

MEMORIES OF BRISTOL BAY



Former local fisherman **Myron Salo** sent in his reminiscences about fishing in Alaska, and a photo (pictured). Here’s a condensed version:

“Fifty years ago, **Bumble Bee Cannery** would hire many local fishermen to man their fleet of gillnet boats stored at the cannery (on **Bristol Bay**) in South Naknek, Alaska. Most of the boats were built at Astoria’s Bumble Bee shipyard, located in Youngs Bay ...

“(The men) were quartered in a two-story fishermen’s bunkhouse, four men to a room with two bunk beds. All company boats were a two-man operation ... The fishermen split into two work groups, the beach gang and the net gang. The beach gang was responsible for getting the gillnet boats from storage and launching them ... The net gang worked in the net loft hanging new 50 fathom shackles of red salmon gear ... The nets were distributed through a drawing ... then loaded into the individual boats along with boat stores (food supplies) obtained at the company store.

“Once the fishing season opened, you delivered to the company tender ... None of the boats had refrigeration. If time allowed when you delivered, you could eat on the skow, get some more boat stores and take a shower (if you were lucky).

“At season’s end, it was the reverse, with nets being stripped and boats cleaned and hauled out. An ‘end-of-the-season’ trip to Johnson’s Bar was usually in order by that time.”

The full text of his story, and a list of the names of local fishermen who participated, including **Jack Marincovich**, **Nils Norgaard**, **Albert Viuhkola** and **Weino Takalo** can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/myronsalos>

“Looking over the list brought back many memories for me, and I’m sure some of your readers will recognize names, and be taken back 50 years.”

DID YOU SEE THAT?



The Ear recently came across a website called “**Movie Mistakes**.” Every movie has some bloopers, of course, but what about the much-beloved film, “**The Goonies**”? Aficionados of the movie may want to take a seat and keep the smelling salts handy: The website lists a whopping 211 goofs in excruciating detail (www.moviemistakes.com/film558).

While most are continuity errors (i.e. when something/someone pops up looking different or in the wrong place), there are also quite a few other problems, such as a corpse who blinks. If it makes you feel any better, Goonie fans, “The Wizard of Oz” (1939) has 418.

RESQWALK

North Coast animal lovers are often looking for ways to help local organizations that assist critters, such as **River Song Foundation**, **Clatsop Animal Assistance**, and **Wild-life Center of the North Coast**. Well, here’s a new way to help, and all you need to do is walk to raise money for animal welfare organizations: **ResQwalk** (<http://resqwalk.com>). If your favorite organization isn’t already on the list, you can email info@resqwalk.com and ask them to add it.

Here’s how it works. Download the app, which is available for both iOS and Android, pick an organization, and press start. You can participate in any daily activity (walking, running, biking) with a speed of less than 14 mph that can be measured by GPS. Users can walk to 30 miles per day.

At the end of the month, that month’s ResQpool is distributed based on the miles accumulated. What could be simpler? You’re helping your favorite animal organization, and getting in shape, to boot. It’s a win-win.



In One Ear

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WHALE OF A TALE



Seaside resident **Robert Kroning** wondered if some of the panels on the base of the **Lewis and Clark statue** at the Turnaround in Seaside are representations of **Makah whale hunting**. A bas-relief panel from the base is pictured.

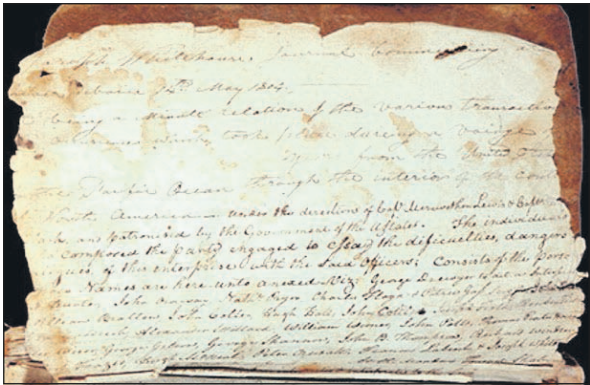
A little research revealed that the Makah tribe’s history of hunting whales in Neah Bay on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington probably goes back 2,000 years (<http://makah.com>). But is one of their hunts portrayed on the “End of the Trail” statue?

The Ear went to the source, and asked the sculptor (and former Astorian), **Stanley Wanlass** (www.stanleywanlass.com), who provided the photo shown of the whale panel. “After Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery finally reached the Pacific Ocean in November 1805, a bad winter was coming on and they constructed a stockade named Fort Clatsop,” Stan wrote.

“They were, however, desperate for supplies and in January 1806, Clark heard rumors that a large whale had washed ashore on Cannon Beach, which was about 17 miles south of their encampment. Clark and a small party quickly set out to find it, but by the time they reached the beach, the native people were stripping the flesh off the carcass and were busy boiling the blubber.

“Clark was able to trade several items for near 300 pounds of blubber and a few gallons of whale oil, which the expedition used in their lanterns during the dark months of winter. William Clark stated in his field notes that the whale measured 105 feet. Subsequent thought from scant evidence indicates to historians that it was a blue whale.” So now you know.

THEY LEFT US WELL PLEASED



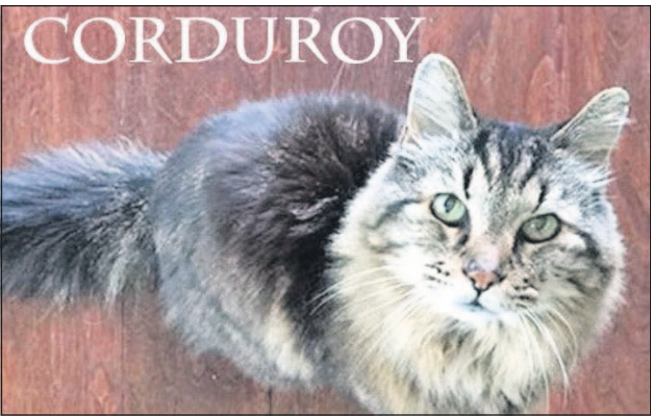
Speaking of **Lewis and Clark**, what were they doing 210 years ago yesterday? Not eating Thanksgiving turkey, that’s for sure, according to Corps of Discovery member **Joseph Whitehouse** in his **Nov. 26, 1805** journal entry (<http://tinyurl.com/Nov26WH>). A screen shot of his journal is shown (<http://tinyurl.com/Nov26WH1>).

“A cloudy wet morning, and we set out early,” Whitehouse wrote. “We proceeded about one mile up the river and then crossed it. In doing of which we passed through several islands. We proceeded on down the south side of the river, and came to an inhabited village of Indians (the Cathlamets in Knappa).

“We halted at this place for a short time, where the Indians gave us plenty to eat consisting of roots not unlike potatoes and behaved friendly to us. They also gave us a few of these roots or wild potatoes to take with us.

“We continued on still down the river; the day being wet, cold and very disagreeable. We encamped (near Svensen) in a thicket on the south shore. Several Indians came to us in a canoe, with roots to sell. We saw along the shore, a number of islands that lay very low and marshy. The geese, swan and ducks are in the greatest plenty at this place, and our hunters killed a number of them. We purchased the roots the Indians had brought with them in the canoe, and they left us well pleased.”

CORDUROY REIGNS



KGW reports that Oregon has a new claim to fame in the furry feline personage of **Corduroy**, who lives with his owner, **Ashley Reed Okura**, in Sisters (<http://tinyurl.com/oldcourdu>). Already declared the **World’s Oldest Cat** by Guinness World Records at age 26 (124 in cat years), he will now be featured in **National Geographic**. He is pictured, courtesy of Guinness World Records.

Corduroy received his crown by default, after the death of the previous title holder, Tiffany Two. Tiffany was quite the contender, however, living to be 27-plus before her demise bumped Corduroy to the top of the list.

Born Aug. 1, 1989, he was adopted by Okura as a kitten, along with his brother, Batman, who lived to be 19. Corduroy loves roaming the countryside on the family ranch, and snacking on sharp cheddar cheese and mice.

His owner partially attributes his long life to “lots of cuddles, naps and exercise,” not to mention good genes. But, she added, “I really think the key to his longevity is I’ve allowed him to be a cat.”

TAG, YOU’RE IT



Live out on Little Walluski, so I travel Highway 202 quite a bit,” **Ned Wood** wrote to the Ear last August. “About a year ago I noticed a few sections of **power lines** that have numerous **tabs, clips**, and things attached to them ... I was wondering if anybody knew what these things are, and why they are on just a few sections of power lines.” His photos of the tags are shown.

The sections he’s talking about are between Williamsport Road and the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. The Ear dashed off an email to Pacific Power to ask what the thingamajigs are, and waited for a reply. And waited. And waited.

Finally, the Ear emailed **Ken Nelson**, city of Astoria Public Works superintendent — who replied immediately. “If they are next to Youngs Bay or an adjacent wetland (which they are), it may be so waterfowl see the wires to avoid them,” he wrote. Of course. That made sense. A little research revealed that the tags are actually called **bird** or **avian diverters**. The particular type pictured appears to be the P&R Tech FireFly FF Bird Flapper/Diverter (<http://tinyurl.com/awaybird>).

Developed by an avian biologist, they reflect in daylight and glow in the dark, and even emit UV light only birds can see in low light or foggy conditions. The tags keep bats away from power lines, too, and can withstand high winds, to boot. And, in case you’re wondering — yes, they work.

UNIQUE UNICORN

Astorian **John Bruijn** saw the young “**funky elk unicorn**” (pictured) in his yard recently, and shared it with the Ear. So what causes an elk’s antler to go rogue?

The Ear emailed the photo to **Rick Hargrave**, deputy administrator in the Information and Education Division of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and asked. Even though he was at a conference at the Portland Zoo, he called right back after talking to a biologist who was also attending the conference.

The biologist said that the strangely placed antler is a pretty uncommon occurrence among elk, but if the base of an antler gets damaged very early in life, it will move, then permanently stay in its new spot. While the unicorn look is intriguing, it is already starting to impede the elk’s ability to eat, and it will likely starve to death. John reported that while the animal is still able to munch on grass for the time being, the antler is already digging into the dirt.

There’s not much that can be done about it, apparently, but the antler could break off or curve. The Ear wonders, though: Couldn’t the elk be tranquilized, and the antler sawed off? Just a thought.



COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY
Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad Club — 1 p.m., in Hammond. Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.

SUNDAY
Line Dancing — 5:30 to 8 p.m., Seaside American Legion, 1315 Broadway. For information, call 503-738-5111. No cost; suggested \$5 tip to the instructor.

MONDAY
Scandinavian Workshop — 10 a.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. Needlework, hardanger, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and quilting. All are welcome. For information, call 503-325-1364 or 503-325-7960.

Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

Columbia Senior Diners — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. Cost is \$5. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — noon, Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60. For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

Astoria Rotary Club — noon, second floor of the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Guests always welcome. For information, go to www.AstoriaRotary.org

Knochlers Pinochle Group — 1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Cost is \$1 per regular session per person. Players with highest and second highest scores split the prize. Game is designed for players 55 and older, but all ages are welcome.

Astoria Toastmasters — 6:30

p.m., Hotel Elliot conference room, 357 12th St. Visitors welcome. For information, go to www.toastmasters.org or call 503-894-0187.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 6 to 7:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

TUESDAY
World War II Warbirds — 8 a.m., Labor Temple Diner, 934 Duane St.

Stewardship Quilting Group — 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. All are welcome. Donations of material always appreciated. For information, call Janet Kemp at 503-325-4268.

Do Nothing Club — 10 a.m. to noon, 24002 U St., Ocean Park, Wash. Men’s group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m.,

A Course in Miracles — The Astoria ACIM study group meets weekly from 3 to 4 p.m. For information and location, call Nelle Moffett at 916-307-9790 or email moffett@cglFellowship.org

Spinning Circle — 3 to 5 p.m., Astoria Fiber Arts Academy, 1296 Duane St. Bring a spinning wheel. For information, call 503-325-5598 or go to <http://astoriafiberarts.com>

Evergreen Masonic Lodge No. 137 — 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting, 201 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside. All Masons and their families are welcome. For information, call 503-717-0808.

WEDNESDAY
Warrenton Sunrise Rotary Club — 7 a.m., Dooger’s Seafood & Grill, Youngs Bay Plaza, 103 S. U.S. Highway 101, Warrenton. For information, call 503-325-4030.

Moms Offering Moms Support Club — 9 a.m., Capt. Gray Port of Play, 785 Alameda Ave. For information, go to www.momsclubo-fastoria.org or email president@momsclubofastoria.org

Help Ending Abusive Relationships Tendencies — 10 to 11:30 a.m., The Harbor, 1361 Duane St. HEART covers subjects related to the effects of domestic violence on children, parents and other family members, dynamics of power and control, and how to recognize red flags. For anyone in an abusive relationship, or who knows someone who is. Call Juli Hol to reserve a spot at 503-325-3426, ext. 103.

Open Sewing Gathering — 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Homespun Quilts, 108 10th St. For information, call 503-325-3300 or 800-298-3177 or go to <http://homespunquilt.com>

Wickiup Senior Lunches — 11:30 a.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. Free for those older than 60 (\$3 suggested donation), \$6.75 for those