

# Alvadore Neighborhood News

September 2023 - December 2023 Issue 23

Welcome to the 23rd edition of the Alvadore Neighborhood News. The next edition will complete the 7th year of publication. What an adventure it continues to be. Enclosed you will find another attempt at a calendar. One of these years we will find the perfect calendar. Your feedback is always appreciated.

In this edition, there are two articles about adventurous people who loved and embraced the country life and grew up during much different times. 100 years ago, when your shoes wore holes in them you slipped a piece of cardboard inside for protection. Laundry was a Sunday chore starting with a fire in the wood stove and a copper boiling pot on top.

Ellen introduced me to the idea that the cost of living and the standard of living might go hand in hand. The standard of living 100 years ago did not include walk in closets, quartz countertops, and a cellphone in every pocket. Back in the day, Ellen and all the farm wives would drive the crop transport truck from the field to the grain mill. This was a time of hurry up and wait. She imagines if cellphones had been available back then, it would have saved her hours of time waiting. I hope you enjoy her story below and all the articles provided in this newsletter.

Cheryl Chambers, Mother, Wife, Friend, Neighbor, Community Supporter, and of course Realtor Working to solve problems, make matches and exceed expectations. 541-689-4621

## Ellen Hunton Reminisces About Her Life

This article was published about 4 years ago by the Fern Ridge Review and Tribune News. Alvadore Neighborhood News is republishing it in celebration of Ellens 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in August 2023.

### Growing Up

Before World War 2, children were only required to attend school through the eighth grade. Ellen wanted to attend high school.



Ellen at her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party

However, there were no school buses to transport rural kids into town and school, and she could not walk or drive so getting to school was a challenge.

She did what was common for rural kids back then. She found a place to room and board in Harrisburg during the week so she could attend school, in return for helping the homeowners. Ellen remembers that she was so unhappy with the first place she lived that she almost dropped out after her freshman year. She was living with an elderly lady who demanded so much of her time that she was unable to participate in any after school activities with her friends. The next year, she found a family to live with that had young children which was a much better fit.

Ellen graduated from high school in May 1941 and got married in November of that year. Her husband Carl Everett Hunton, better known as, Everett, had only gone through the eighth grade. They had met through mutual friends. Ellen reminisced that she and friends had gone roller

skating. She could barely stand up on skates. Everett was an excellent skater and came over to help her when she fell.

They would go out to a meal and a movie. The hamburgers cost 5 cents, a deluxe burger cost 10 cents, and the movie was 25 cents. So, a date cost about a dollar. Back then of course, a dollar was a lot of money and hard to come by.

Ellen explained that they had planned to marry later in 1942 but moved up the date because her husband was being drafted for the war. They lived in a little cabin in Walton where Everett worked as a high climber for the Keith Lumber Company while he waited to be drafted. He earned \$1 an hour, which was good wages for the time. When he joined the army in February 1942, Ellen moved back in with her parents.

For the next 3 and a 1/2 years, the couple only saw each other on short leaves. Ellen worked at the national bank in Harrisburg. She recalled that growing up, their family did not have

electricity but because the turkeys they raised were meat for the troops, eventually they were able to get electricity.

## Farming

Everett was sent to tours of duty in Africa and China. When he was discharged, he worked for a Harrisburg area farmer. After 5 years, the couple purchased their present 291-acre farm on Purkerson Road outside of Junction City. He worked another 5 years for the farm so the couple could use his equipment.

Ellen's son Tom was born in 1946 and her daughter Deanna in 1949. The couple moved to their property permanently in 1955 living in a small house there. Each year they purchased more farm equipment. Eventually in 1964 they were able to add-on to the house.

Due to the soil conditions, they grew mostly grass seed. They tried growing other crops for seed including California poppies, cabbage, parsley and mint. They experimented with wheat, but at the time there was no way to keep the crops from getting the plant disease "rust."

## Seed Cleaning

They needed a local place to clean seeds, so in 1961 they took over an old lumber site and turned it into a seed cleaning warehouse that is still operating. Cleaning seeds locally made a difference because they could clean the seeds when the buyers wanted them.

Ellen drove a truck every summer collecting loads of seeds as they were harvested and driving to the warehouse to unload. She would work on the payroll while she waited between loads, or drop by her kitchen to bake a cake or start cooking the next meal.

## Sure Crop

The couple rented several local farms that had been put into a "Soil Bank" government program. As area farmers, equipment, and horses aged, they would get paid to put their land into this program for a period of 10 years. Ellen remembers the soil was very weedy and the only fertilizer these farms had used was manure. Everett was more up to date with fertilizers.

The couple started Sure Crop in 1981. The company provided both conventional and organic fertilizers, lime, and chemicals to keep down pests and diseases, and had an application service for farmers, replacing the practice of field burning. Ellen explained they reprocess the lime waste from paper production for use as agricultural lime. Tom took over this business and developed it further. For the last 10 years, his son, Jason, has managed most of the farming operation, presenting the third generation of Hunton farmers.

## The Mill

The Hunttons grew grain as the rotation crop for the grass seed, but had to ship it 100 miles south to Butte Creek Mill in Eagle Point to be milled. The only other milling facility in the area was Bob's Red Mill, 100 miles north.

After the market for grass seed dropped in 2009, they started experimenting with other grains and began thinking about starting their own mill.

They opened their first mill in 2011 Camas Country Mill located off Enid Road north of Eugene which included a small sales area filling a need in the valley.

They quickly expanded to two mills, relocating the saleroom to its present site on Purkerson Road to make room. They added a bakery to showcase what to do with the whole grains they produced.

They have since expanded to four mills, relocating to another site off Enid across from Seneca Sawmill and working with a select group of other farmers who have diversified to provide grains to keep up with the demand for their products. They use Ensko stone grist mills from Randers, Denmark, the town where Ellen's mother was born.



At 100 Ellen is still active and plays a small part in the five businesses including the farm, seed- cleaning warehouse, Sure Crop, mill and store. However, her day-to-day running is done for her by son Tom Hunton helped by his wife Sue Hunton, a retired school teacher.

This article is a republication from the Fern Ridge Review and Tribune News by Edie Moro

Note: The Hunttons sold Sure Crop to Pratum Co-op Fertilizer Company 3 years ago.

# Introducing the **Alvadore News Flash** **Look for Occasional Emails!**

The newsletter will still arrive 4 times a year in your mail box. If you have not seen an email from us and you would like to receive them. Email us at [assistant@croregon.com](mailto:assistant@croregon.com)

# Bill and Roberta Fry on Fir Butte Road

- Bill and Roberta Fry lived in the Alvadore area on Fir Butte Road for over 50 years and passed away recently at the ages of 98 and 94. Laurie Mann has offered this article in honor of her parents as she sells their old Victorian home at 89572 Fir Butte Road. -

Laurie Mann, the youngest daughter of Bill and Roberta, tells the story of her parents who, despite the rationing, restrictions and uncertainty of the second World War lived wonderful and fulfilling lives. The couple made their wedding day and future special with help of family, friends and church.

Bill, grew up a farm boy. His parents were share croppers in Texas. The family survived the Dust Bowl and Great Depression, then sent their boy off to join President Roosevelt's secret defense unit, the U.S. Navy Armed Guard. For 3 years, Bill manned the deck guns providing a defense against attack on merchant ships carrying military supplies.

Roberta, lived a middle-class life in San Francisco. Her father was a street car Motorman and her mother, a part-time florist.

## Union

One magical day in 1943, Bill, on pass from his ship and Roberta out with a friend, met on the Looff carousel at Playland on the beach. The family church was the site of their wedding, just two years later. The United Nations was birthed in San Francisco at that time so flowers and hotels were sparse. The war ended only months later and Bill and Roberta, living in the San Francisco Bay Area, started their family of 3 daughters and 1 son.

## Coming to Alvadore

Fast forward, the oldest daughter left for Bible College in Eugene, Oregon, and the family fell in love with Eugene - fishing, hunting, camping and country space. That year, 1968, the Fry family found where they wanted to settle, a Victorian farmhouse on Fir Butte Road, built in 1900, with a blooming cherry orchard and just enough land to enable Bill to revert to childhood farming days.

## The Watermelon Man

Bill worked all over the state in plumbing and fire suppression. After retiring, he helped out at L.C.C. teaching small appliance repair, he could fix anything! But when home, boy did he garden! His garden was sizable and after experimenting with black Visqueen as ground cover, he became the 'Watermelon Man'. His garden flourished with Yellow Doll, Moon and Stars, Crimson Sweet and Baby Doll varieties. He didn't sell his crop, he filled his vehicle with sweet melons and delivered to family, friends and the Eugene Mission.

Bill and Roberta Standing on the Porch, 1990



Bill Sitting on his Wagon Full of Melons, 2014



Gunne Sax Dress Ad, 1976

## The Clothes Barn

Roberta, a city girl, began to can, preserving shelves of fruit, vegetables and chow chow. The youngest daughter returned to San Francisco and worked for Jessica McClintock of Gunne Sax. She and Roberta decided it would be fun to open a dress shop in their Victorian home and call it The Clothes Barn, filling it with McClintock's frilly, feminine dresses, skirts and blouses. That began over 25 years of a legacy where girls bought their prom dress, then wedding dress and eventually their daughters bought their special dresses. Roberta kept a log of all the prom dresses and what school the buyer attended so the girls would know if that particular dress would already be worn at her school.

## Today

Both Bill and Roberta, now with their Savior Jesus, leave behind 4 children, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Their 74-year marriage and their wartime courtship live on in all their saved V-mail and letters sent to each other as Bill served in 4 theaters of WWII. Laurie had been a caregiver for her parents, living in their Victorian home. Bill died at 98 years old departing his life on earth on Pearl Harbor Day. Roberta died just 4 years ago at age 94. Laurie Mann is ready to leave their home on Fir Butte Road but will keep her memories the house holds forever.

- Article Written by Laurie Mann



The Fry's Home, 1936



**BINGO! Every Third Saturday of the Month Starts @ 6:30 pm**

Cost \$15.00 FOR ALL AGES

At the Alvadore Christian Church

Watch for • The Bingo Signs • The Alvadore Church Calendar  
• The Alvadore Community Help Facebook Page



**Junction City Garden Club**

Sharing the Beauty, Knowledge  
& Love of Gardening

Meets 1st Tuesday of the Month

For more information  
(541) 998-2147

At the Church of the Nazarene, 1715 W. First, Junction City at 12:30

Follow on Facebook for more details @ Junction City Garden Club

## The August Alvadore Ice Cream Social Was a Hit!



A big thank you to all who attended the Ice Cream Social and Car Show on August 5th at the Alvadore Church. They enjoyed many activities including Face Painting, Rock Painting, Lawn Games, Live Music, viewing Show Cars owned and driven by local owners and of course Ice Cream! And thanks for the fun and laughs of the many who volunteered for the popular Dunk Tank. Our first volunteer (victim) was Pastor Kirk and even our littlest attendees were able to dunk a brother, a father, a friend or some willing person who wanted a dunk in the cool water on a very warm day.

The Cookie Contestants made it difficult for the judges to choose only 2 winners. Mary Martins took first place and Joe Kloster was the runner up. They each received a gift certificate from Camas Mills Bakery and everyone enjoyed the cookies, thank you.

Many hands made this a great community event and a special thanks goes to Laura Roberts, Gary Hinds, local car owners for the Car Show and the amazing musicians, The Survivors and Carl Falsgraf with Blue Country. Rock Painting and publicity was provided by Cheryl Chambers, our local Real Estate Expert, and we saw lots of happy cute faces. Games and ice cream, general set up and clean up was handled by Church and community volunteers. Alvadore Christian Church is always happy to share their "park" with the neighbors. It was a great time for all to meet and share a warm summer day together.

**We Hope to See You Again NEXT YEAR!**

**Congrats to  
The Winner  
Mary Martins**

**Congrats to  
The Runner – Up  
Joe Kloster**

## **Annual Quilt Show & Holiday Sale November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**

New Quilts, Handmade items, Table Runners, Small Quilts, Aprons, Bags, Vintage Treasures  
Tickets for Christmas Raffle Quilt will also be available.

At the Alvadore Christian Church • 27373 8th St, Junction City

## **2 Holiday Bazaars**

Local Vendors Wanted at the Fire Station only! \$20 Vendor fee (\$25 with electricity)

~ SHOP ~

AND

~ HOP ~

**Lions Alvadore Fire Station Bazaar**  
**Sat, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am – 4pm**

Support Local Vendors

Breakfast and Lunch Available for Purchase

90825 Alvadore Rd, Junction City

**Questions? Contact Donna Korn @  
dalmatia@comcast.net**

**Camas Country Bakery Bazaar**

**Sat, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am – 4pm &**

**Sun, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am – 2pm**

91948 Purkerson Rd, Junction City

**Questions? Contact Sue Hunton @ 541-915-6787  
sueh@camascountrymill.com**

### **The Women's Bible Study**

Resumes **Monday at 9 am**

They will be studying a video series on the Holy Land

All ladies are welcome to join

Call Carol @ 541-953-3034 for additional details

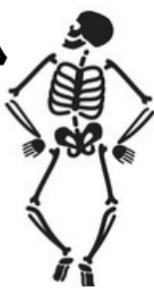


**Cheryl Chambers**  
**CHAMBERS**  
REAL ESTATE GROUP  
Powered by Hybrid Real Estate

COME ONE, COME ALL TO



**THE 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**



**ALVADORE**

**HALLOWEEN**

**CARNIVAL**

**Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 – 9:00pm**

At The Alvadore Fire Station 90825 Alvadore Rd, Junction City

**Join Us for an Old Fashion Carnival**

- Games • Costumes Contest • Cake Walk • Prizes •
- Raffle Table • Popcorn • Cotton Candy • Food Truck •

**FREE ADMISSION & FREE BAG OF CANDY FOR ALL CHILDREN**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- Set Up – All Day on Halloween
- Run a Game – 6pm – 9pm Any or All Shifts
- Clean up – 9 pm
- Many Ways to Help from 10/15 to 11/15

**DONATIONS WELCOME**

- Baked Goods for Cake Walk
- Wrapped Candy- **DEADLINE: Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>**
- Raffle Items
- Money

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

- Set Up - 9:00 am
- Food Truck - 12:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- Carnival begins - 6:00 pm
- Costume Contest - 7:45 pm
  - Ages 0-3, 4-7
  - 8-12, 13 & Up
- Raffle Winners Announced - 8:45 pm
  - \*Must be Present to Win\*
- Carnival Closes - 9:00 pm
- Clean up - 9:00 pm

**To Volunteer or Donate**

Call/Text Kim King @ 541-729-9846 or eqinechili@gmail.com



**For News & Updates Follow on Facebook**  
**@ Alvadore Halloween Carnival**



**SAVE  
THIS  
FLYER!**

## Listing Data as of Sept 13, 2023

Data Courtesy RMLS.com

ACTIVE Address	Details	Acres	Year Built	List Price
26916 HIGHWAY 36 #46	3 bed / 2 bath	PARK	1995	\$138,900
91979 TERRITORIAL HWY	Industrial	0.92	LAND	\$140,000
89572 FIR BUTTE RD	5 bed / 1.5 bath	4.51	1900 APX	\$550,000
0 BUCKSKIN DR	LAND	2.02	LAND	\$600,000
91992 HIGHWAY 99	MULTIFAMILY	4	1945	\$849,900
90210 MERRYMAN RD	10 bed / 9 ba / 2 half ba	5.8	2001	\$899,999
89780 GREEN HILL RD	3 bed / 1.5 bath	73.92	1910	\$950,000
92254 GREEN HILL	3 bed / 2.5 bath	10.13	2004	\$1,035,000
91021 STARLITE LN	3 bed / 2 ba / 2 half ba	3.25	1993	\$1,200,000
28393 ROYAL AVE	5 bed / 3 bath	41.86	1964	\$1,250,000
PENDING Address	Details	Acres	Year Built	List Price
26916 HIGHWAY 36 #4	3 bed / 2 bath	PARK	1988	\$132,000
90798 ALVADORE RD	3 bed / 1 bath	.44	1924	\$308,000
27401 8TH ST	4 bed / 4.5 bath	1.01	1964	\$895,000
Canceled/Expired	Details	Acres	Year Built	List Price
26916 HIGHWAY 36	3 bed / 2 bath	PARK	1996	\$65,000
27875 GREEN OAKS DR	3 bed / 2 bath	3.25	1971	\$724,900
93009 KINSER LN	3 bed / 2.5 bath	7.25	1993	\$880,000
29273 OLD AIRPORT RD	LAND	8	LAND	\$2,000,000
SOLD Address	Details	Acres	Year Built	Sold Price
27171 CLEAR LAKE RD	2 bed / 1 bath	PARK	1972	\$60,000
6090 LATOUR LN	3 bed / 2 bath	.16	2003	\$440,800
27178 CLEAR LAKE RD	2 bed / 1 bath	4.41	1946	\$540,000
25939 KRUGUR PARK RD	3 bed / 1 bath	8.11	1947	\$700,000
28278 EDGEWATER DR	5 bed / 2.5 bath	2.53	1966	\$785,000
28093 CROSSLEY LN	4 bed / 2 bath	5	2014	\$1,049,000
28244 EDGEWATER DR	3 bed / 3 bath	3.12	1990	\$1,160,000
27262 HIGHWAY 36	3 bed / 2.5 bath	191.74	1967	\$1,800,000

## Pending Listings

27401 8<sup>th</sup> St, Junction City  
4 bed / 4.5 bath  
**Pending - \$895,000**

90798 Alvadore Rd, Junction City  
3 bed / 1 bath  
**Pending - \$308,000**

## Active Listings



4899 Elva Ln, Eugene .64 acres  
**For Sale - \$210,000**



0 Buckskin Dr, Eugene 2.02 acres  
**For Sale - \$600,000**

**For Sale \$1,200,000**



**91021 Starlite Ln, Junction City**  
Hwy 99 just past Jerry's turn on  
Clear Lake Rd To Alvadore Rd to  
8th Street to Starlite  
Between the Airport and Fern  
Ridge Lake

**Buildings! 50X20 RV Garage  
/ 3 Car Garage  
1 Car Garage / 2 Stall Barn  
Fully Fenced / Gated /  
Asphalt Circle Drive  
This 3.25 acre estate has  
amazing coast range sunset  
views**

SINGLE LEVEL  
EXCEPT BONUS ROOM WITH 1/2 BATH  
OVER GAME ROOM

**Quiet Dead End Lane**





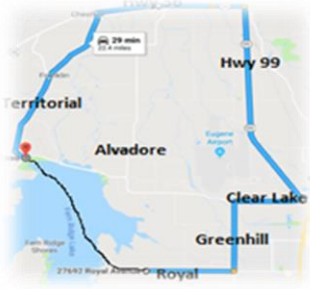
**CHAMBERS**  
REAL ESTATE GROUP  
*Powered by Hybrid Real Estate*

Alvadore Newsletter  
Cheryl Chambers  
Hybrid Real Estate  
PO Box 150  
Alvadore, OR 97409

The Alvadore Newsletter is created by Cheryl Chambers and staff with the intention of bringing our community together

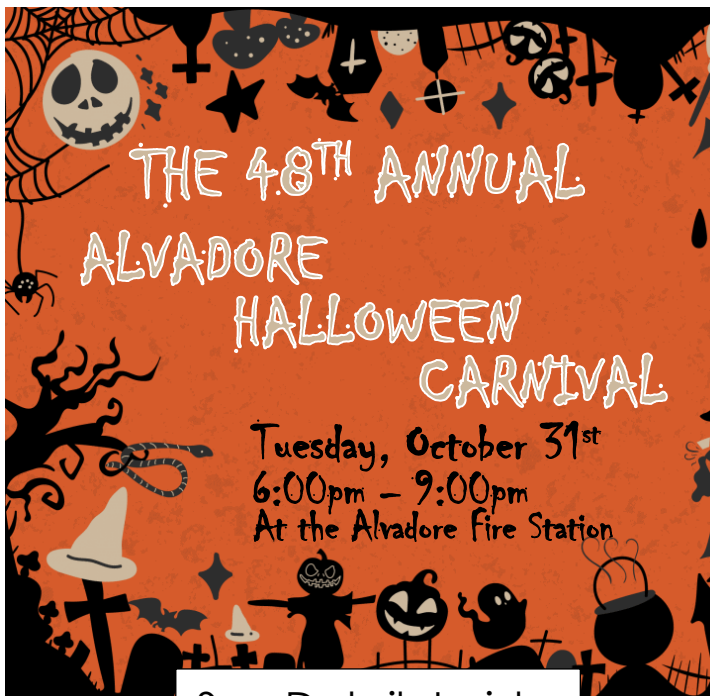
If you have question, comments, suggestion or are looking to buy or sell a home, I am never too busy to take your call.

Cheryl Chambers  
541-689-4621  
Cheryl@CRoregon.com



# Alvadore Neighborhood News

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Annual Alvadore Christian Church  
Quilt Show & Holiday Sale  
November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
27373 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Junction City**

**Alvadore Holiday Bazaar  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 – 4  
Alvadore Fire Station  
90825 Alvadore Rd, Junction City**

**Camas Country Holiday Bazaar  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 – 4 &  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am – 2pm  
91948 Purkerson Rd, Junction City**