



Kjell and Andreanne Rode

Shop owners seek record with Thanksgiving benefit

Kjell and Andreanne Rode, owners of Otto's Cross Country Ski Rental in Sandy, have rented 80 sets of skis in one day. On Thanksgiving Day — Thursday, Nov. 28 — they are planning to set a record with a goal of renting 100 sets of skis.

"I think we're going to do it," said Andreanne.

If they do, it won't be a windfall to the business, but to the Sandy Senior Center's Loaves and Fishes program — a \$500 windfall.

Skis will be rented that day for a can of food and a \$5 donation. Boots and poles are included in the price. The food will be donated to the Kiwanis Club's Christmas Basket Drive.

The \$5 donation will be optional for senior citizens.

In a way, this is the second annual benefit. Last year the Rodes made a similar offer, raising \$200 for the Mt. Hood Hospice. Though the benefit was put together at the last minute, 40 customers took advantage of it. It wasn't really planning that got it off the ground. As luck would have it, the benefit fell on Martin Luther King Day, a Monday that many people had off.

This year's benefit has been well planned. Press releases were sent out some time ago, 1,200 flyers have been sent out to customers of the ski shop and to other skiing enthusiasts, and notices are posted all over town. In addition, the Rodes are preparing as best they can for a whirlwind of activity.

The benefit creates goodwill and, of the 40 skiers who took advantage of last year's reduced rates, each made an average of two more visits to the shop.

The reason for the benefit, though, has a lot to do with Kjell's father, Otto, for whom the shop is named. He made extensive use of community services, and regularly had lunch at the Senior Center. "They watched out for him," Kjell said.

Though Kjell and Andreanne skied as long as a month ago, the benefit will be kind of a season opener.

People are welcome — indeed, encouraged — to stop in advance to be fitted for boots. They will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving Day, and on weekends, they will open at 7 a.m.

One unique feature at Otto's Cross

Country Ski Rental is the records the Rodes keep. If people like the equipment they have used, they may call in advance and reserve it — the same skis, boots and poles.

"It works really well," Kjell said. "People really like that system."

The Rodes have updated their equipment. They had 40 sets of skis last season. This year they have 120 sets of mostly new skis and accessories. Metal-edged telemarking and back-country skis are available.

"Our business depends on people having a good time," Kjell explained. "And the better time they have, the better the chance they'll come back. We think they'll have a better time on good equipment."

This will be the second season Kjell has run the business, though he has worked in ski shops since he was in eighth grade.

Otto was a freer in Seaside who opened his own business selling

Norwegian items. They later moved their home and business to Lake Oswego. In the late '60s Otto started skiing again — just as he had in his native Norway — and when the rental business picked up, Otto decided to move to a better location.

Otto ran the business his last few years as more of a hobby. Kjell has to be more concerned about making a living, but also likes the idea behind the business, which is making the wilderness accessible to people.

People who participate in the Loaves and Fishes benefit will have an opportunity to win complimentary day passes to the White River Nordic Center's groomed trails. Free telemarking lessons from the Wy'East Nordic Ski School will also be given away.

Otto's is located at 38716 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy. They are closed Tuesdays. Call 668-5947 for more information or to reserve equipment.

Combined worship service set

The Sandy Assembly of God Church was nearly full last year with about 700 people attending the Sandy Ministerial Association's Thanksgiving services.

Pastor Dale Edwards, president of the Association, was quick to point out, however, that there will be room for all those people — and more — at the Sunday, Nov. 24 service, which will be at 6 p.m.

Most of the churches in the Sandy area will be participating again this year. "The purpose of our coming together is to magnify the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," Edwards

said. It is an opportunity for people to put their individual theological differences aside and worship with their neighbors. "There are a whole lot of us here when you get us all together," Edwards said.

The second annual "Thanksgiving Praise Celebration" will benefit the Sandy Community Action Center, burn victim Carmel Knight and Sandy Family Services, a counseling center. People are asked to bring canned food, and proceeds from the offering will benefit Knight and Sandy Family Services.

Edwards said the pastors and priests from the 14 participating churches were overwhelmed by the response last year. "I think it was more than any of us anticipated," he said. He added that they will make room for everyone Sunday.

Baby-sitting will be provided, and refreshments will be served following the service.

Position open at Bull Run

There is currently an opening on the Bull Run School budget committee. Anyone interested in serving a three-year term is invited to apply. To qualify, one must be a resident of the district and a registered voter.

Interested people should apply to the district office by Nov. 30.

Dinner planned for seniors

Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at the Sandy Senior Center with a buffet dinner, complete with turkey, ham and all the trimmings. This represents a change from past holidays, when the meal was offered potluck-style.

Suburban Ford is sponsoring the event, which is open to all seniors in the Sandy and Boring areas. Festivities will begin at noon on Thursday, Nov. 28. Those attending are asked only to bring their appetites.

Interested people should call the Senior Center at 668-5569 to make reservations. The center is located at 38348 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy.

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transportation alone is often a vital service. A trip to the Veterans Administration hospital is about a 100-mile round trip.

The Senior Center has a van, which was purchased at the same time Richards came on board three years ago. They gave 811 rides last year, though that doesn't include the rides into Portland that are coordinated through the office.

A new van would be nice; the present one was used when the Senior Center purchased it. With an operating budget of \$31,000, it doesn't appear as though a new van is in the cards.

"You don't buy new buses on a budget like that," Kasserman said.

The money to run the program comes from the Loaves and Fishes Centers Inc., which has its headquarters in Portland and funds 33 Loaves and Fishes programs throughout Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. Loaves and Fishes provides about \$25,000 annually. Through bake sales, rummage sales, newspaper drives and Miles of Pennies — change collected in local stores — the Senior Center raises another \$1,700. Money can even come from such disparate sources as the Brightwood Tavern's annual slug race.

About \$2,000 is raised through donations from businesses and individuals, and through miscellaneous sources, such as donations for trips the seniors take in the van. Recent trips have included a trip to Verboort, for the town's well-known sausage, and Hood River and the coast.

One of Kasserman's favorite programs is the senior companion program. Note the addition of "outreach worker" to Kasserman's title. That includes seeking out and identifying the needs of senior citizens.

Funds for the senior companion program are provided by the Clackamas County Senior Council. The Hoodland Senior Center is the facilitator of the program, receiving no money.

Through the program, people are hired at \$2.25 an hour to spend time with people. They may fix meals, read books to them, help them write letters, or take them shopping or to the doctor, or just visit. "It's a good program," Kasserman said.

Sometimes, of course, people volunteer to do these chores. Kasserman recalled one incident in which a man simply needed to be reminded when to take his medicine. Seven volunteers each took a day, calling the man to remind him to take his medicine. "Sometimes it's just a little thing that is needed to keep someone in their home," she pointed out.

The senior population on the mountain appears to be growing, in both Richards and Kasserman's opinions. Some people are retiring to their summer homes on the mountain.

Among the other services offered are foot clinics, blood pressure checks, USDA commodity food distribution, facilitator for the low in-

come energy assistance program, educational opportunities and Social Security information.

In addition, the group meets for lunches on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at noon at Welches School, and about 45 people have been known to participate in the monthly potluck, which is held the second Tuesday of each month at the Mt. Hood Evangelical Free Church.

Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 622-3331 for more information.

The organization is run by a 13-member steering committee that includes senior citizens and other members of the community, and supporting organizations, such as a representative of Loaves and Fishes.

Richards believes the program is as viable as it has ever been. "It's just now coming into its own," she said.

Come join us on the mountain for
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*Tossed Green Salad (Choice of Dressing)
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Roast Tom Turkey with Cranberry Sauce
Traditional Trimmings
Pumpkin or Mincemeat Pie
Roll and Butter
Beverage*

Family dinner served to four people:
\$49.95

\$9.95 per each additional person
Children 5-10 : \$4.25
(Gratuity not included)

Each party of four or more will have their own turkey carved at their table. You keep the leftovers which will include turkey, dressing & gravy. Additional servings, which will include all food except turkey & dressing, will be served. The smallest turkey will be 10-12 pounds with larger sizes for larger parties. Reservations for family dinners are required and must be made by November 25, 1985.

Individual Thanksgiving Dinners are available at \$9.95 per person. Additional entrees are also available from our regular dinner menu.

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