



Troop 123 caroled at Hopeful Rancho (Photo by Michelle Binker)

## Girl Scouts do more than sell cookies

They seem to come out of the woodwork once a year.

Impish girls with cherubic smiles: They knock on your door or approach you at supermarkets, order forms in hand.

"Would you like to buy some Girl Scout cookies?"

But Girl Scouts are about more than cookies. These young women are busy throughout the year, making a difference in their communities and learning new skills.

Illinois Valley is home to three separate troops. Troop 123, led by Heather Farley, meets in Dome School in Takilma. Troop 120, led by Joyce Ogden, and Troop 127, led by Lisa Heise, meet in private homes in Selma, although they are considering a move to the Selma Community and Education Center.

This holiday season found troops in our area

caroling at nursing homes and adult foster care facilities. The girls in Troop 123, led by Heather Farley, sang Christmas songs and gave residents of Hopeful Rancho on Takilma Road holiday greeting cards with hand-drawn messages and a candy cane.

The troops have also participated in "Operation Shoebox," a project for which the girls collected age- and gender-specific necessary items including toothbrushes, razors, socks and underwear, and filled shoeboxes to give away through I.V. Family Coalition.

Troop 120 will participate in a similar program in January. Called "Sock-it-to-Me," the girls will collect socks, mittens, hats and gloves for distribution to homeless persons through Gospel Rescue Mission in Grants Pass.

Valley Girl Scouts have also participated in park clean-up days and

tree planting projects.

Troop 127, comprised of older girls of Junior and Cadet rank, help coordinate day camp activities, hosting scouts from a number of troops at Ruth Hyde Park near Grants Pass.

During weekly meetings, the girls work on craft projects or activities related to earning badges. Brownies work to earn "Try-It" patches, while older girls might develop and perform individual community projects.

Girl Scouting is open to girls from age 5 through high school. While there are modest fees involved, financial aid is available for girls who would like to join, but may not be able to afford it.

Those interested in becoming a Girl Scout should phone a troop leader: Heather Farley, 592-4976; Joyce Ogden, 597-4871; or Lisa Heise, 597-2554.

-Michelle Binker

## Pac Power offers aid to military

Pacific Power joined Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski recently to announce that the company will offer a payment assistance program called "Oregon On Duty" for its customers in the military reserves or Oregon National Guard who are deployed overseas.

Oregon On Duty makes \$25,000 available directly to Pacific Power customers in the reserves or National Guard having difficulty paying their electric bills as a result of overseas deployments.

National Guard members or reservists with questions about the program can phone Pacific Power at (888) 221-7070.

Oregon has the highest per capita percentage in the nation of National Guard members deployed overseas. Due to unusually long overseas deployments, many affected families have endured significant financial difficulties, said the utility.

Pacific Power's Oregon On Duty program operates in conjunction with the company's other low-income assistance programs.

On Nov. 20, Pacific Power and Oregon HEAT launched their annual partnership program to help low-income seniors, people with disabilities and working poor families obtain the energy they need.

## TEN MINUTES WITH ...

### Rachel Goodman

Licensed massage therapist.



#### How long have you lived in the valley?

Um...26 years.

#### And what brought you here?

I was searching for a community not quite as isolated a where I lived previously.

#### Where was that?

On the Oregon coast, near Port Orford. Which isn't as isolated as it used to be -- nothing is.

#### What do you like about living in Illinois Valley?

Socially and artistically, the valley has really grown. I like that.

#### Why did you choose to do massage?

I went to some classes at RCC with a friend, just to do *something*, and I found out that I really liked it, and it was a career at a time when I really needed to find one.

#### Who massages you?

I shop around and check out different people's techniques. Currently I'm going to Diana Graham in Grants Pass. I usually get a massage once a week; everyone should. Massage is the best therapy on the planet.

#### What do you do in your spare time?

I hike, back country ski, and I have a big garden. I also travel to neat places and I have a pile of books.

#### Do you have a winter vegetable garden?

Yes, right now we're eating root vegetables, carrots, potatoes, beets. We also have kale, Swiss chard and a little lettuce. And cabbages.

#### Which neat places have you visited most recently?

Most recently, southern Spain. Actually, there was someone to visit there, but any excuse will do.

#### What is the last book you read?

It was called *The Tears of the Giraffe* by Alexander McCall Smith.

#### Do you have any pets?

I have one kitty named "Motek," which means "sweetie" in Hebrew.

#### What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

Oh! Mint chocolate chip!

Interview by Michelle Binker

# Happy New Year 2004!

### Carlos Restaurante

120 N. Redwood Hwy.

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Monday - Friday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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592-6947

Monday - Friday by appointment

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Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Teri & Lisa

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