

Centered seniors

By Beverly Dunlap
For the Port Orford News

“Happiness: something to do, somebody to love, something to look forward to.”
— Adair Lara, in her new book, *The Bigger the Sign, the Worse the Garage Sale: Guideposts Magazine, January 2009*

The first time I realized that you can smell the new, was when my dad bought a new car. He brought it home for my mom and me to see and when I sat down in that car, there was the smell of “new” and it was unmistakable! A new car has an odor all its own. Of course, a person doesn’t get a new car every day. For example the car I am referring to last us 10 or 12 years. My dad never told me the price of it, but I believe it was about \$3,000. We thought that was a huge amount of money and we better take very good care of the car so it would last! We did and it did!

Well there is not an odor about today, January 2, but there does seem to be a feeling of anticipation. The problems, hurts and

mistakes made in 2008 are now history. There is a very great possibility, that if we are careful, we can have a much better tomorrow or a shinny new year!

First of all, we need to forgive ourselves for everything we did wrong in 2008. That is sometimes hard to do, because of guilt, but we really need to try. An example is that I lost my temper to a friend last year and I am very sorry about it now. But everyone makes mistakes, so let’s forgive ourselves today, along with our assurance we will not repeat this error again! (May also want to apologize to the friend!)

Next, about twenty-two million people went on a diet today or yesterday! One of the usual resolutions is to go on a diet. There just has to be more to life than being on a diet! We need to do whatever is good for our health, but a diet is doing without certain foods. We are not talking about doing without anything; we are talking about adding something new to our lives! In six months to a year I would like to have the odor like a new car.

(Not nice for you to laugh!)

I want to add some dimension to my ole self that will bring that texture in me. Like I would like to learn to cook like the French do. Or I would like to learn to play the piano, or a banjo! I would like to memorize something, which I have not been able to do for some time.

I would like to send everyone I know a birthday card and get it to them on their birthday. After all, I am not the only one getting older! A woman might like to try a new hair style and a man may want to get up to date on special sporting events. Maybe men would like to learn all the players’ names and their stats! Or maybe take up a new sport, like golfing or bowling?

Our selves have so much potential that is never tapped! If I set around and bemoan the fact that I have arthritis I will accomplish nothing. Life is too dear for that. I may not have much time, but I do have today, and I can make it better, for me and for my loved ones. Have a wonderful week and by all means celebrate the New Year and be Happy!



PON photos by Brice Wagner

ABOVE:Spawned out salmon are shown at the Elk River Hatchery.

Life with Brice: Last day at the hatchery

By Brice Wagner
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Many hundred salmon lay on the concrete deck at the Elk River Fish holding pens/fish ladder. O.D.F.W. employees were busy pulling scale samples, counting males /females, and documenting the 2008 salmon run.

The News got reports of average, to lower Elk being “one of the best runs in years” comments from sport fishermen.

December proved to be some low water conditions, which shut down many drift boaters running the Elk River from the Hatchery to Iron Head takeout, or Elk River Campground to Iron Head Takeout.

Finally the last few days of 2008 brought back normal heavy rainfall and some high waters with many salmon coming into the Elk River Hatchery trap. We



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have not received information on estimates of salmon in the tributaries as of yet. ODFW has several individuals walking and checking salmon activity in many tributaries on the Elk River as well as hiking down into North Fork upper Elk River and surveying yearly.

Creeks (tribes) checked are Panther, Bald Mountain, Blackberry, North Fork, Anvil, Indian, Rock Creek, and Purple Mountain. Hatchery Manager Robin Crisler reports they have

enough eggs for the required rearing numbers for 2009 brood year.

The hatchery draws their water for the incubation room from a separate source than the (ponds and trap fishladder) raceway water. The well water for the incubation runs clear which is needed for better management of the egg trays where the eggs go through the life cycle of transforming into small salmon.

Raceway and hatchery ponds are fed by water pumped directly out of Elk River then the water gravity’s down grade and runs back into the Elk River several hundred feet below the upper pumping station. The spawned salmon carcasses are hauled to various tributaries and placed to enrich that particular part of the river system.

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so that FOCB will be able to complete the work prior to the 2009 tour season opening on April 1.

All members are encouraged to attend. Among other things, we will be electing three board members to three-year terms to

run through the end of 2011, reviewing the 2008 program reports, presenting the 2009 proposed budget, and discussing plans for 2009. There will be a board meeting following the Annual Meeting.

Members are reminded that

dues for 2009 are now due and can be mailed in or brought to the meeting. Non-members interested in joining FOCB are welcome to attend and join at the Annual Meeting.

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Mon.	45	30	30.00	0.04	82.03	116
Tues.	50	40	30.00	0.16	82.19	12
Wed.	49	38	30.00	0.16	82.35	10
Thurs.	51	36	30.00	1.34	1.34	45
Fri.	49	29	29.90	0.20	1.54	19
Sat.	50	28	30.00	0.00	1.54	15

Weather statistics by DeBoyd Smith
7 a.m. to 7 a.m. – Sixes River, OR

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CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF PROPERTY TAX APPEALS

NOTICE OF SESSION

Notice is hereby given that beginning on February 3, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., the Board of Property Tax Appeals of the County of Curry, Oregon, will meet to:

- Hear petitions for reduction of the real market, maximum assessed, specially assessed, or assessed value of property as of January 1, 2008, or as determined under ORS 308.146(5) (a), ORS 308.146(6) (a), or ORS 308.428.
- Hear petitions for reduction of value corrected under ORS 311.208.
- Hear petitions for waiver of penalties for late filing of real or personal property returns.

Petitions must be filed with the clerk of the board or postmarked not later than December 31, 2008.

The board will meet at Curry County Annex in the city of Gold Beach.

A schedule of hearings for those who request to be present will be posted 48 hours prior to the meetings in the Curry County Clerk’s Recording office.

If you have requested to be present at the hearing you will be notified of the date, time, and place to appear. All other hearings will be scheduled as time allows. Contact the board of property tax appeals for further information.

Executive sessions may be held during the session as authorized by ORS 192.660, to consider documents and information made confidential under ORS 308.290(7), ORS 308.411, and ORS 308.413.

It shall be the duty of the persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed.

Dated at Gold Beach, Oregon this 9th day of December, 2008.

Shelley Denney, Board Clerk

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