Operators: It's a hobby spanning Morse code to the digital age

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SDR (software defined radio) built into it — it's got a nice color touch screen," Eaton said. "We had 16, they were gone in the first hour.'

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From June 7-10, ham radio operators will participate in Cascadia Rising, the emergency preparedness exercise simulating the first four days following a Cascadia earthquake or tsunami.

"It doesn't matter where you are," SEA-PAC Public Information Officer Nicole Crosby said. "There are earthquakes in California, flooding in the Midwest and hurricanes in the East. Each one is its own problem area.'

From Morse Code to the digital age

Ham radio operators are in all generations — it's a hobby spanning Morse code to the dig-

Upstairs, novices and bargain-hunters alike prowled tables of used equipment.

"It's what every ama-

teur radio operator does," Tim Coleman of the Clark County (Washington) Amateur Radio Club said. "We buy used equipment to get started in the hobby, then we upgrade equipment," he said. "Then we sell the old

Don Hawkins of Portland displayed R.L. Drake equipment from the 1970s, "the transition stage between vacuum tubes and semiconductors,' according to Hawkins.

Like Coleman and other flea market vendors, he said he looked forward to a trip to the convention floor "to buy new toys" from his own sales proceeds.

Downstairs, Portland's Louis Bybee offered Morse code keys, power amplifiers for radio, soldering guns, tools, power supplies — what he called "a little bit of everything.'

Jack Tiley of Spokane, Washington, displayed antique measuring instruments donated by Gonzaga University to raise money for the local amateur radio club.

His prize was a potentiometer, a precision box for calibrating capacity devices.

"This was the way they did it before they had precision instru-



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John Foley from Hood River takes a look at a late 1930s Morse Code Keyer on sale at the SEA-PAC Ham Radio Convention flea market on Saturday, at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

ments," Tiley said. "It's very unusual. It's what they used in the primary standards labs in the 1940s and '50s. Today it's a collector's item or a museum

Ron Plummer of Los Angeles is celebrating his 70th year in ham radio.

When we started in the hobby, it was all tubes," Plummer said. "There weren't any transistors. Almost everybody built their own equipment. Now you go to the store and buy what you need."

Morse code still has its role in radio communications, Plummer said.

Also referred to as "CW," or continuous wave, Morse code adds reach and is a "great way to talk to people all around the world," especially when there is a language barrier.

In case of emergency

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At his SEA-PAC table, John

Hays, director of marketing for NW Digital Radio, displayed a high-speed digital radio with expanded network reach. The UDRX-40 Universal Digital Radio sells for \$395, and is supported on Windows, Android, Macintosh and Linux browsers. "There's a resurgence in having an alternative way to send mes-

In the Seattle area, hams are building a high-speed network to supplement the internet, which could be brought down in a disaster. "It's bigger than Cascadia, but Cascadia's certainly part of the motivation," he said.

sages in a disaster," Hays said.

One vendor had nothing with a plug, battery or cable on her table.

Gretchen Otto, a distributor of Thrive Life, offered samples of "Freeze Dried Snackies," ideal for a well-stocked home following a disaster, she said. "Once you open them, for most of the items, you have a year to eat the contents," she said. "The beauty of it is, you can literally eat everything without water except maybe the sauces and cookies," Otto said. "I've tried every meat, every vegetable, every fruit, without water. "Some were a little dry, but good."

Getting started

Whether getting into amateur radio for fun or for survival, newbies don't need to spend the \$1,500 necessary for state-ofthe-art equipment. Used equipment can be found for under \$100, and all radio operator tests are priced at \$15, according to

Crosby. Entry level is called "technician," followed by general license and amateur extra. which allows access to all available U.S. Amateur Radio operating privileges on all bands and all modes.

For more information, contact Clatsop County Auxiliary Communications or the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

Local clubs include the Sunset Empire Amateur Radio Club, Seaside Tsunami Amateur Radio Society, Cannon Beach Amateur Radio Society and Oregon Coast Hams.

Links to these and other amateur radio groups can be found at clatsop-ares.org.

"From people who do it for fun, to contest teams, emergency communications, preparedness, weather-watchers — people use the ham radio," Ham Radio Outlet's Eaton said. "It's a great means of communication.'

WARRENTON VALEDICTORIAN

Maggie Cote Continuing education: Oregon State University.

Community/school Student environment: Council, National Honor Society, Key Club, CommuniCare, Prom Committee, Clatsop County Animal Shelter, Voices from the West oral histories.

Scholarships: Oregon State Academic Achievement Award, Dick and Harriet Baldwin Scholarship,

Murl G. Peterson Academic Achievement Award.

Sports: Volleyball.

Favorite class and teacher? Calculus and Mr. Rod Heyen.

What will you remember the most? I'll remember all the people who have been a part of my life over these past four years. I have made many great memories and become the person I am today because of them.

Advice for success? Work hard and use your time wisely.



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Sarah Stein **Education:** Continuing Augustana University.

Community/school involvement: Student council, National Honor Society, CommuniCare, recycling project.

Scholarships: L.R. Hitchman Award, Dick & Harriet Baldwin Scholarship, Murl G. Peterson Academic Achievement Award.

Sports: Track and field. Favorite class and teacher?

Calculus with Mr. (Rod) Heyen or creative writing with Mrs. (Jessica) West.

What will you remember the most? Mr. Heyen yelling at us whenever he got really excited about math.

Advice for success? Know when to ask for help.

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL Northwest All-League

Player of the Year: Kassidy Fetch, **First Team**

Kassidy Fetch, Sr., Vernonia Julia Clark, So., Gaston Pearl Cook, Jr., Vernonia Charity Hall, So., Gaston Mariah Johnstone, Sr., NKN Maddie Lambert, So., NKN Jaden Miethe, So., Knappa Alleggra Poetter, So., Vernonia Kaitlyn Truax, So., Knappa Paris Vanderburg, So., Knappa Payton Wolf, Jr., Vernonia Abbey Zawodney, Jr., Gaston Second Team Daisy Clark, So., Gaston Joyce Everett, Fr., Vernonia Danny Johnson, Fr., Nestucca Sammy Moore, Jr., Gaston Alisha Murphy, Jr., Knappa Ivy Ramos, Jr., Delphian Annie Romig, Sr., NKN

Paige Smith, Sr., Vernonia

Sara Smith, Sr., Vernonia

Hannah Hellberg, Fr.

Hailey Murray, Jr.

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Knappa sophomore pitcher Paris Vanderburg was one of three Logger softball players named first-team all-league.

Five Loggers on all-league team

The Daily Astorian

The Knappa Lady Loggers placed six players on the all-Northwest League softball team, announced at the league's playoff tournament.

There were only five seniors among the 29 players, including Player of the man Hannah Hellberg were Year Kassidy Fetch of league selected honorable mention.

champion Vernonia, which had eight players selected all-league.

sophomores Knappa Jaden Miethe, Kaitlyn Truax and Paris Vanderburg were all named to the first team, while junior Alisha Murphy was second team. Junior Hailey Murray and fresh-

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Evening listings **TUESDAY**

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KIRO		KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News			NCIS "Incognito"		NCIS: New Orleans		Person of Interest		KIRO News	(:35) S. Colbert
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