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SRN Thanks You for a Fun and Successful Summer Gathering

By Rebecca Jenkins

If I base my view of how successful the Gathering was this year on the beauty of the setting, the weather, variety, and unique quality of items offered for auction, and the amazing group of volunteers and attendees, then I'd say this year was a very successful Gathering. Watching the people visiting on the lawn of the historic (Kruger) farmhouse, walking through the auction tables, having their faces and arms painted, and gathering for food under the old apple tree, I was struck by how lucky we all are to live on this hill and have the opportunity to come together and celebrate.

Once again the Kessingers shared their home, The Plumper Pumpkin Patch and Tree Farm. The Plumper Pumpkin Patch is the perfect gathering site - spacious, beautifully groomed, and accommodating. The Kessingers' generosity and helpfulness are key to the event's success. Cindy Lou Banks and her band played for us this year and as I walked through the crowd I heard again and again how much people loved their music! Ras and Dustin Sauer, along with Samantha King, were our auctioneers. Ras and Dustin tag-teamed the auction, with Ras providing the story behind each item and Dustin moving us expertly through the auction process, drumming up enthusiasm as he went! Samantha was an excellent Vanna White, carrying the auction items for all to see with a calm grace that belies her youth.

Every year I worry about not having enough volunteers to make the event happen smoothly. Afterwards I always say "why was I so worried?" Our neighborhood and its people really shine at the Gathering. From picking up tables and chairs at the Grange and setting them up on the lawn, to preparing a hearty dish to share, to washing a huge amount of dishes, to displaying the food beautifully, to trying to keep pop-up canopies and signs from blowing away in the afternoon breeze, there was always someone saying, "Sure, I can do that." We had 50 people officially

signed up to volunteer at the Gathering but I know even more stepped up informally to help out. You are all appreciated!

Shout outs to the following people: Valerie Driscoll and her food crew - Rhonda and Audra Kelvin, Tracy Waters, Laurel Harroun, Sen Speroff, and Jolene Williams; Jennifer Glowacki, Kelly Sue Munson, and Leon Speroff for greeting attendees and assigning them bid numbers; Rachael Brake and Grant Rolette, who, with guidance from Vickie Coghill, managed closing out bids and taking payments; Suzanne Perra for a wonderful job coordinating the silent and oral auctions. Set up and take down was again handled by Miles Merwin, John Eskew, George Sowder, James Lyons, Perry Stark, John, Patrick, and Stephanie Driscoll, and Spencer Still. Thanks to George Sowder and Vickie Coghill for putting up the



Cindy Lou Banks and bandmates entertained folks at the 2017 Gathering with her wonderful original music. (Photo: M. Merwin)

Gathering signs. Face painting was done by Lori Schreiber, Nova Platt, and Lucca Jenkins-Law; informational tables were manned by Donald Jenkins, Sharon Barthmaier, Sen Speroff, Carole Hallett, Burt Lazar, Hope Roach, and Erika Gustafson; flowers for the auction and eating tables were provided by Lisa Graff. And for being available and helping out, I want to thank Nora and Jacob Schreiber, Susan Gorgas, Andre Perra, Natalie Harger, Steve Haning, Julie Perry, Sherry Larkin-Amos, and Susan Still. The event could simply not happen without the many volunteers who show up!

The following community partners attended: TVFR (Skyline station), Forest Park Conservancy, Multnomah County Soil and Water District, Multnomah County Commissioner Sharon Meieran, and Oregon State Senator Betsy Johnson, the Skyline Grange, and our local NET emergency preparedness team. They shared information with attendees about the resources and opportunities available in our community.

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Find the Perfect Holiday Gift at Skyline Artisans Sale, Nov. 18 & 19

By Ken Pincus

Skyline Artisans is pleased to invite the public to our next Holiday Arts Fair at the Skyline Grange. We will again be holding the show the weekend before Thanksgiving, and look forward to another lively event. Our show will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19.

In this weekend event, there will be about 20 booths showcasing the work of Skyline area artisans. Included will be booths selling jewelry, accessories, pottery, glass, book arts, home décor, paintings, woodworks, and other items. As in previous events, locally prepared food will be available for purchase, and we have invited area musicians to enhance the event.



Kim Johnson at her booth at the 2016 Skyline Artisans Sale. (Photo: K. Pincus)

Discover the beauty that is being created in your neighborhood, and come out to support our community.

For more information including inquiries about renting a booth, please contact Sue Selbie at sselbie@gmail.com or Ken Pincus at kenpincus@comcast.net or 503.467.8779. We look forward to seeing you. □



Neighbors Begin “Map Your Neighborhood” Preparations

By Rachael Brake

As previously reported, a number of neighbors have started “Mapping Your Neighborhood.” These include residents of NW Rock Creek Road, NW 220th Avenue and NW Elliot Road. Meetings are combined with a potluck dinner. The second of these took place in July. Once again, food was great (amazing how that happens) and participants are still engaged and energized. New members were introduced and each of the four road sections reported on their progress, the updated data base was shared and plans for ongoing activities discussed. Neighbor reactions were also shared and approaches strategized.

We talked again about how mapping will include only the information neighbors are willing to share. Ideally that includes number in the household, any special needs of the household, contact information and potential resources that residents would be willing to share with the community. The next meeting is planned to be held in September. Once again, it will be a potluck and meeting. Details will be emailed to neighbors on the list. If you’re not on the list and you want to be; contact Rachael Brake at 503.621.3423 or rcmbrake@hotmail.com.

If any other neighbors want to start this activity for their road, we’d be happy to share our experiences and our expertise. Again, contact Rachael Brake at 503.621.3423 or rcmbrake@hotmail.com.

Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) is a program developed for use in wide spread disasters such as

earthquakes, wildfires, landslides, etc. It has been implemented in a number of states, cities and communities. It is a tool used to meet the needs of the community and can be adapted for specific areas and needs such as ours here in the Skyline Ridge Neighborhood. The process inventories the skills, resources and equipment in your neighborhood (who has what, who knows what and who can do what), creates a neighborhood map with homes and other features, identifies those who may need help and creates a phone/contact list. Neighborhoods that are prepared are better able to save lives and property.

Use of the information gathered will be limited to emergency situations and will not be shared with others outside of the neighborhood.

For more information about MYN, please use this link: http://www.preporegon.org/MYN_overview.

In conjunction with MYN, a number of local residents have taken NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team) training with the City of Portland. There are enough of us that we can form our own team (Skyline Ridge NET) that can focus on the special needs of our neighborhood. The team will have regular meetings starting in October (exact date TBD). Anyone interested in NET will be welcome at the first meeting, which will also be attended by the head of the NET program, Jeremy Van Keuren. Additional information will be published in the Newslane.

For more information on NET, please use this link: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/31667>. □

Deer Me

By Laurel Erhardt

He darted onto the road. Out of the heavy forest of young Doug firs, one bound across a small ditch and he was in front of my car with no time to stop. I remember the look in his eye, his proud forked horns lit up in my headlights just before the impact. Hitting him solidly in the hind quarters, the momentum threw him off the road where he laid about 20 feet from the road. He made a futile attempt to get up and run. There was debris from the van all over the road. I wasn't far from home. It was obvious if I left him it would be a very slow death for him.

I called Joe on the cell. "I've hit a deer, he's not dead. Can you come take care of him?"

Now as you probably know, Joe is an experienced hunter and has all the knowledge to handle a situation such as this. What many people don't know is it's not as simple as it sounds. There are a lot of factors involved here that complicate this whole situation. It's dark. We're 30 feet from a busy road. Fifty yards away is the home of the land owner where the deer is. The deer had some mobility which would make it harder to approach him. Although morally and ethically correct to put this animal out of it's misery, Joe would be in violation of several laws by shooting a deer, after dark, next to a road, and without a deer tag. All the above are hardcore rules that good hunters never break.

When Joe got there we decided the first order of business would be to approach the home and apprise them of the situation. This was a gamble. On one hand, we didn't want to be shooting a deer in their field at 8:00 p.m. without letting them know. On the other, we did not know these people. Would they talk to us or shoot at us? Would they agree or say get the hell off our property? Would they call the cops? We hadn't done anything illegal (yet) but we would hate to see the deer continue to suffer. Probably, for me, one of the subconscious thoughts I had was that I felt as if I knew these people. I had been driving past their neat country house for twenty years. Jack-o-lanterns at Halloween and a nativity scene at Christmas made me smile on my daily commutes. I used to pass two golden retrievers with a young woman on her morning walks. The dogs were always on leashes. When a car approached, the trio got completely off the road and stopped until the car passed - even when there was plenty of room for all to pass safely. Later, I would occasionally see the dogs alone on the road. As I approached, they would get completely off the road and stop until I drove by before they continued their trek. My speculation was the girl must have grown and gone her own way. Later there was only one dog. I still see the one dog but he stays home most of the time now.

So we approach the house. The dog barked. I couldn't see him. But I knew it was the old Golden. The door is barred. There is an intercom so they can talk to us from

inside. I push the button.

"Hello," an elderly female voice comes through the speaker.

"Hello, I'm sorry to bother you, but I've hit a deer and he's in your field, and he's not dead, and we'd like to take care of him but we want you to know that we're going to be in your field doing this and just didn't want to do this without letting you know we're going to be in your field," I blurted out. I was not real calm at this point in time.

"A deer? What about the deer?"

"I hit one on the road and he's in your field now."

"Oh, our deer, I just love them. I worry about them so. You know those cars go so fast. It's not like it used s to be."

"I hit one. He's in your field now. We have to take care of him."

"They're not down by the road are they? I worry so much. We feed them apples you know, in our back yard. Two bucks. Oh, I wish they would stay away from the road."

I'm beginning to feel like I've joined some sort of 12 step program, road kill anonymous, and I'm in step one. "I HIT A DEER. The deer is HIT. He's in YOUR field.

"GASP," and she starts crying. "Now you've got me crying. What are we going to do? I don't know what to do. What will we do?"

"I'm so sorry. But you don't have to do anything. We will take care of it all. You don't have to do anything. We just want you to know we're going to be in your field and he's not dead and we'll have to take care of him," (hint hint, plug your ears there's going to be a loud banging sound).

"Oh we don't know what to do? What should we do?"

"Nothing. You don't have to do anything. We're taking care of it but we will be in your field."

"Who is this?"

I gave her my name. "We've lived on Skyline for 20 years." I'm trying to assure her we are community members and nothing to fear. I would really rather remain anonymous but we've gone too far now. I'm thinking of a ton of reasons to just run but my thought process is now more concerned about her. The last thing I want is a second medical emergency.

"What's your phone number?"

I give it to her.

"Well, where do live on Skyline?"

I give her a general answer.

"Is it near the Millers?"

Etc....and she opened the door.

Eye contact can help ever so much in a situation like this. She feels so bad. Her husband is there also. They appear to be as nice I've imagined them over the years. Again we assure them that we will take care of it all. The husband wishes he were young enough to come help. She gives me her number and insists that I call her and let her

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TVF&R Hosts an Open House at Station 72 on Skyline, Oct. 7

By Christina Lent, TVF&R

The community is invited to attend an open house celebration at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Station 72 at 11645 NW Skyline Blvd. The free, family-friendly event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Neighbors can swing by anytime during open house hours.

Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the seismically upgraded station, meet volunteer firefighters who operate out of the station, view antique fire apparatus, go through our Fire Safety Education House, learn fire and life safety tips, and take a quick lesson in hands-only CPR. Young guests will also have the chance to go through a junior firefighter challenge and spray a fire hose.

TVF&R is grateful for the support of neighbors while Station 72 underwent a

voluntary seismic upgrade to ensure crews can respond following a major earthquake. The building was remodeled into a multi-use station that will serve the area for many years.

The station now features new fitness, kitchen, dining, dayroom, and office facilities as well as new men's and women's showers, an ADA restroom, and bunk rooms. The grounds have also been improved with new ADA parking, fencing, and landscaping.

Volunteer firefighters will continue to operate out of Station 72, and TVF&R crews will continue to respond to 911 emergency incidents in the area.

For more information about the open house, contact Public Affairs Officer Kim Haughn at 503.259.1192. □



TVF&R will host an open house Oct. 7 at their newly-renovated Station 72. (Photo: TVF&R)

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The Auction, which is the SRN's primary fund raiser, allows us to mail out the Ridge Runner quarterly and keep neighbors informed and connected through the emailed Newsline and Facebook page. This year the Auction was coordinated by Suzanne Perra with support from Rachael Brake and Grant Rolette. I was impressed by the variety on offer this year! I especially loved the fresh garden produce that could be bought by the bag, the bunnies, and the Bucket O' Wine! We had 21 non-business donors which is up from previous years. These donors include: Shelly Booth of Scappoose Fire District, Gerrie Bourke, Rich Edwards, Dick Gilkeson, Donald Jenkins, Betsy Johnson, the

Kessingers, Gary Kuntz, Carolyn Lindberg, Bobbi Jo Linn, Libby Merwin, Miles Merwin, Mark Murphy, Grant Rolette, Alex Rose, Leon and Sen Speroff, Robert Spurlock, Travis Waits, and Tracy Waters.

The SRN was able to raise \$5600.00 this year through the auction and cash donations. This is up from last year's total of \$5200.00. Thank you Skyline community! And especially thank you to our amazing board members: Laurel Erhardt, Brad Graff, George Sowder, John Eskew, Rachel Brake, Grant Rolette, Rebecca Jenkins, and Susanne Perra, all of whom worked tirelessly behind the scenes and throughout the year. □

Massive Project Will Help Restore Sturgeon Lake

By Carolyn Meyers Lindberg, WMSWCD

Bridge construction will begin summer of 2018 on the Sturgeon Lake Restoration Project on Sauvie Island, specifically where Reeder Road crosses the Dairy Creek channel. Preparatory vegetation work is underway now. The project calls for a full spanning bridge at the Dairy Creek crossing, which fully allows the high spring flows from the Columbia River to enter and flush out upper Sturgeon Lake, the largest lake on Sauvie Island. Such hydrological connectivity between upper Sturgeon Lake and the Columbia River will restore important juvenile salmon migration and rearing habitat.

While most of the project activities will occur in 2018, we want to let folks know about the construction so they can plan their activities in advance. Sauvie Island visitors and recreationalists (particularly those visiting the beaches) should be aware of possible slow traffic on Reeder Road while the construction is underway during the 2018 summer months. A bypass road is planned around the construction area (Reeder Road at Dairy Creek), but slow traffic will be likely during peak travel times of 2018 summer weekends.

West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District are clearing the site this summer (2017) in anticipation of revegetation work along Dairy Creek. Eventually the

District will restore about 7 acres of riparian habitat along the creek. Crews will begin to remove thickets of non-native blackberry and false indigo bush on the creek banks. Native trees and shrubs will be replanted in the winter of 2018-2019.

Finally, on June 29th WMSWCD staff conducted a survey of the shoreline of Sturgeon Lake looking for potential invasive plants. While little of significance was found, valuable baseline information was needed before the Sturgeon Lake Restoration Project reestablishes a tidal link between Dairy Creek and the Columbia River. Once the creek is reopened, new weed seeds will be able to float into the lake, so keeping a vigilant eye out for new invaders will help keep the lake pristine and maximize its value to fish and wildlife.

Due to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) funding a more significant portion of the project costs, management of the project has been transferred from the US Army Corps of Engineers to BPA. In turn, BPA partners with WMSWCD and the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce to oversee the final design and construction of the project.

Stay tuned to the website for future updates (<http://wmswcd.org/sturgeonlake>) and direct questions to sturgeonlake@wmswcd.org. □

Culvert Removed to Improve Fish Passage on McCarthy Creek

By Carolyn Meyers Lindberg, WMSWCD

McCarthy Creek is the largest salmon-bearing stream flowing from Portland's west hills into the Multnomah Channel. While juvenile Chinook and Coho salmon were collected in 2002-2006, an old culvert on private land just north of the intersection of NW Cornelius Pass Road and Highway 30 is a barrier to fish movement during most of the year. In addition, much of the area has been overtaken by invasive reed canary grass, preventing regeneration of native woody species. The McCarthy Creek Restoration Project, designed to improve fish passage and wetland restoration, began with culvert removal on August 1st and 2nd.

The restoration project is funded by the National Resources Conservation Service and managed by West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District in cooperation with the private landowner and other partners, including



Culverts like this along McCarthy Ck. are being removed to improve fish passage. (Photo: WMSWCD)

the Bonneville Power Administration. The culvert will be removed entirely and the stream banks will be sloped and then planted with willow stakes to increase diversity around ponds and emergent wetlands. Three acres of the total 121-acre wetland reserve will be protected and enhanced with plantings of native Oregon white oak as well as snowberry, Oregon grape and other understory shrubs.

The Conservation District is pursuing further restoration activities with the Columbia River Estuary Taskforce (CREST) to enhance hydrologic connectivity and promote estuarine processes. The goal is to increase habitat diversity to benefit a variety of salmonids, waterfowl, and other estuarine species. □

Volunteers Help Monitor Multnomah Channel Water Quality

By Carolyn Meyers Lindberg, WMSWCD

Multnomah Channel flows 21 miles from the Willamette River to the Columbia River along the west side of Sauvie Island, north of Portland. It is a vital waterway for many fish and wildlife species, including juvenile Chinook salmon and other species at risk, as well as a valuable recreation and fishing area. It is also home to over 24 floating home moorages and marinas clustered along its course from Portland to St. Helens.

The Scappoose Bay Watershed Council, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD), and Oregon DEQ began a program working with local floating-homeowners to sample the water at six locations, collecting information on temperature, clarity, turbidity and bacteria levels. The goal of the project is to establish baseline water quality conditions along the length of the channel, to understand differences across seasons and locations, and to engage community members interested in the quality of the water where they live and recreate. Volunteers take on-site measurements weekly of water clarity, using a simple device called a secchi disk (which is lowered into the water until it disappears and then the depth is noted); and temperature, both at the surface and near the bottom of the channel. In addition, volunteers take physical water samples each month, which go to the watershed council's lab for analysis of *E. coli* bacteria and turbidity.

Volunteers began their work in late October 2016, and will continue for at least a year. Samplers enter the data at a DEQ website; and more than 370 entries have been

made to-date. Recorded temperatures, from fall 2016 to June 2017, ranged from zero to over 19°C (or 48.2°F), with the coolest and warmest readings in Scappoose Bay in December and late May, as air temperatures warmed. Water temperatures greater than 18°C (or 64.4° F), which is the DEQ standard, are considered harmful to salmonids, and are expected at more of the sites soon, as we move into summer.

Volunteers also measured levels of *E. coli* bacteria in the monthly samples taken along Multnomah Channel. High levels observed in January and February reflect typical runoff from winter rainfall. Despite the higher levels, all results are well below the DEQ standard (406 mpn/100ml).

Additional data will be reviewed and analyzed throughout the next several months. We hope to measure other water quality conditions of concern, such as the toxicity of algal blooms, which occur as temperatures increase in summer - to add to our understanding of the health of Multnomah Channel and safety for recreation. There have been toxic algal blooms upstream in the Willamette River at Ross Island in previous summers.

This community science water quality monitoring project is an outgrowth of work with the moorage community over the last several years. That partnership also yielded a new publication, *Living on the Water*, released in May 2016, for residents and owners/managers of moorages on the Multnomah Channel and in the vicinity, and other interested parties. Hard copies are available from WMSWCD. It can be found online here: <https://wmswcd.org/projects/living-on-the-water/>. □

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know how it all comes out. I'm wondering what does she expect me to tell her?

As we are returning to the wounded deer, Joe and I both know we cannot leave the "pet deer" dead by the side of the road for the distraught elderly couple to see. As it is illegal to be in possession of a deer without a tag, Joe decides he will throw it in the back of his pickup and dump it somewhere, out of the way, as if it were hit there. I must say, I was impressed with how quickly Joe can load a dead deer in the back of his truck and be down the road and out of site. The thought briefly crossed my mind that he may be more experienced in this area than I had previously suspected.

I drive 10 miles of country road twice a day five days a week. Over the decades it has totally amazed (and angered) me at what people bring up here and dump. Animals (dead or alive), garbage, lawn debris... Dumping must be easy right? People are doing it every day. I guess Joe is better at picking up than dumping. It wasn't long after I got home that Joe came flying in the driveway, pick-up lights off as soon as he gets off the road and judging by the sound of things, a four wheel drift as he went past the

garage and behind the barn! There was no doubt in my mind he still had the deer.

Well now what are we going to do? We came to the conclusion that there is nowhere to hide. Smoking gun, blood in the truck and the driveway. The nice (hopefully) elderly couple have us pegged, name, phone number and all. Let's not waste this deer. We know needy people who would be most appreciative to have this venison. So Joe stayed up to midnight dressing out the deer. We have a mixed drink and go to bed.

The next day I remember my promise to call the home owner. What am I going to say? He didn't make it? I still don't know where they stand on animal rights, venison consumption, etc. I decide to write her a nice note apologizing for disturbing their evening, not even use the word "deer," attach it to a jar of our home grown honey and leave it on the doorstep. Before I enacted my plan, I came home to a message on my recorder from her. It was a very nice message - apologizing for being such a mess last night and thanking us for all the help and taking care of the situation. And of course asking me to please call and let her

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By Sen Speroff

Fall Garage Sale Oct. 6 - 7

The sale will be on Friday, October 6 (9a.m.-7p.m.) and on Saturday, October 7 (9a.m.-5p.m.). Already our storage area is stuffed with items donated by many generous local residents. This sale will be large, full of quality items and definitely has something for everyone. From the practical to the zany! Are you a garage sale enthusiast or looking to an opportunity to support our community? If so, please consider volunteering to help set up or staff the sale. Contact us if you are interested.

First Aid/CPR Course Offered Oct. 14

This all day course (from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30p.m.) is being offered to Skyline area residents as part of a joint effort between Skyline Grange and Skyline Ridge Neighbors to encourage area residents to be prepared for emergencies. The full course includes basic first aid, adult CPR, child CPR and infant CPR; you can choose all or part of these elements.

Emergencies can range from a major earthquake, a wildland fire, a stranger needing CPR, or a babysitter needing to give basic first aid. The course will be taught by Cascade Training Center. To encourage your participation, SRN will pay half of your tuition and Skyline Grange will provide lunch. The cost to you is \$32 for any or all of the elements. You must pre-register by October 8. For a registration form, contact skylinegrange894@msn.com or pick one up at Plainview Grocery.

Community Soup Supper Oct. 28

You are invited to our 11th annual Community Soup

Supper on Saturday, October 28, from 5-8 p.m. (serving from 5-7 p.m.). We do the cooking; you enjoy hearty homemade soups, homemade breads, fresh salads, and homemade desserts, and conversation with neighbors. Suggested donation is \$7/adult or \$18/family. Come! Invite the neighbors! Questions or to help, contact skylinegrange894@msn.com.

Join Skyline Grange

Despite paved roads, cell phones and the Internet, it still is easy to feel disconnected these days. Our Grange provides a meeting place and a variety of activities to bring people together. The Grange has been serving the Skyline community for 77 years.

Do you want to be more engaged in and connected to your Skyline community? Would you like to get to know neighbors better through working together on projects? Do you have ideas for the community? Then consider joining the Grange. This is why local residents are Grange members and why many more neighbors volunteer during our events. Consider joining Skyline Grange and becoming a part of what makes our Skyline community a great place to live.

We are a diverse group of people with the common belief that we are fortunate to live in the Skyline area and want to support its well-being. We take seriously the fact that our building is a community asset as a place for gathering. Our impact, activities, and accomplishments depend upon our members.

Learn more about Skyline Grange by attending an upcoming event or attend a monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month except December at 7:30 p.m. You can contact the Grange at SkylineGrange894@msn.com. □

► *Deer Me (continued from p. 7)*

know how it all came out. The next day I hadn't gotten my note written yet. The van is working but making strange noises so I'm not too confident in just running around in it. I decided to give her the return call she really wanted, but I would stick to my plan of not mentioning "deer." If she asked more, I would try to feel out her position on the controversial issues before I responded. Knowing some people would have wanted the deer to go to a good cause, I would want her to know if that was her stand.

I called. She is so glad I called. She wanted to know everything. Did your husband shoot it? Were you able to save the meat? She had called a long time Skyline resident to see if they knew us and they assured her Joe was a knowledgeable hunter and he would have taken good care of the venison. Was my car damaged? Are you

all OK? Interlaced with each question was a related story or two. (You know she and her husband used to drive to Las Vegas and always avoided a certain stretch of road because of all the accidents caused by deer.) It was enjoyable to talk with her, to meet the owner of the home I'd enjoyed for the past 20 years. We covered my heritage, the Sauvies' Island Grange, the neighborhood people, the churches we went to.....

At the close of the conversation two comments she had made stuck in my mind, and made me chuckle over how concerned I had been for her: 1.) She had done thorough research before they had started feeding the deer and they couldn't be held liable for a car hitting a deer on the road. 2.) She was pretty happy her two little bucks had been in the orchard this morning. Obviously I had gotten an intruder! □

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Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Open house at TVF&R's newly renovated Station 72, 11645 NW Skyline Blvd.

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Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 18 and 19, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Skyline Artisans' Holiday Arts Fair at the Skyline Grange, featuring local artisans, food and music.

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