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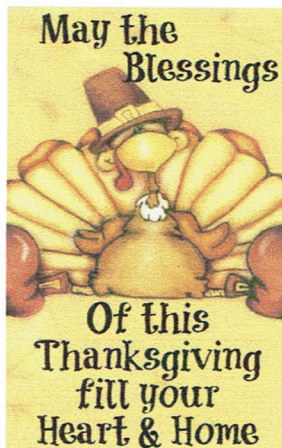
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## AVIAN FLYER RECEIVES NEW EDITOR!

Beginning with next month's issue, your Avian Flyer will have a brand new Editor! Lori Wilkinson will be taking over, giving the long cherished newsletter a fresh perspective. Caleb has enjoyed providing our ever popular cartoons and I have enjoyed researching articles and doing the layout. Both of us have decided to take a break from the club to better pursue our other interests for awhile. Caleb has his own youtube channel and enjoys gaming, many sports and writing. I have written articles, commercials and political ads in the past as well as a 2 year stint as a comedy writer for a cable TV show back in the day. I have long wanted to resume writing again, which takes a lot of time and discipline. I also enjoy taking my birds out

to do educational presentations to various groups and want to do more of those. The kinds of birds I keep love those events and all of the attention they get during them. We are also both very active in our church. Recent health changes for me have played a role in this decision as well.

We want to encourage you to send articles, pictures of your birds/aviaries, cartoons and bird related ads to Lori. Every club member has unique expertise when it comes to birds, and your fellow club members want you to share it!

Thank you for the privilege of allowing us to produce the club newsletter. We leave you with an issue full of fun thanksgiving trivia to share with family and friends during the holiday, and holiday bird safety tips! Blessings!

*Caleb Coblentz & Beth Murphy  
Outgoing Avian Flyer Co-Editors*

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Thank you to all the volunteers that made our 2024 annual show and sale a great success! I am always amazed and grateful to see people come help with all the details it requires to host a sale and show.

Thanks to Debbie Cordis-Weaver and Diana Gross for the silent auction. Thank you to Randi Smith for organizing the sales tables. Thank you to Kris Rigdon for hosting and providing transportation for our judges. Thank you to Noel Clarke, Wayne Smith, Hector Diaz, Fred Hozen, Sharon Mrokowski, Randi Smith, Mari Ann Eirman, Quin Ward, and others for helping with set up and take down. Thank you to our show secretaries, Kris Rigdon, Mary Ann Allen, Paula Hansen, and Randi Smith. Our show stewards were KJ Brown, Mary Ann Buckles, Hector Diaz, Doug White and Wayne Smith. Thank you! Thank you to the Cascade Budgie Society and Mike Dahl for your par in the show. Congratulations to our show winners! Thank you to everyone who showed birds and sold birds. It takes a lot of people to make the show a success. You all did a great job!

We will be electing club officers for the year 2025. You will be receiving a ballot soon. We need someone who is willing to learn how to be the club treasurer. If you might be able to help in that role, please let me know. Ballots need to be mailed by Dec. 10 or returned at our club Christmas Party on Dec. 14.

There will be no club meeting in November. I am leaving soon to show my birds at the National Bird Show in Knoxville, Tn. It is always a highlight of the year for me.

Take care and I hope you can come to the Dec. 14 Christmas Party. Dan Pitney

*Dan Pitney*



**Columbia Canary Club  
2024 Winners**

**October Treasurer's Report**

**Colorbred**

**Best Colorbred-A. Delcid**

**Division 1 White Ground Lipochrome**

- 1. H. Diaz
- 2. H. Diaz

**Division 2 Red Ground Lipochrome**

- 1. H. Diaz
- 2. J. Cezars
- 3. J. Cezars

**Division 3 Red Ground Melanin**

- 1. A. Delcid
- 2. A. Delcid
- 3. J. Cezars

**Division 4 Yellow Ground Lipochrome**

- 1. H. Diaz
- 2. H. Diaz

**Division 6 White Ground Melanin**

- 1. H. Diaz
- 2. H. Diaz
- 3. H. Diaz

**Type**

**Best Type- D. Pitney**

**Division 7 Border**

- 1. D. Pitney
- 2. D. White
- 3. D. Pitney

**Division 8 Fife**

- 1. D. White
- 2. D. White
- 3. D. Pitney

**Division 11 Non-Colorfed**

- 1. M.A. Buckles

**Finches**

- 1. KJ Brown
- 2. H. Diaz
- 3. C. Hartung

**Small Hookbills**

- 1. W. Smith
- 2. W. Smith
- 3. B. Rochiguez

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 Beginning CD Account: \$7,868.97  
**\$12,597.85**

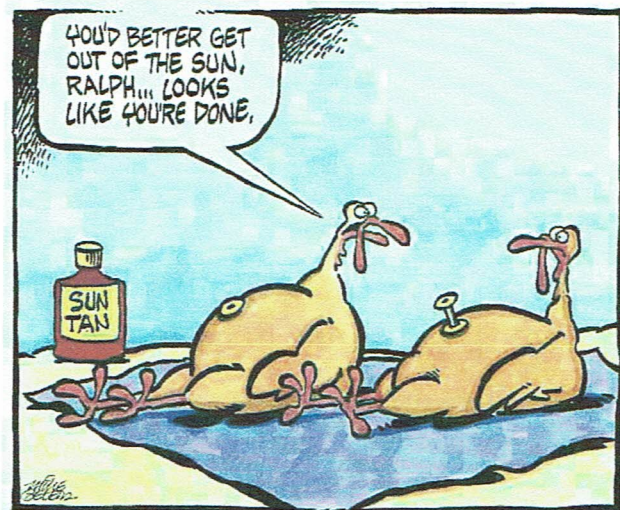
**Income**

CD Interest: \$25.39  
 Member Dues \$235.00  
 Silent Auction (Show) \$514.00  
 Division Winners (Show) \$570.00  
 Admission Fees (Show) \$465.00  
 Sales Tables (Show) \$450.00  
 Bird Entry Fees (Show) \$473.00  
 Budgie Club (Hall Rental) \$500.00  
**\$3,232.39**

**Expenses**

Judges' Lodging, Dinners  
 and Misc. Expenses \$1,062.91  
 Judges' Airfare, Gratuities \$1,409.70  
 Cascade Hall Rental  
 Remainder \$1,260.00  
 Internet Domain Fee \$14.95  
**\$3,747.56**

Ending Checking Acct. \$4,978.82  
 Ending CD Acct. \$7,894.36  
**\$12,873.18**



## 75 Thanksgiving Trivia Questions And Answers To Share Over Dinner

Thanksgiving is one of the most popular holidays of the year and it's easy to see why. It's a whole day (and often weekend) devoted to spending time with loved ones, eating decadent foods, lazing on the couch and indulging in a dose of retail therapy. Plus, it kicks off the start of the most wonderful time of the year. But did you ever wonder which U.S. president declared Thanksgiving a holiday? Or when the first-ever Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was held? If you're curious, the Avian Flyer has got the answers to those Thanksgiving trivia questions and a host of others to entertain you and your crew this Turkey Day!

What process refers to soaking a turkey in a saltwater solution before cooking it? **Answer:** Brining

On average, how many questions does the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line field from callers during the holiday season? **Answer:** 100,000

What family does the pumpkin belong to? **Answer:** Cucurbitaceae

What four ingredients go into making a basic pie crust? **Answer:** Flour, salt, water and butter/shortening

According to Lending Tree, how many guests, on average, did Thanksgiving hosts expect to serve in 2023? **Answer:** 11

In 1995, this popular Thanksgiving vegetable was the first to be grown in space. **Answer:** The potato

With 15 Best in Show titles, what dog breed has had the most wins at the National Dog Show (which airs on Thanksgiving Day)? **Answer:** Wire Fox Terrier

Around how many calories are in a half-cup serving of bread stuffing? **Answer:** 118

How many balloons were featured in the 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade? **Answer:** 25

Referred to as the "pumpkin capital" of the U.S., what town is home to the Libby's pumpkin canning plant? **Answer:** Morton, Illinois

What year did "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" debut on television? **Answer:** 1973

According to Macy's, roughly how many people attend the attend the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York each year? **Answer:** 3.5 million

In 2023, which state raised the most turkeys? **Answer:** Minnesota

Referred to as the "pumpkin capital" of the U.S., what town is home to the Libby's pumpkin canning plant? **Answer:** Morton, Illinois

According to Merriam-Webster, when was the term "Friendsgiving" first circulated? **Answer:** 2007

How many pounds of glitter are sprinkled on Macy's Thanksgiving Parade floats and costumes? **Answer:** 300 pounds

What movie holds the record for the highest-grossing weekend in Thanksgiving history? **Answer:** "Frozen 2"

Are pumpkins technically a fruit or a vegetable? **Answer:** Fruit

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, how many places in the U.S. are named Cranberry? **Answer:** Five

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According to Guinness World Records, how much does the world's largest pumpkin pie weigh? **Answer:** Made in 2010, the record-breaking pie weighed 3,699 lbs.

How many calories are in a typical holiday dinner? **Answer:** Approximately 3000

How many minutes a day does the average American (15 and older) spend eating and drinking? **Answer:** 67 minutes

What is an adult female turkey called? **Answer:** A hen

What is an adult male turkey called? **Answer:** A tom

What temperature should a turkey be cooked to for safe eating? **Answer:** 165 °F

What holiday was the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade commemorating? **Answer:** Christmas

What hurricane made landfall on Thanksgiving Day 2016? **Answer:** Hurricane Otto

Which is the most popular day to shop during Thanksgiving weekend? **Answer:** Black Friday

On Thanksgiving Day 1989, what weather event disrupted the Macy's parade? **Answer:** Snow. On Nov. 23, four inches of snow fell on the Big Apple, marking the first Thanksgiving Day storm in more than 50 years.

Which retailer was the first to host a Thanksgiving Day parade? **Answer:** Gimbels. The department store hosted a Thanksgiving Day parade in Philadelphia in 1920, four years before Macy's held their first.

Which U.S. Founding Father famously referred to turkeys as "a bird of courage"? **Answer:** Benjamin Franklin

Which U.S. president was the first to officially pardon a turkey? **Answer:** George H.W. Bush. In 1989, Bush "presented a Presidential pardon" to a "fine tom turkey" — and it's been an annual tradition ever since.

What were the top three gift categories shoppers spent money on over Thanksgiving weekend in 2023? **Answer:** Clothing, toys and gift cards.

According to a YouGov survey, what three things do Americans report being most thankful for? **Answer:** Family, health and life

True or false: The Pilgrims referred to themselves as "Pilgrims." **Answer:** False. They called themselves "Separatists"

Which two NFL teams have played a game on Thanksgiving Day since 1966? **Answer:** Detroit Lions and Dallas Cowboys

How long can a turkey be stored in the freezer? **Answer:** An unopened whole turkey can be frozen for up to two years

How long is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade route? **Answer:** 2.5 miles

What notable Native American served as an interpreter between the Pilgrims and Native Americans? **Answer:** Squanto

How many passengers were on the Mayflower? **Answer:** 102

When was the first Thanksgiving feast held? **Answer:** November 1621

What was on the menu of the first Thanksgiving? **Answer:** Venison, goose, duck, fish and porridge or bread made from corn

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How did the cranberry get its name? **Answer:** Originally dubbed the "craneberry," Pilgrims likened the pink blossoms that appear on cranberries to the heads of Sandhill Cranes

How many cranberries are in one pound? **Answer:** Roughly 440

How many cranberries are produced each year? **Answer:** Approximately 40,000 acres

How long did the first Thanksgiving feast last? **Answer:** Three days

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately how many colonists were living in America in 1620? **Answer:** 2,499

How many places in the U.S. have the word "Turkey" in their name? **Answer:** Seven. Turkey City, Texas; Turkey Creek, Arizona; Turkey Creek, Stone County, Arkansas; Turkey Creek, McPherson County, Kansas; Turkey Creek, Louisiana; Turkey, North Carolina and Turkey Valley, Yankton County, South Dakota

How many approximately how many Pilgrims were at the first Thanksgiving harvest feast in 1621? **Answer:** 53

What household hazard triples on Thanksgiving? **Answer:** Fires. There are more than three times the daily average calls about home cooking fires on Thanksgiving Day, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

According to the National Grocers Association, how many hours does it take to thaw a frozen turkey in the refrigerator? **Answer:** Approximately 24 hours for each four to five pounds of frozen turkey

Once cooked, how long can turkey sit before it should be refrigerated? **Answer:** No longer than two hours

Approximately how many Pilgrims survived the first winter in America? **Answer:** Half

According to AAA and INRIX, approximately how many Americans take to the roads on Thanksgiving? **Answer:** 50 million

Which Founding Father once proclaimed, "No citizen of the U.S. shall refrain from turkey on Thanksgiving Day"? **Answer:** Alexander Hamilton

According to AAA and INRIX, when is the worst time to travel during Thanksgiving weekend? **Answer:** The Wednesday before Thanksgiving between noon and 8:00 p.m.

How many places in the U.S. have the word "Pilgrim" in their name? **Answer:** Two. Pilgrim, Michigan and Pilgrim, Dade County, Missouri.

Which U.S. metro areas experience the worst pre-Thanksgiving congestion? **Answer:** Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles and New York City, according to AAA and INRIX.

According to the National Turkey Federation, roughly how many turkeys are consumed each Thanksgiving? **Answer:** About 45 to 46 million

True or false: Thanksgiving is the busiest travel holiday of the year. **Answer:** False. The week between Christmas and New Year's Day is the busiest time for travel with upwards of 90 to 100 million Americans traveling during that time, according to AAA.

True or false: The Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Sioux Native Americans. **Answer:** False. The Pilgrims joined the Wampanoag Native People (which includes the Mashpee, Aquinnah and Manomet groups) for the first harvest gathering.

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Which state produces the most cranberries? **Answer:** Wisconsin

According to the National Grocers Association, what are the top ten most popular Thanksgiving foods? **Answer (in order):** Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing or dressing, gravy, rolls and bread, pumpkin pie, sweet potatoes or yams, apple pie, cranberry sauce and corn.

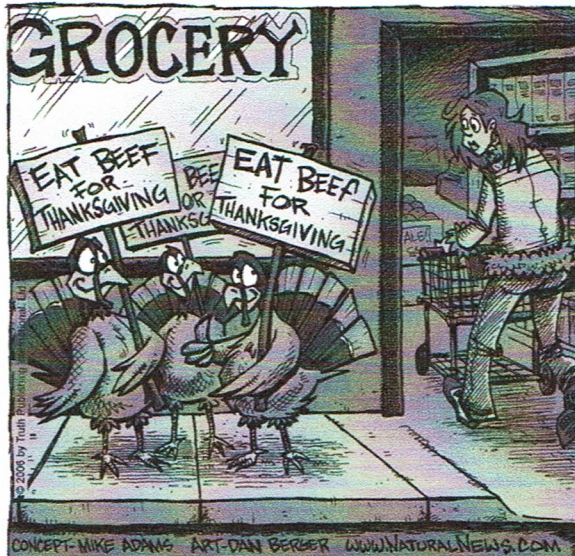
According to a 2021 survey by The Vacationer, what are the three most-disliked Thanksgiving foods? **Answer:** Cranberry sauce followed by turkey and green bean casserole

What do Marilyn Monroe, Meryl Streep, Matt Damon and Taylor Swift all have in common? **Answer:** They are all descendents of passengers or crew on the Mayflower.

True or false: Pilgrim Monument is located at Plymouth Rock. **Answer:** False. The Pilgrim Monument is located in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

*Written by Sarah Lemire*

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**Bird Safety: Holiday Hazards**

The holidays will soon be in full swing! The days are shorter, many streets are festively festooned, and pumpkin spiced lattes are in hand. Many of you amazing pet bird owners out there will likely include your feathered friends in the festivities this year. To help ensure that they too enjoy the cheer, Avian Flyer would like to gift our readers with a holiday pet bird safety guide!

**Seasonal Plants and Decorations**

Many of the splendid traditional holiday accents; including festive plants, glittering Christmas trees, twinkling lights, and the smell of cinnamon and cloves from scented candles, may pose a health hazard to many pet birds. Read on to learn how to avoid these holiday hazards for your pet's sake:

**Mistletoe** is a traditional favorite but may pose a threat if any part of the plant is consumed, even 1-2 berries can be life threatening! Signs that your bird may have eaten this plant include vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress (abnormal breathing), and collapse.

**Poinsettias** are not nearly as toxic as mistletoe but if ingested may cause some gastrointestinal (gut/tummy) upset.

Popular decorative flowers such as **chrysanthemum, yew, and lily** may add a lovely festive accent in the home but may also cause illness to your pet bird if ingested.

Growing **amaryllis** from bulb to flower can be a fun indoor gardening experience, but it will put your pet bird at risk. The plant, including the bulb, is toxic to birds and other pets. Ingesting it can result in vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia, excessive salivation and more.

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**Holly** is a great decoration for holiday festivities, but its leaves and berries are poisonous to birds.<sup>4</sup> Because the berries might look like a tasty snack for many birds, opt for synthetic holly in your holiday decorations to keep your pet healthy and safe.

Lush, green **ivy** is a popular decoration in many homes. While it does add a beautiful accent to a room, several types of ivy—including the common English ivy—can be deadly to any pet birds who share your home. It can cause gastrointestinal issues such as vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhea as well as hypersalivation.

**Christmas trees** themselves are considered a safe tree for birds but there are a few things to consider before adorning one in your home for the holidays. If your bird finds its way to perch on your tree, be mindful of any tree sap that may stick to your bird's feathers. While perched, your bird may likely peck and nibble at the tree's naturally prickly needles that can cause injury externally and internally if ingested. Also, Christmas trees themselves may be sprayed with chemicals and the water frequently contains fertilizers to keep them alive through the holidays. Dressing up the tree can be an occasion for joy and expressing your own artistic flare, but take care to avoid spraying white flocking (fake snow) or glitter as these "wow" factors may prove poisonous to birds. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Hemlock trees are poisonous to any pet drinking the water from their stands.)

**Not all that glitters is gold.** Twinkling lights and gleaming décor can provide a truly winter wonderland atmosphere, but these can break, leaving sharp edges and exposed wire that can quickly become an electrifying or hazardous experience for your beloved bird. Some decorations may contain toxic heavy metals such as zinc. Zinc can be found in candy foil wraps, wine bottles, bells, stained glass, and even some paints. Common symptoms with zinc toxicity

include lethargy and weakness. Additionally, your bird can become entangled by ribbons and tinsel. Pecked and shredded decorations may lead to choking or an intestinal blockage. Consider an alternative decoration, such as bird-seed ornaments, pine cone feeders, cranberry garlands, and strings of plain air-popped popcorn or unsweetened cereal such as regular Cheerios.

**Amazing aromas.** Scented candles, incense, and air fresheners can add a touch of holiday cheer with tantalizing fragrances like fresh baked cookies, maple, and pine. Unfortunately, these products typically contain oils that are poisonous to birds, so be sure to avoid using these while your beloved bird is in the same room. As an alternative, try boiling herbs like cinnamon, cloves, or peppermint. While we are on the topic of stovetop cooking, you may have noticed that some non-stick cookware contains polytetrafluoroethylene (aka PTFE or Teflon), which is the most common inhaled poisoning in companion birds. When Teflon-containing products are heated, they give off toxic fumes that can quickly become deadly to birds. Additional household products that may contain Teflon include heaters, lamps, coated light bulbs, and hair dryers. As mentioned with the scented candles and air fresheners, be sure to only use Teflon containing products when your companion bird is not in the room. (Even birds in adjacent rooms have suddenly died from the use of Teflon nearby. Makes us wonder what the fumes do to us humans!)

#### **Tasty, but toxic treats**

Many pet owners show their affection by sharing their delightful feast with their favorite companions without realizing the potential dangers. This can prove particularly true during the holiday season. We can't fault you for your kindness; just be sure, if you are sharing, to take great care to choose foods that are not harmful for your pets. The following is a list of some foods dangerous to birds and other pets:

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**Avocado.** A staple in sunny Southern California even during the holiday season. All parts of the avocado plant contain persin, a toxin that has been reported to be a cardiotoxic (toxic to the heart) in birds. Smaller pet bird species like canaries and budgies are considered more likely to become ill. Respiratory distress (trouble breathing) is a typical symptom that can develop within 12 hours after ingestion and death can occur within 24-48 hours.

**Chocolate.** Chocolate contains toxic methylxanthines including caffeine and theobromine that may cause your pet to exhibit an increased heart rate, tremors, seizures, and possible death if chocolate is ingested. A general rule of thumb is the purer or darker the chocolate, the higher the potential to be toxic in smaller amounts.

**Garlic & onion.** Tasty flavor profiles infused with garlic and onion can hit the spot for human palates while posing a threat to your beloved bird. If ingested, especially in their more concentrated forms such as garlic powder or onion soup mixes, may cause digestive issues, lethargy, weakness, increased heart rate, and even sudden death.

**Sugar-free foods.** Sugar-free foods can contain artificial sweeteners like xylitol that can be toxic to many bird species. If ingested, xylitol can cause severe hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) that may present as incoordination, weakness, collapse, and death.

Consider providing a safe and quiet space for your bird, for example, moving their cage into a spare bedroom where guests are unlikely to enter. This can be particularly helpful if any of your guests decide to bring their young children or even their own pets. Prior to the arrival of your guests, consider going over some ground rules regarding your bird companion such as no unsupervised visitation with your bird, no feeding of unauthorized foods, etc.



### 2024 CCC Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be on Saturday, December 14, 2024, noon, at the Clackamas Community Club main hall. Everyone is invited. We will celebrate the year and introduce the newly elected officers for 2025.

It will be a pot-luck meal. Bring a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. Come help set up at 11:30 am. We will eat at noon and have a good time of conversation about birds and our mutual hobby. There will be no gift exchange this year. This is our December meeting. I hope you can join us!



### Thanksgiving Weather Forecast

Turkeys will thaw in the morning, then warm in the oven to an afternoon high near 190F. The kitchen will turn hot and humid, and if you bother the cook, be ready for a severe squall or cold shoulder.

During the late afternoon and evening, the cold front of a knife will slice through the turkey, causing an accumulation of one to two inches on plates. Mashed potatoes will drift across one side while cranberry sauce creates slippery spots on the other.

A weight watch and indigestion warning have been issued for the entire area, with increased stuffiness around the beltway. During the evening, the turkey will diminish and taper off to leftovers, dropping to a low of 34F in the refrigerator.

Looking ahead to Friday and Saturday, high pressure to eat sandwiches will be established. Flurries of leftovers can be expected both days with a 50 percent chance of scattered soup late in the day. We expect a warming trend where soup develops. By early next week, eating pressure will be low as the only wish left will be the bone.

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS THIS MONTH.

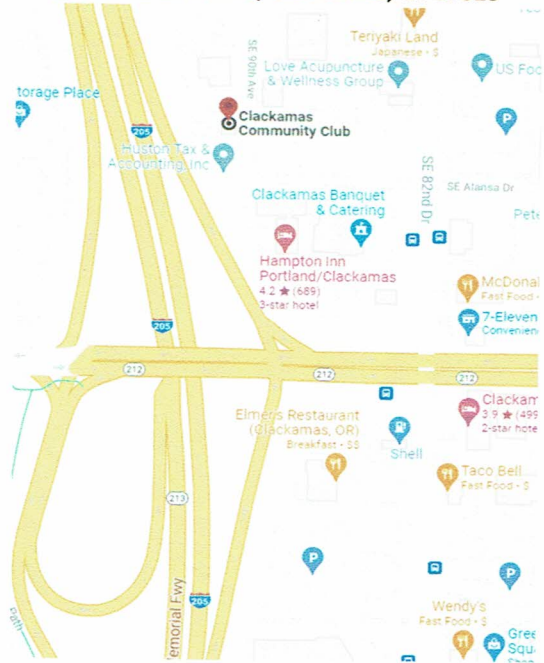
BE SURE TO CHECK PAGE 9 OF THIS ISSUE FOR INFORMATION ON THE CHRISTMAS DINNER IN DECEMBER!

DIRECTIONS TO CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY CLUB

FROM THE SOUTH: I-205 North to Exit 12 for OR-212 E toward OR-224 E/Damascus/Estacada. Use middle lane to turn right onto OR-212 E. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto SE 82nd Drive. Turn left onto SE St. Helens Street. Turn left onto SE 90th Avenue. Destination will be on the left after a right hand curve. Smaller of the two buildings. (Was once a residence.)

FROM THE NORTH: I-205 South. Take exit 12A to merge onto OR-212 E toward Damascus. Merge onto OR -212 E. Turn left on 82nd Drive. Turn left onto SE St. Helens Street. Turn left onto SE 90th Avenue. Destination will be on the left after a right hand curve. Smaller of the two buildings. (Was once a residence.)

CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY CLUB MAP 15711 SE 90th Ave, Clackamas, Or 97015



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Ballots must be returned via mail by **December 10, 2024 to**

Columbia Canary Club, PO Box 2013 Clackamas, Oregon 97015.

Or, you can return them in person at the CC Club Christmas Party on Dec. 14 at the Clackamas Community Center at 12 noon.