My oh My, We Have Grown!!!

For those who have recently visited Lakewoods Village, you can’t help but notice A LOT of building going on! Everywhere you look there is something that has been added, changed, or in the process of coming out of the ground. It is very exciting for all of us here on a daily basis to be part of these changes, and so, in this issue we thought that we would include a “collage” of photos showing how much we are changing and growing. Enjoy!

More photos follow on page 2 . . . .
Remember, Lakewoods Village is all OPEN RANGE - our friendly herd will be returning real soon!!

1 of 4 Mail Box Locations

Future home of Keno Fire Station #4
Lakewoods Village Individual in the Spotlight

How could it be possible to work for or with Hammonds Construction without our featured employee becoming an important part of our professional and personal lives? It’s not. Karen Hammonds is the genuine article. Her faith and dedication touches all of us.

Why, you may ask, are we featuring Karen as an employee? Because she will be the first to tell you, “I’m just an employee, just like everyone else.”

One of the duties she performs is helping many of our homeowners pick out all the finishes for their new home. From the floor up, Karen seamlessly guides them through the process, which is made just a little easier with the completion of her new showroom.

Karen has worked alongside David for at least 30 years, raising a delightful family of three, building a business, and now enjoying two cute grandchildren!

When asked how she would describe herself there was a very long pause, a response, and then “I’d better not see that printed anywhere!”

Well, okay . . . I promised she would never see it in print. However . . . there are other people to turn to!! How about Jim Rahenkamp, a long time associate of HCI. When asked Jim said, “Karen really cares about people. She is always doing something extra for the people around her . . .”

Then Rachelle, in HCI’s main office, said “Karen is willing to help with anything and everything. She makes sure everyone is taken care of, and she always has a smile on her face.” From Sandi, working in our site office, “Karen is a delight to talk to on the phone, she is a delight to work with, and not only do I consider her a valuable and necessary asset to HCI, I consider her a dear friend.”

Kathryn observed, “I’m blessed to be working with Karen. Karen is all about “getting out of the boat”. In this business there are no comfort zones and she has a way of making you feel really good about it!”

The day you find yourself sitting at the table with Karen, picking out all of the things that will make your new home special, you will discover a friend you didn’t know you had!

Karen has a smile for everyone!!
klamath Falls celebrates 100 years!

By 1843 the westward migration on the Oregon Trail was picking up steam and it would be only a few more years before a settlement in the Klamath Basin would begin.

The Town of Linkville was formed at the mouth of the Link River by George Nurse in 1867. In 1893 the name was changed to the town of Klamath Falls and would eventually be incorporated as the City of Klamath Falls by the state legislature in 1905.

Also in 1905 the federal government announced it would fund construction of the Klamath Reclamation Project that became operational in 1906. Klamath Falls was known for its forests and rangelands but the region was far too remote from major markets to make money. In 1909 the Southern Pacific Railroad arrived in Klamath Falls and the money came rolling in.

In celebration of this Centennial Year, there are numerous events scheduled in Klamath Falls for all to enjoy.

**Kinetic Sculptures** are human powered vehicles capable of traveling on roads, sand, mud and over water. They are the merging of art, engineering and unbound imagination. Traditional awards will be given for engineering, art and speed. Other more imaginative awards will be given, such as The Mediocre Award (for the vehicle finishing in the middle of the pack), and the highly coveted Next to Last Award.

**Calendar of Events**

**May 18** — Birthday Party, 6:00 PM Veterans Park

**June 18** — Kinetic Sculpture Race

**June 24 - 25** — Klamath Cruise - Main Street

**July 23 - 24** — “Centennial Days - 1905” - Veteran’s Park

Featuring horse & buggy rides, paddle wheel boat, ice cream social, skills demonstrations, trolley rides, craft & food vendors recreated 1905 “Main Street” including boardwalks & snakes (see Fun Fact above)
Destination Highlight: Lake of the Woods

For those who enjoy water sports, Lake of the Woods has a number of canoes, motorboats, Paddle Boats which are for rent ... just remember to reserve early! Swimming is popular, as is sunning by the water enjoying the view of majestic Mt. McLaughlin rising above the lake.

The Marina has a tackle shop to supply first timers with the “basics” and the experienced fishermen with the state-of-the-art equipment. The Marina also has picnic tables inside and out where you can enjoy excellent views of the lake and the surrounding mountains as you eat.

Lake of the Woods Resort is open all summer. The General Store doubles as guest check-in in the summertime and carries a wide selection of food and other merchandise for the convenience of guests, local residents and fun seekers.

The historic structure probably recalls most of what the philosophy of the resort is - a return to a simpler time, when families took trips together, friends and neighbors talked on a daily basis. This store with its original shelves is stocked with everything from Jacks to Jell-O. There are also old-fashioned candies and toys you probably haven’t seen since childhood.

The Marina Grill serves breakfast, lunch and late afternoon snacks in the Summertime.

Some of the best fishing in the country is found at Lake of the Woods. The lake is stocked with German Brown & Rainbow Trout. Large-mouth Bass, Kokanee and Perch also abound in this lake.

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Leaves of Three . . . Let Them Be!!
Poison Oak . . . if you have the itch . . . don’t scratch it!

Each year thousands of adults and children are treated for the itchy side effects of Poison Oak. Because they haven’t learned to identify it in the wild, people unknowingly walk through it, play in it, and yes, even eat it!! Some people are immune to it or only contract mild rashes when exposed. MOST people, however, aren’t so lucky. Upon contact they develop a spreading, very itchy and sometimes painful rash.

A natural oil on the stems and leaves of Poison Oak is the culprit. The oil adheres to skin and clothing and can spread by touch. Whatever you do, if you think you have been exposed, DO NOT TOUCH YOUR EYES, or anything else for that matter. As quickly as you can, take a LUKE warm shower (NOT HOT) and wash the affected area thoroughly. If a rash develops, a visit to the doctor or the local pharmacy may be in order.

NOTE: Smoke from burning Poison Oak is a special problem and can cause severe reactions in people, internally as well as externally.

Learn to recognize this plant - remember:

The leaves are “3 parted” - that means that each leaf has the appearance of 3 leaves.

Depending on the time of year, the leaves can be almost any color . . . yellowish, deep green, red, orange or reddish black.

The oil in the plant causes the leaves to be very shiny.

Poison Oak bears small, hanging, clusters of yellowish-green flowers in the spring that turn to small, greenish-white berries in late summer.

Smokey Kids - Bear Facts

In the 1950’s, a bear cub found himself in a forest surrounded by flames. To escape the fire burning around him, he climbed up a tree. By the time the firefighters found the scared and hungry cub, the forest was charred and blackened.

The firefighters, park forest rangers and the warden were so moved by the bravery of this little cub that they named him Smokey. They put him on a plane and sent him to the National Zoo in Washington D.C. to live.

In the town of Capitan, New Mexico, near where this brave little bear had been found, people erected a museum to honor him. The museum still exists today.

Is Smokey Bear that brave bear cub? It’s hard to say for sure, but, certainly this Smokey carries on the spirit of that little bear cub - - to protect forests and keep them safe from the kind of fire that destroyed a forest and made so many animals homeless so long ago.

In 1994 the Smokey campaign celebrated its 50th anniversary of communicating Smokey Bear’s

Visit: www.sm[o][o]keybear.com
THE MUSHROOM MAZE
by Jeanie Sheehan, Klamath Ranger District

Lakewoods Village is immediately surrounded by the Fremont-Winema National Forests. However, if you walk about a quarter-mile to the west or southwest, you will be on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. Travel a quarter mile to the east and you will be on private land (Timber Resource Services, LLC). A couple miles to the southeast and you are on Bureau of Land Management land. Yes, a permit is required to pick mushrooms on ALL of the above, but no, it’s not the same permit.

Let me help sort it all out for you. First, some general terms: “Commercial Use” means that you plan to sell the mushrooms after you pick them. “Free Use” (or personal use) means that you are NOT going to sell the mushrooms but rather plan to consume them yourself. As you might guess, there are different permits, depending on your intended use. Secondly, there are many different species of mushrooms. For this discussion, we will divide them into two categories: 1) Matsutake, and 2) all other species (including Morels, a spring harvest).

For more information, the nearest location would be the Klamath Ranger District, 1936 California Ave., Klamath Falls.

THUNDEREGGS

According to Native American Legend, when the Thunder Spirits living in the highest recesses of snowcapped Mount Hood and Mount Jefferson became angry with one another, amid violent thunder and lightning storms, they would hurl masses of these spherical rocks at each other. The hostile Gods obtained these weapons by stealing eggs from the Thunderbirds’ nests, thus the name Thundereggs.

Dr. George F. Kunz, Tiffany’s famed gem authority, estimated as much as $20,000 worth of opal-filled eggs from one Oregon deposit had been marketed in 1892.

In 1965 the Thunderegg was designated Oregon’s official state rock.

Today, Thundereggs are made into jewelry, pen stands, and decorator pieces. Their value ranges from about $1.00 per slice to well over $100.00 per slice or single cabochon.

Morels are in season late spring and into summer.
Fire Training Schedule Reminder!

Fire Chief John Ketchum has provided the following schedule for Volunteer Firefighter Training:

- April 30 & May 1 (to be held at the Keno’s New Fire Station at Lakewoods Village!!)
- May 14 & 15
- June 11 & 12
- June 25 & 26

Rules of the Road . . . Cyclist Regulations:

- Please **SLOW DOWN**, use caution when passing and CONTROL YOUR SPEED. You may find it necessary to get off your bicycle on the down-hill side to wait for others to pass. When approaching a bend in the road, expect to meet someone. **REMEMBER**: There are LOGGING TRUCKS that use the main roads in Lakewoods Village . . . these trucks are large and do not stop easily!
- **STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS & TRAILS** - Please respect public and private property by practicing minimal impact cycling. Remember, soil erosion is caused by trampling vegetation and creating wheel ruts that will channel water.
- **DO NOT LITTER** - Pack out what you pack in (and more when possible)
- **DO NOT DISTURB the wildlife or livestock** (Lakewoods is open range)
- The **1964 Wilderness Act** prohibits all motorized and mechanized (bicycles) use in Wilderness Areas. Violators will be subject to fines.