



Fort Clatsop's cabin-like barracks kept the rain off members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition but there was little else to give the men comfort.

Fort Clatsop: Post-holiday adventure awaits the hardy

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The explorers' journals often spoke of how miserable they were here.

Fort Clatsop will feature scheduled living history programs by park rangers each day from 9:30 a.m. until 4:40 p.m.

Costumed rangers will present flintlock muzzle-loading programs at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Hands-on programs about various aspects of the explorers' winter will be available at the fort daily from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m.

Ranger-guided walks on the Netul River Trail will be offered at 1:45 p.m. most days.

The visitor center will show two movies each hour, the 22-minute "A Clatsop Win-

ter Story," about the 1805-06 winter from a Clatsop Indian perspective, and "Lewis and Clark: Confluence of Time and Courage," a 34-minute movie about the entire voyage.

Fort Clatsop is a unit of the National Park Service and part of the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, which includes the fort, the Fort-to-Sea Trail, the Netul River Trail, the Salt Works site in Seaside and Station Camp, just east of Fort Columbia in Washington.

Admission to Fort Clatsop is \$5 per adult.

Dogs on leashes are welcome on the trails, walks and at the outdoor programs. There is no admission fee for the Salt Works or Station Camp.

the Clatsop County Fair & Expo and organizes the annual Clatsop County Fair.

It meets the first Tuesday of each month.

To apply, obtain an application form and return it to the Clatsop County Manager's Office at 800 Exchange St.,



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Happiness is a beloved film in black and white

Some say Christmas is a very sad holiday for us seniors. Others say Christmas is one of our happiest holidays.

I think I have a cure regardless of the category we fall into.

If I am sad, you know what makes me happy? I love to watch the old legendary movies, mostly black and white.

And if I am happy? I love to watch the old legendary movies, mostly black and white.

It may seem like a contradiction, but think of the days (they seem to come more often with age) when we wake up sad or happy or both.

You know what cheers me up when I feel sad or what adds to my happy state of mind?

You probably think I'll say reading my Bible and then follow with a sermonette of sorts. Yes, that is good, of course, but not what I was going to share.

At Christmas time, I especially enjoy watching old Christmas movies that I've watched over and over. The other night, I watched "The Bishop's Wife" with Cary Grant.

The part I liked the most was when the angel rewrote the Bishop's Christmas Eve

sermon with the "empty stocking."

Remember when Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire first introduced us to "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" in the 1942 movie "Holiday Inn"?

Probably one that's most memorable to many of us is "It's a Wonderful Life," which I understand was a flop when it first came out in 1946 before it turned into an "immortal classic" loved by generation after generation.

How about "Christmas in Connecticut" with Barbara Stanwyck?

Perhaps another most remembered one is Scrooge's fateful Christmas Eve in "A Christmas Carol."

Of course, many of us are from the era when we had paper dolls depicting famous movie stars such as Judy Garland.

I especially enjoy hearing her sing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" in the movie "Meet Me in St. Louis," which came out in 1944.

My goodness, I was only 12 years old. No wonder I was playing with paper dolls!

Some of the stars featured in my paper dolls collection that I remember were Cary Grant (us girls were going to

marry a man just like him), Katharine Hepburn, Ingrid Bergman, Shirley Temple, Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart.

Remember Greta Garbo and her infamous line, "I want to be alone"?

Those were the days. I loved my paper dolls. Maybe that's one reason I enjoy the old movies. Sad or glad, we loved them!

In his rewrite of the Bishop's Christmas Eve sermon, Cary Grant as an angel talks about hanging our Christmas stocking and gift giving and simply ends with:

"All the stockings are filled. All, that is, except one. And we have even forgotten to hang it up. The stocking for the child born in a manger. It's His birthday we're celebrating. Don't let us ever forget that.

"Let us ask ourselves what He would wish for most. And then, let each put in his share, loving kindness, warm hearts and a stretched-out hand of tolerance. All the shining gifts that make peace on earth."

I wish all those who read this silly little column a very Merry Christmas and will wait until my next week to say and a happy and blessed new year.

County seeks members for fair board advisory panel

Clatsop County is seeking applicants for two seats on the Clatsop County Fair Board.

The positions are for three-year terms that expire Dec. 31, 2020.

The Fair Board is responsible for the management of

Suite 410, Astoria OR 97103, 503-325-1000.

Forms are available online at www.co.clatsop.or.us or at the County Manager's Office.

Completed applications must be returned by Dec. 29. The Board of Commissioners will make the appointments.

Senior lunch menu

Monday, Dec. 25: Closed for the Christmas holiday.

Thursday, Dec. 28: Salmon, boiled potatoes, creamed peas, minestrone soup, lemon pie.

The Warrenton senior lunch program is at noon (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) Mondays and Thursdays at Warrenton Community Center, 170 SW Third St. Suggested donation is \$5 for ages 55 and older; \$7 for those younger. For more information, call 503-861-3502.