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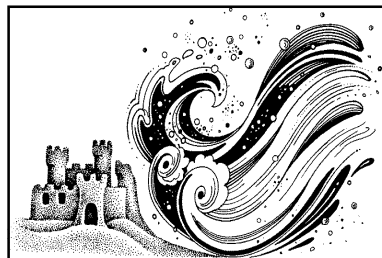
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**This Coming Week:  
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### Holiday Happenings

By Evan Kramer



There are so many events going on in connection with the Christmas holidays I decided to put them all together so we can keep track of them.

Port Orford Community Theater presents the "light hearted Christmas farce" **Sorry! Wrong Chimney!** at the beautiful Savoy Theater on Friday and Saturday nights, December 8 and 9 and on Sunday, December 10. The cast and crew of this holiday play have been rehearsing and working hard to put on a presentation all will enjoy.

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce holds a Christmas party for children at Driftwood Elementary School on Sunday, December 10, from 4:00 to 5:00pm. Santa will be making an appearance at 4:00pm, busy person that he is this time of year. I saw Fire Chief George Gehrke hanging holiday lights on the tree in front of the entrance to the school on Sunday.

The First Community Church holds a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party for children on Sunday, December 10, from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

The annual Christmas Concert put on by students in grades K-8 will be held on Monday, December 11, at 7:00pm at Pacific High School. The community is welcome.

The United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is under way in Port Orford. Donation boxes for toys are on display at Chetco Federal Credit Union, Klamath First Federal and McNair True Value. Toys don't need to be wrapped but should be new. They will be given to the Common Good, which will distribute them to local children. Klamath First Federal has a holiday canned food drive box available for donations, which will be given to the Common Good.

The Port Orford Rotary Club Tree of Giving program is about to get started. Trees of Giving will be located at Chetco Federal Credit Union, Klamath Bank, the Wheelhouse Restaurant and the Port and Starboard Restaurant. This program is very popular and every year many giving people in the community take a tag from the Giving Tree with the age and gender of a child and return a wrapped present to the tree. Presents are to be returned to the Giving Trees no later than December 18. The Common Good and Port Orford Ro-

### Apology

In last week's article "A While Ago..." I mentioned that the owner of the Storm Ranch, a man named Arthur B. Allen, was arrested for smuggling. I was unaware at the time that there is an Arthur A. Allen living in Port Orford. If I had known this, I most certainly would not have used the name or I would have made clear that I was NOT referring to this respected long-time resident of our community.

While the statement of facts is correct, my decision to state the owner's name was insensitive. This action was completely my own and in no way should reflect on the publishers of Port Orford, Today! It was purely unintentional and coincidental that the names are the same. I deeply regret any distress or inconvenience my article may have caused Mr. Allen.

None of the 17 men arrested were from Oregon. Some were from as far away as Massachusetts and New Jersey.

Jane Cramer

We, also, apologize for not realizing that this could cause trouble and regret any embarrassment it may have caused Mr. Allen.

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Date	Time Tide	Time Tide	Time Tide	Time Tide	Sun		Moon		Rise	Set	Rise	Set Phase
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Thu Dec 7, 2000	1:48a 2.4	8:19a 7.6	3:06p 1.2	9:13p 5.7	7:34a	4:45p	2:53p	3:54a				
Fri Dec 8, 2000	2:35a 2.6	8:55a 8.0	3:49p 0.3	10:09p 6.1	7:35a	4:45p	3:24p	5:02a				
Sat Dec 9, 2000	3:21a 2.8	9:33a 8.4	4:31p -0.6	11:00p 6.4	7:36a	4:45p	4:00p	6:11a				
Sun Dec 10, 2000	4:07a 3.0	10:12a 8.8	5:14p -1.2	11:50p 6.7	7:36a	4:45p	4:43p	7:21a				
Mon Dec 11, 2000	4:53a 3.1	10:54a 9.0	5:59p -1.7		7:37a	4:45p	5:33p	8:29a			FM	
Tue Dec 12, 2000	12:40a 6.8	5:42a 3.3	11:39a 9.1	6:45p -1.9	7:38a	4:45p	6:33p	9:31a				
Wed Dec 13, 2000	1:30a 6.9	6:32a 3.4	12:26p 8.9	7:33p -1.7	7:39a	4:45p	7:39p	10:24a				
Thu Dec 14, 2000	2:22a 7.0	7:28a 3.5	1:18p 8.5	8:23p -1.4	7:40a	4:46p	8:48p	11:14a				

**Police Log**

**November 27**

11:15am: Report of someone driving vehicle over lawns causing damage – report taken.

3:10pm: Suspicious vehicle, Jackson near 18th – vehicle disabled, moved by owner.

**November 28**

10:40am: Report of dog at large – unable to locate, gone on arrival.

1:15pm: Complaint of theft from a vehicle on 12th Street – report taken.

5:50pm: Disturbance between two male adults on Port Orford Loop – civil dispute, handled by contact.

**November 29**

2:10pm: Complaint of dog barking 935 Jackson Street #5, - to be contacted.

3:25pm: Complaint of dogs barking on 18th – owners contacted.

**November 30**

7:51am: Report of puppy followed kids to school – volunteer returned puppy to owners.

8:55am: Complaint of puppy howling, tied to front porch – unable to raise owners.

3:00pm: Return found disabled placard to resident on 9th Street.

3:20pm: Report of vicious dog at large on Agate Beach Road, charging pedestrians on daily walk – unable to contact owners, being monitored.

3:30pm: Complain of dog nuisance on 9th Street – referred to County Animal Control – situation being monitored.

**December 2**

7:20pm: Report of telephone harassment at residence on E. 15th Street – under investigation.

**Safety Tip of the Week**

9-1-1 is for emergencies only – please use business numbers for non-emergencies.

**Public Meetings**

**Port Orford City Council** meets on Monday, December 11, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

**Port Orford Rural Fire District** board meets on Tuesday, December 12, 5:30pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center.

**Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School** District Board of Education meets on Tuesday, December 12, 7:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

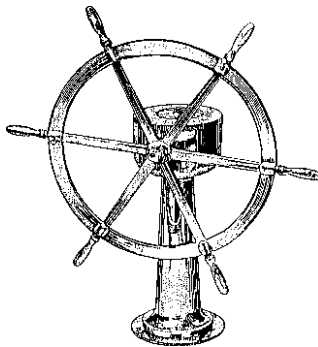
**Port Orford Planning Commission** meets on Tuesday, December 12, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

**Port Orford Library Board** meets on Wednesday, December 13, 5:15pm, at the library.

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## Machu Picchu II By Graeme Graydon



A convoy of medium-sized buses was waiting for us and soon it was whining up the switch-back, dirt road. We climbed and turned, climbed and turned, out of the

shadows of the river gorge, we climbed above the clouds, to the top of the world, a small turn-around area with a glimpse of a hotel, no sign of Machu Picchu. I followed a trail across the face of a slope towards a stone wall, through a narrow gate, and the city lay before me, cradled within and overflowing a nest-like ledge, perched precariously above sheer bluffs. It was right out of a fairytale, a beautiful fantasy. I felt as though my soul was about to burst, I had to leave the path and climb to a higher terrace to allow the tears to flow – and then I set out to explore.

The city was laid out in terraces on the steep slopes, there were no roads, just neatly paved pathways and flights of stairs between buildings – most of which were intact except for their roofs, there were carefully cut stone gutters and water

channels, (it rains a lot!). Everything blended with the natural contours of the land. White and gray stonework, emerald green grass, dahlias and gladioli – all this at about 11,000 feet. The Incas who lived here must have been incredibly fit and remarkably civilized, with skills, energy and drive to create this place – they must have loved living here. In the Temple of the Sun, I marveled at the skill and knowledge of its builders, they must have been priests, for no one today can explain how the irregular stone blocks were cut and fitted with such exquisite accuracy, nor does anyone know how they were transported to the site. On a high point, I noticed a strange sculptured arrangement, my guess is that it is an observatory for noting celestial alignments. Windows and portals were solidly, (and so far, permanently) defined by perfectly dressed lengths of stone, for all the world like wooden beams, framing the opening to an old barn door. I tried to imagine the mind of the designer who managed to compress a complex society onto such a small space and yet keep such a sense of order, practicality and beauty. It was a fortress, remote, secret and stunningly beautiful – perhaps they had prepared for their version of Y2K, to survive the destruction of

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their far-flung Empire at the swords of the devilish Christians.

Dusk ended my day in the ruins. Only a few of our party could find a place in the hotel, the rest of us would have to bus-it down to some hostels in the village of Agua Caliente, far below – camping was not allowed up here. But I wasn't about to leave, an Inca guard offered his "front lawn" for our campsite, (a 15 minute hike down the road). He shared a local custom with my wife and I, handing us a few small, green leaves. "Coco," he said, "chew these to feel good, up so high, too quick," referring to the unaccustomed altitude. Coco must be chocolate – right? So we pitched our tent and ate raw oatmeal, almonds and carrots for dinner. Later that evening we were honored at a "coffee and cake" party in his home, but that's another story.

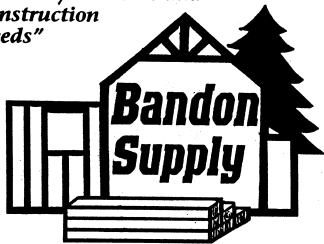
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## Chamber Notes

Ballots were mailed on November 30 for the election of three new Directors to the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce Board. All ballots need to be returned to the Chamber no later than December 11 at the Board meeting. Due to the Christmas holidays, there will be no general member's meeting in December.

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### Community Church Events

Come celebrate the holiday season. Join your friends at the First Community Church at the corner at Jackson and 20<sup>th</sup> for the regular Sunday bible study classes at 9:30am, followed by the worship service at 11:00am.

In the evening from 6:00 to 7:30pm on December 10, a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party is planned for all children. Every

child will enjoy the songs, crafts, gifts, pizza, birthday cake and a story. All children are welcome. If transportation is needed, phone 332-3664.

Also a special candlelight service will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 7:00pm. For additional information on the regular and special services, phone the First Community Church at 332-3664.

### Albert Moss

Albert E. Moss, a resident of Port Orford from June 1989 through April 2000 passed away December 3, 2000, in the Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay, of lung disease. He was 78 years old.

Al was born on September 28, 1922, in Niagara Falls, Ontario. He was a World War II veteran, having joined the U.S. Army in 1943.

Survivors include his wife, Nathalee, of North Bend; a daughter Deborah Fry, step-daughter Susan Whyte, daughter-in-law Dana Ackermann, and six grandchildren, all of Sacramento, California. Nieces, Corine Rotella and June Travis of New York; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Ann and Merle Shepherd of Port Orford.

He will be missed by more friends and loved ones than can be named. At his request, he has been cremated and no services will be held.

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### Sorry! Wrong Chimney!

Let's see...lines are learned, sets are painted, and costumes are finished. What else do we need need? Oh yes, people!

Come see Sorry! Wrong Chimney! by Jack Sharkey and Leo W. Sears, at the Savoy Theater on December 8 and 9 at 7:00pm and on December 10 at 2:00pm.

Sorry! Wrong Chimney! has a wacky cast consisting of the following:

"William Weldon" (Jason Randall) a psychiatrist who indiscriminately hypnotizes people, his wife "Natalie" (Marcie Seefeldt), their neighbors "David Tuttle" (Ian Ranney) a struggling young executive, and his wife of six months, Samantha (Megan Gaustad). Then to make things fun, the Santa burglar (Shane Rangle) enters. Just to complicate things the Santa burglar's girl friend "Sheila" (Autumn Anderson) comes to the rescue of him. Because of all the noise in the apartment, the "Policeman" (Casper) arrives and the evening becomes even more bizarre.

On Sunday December 10 the part of Samantha Tuttle will be played by Kathy Allen. Port Orford Community Theater

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### Dining Room Dialogues

Clinical psychologist Jean Hale, Pys. D., will talk about depression, especially the seasonal variety, when she presents, "Jingle Bells, Shmingle Bells – the Who, What, When and Why of the Holiday Blahs," at 11:45am, Thursday, December 14, in the Gold Beach Senior Center.

Hale will address why some people get

particularly blue during the winter holidays, and what they can do about it.

She also will explain "when a case of the blues is more than just a case of the blues."

Dr. Hale has worked for three years with the Curry County Human Services Department. She received her doctorate of psychology degree in clinical psychology from Pacific University in Forest Grove

Dr. Hale's presentation is the fourth in the current series of Curry General Hospital's free health education talks.

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### Blacklock Point Hike

Volunteers with the North Community Health Grant program will lead a walk to Blacklock Point when "Exploring our Backyard" kicks off this Saturday, December 9, in Port Orford.

The four-mile walk is rated for beginners, with an optional five-mile loop for intermediates, Cathy Boden, grant coordinator, says.

Participants should meet at 10:00am, to carpool from the NCFCC Family Adventure Center in Buffington Park, at 14<sup>th</sup> and Arizona.

The trail winds through a pigmy forest to the secluded beaches and rocky reefs of Blacklock Point.

Items to bring include a daypack, sack lunch, water, water resistant footwear (or extra socks), and warm, waterproof clothing, depending on the weather.

For details, call Cathy Boden at 332-1042.

The RAD Outdoor Club from Pacific High School will assist with the hike. The group's second hike – also for beginners – will total about four miles along Humbug's Old Coast Highway, January 13.

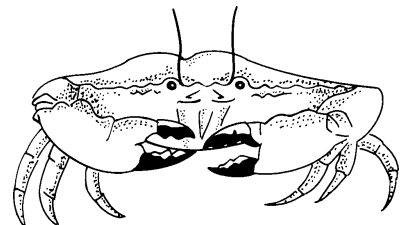
### Crab Season

The 2000/01 Dungeness crab season is underway but off to a slow start. Fishermen have been putting their crab pots in the water since Tuesday, November 28 and were continuing to set them on Tuesday, December 5.

The situation on Tuesday afternoon was not good. Crab fisherman Lyle Keeler said the fishermen were on strike for \$1.75 a pound for the crab while buyers were offering \$1.40 per pound. Keeler

said the other problem this year is the crabs don't look good this year quantity wise. He said the pots he pulled averaged two crabs per pot as opposed to last year when they averaged 35 pounds per pot. The problem then is price and quantity.

As of Tuesday afternoon, no crab had been brought in to the Port of Port Orford. The Port was an active place despite the crab situation. Port hoist operator Richard Mijs said that on Tuesday 25 commercial boats had been put in the water as well as one sport boat. Mijs said the Port had been averaging 30 boats a day in the water. People were out fishing for salmon and live fish.







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## Rain Totals Down

The rainfall totals for the month of November were down over previous years. The Elk River Fish Hatchery recorded 7.19 inches of rain in November of this year. The average for the five previous years (95-99) in November was 22.66 inches of rain. That's why the river looks so low this time of year.

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The City of Port Orford public works department recorded 5.20 inches of rain in November. Last year the City recorded 12.57 inches of rain in November. The 1998 City rain total for November was 22.96 inches. The most amount of rain in a single day in November of this year was on November 13 when the city recorded 1.10 inches. The maximum temperature recorded by the City in November was 69 degrees while the low was 34 degrees.

## Annual Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert is coming on Monday, December 11, for Driftwood and Blanco vocal music students in

grades K-8. The theme this year is "Christmas Kaleidoscope" and will feature the Guitar and Fiddle Orchestra, Soprano Singers, Blanco Step Dancers, Orff Ensemble, Kindergarten Choir, Primary Choir, Intermediate Choir, and the Blanco Choir. Children will be performing a variety of international yuletide favorites.

Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend this first concert of the school year. Come out and brighten your holiday season with music, dance, and great homemade cookies made by the parents! Mark your calendars for Monday, December 11, 7:00pm, at Pacific High School.

## Sociology in Gold Beach

A class in Introductory Sociology, Sociology 205, is offered for the winter term at the Gold Beach office of Southwestern Oregon Community College. Taught by new instructor, Robert Speyer, the college-transfer level class is on Thursday, from 2:00-5:00pm, starting January 11.

Call Southwestern for more information or to register in Gold Beach at 247-2741 or Port Orford (Fridays) 332-3023.

Featured Artist for December:

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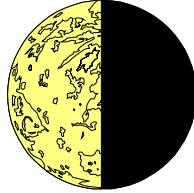
at a book signing of her latest novel,  
**“Halfway To The Moon”,**

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a demonstrated need from the community, to give low-income entrepreneurs the opportunity to start or expand an existing business by providing them with the skills and tools needed to manage a business.

Individuals interested in learning more about MEDAL or wanting to join are encouraged to attend the informational meeting on December 9. Program Manager Shawn Winkler-Rios will provide attendants a brief overview of the MEDAL Program and how they can join the program when classes begin in early 2001.

The MEDAL Program fills a need in our community for low cost business training and access to credit that otherwise is not provided. For additional information on the MEDAL Program or the Umpqua CDC, please call 541-673-4909.

**Micro Enterprise Program**

The Umpqua Community Development Corporation (CDC) is expanding its micro-enterprise program into Curry and Coos Counties as a result of receiving a \$50,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and a \$35,000 grant from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. The MEDAL (Micro-Enterprise Development and Lending) Program will begin serving low-income entrepreneurs in Curry and Coos Counties beginning early 2001, offering business training, technical assistance, and access to small loans to local entrepreneurs. The MEDAL Program will offer low-income

individuals the opportunity to start or expand a current business. An information meeting will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2000 from 2:30 – 3:30pm in the Community Room of the Cedar Pointe Cottages, 504 Cedar Pointe Place, in Port Orford. Anyone interested in learning more about MEDAL is encouraged to attend.

The Umpqua CDC is located in Roseburg and has been providing affordable housing and community economic development to Douglas, Coos and Curry Counties since 1991. The MEDAL Program has been providing business training and loans to individuals since 1994. The MEDAL Program was formed, based on

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**SUNDAY ..... 5:00 & 7:00 pm**

**MON - THUR ..... 7:00 pm**

### Friends of Cape Blanco

The Friends of Cape Blanco invite you to be part of a “Victorian Christmas” celebration at the historic Hughes House in Sixes, Oregon. This 102-year-old Eastlake Victorian home comes alive at Christmas when local organizations decorate the rooms the way they might have been decorated 100 years ago.

When you enter the house you will be welcomed by a docent and invited to tour the beautifully decorated rooms. The enticing aroma of warm spiced cider will draw you to end your tour in the large kitchen where Christmas cookies and other treats will be offered. Members of a local bell choir and other groups will fill the air with Christmas music.

Don’t miss a chance to stop in the gift shop where unique Victorian-style gifts are offered for sale, such as Victorian die cut books, paper dolls, Christmas ornaments and old fashioned spinning tops.

The Christmas Open House will be from noon to 5 pm on December 16, 17, 23, 26 and 30. Cape Blanco Lighthouse will also be open for tours from 1pm to 4 pm on December 16 and 17.

To reach Hughes House take Highway 101 to Cape Blanco road, which is 21 miles south of Bandon or 4 miles north of Port Orford. Turn west and travel four miles to the Hughes House turn off. Enjoy the view of the ocean and the Sixes River valley as you drive down our new access road.

There is no admission charge for the Open House or the lighthouse tours, but donations are gratefully accepted and will be used for future restoration projects and displays. For more information call Oregon State Parks at (541) 332-6774.

### “Exploring Our Back Yard” Series



Second Saturday of every month  
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Meet at the Family Adventure Center in Buffington Park, Port Orford (A-Frame, 14th & Arizona) 10:00am. We will car pool from here. Children under 15 need to be accompanied by an adult, unless arrangements are made one week in advance. Call Cathy Boden at NCFCC 332-1042 for details & set up arrangements.

Bring a small day pack, sack lunch, and water. Wear comfortable walking shoes (water resistant if rainy weather) and warm/weatherproof clothes (as appropriate for the weather.) You may want to bring your camera, binoculars, and bird or plant books.

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### Senior News By Mary Yoder

November is gone and now it's December so here are the December birthdays – Betty Parker 12-8, Don Hill 12-9, Louise McCumber 12-9, Leonard Foster 12-11, Kate Wise 12-12, Margaret Knutson 12-12, Mildred Sewell 12-2, Carol Ravinski 12-13, Kathy Goad 12-13, Harold Pace 12-21, Beverly Baker 12-23, Mary Lou Hill 12-29, Rosalie Coble 12-25. I hope I got them all and you all have a wonderful birthday from all of us.

Now here is the volunteer of the month of December. Yes, Marge Kyle – isn't that great?

November 30 was the Rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were Mary Evans, Pattie Young, Roald Young, Betty Harper, Marge Kyle. These people cook, serve, clean-up and yes, dishes – what more can do – setting up the dining room – Mary Yoder – and help from the kitchen.

December 4 pinochle – nice turn out all had a good time – high Betty Keeler, second Betty Harper, low Dorothy Spencer.

December 8 – bingo at Langlois.

No luncheon December 9 but rummage sale from 8:30am to 1:00pm.

December 10 breakfast from 8:00am to 1:00pm and rummage sale from 8:30am to 1:00pm.

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December 12 board meeting from 11:00am to noon – hearing aid and blood pressure from 9:30am to noon.

December 16 will be luncheon and birthday at 11:30am – also rummage sale from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

And a reminder Christmas day potluck at noon. All are invited young or old – come and enjoy.

The musical group will be doing their thing Friday night, December 15, at 7:00pm. One more thing December 14 at 6:00pm a hayride and caroling – come join the singing – doesn't matter if you can't carry a tune – come have some fun.

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Still have the walking group at 8:30am Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Dominoes every Thursday at 1:00pm.

The computer class is almost done. There are plans to have a class following this one January 16, 2001. If you want to be in this class call or come into the center and sign up. There may be another beginners class – will let you know.

Guess I best stop. Hope I've missed no one or nothing. No poem this time, no room.



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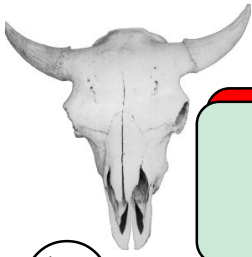
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## Carnivorous Plants

Coastside Conservatory and Botanical Gardens presents its second annual series of horticultural workshops.

The first workshop is "Carnivorous Plants" and "Orchids for Beginners" and will be held on Saturday, December 9, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The instructor is Bob Franc and the workshop fee is \$20.

These two popular workshops are being presented together because of the plants similar growing conditions. The carnivorous tropical Pitcher Plant "Nepenthes" has been growing in popularity as a houseplant in recent years. Cultivation techniques for these unusual and beautiful plants will be discussed. Some plants will be available.

"Orchids for Beginners" is being repeated by popular demand, for those unable to attend last year. As space is limited, it would be wise to register early for this workshop. The care and cultivation of orchids will include: growing requirements (light-humidity-temperature and fertilizing) for orchids grown in the home, the greenhouse environment, controlling pests and identifying plant problems.

A portion of the workshop will include hands-on dividing and repotting of orchids. Pots, potting media and a free orchid plant will be provided for participants.

The workshop will be held at the Far West Hall (Grange) on Highway 42 South, in Bandon. Telephone registration is required in advance and may be made by calling 347-4669.

## Council Honors Donaldson By Evan Kramer

The Monday, December 11 Port Orford City Council meeting is a special one. It will be the last regular session meeting for councilor Ralph Donaldson who is retiring from the council at the end of this year.

Donaldson was appointed to the city council in January 1995 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Todd Smith. Donaldson was elected to a four-year term in November 1996.

His "specialty" or number one interest during his six years on the city council has been the sewer and water systems. He

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served as utility committee liaison to the council and that has meant many extra meetings for him.

Donaldson worked for NASA with the Ames Research Center before retiring and moving to Port Orford with his wife Marcia. Ralph is a fan of science fiction movies. We've enjoyed talking politics over the years from local to state and national issues.

The council will honor Ralph Donaldson with a farewell reception before the council meeting on Monday beginning at 6:30pm. Cake and coffee will be served and the public is invited.

## Good Viewing

Look east just after dark. The bright "star" is Jupiter. Up and to the right the next bright object is Saturn. We saw 3 moons of Jupiter and the rings of Saturn with our small 4" telescope. Way cool!



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**2001 CALENDARS** at The Shell Shack at BattleRock Park.

**THIS WEEK'S NEW RELEASES:** "Coming Soon", "All the Little Animals", "Our Lips Are Sealed" (Mary Kate & Ashley), "Beethoven's 3rd" (the big dog Beethoven), "Gone in 60 Seconds", "Nutty Professor II, The Clumps", "Around the Fire", "Last Man on Planet Earth". In our "New Arrivals" section you will find "The Ugly American", "Jayhawkers", "Avanti", "Fitzcarraldo". Finally, we've added the 007 Nintendo 64 game, "The World is not Enough". Please remember items are due back by 3:30pm the next business day. For videotapes, Sony Playstation, Nintendo games, or DVD's come on down to The Downtown Fun Zone. We are open 9:30am till 6pm Monday thru Thursday and from 9:30am till 7pm Friday and Saturday. Closed on Sunday.

## Blanco School News

At this time the sixth graders lead the 6-7-8 graders in their food drive for the holidays. Please send canned food to school in time for Christmas baskets to be organized.

The girls' basketball teams are doing well. There are only three more games scheduled before the holidays. The girls will travel to Riley Creek on December 7, to Reedsport December 9 for the seventh grade tournament and to North Bend on Tuesday, December 12. The boys' basketball season begins after the first of the year.

Ticket drawing winners this week are John Miles and Jordan Belcher.

No school Wednesday, December 13 for 6-12 graders for Parent/Teacher conferences. This day was not on the original calendar but has been moved from February 5 so students have a chance to get caught up during Christmas break if necessary.

Congratulations to Steve Colberg who has been chosen as Blanco's Student-of-the-Month. Steve is an outstanding student excelling in both cooperation and academics. He is commended for helping others and his superb manners. Way to go Steve and thank you Rotary Club for honoring him at your luncheon on December 7.



## Holiday Happenings Continued from Front Cover

tary Club will distribute them on December 23.

The Port Orford Christian Center holds its annual Free Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 16, from 11:00am to 2:00pm in their Multipurpose Room. The Bazaar is for toddlers through age 16. Donations of wrapping paper, scotch tape, gift tags are needed and can be made by calling 332-2561.

The Christmas season kicked off last Friday morning, December 1, when crews from Coos-Curry Electric put up the Christmas lights along Highway 101. The Port Orford Lightin' Bugs sponsor these lights and maintain them even though they are a group small in number. Thanks to their efforts Highway 101 looks great lit up at night.

The Christmas holiday season got into heavy gear the next day on Saturday, December 2, at the annual Christmas Bazaar held at the Community Building and American Legion Hall. It was the epitome of "shop locally." Hundreds of people crowded the two buildings all day long to purchase hand crafted and other

items, visit with friends, enjoy a chili dog and pie or cup of soup and coffee, and of course have a chat with Santa Claus and his elf in the afternoon. Judging from the number of cars parked on Eleventh Street and Washington Street this is the most popular event of the year held at the Community Building. The E.S.A. Sorority puts this annual event on and it's one I, and from the looks of it many others, look forward to every year. Thanks to the E.S.A. for putting this Bazaar on every year.

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### Harborside Problems by Valerie Jean Kramer

Many of you have called me asking about Harborside problems. Here's what I know as of Wednesday morning.

I was out of town Friday so I first noticed trouble on Saturday, Dec. 2. I'm told that they have been using software for billing that was custom written by Tim Patterson, one of the original owners of Harborside. As their business has grown, they have outgrown it and, with Tim no longer available, they finally reached a point where they could no longer use it. In something of an emergency situation, they switched to a new

billing package. Unfortunately, this change hasn't gone smoothly. I don't know all the technical details. I do know that for a while my web page was not online. Apparently my account was completely lost for a while as I was unable to log in to change my web site or to get email. As of yesterday afternoon it at least looks like I'm sending email but I still don't seem to be able to receive any. Evan is having the same trouble.

For a newspaper to have no email is a downright catastrophe. We have lost advertising and articles that should have been in this issue. Customers who couldn't advertise may lose seasonal sales. I'm sure it's at least as important to many other businesses and individuals.

Harborside has worked hard and long this week to try to get things working. Many of their technicians worked around the clock trying to fix things. They are still working hard to get the remaining issues resolved. I am, however, extremely disappointed in the way they have not kept the public informed. Throughout this problem their home page stolidly declared that there were no known problems. Phones gave busy signals, unanswered rings, or voice mail. Messages went unreturned. While I agree that fixing the problem is important, surely they have someone who can change a few lines of text on a web page to keep their customers apprised of the situation! If not, they should sub-contract the service to someone who can!

I've heard of a number of people who have dropped Harborside because of this fiasco. I can certainly understand that. I've got a fair head of steam up myself. The bad news is that all Internet service providers (ISP's) go thru this kind of problem from time to time. Harborside has had a fairly long run of good service and I hope they learn something from this episode about keeping people informed. On the whole, they do a good job and we're lucky to have them.

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