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Friday, January 8, 2016

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**Saturday, July 9, 2016 • Time TBD
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Open to the Public • Volunteers Needed

Also happening that weekend:

Billy and the Rockets (Saturday)

Family Golf (Saturday and Sunday)

**This event is closer than it seems!
Come to the first planning meeting!**

**Tuesday, January 12, 1 p.m.
Conference Room**

Questions? Call Diana at 503-804-1440.

New Year's Eve Dance Party



Connie Doyon and Ken Leonard hope YOU had a Happy New Year.

by Kathy Hiller

A swinging crowd of 88 dancers, observers, and partiers, enjoyed an evening of music from Billy & The Rockets, food from Samantha Green and Touch of Love Senior Care and, at the stroke of midnight, a glass of champagne to ring in the New Year. Everyone seemed to have a great time. The dancers were in good form as one can see from the photos. Everyone had fun, and we hope the New Year brings good health and prosperity to everyone!

To see more pictures from this festive night, turn to pages 6 and 7.

Family Weekend in July

by Diana Lindberg

Welcome to the first planning meeting for the July 9, 2016, Family Weekend at Woodburn Estates & Golf. Please come to the startup meeting and get involved. It may seem early, but with lots to do to prepare everything, July will be here before we know it.

This event will include:

- Show & Shine Car Show + Motorcycles
- Family Golf on Saturday & Sunday
- Entertainment by Billy & the Rockets
- Open to the Public
- Parking Lot Volunteers Needed
- And more...

We will be meeting on Tuesday, January 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Call Diana at 503-804-1440 if you have questions.

2016 News & Views Schedule

In January and February, *News & Views* will publish as follows:

Copy due by 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Jan 14th
Thursday, Feb 4th
Thursday, Feb 18th

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Friday, Jan 22nd
Friday, Feb 12th
Friday, Feb 26th

Thank you, everyone, for your cooperation.

Committed and Concerned Members Wanted

by Tom Staskiewicz

I enjoy hearing your opinions and comments regarding Woodburn Estates & Golf. However, if you desire to have your ideas considered as part of the planning or decision-making process, you must step forward and get involved from the beginning. Let us have the full value of your knowledge and experience when it can make a difference: *Join the committee!*

If you are a "Monday Morning Quarterback", we are happy to listen to you, but sometimes it’s too late in the process to make a change. It’s not that we dislike your idea(s) or that we disagree; it’s just the fact we don’t necessarily have the option to change. We are bound by plans, decisions and contracts which specify what is and is not included with the project.

Protecting the assets of Woodburn Estates & Golf

If the issue is a safety concern or a “watch out for” we, the board and myself, are all ears and can’t wait to get your input. For instance, a member stopped at the office recently to discuss the changes with the swimming pool. He raised the issue of an empty pool floating out of the ground when the water is removed; this was something which hadn’t crossed my mind as I came into the project late. In a meeting with the contractors, Larry Jones and I were given the necessary answers and left the conversation knowing we, Woodburn Estates & Golf, were protected and all necessary precautions were being taken. Had we not received satisfactory answers it was still at a point where we could stop the project.

Safety is a major concern

Another member came to the office claiming the tile in the locker/shower room did not meet the required safety and performance standards to minimize the possibility of slipping. This member wanted the tile removed and different tile installed. Obviously, this is a safety concern, and Larry and I took the situation seriously and investigated. We found the tile was rated appropriately for use *indoors* but could not be used in a similar manner *outdoors*.

In another conversation with some female members, I learned the spa experience for many women is a problem. Either the benches are too low or the water is too high and they end up swallowing spa water. This is unacceptable; I talked with Larry and our contractors and we determined we could make a change. The elevated seat was raised two inches and the elevated area extended to be the full length of one side of the spa.

Decisions are not arbitrary

Every project we undertake at Woodburn Estates & Golf has a budget, goes through an approval process and we, myself and the board, are answerable to all the members to do the project as designed and explained to you, our membership. If there is a change to be made, the information must go back to the board for a discussion and additional approval at a board meeting. We are not arbitrary in our decisions, and we do not take lightly our responsibility to you, our members.

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January 22, 2016

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FOR SALE: Trip by OregonWest Excursions to Mexico's Copper Canyon February 9-18, 2016 available for sale. For health reasons we cannot make the trip and are offering it for sale to the highest bidder. It is a trip for 2 adults for \$2368.00 per person, or 4,736.00 total. Make us an offer. I have a flyer or they are in the racks across from N&V office or the Dining Hall Lobby. Call us if interested. Gwen Egan 503-981-0129.

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Neighborhood News

Mixed Chorus Begins Again

by Ruth TenEcyk

We are starting up the mixed chorus on Thursday January 14th at 2 p.m. Anyone is invited, *nay, encouraged*, to join the fun. We will entertain at Molalla Manor once a month as we are able. Nadine Gilmore will play the piano for us and we also have a set of bells to "play" with. Contact Ruth with your questions 503-981-3483.

Music Jammers

by Christine Lang

Music Jammers Will NOT meet from January 1 until April 10, 2016, when we will meet at Country Meadows at 1 p.m. It was decided to only have Jammers from April until October, every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 2-4:30 p.m.

“Who’s on Third?” Concert, January 17th

by Sheila Deuber

Woodburn United Methodist Church presents our January 17th "Who’s On Third?" concert featuring Dee Smith, crooner extraordinaire, performing many romantic favorites: "The Nearness of You", "I Love You for Sentimental Reasons", "All the Things You Are", "That's Life", "Since I Fell for You", "On the Street Where You Live", "Till", "Unforgettable", and many more favorites.

Dee Smith is known as the "Silver Songsmith". He sings in the style of great entertainers who have influenced him, such as Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennet, and Bing Crosby. He entertains at resorts in Arizona, Texas, the Oregon Coast and other Northwest venues such as the Pendleton Roundup and at the Clark County Fair. This will be a real treat for all of us.

Our regular free-will offering will be taken (just before Intermission) to continue to financially support this concert series. Be sure to mark your calendars for January 17th, 3 - 4:30 p.m., so you can join us for this great concert. Woodburn United Methodist Church at 700 N Cascade Dr., Woodburn, OR 97071.

“Who’s on Third?” Concert Schedule for 2016

by Sheila Deuber

- Jan. 17, 2016 - Dee Smith, Baritone vocalist.
- Feb. 21, 2016 - Grand Jazz Little Big Band - swing era music.
- Mar. 20, 2016 - Billy & the Rockets.
- Apr. 17, 2016 - BENEFIT CONCERT FOR AWARE FOOD BANK. Featuring: Joni Harms - Western singer, songwriter, and Roger & Nancy Wilhite - piano & organ duo.
- May 15, 2016 - Conchords Chorale Spring Program.

Woodburn Aquatic Center

by Josh Uderman, Aquatic Program Supervisor

A Woodburn Estates member let me know that your pool will be closed in January for some repairs. I just wanted to reach out and let your members know about our facility if they want to stay active in the water. We have many group fitness classes that are offered through the week. I have attached our schedule. *[Copies available on N&V bulletin board.]* All of our new group fitness classes are being offered for the month of January completely free for the public! Our regular pricing for seniors is \$3.75 for a day pass or \$29 for a month which includes all of the classes. If you have any questions for me, let me know. You can contact me at the Woodburn Aquatic Center, 503-980-2418.

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Woodburn Estates Dance Club Thank You!

by Bill Coleman, Chairman

On this New Year's Day I wish to thank the volunteers who have made our Dance Club year such a great success. All of the members of our board, past and present, as well as our friends and neighbors who so willingly gave their time, money and talent to support the Estates Dance Club, and to make Woodburn Estates & Golf community a far better place to live.

I also offer a special thanks to our generous community of sponsors for providing the wonderful food and door prizes that enhanced each and every dance party.

A full year of dance parties simply could not have happened, however, if not for the efforts of our Dance Club board. It is far too easy to downplay or diminish the amount of work, worry and concern that goes into each and every party. Without this small group of dedicated, hard-working volunteers the lights would go out at Woodburn Estates & Golf.

Lastly, I want to thank those who attended our Estates Dance Club parties and enjoyed the wonderful music and company that our events always produce. If you have been a regular patron, you know what I'm talking about. If you haven't had the opportunity of attending, please make a point of joining us for fun, dancing and socializing in 2016 ... we look forward to seeing you.

Our dance parties are held each second Saturday of the month from February through December, and New Year's Eve. Next dance will be February 13 with the Jefferson-Parks Band for a special "Valentines Party." Mark your calendar and make a point to join us for some February fun.

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Estates Women’s Golf General Meeting

Estates Women’s Golf General Meeting December 14, 2015

President Janice Aiken called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. A quorum was determined followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Janice Aiken had a correction to the minutes for November 16, 2015. The USGA ruling for long putters goes into effect on January 1, 2016 and at that time long putters may be used but cannot be anchored. Mary Bauer moved that the minutes be approved with the above correction. The motion was seconded by Rita Girard.

Treasurer Nancy Reed:

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| Statement Balance 10/31/15 | \$3,576.18 |
| Deposits | \$ 600.00 |
| Expenses | (\$ 380.90) |
| Balance of 11/30/15 | \$3,795.28 |

Secretary Judy Fredricks: No Report.

VP Paula Kilgore: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OGA - Nancy Littlemore: No Report.

Membership & Books - Marge Epling: There is no change in membership. There are still 114 members.

Social - Louise Davidson: Lunch next month has not been determined. The cost will still be \$8.00 and money needs to be in by January 12.

Handicap - Marlene Johnson & Shirley Johnson-Boysal: No Report.

Rules Committee - Susan Gsell: No Report.

Mixed Tournaments - Diana Lindberg: No Report.

Trophies & Awards - Joanne Delnick & Mary Schueler: No Report.

Sunshine - Mary Bauer: Connie Doyon - Get Well card; Arlene Langendoerfer - Sympathy card.

Eclectic 9-Hole - Margo Sartin: No Report.

Eclectic 18-Hole - Barbara Briskey: No Report.

9-hole Captains - Nancy Reed & Rita Girard: No Report.

18-hole Captains - Donna Jentzen: No Report.

Lady Putters/Yellow Tees - Mickey Harrison: Absent with notice.

Pro Shop Representative - Dorothy Monnier: Absent with notice.

Golf Committee Report - Janice Aiken:

Golf Course Superintendent Tim O’Larey: Continuing to work on leaf clean up. Fairways, approaches, tees and greens have been sprayed for crane fly larvae. Pulling tee signs to refurbish and update the handicap numbers. Pulling in benches and ball washers to refurbish. Mowing as we can. Pruning low hanging branches on trees. *Golf Pro Chuck Siver:* No Report. *General Manager Tom Staskiewicz:* No Report. *Unfinished Business:* Maintenance Structure - This was tabled August 2015 per recommendation by the Golf Committee to the Architectural Chair. The Documentation left with the Golf Committee, for further research while the Architectural Chair was out of the country, has been returned to him. This project discussion came about because we have \$162,053.00 in equipment that needs to be housed for protection, not only from the weather but from any vandalism that could occur. The cost of this structure was included in the 2015 Budget and is now in the 2016 Budget. *New Business:* Rakes in Bunkers - The vertical standing rakes have been well received and the Men’s Club voted to approve the vertical rakes. The President of the Ladies’ Club has been asked to discuss the vertical rakes at their meeting on December 14. If the ladies club approves the vertical rakes, more will be installed. Russ Krussow, Men’s Club President has volunteered with several others to install the rakes. Golf Committee vs. Greens Committee - Discussion on which name the Committee should use. USGA refers

to the Committee as the “Greens Committee”. The Greens Committee function is taking care of everything that is on the Golf Course, which includes tees, fairways, rough, trees, shrubs, flowerbeds, etc. The function of the “Greens Committee” is all about the Golf Course and care thereof. Consensus was that we need to go back to “Greens Committee”. Car Barns - It was reported that the shingles are blowing off the Car Barns and repair is needed. General Manager will take care of the issue. Oregon Trails (Sister Courses) - Paul Eaton raised the question of “who do we contact with questions”. There seems to be no one to contact for questions. General Manager Tom Staskiewicz, asked if this would be something that the Golf Committee or Woodburn Estates could take on. This could be a good tool in acquiring new associates. Meeting adjourned 12:50 p.m. Respectfully submitted. Janice Aiken Golf Chair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Women’s Club History- There was some discussion about sorting out the Club History so it can be available to anyone who is interested. Diana Lindberg said she would gather everything up and see what she can come up with. She will keep us apprised of her progress.

- Becky Butts reported on the Christmas Car Parade. There was a great turnout of about 29 cars. Everyone was very enthusiastic.

- The By Laws were discussed with regards to using the wording OGA for GHIN. It was decided to change the wording in the By Laws under Visitation and Rose-A-Rama to USGA so that people who have a GHIN in other states besides Oregon can play as guests. Judy Fredricks will print the correction and place it in the Ladies Lounge for 30 days. At the next meeting we will vote on the changes at the General Meeting.

- Janice Aiken presented her list of new Chairwomen for next year.
- OGA Director - Nancy Littlemore
- Membership & Membership Books - Marge Epling & Lois Scheidegger
- Social - Louise Davidson & Penny Sealy
- 9-Hole Team Captains - Nancy Reed & Rita Girard
- 18-Hole Team Captains - Jeannette Johnson & Mickey Harrison
- Handicap - Donna Jentzen & Marlene Johnson
- 9-Hole Eclectic - Diana Lindberg & Vickie Hibberd
- 18-Hole Eclectic - Susan Gsell
- Club Championship - Paula Kilgore
- Golf Committee - Janice Aiken
- Rules Committee - Susan Gsell
- Trophies & Awards - Georgia Kehr & Gloria Bourne
- Sunshine Committee - Mary Bauer
- 50/50 & Badge Tickets - Sharon Price
- Historian - Ken Leonard
- Mixed Tournaments - Bob & Sharon Price
- Rally for the Cure - Becky Butts
- Rose-A-Rama - Carol Bettendorff & Dorothy Monnier
- Bake Sale - Paula Kilgore
- Yellow Tees - Mickey Harrison
- Lady Putters - Mickey Harrison & Gwen Egan

NEW BUSINESS:

- New Officers were installed by Sandy Blaylock. The new officer and returning officers are: President Janice Aiken; Vice President Paula Kilgore; Secretary Vickie Hibberd; Treasurer Nancy Reed.

- Vertical Rakes in bunkers were discussed. This is being done so we will be able to find the rakes and they will not be broken by mowers. Marge Epling moved that the new vertical rakes were acceptable and Penny Sealy seconded. Motion passed.

- Diana Lindberg has agreed to audit the books for the end of year.

50/50 and Badge Drawing - Sharon Price:

- 50/50 Winner \$12.00 Jan Stein
- Badge Winner \$ 1.00 Mary Bauer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- January 18, 2016 – Executive Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room.
- January 18, 2016 – General Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Dining Hall. Luncheon will be served after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. by President Janice Aiken.
Secretary, Judy Fredricks

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Mule Skinner – Dale Butts



Dale Butts April 2001 in Montana

From Hungry Horse News – Thursday, April 19, 2001

It was old plows driven by young mules.
It was one-bottoms and 6-foot discs and harrows.
It was farming the way farming used to be – not that long ago, really. It’s hard to imagine that most farmers started using tractors only about 65 years ago [now 79], many less than that.
What now takes a few hours took days back then. A one-bottom plow doesn’t turn a lot of earth, and a mule can only go for so long before it needs a drink and something to eat.
This was the first field day offered by Western Montana Draft horse and Mule Association. Organizer Alan Quimby says the group hopes to continue the field day on an annual basis, now that the group has “teamed up” with the Northwest Montana Antique Power Association.
The Power Association has garnered a 10-year lease on a piece of property off Pioneer Road so hopefully, Quimby said, the event will have a “home” for a while.
About a dozen drivers showed up for this first event. Some with mules, some with draft horses, some with Clydesdales, and even a fella with a couple of ponies. It was a fascinating display of men and their “Machines.”
Turning a six-mule team pulling a plow is no small task.

And Then It Is Winter

by Peggy Knox

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was a young girl, just married and embarking on my new life with my husband. And yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all...And I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams...But, here it is...the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise.
How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my babies go? And where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like! But, here it is... husband retired and he's really getting gray... he moves slower and I see an older man now. He's in much better shape than me but, I see the great change. Not the one I married who was dark and young and strong but, like me, his age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! ‘Cause if I don't of my own free will, I just fall asleep where I sit!
And so, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things. But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last, I know that when it's over, I will enjoy the Spring in the arms of my loving Heavenly Father and wait for my loved ones to come when their winter is over too.
So, if you're not in your winter yet, let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Remember that scripture? "Our life is but a vapor, it vanished away". So, do what you can today, because you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life. So, live for God today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember. Life is God's gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to God. Make it a fantastic one. Live It Well!

What Do Kids Know Anyway?

Submitted by Kathy Hiller

A Wednesday, May 27, 2015, column in the *Statesman Journal* called *SJKids* asked the question: "Why does hair turn gray?" The answers are very funny – if you are someone who doesn’t mind having gray hair. Here are a few choice examples:
"The reason why hair turns gray is because you look like silver but don't feel like gold yet."
Marli Davenport, Grade 5, Salem Heights
"It's a sign that tells you, 'Retire! You're old!'"
JoAnna Wooten, Grade 6, Judson
"Hair turns gray because every time a baby is born, it sucks a little bit of pigment out of someone's hair and adds it to their own. And you're getting old. Face it."
Allison Lanini, Grade 6, Judson
"Hair turns gray for two reasons. Reason 1: It shows the person is old, like an artifact. Reason 2: It camouflages the hair because it is embarrassed to be on an old person's head."
Sharon Busch, Grade 6, Judson
"Hair turns gray because your body starts working harder to keep you healthy so it will keep getting harder for you to keep your hair color and the nutrients in your hair. That is why hair turns gray."
Meara Dollard, Grade 2, Schirle
"Your hair turns gray because you get old and you can't think so much."
Autumn Dimick, Kindergarten, Bud to Blossom
"I think hair turns gray because as you grow older, your hair particles change color, then your teeth fall out and you can't eat pizza. Sad."
Isabell Carlsen, Grade 5, Valley Inquiry
"Hair becomes gray because hairs get sadder as they get older and have more aches and pains, causing them to change color, like us humans."
Ian Burchard, Grade 5, Queen of Peace

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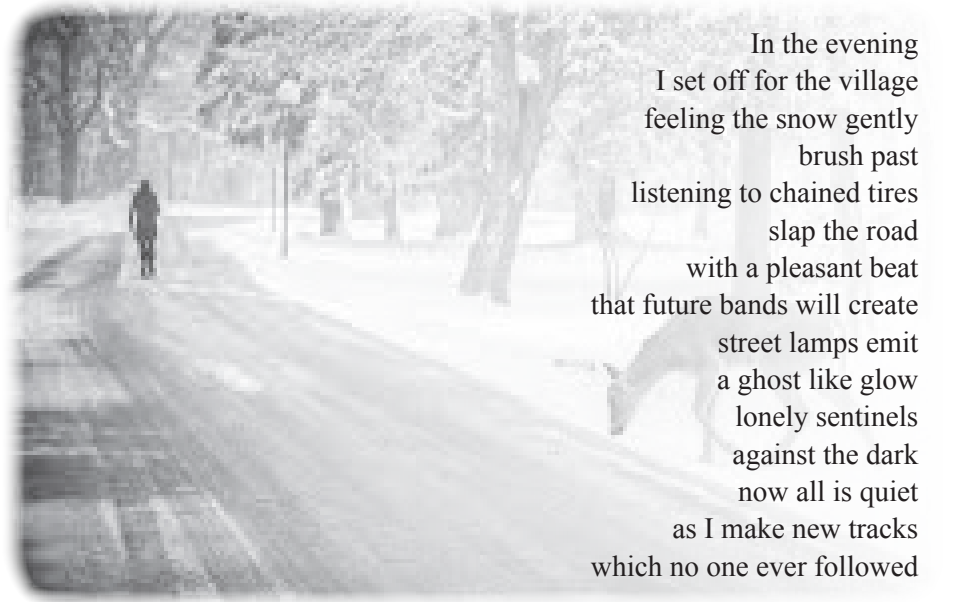


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a winter walk

by v. v. goings [a pseudonym (think e. e. cummings)]



In the evening
I set off for the village
feeling the snow gently
brush past
listening to chained tires
slap the road
with a pleasant beat
that future bands will create
street lamps emit
a ghost like glow
lonely sentinels
against the dark
now all is quiet
as I make new tracks
which no one ever followed

A New Hat for Shane

by Rhonda Hadlock

The toddler harness boots were scuffed on both toes and creased at the heels. I vowed to bronze them someday, as I packed them into the steamer trunk along with a well-worn stuffed Piglet and a handmade baby quilt. How I wished I had kept the beige, felt cowboy hat that had slouched over Shane’s forehead. As I leaned against the wall, my mind flooded with memories of my son’s growing-up years.

I’ll never forget rocking him for the first time. A blue knit cap encircled his little red face. His eyelids fluttered shut, and his tiny lips parted as his body relaxed in sleep. I loved him instantly, and gratitude to God filled my heart for this powder-sweet son I held in my arms.

Shane’s fondness for hats grew as he did. I recall him as a toddler, wearing a hat while reading Dr. Seuss books in his child-sized rocker. Shane alternated between a chocolate-brown hobo hat, a red cowboy hat, and an oversized Western hat that had long since lost its shape. Later, a multicolored beanie was added to Shane’s collection.

In elementary school, Shane created his own head covering for a Christmas performance. He fashioned his shepherd’s headgear by tying an arm cover from the plaid couch around his forehead with twine. When he later agreed to play the part of Jesus in the Easter play and saw the 3-inch spiked crown he would wear, he decided to wear his stocking cap underneath.

In the years that followed, he sported batting helmets, tennis visors, baseball caps, “I Love Fishing” hats, camouflage hunting caps and hard hats.

No More Lullabies

As Shane’s taste in hats developed, so did his desire to make his own way in life. Once, at a fifth-grade track meet, we watched the typical partly-sunny Oregon sky succumb to rain. Determined not to let the inclement weather dampen my son’s enthusiasm, I edged close to the track. When the gun sounded for Shane’s heat, I shouted with gusto, “Go, Bobbalou!”

As he crossed the finish line, I whooped and hollered and patted him on the back. Although he had run well, Shane had a sullen look on his face. “Mom,” he sternly admonished, “don’t ever call me Bobbalou in public again.”

Several months later, Shane called me into his room for a talk. As I sat down on his bed, he counseled me; “Mom, I don’t want to hurt your feelings, but please don’t sing “All Aboard for Blanket Bay” to me at bedtime anymore. After all, I am in middle school.” Shane was growing up. I got the message loud and clear.

Launching the Ark

When the day arrived that I left him waving on the curb at a college 2,000 miles from home, I felt as if a part of me had been amputated. I realized that my son would acquire strength only if I allowed him to exercise his power to make choices. But knowing that did nothing to alleviate my fear that his decisions would cause him pain.

The days of holding him on my lap and whispering words of comfort were gone. Instead, I had to release this one I loved so much to the One who loved him more.

Until Death Do Us Part

Shane eventually chose a wife. She was from the mountains of Montana, where real-life cowboys still make their livings. It was no surprise to me that on his wedding day Shane wore a black tux — and a new black Stetson. As Shane watched his bride walking down the aisle, I wanted to reach out and squeeze his arm; but I resisted. I sensed this was a pivotal moment — a rite of passage for me as well as for him.

As Shane stepped forward confidently and extended his arm to his bride, my heart constricted with emotions; pride and love for this precious son — who was stepping into regions unknown with a new partner— mingled with momentary sadness for our relationship, which was from that moment altered forever.

As I watched Shane and his bride exchange their wedding vows, I consciously relinquished my role as his primary nurturer. I sensed that only as I completely released my son to move forward with his life would I be free to fully enjoy watching him grow into manhood. Shane, indeed, wore a new hat that day. And so, I realized, did I.

I sighed as I locked the trunk and returned it to storage. Someday I really will bronze those boots. And even though the old felt cowboy hat never found a place in the keepsake chest, it will always be a priceless symbol to me of a lifetime of growth — for my son and myself.

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From Reader's Digest

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Are you drunk?

☐ Yes

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Are you paranoid?

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Puns for the Educated Mind

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
11. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
12. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
13. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
14. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
15. A backward poet writes inverse.
16. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
17. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
18. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
19. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
20. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'
21. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
22. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
23. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.
24. There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

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Be Careful What You Wish For...

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders.

The man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?"

"I'll have the same," says the ostrich.

A short time later the waitress returns with the order "That will be \$9.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke."

The ostrich says, "I'll have the same."

Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the waitress.

"No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad," says the man.

"Same," says the ostrich.

Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, "That will be \$32.62."

Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?"

"Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there."

"That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!"

"That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man.

The waitress asks, "What's with the ostrich?"

The man sighs, pauses and answers, "My second wish was for a tall chick with a big butt and long legs who agrees with everything I say."

Women

Submitted by anonymous Woodburn Estates & Golf Resident

Since it's been said that silence is the brother of acceptance I feel I must make a small point. As I was doing the crossword today, a clue was given for an old, ugly woman. While pondering the answer, a sad realization popped into my mind. There are lots and lots of answers to that question.

I vocalized to my husband the quandary about why there were very few words describing a man in such a derisive manner. He said he didn't notice the discrepancy.

A quick Google search validated my theory. Yep, a few quick clicks returned fifteen answers; six of which appeared in the first two letters of the alphabet. The same search for men provided such words as bad-tempered, cranky, inelegant, etc. These provided nothing like the plethora provided to describe women in the first two letters.

Hmm, I'm just saying there is something unsettling about this discrepancy and it needs to be corrected, but on the other hand, no one ever said life was fair.

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Are You Near?

by Gloria Osborn
(Written after the death of 20-year old son.)

Are you near, dear ... very near?
If I listen, will I hear?
Can I, reaching, touch your face?
Are you here, in a different place?

Blind to all, save what my eyes can see,
Whole worlds escape my scrutiny.
Are you reaching, striving, too ...
To bridge the gulf twixt me and you?



Activities Continue At New Woodburn Senior Center

Submitted by Don & Rhonda Judson

Computer help and a sing-a-long group highlight the additional activities beginning in January at the new Woodburn Senior Center. Located inside the Woodburn United Methodist Church at 700 N Cascade Drive in Woodburn (although not affiliated with the church), the Center is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. There is no charge for attending most of the activities, although people are encouraged to become members at a suggested minimum of \$10 per year.

Senior Center Board Treasurer Ed Gonzalez will be available Mondays from 1 pm to 3 pm to individually help people learn more about their computers and smart phones, which we are affectionately calling “Monday Bytes!” Board Secretary Beverlee Koutny, who managed the former Senior Center, will lead an informal sing-a-long group Wednesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm, assisted by local Music Director Trudy Fowlks.

The monthly Birthday Lunch, where we celebrate our January birth dates, will be Wednesday, January 20 at noon. The menu is not yet determined, but our guest speaker will be local author Steve Arndt, who will talk more about his recent books on Ghost Towns in Oregon. The suggested donation for this lunch is \$2.

Tai Chi for Seniors classes will continue Mondays and Wednesdays 10am to 11am through January 13, with chair exercises Monday and Thursday at 11am. Free Bingo is held on Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm.

The Center’s vision is to “provide a safe, attractive place for adults to socialize and engage in meaningful activities that will enhance and enrich their lives.” So far over 80 people have joined this new venture. The Center is managed by its volunteer board of directors: Don Judson, Ellen Bandelow, Elida Sifuentez, Beverlee Koutny, Ed Gonzalez, Sharon Corning, and Nancy Kirksey. They are seeking a volunteer manager to oversee the Center’s operation, with the board and others then continuing to volunteer.

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| 8:30a Ping Pong Players – DH 9:00a Crafts – Craft Room 3:00p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | | 8:00a Fit For You Exercise – Aud 8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Estates Quilters – Craft Room 8:45a Walking Club Indoors – Aud 9:00a Ladies Pool – Pool Room 9:00a Walking/Talking Club – Blue Room 9:30a Swiss Pairs Bridge - Card Room/ DH Foyer 9:30a Gentle Yoga – Aud 10:00a Lady Putters – Ladies Lounge 10:10a EZ Bridge Club – Blue Room 11:00a Golf Committee – Conf Room 11:00a Zumba (Low Impact) – Aud 2:15p Ladies Poker – Card Room 4:00p Mktg/Pub/Web – News & Views 6:30p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | 8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Ping Pong Players – DH 9:30a Tai Chi – Aud 10:00a Bicycle Club – by Mailbox 10:00a Needle Nook – Card Room 12:00p Tuesday Party Bridge – Blue Rm 1:00p Billiards Club – Pool Room 1:00p Car Show Meeting – Conf Room 3:30p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool 5:30p Tuesday Night Poker – Card Room 6:00p Dup Swiss Pairs – Blue Room 6:00p Line Dancing Beginners – Aud 6:30p Men's League Billards – Pool Room |

| Wednesday, January 13 | Thursday, January 14 | Friday, January 15 | Monday, January 18 |
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| 8:00a Fit For You Exercise – Aud 8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Ping Pong Players – DH 8:45a Walking Club Indoors – Aud 9:00a Walking/Talking Club – Blue Room 9:00a Woodcarvers – Craft Room 9:30a Blackjack – Card Room 10:00a Zumba (Low Impact) – Aud 11:00a Gentle Yoga – Aud 12:00p Pinochle 5 Handed – Blue Room 12:00p Ladies Pool – Pool Room 1:00p Golden Squares Workshop – Aud 4:00p Rules Meeting – Conference Room 6:00p Wed. & Thur. Eve Pinochle – Blue Room 7:00p Bingo – DH | All Day <i>News & Views</i> Copy Deadline 8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Estates Quilters – Craft Room 9:30a EZ Bridge Club – Blue Room 9:30a COFFEE HOUR/Doors Open - Refreshments 10:00a COFFEE HOUR PROGRAM – Aud/ DH/Kit 10:00a Bicycle Club – by Mailbox 12:30p Chicago Bridge Group – Card Room/ DH Foyer/Kit 1:00p Billiards Club – Pool Room 1:30p Geneology Interest – Conf Room 2:00p Estates Chorus – Aud 6:00p Wed & Thurs Pinochle – Blue Room 6:00p Advanced Line Dance – Aud 6:30p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | 8:00a Fit For You Exercise – Aud 8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Ping Pong Players – DH 8:45a Walking Club Indoors – Aud 9:00a Walking/Talking Club – Blue Room 9:30a Tai Chi – Aud 9:30a Bible Study – Craft Room 10:00a Happy Hearts – Blue Room 10:30a Gentle Yoga – Aud 11:15a Zumba – Aud 12:30p Friday Party Bridge – Blue Room 1:00p Bunco – Craft Room | 8:00a Fit For You Exercise – Aud 8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Estates Quilters – Craft Room 8:45a Walking Club Indoors – Aud 9:00a Ladies Pool – Pool Room 9:00a Walking/Talking Club – Blue Room 9:30a Gentle Yoga – Aud 10:00a Ladies Golf Club Exec Committee Meeting – Conf Room 10:00a Lady Putters – Conf Room 10:10a EZ Bridge Club – Blue Room 11:00a Zumba (Low Impact) – Aud 11:15a Ladies Golf General/Lunch Meeting – DH 12:00p Monday 3 Table Dup Bridge – Blue Room 1:00p Ladies Poker – Card Room 4:00p Mktg/Pub/Web – News & Views 6:30p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool 7:00p Golden Squares – Aud/Kit/ Aud Foyer |
| | | Saturday, January 16 | |
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| Tuesday, January 19 | Wednesday, January 20 | Thursday, January 21 | Friday, January 22 |
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| 8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Ping Pong Players – DH 9:30a Tai Chi – Aud 10:00a Bicycle Club – by Mailbox 10:00a Needle Nook – Card Room 11:00a Uke-de-do's – Craft Room 12:00p Tuesday Party Bridge – Blue Rm 1:00p Billiards Club – Pool Room 3:30p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool 5:30p Tuesday Night Poker – Card Room 6:00p Card-Making Class – Craft Room 6:00p Line Dancing Beginners – Aud 6:30p Men’s League Billards – Pool Room 7:00p Jericho Road Band – Blue Room | 8:00a Fit For You Exercise – Aud 8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Ping Pong Players – DH 8:45a Walking Club Indoors – Aud 9:00a AARP Driver Safety – Conf Room 9:00a Woodcarvers – Craft Room 9:00a Walking/Talking Club – Blue Room 9:30a Blackjack – Card Room 10:00a Zumba (Low Impact) – Aud 11:00a Gentle Yoga – Aud 12:00p Pinochle 5 Handed – Blue Room 12:00p Ladies Pool – Pool Room 1:00p Golden Squares Workshop – Aud 4:00p Rules Meeting – Conf Room 6:00p Wed. & Thur. Pinochle – Blue Room 7:00p Bingo – DH | 8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Estates Quilters – Craft Room 9:00a AARP Driver Safety – Conf Room 9:30a EZ Bridge Club – Blue Room 9:30a COFFEE HOUR/Doors Open - Refreshments 10:00a COFFEE HOUR PROGRAM – Aud/ DH/Kit 10:00a Bicycle Club – by Mailbox 12:30p Chicago Bridge Group – Card Room/ DH Foyer/Kit 1:00p Billiards Club – Pool Room 2:00p Estates Chorus – Aud 6:00p Wed & Thurs Pinochle – Blue Room 6:00p Advanced Line Dance – Aud 6:30p Water Volleyball – Swimming Pool | All Day <i>News & Views</i> Publication 8:00a Fit For You Exercise – Aud 8:00a Water Exercise – Swimming Pool 8:30a Ping Pong Players – DH 8:45a Walking Club Indoors – Aud 9:00a Walking/Talking Club – Blue Room 9:30a Bible Study – Craft Room 9:30a Tai Chi – Aud 10:00a Happy Hearts – Blue Room 10:00a Blue Room Bunco – Blue Room 10:30a Gentle Yoga – Aud 11:15a Zumba – Aud 12:30p Friday Party Bridge – Blue Room 1:00p Bunco – Craft Room |

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Traveler's Photo



by Judy McQuowen

Hi! We are Ken and Judy McQuowen, and we were invited to Virginia Beach, Virginia over Thanksgiving by our granddaughter Crystal Feemster and family. We had a fabulous time visiting Williamsburg, Newport News, and surrounding areas. Taking that drive over Chesapeake Bay Bridge that goes under the river and comes out the other side was "interesting" but fun. There is so much history connected to that area as well as the largest naval base around. The Yankee Candle store was huge and so interesting to walk through. The weather was just wonderful the entire week we were there, about 70 degrees. Virginia is so similar to Oregon that it made us feel quite comfortable and at home.

[Thanks Judy! Several years ago, I was in Virginia about the same time of year and happened to have a chance to speak to an off-duty policeman. When I remarked how nice the weather had been, he informed me that the early winter months often entice visitors to move to Virginia but when summer hits many of them regret it due to the heat and humidity! Ed.]

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