



The Argonne Newsletter

November - December, E-Edition 2025

The American Legion – Argonne Post 56

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From the Commander

Hello friends. All the hot weather is behind us and now we are watching the beautiful fall trees turn, and looking forward to the world series, and great football and basketball games. Speaking of sports, don't forget that we have the big screen, so be sure to visit the Post to watch a game or two with your friends.

Everything at the Post is running smoothly, with no big projects at the moment. We had several events in the last two months. In addition to our Taco Tuesdays and Trivia with Potluck, we had the Remembrance Dinner, our Annual Shuffleboard Tournament, Burger Night, and Halloween Costume Party.

The Remembrance Dinner was attended by 55 people, and was a beautiful event. Brian Berryhill and the SAL team, with help from the Auxiliary, prepared and served fantastic BBQ chicken and BBQ Tri-Tip dinners. Thank you both for all your help. During the ceremonial portion of the dinner, Auxiliary Chaplain Tess Kies McDowell read off the names of those that have passed and then recited several beautiful prayers. Singer Barbara Cecil sang three special songs following the prayers and then entertained us for rest of the evening.

The Shuffleboard Tournament was held on Sunday October 5th and turned out to be a great event. There were 7 teams, 14 players, with lots of fans to cheer them on. Please see the insert for photos of the players and tournament winners.

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Commander (cont.)

The ever popular Burger Night, was as usual, well attended with 60 hamburgers served. This was our second Burger Night of the year and we hope to have several more in 2026.

The Halloween Costume party was unbelievable. Lots of great costumes, and the top three won cash prizes. The decorations in the main hall and in the backyard were fantastic thanks to the dedicated work of Jan Carlson and her friends. Thank you Jan! Please see the insert for photos of all the costumes and contest winners.

The Holidays are coming up soon, and what a great time of the year to get together with family and friends. I wish everyone Happy Holidays and the best for 2026.

Thank you, Phil Morton

From the Service Officer

As Legion members we are not always aware of the many youth programs we have available. One that we have recently sent some of our high school students to is the Law Enforcement Career Camp of Oregon.

As a retired police officer, I would have taken full advantage of this camp to see if I wanted to go into law enforcement as a career. It gives our youth the opportunity to understand police work by watching and participating with instructors who are mentoring the students. Many come to the camp with no previous exposure to police officers at a personal level and leave with a new found respect for the occupation.

The course is not easy. It is an intense one week summer camp held at Camp Rilea Training Facility, Warrenton, Oregon, with students from across Oregon. The camp focuses on a wide variety of law enforcement topics ranging from patrol and investigations to K-9 operations, forensic sciences, fish and wildlife, explosives, criminal law and much more. From the 6:00 a.m. wake-up and PT, a strict indoor and outdoor schedule of classes is held rain or shine. The camp is a unique, fun and challenging for the students, giving them a positive experience they will not forget.

The camp is open to high school students 15 to 17 in good academic standing. Also, they should have a desire to learn more about law enforcement. The cost is \$50 with the Post picking up the rest of the cost. You can contact me if you have any question.

Thank you, Bill Middleton, Service Officer

VETERANS DAY



Join us for our Veterans' Day Dinner
Tuesday November 11th, 5:30.
We are serving our famous spaghetti with
salad, garlic bread and dessert.

The dinner is free for all Legion, SAL and
ALA members. Bring your family
and friends as guests
for \$7.00 a plate.



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Helping Veterans at Christmas

The Christmas season is coming up quickly and the Auxiliary will again be helping our Veterans' and their families, and Service men and women who need a little help this year with their Christmas. Last year we were able to help 31 families, 26 adults and 90 children. Most of these families were from Camp Withycombe which is a base to the National Guard, U. S. Army and Army Reserves.

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be set up the first week of December and it will be decorated with the Giving Tags shortly after. On the back of tags will be the gender, age and wanted gift(s) of a child of a Veteran in need. New tags are put up as more requests come in.

You can make a difference in a child's Christmas by taking one or more Giving Tags, purchasing the gift(s) and placing the unwrapped gift(s), with tags attached, under the Giving Tree. I suggest you choose a tag(s) with gifts you are familiar with and are comfortable buying.

We will again be working with KGW-TV who help supply gifts and the Sherwood Elks who supply Christmas food boxes. I hope that everyone can help us with this important cause. If you have any questions or would like to help out in some ways, please do not hesitate calling me.

*Sincerely, Mikkinsy Saling
Auxiliary President, 503-747-9441*

Post 56 Membership

Our membership is doing quite well. As of October 1st, among our three groups we have a total membership of 377. Last year at this same time we had 343 members so we are right at a 10% increase, which is very good. This total comes from the following: The Legion = 202, SAL = 79 and ALA = 96. All three met or exceeded their 2025 goals set by The American Legion National and the Auxiliary National.

Starting shortly after the first of July, I begin receiving membership reports from The American Legion Department of Oregon that shows how many members have renewed or joined for 2026. As I write this newsletter, we are on track to make our mid October goal of 55%. However, I'm concerned that we may fall behind for the November and December goals.

If you have already renewed for 2026, Thank You! Your renewal for 2026 is due no later than December 31st., but if you are so inclined to renew early, to help us make our goal, that would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support and understanding.
Phil Morton, Commander

Meet our New Historians

Legion member John Fisher was just appointed to fill the vacant position of Historian and Auxiliary member Sue Wilson, just a few months ago, was elected as the Historian for the Auxiliary. I spoke with John and Sue and here is what had to say about their new positions: "They plan on working together to research, find and preserve historical photos and documents. We love old documents, stories and photographs. We look forward to reviewing and sharing the Sherwood American Legion and Sherwood American Legion Auxiliary historical information.

We have been told that there are volumes of information and pictures in the attic and in the shed which we are looking forward to reviewing and sharing. We also want to display them so all can appreciate our rich history.

We also want to display current officers photographs and current positions so that new members will be able to easily identify officers."

If you have any knowledge of our history or can help in any way, please contact John at 503-502-7579 or Sue at 971-654-9011.

Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander

City of Sherwood Veterans Day

Recognition Brunch

November 11, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Sherwood Center for the Arts

Post 56's Color Guard will open the ceremony.

Don't miss this wonderful tribute to our Veterans. This is a free event.

**Please join us at the Post
for this special event.**

"Pizza with Music"

Saturday, November 22nd.

Featuring the duo Mortal Soulstice.

**Selling pizza by the slice and salad
beginning at 5:30.**



**From 6:30 to 8:30
listen, sing and
dance to music by
Mortal Soulstice
Rock 'n' Roll from
the 70's through
2000.
L-R: Kevin & Chris**

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends (fall back)	3	4 SAL Meeting 6:00 p.m.	5 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.	6 Pizza Night 4:30 General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day Dinner 5:30	12	13 Pizza Night 4:30	14	15 Trivia with Potluck
16	17	18	19	20 Pizza Night 4:30 E-Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Pizza with Music 5:30
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Post Closed	28	29
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December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.	4 Legion Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pizza Night 4:30	5	6
7	8	9 Taco Tuesday 5:00 p.m. SAL Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10	11 Pizza Night 4:30	12	13 Christmas Party with Music
14	15	16	17	18 Pizza Night 4:30 E-Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	19	20
21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas Post Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			



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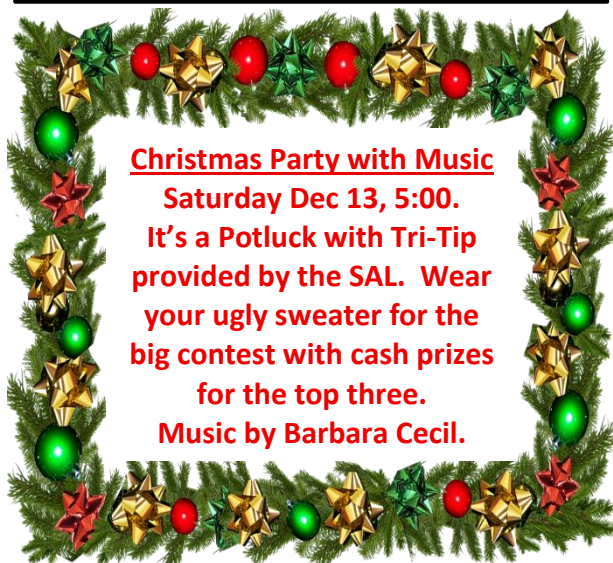
Historian

Allen Bower
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About the Newsletter

As you may remember, in the last newsletter I announced that I wanted to pass the torch to someone else to produce the newsletter. Unfortunately, I have not received one response to my article. I'm still hoping that someone will step up. My last newsletter will be the February - March 2026 edition. If no one volunteers there will no longer be a Post newsletter. Please contact me if you are interested.

Thank you, Phil Morton, Commander



Christmas Party with Music

Saturday Dec 13, 5:00.

**It's a Potluck with Tri-Tip
provided by the SAL. Wear
your ugly sweater for the
big contest with cash prizes
for the top three.**

Music by Barbara Cecil.

Welcome New Members

Legion: Barry Williams and Timothy Heffelbower.

Auxiliary: Rochelle Bishop, Carrie Fleischman, Julie Gish and Allison DeGraaf.

**Be Ready - You May Need to
Save a Life Someday**

There will be a CPR/AED Class on a Saturday in December or January. We will keep you posted. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. No charge for Members or their families.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



Save the Dates

Nov 11 Veterans' Day Dinner

Nov 15 Trivia with Potluck

Nov 22 Pizza with Music

Dec 13 Christmas Party with Music

Jan 13 Taco Tuesday

Jan 31 Trivia with Potluck

Remembrance Dinner

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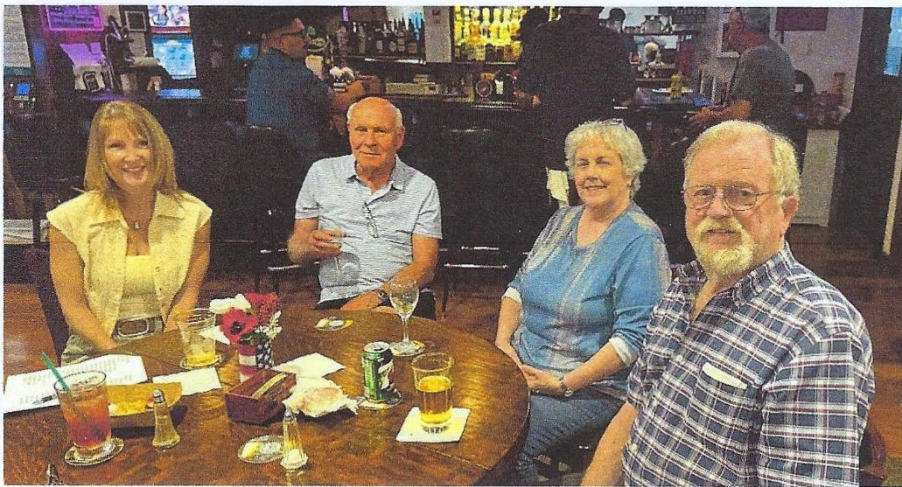
Barbara Cecil singing to the crowd



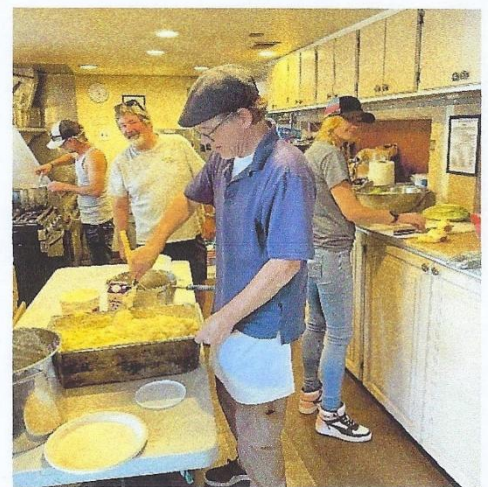
ALA Chaplain Tess Kies McDowell reading the prayers



Members enjoying the wonderful dinner and the music from Barbara Cecil



L-R; Kristin Pendleton, Les and Maureen Lucas and Joe Martin



The SAL and ALA cooked and served the great meals. Thank you.

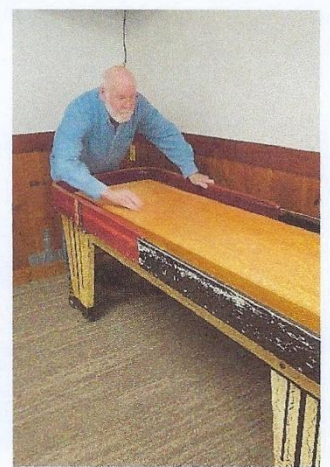
Shuffleboard Tournament



All the Teams had lots of fun



Leah Recor celebrating a score



John Fisher aiming for the perfect shot

Shuffleboard Tournament

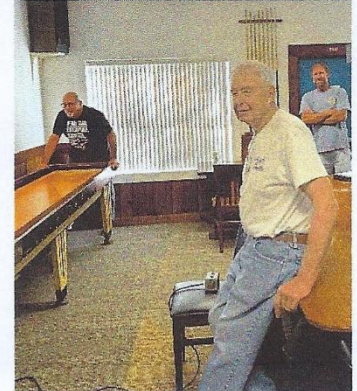
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L- R: Les Lucas & Joe Martin took 2nd place, Tim Nester & Leah Recor took 1st place & Brian Berryhill & Gary Gibbons took 3rd place

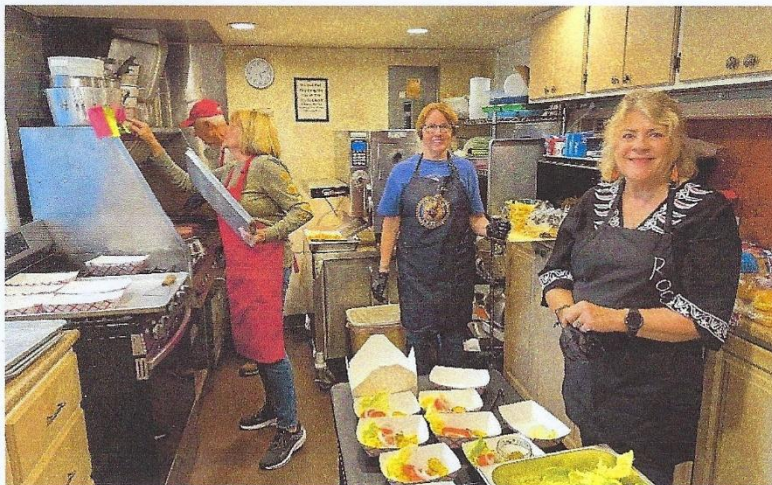


A Legion friend taking an important shot

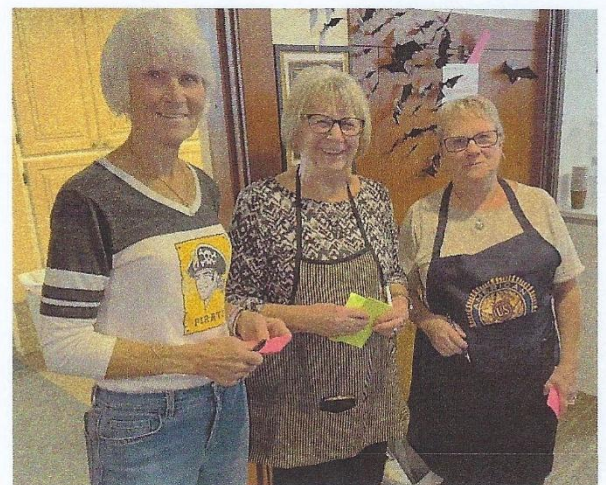


Nick Peters the Official Scorekeeper

October Burger Night



L - R: Back corner Nick Peters hamburger cook, Debbie Shorzman plating the burgers and fries, Teresa Peters fries, Rosemary Morton plating of relish boats, and Jim Edy dishwasher, not pictured.



Order Takers and Servers team. L-R: Clancy McCleod, Mary Bush and Sue LaBar.



A young family having fun eating burgers, fries and ice cream.



Members enjoying Burger Night



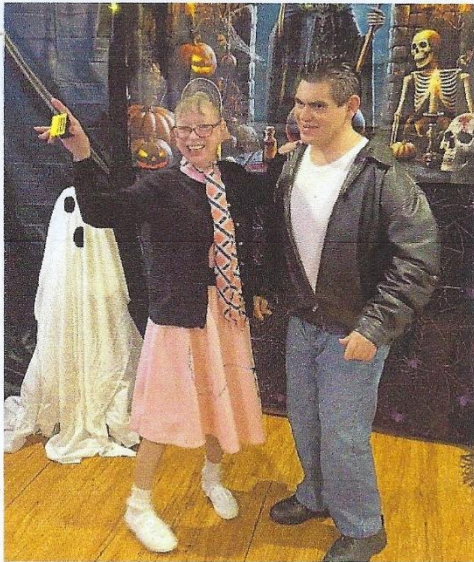
1st Place winners, \$75, to Jan Carlson as Mary and Gary Walgraave as Bert, in the movie Poppins



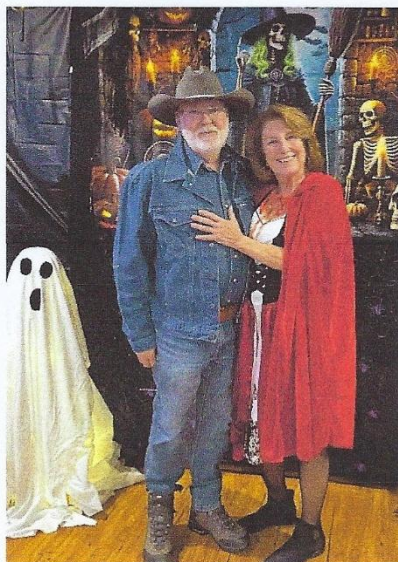
2nd Place winners, \$50, to the Golden Girls TV show



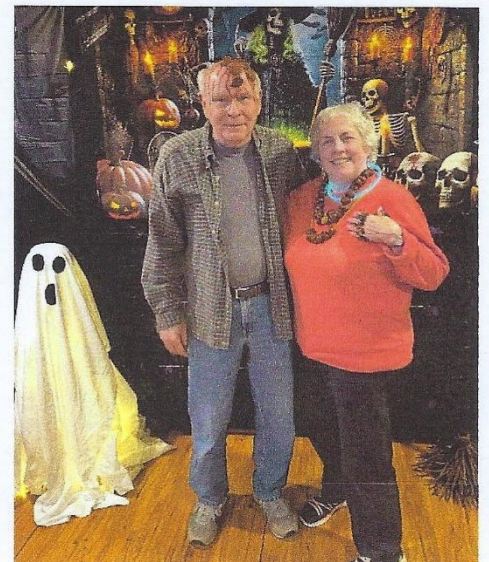
3rd Place winners, \$25 to Jody and Brian Berryhill, the Wizard of Oz characters



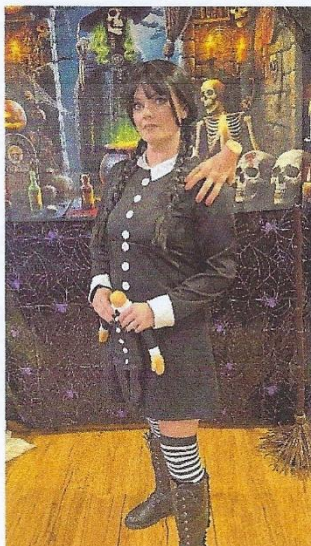
Honorable Mention, \$15, to Danny



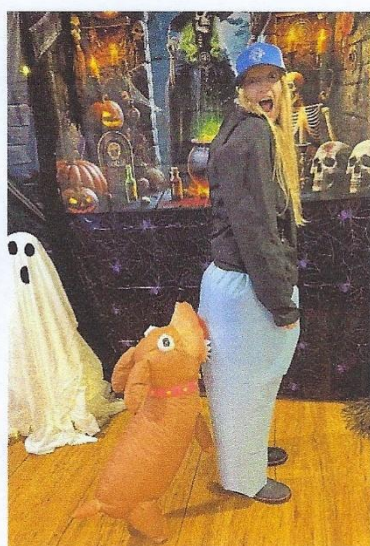
John Fisher and Becky Hicks



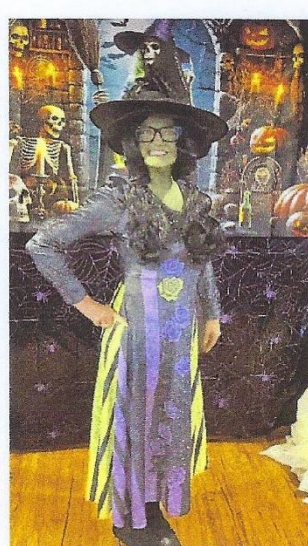
Les and Maureen Lucas



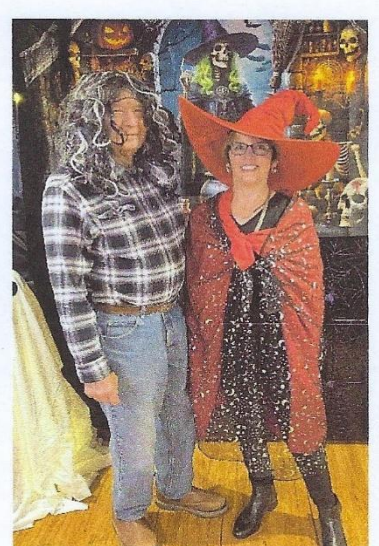
A friend of the Legion as Wednesday and Thing



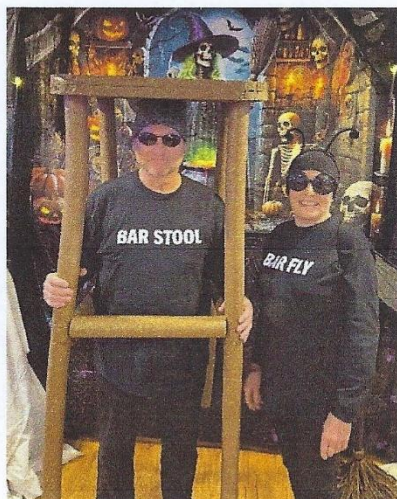
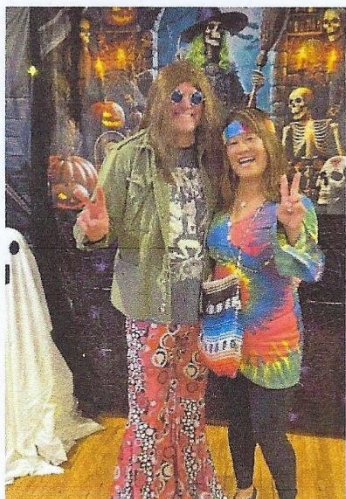
Mikkinsy Saling



Rebecca Fairbanks



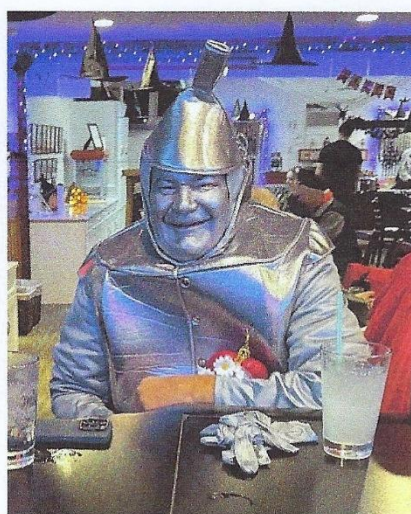
Nick and Teresa Peters



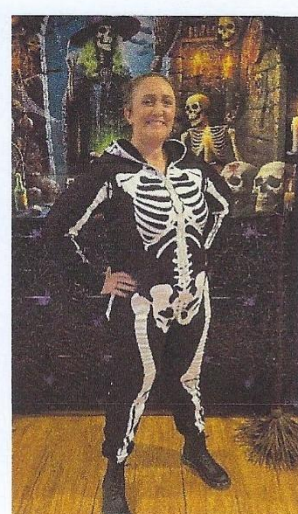
Very creative costumes



L-R: Brian and Rebecca Fairbanks and Friends



Brian Berryhill – The Tin Man
from the movie Wizard of Oz



Allison the
Skeleton Girl



Thank you, Jan Carlson, for your hours of work to decorate
our Post and produce the Halloween Costume Party. These
are just a few of your many friends that helped.



A very scary graveyard in our back yard