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Water quality plan promotes healthy water stewardship practices

by Kat Ricker
Oregon Dept. of Agriculture

An Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan that includes Sauvie Island, will be discussed on February 7, 7pm at Columbia Tech Center in St. Helens.

To comply with the 1993 Senate Bill 1010, which encourages voluntary conservation efforts by landowners, agriculturists from Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties have been developing an Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan to be adopted this spring.

The North Coast Basin Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan, which includes all of Sauvie Island, was drafted by an advisory committee of farmers, dairy-men, ranchers and conservationist. The committee was assisted by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA).

The purpose of the plan is to identify ways to reduce water pollution from agricultural lands through a combination of educational programs, suggested land treatments, management activities, and monitoring.

The plan strives to seek voluntary participation in improving water quality by pro-

moting practices that stabilize streambanks, reduce soil erosion, and limit movement of nutrients and bacteria from agricultural lands from entering state waters.

The proposed plan is intended as a guidance document, and has an educational component, which will include workshops, brochures, presentations, fact sheets and news articles to assist with educating people about water quality issues in agriculture. Demonstration projects and site tours, management activities and monitoring will show some examples of how to comply with the rules.

Federal law requires states to set water quality standards to protect the most sensitive of beneficial uses in rivers and streams. For example, the most beneficial use of rivers and streams in the North Coast Basin is salmonid fish spawning and rearing, and federal law requires that Oregon set standards to protect salmon.

Unhealthy waters was one of the contributing factors that led to the endangered species listing of several salmon species in 1999.

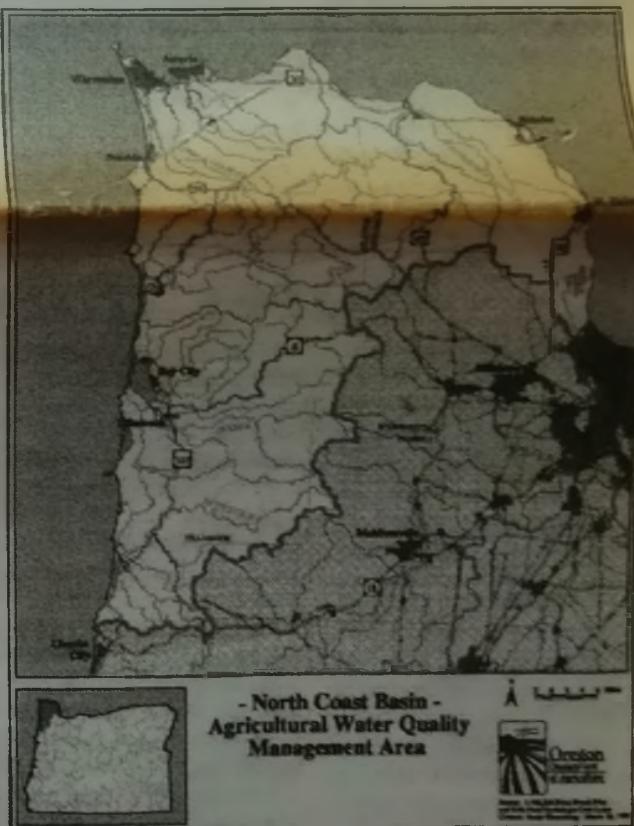
The coho, chinook, steel-head and coastal cutthroat trout species show similar

signs of trouble that could lead to inclusion on the endangered species list. The proposed water quality land use management plan proposes practices to restore salmon fish spawning and rearing and other resi-

dent fish.

Healthy riparian and streambank conditions are essential for protecting threatened species. It is vital for maintaining water quality and

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Poetry book captures the essence of Portland

Islander Barbara J. Scot's poem, *Broughton Beach on the Columbia*, shines in "Portland Lights A poetry Anthology."

Barbara J. Scot doesn't consider herself a poet. "I consider teaching the most impor-

tant thing I did with my life," said the retired school teacher.

But a little over two years ago, Scot submitted a poem about sexuality and sensuality that caught the attention of the editors seeking poems for "Portland Lights A Poetry Anthology."

Scot taught English and social studies in the Reynolds School District for 26 years. She also spent one memorable year teaching in Nepal. That experience in her words "really opened me up," and Scot found herself writing about her experiences and the women of

Nepal.

In 1993, her first book, "The Violet Shyness Of Their Eyes," was published. Two years later, she received the New York Times Notable Book Award for her second book, "Prairie Reunion."

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Letters and News



Portland Lights

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Scot waffled back and forth between teaching and writing literary non-fiction until her retirement. Her latest book, "The Stations of Still Creek," was written in Rhododendron, Ore.

Scot was surprised to be selected for "Portland Lights." She was one of a thousand people who were invited to submit works of poetry.

The editors received more than 1500 poems from nearly 400 poets. "I sent it in and for-

got about it," said Scot. Two years later, she found out her poem *Broughton Beach on the Columbia* had been selected.

Steve Nemiroff, knew the instant he read Scot's poem that it had to be included in the book. He and his co-editors, Barbara LaMorticella, and Stephan Thomas had the daunting task of sifting through the submissions until about five percent rose to the top of the pile.

The 79 poems selected re-

flect life in the Portland area. The poets include a demographic mix of both well- and unknown, young and old. Several of the poets in the book are well-known in other genres, such as science fiction writer Ursula K. Le Guin.

"People who wouldn't usually enjoy poetry will enjoy this book," said Nemiroff.

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The book is available at a number of book stores in the Portland area, including Barnes & Nobel and Powell's. The book sells for around 20 dollars, but a limited edition of hand bound copies are available for 100 dollars through Nine Lights Press at (503)249-3835. *

cattle across the Columbia River to Wappato Island and established a dairy on the site of Nathan Wyeth's abandoned Fort Williams. He put Laurent Sauve in charge.

Sauve retired in 1844 and moved to French Prairie where he remained until his death. He was buried in the Saint Paul Catholic Church cemetery on Aug. 3, 1858.

John McLaughlin would send his men to go over to "Sauve's dairy" on Wappato Island for fresh dairy products thus "go to Sauve's Island," or incorrectly spelled Sauvies.

The "s" was dropped, (so I've been told) when a map maker and a group of business people asked the USBGN to drop the "s" as it was incorrectly spelled Sauvies.

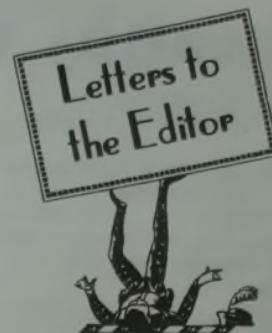
I would like to know what right they had changing our heritage without even contacting us, the people on the island.

Back through history it was spelled many ways but always with an "s". Early map makers, post offices, our address for many years also the Grange and church charters use the "s" on Sauvies.

Maybe we should end this feud by going back to Wappato Island but probably this would be another argument as to how to spell Wappato - Wappatoo or Wappoto or _____.

One more thing it's Willamette Slough not Multnomah Channel.

Mabel Howell Dudley



To the Editor:

In reply to the editorial by Reitzel Crawford. As a resident of Sauvie's Island for 78 years and a great granddaughter of Dr. Benjamin H. and Elizabeth (Mathews) Howell, pioneers of "1850," I sincerely hope our island name is NOT put to rest until the "s" is put where it belongs or until the name is spelled correctly SAUVE.

Laurent Sauve-de La Plante (1784-1858) from whom the island got its name, was a French Canadian who went to work for the Hudson's Bay Company in 1816 as a dairyman and cowherder. About 1834 Dr. John McLaughlin of Fort Vancouver swam a herd of

Water quality

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quantity, for groundwater recharge and for dissipating

Establishing, maintaining and protecting healthy streambank areas on agricultural land is the number one condition listed in the Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan and Rules.

Agricultural landowners, numbering in the hundreds in the three county area and Sauvie Island, are encouraged to develop individual site-specific management strategies for their properties, including riparian habitat plans where applicable.

To ask questions about the North Coast Basin Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan, or to obtain copies, contact Diana Morris at the Oregon Department of Agriculture, at (503) 986-4779, or Phaedra Bennett, Tillamook Coastal Watershed Resource Center, at (541) 377-4000. The plan and rules may be downloaded from the ODA website at <http://www.oda.state.or.us/oda.html>.

February public hearings on the plan and rules are scheduled in three counties. Tillamook County's public

hearing is scheduled for February 8, 7:00 p.m., Tillamook City Hall, 210 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, the Columbia County's hearing is scheduled for February 7, 7:00 p.m., Columbia Technology Center, 375 S. 18th Street, St. Helens, and Clatsop County's hearing is scheduled for February 9, 7:00 p.m., Astoria City Hall, 1095 Duane Street, Astoria.

Written and oral comments will be taken at the hearings. Written comments can be sent directly to ODA, Natural Resources Division, Diana Morris, 635 Capitol Street NE, Salem, 97301. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. February 15.

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Sauvie Island Crime Report

by Paula Gadotti

The past several months have been fairly quiet on the Island in terms of reported crime.

October 1999

- Camcorder stolen from a baby stroller at a local produce store.
- Two boat paddles, valued at \$300, stolen from the county dock.
- An Island resident was contacted by Western Union to verify a \$555 wire transfer using his credit card number. The potential victim does not know how anyone could have accessed this number.

Community Meeting Reports

Meeting Notices

- S.I. American Legion & Auxiliary
Monday, February 21
At St. Johns Baptist Church
- S.I. Drainage District
1st Monday of the month, 7pm
- S.I. Grange
Monday, February 14, 7:30
at the Grange
- S.I. Grange Women's Group
Wednesday, February 23
at the Grange
- S.I. Safety Action Team
Tuesday, February 8, 7pm
at the ODFW office
- S.I. Volunteer Fire Department Board Mtg
1st Monday of every month, 7:30pm
at the Fire Station
- S.I. School Parent Teacher Club
Tuesday, February 15, 6:30pm - Potluck at 6pm
at Sauvie Island Elementary School Cafeteria
- S.I. School Site Council
Tuesday, February 8, 3:30pm
at Sauvie Island Elementary School Library
- Scappoose Middle School Site Council
Wednesday, February 9, 3:25pm
At Scappoose Middle School, Rm A-1
- Scappoose School District Board Meeting
Monday, February 14, 7:30pm
at the District Office Board Room

EMS/Fire Calls: January 3-22

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|---------------|--|
| 01/03 11:44am | Medical call NW Oak Island Rd |
| 01/16 8:15pm | Medical call NW Gillihan Rd |
| 01/22 12:02pm | Natural gas pressure release - pop off, NW Sauvie Island Rd. Fire Department and the tall guy in the brown uniform blocked traffic until the gas company arrived. Thanks to Ena Beasley for the coffee during the long wait. |

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Report

by Paula Gadotti

January is a good time of year to update your inventory of personal property. New items should have an owner applied I.D. number. The method recommended involves etching your Oregon driver's license number onto your possessions such as, T.V. and stereo. Using an electric engraving pen, follow these easy directions to I.D. your possessions. Etch OR for Oregon, followed by your driver's license number, followed by DL, which identifies that number as your driver's license.

Example: OR555555DL

Electric engraving pens can be purchased at Fred Meyer, G.I. Joe's and hardware stores. Engraving pens may also be borrowed from any branch of the Multnomah County Library.

In other news, the Sheriff's Office is continuing to work on Emergency Response Plans for the Island. The Grange now has a generator to further support their efforts as a Red Cross shelter. Our next step is to develop a telephone tree system. It is especially important to identify those residents who are more

isolated or in poor health. In an emergency, responders can make contact with these folks first.

Finally, countywide, the number of reported mail thefts continues to decline. This decrease is due in large part to citizens' efforts at reducing their odds of becoming a victim. With tax (ugh!) time just around the corner, it will be especially important to collect your mail in a timely manner if you are expecting a refund check. *

S.I. American Legion & Auxiliary

by Melba Lewitz

The meeting opened with the Chaplain leading in prayer. President Melba Lewitz led in the Pledge to the American flag followed by the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary. The secretary and treasurers report was read and approved as written.

The Post also met in the lower level of the 1st Baptist Church in St. Johns and followed protocol for their meeting. The Auxiliary expressed our thankfulness to the Post for the Christmas dinner of good food and fellowship at Our Daily Bread in St. Johns, December 20. We also supplied four turkeys to the Sauvie Island School for Christmas Gift Baskets to be given out. There were two students who wrote an essay of 300 to 500 words on "Americanism...Personally Defined," and completed their student profile towards a trip April 13-16, 2000, to the

Americanism Youth Conference at Valley Forge, Pa. Their folders have been sent to National Headquarters and we trust that both Marisa Brown from Jesuit High and Michael Klobes from Scappoose High School will be attending this meeting.

The Auxiliary will be sending one high school Junior girl to Oregon Girls State at the University of Oregon in June. Three hundred eighty juniors from around the state will participate in this exceptional program to learn about all aspects of government from the local level to the national level, including lawmaking. Participant selection will be in March. To apply, interested girls need to meet with their school counselor and let them know they would like to be considered for this opportunity.

Rose Mary Cook from St. Johns has joined our Auxiliary.

Benny Guidarelli read a letter from Ann Barrie, Veterans Hospital Representative,

stating the need for more contributions toward families who need housing, food, and bus tickets as they travel to visit patients. Several of our members volunteer weekly at the Veterans Hospital and say many patients come only with a paper bag with all their earthly belongings, that is why there is a need for Posts and Auxiliaries to contribute toward real needs; especially when a spouse or family needs a place to stay or food while their loved one gets through recovery. There is much help given that the general public never hears about. The Post has designated \$500 to this cause.

A motion was made and passed to allow \$250 tuition for one of the students going to Valley Forge, Pa., and \$25 for each student or other items they will be taking with them. The second tuition is paid by the national office of the Legion. Five dollars was given for oranges for the Sauvie Island candy/nut sacks given out

at the Sauvie Island Church Christmas program.

Next meeting we shall bring any used greeting cards or personal items like tooth brushes or paste, shampoo, body powder, soaps, etc. If anyone that is reading this has helpful things like I mentioned, call Melba at 621-3415, or any Legion member and take it to them or we will pick it up. You might wish to take your name off the cards if obvious. Cards go to rest homes, and other cards and toiletries go to the Veterans Hospital. The cards are used for crafts projects.

The newspaper drop box by the Berry Basket Market serves a vital purpose. Because Islanders drop off their newspapers there as they go by, it gives the Legion an opportunity to collect paper and periodically recycle it. This is money well spent for Veterans needs, Beaver Boys State Program, the High School Oratorical Contest and to sponsor the Pier Park Little League. *

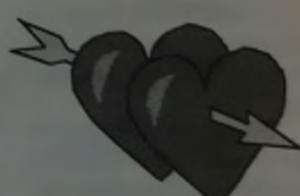
Fire Department News

by Bob Moar

By the time you read this, the bids should be open for the finish work needed on the interior of the Fire House. This has been a long, long process.

We want to thank John Stevens for the generous donation of kitchen cabinets and appliances. Also, a big thank you goes to the Cracker Barrel Grocery and Reeder Beach Resort for their great donations.

We have a lot of red metal for sale. Please contact Bob Moar at 621-3101 or 936-0132 if you are interested. *



Community News

The history of Bailey Nurseries

Bailey Nurseries has been an Island business for the last decade. It is one of the Island's largest employers with close to 100 year-round employees. It is also one of the largest nurseries in the United States. Its nursery stock is sold in 40 states and Canada. The Island holds approximately 700 acres of fertile soil that is used to grow deciduous shrubs and trees for Bailey.

The company nurseries specializes in hearty plants that can withstand the cold winter climates. The past few weeks, the nursery has been busy harvesting its bare root plants and shipping the majority of them to Minneapolis, Mn. for climate controlled storage until sold.

Bailey Nurseries originally sprouted in Minneapolis where the main office still is today.

There are three west coast operations which totals nearly 2000 acres. Besides the Island, Bailey Nurseries can be found in Yamhill County and Sunnyside, Wa. Their west coast business is strictly a production operation.

The following is a fascinating look at the roots of this Island business. The published/copyrighted history of how this family owned company got its start and grew into one of the largest nurseries in the U.S. It can also be viewed on the company website which offers a wide array of information about horticulture at <www.baileynursery.com>.

In The Beginning

John Vincent Bailey, Jr. was born on February 10, 1873 in Goodhue County, Minnesota to parents who braved the hazards of the early Minnesota Territory and made their life here. As a young boy, his family moved to Red Rock, Minnesota (later incorporated by the village of Newport) where he worked with his father on the family's small vegetable farm. As John Vincent grew, his father shared many things with him, among them his knowledge of farming and his dream that his son would one day own the land on top of the hill overlooking the Mississippi River Valley.

As his formal education progressed, John Vincent's love for farming led him to enroll at the State School of Agriculture on the St. Paul campus of the University of Min-

nesota. Here he worked his way through school by assisting in the Entomology Department until his graduation in 1896. Armed with a mind full of ideas, he then took the ten dollars that was his life savings and began farming in a contract partnership on 15 acres of rented land. Although that first season was unsuccessful, J.V. was not to be discouraged. He gambled again the following year and rented 20 acres of stony hillside where he put his ingenuity to work.

This "young fool", as his new landlord called him, put his knowledge of soils and crops to work and decided to raise muskmelons - melons that he intended to be the first of the season at the St. Paul City Market. As part of his plan, he visited several photographers and bought over 23,000 inexpensive 5"x7" negatives and then used hot lye to remove the old film until just glass remained. Next, he made 5"x7" wooden frames about 3" high and created miniature greenhouses to place over each hill of planted melon seeds. This, along with applications of nitrate of soda to compensate for the nitrogen deficiency in the stony ground, produced a \$3,000 melon crop that year.

On December 26, 1898, John Vincent Bailey, Jr. paid \$2,790.75 to the trustees of the Union Land Co. to purchase 80 acres of land. Nearly abandoned by its former owner, the land was covered with quack grass and wild oats but it was on the top of the hill that overlooked the entire valley. That land fulfilled the dream that John Vincent had long shared with his father. Over the next few years, J.V. continued to utilize his education and his inventive mind and adapted his crops and planting methods to the land. With his sales, he was able to add to his acreage and was soon ready to marry and establish a home on his hilltop.

John Vincent Bailey, Jr. and Elizabeth Anna Biery were married on March 25, 1902 in the Ladies Hall of the State School of Agriculture from which she had graduated the previous year. Soon after that, they set about building their beautiful new home overlooking the river valley, their young apple orchard and nearly two thousand currant

bushes. It is in this home that J.V. and Elizabeth raised their family and established J.V. Bailey Nurseries in 1905, advertising "We grow a complete line of fruits and ornamentals." It is also in this home that today you will find the offices of Bailey Nurseries and the fourth generation of the family to continue in J.V. Bailey's footsteps.

The Early Years

The early years of the nursery were not easy ones, but as his family grew so did J.V. Bailey's business. In those years, several hundred growers brought their produce to the St. Paul City Market so arriving early and getting the choicest spot was important. Each market day, J.V. rose at 3:00 A.M. and began the long trip to the market over eight miles away. With the wagon heavily loaded from the previous evening, the trip down Point Douglas Road (now

for his business acumen, J.V. was invited to become one of the founders of the new bank. This was just one of the many changes taking place as the market grew and competition among market gardeners intensified. J.V. anticipated these changes and reacted by diversifying beyond produce to raise purebred cattle and nursery products. By the time J.V. and Elizabeth's fifth child was born in 1911, the nursery was selling flowers, ornamental shrubs and evergreens and the Bailey reputation had begun to grow.

It was around this time that J.V. began distributing a small catalog through the local mail. Orders began to increase and he soon found it necessary to hire his first employees.

In June of 1911, an article appeared in The Country Gentleman, relating that J.V. Bailey had succeeded by beating not only the competition but also the handicaps of the elements. While this was certainly accurate, a quote from J.V. provided more insight to the secret of the nursery's success. "I think the chief reason I have made a paying business of farming," he said, "is that I have always been a farmer, not only actually, but in my heart. For a brief time while I was going through the State School of Agriculture, Dr. Luger almost persuaded me to become an entomologist. But the soil and its possibilities lured me to continue with farming. I like it. It's my life."

About a month later, Bailey innovation turned the St. Paul City Market on its ear when J.V. arrived one morning with his vegetables piled high... in an automobile! The use of the car, with a huge crate for produce attached, eliminated the early risings and time consuming treks to the market. In addition, it allowed J.V. to make several trips back and forth each day while the other vendors and their horse-drawn wagons could make only one. As an added bonus, he was able to pick up workers to harvest produce for the day and then return them to St. Paul after sunset. Market gardening in St. Paul would never be the same.

As the business continued to grow, J.V. became a prominent figure in the community and the growing nursery industry. In 1914, after serving

on the Newport Village Council, he became mayor at the age of 41. By 1926, he had organized and become the first president of the Minnesota Nurserymen's Association and a member of the American Association of Nurserymen. He was the first president of the Washington County Fair Association, president of the St. Paul Grower's Association and president of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society. During the 29 years that he would be affiliated with the Minnesota State Fair, he would serve as a judge, the superintendent of horticulture, an elected member of the State Fair Board and as the Fair's president.

Some years brought hard times for the family and the nursery along with the accolades. In 1930, the depression forced J.V. and Elizabeth to mortgage part of their holdings. Drought also hit hard, causing J.V. to begin an irrigation program to insure against future losses. During these difficult times, the family relied heavily on the sale of apples to make it through. Then as now, younger members of the Bailey family were instrumental to the survival of the business. Years later his words were still recalled, "If you get one dollar a bushel for apples, we'll make money." Eventually the crisis was behind them, and J.V. and Elizabeth were able to increase their acreage and expand the business even further. By 1933, the farm stretched over 300 acres and included a modern office and storage vaults equipped with forced ventilation for the hundreds of thousands of fruits and shrubs awaiting shipment in spring.

J.V. admitted that it had been his hope to have some of his children follow him in the business. "I did not urge any of them toward farming. It so happened that three were eager to join me. I tried to discourage them, until I was absolutely certain it was their chosen career." By the early 1940's, J.V. and Elizabeth had seen their business flourish and all five of their children graduate from college. Vincent, Gordon and Beth had joined their father at the nursery and a third generation, among them Gordon, Jr. and Rodney, were accompanying Grandpa J.V. to the St. Paul City Market.



J.V. Bailey Jr.

Highway 61) took nearly two and one-half hours - when the dirt roads were in good condition. By the time the six o'clock whistle blew to signal the opening of sales, the grocerymen and peddlers who had come to buy fresh fruits and vegetables quickly made their purchases. The trip back home was quicker and easier for J.V. and the horses, but the job of picking produce and reloading the wagon for the next day was always waiting before the working day would be complete.

As in most cities at this time, much of the banking was built around business or ethnic groups and St. Paul was no exception. The users of the market soon decided to form the Produce Exchange Bank, to be located conveniently across the street from the market itself. Already respected

Religious Commentary

Seeking acceptance of religion in public institutions

by Pastor Merwin Dick

I regret I do not know who wrote this article, but I see the point being made. I share this with you, island reader, to give you something to think about.

I grew up in rural America (Texas in the 50s and 60s). On any given day, you could walk through the high school parking lot and observe that half the vehicles parked there were pickup trucks with windows rolled down and doors unlocked. Most of them carried as standard equipment, an FFA sticker (Future Farmers of America) and a gun rack with at least one gun (shotgun or rifle), usually loaded.

You could make the same observation at any of the four high school campuses in our county. Amazingly, I do not ever recall reading or hearing about mass shootings at any of these high schools.

What has changed in America is not the accessibility of guns, but the character of man.

On the living room wall in my parents home is a plaque awarded to my father in recognition of service for 27 years on the local school board. He told me that for years, a standard requirement on every teacher's contract was membership in a local church.

I remember when girls who got pregnant in high school were

ashamed, when abortions were illegal, when there were no X-rated movies, when milk cartons didn't have missing kids faces on them, and I didn't know anyone personally who used drugs.

I remember when kids were taught respect for authority and accountability to God. I hear people say that the good old days weren't always so good but please don't tell me you think these days are better.

Last night I attended a high school football game that was covered by local and national news. The news coverage was not about the football teams and the game, but about the defiance of a court order by one brave little town to preserve the right for its team to pray before a football game.

The more this country struggles to free itself from religion, the more we become entangled in the consequences. If people are taught that they came from slime, the obvious questions and consequences must follow; "what is the purpose of my existence (hopelessness), who made you the boss of me (lawlessness), why are your rules good and mine bad (relativism), what does it matter how I live if I came from slime and return to slime (immorality and inhumanity)?"

I realize that in any given poll, the vast majority of Americans claim to believe in God. (I

claim to believe that running is good for me but that does not make me a runner. Putting on my running shoes and running makes me a runner!) America's high abortion rate, murder rate, divorce rate, alcoholism and drug abuse rate, child and spousal abuse rate

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contradict this claim of belief in God.

Actions speak louder than words. It is an observable truth that the best driving time you will ever make on any American city highway is on Sunday morning because there are no traffic jams getting to church.

For those who believe that the separation of church and state is not enough, that the world is better off with no church at all, ask yourself this question. How

many hospitals, universities, orphanages, homeless and abuse shelters have been founded by the ACLU or the American Atheist Society?

It is the inclusion of the word Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian, etc., in the name of so many of these institutions that proves by actions, not just words, who really cares for the suffering of mankind and desires to make the world better.

The question that people should be asking is not "Why does God allow tragedies? But, "When will we realize that no nation, in the history of the world, has ever separated itself from God and evolved to be a better society?"

(author unknown)

*I did not write this poem either,
but please consider carefully
what it says.*

Mary had a little lamb, His fleece was white as snow.

And everywhere that Mary went,
The Lamb was sure to go.

He followed her to school each day, T'wasn't even in the rule.

It made the children laugh and play, To have a Lamb at school.

And then the rules all changed
one day, Illegal it became.

To bring the Lamb of God to school, Or even speak His Name.

Every day got worse and worse, And days turned into years.

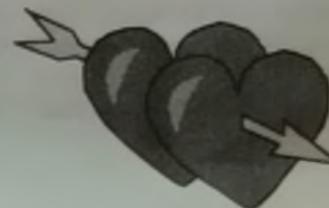
Instead of hearing children laugh, We heard gun shots and tears.

What must we do to stop the crime, That's in our schools today?

Let's let the Lamb come back to school, And teach our kids to pray!

John 1:29 "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world".

February 14th is Valentine's Day. Tell your Sweetheart you love her. God bless. †



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Community News

Hunters bag fewer birds

by Gary Salem

The waterfowl season ended January 23. Our results this year on Sauvie Island Wildlife Area were not as successful as last year. The warm weather here and to the North may have contributed to our lack of success this year.

We do know that the aerial count taken January 19, 2000 shows a reduction in ducks from December 28, 1999. Total ducks counted in the general area went from 186,873 to 70,344. Total birds went from 244,754 to 118,690.

It seems even the raptors have left town. In January of 1999, we counted 71 raptors. This January we had a total of 32 raptors.

Whatever the reason, our success rate per hunter fell from 1.9 birds per hunter last season to 1.4 for the current season. The lack of success

probably contributed to the decline in the number of hunters taking advantage of the area. We had 1,107 fewer hunters taking 6,849 fewer birds.

Now that the waterfowl season is over, most of the area is closed to all access until April 16, 2000. The only places open to the public are Coon Point Viewing Area, the Eastside Viewing Platform, the Columbia River Beaches, and the beach trail out to Warrior

Rock. These closures are essential in order to provide feeding areas for migrating waterfowl, away from the agricultural lands that can be damaged by large numbers of grazing birds.

We will be busy for the next few months repairing equipment, mowing standing feed crops, and preparing for the coming farming season.



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Since 1976, the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) has been collecting rain fall data from its gauge located at Sauvie Island Elementary School. Data is transmitted hourly to the City's water quality lab located near the west end of the St. Johns Bridge.

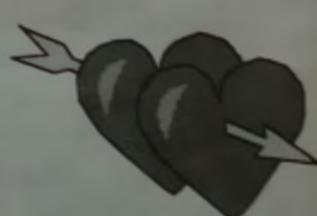
The United States Geological Service (USGS) downloads the information from BES nightly. Then the data is put on a web page that shows the hourly results and three day totals. So if you are curious about how much rain has soaked your crops or gushed through your gutters, here is the web page address. <<http://oregon.usgs.gov/non-usgs/bes/sauvies-island.3day.html>>

The windstorm that blew through last month was strong enough to pull a boathouse owned by Rocky Point Farm away from its private dock along Multnomah Channel.

The Scappoose Fire Department responded with their fire boat and secured the boathouse along the shore near the county line. Several days later, a small tug eased the boathouse one-half mile upriver back to its dock.

The little red boathouse, once owned by the late Judge Alfred Sulmonette, is a fixture on the river and is known by river folk as "The Judge's Place."

School sign needs make-over



Are you handy with a sander and a paint brush? Are you looking for a project that will enrich your community? Look no further. The Sauvie Island Elementary School sign is in desperate need of refinishing. If you have the tools and time contact Sam Olson at 621-3426.



Community News

Islander serves on Audubon board

Reprinted from the Audubon Warbler Nov. 1999

Jane Hartline has worn many hats during her 20 years in Oregon. In addition to being a board member for Audubon Society of Portland, she has served on the boards of the Nature Conservancy of Oregon, Friends of the Library, and West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. And she does this while working full-time as manager of marketing for the Oregon Zoo. We are lucky to have her on our board where she has served for the past nine years. She is currently the Development Committee's chair.

Jane began her involvement with Audubon Society

of Portland about 10 years ago, because she wanted to do things that inspire people to love and protect nature. She feels that finding consistent sources of funding to finance all the important things Audubon Society of Portland needs to do is the organization's greatest challenge today. Competition for those dollars with other equally important causes and organizations is the main obstacle to finding such funding, she believes.

Jane was raised in Missouri and received her Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Missouri in 1972. She went on

to achieve her master's degree in public administration

from Portland State University. She has a grown daughter, Rebecca, and currently lives on Sauvie Island.

Sheep farming, backpacking, cross-country skiing, gardening, and foster parenting take up much of Jane's free time. And we have it on good authority that she makes lovely May "wine" (white grape juice flavored with garden fresh woodruff leaves) for the Bird-a-thoners who visit her that first Saturday or Sunday in May. Jane is another board member who is hard-pressed to identify a favorite bird or animal because in her words she "loves them all!"

-Sue Quarterman

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4-H girls (from front to back) Kellie Olson, Dawn Averett, Emily Green, and group leader Judy Phelps, (right) work on craft projects headed for the auction block at this year's Community Auction.

Let the Adventure begin!

Donations sought for community auction

The Skyline/Sauvie Island Community Auction is seeking donations for this annual springtime extravaganza.

This year the auction will be held at Sauvie Island Elementary School on March 4, at 5:30 p.m. The proceeds are divided among several com-

munity youth groups and school parent teacher clubs.

Last years auction brought in \$5000 for the Sauvie Island Parent Teacher Club (PTC). This is the PTC's largest fundraiser of the year. The money raised supports several worthy educational programs at the school, such as, Artist-in-Resident, and Adventures in Reading.

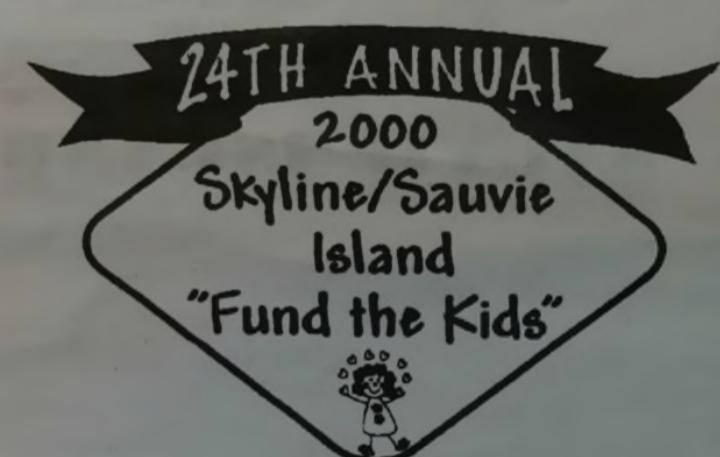
The success of the community auction lies with community donations of goods and services. In the past, individuals, families, and businesses have donated an amazing array of items including: nursery stock, farm animals, boat rides, fishing trips, weekend getaways, and works of art to name a few.

If you have an item to donate for this years auction, you can pick up a donation form at Sauvie Island School, or call Sherri Olson at 621-3093.

SMS to sell magazine subscriptions

The annual Scappoose Middle School magazine sale begins Thursday, February 17. This event is one of the big money-makers for the school

The money earned is used for assemblies, dances, field trips, and other student supplies not included in the district budget.



Community Auction

Saturday, March 4, 2000
at Sauvie Island School
Preview at 5:30pm
Auction starts at 6:00pm

This year's Adventures in Reading program is once again sponsored by the Sauvie Island Parent Teacher Club (PTC); thanks to their generous donation \$500. Co-chairs for the event are Judy Phelps and Sam Olson. Last year, the school received nearly 100 percent participating from students. This year, when students reach their reading goal, they will be rewarded with incentives like pencils and erasers, and a chance to win a really cool T-shirt. At the end of the month, students who have read every night for the entire month, will get to participate in a field trip to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.

Happy Valentine's Day

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Superintendent's Report

by Ed Danielson

Now that we are one month into the new millennium, we find ourselves almost half way through the school year. Currently, we are preparing the budget for the 2000-2001 school year. Of course, this is always a challenge, but it appears at this point, that we will be able to at least maintain all present programs. The first Budget Committee Meeting will be on Monday, April 17, 2000, at 7:00pm in process between now and April, please call me at the District Office.

As you may or may not be aware, for the first time, all school districts in Oregon will receive report cards from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) on February 1,

2000. Providing information to ODE has been both time consuming and frustrating. Our philosophy these past few years has been to make educational choices which best meet the needs of our students, which may not necessarily be in line with ODE mandates.

However, whatever these reports indicate, we will be mail the results to all our patrons as soon as possible. We should also be prepared to share information with our Board of Directors at the February 14th meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these reports once you receive them, please call the District Office or any of the building principals.

The last issue deals with school safety. Quite simply,

each of our school buildings are well prepared for any emergency event which may occur. Each school principal and their staff members have several types of responses planned in the event of an emergency. This is also true from the district level. We have worked closely with our police and fire agencies to provide a specific plan of action, depending on the particular emergency. There is also an emergency response team prepared to help if the need arises. Of course, we hope there will not be a need for such action, but if required, we feel, as a district, that we will be ready to respond to provide for the safety of our students.



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ADmart Food Stores offer a community rebate program to help fund local organizations. The program gives monthly rebates of one percent of the total cash receipts it receives earmarked for participating groups.

The Sauvie Island Parent Teacher Club (PTC) recently signed up to participate in this program at the St. Johns store.

Shoppers wishing to tar-

get a rebate to the PTC need to follow these easy steps.

- 1) Shop at ADmart.
- 2) Have cashier initial your receipt.
- 3) Place receipt in the PTC Mailbox located at the front of the store.
- 4) Smile because you have helped your community.

If you have any questions on how the program works, or would like to sign your organization up to participate, stop by the ADmart in St. Johns. It is conveniently located near the post office on North Ivanhoe.

SMS Calendar - February 2000						
30	31 B Day	1 A Day GBX @ OHIP vs Vernonia Wrestling @ SMS	2 B Day	3 A Day Drama Class play @ 9:50 AM GBX @ Clatskanie Wrestling @ Astoria	4 No School End of the semester planning day	5
6	7 A Day Volleyball 9:30 AM	8 B Day	9 A Day	10 B Day Carnival @ 1pm @ OHIP Wrestling @ Rainier	11 A Day Carnival @ 1pm Dance 3:30-5:30	12 Washington Sale (Washington DC trip)
13	14 B Day School Board Mtg 7:30 PM	15 A Day GBX @ Tillamook Wrestling @ Astoria	16 B Day	17 A Day Magazine Sale Kickoff Skate Trip to Keho Skate World/ 5-9PM	18 No School CIM inservice	19
20	21 No School President's Day	22 B Day GBX vs Clats @ OHIP Wrestling @ SMS	23 A Day	24 B Day GBX @ Vernonia Wrestling @ St. Helena	25 A Day	26
27	28 B Day	29 A Day Wrestling @ Astoria	MARCH 1 B Day	2 A Day	3 B Day	4 District Wrestling @ Banks



Sauvie Island logo shirts, sweatshirts, totes, hats, and mugs are now available for purchase at Sauvie Island School.

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Adventures in Reading

One of the most important things we learn in life is that reading is a key. It is not only a key that opens the door to the future, but it also allows us to unlock the past. Adventures in Reading inspires students to read! read!! read!!! Adventures in Reading is a little different this year. It will be broken down into four week-long sections.

We are asking that each child read or be read to every night for at least 15 minutes. Each night your child reads, they will log the time onto a reading sheet. When seven nights have been filled in, send the reading sheet back to school and your child will get a small prize. They will then bring home a new reading sheet to begin.

At the end of the four weeks, all students that have turned in four completed log sheets, will be entitled to a trip to the Robotics Exhibit at OMSI in March. We hope to have the entire school go along.

Your child's reading list can include anything that excites or interests them. It also includes time that you send reading to them. Fifteen minutes may not seem like a very great amount of time, but it can be more than enough to get a child interested and inspired.

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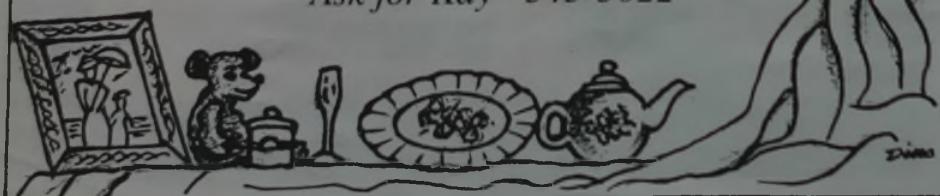


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Are cell phone users a road hazard?

by Sheryl A. Teuscher

Years ago, a secret agent was about the only person you expected to have a phone in their car. These days, thanks to lower rates and easy accessibility, cellular phones are more popular than ever...emergency situation, and a real convenience for business people and busy families. However, a person trying to dial a phone or trying to cradle one in their neck while trying to concentrate on their driving can be potentially dangerous.

Many studies have been conducted to connect cellular phone use with an increase in automobile accidents, most notably a study by the New England Journal of Medicine which found that using a cellular phone was associated with four times increased risk in having an accident.* These types of studies have caused some states to start introducing laws that regulate cellular phone use while operating a motor vehicle.

To help make sure you're being safe while operating your cellular phone in the car, the National Safety Council offers a list of things to remember when you're on the road.

•When purchasing a car phone, consider the type of phone and its ease of operation. The Council strongly suggests a cellular phone with a hands-free speakerphone option, with the microphone in-

stalled in the sun visor directly above the driver's line of vision.

•A handset should be placed for the driver's maximum comfort and convenience by being easily accessible and allowing the driver to sit and drive normally. Every user should also insist on a dealer demonstration of phone use before and during a test drive.

•The safest method of calling is to dial phone numbers when stopped. Furthermore, frequently called numbers can be stored in the phone's memory to minimize dialing while driving.

•A motorist on the phone should drive in the slow traffic lane in case he or she decides to pull over to complete the call. The ability to pull over into a safe stopping place is especially important if notes have to be taken. Never take notes while driving. Instead use the voice mail feature on the cellular phone.

•The Council emphasizes that **DRIVING SAFELY MUST TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER PHONING**. When on the road, you should concentrate on safe and defensive driving, not on making phone calls.**

*New England Journal of Medicine, February 12, 1997

**National Safety Council <<http://www.ncb.org>>.

Astoria museum launches new programs

The Columbia River Maritime Museum is launching a new children's program, Scuttlebutt Saturdays, and is hosting an artist reception for photographer Alex Orth.

Scuttlebutt Saturdays will be held the first Saturday morning of the month and will include activities and crafts.

The first program will be Saturday, February 5, 2000, from 9:30 until noon. It will feature scrimshaw, the traditional art of whalers. Participants will have the opportunity to create their own scrimshaw piece.

Scuttlebutt Saturdays are free to Museum members or with paid admission to the Museum. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Come and join the fun!

This Saturday program is associated with the Museum's Membership 2000 series that

includes monthly events for adult members too. The public is always invited to join in the programs. Additionally, the Membership 2000 series complements the Winter-Spring Enrichment programs currently being presented.

The artist reception for Alex Orth will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2000, from 2-4pm. Mr. Orth's 40 scenic photographs are presently on exhibit in the museum's Kern Room.

The exhibit will be extended through the month of March. Mr. Orth's work captures the grace and beauty of the Oregon Coast. His photographs have been featured nationwide. For more information about these programs, contact the Museum Monday through Friday 8:30am until 5:00pm. ☀

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"and the beat goes on..."

by Kathleen McGinty



A couple was vacationing on the Island. The husband liked to fish at the crack of dawn. The wife preferred to read. One morning, the husband returned after several hours of fishing and decided to take a short nap. The wife decided to take the boat out. She was not familiar with the lake so she rowed out, anchored the boat, and started reading her book.

Along came the tall officer in the brown uniform in his boat. He pulled up alongside and said,
"Good morning Ma'am, What are you doing?"
"Reading my book," she replied as she thought to herself,
"Is this guy blind or what?"
"Your in a restricted fishing area," he informed her.
"But Officer, I'm not fishing. Can't you see that?"

"But you have all this equipment Ma'am. I'll have to take you in and write you up."
If you do that I will charge you with rape," snapped the irate woman.
"I didn't even touch you," said the astonished tall officer in the brown uniform.
"Yes, that's true...but you have all the equipment."

The moral of this story: Never argue with a woman who knows how to read, suggests the tall officer in the brown uniform. Told by Columbia County Sheriff Larry Weaver.



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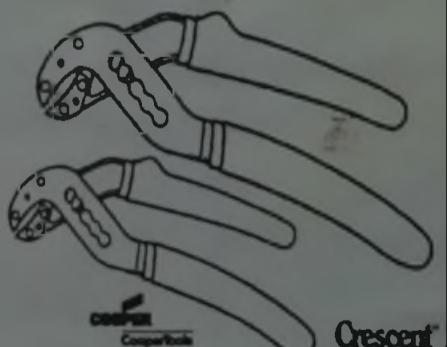
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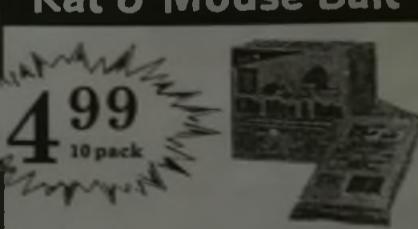
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