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Merry Christmas from Linda and Grant



Ice Age Redwood roots

We had a very productive year in the garden. The fruit trees ripened in succession so that we had very few breaks in between crops. They all consumed time what with picking, preserving, and eating –yum! There were also the veggies – tomatoes, peppers, squash, beans, cucumbers, and pie pumpkins. All the good stuff.

Charlie grew pumpkins at a neighbor's ranch again this year. He opened the pumpkin patch to sell the produce. He did pretty well this time around.

We took the trailer out twice this year. In June we went up 101 exploring some places we haven't seen in past trips. There were a couple of surprises. Pat had given Linda a pair of trekking poles and she had a chance to try them out. Trek-

king poles are kind of like ski poles except that they are three piece telescoping poles that you adjust for your height. Linda had a bum knee and these poles helped her climb and descend on the trails. They were especially helpful on the beach.

In Oregon we climbed lighthouses and walked the beaches. We went looking for agate and instead found 10,000 year old redwood roots left from the ice age.

In September we went to Medford to visit with Tory, Lorinda and Billie. We spent a low key week just kind of hanging out. Well, Linda did some sewing for Tory and Grant did several little jobs for Lorinda.

Three of the grandchildren are in school now. Phillip is in first grade, Piper and Nicholas are in



Hecata Head Lighthouse



Trekking poles

Kindergarten. Jonathan is in preschool. So they are all pretty busy.

Much time was spent during the Spring getting Mom's house in Martinez ready to put on the market. When it was ready (we thought) we had a couple of offers that didn't pan out.

Casey has agreed to live in the house as caretaker while he finishes up his work in law school. After that we (Elaine and Grant) will decide what to do next.

Classifieds

Financial advice – charged by the hour, err minute, err, second, err nanosecond.

Forget it make it up as you go – that's what the CEOs did! Just get a good buyout and run!!!

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