

Thanks to special dog Woman gets helping pair of 'ears'

by DAN DILLON

There are little things people take for granted every day. Neighbors drop by for a visit. Toast pops out of the toaster. The oven buzzes when dinner is cooked. Imagine, then, what it's like when neighbors drop by and leave because no one answers the door. The toast gets cold, waiting to be buttered. Dinner burns because no one takes it out of the oven.

For an estimated 15 million deaf Americans those little things the hearing take for granted are everyday concerns.

Friends drop by the home of Jack and Peggy Wood of Eagle Creek during the day but, because Peggy is deaf, their raps at the door have sometimes gone unanswered.

Unless Peggy was sitting on the living room couch near the front window, she missed some friends who stopped by for a visit.

That will change now, thanks to a four-year-old program based in southern Oregon.

Dogs for the Deaf, based in Jacksonville, was started four years ago by Roy Kabat. The publically-funded organization gets it dogs from the Humane Society when they are seven to 12 months old and puts them through a rigorous five-month training program during which they are trained to respond to sounds and for obedience.

"The dogs are over the puppy stage, but young enough to give a full life of service," according to Robin Huber, a trainer at the Applegate Behavior Station in Jacksonville. They are chosen for their friendliness and health and spend two weeks in quarantine before they begin their training.

"The dogs are trained to work in the home," she said, "as opposed to outside, to hear the everyday sounds the hearing take for granted."

Peggy Wood learned about the program while watching television. "I saw a demonstration of hearing ear dogs on 'Over Easy,'" Peggy wrote in a notebook during an interview last week. "They gave the address of the Better Hearing Institute. I wrote to the Better Hearing Institute for the address of Dogs for the Deaf in our area."

"That was in April this year. It usually takes about six months to a year after original contact to obtain a dog," Robin said.

In the Woods' case, there was funding available, provided by



PEGGY Wood, with help from Joby, won't miss callers when they drop by her Eagle Creek home.

the Job's Daughters.

So, last week Robin brought Joby, a one-and-a-half-year-old Labrador-Springer Spaniel mix, to meet the Woods. While the dogs remain the legal property of the Applegate Training Station, the dog is a member of the family, but it is not a family pet.

"It's not a pet," Robin emphasized. "It's a working dog."

When the dog does its job, hearing the doorbell or oven buzzer sound and notifying its master, it is rewarded with a warm display of affection. When it is not working, the affection is not as readily forthcoming—not because the dog isn't loved, but because the trainers want the animal to be rewarded with affection, but not without performing its duties.

The family that receives such a special dog goes through a screening process with a panel of five professionals in the field of audiology who determine need. If a hearing-impaired person has five hearing persons living with them, the need would probably not be considered as great, Robin said.

Peggy's husband, Jack, is also hearing-impaired so Joby will

work for both of them.

This summer, Gov. Vic Atiyeh signed into a law a bill which grants dogs for the hearing-impaired the same rights as guide dogs. That allows them the right to go into public places where, otherwise, they might not be allowed to go.

Dogs for the deaf are identifiable by a bright day-glow orange collar. It also has a shield which identifies the dog as such.

At the Applegate Training Station, some 60 dogs are trained each year. It is just one of four such facilities in the United States.

The difficulty is that the station can only place as many dogs as they have funding for.

And the program works.

After just two days in the Woods' home, Joby was adapting beautifully, Robin said.

Peggy agreed. Using sign language, she said Joby has done very well. But the real answer was the sparkle in her eyes.

For more information about Dogs for the Deaf, write: Applegate Behavior Station, Dogs for the Deaf, 13260 Highway 238, Jacksonville, OR 97530.

Keeping posted

Cancer detection clinic set

Thursday, Nov. 12
The regular meeting of the Dover Extension Study Group will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Louise Bell, 44242 SE Keisecker Road. The lesson, "Thriving on Stress," will be led by Nancy Fenton and Leta Allmain.

The Sandy Golden Age Club hosts its semi-monthly potluck at noon at the Sandy Senior Center.

Sue Elwood, child counselor for Clackamas County Educational Service District, will be the guest speaker at the Sandy Parent-Teacher Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The Rebekah Lodge meets at 8 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Friday, Nov. 13

A fund-raising bazaar for the Sandy Country Market opens today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall. Arts and crafts for early Christmas shopping will be available. For table rental, call Pam Hauff, 668-7527, or Jude Jensen, 668-7668.

"West Side Story," presented by Sandy Union High School, opens at the Proctor Boulevard at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14
The Sandy Country Market Bazaar continues today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall.

"West Side Story," presented by Sandy Union High School, takes to the stage at 8 p.m. at the Sandy Community Theater on Proctor Boulevard.

Monday, Nov. 16
Jubilee will feature "Body Beautiful" at 7:30 p.m. at Livingway Fellowship on Strauss Avenue, across from Sandy Grade School. Participants should come prepared for exercise, fun and to hear Jean Sanford tell what the Bible says about staying healthy and fit.

Sandy City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at Sandy City Hall. Among the topics of discussion will be a proposed annexation of an industrial tract on the west end of the city.

Rainbow Girls meet at the Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The Cottrell School Board meets at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 17
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will feature a presentation by the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind and a presentation to Ben Salisbury of Baert's Metals honoring him as Sandy's Business Leader of 1981. The noon luncheon will be held at the Tollgate Inn.

Wednesday, Nov. 18
The Sandy TOPS Club meets at 9 a.m. in the Sandy Community Action Center.

The Barlow Trail Unit of Oregon Retired Educators will hear guest speaker Charles Ashbier, library director at Mt. Hood Community College, discuss why Oregonians are like they are. The meeting will be at 2 p.m. at Hood Chalet recreation room.

Firwood Neighbors Board meets in the B Building at Firwood School at 7 p.m.

The fireside meeting of the Sandy Business and Professional Women's Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Marguerite Kehrli, 625 SW Walters Road, Gresham. Final plans will be made for the celebration of the Christmas season.

Thursday, Nov. 19
A cancer detection clinic, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will be held at the Adventist Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Cathy Garrett, R.N., will lead the session. For more information, call 668-8152, between 9 a.m. and noon.

The Sandy Elementary School District Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the library at Cedar Ridge School.

"West Side Story" will be presented by the SUHS Drama Department at 8 p.m. on stage at the Sandy Community Theater.

Counseling help available locally

A family counseling outreach program, sponsored by Clackamas County is now available in the Sandy area on a weekly basis.

Parrott Creek Ranch, Inc., a non-profit commu-

ty family counseling service, has Leslie Kirk, outreach counselor meet with people each Tuesday at Sandy Union High School from 3:30 to 9 p.m. in Room 55.

The service includes short-term family counseling for youths, between 10 and 18, and their families. The service usually last

from six to eight sessions. It is free to Clackamas County residents, but priority is given to families that cannot afford to drive to Marylhurst.

Appointments will be set up through the main office at Marylhurst. Clients can call 635-3671 to set a time and give preliminary information. Clients should

specify that they wish to talk to the outreach counselor.

Sessions last one and a half hours are focused on family issues as the primary problem. Individual and marriage issues are not appropriate referrals unless they are secondary to the family situation.

Champion bed missing from News station

The operators of News Union 76 reported to Sandy police Monday morning that someone had taken their Grand Champion Racing Bed from the roof of the station. The bed, valued at \$100, is equipped with a steering wheel, according to police reports.

The News station has won all three Sandy Mountain Festival bed races with the missing bed.

Honor Society inducts members

New members were installed last Thursday in the Sandy High School Pioneer Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Portland City Councilwoman Mildred Schwab, herself a member of the honor society at Grant High School, was the featured speaker at the event.

Members of the honor society are chosen for displaying characteristics such as leadership, character, scholarship and service to the school and community.

Seniors inducted into the National Honor Society were Kyla Smay, Debbie Kunkel, Locke Christman and Mike Boring.

Junior inductees included Fred Buhler, Christy Finemann, Vicky Lindrooth, Lisa Read, Anne Sarich, Christine Pettingill

and Peter Schmautz. Also inducted were Elizabeth Heckel, Brian Buhler, Roman Scott and Gordon Brinsler. Heidi Lamer, Tim Zimmerman, Paige Daugherty, Joanne Dick, Curt Heckel, Mike Lund and Mindy Congdon were also inducted at a special assembly at the school.

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*	*	ZIG ZAG VILLAGE	*	*
9:13	1:13	ZIG ZAG STORE	11:56	3:56
9:16	1:16	HOODLAND PLAZA	11:53	3:53
9:18	1:18	BOWMANS	11:51	3:51
9:22	1:22	WEMME	11:47	3:47
9:25	1:25	TIMBERLINE RIM	11:44	3:44
*	*	TIMBERLINE RIM	*	*
9:30	1:30	BRIGHTWOOD	11:39	3:39
9:36	1:36	ALDER CREEK	11:33	3:33
9:48	1:48	SANDY	11:21	3:21
10:01	2:01	GRESHAM (TODD HERRI)	11:06	3:06
10:06	2:06	GRESHAM (FOWELL-KELLY)	11:01	3:01
*	*	DAMASCUS	*	*
10:26	2:26	CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER	10:41	2:41

*ON CALL