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The National Road By Evan and Valerie Kramer



At the end of last week's article, Valerie had concluded her convention. The next day it was time for Valerie and I to head west and for her parents to drive home to Cleveland. We started out with a big breakfast in the tradition of this trip, hugged each other and all headed home. We had a week before we planned to be back in Port Orford and decided to stay off the interstate as much as time would permit. So instead of taking Interstate 70 west we started our drive home on Highway 40.

The history of this road goes back to pre-Revolutionary War times and includes names like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. The Old Pike or National Road started in Cumberland, Maryland and proceeded west through Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and terminated in the city of Vandalia, Illinois. That section of Highway 40 was begun in 1806. The road gave farmers a way to get their excess produce and goods to market and was a major migration route for settlers looking for new land. (See Frank Brusca's Highway 40 web page at <http://users.aol.com/usroute40/>.)

There are several unique features about the National Road that exist to this day. One of them is the mile markers. We spotted our first ones in Pennsylvania. They turned out to be plastic replicas of the original iron markers. However, in the Lansing, Ohio area along the "Phil Niekro Highway" we found a couple of original stone markers which date from about 1830-1850. Originally there were markers every mile. Very few are left beside the road. Museums or private collectors have taken most of the stones. According to Mr. Brusca's web page, Ohio has 26 original stones in museums and 12 in storage. We found 2 along the road. I wonder where the other 174 stones are today?

Other interesting remnants of Highway 40 are the three remaining "S" bridges. So you ask what is an "S" bridge. Here's the historical description printed on the plaques commemorating the bridges. "Where the road crossed a creek at an angle, a stone arch bridge was built at right angles to the stream flow. "S" shaped walls were then built to guide traffic around the jog from the direction of travel across the bridge and back onto the road line. An arch parallel with the stream flow and in line with the road would have been more difficult and costly to build." There is also a story about a

drunken engineer and a bar bet about whether he could build an "S" bridge but the official word is that that is just a myth. All three remaining "S" bridges are in Ohio, one between Middlebourne and Old Washington, a second west of Cambridge at "S" Bridge Park and a third at the western city limits of New Concord. They were built around 1828-30. The first of the three "S" bridges was still in use as a bridge over a creek and was the only access to several people's homes. I enjoyed that because it wasn't history behind glass as is so often the case.

When we arrived at the New Concord bridge, we found them preparing to dedicate the park that very day at 1:00pm – just an hour or two later. New Concord is the hometown of astronaut and U.S. Senator John Glen and they were expecting him and possibly the Ohio governor at the dedication. However the road beckoned so we didn't wait for the royalty to show.

We stopped in to take photos of the Baker's Motel in Norwich, Ohio. (Remember,

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	Midnight to Noon	Noon to Midnight											
Thu Nov 27	3:21a 2.8	9:33a 7.6	4:24p 0.4	10:48p 6.0	7:23a	4:47p	5:23a	3:57p					
Fri Nov 28	4:00a 3.0	10:05a 7.8	4:59p -0.1	11:29p 6.2	7:24a	4:47p	6:21a	4:32p					
Sat Nov 29	4:38a 3.1	10:38a 8.0	5:35p -0.4		7:25a	4:46p	7:18a	5:12p					NM
Sun Nov 30	12:10a 6.4	5:16a 3.2	11:12a 8.1	6:12p -0.7	7:26a	4:46p	8:14a	5:57p					
Mon Dec 1	12:51a 6.5	5:56a 3.4	11:49a 8.1	6:50p -0.8	7:27a	4:46p	9:07a	6:47p					
Tue Dec 2	1:33a 6.6	6:38a 3.5	12:28p 8.0	7:31p -0.8	7:28a	4:45p	9:57a	7:42p					
Wed Dec 3	2:18a 6.6	7:26a 3.6	1:12p 7.8	8:14p -0.6	7:29a	4:45p	10:43a	8:42p					
Thu Dec 4	3:06a 6.7	8:20a 3.7	2:01p 7.4	9:01p -0.2	7:30a	4:45p	11:28a	9:45p					

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
 Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Sat Nov 15	59	45	.72
Sun Nov 16	59	51	.58
Mon Nov 17	57	44	.72
Tue Nov 18	58	45	.48
Wed Nov 19	56	50	.12
Thu Nov 20	57	44	---

Sunset Garden Club

Sunset Garden Club held its regular meeting Friday, Nov. 7 at the Senior Center. Hosts were Paula Dearing, Helen Smith and Millie North. Thirty members and four guests attended.

Committees were formed to help decorate Hughes House for Christmas. December meeting will be at the Senior Center at 1:00 PM on the 6th. Each person

is to bring a gift with a \$5 price limit, numbers get attached so the exchange is anonymous and always fun. We are to also bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Common Good.

Siggy Hoffman showed beautiful slides and talked about Landscaping with Native Plants in the Northwest, defined as "plants under cultivation that also grow wild in the same region."

He made the point that Natural Gardens are easier to maintain and are longer lasting than other designs. He said Oregon has 250 ornamental native plants. Among our trees there are cone-bearing evergreens, leaf evergreens and deciduous. There are shrubs and there are herbaceous plants. From all those we can build splendid plant communities that can hold the soil, attract wildlife and give ourselves much pleasure.

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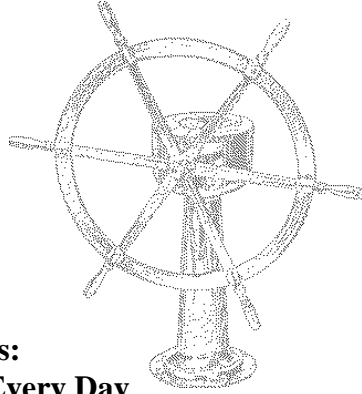
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Just Look At Me Now by Jane Cramer for the CRT

Whether you're an area resident or a tourist passing through town, you'll get a big welcome at Grantland Mayfield Gallery. There will be a smiling 'hello' from Linda Grantland, who might be singing along to some great jazz music. Your eyes will feast on offerings of local artists, from tiny handmade jewelry to huge paintings with vivid colors, and there might be a hint of bayberry scent lingering in the air.

An art gallery was not in the plans when Jim and Linda Grantland returned to the northwest after years in the southeast and began reconstruction of their newly purchased property. It was meant to be a shop selling art and stained glass supplies, with a teaching/work area in back. When Linda was asked to exhibit an artist's work, however, plans got changed. After about a year of construction, the gallery opened on July 1, 1992 with the work of 28 artists on display.



Nearly all the artists are from an area within 100 miles of Port Orford. Two glassblowers, Tom Whitehead and Meghan Gaustad, perform their magic in a studio at the back of the gallery.

When the Grantlands bought the building, it had been empty and forlorn for nearly a year. Prior to that it was the Sixth Street Mall and Gull Cottage. Many people remember when it was Tucker's Market in the '50's and some will even recall when it was a Safeway Store in the '30's. Long time residents knew it as Leneve Hall, with a store and post office downstairs and a dance floor and basketball court upstairs. Linda has a copy of a ticket from an 1897 St. Patrick's Day Dance and a picture of those in attendance. No wonder the people are smiling, tickets were \$1.00 and included supper!

Reconstruction was a huge project. The back 30 feet of the building, which had

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served as a frozen food locker for the markets, had sunk 10 feet and was collapsed into the foundation. Before it became the teaching /work area, more than 400 40 gallon trash bags of Palco Wool Insulation had to be removed. This insulation was made from the hairy, interior bark of redwood trees. The upstairs roofline had been lowered sometime after the days of dances and basketball and was a dark, dreary, low ceilinged room with rotten floors. This became a light, airy residence with three bedrooms, two baths and a beautiful ocean view. In addition, there are three open plan studio apartments which are very popular rentals.

Much of the shop's decor is made up of old fixtures cleverly put to use. Next time you are in the shop, ask Linda to show you some of the unique features preserved from the old days: the old meat locker door, the display cases that used to be coolers for dairy products (ask what they did with the doors of the coolers) and the price railings where stores used to post the prices of items. You might want to stop in often so you can see everything from the decor and unique features to the brilliant work of talented local artists. You'll always be welcome.

Christmas Tree Lighting

The public is invited to come to Gold Beach City Hall and celebrate the official lighting of the Christmas tree on Saturday, November 29, at 6:00pm. Refreshments will be served.

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Crab Season Opens By Evan Kramer

The 1997-98 Oregon Dungeness Crab season opens on December 1, at 12:01 am. Fishermen are allowed to place their crab pots in the water 72 hours prior to the official opening and will begin lowering them into the water on November 28. The dock at the Port of Port Orford is the staging area for thousands of crab pots and is quite a sight right now. But remember our Port is a working one and we need to give the fishermen room to get their boats loaded and out to sea.

It takes the crabs about three and a half to four years to mature the legal minimum size of 6 ½". Only the male crabs are taken with the females and undersized crabs being returned to the sea.

Last year's Port of Port Orford crab harvest was way under the previous year's total. The 1996-97 harvest at the Port was 256,319 pounds. The previous year's harvest was 1,339,856 pounds.

Nick Furman, director of the Oregon Crab Commission spoke with me and provided me with these and a host of other statistics. The Crab Commission is one of 29 commodity commissions in the state and

is industry funded with the crab fishermen paying for it with a small percentage of their total poundage. Furman said there are 450 crab licenses held by fishermen statewide. He said that last year 328-350 of those fishermen holding licenses went out and fished for crab.

Furman said the total pounds of dungeness crab taken in 1996-97 statewide were 7,055,000. The harvest for 1995-96 was

17.1 million pounds. Fishermen at the Port of Brookings hauled in 540,688 pounds of crab in 1996-97, down from 2,594,503 the previous year. This year estimates of the crab catch vary from one person to the next on what's out there. Furman spoke about the cyclical nature of the fishery and said from a statistical standpoint this might be a mediocre year. Records have been kept in Oregon of the crab catch since 1889.

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Senior News By Mary Yoder

Today I want to say thank you to the Sea Breeze Florist, for the beautiful flower bouquet they gave the center for the Thanksgiving dinner – everyone enjoyed it. Also to Judy and David Klein for the denotation of a sixteen-lb. Turkey – don't we have some special people in our town? Now Thursdays these were the volunteers who did the rotary luncheon – which I heard was fifty people – lots of work – but they did it. Marge Kyle, Kay Neal and Bessie Laursen, Mary Evans, Beth Newkirk, Dee Hansohn set up the dining room, Bill Butt and Warren Jewell did the dishes. Patty Young made the pumpkin

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pies on Wednesday for the luncheon and also for the Thanksgiving luncheon. I asked Roald Young if he helped and he said, "a little".

The Thanksgiving luncheon was super. If you missed it – it's really to bad. Those who made it so special were Patty Young, Roald Young, Marge Kyee, Bessie Laursen, Norma Ellis, Kay Neal – Dishes E. David Klein, Dick Clothier and Judy Klein – Patrick Evans the young son of Mary Evans helped June Dennison set up the dining room – nice going. Those working the free rummage sale were What's his name and Henry Kron – really were busy. Oh, yes Bill Butt and Dutch Heinhour straightened up the dining room. Clare Stahl took care of the luncheon money and Peigi Stahl the coffee.

Don't forget the pot luck luncheon on Saturday, November 29 – December 1 – Monday night pinochle – men bring a present for a boy – ladies bring a present for a girl – something nice. The card players do this every year – make some child happy.

Was told there will be a dance New Years eve – our president told me it starts at 7:30pm. Have you noticed the hill that

was by the steps to the rummage sale is gone? It's over on the other side in the soon to be new parking lot – sure looks nice – flat I mean – I hope I haven't left anyone out or anything – will close with this.

One day at a time,
To be patient and strong.
To be calm under trial,
And sweet under wrong.

Then it's toiling shall pass,
And it's sorrow shall cease.
It shall darken and die,
And the night shall bring peace.

Why should we look forward,
Or back in dismay?
Our needs, as our mercies
Are just for the day.

Meeting Night Changed

The Port Orford Arts Council will meet at 7:00pm, Wednesday, December 3, at the North Curry Service Center. We will be discussing the role of the Council in the community and developing long range goals. It's a good time to get involved in the organization that promotes interest in the arts, science and humanities in and around Port Orford.

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Common Good **By Melissa Weinblatt**

The Common Good in Port Orford will once again be distributing food boxes this holiday season. This has become an annual event throughout the years and is much appreciated by community members. The food boxes will be distributed on the 22nd of December. Assembly of the boxes will take place on Saturday the 20th.

Those who are interested in obtaining a Christmas dinner food box can sign up at the Common Good on the 3rd and 10th of December. Business hours are from 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. Citizens signing up on these given days will receive voucher for picking up boxes. The post cards will be prepared sometime during the week of December 15th.

Food boxes are designed for two or more people. Every box will contain a turkey, size depending upon the number of people in the household.

“Volunteers are needed as well as contributors towards funding,” comments John Stockman. Cash donations are greatly appreciated. Canisters for depositing money will be located in various community businesses. Also, canned food donations will benefit the cause. When donating, keep in mind that these donations will be used for Christmas dinners. Items such as canned chilies and refried beans are hard to incorporate in the boxes.

John Stockman, event coordinator, encourages community members to get involved with this project. Anyone interested can contact Stockman at 332-8565.

“As president of the Common Good, volunteers of the Common Good are glad to provide clothing and food services with help from other members of the community,” states Stockman.

Pacific High School students are taking advantage of this opportunity. The Class of '99 is planning to bake various goods

for the cause. Also, the PHS Student Body Community Service Committee will be sponsoring a Christmas Dance sometime in December. Admission will be \$2 and two cans of food. Proceeds will be used to purchase ingredients for baking the different items.

Hanneke Cassel Concert

Hanneke Cassel, champion fiddler from Port Orford, will present a concert Sunday afternoon, December 21, at the Friendship Hall in Pistol River. The concert begins at 2:00pm with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks served at 1:30pm.

The concert is a fund-raiser for League of Women Voters of Curry County according to president Olive Woolridge. The public is invited. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Price includes the concert, refreshments and a chance to win a door prize. Tickets are available locally by calling 332-9002.

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Whale Watch Training Set

Training for winter whale watch week volunteers will be offered the weekends of Dec. 6 & 7 at the Mark O. Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport and Dec. 13 & 14 at the Columbia Maritime Museum in Astoria.

Hours for the training sessions will be 8am - 4:30pm, on Saturday and 8:30am thru noon on Sunday. A charter boat cruise will follow the Sunday session, weather and ocean conditions permitting. Registration fee for the two-day training is ten dollars.

Volunteers who complete the training will be stationed at 29 "Whale Watching Spoken Here" sites along the Oregon coast from Friday, Dec. 26, 1997 through Friday, Jan. 2, 1998 to help visitors spot whales and provide information on the annual gray whale migration. They will be on duty during "watch hours" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium at Newport and the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology at Charleston have joined the event's original sponsors, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science

Center, in sponsoring the 1997 winter and 1998 spring whale watches. The 1998 spring watch is scheduled for March 21-28 with training sessions slated in Charleston on the weekend of Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

Annually published whale watch information and training registration forms may be obtained from Mike Rivers, whale watch week volunteer coordinator, at:

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Letter to the Editor

The biggest shopping day of the season is approaching. I'd like to ask the people of Port Orford to think about the local business community for a moment before going to Coos Bay. I would like to encourage everyone to shop locally. Local businesses have many things to offer from beautiful one of a kind works of art to fishing supplies, to handmade pottery, clothing, jewelry, wooden bowls, antiques, jams, wreathes and much more

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Our business community works hard every day and as I'm sure you can tell from how many businesses come and go, it's not easy to stay in business. Most of us belong to and work on civic organizations and projects that benefit our entire town. We are also called upon daily to donate money for worthwhile local causes and we do.

I realize that it is fun to "Get Out of Town" for an all day outing, including a meal out. But if you think about all the dollars that do not support the local merchants, it amounts to thousands. Why not show your support and appreciation by shopping in Port Orford?

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The National Road

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Valerie was on a genealogy quest seeking her Baker lineage.) We don't know yet if there is any relation between her and I.B. Baker who built the motel. The motel sign was a good example of "Google," or 50's coffee shop architecture that reached its height in Los Angeles. Across the highway from the motel is the National Road/Zane Grey Museum. This wonderful place deserves four stars in the pantheon of museums. I found the space devoted to Zane Grey the most interesting. Grey is the classic western author who was the biggest selling and most popular writer of his day. He started out a dentist under pressure from his father but his desire and skills as a writer emerged from under his father's shadow. He wrote dozens of western books, held numerous deep seas fishing records, produced many movies based on his books and was no stranger to Oregon. Grey has a cabin on the Rogue River where he enjoyed fish-

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ing. He died in Florence, Oregon. What a legacy he left. His books are still in print and continue to sell and the movies continue to be watched. We watched a video about his life and he is a good example of the power of perseverance. Left to himself he would have quit writing after many harsh rejections but his wife kept him at it until he became a success. Zane Grey was a "Zane" of whom the city of Zanesville got its name. He was also a descendant of Ebenezer Zane. Ebenezer and his daughter, Betty, were probably well known to Captain John Baker.

We left after an enjoyable time at the museum and drove west to Zanesville, Ohio. Zanesville is home to another unique bridge. I've never seen a bridge like this one. About half way across the Muskingum River the bridge splits in two directions at the confluence of the Licking and Muskingum Rivers thus making it a "Y" Bridge.

We drove through Reynoldsburg. The city boasts signs that claim it is the birthplace of the tomato.

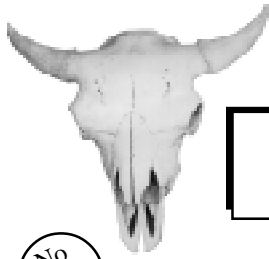
We continued on 40 to Miamisburg and cut off to go south of Dayton for our last visit with one of Valerie's relatives. We visited her cousin Cherrie in Centerville. Once again Valerie hit the jackpot in her search for her family's history. Cherrie's mother Mabel had accumulated a couple of briefcases full of notes on family history. Cherrie loaned these to Valerie, which was awfully nice considering the

amount of work that had gone into them. This particular treasure was one of the few bits of progress Valerie made on her Dad's side of the family on this trip. Valerie has been making copies but she's still only about half done. There was a lot of material there!

The next morning we drove north and got back on the "Main Street of America" and crossed into Indiana. We stopped in Richmond at the Old National Road Visitor Center. They had a lot of information on all kinds of things to do in Indiana that we didn't have time for including visiting the gravesite of James Dean in Fairmont. I don't understand it but I've always been drawn to the gravesites of famous people and would have like to have visited Dean's finally resting place if time permitted.

We continued on Route 40 through numerous towns not making a lot of time, but seeing a lot more than we would have if we had taken Interstate 70. One of the potential problems in this style of driving is you end up going 55 mph for several miles and then you approach a town and have to slow down to 25 or 30 mph. This means the driver has to pay attention to the speed limit signs. This wasn't a problem for me since one of my goals on this trip was to avoid getting a ticket or getting in a vehicle accident. Occasionally, I would think of the motorists driving through Port Orford blind to the speed limit signs and all that they are missing.

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We did take the time in Knightstown to admire a Texaco Station museum, which unfortunately was closed. We passed but didn't stop for a visit at the James Whitcomb Riley birthplace and museum at 250 Main Street in Greenfield. We finally got on Interstate 70 so we could avoid driving through downtown Indianapolis on Route 40.

Our next stop of note was in Vandalia, Illinois. Besides being the end of the National Pike Vandalia was also the state capital from 1819-1839. The building is open to the public and we took the time to wander around the building where Abraham Lincoln and Steven Douglas served in the state legislature. On the corner of this property we found a "Madonna of the Highway" statue – one of several erected in various cities along Highway 40 by the DAR to commemorate the pioneer women who traveled this route. Across the street we found a drug store with an old time soda fountain still in operation. Valerie was a bit concerned by several juveniles with a "vandal" look about them. They were probably harmless but she was afraid they might damage or break into the car so we didn't stay as long or spend as much money here as we might have. Just shows how a few kids can have an impact on a town's tourist income.

We continued on through Illinois and crossed the Mississippi River at St. Louis as night was falling. The Arch and the entire downtown area looked good at that time of night but it was getting late and we wanted to find a motel outside the city. We dropped south in the morning and headed for the famous Meremac Caverns, in Stanton, Missouri. This took us from the National Road (Hwy 40) to Route 66 country. The Caverns are one of the premier tourist attractions on Route 66, though this time of year the traveling public was in short supply. The Cavern tour is one and a quarter miles long through some very interesting formations. Unlike Carlsbad Caverns this one is privately owned and has been since 1933. The Frank and Jesse James gang was chased into this cave but escaped. Their pursuers didn't realize there was another way out. Confederate troops blew up a Union gunpowder-making facility in the cave. In 1974 a scene from Tom Sawyer was filmed here. The largest room in the cave can seat up to 3,000 people and every year popular gospel concerts are held in this natural auditorium. It has had a busy life for a cave!

We headed northwest through Jefferson, the capital of Missouri. I heard on the news Citicorp was cutting 7,500 jobs. I wondered why and if profits are down though no doubt Wall Street was pleased. We were now "highballing" it on Interstate 70 also know as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Interstate. However, when



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we got to Independence, Missouri, I made sure to get off and look for President Harry Truman. I dutifully followed the signs north of the Interstate and found, after getting lost, the Harry Truman House. The nation's 33rd President and his wife Bess made this their summer home during his Presidency. The house was their home from 1919 until 1982 when Bess died. The Truman House is open for tours but of course it was after 5:00pm and was closed. We never did find the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum but did stumble into one of the most eye-catching buildings I've seen. It turned out to be the headquarters of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints. I tried to get in knowing it was after 5:00pm but found it also closed. The building is topped with a spiral that has to be seen to be believed. One of the members of the RCLDS walked out of the building and spoke with me. I had never heard of this branch of the Latter Day Saints, only being familiar with the Salt Lake City Mormons. He handed me a fact sheet listing the differences between the two branches and went on his way. So did we.

We left Independence and crossed the Missouri River into Kansas, a state neither of us had ever been in. The Sunflower State has always held a fascination for me. It is the home of Dwight D. Eisenhower, Bob Dole, and prairie dogs. It is big and flat and famous for Dorothy's

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Bartlett's Cafe

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Pre-Christmas 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, November 30. This is the last Open House for 1997, since, as usual, there is no December open house.

Featured in the pre-Christmas Open House will be quilt art by Dottie Barnes, Debbie Dorman, and Dolores Purdy, all of Port Orford. Also on exhibit will be Port Orford beach boxes by Jean Kilburn and Donna Roselius.

Informal music performances will be presented as usual by the Kammeroque Ensemble, at approximately 2:15, 3:15 and 4:15. Guest musician, guitarist Steve (Lawrence) Montana, will join the group this month. Christmas music will predominate, and a Christmas Carol sing-along will conclude the day's music, so warm up your vocal chords and help us greet the Holiday season!

Come share the entertainment, refreshments, and snacks - which are as usual, pot-luck. it's always fun, and always more fun with more people. if you have questions, call Donna at 332-4444.

Letter to the Editor,

I wasn't made aware of the port dock meeting and therefore didn't attend. This is not a letter specifically about the dock issue. Jim Rogers wrote us all on October 30th a letter - perhaps too late - maybe not. I am writing to see if there are any more out there like Jim who though silent - might qualify as elders to dispense wise counsel to our community family. Shame that wisdom and the elders have been lost for such a long time from our lives. Shameful that we neglect maturity, wisdom and response-ability for high paid professional Wall Street types to make decisions for us all. We need a consensus forum in lieu of elected or appointed officials to help guide Port Orford towards wisdom. A caring, mature, qualified group of elders with response-ability.

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The special feature this month is "**Glow with the Season!**" presented by Laurie Croce of Party Lite.

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Christmas in a Celtic Land

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Tamara Ann Finch, will open the concert with a short program of piano pieces.

The concert will be held Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 2238 Pony Creek Road, North Bend. Admission is \$10, \$8 for OCMA members, \$5 for students. Charge by phone by calling The Box Office, 269-2720 or 1-800-676-7563 or purchase tickets at the door. For info call 267-0938.

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Hospital Awaits Final Word

The Curry Health Foundation has been notified that the GTE Foundation board of trustees has recommended it for a \$5,000 grant to help finance a new CT scanner for Curry General Hospital in Gold Beach.

The trustees will meet in January to adopt its nationwide budget, which consists of regional recommendation and national programs.

The recommendation is not final until the budget is adopted by the trustees, Kevin Laverty, community economic development manger, said in a letter to the Curry Health Foundation this week.

The Curry Health Foundation originally requested \$15,000 in grant funding to help offset the cost of Curry General Hospital's soon-to-be-acquired CT scanner. The state-of-the art unit will cost the hospital \$583,000 in loan payments over the next 10 years.

"The CT scanner will be the finest unit available in this area," Millie Bird, R.N., clinical administrator, said.

The Curry Health Foundation currently is staging a fund-raising campaign for the new piece of equipment. In the last several months, the foundation has received close to \$8,000 in local contributions from individuals and businesses in Curry County.

The new CT scanner will replace an aging unit currently located outside the hospital in a mobile trailer. The new unit will be housed inside the hospital in a renovated storage space now under construction. Lead-lined walls for the room have been financed through private donations received last month through a grant by the Trust Management Services, LLC.

The new CT scanner will be in place by the first of the year. Tours and a grand opening are planned for the hospital's annual Valentine Sunday Open House set for Sunday, Feb. 15.

Those wishing to make donations can phone Judy Stringham, executive director for the Curry Health Foundation, (541) 247-6621 or 1-800-445-8085, ext. 109.

Light up a Light

The Light up a Life Christmas tree is on display in the front window of the Downtown Fun Zone. The tree is sponsored by Curry County Hospice. People who donate money in the name of a loved one who has passed away will have a small ornament placed on the tree with the name of that person or persons. Money raised goes to the hospice program.

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remark to Toto in **The Wizard of Oz**, "Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore." By now we were on the Interstate for the home stretch of our trip back to Port Orford. We still had the western states of Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California and Oregon to drive through. All states with lots of land. No wonder people love and are so fascinated by the west. Of course, it's not so lovable when you're in a hurry. This country is BIG!

In Manhattan, Kansas Valerie noted the weather was cold and that she was getting a cold. It was and she did. A doozy. I did most of the driving for the next several days. My next big destination was Abilene, Kansas which is the location of the President Dwight David Eisenhower Center. This center houses the Eisenhower Museum, Presidential Library, visitor center, boyhood home of Dwight and his five brothers, chapel with gravesites of Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower as well as their first born son. There is also an impressive statue of the General of the Army who was in charge of the Normandy Invasion. Abilene is the end of the Chisholm Trail where the great cattle

drives from Texas ended up with the steers being loaded on trains for shipment east. The Union Pacific Railroad station is now the Abilene visitor center (how lucky can you get). We stopped for a look around the train station and a chat with their very friendly staff. One woman begged us to go on a free guided tour of Abilene but we didn't have all day so headed across the railroad tracks to the Eisenhower Center. I came away from my visit to the Eisenhower museum with renewed respect for the 34th President of the United States. What an accomplished person he was. A man who rose in the ranks of the armed forces to General of the Army, President of Columbia University, Head of N.A.T.O. and to top it off two term President of the United States during the "happy days" of the 1950's. I never understood what was so happy about the anti-communist reign of terror Wisconsin Senator Joe McCarthy unleashed on the American people during the 50's. This was also the decade when the Soviet Union launched Sputnik and American panicked when it realized how far out of step with space exploration we were. Eisenhower is remembered today as the father of the Interstate Freeway system. He is also remembered for his famous

speech warning the nation of the dangers of the military-industrial complex.

After we left the Eisenhower complex, Valerie visited the nearby Museum of Independent Telephony. They had exhibits from Bell's first telephone thru modern designs. They had demonstration switchboards and a working display that shows what happened in the central office when a call was placed in the old rotary-dial days. Telephone insulators may not sound sexy but they come in 86 different colors and make a fascinating display. If you're interested in telephones, this is a must-see display. Abilene is also home to the Greyhound (dog) Center Museum but we didn't get to see that one. It may not be a big town but it certainly had a lot to offer the visitor.

We hope to conclude
this series next week

Music of Christmas

Christmas Carols from, Europe and America will be presented by the choir of Zion Lutheran Church Sunday, December 7 at 2:00pm. Scheduled early in the Advent season, the hour-long program features congregational singing of familiar Carols.

String players from the Kammeroque Ensemble will open the program with a seasonally appropriate number and embellish some numbers with flute and recorder. The Kammeroque's own traditional Christmas Concert will be presented Sunday November 30 at 2:15, 3:15 and 4:15 at Roaring Sea Gallery.

The choir's songs are offered to the congregation and community to fix the true meaning of Christmas so that the bustle and bustle do not overtake us. Milt Nelson directs to choir and keyboard players are Ellen Warring and Kay Taylor.

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