

OUR TOWN

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B R E A K I N G G R O U N D !



The weather cooperated on Friday, Sept 12 for our ground breaking ceremony of our Wastewater Project. Guests included local elected officials, representatives of our federal delegation, industry guests and community members. Since our federal delegates were in session, they sent their representatives. After some brief remarks, we gathered to officially break ground, followed by light refreshments. Shown left to right in the above photo are: Commissioner Faye Stewart, Councilor John Fox, Aide to Rep. Peter DeFazio Karmen Fore, Aide to Sen. Ron Wyden Juine Chada, Aide to Sen. Gordon Smith Terry Moffatt, Mayor Judy Volta, Councilor Bill Judd, Council Jerry Behney; USDA Regional Director Rosanne Volker-Bronson, Council Mike Watson and EPA Regional Advisor Audrey El-dridge.

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W A S T H A T A P U R P L E P I P E I S A W ?

**By Craig Gibons
Wastewater Project Manager**

Yes, those were racks of *purple* pipe you saw piled along Industrial Way in October. Fresh from the factory, they were waiting to be buried in a trench in Industrial Way.

Sewer system construction started in September. Harold Primrose Excavation dug two trenches the length of Industrial Way. One was for the sewer pipe and the other was for the recycled water pipe. The sewer pipe will carry wastewater north to the treatment plant. At

the treatment plant it will be treated to a level "A" quality standard-the highest possible rating for treated wastewater. The state labels this "recycled water" and has approved it for irrigation use. That purple pipe you saw will carry

Purple Pipe cont. on pg 5

C O N N E C T I O N S I S C O O K I N G

By Judy Volta
Connections Coordinator

We have some great Connections opportunities coming up in the near future. These classes and events are offered to folks in our community (and outside!) with a variety for all ages and interests.

We had a good turnout at our recent Stir It Up! Cooking class with Kitty Bilyeu at the Grange. Our elementary students enjoyed their Make It Take It! Class on car modeling Chris Surbaugh. Our Homework Plus! class is full, and we have lots of students enjoying learning piano, guitar and drums.

Wed., Nov. 5th at 6:30, Peter Wiergena of ING Investments will be teaching a class on Investor Survival. This class is free to the public and will be held at the Coburg School Library. Call to pre-register.

Wed., Nov. 26th is Grandparents & Special Friends Day at Coburg School. Long a tradition, students invite family members & friends to join them for a delicious Turkey lunch followed by a program in the Gym. Our Razzle Dazzle Kids led by Cina Kraft and our Jump In (jump roping) class taught by Racheal Bryant will be performing. Our Coburg students led by Linda Gurney, will also be singing for us.

Lunch tickets need to be purchased in advance, and volunteers are needed to help serve lunch, decorate and assist students.

Thursday Dec. 4th at 6 pm, Sandy Estep of Creative Memories is giving a Holiday and Gift Tag Class. Bring a few of your favorite photographs and a \$5 donation and go home with some unique Holiday crafts. Call Sandy at 687-9641 for more information.

Then, Sat., Dec. 6th don't miss our annual Breakfast with Santa. As part of our Christmas in Coburg celebration, this has become a wonderful community tradition. The fun starts at 9:30 with a yummy breakfast,

followed by entertainment from some Reindeer Gymnasts, Christmas music, door prizes and last but not least a visit from Santa himself & his lovely Assistant Elf. Pre-paid registration required, so call Judy today at 334-4705.

Another Holiday class coming soon is Make A Mini-Teddy Bear taught by Jeannine Lavers. This easy but fun craft class will be Sat. Dec 13 at 9:30 in the Coburg School Library. Great for mom/kid or friends activity!

If you would like to teach (or attend!) a specific class, please call me at 334-4705. Connections is all about Learning from Each Other.

A D R E A M H A S B E C O M E A R E A L I T Y

By Kathy Emerson
Food Pantry Coordinator

These are challenging times for all of us, and especially those with limited resources. Over the past year, food prices have increased 7.5% while gas prices have jumped 30%. Statewide, more families are relying on food stamps and cash assistance to help pay bills and put food on the table. Similar economic challenges are making it difficult for Food for Lane County to continue to collect and distribute enough food to keep up to the demand, therefore having a trickle-down effect here at our local Coburg Food Pantry. This means we need your support now more than ever.

I would like to share with you our report from our last fiscal year, 07-

08. *Community members served:*

- *262 people in 84 households.*
- *Adults: 159 Children: 103 Average number of times a family accessed the pantry: 5.6*
- *Average number of households served each year: 39*
- *Total number of food boxes distributed July 07 - June 08: 468*
- *Pounds of food distributed for FFCLC: 26,666 Pounds from local community sources: 1828*
- *Money donated to pantry for food purchase: \$680*

• *Number of volunteer hours: 402*

As we begin this holiday season, we also begin our annual food drives. Watch your water bills for information on these postal drives in December. We will be coordinating these with our annual Christmas festival to "Fill the Bus" with food. If you would be interested in helping with these and other food drives, please call me at 434-6404.

The dream I had two years ago has become a very exciting and successful adventure. Our food pantry has been so greatly supported by so many, ensuring that no one in Coburg goes hungry. Thank you for all of your efforts.

“Christmas in Coburg”

Saturday, December 6, 2008



Breakfast with Santa

*9:30 am at the Coburg Elementary Gym. Buffet breakfast, music
Entertainment plus a picture with Santa. Pre-Paid registration required.
For more information contact, Judy Volta @ 334-4705*

Coburg Community Grange Annual “Fill The Bus” Food & Toy Drive.

From 11 am to 2:30 pm we will be going door to door to collect any non-perishable food items or toys that can be included to fill our Christmas food boxes that we distribute to designated families of Coburg.

Sunday, December 7, 2008

Community Carol Sing

*Coburg United Methodist Church 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Plus Hot Chocolate During Parade*

Coburg Parade of Lights

7:00 pm Parade with staging @ 6:30 (on Bottom Loop Rd) this wonderful display of lighted vehicles will proceed from Bottom Loop Rd to Van Duyn to Willamette to Delaney.

Lighting of the Park & LIVE REINDEER Display

*Live Reindeer display at the pavilion park from 5 to 9:00 pm with
Santa being available after the parade to chat with the kids.*



Coburg Community Grange

Free Chili Feed & Bon Fire

*7:30 pm (or right after parade) come and join us to warm yourself inside & out!
Free chili inside the grange building (32663 E Mill) and a blazing bon fire outside.*

**Please Join Us for All the Festivities and
Merry Christmas to All!**

LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE

By Deb McGeorge
Food for Lane County

The largest food drive of the year for FOOD for Lane County, the local food bank, happens the first two weekends in December. It is the Letter Carriers Food Drive, also known as "Cans for Carriers Who Care". The Coburg Pantry, on Pearl Street, is the FOOD for Lane County (FFLC) food distribution pantry for the town of Coburg.

For many years, Letter Carriers have delivered a postcard, letting Lane County residents know the dates of the drive. In more recent years, they have also included a plastic grocery bag along with the post card or flyer, asking residents to fill the bag and hang it out for their postal carrier. . Providing a bag has proven a huge boost for the food drive in the past—it has acted as a receptacle and a reminder to FILL THE BAG and LEAVE IT FOR YOUR CARRIER. This drive brought in over 167,000 pounds of non-perishable foods to the food bank last December and was distributed to emergency food pantries all over the county. Food collected in the rural areas of the county—Oakridge, Creswell, Dexter, Cottage Grove and Junction City, for example, stays in those communities. This year that will be the case here in Coburg as well.

FOOD for Lane County is attempting to do something new this year by **not** providing the public with any plastic bags for the postal drive, and instead is asking the public to use one of their own plastic bags. Plastic bags are a growing problem and concern here in the US. Made of petroleum, they are expensive, toxic, clog up the garbage sorting equipment and fill our landfills with something that does not compost back into the soil for many, many years. New York and San Francisco have banned plastic grocery bags, and Portland is actually considering a tax on plastic bags, encouraging patrons to reuse bags, or purchase reusable bags.

If just ¼ of U.S. households used 10 fewer plastic bags per month, 2.5 billion fewer bags would go to landfills each year.

FFLC would like to take a proactive stance on this problem, and do our part to help the environment (It will also be easier on the postal workers by not having to take the extra step of dropping off a plastic bag). We are asking the public to **USE THEIR OWN BAGS** and put food out for their postal carrier on the first two Saturdays in December.

A beautiful, tri-colored flyer will be mailed to everyone in Lane County this year, including all of our neighborhoods here in Coburg. There

will be a big media push around this, as we ask the public to do a little more than just give food. We are now asking them to participate and use their own bag.

There will be Public Service Announcements on KVAL TV and messages and reminders on local radio stations, a banner over Oak Street in downtown Eugene, on reader boards on major streets (including the Coburg reader board) and yard signs. I will also be on as many talk shows in November and December as I can to get the word out that we want people to participate this year and to help save our environment by using their own bags.

In the town of Coburg, I will be asking the postal employee at our post office to please place flyers in the PO boxes. Patrons of the PO Boxes can drop their food in the barrel at the Dari-Mart throughout the two weeks of the drive. For those that do not have PO Boxes, I will be asking the city carrier and rural carrier to please arrange to drop their food at the fire station, or the pantry itself.

In this newsletter, Kathy Emerson of the Coburg Pantry will share with you some pretty sobering information. We have the chance to help make a difference in our community, and to support

a drive that the Letter Carriers have done successfully for over 20 years. I have been a resident of Coburg for over 2 years now, and would really like to see our Coburg Pantry have the additional food resources it needs to continue its successful work in the community. The overflow of food will be temporarily stored at the Coburg Fire Station.

Please support this drive on the first two Saturdays in December, or contribute food to your fire department when they come around for the Coburg Christmas drive the first weekend in December. Its 3 ways to have an opportunity, or multiple opportunities, to participate in alleviating hunger in Coburg!



CITY HAPPENINGS



COBURG'S LOCAL OPTION LEVY VOTE DELAYED

At its August 12th, 2008 meeting, the Coburg City Council authorized the submission of a three-year property tax levy of \$1.23 per one thousand dollars of assessed value to be voted upon by the citizens of Coburg in the November 2008 General Election. The monies generated by the levy will be dedicated to support public safety, planning and other General Fund services. Because of an administrative delay, the levy will not appear on the November ballot, but could be voted on in either March or May of 2009.

THE FARMER IN ME

By Judy Volta
Mayor

I think most of you know by now that I grew up on a wheat farm in Montana. Some of you have gotten a little weary of my corny "Dad's sayings". Well, bear with me a little longer if you would:

I remember when it was getting close to harvest, Dad would scan the horizon for any sign of rain (not good) or pestilence (worse) or hail (the worst). I remember one sunny August day when a bumper crop of wheat was decimated in minutes by hail almost the size of golf balls. Remarkably, Dad patiently continued farming. Since 1972, my brother Dan and his family, has continued to operate

the family farm, through good times and bad. This year he had a one of his best harvests.

As a country we are in extremely challenging times. As a city, we mirror much of that uncertainty. Like you, I daily scan our horizons as the news seems to change by the minute. I am certain that between now (Oct. 11) and when this newsletter reaches you, there will be still more developments. Some good, some not so good.

So...in times of uncertainty, what does a good farmer (or mayor) do? He (or she) patiently plants, plows, waters, works hard, watches, and prays. We make tough, well

thought out decisions, from staffing to financing to vital projects. This is not just for us today, but also for our children and their children. The harvest is worth it.

We are blessed to have a dedicated City Council and a hard-working city staff that continues to toil on, with the goal of keeping Coburg a safe, beautiful place to live. None of us are perfect, that is for sure; but that shouldn't mean that we don't do our best.

So, here is one more saying (sorry!) that continues to keep me encouraged.... "Don't be weary in well-doing, for if you don't faint, you WILL reap a good harvest".

PURPLE PIPE CONT.

the recycled water back into town to be used for irrigation.

Initially, the recycled water will be used to irrigate parks and school grounds. Then, as new residential and commercial areas are devel-

oped, the builders will have to incorporate recycled water - purple pipe - into their landscaping (at their expense). We also plan to bring purple pipe into existing Coburg neighborhoods, but funding for that project has yet to be determined.

This recycled water will play a key role in the City's efforts to conserve water. As you know, water consumption soars in the summer as we water our lawns. Purple pipe water will reduce that demand.

LEARNING AND PRODUCTIVITY

**Rose Turtura,
Coburg Elementary Secretary**

School is off to a great start! Our back-to-school ice cream social/open house and the annual Harvest Festival were both well attended and enjoyable family events... We've completed our District Math and Reading Assessments and teachers are in their second year of Treasures Language Arts curriculum. The district is working on adopting a new and updated math curriculum this year. We've hired a Technology Specialist, Kalen Maahs, who is working 2 days a week to update our technology, establish a building wide server and webpage revisions. Progress continues on our building wide behavior plan, Positive Behavior System (PBS). Students earn a special lunch with principal if they exhibit the positive behavior that was taught during the month. We worked on Respect in September and we'd like to congratulate the following students for earning a pizza

luncheon with Mrs. Butler: Rylee Valentine, Jackson Lewis, Cade Higgins, Glenda Merino-Silvestre, Hailey Harrison, Mikaela Worden, Nathaniel Richards, Isaiah Stadler, Claire Lehnert, Hailey Knapp, Levi Gray and Chris Alben.

Thanks to everyone who purchased items for the gift wrap sale and the poinsettia and wreath fundraisers. We appreciate the generosity of our community members and all those who have donated time and resources to our school. A special thanks to the Coburg United Methodist Church for the congregations wonderful donation of backpacks full of supplies plus shoes and socks for Coburg's needy students. The supplies helped get Coburg students off to a good start of the school year. We also had donations by several community members of both supplies and money for supplies. Our school is very fortunate to be in such a giving community. We would also like to thank John Sundquist for sharing

his apples and Jim Broughton, Chris Stoneberg, and Wenda Miller for picking, packing and delivering 7 boxes of apples to our classrooms for snack time. They were a delicious and nutritious treat! An easy way to help our school is to just drop your newspapers off in the bins behind school. We receive the proceeds from the Eugene Mission. Thanks for all your support, the students and staff greatly appreciates your efforts on our behalf.

The holidays are quickly approaching and we'd like to wish everyone a very joyful holiday season and hope you're planning relaxing times with family and friends. As the days get shorter, darker and foggier, please watch carefully for children walking and riding bikes or skate boards in your neighborhood.

November/December Important Dates:

Veterans Day (Holiday; no school), November 11th, (Tu).

Grandparents and Special Friends Day, November 26th, (W).

Thanksgiving (Holiday/Vacation; no school), November 27th, 28th, (Th, F).

Planning Day (Early Release), December 12th, F.

Winter Vacation (No school), December 22th—January 2nd, (M-F)

Professional Development/Planning (No School), January 5th, (M).

Classes Resume, January 6th, (Tu).

FLOOD PLAIN BOUNDARY ADJUSTED IN WEST COBURG

**By Petra Schuetz
Planning Director**

On October 6th the City received some long-awaited good news. FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has approved the City's application for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the western most part of Coburg along the Canterbury Slough. The majority of proper-

ties previously within the floodplain have been removed from that designation within the City limits. This positively affects many property owners along the following streets: Abby St.; Austin St.; Bruce Wy.; W McKenzie St.; Christian Wy.; and Vintage Wy. In October, announcements were sent to affected property owners who

will now be able to adjust – if not eliminate – the required floodplain insurance associated with building in these areas. Further, many of the building design standards for floodplains will be lifted for future construction. Please feel free to contact Don Schuessler at 682-7871 or Petra Schuetz at 682-7858 with questions or comments.

SECOND ANNUAL CHINESE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**By Michelle Sunia
Local Exchange Program
Coordinator**

If you are interested in being a host family to a Chinese Exchange student with Nacel/Open Door Exchange program, Coburg Community School will be participating again this year!! Students are 10 to 14 years old and will be here for 2 weeks the end of January/early February. Host families are the heart

of the exchange program. They welcome a student as a member of their family; sharing their home, lifestyle and daily activities. Chinese Students will be 10 - 14 years old and at school or on arranged field trips from 8:30 am to 3 pm daily. They are eager to improve their English speaking skills, gain a better understanding of American culture and experience everyday life with their host

families. There will be fun group activities planned for all host families and students bring their own spending money. Students will be placed with their host families mid to late November. Host family applications need to be completed prior to student placement. If you are interested please contact Michelle Sunia at 344-0117 or email at suniamichelle@msn.com.

RETHINK YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MONEY

**Pastor Gary Powell
Coburg United Methodist Church**

When it comes to economy, I think we all agree that it has been one wild ride. One day the market is up and the next day it is down. Even as I write these words, it is uncertain whether the world is in the midst of a global financial meltdown, or simply a series of crises. Whatever "label" we give to the economic news, one thing is certain - a lot of people are struggling financially. Maybe your job is uncertain right now, or maybe you are worried about retirement funds, medical bills, or just putting food on the table. Or maybe you are doing relatively O.K. but you know others who could use a helping hand. This is a time to pull together as a community, and as a nation. We *will* get through this, but *how* we get through this depends, in part, on our patience, our courage, and our caring for each other.

The other lesson in all of this is echoed by every major religious

tradition - and that is the reminder that there is more to life than material wealth. Have we placed too much emphasis on money in our culture? You bet we have. Have we allowed the gap between the "haves" and "have nots" to grow to an obscene level. Again, many would say, "yes."

Soon the holidays will be here, and with them the pressure to spend excessive amounts of money on gifts for friends and family. How about standing back for a moment and asking, what can I give this year that may cost little or nothing? What can I make, or give of myself to show others that they are an important part of my life? The answer may surprise you as you discover that "true wealth" is measured in many different ways.

Join with your neighbors on December 7th at 5:30 p.m. for our fifth Annual Holiday Sing-A-Long at the church. Then head out front on the lawn for free hot chocolate and a curb side seat at the parade of lights!



"No one can serve two masters . . . You cannot serve God and wealth." Matthew 6:24



**The VFW's, OddFellow's, and Rebekah's
of Coburg**

invite you to a

FALL HARVEST

ALL YOU CAN EAT DINNER

Home Made Stew, Fresh Corn Bread, Salad, Cakes, Cobblers, Beverages

Saturday, November 1st

5:00 – 7:00 pm

The IOOF Hall

91119 Willamette Street

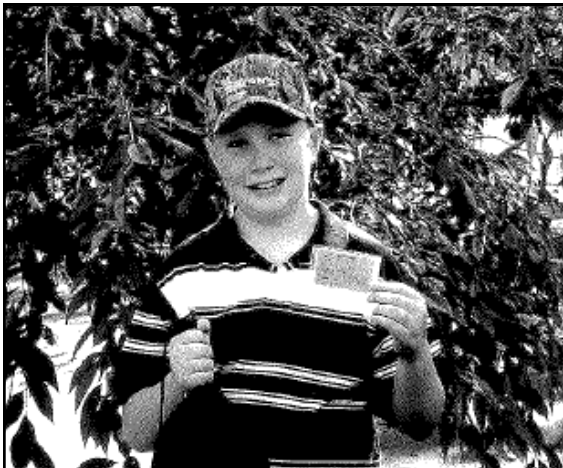
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Suggested \$5.00 donation per person

Children 10 yrs and younger free



O U T S T A N D I N G C O B U R G Y O U T H



Jeremy Brown is in the 6th grade at Cal Young Middle School. (He graduated from Coburg Elementary.) He took Hunter Safety class in August through the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. His class was two nights a week for the month of August and included a field day. The students handled guns, shot guns and demonstrated safety techniques. Jeremy was the only student in the class of 23 to get 100% on his exam. He received a special gift from the instructor. It was a special bag that included hunting and outdoor survival things. GREAT JOB JEREMY!

November

- Nov. 1st — **VFW's, OddFellow's and Rebekah's Fall Harvest Dinner**, 5pm to 7pm, 100F Hall.
- Nov. 3rd — **Oddfellows and Rebekahs meeting**, 7:30pm, 100F Hall.
- Nov. 5th — **Senior Meals**, noon, 100F Hall, **Investor Survival Class**, 6:30pm, School Library.
- Nov. 7th — **Poker Night**, 7:00 pm, Grange Hall.
- Nov. 10th — **Food Pantry Open**, 2pm to 6pm, Pearl St.
- Nov. 12th — **Grange meeting**, 7 pm, Grange Hall, **Senior Meals**, noon, 100F Hall.
- Nov. 13th — **Coburg Quilters meeting**, Grange, 6:30pm.
- Nov. 17th — **PCS Meeting**, 7:00pm, School Library, **Oddfellows meeting**, 7:30pm, 100F Hall.
- Nov. 18th — **City Council meeting**, 7 pm, City Hall.
- Nov. 19th — **Park/Tree Committee**, 6:30pm, City Hall, **Senior Meals**, noon, 100F Hall, **Chamber of Commerce meeting**, noon, Truck N Travel, **Planning Commission meeting**, 7pm, City Hall.
- Nov. 21st — **Poker Night**, 7:00 p.m., Grange Hall.
- Nov. 24th — **Food Pantry Open**, 2pm to 6pm, Pearl St., **Fire District Board meeting**, 7pm, Fire Hall.
- Nov. 26th — **Senior Meals Thanksgiving Dinner**, noon, 100F Hall, **Golden Years Potluck Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Grange, **Grandparents & Special Friends Day**, School.

December

- Dec. 3rd — **Senior Meals**, noon 100F Hall.
- Dec. 1st — **Oddfellows and Diamond Rebekahs meeting**, 7:30 p.m., 100F Hall, **Holiday & Gift Tag Class**, 6pm, School Library.
- Dec. 5th — **Poker Night**, 6:30 p.m., Grange Hall.
- Dec. 6th — **Christmas In Coburg**. See event listings on pg 2.
- Dec. 7th — **Holiday Sing-A-Long**, 5:30pm, United Methodist Church.
- Dec. 8th — **Food Pantry Open**, 2pm to 6pm, Pearl St, Dec. 9th — **City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall.
- Dec. 10th — **Senior Meals**, noon, 100F Hall, **Grange meeting**, 7 p.m., Grange Hall.
- Dec. 11th — **Coburg Quilters meeting**, Grange, 6:30pm.
- Dec 13th — **Make A Mini-Teddy Bear**, School Library, 9:30am.
- Dec. 15th — **PCS Meeting**, 7:00pm, School Library, **Oddfellows meeting**, 7:30 p.m., 100F Hall.
- Dec. 17th — **Park/Tree Committee**, 6:30pm, City Hall, **Senior Meals Christmas Dinner**, noon, 100F Hall, **Chamber of Commerce Meeting**, noon, Truck N Travel, **Planning Commission meeting**, 7 p.m., City Hall.
- Dec. 15th — Dec. 19th — **Poker Night**, 6:30 p.m., Grange.
- Dec. 22nd — **Food Pantry Open**, 2pm to 6pm, Pearl St.
- Dec. 31st — **Senior Meals**, noon, 100F Hall.

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G R A N G E ' S A N N U A L M E M B E R S H I P D R I V E

By Bill and Janet Judd
Grange

On October 15th the Coburg Community Grange hosted a dinner for the volunteers and families of the Coburg Rural Fire District. We as a Grange wished to share our appreciation and support of what these individuals do for our community. Again, THANK YOU ALL!

The Coburg Community Grange is currently in the middle of our annual membership drive and attempting to get the word out of what we do for the community. We currently are offering two types of memberships; one being a 'Grange Member' which offers (a) Full voting rights (b) an opportunity to chair & plan a favorite commu-

nity project idea (c) Benefit packages offered through the National Grange (d) e-mail updates on Grange projects and events (e) an opportunity to assist in directing the future goals and plans of our Grange. The second being a 'Grange Volunteer' which offers, (a) an opportunity to those with limited free time to assist in their favorite community projects (b) No specific meeting attendance requirements (c) an opportunity to assist & network with other residents of your community (d) e-mail updates on Grange projects & events. Applications for either of these memberships can be obtained from any current grange member or by calling 345-6791.

The Coburg Grange is one of this

year's co-sponsors of the 'Christmas in Coburg' celebration. We will be doing our annual "Fill The Bus With Food & Toys" door to door drive again this year on Saturday Dec. 6th. Please assist us in obtaining as much non-perishable food & toys as possible for the Christmas boxes we put together for the families of Coburg that may need some extra help this time of year. Also be sure and join us on Sunday Dec. 7th at the Grange for our annual chili feed & bon fire, after the light parade that begins at 7:00 pm.

Whew!!!

Thank YOU to ALL Grange members and volunteers that assisted us in 2008!