

## around the county

# Volunteers 'reach out' to senior citizens

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Rosemary Bright, Golden Age luncheon coordinator, said that meals are served, free of charge, to senior citizens as a result of "determined women seeing a need for the elderly to

have a nutritional meal once a month."

The Kiwanis Club, and a group of concerned citizens in Boring, provide a meal and entertainment for area residents 65 and older the first Wednesday of every month at the Boring Hollywood Baptist Church.

The program got started a few years ago when a few women got together and passed out flyers and made telephone calls. Coordinators of the luncheon were pleasantly surprised when 30 people attended. Since that first gathering, the luncheons have

been a success. It's a time for the elderly to socialize with others as well as eat a balanced meal.

Dinners are pre-planned for nutritional value by Sally Nufelt, who is a nutritionist by profession. She sees that the dinners contain something from each

of the four basic food groups. Such meals may consist of ham, roast beef or chicken, along with vegetables, rolls, desert and coffee. "I don't think they get the same meal twice in a year," said Bright.

Entertainment at the lun-

cheons may range from school choirs and bands to lectures on safety from police department officials.

The annual Christmas luncheon, the major dinner of the year, was held last week, with the Sandy Senior Citizens Band pro-

viding the music. Close to 65 attended.

While the Kiwanis usually show support with financial contributions and by doing kitchen duty, they handle the Christmas dinner entirely by themselves, preparing and serving the meals without the

assistance of the regular crew of volunteers.

According to Jerry Prickett, Boring Grade School principal and Kiwanis vice president, several guests said the dinner was the best ever.

Discussing the time and energy donated to the Christmas dinners and monthly luncheons, Prickett said, "We're a service organization, and we try to meet their needs."

He said it means a lot to the Kiwanis to be able to help serve senior citizens.

## Chain law could eliminate mountain problem

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With the coming of snow and the opening of the ski resorts in the Mt. Hood area, the typical winter traffic problems of the corridor are being challenged by a law recently put into effect by the 1981 State Legislature.

The Oregon State Police claim that the use of traction tires or devices in the Mt. Hood corridor will help

to eliminate problems, if only motorists will obey the new law.

Highway signs requiring either chains, studded tires or other devices that will augment the traction of vehicles under adverse weather conditions are posted along Highway 26, beginning at Rhododendron.

Sergeant Dan Wolf, commander of the OSP's Government Camp outpost, said that there are "a

lot of people pulling over for the traction signs in some areas along the highway, but in others, no one pulled over."

Wolf said that troopers working these non-compliance areas are forced to set flares to attract attention to the new signs before motorists obey.

"In that respect we got compliance," said Wolf, "but the great lack of respect for the signs caused roads to back up. We

wrote tickets this past weekend and we will continue to issue them."

Wolf said that if forced, road blocks would be set up during the ski season to insure that the new law is obeyed. He said that there were several accidents at the "Double Cut" (also known as "Rock Cut") on Highway 26 just below "Map Curve," where several cars skidded off the road. He said that

numerous problems also occurred along the Timberline Lodge and Mt. Hood Meadows access roads.

On Sunday afternoon during a snow flurry some people just stopped their cars in the middle of the road and went skiing, forgetting about the stranded vehicle. These vehicles were cited and towed away at the owner's expense.

Accidents were also reported on back roads owned by either the U.S. Forest Service or Clackamas County, which are not regulated by the new traction law.

In these situations, proper traction tires or

devices could have prevented accidents.

Wolf said that although

drivers cannot be forced to comply on these roads, that it is to their benefit.

## 2,800 Christmas trees sold last weekend near Zigzag

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Christmas-spirited families and individuals flocked to the Lolo Pass area near Zigzag this past weekend, and cut 2,806 Christmas trees.

U.S. Forest Service officials are urging interested persons to obtain permits as soon as possible, and to make a reservation if they want to cut one this coming weekend.

Herb Evans, information officer stationed at the Zigzag Ranger District, said that as of last weekend, which is traditionally the busiest for Christmas tree cutting, 4,361 permits had been sold.

It is estimated that 2,318 persons entered the district's visitors center, which keeps four Forest Service workers busy.

Before noon on Sunday Evans said he counted 160 automobiles. He said that this count did not include the number of persons that

occupied those vehicles.

Evans said that at times there were as many as 13 vehicles waiting in line at the checkpoint established just below Road S-25. He said that in spite of the number of vehicles in the area and the large crowd of people, that there were no major problems encountered.

And, unlike firewood season, where tensions put both the cutters and Forest Service personnel on edge, Christmas tree cutting time was quite different.

"People come up to the mountain to cut their own Christmas tree, and they're in a cheerful mood," explained Evans.

"It's a family outing where they bring the kids and even the family dog along, to help pick out a tree. Everybody has a good time, including us."

Evans said that the only concerns Christmas tree hunters will be faced with are road conditions.

This past weekend there were a few problems with

vehicles equipped with street tires. He urged cutters to plan ahead and have the necessary snow tires or traction devices to get them on and off the mountain safely.

The Zigzag Ranger District has almost filled its reservation list for this coming Saturday, but there are still openings for Sunday.

Bob Misley, an instructor at Clackamas Community College, feels the country, folk and bluegrass class the school offers is one of the most unique in the Northwest.

Members of that class will be performing at the Boring United Methodist Church Dec. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Admission is free, with a hat being passed for donations.

The church is located at the corner of Church and Richie Roads, three blocks

Persons wishing to cut a Christmas tree on the weekend should contact the Ranger station at 622-3191.

There are no reservations required for weekday Christmas tree cutting.

Dec. 24 is the last day for cutting a tree. Permits cost \$2 per tree. Also, those wishing a live tree may dig instead of cut.

off Highway 212. Misley, who performs with "Gold Rush" at Magellans in Gladstone on Sundays, said that 40 people signed up for the class the first time it was offered, which was this fall semester.

"Clackamas is the only school in the Northwest to offer such a class," he said. "CCC seems to be the only school that's trying to pursue this sort of thing."

The class will be offered again this spring.

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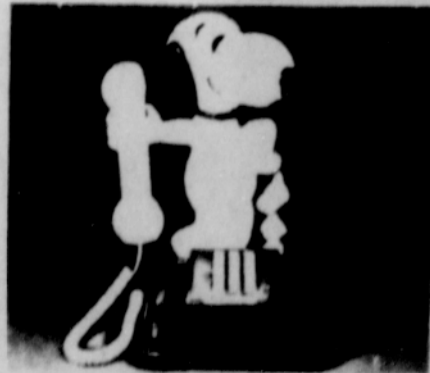
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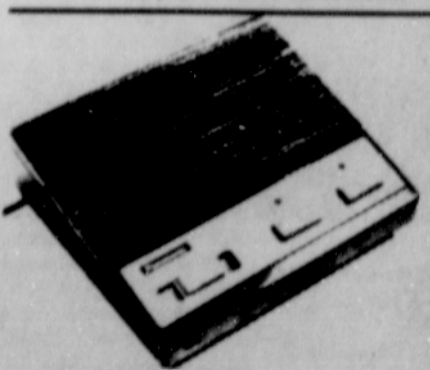
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