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# Opinion

## 125TH ANNIVERSARY FLASHBACK

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**T**his year marks Siuslaw News' quasiquintennial, our 125th anniversary, a remarkable achievement for any business in a small community like Florence. To commemorate this milestone, throughout the year we'll feature some of the town's history as originally published in the newspaper, including historic articles and photos from more than a century ago. —*Editor*

## Girl Scouts enjoy time of their lives at beautiful Camp Cleawox

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The 12 Girl Scouts who entered Camp Cleawox Sunday more than filled the places of the 10 scouts who returned home. There were 35 scouts in camp for the second session.

A.G. Hines, a ranger stationed in the Siuslaw National Forest, has been extremely helpful in guiding guests and parents to the camp. He has assisted in loading the duffel on the boats, as well as directed those who were walking from the landing to the edge of the lake opposite camp.

The fore part of the camp's first week was

marked by a hike over the sand dunes to the ocean followed by a lunch on the beach.

The latter part of the week a group of 15 girls, who are studying pioneering, took an overnight hike to Woahink Lake.

Their equipment was transported to Robinson's landing where the scouts had an opportunity to camp under primitive conditions. They made bough beds, cooked a utensil-less supper — with pork chops as the piece de resistance — and told stories and sang songs around the campfire in the evening.

All this as well as doing the construction work required for the Pioneer Award. They retired to the main camp after cooking their breakfast, all of them full of enthusiasm for

primitive living.

Classes have been going forward rapidly in an abandoned homestead shack now known as the Craft House.

The scouts studying handicrafts are now working on leather. They are turning out very attractive belts, purses, portfolios, tie slides, key holders and axe sheaths.

The dramatics group presented the "King's Breakfast" by A.A. Milne at the campfire.

Swimming is a very popular activity. A strip of water with a gradual slope of sandy beach has been enclosed by a string of floaters for a swimming pool.

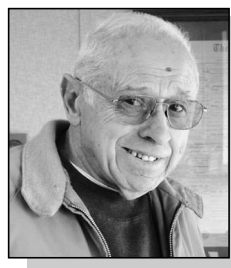
Graded instruction is given there in the morning and water sports take place in the

afternoon. Ball games are especially popular during the afternoon swimming period. One of the features which has been added to the camp program is outdoor cooking. The scouts prepare at least one utensil-less meal a day.

The first week of camp culminated in a treasure hunt and costume party on Saturday night. Following the trail signs of little ships, they came at last to the treasure which was a pirate chest full of gold — oranges for each participant. After the hunt, there were nose bag suppers followed by "some-mores," a special favorite with the scouts.

At the campfire there were songs, stunts and stories. Each councilor was responsible for one part of the entertainment. ❖

## NEIGHBORS



### Carpe diem — seize the moment

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NEIGHBORHOOD CORRESPONDENT  
For the Siuslaw News

day/as it is ripe — seize the moment. Mindfulness of our own mortality is key in making us realize the importance of the moment."

Another quote: "Art is long, life is short, live in the present — enjoy every moment of your life. Life is largely a matter of expectation. And in reference to the writer: The pen is the tongue of the mind. Cease to inquire what the future has in store, and take as a gift whatever the day brings forth."

When it comes to taking things for granted; have you noticed the expen-

sive houses that are facing a beautiful vista, and yet day after day the blinds are pulled lest the sun fade the furniture or wash out the image on the television screen?

Unfortunately, the majority of us have the blinds lowered on the windows of our daily lives. Have you ever looked up into the vast expanse of sky in open-mouthed awe, and marveled at the sometimes wispy, sometimes dramatically angry, tumbling cumulous nimbus clouds and the infinite variations in between? This free show is there each and every day, but how many of us even bother to look up?

No stranger to flying, I was a Navy air gunner, have even ridden in a SPD dive bomber, and had hundreds of

hours flying aboard huge PBM flying boats in World War II. And I have traveled many times in the modern jet-powered airliners, experiencing the acceleration for lift-off to well over 100 miles an hour, and then watched as the once familiar landscape below seemed to slow, then become unrecognizable as it dropped away beneath our wings.

My face was always pressed against the window pane, seizing the moment. I wanted to drink it all in. However, when I looked around the airplane, passengers were lowering the window blinds to watch an in-flight movie, or rocking back to catch some zzz's.

They had paid big bucks to take this flight, and then here they were,

completely missing out on an experience that would have been unimaginable to our ancestors barely over 100 years ago.

A woman spends a long time preparing a tasty dinner for her husband; he comes home, sits down and eats without hardly noticing what was placed before him.

Golden moments wasted by inattention — what a travesty. We should savor all the everyday blessings and be grateful for every bite of this wonderful life.

Someone once wrote: "The clock of life is wound but once, and no one has the power, to know when the hands will stop, on what day or what hour."

Carpe diem — seize the moment!

## LETTERS

### Natural geo-disaster

An opinion on "Earthquakes" expressed in the July 18 issue was both interesting and informative on the need to prepare for a natural disaster from an earthquake on the Cascadia subduction zone.

Then, a week later, another stronger opinion was expressed on the urgency to prepare for a more intense disaster from a "Mega-Quake" and its resulting tsunami that was essentially based upon an article in the July 20 issue of The New Yorker.

The last subduction mega-quake, magnitude 9.0, to strike the Oregon coast was 315 years ago in January 1770. That geo-disaster and devastating tsunami are mentioned in William Sullivan's book "Oregon's Greatest Natural Disasters," published nearly eight years ago when he warned us about the immense possibility of another subduction earthquake and tsunami sometime in this century along the Oregon coast.

Predicting the occurrence of earthquakes is a delicate analysis of risk because not only "when" is required but also location, where and what magnitude to be expected.

If the epicenter of an earthquake should be offshore near Brookings and at a depth of 15 to

20 miles, the seismic energy could dissipate from the epicenter so that a lesser magnitude quake could be felt 300 miles north at Seaside, but potential infrastructure damage could remain similar because different geologic conditions underlie the two areas.

Much good information on historic earthquake activities and tsunami flood levels along the Oregon coast are available from the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and Oregon Emergency Management.

Richard Sullivan  
Florence

### Liz will be missed

It was inevitable that we would lose Liz Mobley, but that did not soften what those who knew her felt. My wife Carol and I moved to Florence in 2000 and Liz became our travel agent for 15 years. A consummate professional, she helped us plan trips in the states and abroad. At times her assistance was needed when we had problems while we were traveling.

Walking into her Disneyland sanctuary back office, she always greeted you with her wonderful smile that could melt lead and her upbeat personality. She, like my wife and me, was a foodie and discussed food recipes along with

camping, fishing and hunting trips that she took with her family and life in general.

My next to last contact is when I took a container of salmon bisque to her that I had made. On my last visit to her office, the first thing she said was "Yummy." She will be missed for her intellect, outward and inner beauty.

Win and Carol Jolley  
Florence

### Care packages for soldiers

The Ladies of Elks, the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Band of Brothers Koffee Klub are each seeking the names and addresses of local personnel serving in the military, stationed in either Iraq or Afghanistan, in order to ship "care packages" to them.

They have been performing this function since our nation has been involved in the present conflict in the Middle East. Unfortunately, all three groups have run out of personnel or military units over there with "boots on the ground" to continue to ship desired items.

Anyone able to provide names and addresses of personnel or military units presently serving over there, contact me at 541-997-1677.

Tony Cavarno  
Florence

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