

SCOUTING FOR FOOD



photo by Kimberly Ferguson

On Saturday, Nov. 14, over 30 Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Scouts of Cottage Grove participated in the annual "Scouting for Food" event, collecting canned and dry foods door-to-door to donate to Community Sharing.

Thanksgiving Menu

BREAKFAST

- Quiches: Lorraine and Broccoli Cheddar
- Croque Monsieur
- Cheese Blintz with Fruit Compote

Main Buffet

2015 Thanksgiving Menu

CARVING STATIONS:

- Roast Turkey Breast and Braised Turkey Legs
- Herb Gravy & Cranberry Sauce
- Marinate Sliced Beef Tenderloin with Au Jus and Horseradish Cream

ENTREES

- Cedar Plank Salmon with Maple Rum Glaze
- Mary's Vegetarian Lasagna

SIDES

- Broccoli Salad with Bacon, Shredded Carrots, Cranberries
- Field Greens Salad
- Cannellini Bean Salad with Prosciutto, Feta & Spinach
- Fresh Fruit Display, Sweet Potato Casserole
- Classic Green Bean Casserole
- Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Cornbread Stuffing, Peel & Eat Shrimp

DESSERTS

- Pumpkin Pie, Apple Crumb Pie, Pecan Bars, Flourless Chocolate Torte, Blackberry Cobbler

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This was stressed with the presentation of Fire Chief John Wooten, who also spoke at the celebration.

"I was homeless," Wooten said solemnly. After serving in the Army, Wooten had trouble finding work outside of the armed forces after being injured. But thanks to what he described as service programs, he found a home.

Mayor Tom Monroe also spoke at the ceremony. A veteran himself, Munroe saluted and discussed the necessity of serving one's country.

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than many I've witnessed here in the States, with care taken to document the official names and occupations of all parties for genealogical purposes and parts of the ceremony that are legally off-limits for photographs. After the ceremony, an elegant dinner and more than a little dessert, our kiddo led an evening filled with dancing, falling asleep on a chair when she could boogie no more.

For much of the following week, our hikes and drives (in tiny cars, on the left side of the road between high hedges) led us to quaint towns, the pubs and delicious local seafood to be found there, as we journeyed between historic old seaside villages with names like Countisbury, Lee and Mortehoe. It was easy to imagine this place over the centuries, its ancient travel-

"Today we celebrate a legacy of freedom and the necessary conditions of that freedom," said Munroe. "Freedom isn't free."

Munroe also stressed that while we should always mourn the fallen, Veteran's Day (as opposed to Memorial Day) is more of a celebration of those who have served and are still with us. As the Lincoln Middle School Choir sang the five Service Hymns, veterans from their respective branches all stood up when their song was sung and the attendees applauded gratefully.

The ceremony was also

graced by the presence of Sgt. Darren J. Cicerone of the U.S. Marine Corps, who is still in active duty. Cicerone discussed the hardships and specifically his nervousness as he signed up and the existential and purposeful fulfillment that serving his country has brought him.

After the final salute to our veterans and a closing prayer by Jack Gates, Boy Scouts followed piper Tom McVey on the bagpipes as the colors were retired and the ceremony ended with an honorable sense of appreciation and pride.

ers bracing against the unforgiving sea air while taking in vistas every bit as rugged and beautiful as can be found in the Pacific Northwest.

At night, we'd lounge while taking in the news from a remarkably different perspective than America's corporate-owned, constant-cable variety. There were reports of alleged doping by Russian athletes, the growing migrant crisis brought on by those fleeing horrific conditions in Africa and the Middle East and the demands of British Prime Minister David Cameron he says are necessary to keep his country involved with the European Union. Throughout the week, red poppies could be seen on the lapels of almost everyone (including during my layover in Vancouver, B.C., Canada), a reminder of Remembrance Day

and a poignant lesson for me on the global horror of the war that gave rise to Veterans Day here in America and similar holidays in Europe. By the end of our trip, the sobering news of carnage in Paris led to anxiety about our return journey, though the security precautions and flight home passed without memorable incident.

Now, as I sit typing back here in our Cottage Grove home, it's almost as if the entire trip were a dream, that it may never have actually occurred. But with the coming of a new season back in Oregon and the hope of new journeys ahead, I'm reminded that there are beautiful places and people in all corners of this spectacular planet, and I'm conscious of the amazing luck that's allowed me and my loved ones to explore many of them.

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