on a panel speaking about "Why my horse won't go: depicting animals realistically." Too many authors treat them like hay-burning cars instead of as living beings with distinct personalities.

You'll get some idea of the range of sessions when I tell you the next one was titled, "Alien sex toys or alien artifacts." Choosing what to do at any given time was difficult. There were about five main panels going on at any given time and often additional events in other rooms. Not to mention the informal socializing in hallways and hospitality suites. One large room was devoted to constant gaming - board games, war games, Magic, D&D, etc. Panels ran the gamut from instruction in writing, costuming, and other topics to readings by various authors.

Another panel I attended was on "The Lord of The Rings". It was a standing-room-only crowd and there wasn't enough standing room. The novel is presently being made into three 2-hour movies which will be released in December 2001. From what I gathered, they should be pretty good though no movie will ever capture the full richness of the books.

The highlight of the convention has to be the Masquerade. Many people attended the Con in costume, but only about a dozen people/groups entered the contest. Most of the entrants had a small performance and while the judges did their thing, we were entertained by "A Little Knight Music."

The winner of the Art Show was "Dragonfly" by Mark J. Ferrari (www.markferrari.com). Other artists I liked included Rob Alexander (www.robalexander.com), Alan M. Clark (www.ifdpublishing.com) and Adrian Bourne (www.PaintandPixel.com).

The next "local" convention will be the Western Regional Convention, Westercon, which will be held in July 2001 in Portland. You can read about it at <http://www.osfci.org/> and about OryCon at www.orycon.org. Note these sites have .ORG, not .COM domains!

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