

Community

Norwegian? Reality show wants you

"The Great Norway Adventure" is looking for fun and outgoing Americans with Norwegian ancestry (even a little bit counts) to participate in an exciting reality television series set in Norway.

Chosen participants will compete in extreme cultural challenges to discover their rich and fascinating roots while trying to win a prize package worth over \$50,000.00.

Do you have a grandmother from Norway? Or perhaps your great, great, great grandfather was the first generation Norwegian/American in your family? Do you have mixed nationalities or ethnicities, but still have

some Norwegian roots? No matter how much or little Norwegian blood you have, this could be a fantastic adventure for you!

And if you feel this show isn't for you, but know someone who would be perfect for it, please pass this info along to them.

Application submission deadline is January 25, 2009.

From the Producers of the Norwegian versions of "American Idol," "America's Got Talent," and "Dancing With The Stars," "The Great Norway Adventure" is a fun new reality television series showcasing everyday American citizens as

they journey throughout Norway to discover their roots and cultural heritage. This is an incredible "once in a lifetime" opportunity to explore Norway, meet the wonderful people and experience the rich culture.

If you:

- Are a descendant of Norway
- Have never traveled to Norway
- Are between 18 - 60 years old
- Have a great sense of humor and adventure

Then this is the show for you!

Think culture is for sissies??

Please see page 16

Senior News

By Karen Miller, Senior Advocate
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Happy New Year 2009! Do you remember how excited we were back in

the year 2000, and here it is coming up on 10 years later!

Take note of the Senior Center's new slate of officers for the New Year: President George Gans, Vice-President Carl Holsey, Secretary Sandy Welch, and Treasurer Pat Ray.

Read this column for the kick off date for the Senior Police Academy later this month.

The Center is welcoming your membership and dues: only \$10

Looking for some New Year Resolutions?

JUST FOR TODAY live through this day only; know you can do something for this 24

hours and don't look any farther ahead.

JUST FOR TODAY be happy and do not focus on depressing thoughts.

JUST FOR TODAY improve your mind; check out books at your local library.

JUST FOR TODAY make an effort to be agreeable, courteous and kind to those that cross your path.

JUST FOR TODAY do something positive to improve your health.

JUST FOR TODAY remember these words: One reason for doing the right thing today...is tomorrow.

May you find peace and happiness this new year.

Thanks for your support and friendship.

Karen Miller

20 Years Ago This Month

The January 26, 1989, issue of *The Independent* included the following news story on page 12:

Following interviews with four applicants, Steve Weller was hired as the city's salaried firefighter, at the January 23 meeting of the Vernonia City Council. Weller, a long-time volunteer with the fire department, will start working for the city as soon as he can clear up other obligations.

The council formed a committee to review the city's building permit and inspection process, following last month's workshop with builders and homeowners. Appointed to the committee at the council's January 9 meeting were Jim CREDIT, Cleve Robertson, Ralph Sturdevant and Ron Welch. Two additional appointments were made on January 23 when Boyd Ruby and Jim Prpich were added to the panel. Mark Stevens will be the council representative on the committee.

Parking problems grabbed council attention in January. Councilor Wells Oviatt suggested removing the loading zone on Jefferson Street at Bridge, next to the former Sears store, in order to create additional parking space. After discussion, with the council split on the issue, Mayor Wally Vaughn cast the deciding vote to retain the loading zone from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A congested situation on Rose Avenue, caused by vehicles parking diagonally by Don's Auto Service, received attention, with the council instructing Police Chief Philip Jacobus and Public Works Superintendent Michael Smith to do a traffic study and report at the next council meeting. Suggestions ranged from a No Parking zone to painting shoulder lines for horizontal parking. Councilor Mario Leonetti suggested that the police ticket illegally parked vehicles.

Glenn Higgins, of Community Action Team, Inc., reported that the first round of housing rehabilitation in the Vernonia area resulted in the expenditure of \$564,119 on 57 units, averaging slightly under \$10,000 per unit. He praised the work of CAT's local employ-

ees - Director Jim Tierney, Jenell Wiggins and Cici Bell - in seeing that the money was used to improve people's living conditions.

In other business, the council appointed Rick Gwin to the Airport Committee;

Approved removal of a maple tree on city property adjacent to the residence of Henry Anderegg;

Approved liquor license renewals for Sentry Market and Sam's Food Store; and

Heard complaints about a rat-infested property on 2nd Avenue, and about procedures at the cemetery.

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