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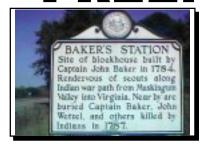
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The Mound in Moundsville By Evan & Valerie Kramer



Last week we described our visit to the former state penitentiary in Moundsville, West Virginia.

The prison is located in a quiet residential neighborhood. Right across the street is one of West Virginia's archaeological treasures. It is the "Mound" in Moundsville. The Grave Creek Mound, as it is known, is a burial mound used by the Adena people in the pre-Christian era. The people used this mound as a burial site and it grew larger as more people were buried there.

This burial mound is sixty-nine feet high with a diameter at the base of 295 feet and is overgrown with trees and shrubbery except for a stone stairway/path that winds around the mound to a grassy viewing area at the top. It contains 60,000 tons of earth and it wasn't put there with bulldozers but by the basket-full.

Archaeologists estimate it was built from 250-150BC in different levels at different times. Interesting fact: some of the people buried in the Mound were cremated and buried in small log tombs but the more important people were buried in the flesh along with many of their possessions.

Not much is known about what happened to them. Today the site is a popular tourist attraction and continues to be the site of archaeological research. As you might guess, the gift shop sells only Mounds candy bars.

Next we did a bit of archeology of our own. Captain John Baker, Valerie's fifth great grandfather built a "fort" or "station" about nine miles south of present day Moundsville. "Baker's Station" is long gone but there had been a sign commemorating its presence along with three grave markers in a small roadside picnic area known as "Americana Park." We had been told that the sign and grave markers were gone but we wanted to see where they had been.

We headed south on Route 2 along the Ohio River. We stopped at one likely spot where a road leading into dense brush and trees was blocked off. There was some trash and an old mattress dumped by the barricade. Valerie walked down it a bit and found an underpass under the main highway. She also found some large (deer?) bones that had been completely cleaned. Suddenly the forest seemed much scarier than it had and she came back out quicker than she went in! Clearly this wasn't our site.

A short distance south we found Fish

Creek. Several family members had once lived along fish creek so we again stopped. We found a park, a shelter, and a boat ramp but no sign of Captain John. We asked a couple of local fishermen and one said that the park we wanted was another half-mile south where the four-lane became two lanes. Off we went again.

With Valerie practically bouncing on her seat, we pulled over beside a blocked-off, weed covered parking lot. This was clearly the right place – the sign was still present! High weeds didn't deter the intrepid genealogist. She got pictures on two film cameras, on video tape, and on her digital camera. She got overviews, close-ups, and pictures of herself with the sign. If you can wear out a sign by taking its picture, that sign needed a vacation by the time she was done! The grave markers were, as we had been told, gone. She also failed to find a red "x" on the railroad tracks opposite the park. The "x" supposedly marked the actual site of Captain John's grave.

There was another sign on the site. It gave information about George Rogers Clark on one side and Zachery Taylor on the other and we shot photos of it too.

Next we backtracked to county road 7/4 (Fish Creek Road) and headed towards

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Fri Nov 14	4:45a	2.1	10:50a	8.9	5:39p	-1.4			7:07a	4:56p	5:42p	7:40a	FM
Sat Nov 15	12:09a	7.0	5:31a	2.4	11:32a	8.8	6:25p -1.	.5	7:09a	4:55p	6:28p	8:43a	
Sun Nov 16	1:00a	7.0	6:18a	2.7	12:14p	8.5	7:10p -1.	.3	7:10a	4:54p	7:18p	9:40a	
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Wed Nov 19	3:38a	6.5	8:57a	3.7	2:33p	6.9	9:34p 0.	.2	7:14a	4:52p	10:00p	11:56a	
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Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford Public Utilities Department

	Date	High	Low	Rain
Sat	Nov 1	63	42	
Sun	Nov 2	62	45	
Mon	Nov 3	63	46	
Tue	Nov 4	66	49	
Wed	Nov 5	58	52	.02
Thu	Nov 6	57	47	.70

Port Orford CPR Class

An American Heart CPR class will be held on Saturday, November 22, from 8:30am-5:00pm, at the Port Orford City Hall. Instructors Lynda Foster and Donna Lindberg will instruct the class. Students will learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques for use on infants, children and adults. Renew your current CPR certification or learn these life-saving techniques for the first time. Cost of the class

is \$26.00. Pre-registration is required.

The class is offered through SWOCC. Contact a local Southwestern Office to pre-register at 541-247-2741 or 541-469-5017.

Soakers Presents Kaplansky

Soakers Coffeehouse brings Lucy Kaplansky to Gold Beach on Tuesday, November 18. The show begins at 8:00pm. She is described as "the best female singer on the scene" by blues great Dave Van Ronk. A penetrating intelligent singer-songwriter Lucy gave up a promising career as a psychologist to follow a calling she just couldn't resist. Not everyone gets two chances to be a star. But Lucy Kaplansky isn't everyone.

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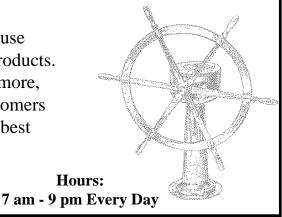
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Senior News By Mary Yoder

First on the agenda was the rotary luncheon November 6th. These are the volunteers who did such a good job Bessie Laursen, Lorraine Hass, Marge Kyle, Mary Evans – setting up the dining room and tables Dee Hansohn – Dick Butt and Warren Jewel doing dishes.

Kay Neal was doing the office – This was Thursday Sing Alongs practiced at 2pm.

November 9th was the breakfast. These are the volunteers who worked. Gayle Lee, Buddy Lee, Bessie Laursen, Art Klima, Beth Newkirk, Marge Kyle, Bill Butt cooking – what do you think of that? John Houser doing dishes, and Clare Stalh taking care of the money.

Rummage sale same day – Henry and Bobbetta Kron and what's his name doing it all. You know the breakfast and rummage sale is from 8 to 1:30 – that's a long time – besides everything takes time setting it up.

Not to forget pinochle is November 17th at 7pm. You know there is the dinner and theater group the 14th and 15th. I went Saturday night. You can't believe how

the volunteers doing the dinner and the serving four courses. I'm glad I saw for myself – what a wonderful deal. The cooks are Roald Young, Patty Young, Chet Dacayana, Jan Dacayana – the students from high school serving plus Irwin Morgan, Pat, and Bessie Laursen just like professionals. Hope I haven't missed anyone – really special.

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November 22 will be the centers Thanksgiving dinner. All are welcome 11:30 – Rummage sale from 8-1:30 and dance 7:30pm. The Champaynes will be playing.

How much they miss who do not know The lovely joys found long ago.

I wish that they could share with me My pleasant trip in memory

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School Board Meets

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Council Searching for Water By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council heard from public works director Jerry McNurlin on Monday night. He told them the Pinehurst sewer station went out last weekend, nothing bad happened and it was fixed. He mentioned Garrison Lake is the current source of city water because of the high turbidity of water on North Fork of Hubbard Creek.

Fire Chief George Gehrke said his department had two calls in October, both auto wrecks. He also exclaimed the fire hall was not being cleaned. He said the firefighters are volunteers and not paid to clean the fire hall.

Police Chief Russ Hunt told the council in October his department had 72 calls for service, 31 administrative calls, made five arrests for misdeamors, four arrests for felonies, and handed out 30 warnings and 105 traffic citations. He gave the council police department stickers they are handing out to young people. He said on Halloween night that he, Jody Conn and Keith Rowling were on duty and handed out seven pounds of candy.

The City's insurance agent Ron Mason attended the meeting and spoke to the council. He said their property insurance is coming down because claims are down.

Community Resource Team Enterprise Zone Manager member Ed McQuade said the state legislature had recently passed Bill 2143 allowing a one-time change to include motels in the enterprise zone. He asked to council to agree to a resolution.

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McQuade referred to the possibility of a motel at Cape Blanco Airport. The council was deadlocked at 2-2 with Ruth Jamieson and Tim Sparks voting yes and Robert Warring and Ralph Donaldson voting no. Mayor Gary Doran voted yes and the motion passed.

Irene Allison spoke to the council about removing a buildup of Scotch Broom from Sixth St. and Washington Streets adjacent to her home on Tichenor Street. She requested the city ask Coos-Curry Electric to move their power lines underground in her neighborhood and the City widens Tichenor to twenty feet.

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The council discussed a policy requiring all city employees to have a high school diploma or G.E.D. within six months of being hired. They will refer the matter to city attorney Randall Tosh for his opinion.

Sewer Rates Meeting

The City of Port Orford is holding a meeting on Monday, November 17, 7:00pm, at city hall to hear public input on sewer rate costs. Councilor Ralph Donaldson asked the public attends and lends their input.

Other Business

Councilor Warring asked the city administrator Jim Poland to contact the LCDC (Land Conservation and Development Department). and hold an educational program for planning commission members instead of paying lawyer Tosh to conduct the meeting.

The council agreed unanimously to amendments in the Port Orford Municipal Code regarding fire fighters with one change recommended by Tosh.

Councilor Donaldson said a committee had reviewed the three applicants for the job of administering the city water system grant. State law requires a grant administrator. The committee recommended the job goes to Umpqua Community Development Corporation and its three employees. The council agreed unanimously.

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Community Resource Team member Joan Geiser recommended the council approve a contract with SMH Architects for the Highway 101 beautification plan. They approved her recommendation. CRT member Ed Dowdy told the council the Regional Strategies Board had approved using \$14,000 in used funds from remodeling of the visitor center for the façade upgrade on the building.

The council turned to the franchise agreement with the General Telephone Company. Lawyer Tosh sent word he wanted this issue postponed so the council didn't vote on it. However councilor Tim Sparks brought up the need for more pay phones

in town. The council will ask GTE for a lit phone booth at City Hall and at Buffington Park as well as leaving the existing pay phones in place.

Robert Warring made a motion authorizing Jim Poland as an additional person who can sign city checks. The motion passed unanimously.

Ralph Donaldson recommended the city hire Harvey Kelsey, a hydrologist, with some help from John Logan, to begin a preliminary search for sites for water wells. Kelsey charges \$290 a day for his services. Kelsey and Logan are "strictly" scientists and will not be drilling wells.

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Letter to the Editor,

On behalf of the Port Commission, Port of Port Orford, thank you goes to all who voted. By exercising your right to vote, you made it possible for the Port Bond issue to exceed the fifty- percent turn out required.

Special recognition goes to Jim Rhoades and Leesa Cobb for their hours of work. The reporting by Port Orford Today, the

Port Orford News and The World exceeded all of the Commission's hopes.

Volunteers who supported with funds and letters acknowledging the need for the dock's replacement include the Women's Fishery Network, Port Orford Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Frank and Jane Cramer, Jon and Tobe Porter, Gary Anderson, Sonja Mason, Frank Smith, Monty Montgomery, Jim Parson, Jim Rhoades, Louise Basey, Jim Morrow, Community Response Team and the photography of Susan Chambers.

Bill Oleson, President Port of Port Orford Commission

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Murder a Roaring Success By Evan Kramer

Valerie and I attended Friday night's performance of Murder at Rutherford House on Friday night. The Port Orford Community Theater put on the dinner theater performance, which was held at the Port Orford Senior Center.

This was one of the best theater experiences I've ever had. It was also the first time I had attended a mystery dinner theater and I found out what fun I've been missing.

The audience is part of the play with each one assuming the name of a character. There isn't the division that exists in most theater where one sits in a darkened auditorium watching the play on stage. The action in this play took place all over the dining room and even outside the room.

Michael Hall played the part of Ruby Pinkbottom and directed the play. Other actors included Sandy Shely, Bob Houck III, Erin Basey, Sonja Mason, Bob Hergert, Edward M. Schriver, Tammy House, Chris Humphreys and Marty Cox. They all did a fantastic job. So did the wait staff consisting of students at Pacific High School.

Since the play is a murder mystery I'll leave what happened to your imagination. My advice is if there are any tickets left for this Friday and Saturday night's performances reserve them fast. Don't miss out on one of the best things to happen to Port Orford.

To the Port Orford Community Theater Players - Please do it again!

Watershed Council Newsletter By David A. Wilken, Chairman

This week's issue of Port Orford Today includes a reprint of the Watershed Council's most recent newsletter. Past newsletters have been mailed to all prop-



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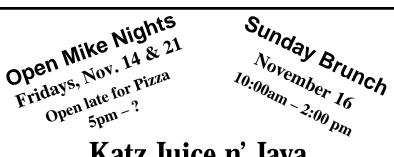
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Airport Decision Not Reached

The Oregon Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division held a meeting last Thursday night in an effort to give away Cape Blanco State Airport. The Port Orford City Hall council chambers were nearly full with interested citizens including many pilots.

Ann Crooks and Betsy Johnson represented the Aeronautics Division at the meeting. Ann Crooks got right to the point when she stated "we want to give away our state owned airport to a local entity". Two government entities including the Port of Port Orford and Curry County showed up with interest in owning the airport.

Port of Port Orford manager Gayle Paige spoke first and delivered an overview of the Port's interest in the airport, which has been an ongoing struggle for over three years. This included an agreement with the Coquille Indian tribe to jointly

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pursue the airport, which started in October 1994 and came to an end when the tribe agreed to rescind the agreement in May 1997. The Curry County commissioners became interested in the airport this year. Paige said the Port has not developed a plan for the airport because of how busy they've been.

Suggestions from the audience included one pilot who recommended working lights at the airport. Ann Crooks told the crowd the Airport is not eligible for grants from the Federal Aviation Administration because it does not meet the minimum requirements including number of planes based there and average daily flights.

One thing was made perfectly clear and that is because Cape Blanco is a Department of Defense airport it must always remain an airport.

Curry County Commissioner Lloyd Olds and Bill Roberts represented the County at the meeting. Olds read a prepared letter addressed to ODOT from the 3 county commissioners requesting ownership of the airport and then handled questions from the people. Olds, a twenty-year Navy veteran, told people that "my love has always been aircraft". He specifically said that very little county general fund money would be spent on the airport. The county owns a 63.99 acre parcel of land adjoining the airport. Olds spoke about building hangars on the county land, the need for lights and that he supports the auto races, which have been held there yearly. He made it clear the county would not sell their acreage. Olds said the Port of Port Orford has equal capabilities of managing the airport as the county.

Al Affonso asked Olds if the County had done a courtesy call on the Port informing them of their interest in the airport. Olds answered no.

George Welch, owner of NC Electronics said he wouldn't have moved his company to Port Orford if not for Cape Blanco Airport.

Betsy Johnson said Aeronautics gets no money from the State general fund and operates on a modest budget raised from airport fees. She said they didn't have the money to provide lights for the Cape Blanco. She also pointedly remarked the State of Oregon does not value airports.

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Regarding a decision of which government agency will get ownership of the Airport, Johnson said her department would first make a recommendation and then it would go to a nine-person review committee. The earliest a decision could be reached would be March 1998.

In the meantime the State will put together a preliminary budget with a master plan of developing the Airport. Johnson apologized to Gayle Paige and the Port Commission for protracting the process so long.

An informal poll was taken at the meeting of which agency the people wanted to receive ownership of the airport. The largest number of people stood in support of the Port District with a few standing for either the County or the State.

You can make your thoughts known about the future of the Airport by reaching Betsy Johnson at Aeronautics, 3040 25th St SE, Salem, OR 97310-0100 or call her toll free at 1-800-874-0102 or fax to 503-373-1688.

Creighton Files For Sheriff

On Monday Sheriff's Deputy Mark Creighton made it official by turning in his petition with over 500 signatures supporting him as a candidate for Sheriff. He is a veteran law enforcement officer with 17 years' experience and a college graduate. Creighton said, "Police should be on the beat, not behind a desk. The heart of police reform for our county is good solid personnel management that has been lacking in the past." He believes a real "open door policy" is a requirement for the department. He said people are tired of broken promises and stonewalling and want a Sheriff who is responsive to the people and their needs.

Creighton plans to lead by example and will be a working sheriff who will listen and work with the people in solving problems. "The people need renewed ownership in their Sheriff's Office". He wants to change the image of the Sheriff's Office by setting up good sound management practices, and using the "Common sense" approach to solving public safety problems. He said we hear all the promises of change before an election but after the election nothing changes, it has been that way for the last two elections. Creighton feels accountability has been a



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very low priority in our Sheriff's Office. "I plan to introduce programs that will maintain police accountability.

He said with proper personnel management you will see more officers on the street, more cases being solved, faster and safer response to calls, more calls being answered not ignored, and officer involvement in our communities. This can be accomplished without increasing taxes.

Creighton said he is developing a plan that will address issues that have been ignored or overlooked in the past. He said, "My plan will allow tax money to be used in a more efficient manner, people are tired of paying higher taxes. We cannot continue to operate as we have in the past." Creighton's plan will include a Citizens Review Advisory Board that has been long over due.

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Thursday, November 20th 1997 is the date for the 21st annual American Cancer Society's "Great American Smokeout". This day was designated by the American Cancer Society as a celebration that provides the public with information about the dangers of smoking as well as a way for smokers to try to kick the habit once and for all.

This year the Curry County Health Department and the Curry County Tobacco Coalition for being smoke-free are commending several restaurants in Curry County!

The coalition would like to encourage the public to choose smoke free restaurants, especially on November 20th and show them your appreciation for a smoke-free environment.

Mike Seeger at Friendship Hall

Mike Seeger brings traditional rural music to the Pistol River Friendship Hall stage on Saturday afternoon and evening, Nov. 15. A children's matinee performance is available at 1:00pm. At this special performance, adults must be accompanied by a child! Admission is \$2. Seeger returns at 8:00pm for an evening performance. Tickets are \$12 and on sale at Java Java in Brookings and the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce. For more details, call the concert association hotline at 247-7636.



Health Foundation Auction

Dreaming of a new toy to park under the Christmas tree this year? The Curry Health Foundation will auction off an intricately carved Chinese coffee table, a mink stole, two faux fur coats, premium gift certificates, services, fine art, jewelry and dozens of other suitable holiday gift items when it hosts the season's second fund-raising auction auction on Saturday, November 15.

Replete with an amateur and commercial dessert fest, wine tasting, live music and door prizes, the auction is scheduled from 2:00-5:00pm, in the Curry Showcase at the Curry County Fairgrounds. Proceeds will go toward purchase of a new CT scanner for Curry General Hospital.

To sweeten the bidding game, organizers will offer cheese nibbles, wines and potluck of desserts. Those attending will vote on a "people's choice" dessert in amateur and commercial categories. The winning amateur and commercial chefs still are sought to participate in the dessert taste-off

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To enter the dessert fest, phone for an entry form: (541) 247-6621, extension 109; or 1-800-445-8085.

Alcohol Server Training

Southwestern Oregon Community College will be offering an Alcohol Server Training class on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 8:30am-3:30pm. This is a date change from the Nov. 11 class. The class will be held at the South Coast ESD office in Gold Beach and costs \$23.50. All persons obtaining or renewing any permit or license to serve alcoholic beverages in Oregon are required to take an alcohol server training class.

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These same grownups have recently been caught playing youngsters in a secret Santa Place. Watch for the results come December's 1st week.

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Lynn Camp about 12 miles up from the river. Along the way we stopped at the Grayville Calvary United Methodist Church to take pictures of the tombstones in their cemetery. We found Lynn Camp but the only store was deserted. The road that would have taken us the remaining mile to the Garner Cemetery looked like a private driveway and we decided not to try it without invitation. (On the way back to the river, we stopped and talked with a local who said it would have been all right to go on up but we decided not to go back. The cemetery was not critically important.

Next we drove south on Hwy 2 where we crossed the Mason Dixon line at the Border between Marshall and Wetzel Counties. We stopped and took pictures of both signs. From Hwy 2, we took route 180 to visit a place known as "The Jug," located near the town of Middlebourne, West Virginia. On the way into town we passed a cemetery and stopped for some photos after noticing a large Baker tombstone right by the highway.

Valerie's grandfather George Baker grew up in the Jug. I know what you're think-

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ing but the Jug wasn't named after the activities of local moonshiners. The Jug is a seven-mile stretch of Middle Fork Creek which meanders around for seven miles before coming back to within a hundred feet of where it veered off! The shape of the creek is similar to a jug handle thus the name. Middle Fork Creek is said to be the longest creek in the world and possibly the crookedest. It winds some 50 miles to go a mere 20 miles as the crow flies.

On a bluff above the creek is The Jug – a country store and café. Gladys, the owner, was very helpful and knowledgeable about some of the Bakers and had known Grover Baker of whom she spoke highly. (Grover would be Valerie's first cousin, twice removed.) At one time there had been a mill on the site of the present store. They used the waterpower from the creek to grind the meal. She said Grover had torn down the old mill and showed us pictures of how the site had looked before man and erosion had opened the gap to its present width.

The day we arrived was just a couple of days before the opening of squirrel season in West Virginia and hunters streamed in to the Jug store to get their licenses.



Day was done, and we returned to New Martinsville, West Virginia to spend the night. The next morning when checking out, we spoke at length with Balu, the owner of the Budget Inn where we stayed, about family history. Balu came to America from India and told us that he can go back 22 generations and he quickly recited the names of his ancestors from memory. He told us that Indian tradition requires a person to know at least seven generations of their ancestors before they can get married. He told us that certain people are responsible for keeping track of the genealogy of certain villages and that these people make yearly visits to

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Our first stop this morning was Woodsfield, Ohio. They have a beautiful courthouse with a golden dome. Across the street was an old theatre, now a fascinating antique store. After visiting downtown, we went to the library which houses the Monroe County Genealogy Society's reference works. Valerie spent quite a bit of time copying more "good stuff."

those villages to update their informa-

tion.

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From there, we crossed the river again and headed over to West Union, West Virginia where we visited Valerie's second cousin, once removed, Lillian Genevieve Pitts. Besides her interest in family history she and her four sisters are expert quilters and we placed an order for a quilt which will be much enjoyed and all the more appreciated for being made by relatives

The day we visited was the first day of squirrel season and we were way out in the woods or as they put it "a hollow." I decided to mind my own business and sit and listen to Valerie and Lillian talk. Every once in a while we would hear the sound of gunfire and I knew another squirrel was history.

We looked out the front window and saw Lillian's son and his hunting friend down by a small creek in the front yard skinning squirrels so we walked down to see what was going on. The had an efficient operation using two people to clean and gut the squirrels. They even had the pot of water ready to drop the squirrels into and we heard much talk about squirrel gravy, drumsticks and sweet potatoes. I noticed the family pooch was chained up to his doghouse during the shooting and he seemed content to stay put.

Being "city folks" neither of us had ever seen an animal skinned before and Valerie found it fascinating. They made a small slit on the back, grabbed the skin above and below and turned the animal inside out. They then cut off the feet and head, sliced the stomach open and removed the guts and popped it in the pan of water. At least that's what it looked like to our untrained eyes. I may have left out or misstated some details.

We left West Union and drove northeast to Clarksburg where we had a hard time finding a room. We ended up staying in a huge motel, restaurant, Wal-Mart complex. We were to see many similar in style on our trip. More and more, these islands of commerce are where money and goods change hands. The old quaint down-

towns we saw in many cases looked good on the surface with many historic buildings. But, the action has shifted away from them to the large strip malls on the edge of town. OK, we admit it. We had Wal-Mart run some rolls of film thru their one-hour developing. They are now open 24 hours a day and were busy even at 9:30 at night. America loves to shop!

Next morning we found a laundromat then headed north to Morgantown. All along our trip we saw lots of road kill. Somewhere along here we saw a dead fox which was a fairly unusual sighting. Most of the roadkill are raccoons, possum, squirrels, deer, and house cats with occasional porcupines, badger, beaver, rabbit, or something unrecognizable.

We looked around the mall at Morgantown then headed northeast into Pennsylvania to Uniontown on Hwy 119 then northwest on Hwy 40 to "Redstone Old Fort" now Brownsville, PA and another residence of Captain John Baker. Valerie found a plaque in a wall commemorating the site of the former fort and shot pictures of it. Brownsville had a downtown along the river that was one of the most abandoned we'd seen. It rather gave us

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Red Rain Flowers By Donna L. Hoffmann

Last article I told you I had several things that I need to put down on paper, and here we go again.

Before I forget, Port Orford's 4-H Club will be planting a hummingbird-butterfly garden in Buffington Park. Curry County Master Gardeners Midge Hayes and Siggi Hoffmann will assist them. Should prove to be very informative and fun. Last year, the 4-H'ers compiled their own books on local native plants, learning both common name, Latin name, family names, growth habitat, uses in landscaping, etc. It was fun and a couple of the 4H'ers entered their books in the County Fair and came away with blue ribbons! If you're interested, and school age (elementary to high school) contact Christi Disbrow 332-9295. Last time I wrote about St. John's Wort and thought it might be interesting to you if I wrote occasionally of the native (and sometimes not so native) plants that are "local" along the South Coast. This time the plant is the Red Columbine, Aquilegia Formosa, the common name is from the Latin Columbina meaning "dove-like'. Red Columbine is a perennial from a taproot, growing in a variety of moist, open to partly shaded sites; roadsides, meadows, rocky slopes and beaches along the coast from Oregon to Alaska. By its name, it is red with yellow tufts of stamens and styles. It looks very similar to the hybridized columbines you see in garden shops. They are very attractive to butterflies and hummingbirds. The Haida people (North American Indians on Queen Charlotte Islands off the coast of British Columbia call the plant "red rain-flowers"). The Haida children were told not to pick the flowers or it would rain. The Nuxalk natives near Bella Coola, BC, for some unknown reason called it "grizzly-bear's den". The Quileute (peoples who lived on the Northern coast of Washington) scraped the roots of the plant and put the milky pulp on sores to help form a scar. The leaves were also chewed and spit on sores for the same reason. Other North American natives used different parts of the plant as medicine for diarrhea, dizziness, aching joints and possibly venereal disease. I wouldn't suggest it's use medicinally today but it's fascinating on how the early peoples used plants.

Gardening thought for the day -"Let no one be discouraged by the thought of how much there is to learn. Looking back upon nearly thirty years of gardening (the earlier part of it in groping ignorance with scant means of help). I can remember no part of it that was not full of pleasure and encouragement", Gertrude Jekyll.

Questions for Master Gardener's call Wednesday, 9-12, 1-800-356-3986. Good gardening!

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the willies. Too bad because other parts of the town seemed nice and the view along the river was very scenic.

Pennsylvania has some great ecology license plates. Valerie saw one with a wonderful picture of a tiger but we were driving and she couldn't get a picture. We never saw another one like it. A great state for license plate observing.

We ended up the day in Catfish Camp, now Washington, PA and yet another Captain Baker site. (He sure got around despite the lack of cars or roads!) Valerie found a sign that told about Catfish Camp and added more pictures to her collection. We stayed in another commercial area in Washington that looked very similar to Clarksburg.

The next day we headed to Pittsburgh hoping to find some used bookstores that might have genealogy books. On the way, we stopped at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum in Arden. I got a chance to look at and photograph a few of my favorite streetcars including a Brill Bullet and a restored P.C.C. Down the road from the trolley museum, Pittsburgh can

still boast of four active trolley lines and two incline plane railroads also known as funiculars.

We didn't spend much time in Pittsburgh (as the saying goes, "next time.") Cruising around, we didn't find any bookstores which led Valerie to observe that it's a lot easier to find guns than books. A sad, but true, commentary on our society.

We did stop and ride the Duquesne Incline, one of the two remaining in service of this very rare form of rail transportation. The Duquesne Incline was opened in May 1877 and is now operated by The Society for the Preservation of the Duquesne Heights Incline and is staffed with volunteers. It rises 400 feet above the Monongahelia River on a 581/2% grade. In the days before everyone had a car, it was a necessity, not a tourist attraction. The two cars, which traverse the Duquesne Incline, had banners attached to them. One car was named Deee and the other Fense. This is a message, or is that a hint, to the Pittsburgh Steelers. A platform at the top of the Incline offers a breathtaking view of downtown Pittsburgh including the confluence of the Allegheny and Monogallia Rivers where they join to form the start of the Ohio River. You can

also see the aptly named Three Rivers Stadium. A mile down the road from the Duquesne Incline above Station Square is the Monogahelia Incline, built in 1870 and still carrying passengers.

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"Thank you" to those of you who have come by to tell us you are enjoying this series and to share your experiences living or visiting these areas. Be sure to watch our windows for photos from our trip. Hope you continue to enjoy our vacation with us!

Kalmiopsis Audubon Hike

Friday, Nov. 14, the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society is sponsoring a hike led by Veva Stansell. This will be a moderate 2-3 hour hike either up Hunters Creek or to Woodruff Orchard depending on the weather. Please meet at the Forest Service Station in Gold Beach at 9:00am. For more information please call Veva at 247-7153.

Bereavement Support Group

The regular meeting of the Bereavement Support Group will be on Tuesday, November 18, noon, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant.

Anyone who is grieving the loss of a spouse, child, relative, partner, or friend is invited. For more information, please call Donna Smith at 332-1300 or Luana Berens, LCSW, at Curry County Home Health/Hospice at 247-7084, 469-0405, or 1-800-535-9472.

Public Education

The Curry County Committee for Public Education will meet at 9:30 on Saturday morning, Nov. 15, 1997, in the conference room at the Best Western Beachfront Inn, 15990 Lower Harbor Road, Harbor. The speaker will be Sue Musser, principal of Azalea Middle School, and her topic will be, "What's Happening at Azalea School." A discussion will follow. Anyone interested is invited.

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