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## **Rock and Roll Part I**

**By Evan Kramer**



Valerie and I just got back from visiting her parents in Cleveland Ohio for eight days. I started off this trip by calling the travel agent in North Bend and asking her about flights from Portland to Cleveland. I told her to look for airlines other than United, who last time left us on a runway in Chicago for seven hours. We ended up reserving two round trips on Northwest Airlines at an incredibly low price, no doubt caused by the airlines scrambling for business after September 11.

We approached the flight part of the trip on Thursday morning with some trepidation not knowing what the post 9-11-01 airport situation would be like. But things went so smoothly I thought it would be nice to share it with other people. We arrived at Portland Airport over two hours before our flight was set to leave for Detroit and passed through the security checkpoint with almost no one in line in front of us. National Guard troops were stationed at the security gate but they were there more for reassurance as the regular crew did the screening. So we ended up with a lot of extra time on

our hands to explore the new Concourse C at the airport, which is open but not finished. Northwest Airlines held up their end of the bargain by leaving on time from Portland and arriving on time in Detroit and then in Cleveland.

The main reason to go to Cleveland was to visit Valerie's parents, George and Ruby, who have lived in that city since 1945. We also wanted to attend their church's annual Christmas offering of "A Trip to Bethlehem" which church members enact. The setting is Bethlehem during the reign of King Herrod at the time of the birth of Jesus.

On our first day in Cleveland we wanted to attend a screening of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and went to see it at the Loew's 20 Multiplex at the Richmond Heights Town Square. This was our first visit to a movie theater featuring stadium seating and it feels like they've reinvented the movie theater and made it fun again. The rows are at least 10" above the row in front of them and the theater had excellent sound and wide rows.

Several days later, Valerie and I headed downtown on Wednesday morning on the Green Line rapid transit to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. It is located on the waterfront in Cleveland and the

streetcar takes you almost to the front door. The Hall of Fame is located two doors down from the new Cleveland Browns Stadium with only the Great Lakes Science Center between them. One of the notable things about the Brown's new home is that it is not named after a corporate sponsor but instead after the team playing there.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is a six-story building within a building, as the outside is a big pyramid with rooms of various sizes inside the outer skin. The basement of the museum is where 60% of the exhibit space is located and it's overwhelming trying to take it all in. Two of my favorite Hall of Fame members were well represented with special exhibits including Jimi Hendrix on the ground floor with photos, a film, an recent interview with his father Al Hendrix from Seattle, and even a display of the Hendrix family couch from 1960. The top three floors of the museum were devoted to a John Lennon exhibit which included his handwritten notes for many of his

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Fri	Dec 14, 2001	4:41a	3.4	10:39a	8.7	5:46p	-1.2			7:39a	4:46p	8:04a	4:59p	NM
Sat	Dec 15, 2001	12:30a	6.6	5:26a	3.6	11:18a	8.5	6:26p	-1.2	7:40a	4:46p	9:00a	5:47p	
Sun	Dec 16, 2001	1:15a	6.6	6:10a	3.8	11:57a	8.2	7:06p	-0.9	7:41a	4:46p	9:49a	6:41p	
Mon	Dec 17, 2001	1:59a	6.6	6:55a	4.0	12:37p	7.8	7:46p	-0.6	7:41a	4:46p	10:34a	7:38p	
Tue	Dec 18, 2001	2:43a	6.5	7:41a	4.1	1:17p	7.4	8:26p	-0.1	7:42a	4:47p	11:09a	8:37p	
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### Reading of the Names

The Hospice Holiday tree is quickly filling up with this year's commemorative ornaments for the "Light Up A Life" campaign. Candlelight ceremonies are scheduled for each of the communities in the county. The "Reading of the Names" is an annual event in which the names of all of the individuals that have been named on a commemorative ornament are read. In addition to the names, there is inspirational music and readings, and will end with caroling and fellowship. The event is sponsored by Curry County Hospice, as the culmination of the "Light Up A Life" campaign. Everyone in the area is encouraged to attend this moving ceremony.

Traditionally, the "names" are of individuals who are loved ones that have passed away. This allows a meaningful opportunity to remember that person in a positive way.

This year, there is much emphasis on honoring and appreciating those who are special in our lives, and are still with us. Thus, many ornaments are being requested "in honor of" those individuals.

The Reading of the Names ceremony for Port Orford is slated for Monday, December 17 at 7:00pm at the Port Orford Senior Center. The candlelight ceremony will include musical numbers by several local individuals, as well as a number of other features. It ends with caroling and fellowship time.

There is still time to obtain an ornament if you haven't already done so. The "Light Up A Life" flier is available at many merchants throughout town, including sponsors Klamath First Federal Bank and Chetco Credit Union, or at the tree at the Senior Center.

The ornaments are available for a donation in any amount. Proceeds from the "Light Up A Life" campaign go towards

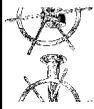
the Curry County Hospice program, to assist with medical care, medications, supplies, and equipment for terminally ill individuals and their families. For more information on the ceremonies, or the Light Up A Life campaign, contact Curry County Home and Health Hospice at 332-0273 or 1-800-535-9472.

### Letter to the Editor,

The Savoy Theater is not closed. Our next lineup of movies is: The Heist, Harry Potter, Spy Games and Lord of the Rings. I am considering closing for a few months after that to concentrate on college finals, and getting a job that pays. So until you see the closed sign on the door and a letter in the paper from me don't panic.

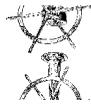
Many thanks to those special people who support me and a very merry Christmas to everyone in Port Orford.

Chris Speed, Owner  
Savoy Theater



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## A Third World by Graeme Graydon

Some live in a world that is clearly defined – it has size and shape and color, it has time and dates and seasons, goals, accomplishments, things done and not done, where everything can be measured by numbers, how many, how much, how often, where everything has a standard which separates success from failure – it is called the “real world.” A human can stay firmly that world, completely caught up in values like – what kind of car, what color hair, which friends, what college, and how many grandchildren.

There is another world that we live in too, although it is not visible, some of it is measurable. We are saturated every moment in a sea of vibrational energies, some of which can be seduced into sound, heat or light. A cell phone is an instrument that singles out just one wavelength from the millions that course through and through us every second. There are solar energies, magnetic forces, and cosmic rays coming from who knows where. We are absolutely governed by the force of gravity and the Earth’s energies known as the telluric forces. We don’t know much about the

forces that direct the tip of a fir tree to thrust itself directly away from the center of the planet. What message, and how is it sent to, tell the Canadian Geese when it is time to go. There is an unseen world, clearly demonstrated, in which we are immersed, as surely as fish are in water, a world that can be taken for granted or even ignored altogether.

There is a third world, rarely seen, never measured, greater by far than the other two, for it is unlimited. It is the world of spirit. It can be felt, but few can find words that can describe it. The closest connection between two people is a spiritual bond, not governed by want or need – it simply is. Sometimes it is called love. Try to explain love – it will always lead to a point beyond explanation, beyond measure or examination. Love, in its myriad forms, is nothing less than a spiritual quality, beyond description. We rarely dare to look unguarded into the eyes of another. To do so, is to risk a spiritual encounter, for the soul can be felt and seen in the eyes – and there are no words. Many prefer not to acknowledge this spiritual aspect of our nature, and they feel uncomfortable with anyone who does, and they definitely don’t want to talk about it. Which gets a bit tricky,

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because we all came from spirit, we live immersed in it, (the need to love and be loved is a generally recognized quest for spiritual nourishment), and we are all going back to it. There comes a moment, always, always, when we are required to make the sometimes not-so-easy transition from our familiar human existence – all of it, back into spirit exclusively. (No, it is not possible to take your collection of green glass.) Everything must be turned in. Those who never noticed that there was more to the real world are faced with the certainty of losing everything and everyone they have ever valued, and just about everything they have ever known or believed, a loss looming so painfully, so monumentally, that their human minds cannot do anything but break down, forget, stop caring, and withdraw from life long before life is done.

On the other hand, research is beginning to show that those who have lived a life with some awareness of the spiritual world and of their own spiritual nature, (not necessarily having anything to do with religious beliefs), are much more likely to be fully alive as they live their last years. They accept that they live in a spiritual realm, and never feel excluded from it. This “membership” keeps them from the dreadful fear of loss, and they make every day count – right up to their journey out of here. We even have a way to describe the one who is so alive – we say, “This one is so full of spirit.”

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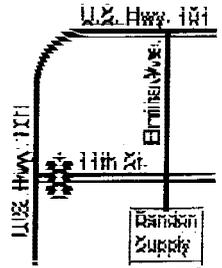
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### Short Council Meeting By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met on Monday night with all councilors present and Mayor Gary Doran wishing everyone a good Christmas and Hanukah.

Doran then announced that Tom Hamilton and Al Affonso had been named volunteers of the month for their work on the Port Orford Utility Efficiency committee. Fellow committee member and councilor Ralph Donaldson nominated them. The committee met twenty five times over the past two years to develop a five-year plan for dealing with the operation of the water and sewer systems.

Based on a recommendation by city administrator Martha Weaver utility clerk/receptionist Patty Clark was named employee of the month. Weaver said that Clark had brought organization and an efficient handling of the job to the city.

Mayor Doran reappointed Frank Smith to a two-year term on the Port Orford Planning Commission and Ed Beck to the five-year sewer and water committee. On a motion by Ralph Donaldson the council accepted both of the mayor's nominations.

Curry Transfer and Recycle manager Pete Smart spoke to the council about recycling. Smart said the state had set goals for each county/wasteshed and Curry County's is 30 percent. Smart said we've been exceeding that goal and in a big way this year. Councilor Norm Leeling asked Smart if the only plastic people could recycle was #2. Smart said people could recycle #1-6 plastic and HTPE #2. Smart announced that the county had applied for and been awarded a grant for a hazardous waste cleanup day next year. Smart said it would be probably take place at the company's Carpentersville location sometime in mid-summer and be well publicized.

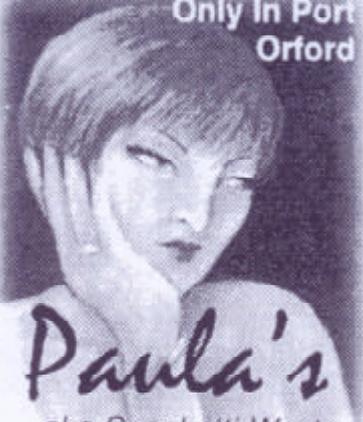
Norm Leeling asked if the entire water distribution system had been checked for leaks. Martha Weaver said yes and that one really big leak had been detected. She said the Inflow and Infiltration study of the water system would happen next year. Leeling had noted in the public work's report the large difference in the amount of water produced (4.446 million gallons) and the amount of water treated at the sewer plant (2.5278 million gallons).

Mayor Doran said this would be Milo Arnesen's last day with the police department and he was getting a job with the North Bend Police Department. Police Chief Bill Rush said later that Arnesen was leaving the department because of the increase in pay and benefits he would be receiving from North Bend.

Work is proceeding on the skateboard park in Buffington Park. The wooden framing is being redone and rebar being

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put in place by contractor Dreamland. Mayor Doran said the city had asked for help from the Port of Brookings on bending the railings for the park and they will assist.

Thomas Keeler spoke under citizen's concerns. He asked on behalf of the local Head Start program that a stop sign be installed at the corner of 20th and Washington Streets near the new Head Start location. He also said there was a need for a "Slow Children" sign on Madrona Street. Councilor Carl Eskelson will get together with public works administrator Allan Wagner on the stop sign.

Councilor Leeling made a motion for the council to adopt Ordinances 2002-08 and 2002-09 with the change of the word "Contest" to "Contested". The ordinances deal with rules for the collection procedure for sewer and water bills in-



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cluding failure to pay and disconnection. The motion passed 6-0.

Ralph Donaldson made a motion for the council to adopt Resolution 2002-16 (agreement with the League of Oregon Cities) and it passed 6-0. Carl Eskelson made a motion the council adopt Resolution 2002-14 and it passed (membership in the city county insurance trust). The council then passed motions adopting Resolutions 2002-15 (authorizing entrance on certain properties for surveying, etc. in regard to the easement for the sewer outfall project), 2002-18 (change orders to the SHN contract – sewer outfall project) and 2002-17 (fund transfer for custodial services – hiring out these services).

The council discussed contracting out the operations of the water and wastewater treatment plants, which Martha Weaver will further investigate. She said the City of Coos Bay contracts out for these services. She said she didn't know if it would save the city money.

Ralph Donaldson made a motion that the council accept the council Personnel Subcommittee recommendations with the one change being the fire department

reporting to the Mayor and it passed 6-0. The recommendations will authorize police department clerk Ellen Mundell to work full time until a new police officer is hired; fire department reporting to mayor and approval of the city administrator job description.

The council will meet on Monday, January 7 and discuss council goals at 10:00am. The meeting ended earlier than normal at 8:30pm, which was my Christmas present from the council.

**Reward Offered for Recovery**

A new 6' by 12', single axel, tilt-bed trailer was stolen recently in Port Orford. A reward is being offered for its recovery. The trailer is pewter metallic gray in color and has a VIN number engraved with H & H Custom holographic decals. A reward is being offered for the recovery of this trailer. If you have any information regarding this theft, you may call 541 332 2750 and leave a message. Tips may be left anonymously. If you prefer, you may call the Port Orford Police at 541 332 9013 or Curry County Crime Stoppers at 1 888 974 0000 (in Brookings call 412 0989)



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## Heritage Society Grant

Trust Management Services (TMS), an organization that sponsors the educational, community service, youth activities, and cultural and historical preservation efforts of nonprofit groups and museums throughout Oregon, has awarded the Point Orford Heritage Society a grant of \$6300. The Waldport-based TMS awarded the money to further the educational goals of the Society, specifically the purchase of computers, museum management software programs, audio-visual equipment and other items for the Port Orford Lifeboat Station Interpretive Center and Museum.

Society president Viola Cuatt praised TMS's grant, stating, “This grant will help us move ahead with plans to making the Port Orford Lifeboat Station one of the best interpretive centers in the area. We want to thank TMS for their generous support.”

With the resources from the grant and the successful October 19 fundraiser that netted over \$6000, the Society will begin in January of 2002 to plan and prepare new interactive exhibits for the opening of the season, scheduled for April 1.

## Agreement with State Parks

To further expand and enhance the Society's operations, it has concluded a five-year cooperative agreement with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). According to the agreement, State Parks will provide museum hosts for hosts for four days per week, enabling the Port Orford Lifeboat Station interpretive center to operate the same hours as the Hughes House and Cape Blanco Lighthouse. The Hughes House and lighthouse are operated under the same type of cooperative agreement with OPRD.

According to Society vice-president Rick Francona, “By working closely with the Friends of Cape Blanco, we hope to provide visitors to the area a well-rounded glimpse of our history by incorporating the three attractions into one experience. Although we were only open two days a week, visitors to the Station during the April – October 2001 season exceeded 1200. With extended hours, we hope to host many more guests in 2002.”

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vide public education on the rich historical legacy of the Port Orford area though the operation of the Port Orford Lifeboat Station interpretive center and maritime museum, quarterly newsletters, a lecture series and special events. If you would like to join or donate to this wonderful adventure in learning and preservation, or would like more information, call 332-2082, or visit the Society online at [www.portorfordlifeboatstation.org](http://www.portorfordlifeboatstation.org). Watch for lectures and special events coming up during the season. As a member you receive quarterly newsletters and free admission to our lectures, and special prices in the gift shop, coming in 2002. The Society also offers authentic GI dog tags made on its vintage WWII dog tag machine.

## Toys for Tots

The Marine Corps League in conjunction with the Port Orford Rotary is sponsoring the Toys for Tots program for the local community. Please donate an unwrapped gift which you can drop off at Ray's Food Place, Klamath First Federal, Chetco Credit Union and McNair Hardware Store. Any questions or concerns call Mark Creighton at 332-0149.

## Exploring Our Back Yard

Curry Family Medical and the North Curry Community Health Grant program host the second annual Exploring Our Back Yard hiking series every second Sunday, rain or shine. All hikes will begin at 10 a.m. with carpooling from the Family Adventure Center at Buffington Park in Port Orford.

The hikes are for all ages. They are organized into beginning, intermediate and advanced trips, depending on length and steepness of terrain, according to Cathy Boden, program coordinator.

Adults should accompany grade-school children, unless advanced arrangements are made through the North Curry Families and Children's Center. For details, phone Boden at (541) 332-1042.

What to bring: day pack, comfortable shoes for walking, warm and waterproof clothes or boots, lunch, water. [Optional: camera, binoculars, bird and plant books] Sunday, December 9, Cape Blanco, up to 5-mile loops, beginner/intermediate

Walking loops will include bluffs with views of the ocean and Cape Blanco Reef, young and old spruce forests, and dense coastal vegetation. Possible choices include Sixes River estuary, beach, bluff and forest walks. Be prepared for wind and some mud. Sunday, January 13, Humbug's Old Coast Highway, 4 miles or less, beginner

Route follows the historic coast highway trail behind Humbug Mountain State Park. Features rushing waterfalls, an old wooden water tank and views of the ocean.

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## Letter to the Editor,

We wish to express our thanks to the people who made our Christmas Bazaar a big success.

The Port Orford Senior Center

## Letter to the Editor,

More, not fewer persons should be involved in the "business of the Port." The proposed advisory committee should be embraced by the elected commissioners, not rejected. When the fuel system has to be paid for twice, the failure of the cranes took a very long time to resolve, again with more new money, all safety concerns have not been resolved and the move to pursue litigation and rebuilding the infrastructure are dragging along, the voters are concerned.

Commissioners should appoint the individuals who have volunteered to be on the advisory committee, so as an official group, they would be bound by the open meetings law. Still, they could only give advice, the decisions being the prerogative of the Commission.

The Commission is government, and should remain the authority representing the voters of the district. Recall is only appropriate for gross negligence or misconduct and should not be used at the present time.

Until the new dock issues are finally put to rest and the infrastructure can support added business enterprises not yet identified, the Port is in danger of collapse. Public awareness of all this led to the meeting at the Senior Center after the last election. If candidates do not come out of the woodwork at the next election, this Port District voter will be amazed.

Milton L. Nelson

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## Children's Christmas Party

The Greater Port Orford Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 16, 5:00pm, at Driftwood Elementary School. Come out and enjoy the Christmas tree lighting, refreshments and an appearance by Santa Claus.

## Community Music Night

Port Orford's Community Music Nights have outgrown the Senior Center and will move to the Community Building at 11th & Washington beginning with the Friday, December 21st event from 7 to 10 PM. The theme for December is "Christmas and Holiday Songs." Musicians are encouraged to share songs of the season, but are welcome to play and sing any song. Sing-along songs will be interspersed throughout the evening rather than all sung at the end. Song sheets for the sing-along are available at the event, or they can be picked up ahead of time at the Port Orford and Langlois Libraries.

The Port Orford Arts Council will be the new sponsor of the Community Music Nights, which will continue to be held the third Friday of each month. There will be refreshments and decorations as well as a collection box for non-perishable foods to fill the Common Good's holiday boxes for needy families. Music lovers and musicians and singers of all abilities are welcome. Come and join the fun.

There is no admission charge, but donations to a fund for purchasing a sound system and to cover costs of the event will be gratefully accepted. For more information, call 332-0131.

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## Flu Shots Are Here!

Curry County Health Department has received its full shipment of flu vaccine just in time for flu season!

Flu shot clinics will be held at the Public Health office in Port Orford on Thursday, December 13, from 9:00 to 11:30am and 1:00 to 4:00pm. The office is located at 1403 N. Highway 101.

If you have any questions please call the Public Health Department in Port Orford at 332-4041.

## Tips for a Safe Holiday

- Drive carefully – it gets dark early. The roads are wet and many people are distracted by the holidays and parties.
- Don't overload electrical sockets.
- Keep your tree watered so it doesn't dry out and become a fire hazard.
- Make sure there are no bare wires on your string of lights.
- Don't leave your tree lights on while away from home or while sleeping.
- Don't put your tree too close to a fireplace, wood stove or heater.
- Take extreme care if you burn candles and never leave them lit if you aren't there.

Accidents can be prevented. Our job is to help if you need us. Call 911 for immediate assistance.

The Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department wishes you Happy Holidays!

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## Tree of Giving

It is that time of year again. The Port Orford Rotary is helping sponsor our Tree of Giving. The trees will be located at the Port & Starboard, Chetco Federal Credit Union, Klamath First Federal and Bartlett's Café.

Please come in between December 11 and December 17. Take a tag with information regarding the child. Return the gift wrapped with the tag, no later than 7:00pm on December 17.

The gifts will be distributed on December 22 between 10:00am and noon at the gymnasium at the Port Orford Christian Center on 10<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets.

If you have further questions, please contact Doug Jamieson at 332-2561 or 332-7685.

Thank you and have a very merry Christmas.

## Letter to the Editor,

The Point Orford Heritage Society wishes to thank Trust Management Services (TMS) of Waldport, Oregon, for their generous grant. TMS awarded the Society \$6300 to be used to further the educational goals Port Orford Lifeboat Station Interpretive Center and Maritime Museum, earmarking the money for computers, programs, audio-visual equipment and other items.

TMS offers biennial grants to Oregon's smaller museums to enhance education, community service, youth activities, and cultural and historical preservation. Thanks to the grant-writing skills of Nancy Angelesco, TMS judged our program to be worthy of funding. This grant will help the Society forge ahead with improvements to make our interpretive center one of the best in the area.

Again, we are grateful to TMS for their generosity.

Viola Cuatt, President  
Point Orford Heritage Society

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## Thank You Pack 98

We at the Common Good wish to thank all the Scouts that participated in the recent food drive. Pack 98 collected 203 pounds and five ounces of non-perishable food stuffs for local families in need. The food is especially welcome at this time of year as Common Good prepares to distribute Holiday Food Boxes to 80 families in our community. It's great to see young people helping others in this way.

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## Gun Club News By Bill Oleson

Members of the Cape Blanco mourn the passing of Milt Baum, Gold Beach. Milt was a strong supporter of trap shooting. He made trips once a week to Bandon to pick up his grandson, Dustin Baum, and transport him to our club. This would at times add up to 150 miles travel. Milt

made sure that Dustin qualified for his scout shooting badges, signed off by club personnel.

Cape Blanco will not hold competition trap shooting during the month of December. The club will be open for practice on Wednesday afternoons. All of us in the club wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

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## Children's Christmas Bazaar

New, or like new, gifts are needed for the annual free Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 15. Bring items for the children to select to the Port Orford Christian Center at 10th and Washington Streets. Thank you.

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## Crab Season Starts

The 2001-2002 Oregon Dungeness Crab season got underway at 7:00am on Tuesday, December 11. Buyers and crab fishermen had agreed on a price of \$1.60 a pound the previous day and by Tuesday afternoon the season was underway.

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## Holiday Production Opens

In rehearsals right now, the holiday production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson is due to go on stage at the Ophir Grange starting December 15. This is the story of an annual Christmas play "taken over" by a rude, rowdy and irreverent group. They know how to steal desserts out of other kid's lunches and terrorize their schoolmates and teachers, but do they know anything about the story of Christmas?

Directors Jana Meszaros and Michael Hall with the support and assistance of Gold Beach Summer Theater, Inc. and the South Coast Cultural Center Association will present this Christmas story at the Ophir Grange. Showtimes are 6:30pm on December 15 and 22 and 2:30pm on December 16 and 23.

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### Suspicious Moles Found

Curry Family Medical staff and other North Curry Community Health Grant partners screened 52 middle school students during a free comprehensive health check Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 4 and 5, in Langlois.

Del Barber, PA-C, Curry Family Medical's physician assistant, checked students for scoliosis and suspicious skin lesions that could indicate a malignancy. He reported finding "quite a few suspicious moles."

Curry General Hospital's diabetic educator, Lee Lang, R.N., screened for diabetes, and Jerry Muskrat, Curry Family Medical CLINICAL tech, checked for ear problems.

Kim Stang, Chris Speed and Katrina Montgomery, all from Port Orford Community Ambulance, handled urinary analysis, weight, height and pulse, and



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pulmonary function testing.

Dave Manzella and Kelly Brown, R.N., with Curry County Public Health Department, also participated. Manzella checked the students' body mass index, while Brown screened for diabetes.

Cathy Boden, grant program coordinator, invited each student to leave the free screenings with a cup of juice and cookies, but only if they could answer the question: "What two things do you need in order to maintain good health?" (The answer: exercise and a proper diet)

The health screening did not include drug testing. Prior to the tests, however, Del Barber and Dave Manzella made a

brief presentation to the students about avoiding "high-risk behaviors" such as smoking, sex, drugs and alcohol use. "We would discourage teens from getting involved in these things," Barber said. "You only have one liver. Think before you react or indulge." He told the students that if they were concerned with any health issue, "if you come to (Curry Family Medical) the clinic, know that all information is confidential."

The health findings will be sent to the students' homes with any follow-up instructions. For questions, families can phone Curry Family Medical at (541) 332-3861.

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### A While Ago . . .

By Jane Cramer

A while ago the Christmas season in Port Orford had a much different look than the gaily lit and decorated homes and city Christmas light displays of today.

The tradition of decorating Christmas trees began in the eastern part of the country as early as 1842 and had become a custom in San Francisco by 1862. Because of the close ties between San Francisco and Port Orford in the early years of settlement it's likely that many people here had Christmas trees in their homes around that time.

Decorations were generally homemade because buying ornaments was something only wealthy people could afford. Most people decorated with paper cornucopias, fruits and nuts of all kinds, cookies, pinecones, ribbons, popcorn strings and paper chains. Sometimes single kernels of popped corn were pinned to the branches with straight pins to look like snow. Often people would cut shapes such as diamonds, rectangles, crescents and stars from paper, paint them with watercolors and decorate them with scraps of ribbon and lace.

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Sugarplums and candy were placed in these bonbon boxes, which were hung on the tree.

The most important decorations were the gifts that were tied to the branches rather than put on the floor beneath the tree. Candles were used on trees until well after 1900.

In this era of modern transportation, we sometimes worry about the condition of our roads due to flood or slides and winter storms and wonder how that will affect our holiday travel plans. It's hard to imagine how people got from place to place during the winter when the beaches were the highways. Winds, high waves and storm surges made the beaches unsafe for travel and traveling by ship was also dangerous during a storm.

On Christmas Eve, 1881 a grand Christmas ball was held at Wolcott's Hall in Port Orford, with a midnight supper at Louis Knapp's dining room. Tickets, including supper, were \$2.50 per person. The newspaper reported, "Despite boisterous weather and swollen streams, attendance was much in excess of the predictions of the most sanguine". There were many familiar names among those

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listed as attendees: Jensen, Wolcott, Langlois, Bates, Mrs. Captain Tichenor, Rachel Knapp, Blackcock, Winsor, Thrift and Kronenberg.

After a midnight repast "worthy of Delmonico's" in Louis Knapp's dining rooms, the dancers returned to the hall and danced until daylight.

In later years the Port Orford schoolhouse usually had a beautifully decorated tree, which though large, was still not big enough to hold all the fine presents. The room was crowded to overflowing with young and old who enjoyed music by the children and stereopticon views appropriate for the occasion. Ladies and children each received a bag of candy, nuts and an orange, while gentlemen each received a cigar. Then many of the people went to Leneve's Hall and enjoyed a few hours of dancing. Most people celebrated Christmas Day with quiet dinners at home or with friends and neighbors and numerous little social parties during the week.

Today's Christmas celebrations seem more family oriented and less of a social occasion than those of long ago. With busy lives spread out in many directions, the idea of getting together with just our families seems more special while families in the early days spent more time together in their work and homes and really enjoyed being with others during the holidays a while ago.



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## **Senior News By Mary Yoder**

Well here it is December so here are the December birthday people – Mildred Sewell –2, Dan Hill – 9, Louise McCumber – 9, Leonard Foster – 11, Dolores Care – 12, Margaret Knutson – 12, Kathy Goad – 13, Pat Grady – 16, Joyce Mueller – 17, Beverly Baker – 23, Louis Mincer – 23, Rosalie Coble – 25, Carol Ravinski – 25, Walter Miller – 28, Marylou Hill – 29. Happy birthday to all of you from all of us.

Rotary was November 29. Volunteers working were Lorraine Hass, Betty Berger, Savannah Tremmel, Mary Evans, Chris Lozano – he set up the dining room – very good job. Pat Grady, Warren Jewell doing dishes and other things too – Chris doing dishes also. A nice luncheon.

There will be a luncheon on December 15. This will also be the birthday where

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The quilting class is every Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00pm.

The walking group is Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30am.

The Community Music Night is now at the community building from 7:00 to 9:30pm on the third Friday of the month.

Whoops – the board meeting is January 11 at 11:00am – blood pressure and hearing aid 9:30 to 11:00am.

Hope I haven't missed anyone or anything.

## **Port Meeting**

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## **Christmas Light Displays**

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When the lights are up, you take notice of the “Charley Brown” tree display, which, like all Charley Brown Christmas trees, has seen better days. We like the tough little trees anyway.

This year to celebrate the tree's fifth year up in the weather with its rope lighting, we have attached “ornaments” to it. They are made out of old CD's, but we hope they will sparkle in the light.

If any of the CD's should blow down in the storms, we have designed a little contest just for fun. One of the CD's has a secret mark on it. If you find it, bring it in to Florence Lichtig at Howard Lichtig's office on Highway 101 and you will win \$10 cash.

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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 toys.

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For more information call Oregon State Parks at (541) 332-6774.

### Christmas Caroling 2001

On Saturday, December 22 you are invited to participate in the walking Caroling group of Port Orford. The group will meet promptly at 5:00pm near the water dispenser outside Ray's Market, weather permitting. Songbooks will be provided and the route pre-determined. There is no sign-up and no practice for this event. It is just an old-fashioned neighborhood caroling group, all ages and all voices. Even babies love the sounds of music. Bring a flashlight if you have one.

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The year, Susan would like your input about where you want the caroling to be done. The last two years, carolers concentrated on the business strip along Highway 101 as the most likely way to have the most listeners. However, the field is open to suggestions. Because we will be on foot, it is impossible to do a residential area where houses are some distance apart. Please call Susan at 332-1111 with your suggestions.

If you want to come and don't feel like singing, you are welcome. You can jingle the bells, maybe.

### School Christmas Concerts

The public is invited to attend two Christmas concerts present by the students of the Port Orford-Langlois School District.

Grades 6 – 12 will be performing their music program on Tuesday, December 18, at 7:00pm, at Pacific High School.

Driftwood music students in grades K through 5 will present their concert on Wednesday, December 19 in the multi-purpose room at Driftwood Elementary School at 7:00pm.

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## PERSONALS

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**HAPPY 60<sup>th</sup> BOB!** Love, Linda.

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## GARAGE SALES

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**GARAGE SALE** Saturday, 15th December 8-12. Lots of Christmas items, dolls, 15 in. monitor, CD's records, pumps, bicycle, cheap prices. Lots of variety. 39486 Hwy 101 S.

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## Rock and Roll Part I Continued from front cover

songs and a collection of his glasses. The most bizarre part of the Lennon exhibit was a bag with his clothing in it from the day he was shot to death (December 8, 1980) in front of the Dakota where he and Yoko Ono and their son lived. The bag was inside a kiosk and barely visible through a peephole.

The Rock and Roll Museum dropped the ball in honoring fellow Beatle George Harrison who had died five days previous to our visit. Harrison was “remembered” at the museum with two photos on a wall, above which said In Memoriam and a small vase with one red rose. The youngest of the four Beatles was overshadowed by John Lennon and Paul McCartney but added several memorable songs to the group’s repertoire including “While My Guitar Gently Weeps” and when they all went their own way in 1970 Harrison came out with a three album set called “All Things Must Pass.” Harrison introduced the sitar to the Beatles music along with a dose of eastern mysticism. Harrison was an inspiration to many Beatle’s fans despite being the “quiet” one as had been said

often since he died. Harrison cheated death in 1999 when yet another deranged Beatle fan stabbed him. Harrison’s wife Olivia managed to put the intruder out of commission by hitting him with a lamp.

We encountered a fine example of the generation gap when Valerie overheard one teenage visitor complain that he didn’t want to go to the top floor because “all that’s up there is John Lennon.”

The weather in Cleveland was exceptionally mild for this time of year. On December 5 the temperature rose to a record high of 71 degrees, which according to the news report was 30 degrees above the normal temperature on this day. Despite my hoping for at least a light dusting of snow there was no snow and little rain. They were calling it a heat wave in the Midwest and east.

The return trip on Northwest Airlines was again smooth and on time. This time we changed planes in Minneapolis and got a chance to see the new Twin Cities Airport. It’s almost as much a shopping experience as it is an airport with dozens of stores and restaurants to spend your money in before taking off on your destination. One difference in the security now is that once the passengers are get-

ting ready to board the planes “random” names are called out and these people then go through a thorough search of their carry-on luggage and a body scan with a metal detector. We also had to show our driver’s licenses three times – at the passenger check-in, security gate and then when getting on the plane. All in all the air travel portion of the trip was much better than expected and I believe people in this country can feel safe and comfortable flying. Well, maybe not comfortable - those seats are still too darned small!

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## Puppet Theatre

Award winning professional Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre is performing a holiday show for the children (and adults) of Port Orford on this Saturday, December 15 at 1:00p.m. at the Savoy Theatre. All children fifth grade and under will be admitted free. Older students pay \$2.00 and adults \$5.00 at the door.

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