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Merry Christmas
from The Downtown Fun Zone!

Merry Christmas Port Orford By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met on Thursday night, December 18 and ended the council year on a sour note! Mayor Jim Auburn was present as were councilors David Smith, John Hewitt, Steve Abbott and Bill McArdle. Absent for his last meeting on the council was Ed Beck. Milton Finch had resigned earlier in the month.

Mayor Auburn asked for public comments on the city's intent to file an application for enlargement of the Hubbard Creek impoundment area. The city has filed an application for federal assistance with the US Department of Agriculture for enlargement of the impound area and are required to take comments from the public. The public had nothing to say on this matter.

Elaine Roeman spoke to the council about the Oregon Main Street Program. She was representing the Port Orford Arts Council which has applied for a grant for the Main Street Program through the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. The OECD is proving assistance for communities that want to revitalize their downtown areas. Some ideas for Port Orford including new lampposts

and banners and replacing the existing Coos Curry Electric Co-op power transmission lines and putting them underground. The city council gave their consent by consensus to proceed with the grant application.

They council then proceeded to citizens' concerns where Jack Marohl asked the council about the police levy. He wanted to know now that it had been turned down what did it mean. He was told a yes vote meant property taxes would have remained the same and a no vote means the city would not collect the \$1.41 per thousand tax after June 30, 2009. Marohl asked why the police chief was given a golden handshake and not made to work out to the end of his contract. Mayor Auburn told him the city still had two police officers. Marohl asked about the minutes of the executive session related to the police chief and that he wanted a copy of them. He was told by city attorney Shala McKenzie Kudlac that is "privileged information" and not releasable to the public. She said the council was working within state laws in its actions.

Dale Bures told the council he had always admired people who help the community and that he had voted no on the recall but would have voted differently today. He referred to an organized ven-

detta against the police chief calling the council's behavior undignified. He said all of them should pony up the money to pay for the chief's buyout. He ended his talk by telling the council they disgusted him.

Dee Finch told the council that Mayor Auburn had stopped by her place of business and told her he was appointing her to the parks commission and the TLT committee. But Auburn changed his mind later on and told her he wouldn't appoint her to the parks commission because three of the councilors had too much animosity towards her. She asked the councilors why she wasn't appointed but was given no answer. She suggested the reason was because of her husband, not her.

Ken Dukek with the Curry County Juvenile Department told the council there were only two days work left on the painting job at city hall. Youth crews with adult supervision have painted the building. The Juvenile Department is about to enter into an agreement to lease

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Deadline Change

Due to the New Year's holiday, the deadline for submissions for the January 1 paper will be 3:00pm MONDAY, Dec. 29.

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space in the new police department headquarters.

Bob Hergert read the following remarks to the council. "My name is Bob Hergert. I care for this community, and have served as a volunteer for over 10 years. I take no pleasure in speaking here, but I'm one who subscribes to Edmond Burke's principal that "All that is necessary for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing." So it is my unpleasant duty to do something.

First I was happy to hear that the city now has plenty of money to throw away. While one hypocrite complained about our having to spend \$2,000 on a recall vote, he had no problem voting to waste \$50-100,000 to fire a cop solely out of spite. Four council members who seem to share one brain and their puppet Mayor have made Port Orford an object of ridicule far beyond the city limits. These five leave behind the rotten stench of corruption in their wake. And no matter how Nella Abbott tried to perfume the stench, it still stinks.

Finally, good riddance to those who've harmed our city, and good luck to the new city council. Any questions?"

The council moved on to department and liaison reports where City Administrator Mike Murphy told the council they had extended the bid deadline on the Jefferson Street sinking manhole until December 24 because new information had been released to the bidders. He said the city's website was up and running and the most current minutes are now posted on it.

Mayor Auburn in referring to the police levy said it will be up to the new council to decide whether to put it back on the May ballot.

Councilor David Smith moved to approve a revised intergovernmental agreement for County Juvenile Department space in the police headquarters and it passed 4-0. The county will pay the city \$50 a month for utilities for using the space.

Councilor John Hewitt moved to approve the city parks master plan and the vote was again unanimous. Councilor

Steve Abbott moved to approve a draft MOU (Mutual Order and Understanding) with the Port Orford Ocean Resources Team to apply for a DLCD grant for Stormwater runoff and it passed 4-0.

The council passed a motion by David Smith to approve the 2007-08 financial audit.

They next voted 4-0 on a motion by David Smith to approve the consent calendar which included appointment of John Sovereign to the TLT committee, Erna Barnett to the budget committee and approval of the Chris Hawthorne request for a right of way usage permit and the letter of resignation from the council by Milton Finch.

Mayor Auburn announced that the new councilors and mayor elect will be installed on Friday, January 2, 4:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Volunteer Fire Chief Gayle Wilcox had a couple of questions for the mayor and council regarding the police department situation. She wanted to

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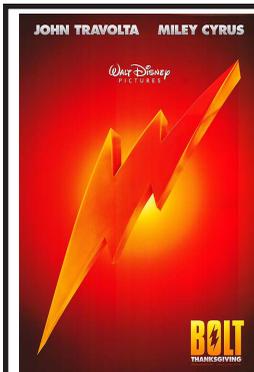
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know if we still had the same protection we had before Chief Creighton was removed. Auburn told her he wasn't going to answer her questions.

Councilor Abbott thanked his fellow councilors and said he was most proud of the council passing the Tree Ordinance and being part of the Marine Stewardship area. He said he was very proud of his fellow councilors.

Mayor Auburn, noting this was his last council meeting, said he had enjoyed representing the people and doing his best for the city. He thanked Milton Finch for his service on the council and said he did a fine job as parks commissioners. Auburn also thanked Ed Beck for doing such a good job and then thanked Steve Abbott.

Next month: It's a new ballgame at Port Orford city hall as we get three new councilors and a new Mayor on our seven person team.



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Next Week: Four Christmases

Letter to the Editor,

I recently spoke at the city council meeting. I made my disgust known in no uncertain terms. When I asked if the council had any questions at the end, no one did and the mayor thanked me.

I was shocked when the meeting ended and Councilman Steve Abbott approached me and called me a "coward" and "a little man". I looked him in the eye as he repeated these insults in front of several people. He also told me I was part of the "underbelly" of Port Orford.

I was under the impression that cowards were people who met in private, planned harm, and then came out and destroyed people's careers, jobs, and reputations. I didn't think my speaking in public was an act of cowardice. But then I'm only a lowly artist and not a powerful lawyer.

As for being a little man. If serving the community I love as a volunteer makes me little, I'll accept that.

And finally, if given the choice of being called the underbelly of Port Orford or an arrogant elitist, please call me the underbelly.

Bob Hergert

Letter to the Editor,

Compassionate, committed, public servant, world traveler, First Responder, past President of Port Orford Community Ambulance, artist, loyal, talented, honorable, strong, well read, big hearted, backbone of our community, great driver, courageous, hero, teacher...I could go on.

These are words that describe Bob Hergert.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Gayle Wilcox

Shore Acres Holiday Lights

The public is invited to the twenty second annual Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park through New Year's Eve from 4:00-10:00pm. This year features over a quarter million lights (almost all L.E.D.) and a walk through display and open house with cookies, hot cider, punch and coffee. Parking at Shore Acres State Park is \$3. The Holiday Lights are sponsored by the Friends of Shore Acres, Inc. and Shore Acres State Park.

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Of course, you know, we always have ink cartridges and a wide variety of computer, audio/video, and other cables. Boy! Do we have cables! Then there are all the other things you can find at the Fun Zone like video rentals, UPS shipping, photocopies, faxing, rubber stamps and business cards etc. There's just a whole lotta fun at the Fun Zone!

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Police Report

12/17 Police assisted the Department of Human Services with a juvenile harassment case

12/13 A dog was found at a local business and was returned to its owner.

Officers assisted medical personnel with a patient with a medical problem

Officers assisted medical personnel with another person with a medical emergency

12/14 Police investigated a reported burglary alarm at a residence. No sign of forced entry was found

12/15 Police investigated juvenile harassment case and referred the case to the juvenile department for further action

Police assisted medical personnel with a patient with a medical emergency

Police performed a welfare check on an elderly citizen at the request of a concerned relative. Everything was okay.

Police assisted medical personnel with another person with a medical emergency

12/16 Police received a report of a reindeer being abducted from the library. If anyone has information on the whereabouts of the reindeer, please contact the police department.

12/17 Police received report of an ordinance violation (noise complaint). Subject was contacted and advised of the ordinance requirements. Subject complied with requirements. Patrol of the area will be increased.

Police received a report of a dog at large on 9th street. Owner contacted, and dog confined to yard.

12/17 Report of a disturbance on 9th street. Mother returned to Port Orford. Dispute over custody of minor child. Family situation solved and Child was returned to birth mother.

12/18 A disturbance was reported to police. A family dispute resulted in a person threatening harm to self or others. Subject transported for medical evaluation. Taken to Curry General and then transferred to Bay Area Hospital for further assistance.

Traffic enforcement activity was fairly light again this week, with 20 citations issued for excessive speed. 10 warnings were also issued for speeding. One person warned for a seatbelt violation. 17 other warnings were issued for various traffic violations not included above.

The speeder of the week was cited for speeding in the school zone with the lights flashing. This violation was for 47 mph in a 20 mile per hour zone. Please watch your speed in the school zone especially when the lights are flashing. Our children's safety depends on it!! Many youngsters are thinking about holiday activities, and traffic safety is the farthest thing from their minds. They depend upon US to obey the laws, keep a watchful eye out, and to drive attentively. Please help prevent a tragedy.

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Christmas Open Houses

The Friends of Cape Blanco are holding their annual Christmas Open House at Hughes House and at the Cape Blanco Lighthouse on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 26, 27 and 28.

Each year Hughes House is decorated for the holidays by local non-profit organizations, churches, businesses and other groups, with each room done by a separate group. The theme of this year's decorations is "A Renaissance Christmas".

Hughes House will be open from noon until 5:00pm this weekend and volunteers will serve hot cider and cookies to guests. The Cape Blanco Lighthouse will be open from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Both gift shops will be open, with proceeds going to perseverance and restoration of both Hughes House and the Cape Blanco Lighthouse.

Hughes House and the Cape Blanco Lighthouse are located in Cape Blanco State Park, three miles north of Port Orford. Turn west of Highway 101 at Cape Blanco Road and go approximately five miles to the state park.

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of credit cards and checks. Due to the volume of shoppers, clerks often don't verify identity properly and you don't want to be the victim of fraud or identity theft. Take precautions when leaving town, and inform your family or friends of your plans. Stop newspapers and mail if you plan to be gone for any extended period of time. Multiple newspapers, or mail, left at a residence makes it known that no one is home. Place lights on timers in your home to make it appear that someone is there.

Letter to the Editor,

Cub Scout Pack 98 collected 703 pounds of food for the Common Good this year. Each year for six weeks beginning in November, the Cub Scouts have their Scouting for Food campaign. The food collected at Sterling Bank, Chetco Federal Credit Union, Driftwood School, and Blanco School is used for local families needing assistance. Thank you to all who contributed.

Celebrate the Season of Giving, all year round,

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Sunday, December 28th

10:00am Sacrament Meeting



First Community Church

20th & Jackson - (332-3664)

Wednesday, December 24th

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service



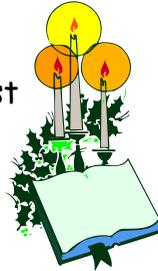
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8:30am Christmas Mass



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Wednesday, December 24th

5:00pm Candlelight Worship Service



**Invasive Removal
Briana Goodwin, POORT**

When I awoke on December 13, it was cold and hailing. With a tinge of reluctance I got ready to go outside and get to work. POORT, Surfrider, SOLV, Curry County Soil and Water Conservation District and the South Coast Watershed Council had planned a day of removing invasive species at Hubbard Creek. My own reluctance made me worry there would be a lack of volunteers due to the weather.

When I arrived at Hubbard Creek, I was shocked when 19 volunteers showed up to help! Eager to get moving and stay warm, everyone grabbed a tool and went to work cutting Gorse and Scotch Broom and pulling it to the State Parks dump truck. The hard working volunteers filled four loads of a one-ton dump truck and one load of a pick up truck in just three hours.

So many volunteers endured the weather for a very important reason; to improve the overall health of the watershed. The change from native vegetation to invasive vegetation can cause the environment to become less attractive to native wildlife by removing their preferred habitat and food source. Invasive species can also alter the hydrology of the area and the amount and type of nutrients found in the soil.

Beth Pietrazk, Farm Planner for the Curry Soil and Water Conservation District and creator of the event was pleased with the outcome. According to Beth, "The goal of the project was to stop the progression of gorse and broom invasion in the Hubbard Creek park area. We were very excited by the overwhelming volunteer support and hope to have similar events in the future. The invasive weed removal gave a noticeable boost to the native plant community at Hubbard Creek." Once again, thank you to the volunteers that braved the elements to help improve the quality of our watershed!

Reinstate Mark Creighton

Whale Watch

Trained volunteers will be at 26 “Whale Watching Spoken Here” sites along the coast from December 26 through January 1 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. They will help visitors spot gray whales and offer information about the whales’ annual southbound winter and northbound spring migrations.

About 18,000 gray whales (30 per hour!) are expected to pass in about four weeks between mid-December and mid-January. The main body of whales is about 5 miles off shore but some whales can be seen as close as one or two miles from shore. In the spring migration the whales are more spread out (6 per hour) but come closer to shore.

Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. Morning, with the light behind you is the best time to watch. In the afternoon, the light may reflect off the water into your eyes and make viewing difficult. Calmer days are better and a higher location is better than a lower one.

In addition to the migrating whales, there are about 400 gray whales that do not go as far north as Alaska to feed in the summer. They feed along coasts of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. There are usually whales on the central coast from July through mid November. These whales are seen very close to shore while feeding and

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can often be seen from many of the same Whale Watching locations. The Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay is the central location for viewing and is staffed daily through out the summer.

One of the most convenient and accessible “Whale Watching Spoken Here” locations is at Port Orford’s Battle Rock Wayfinding Point. Another local site is at Cape Blanco State Park near the lighthouse gate. There will be new signs along Highway 101 for the Cape Blanco site. Face Rock State Scenic Viewpoint is yet another Whale Watching location that may be of interest to readers of this paper.

For more information, visit <http://whalespoken.org>.

Mask Making Class

The Port Orford Arts Council sponsored mask making class will be held on Saturday, January 31 and Saturday, February 7. On January 31 the class will be held from 10:00am-2:00pm and on February 7 from 1:00-3:00pm. Whether you need to take the second day of class depend on the complexity of the mask. Unfinished complex masks (i.e. head-dress, armature types, etc.) may be completed the second day. If a mask had paint drying the artist would need to return to embellish.

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Touchstone Energy and CCEC

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Roger Meader, General Manager/CEO said the Touchstone Energy® brand will take CCEC and its members into the future as the electric utility industry changes. More than 600 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in 45 states are delivering energy and energy solutions to more than 22 million customers every day.

"It's much more than a graphic addition to our name and logo. It's a cost-effective way for us to join others in advocating for a future energy supply that is reliable, affordable and achievable given the heightened emphasis on climate change and new renewable en-

ergy standards," Meader said. By pooling resources through the brand with other cooperative utilities, CCEC will be able to provide consumer information and awareness of critical issues and proposed initiatives that will affect the utility industry and members of electric cooperatives.

"As a Touchstone Energy cooperative, we are able to pass along many benefits to our membership," Meader continued. "Perhaps one of the most important benefits comes as part of the Co-op Connections® program where members are eligible for discounts at local and national retail stores, including between 10 and 60 percent discounts for prescription drugs. All pharmacies from Bandon to Brookings/Harbor are included in the program. CCEC has visited with every chamber of commerce in our area and offered businesses the opportunity to be a participating Co-op Connections retailer. The Co-op Connections program will be listed on the cooperative's website with local participating businesses showcased. Co-op Connection cards are scheduled to be mailed to CCEC members before the end of the year. Other benefits include energy curriculum for local middle school students, energy conservation tools and on-line home energy audits.

Meader said electric cooperatives across the United States launched the Touch-

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Merry Christmas from Nails by Teri

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Letter to the Editor,

Peace on Earth! What a wonderfully idealistic concept. I'd like to commend Mick Lane for posting the C2J School District's Behavior Management Plan on their website. The policy deals with "good discipline," addressing conflict and importantly, a positive method of addressing and modifying problem behavior. As parents, mentors, citizens, and role models of our community, each of us has a personal and community responsibility to reinforce this mission. This is recommended reading on 2CJ.com; search for "behavior management plan".

Dave Wilhite, Port Orford



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Rotary Club News

The Rotary meeting was strewn with happy dollars after Shala McKenzie gave her classification talk. Shala is a 5th generation McKenzie and she is basking in her choice to return to her roots and be the City Attorney for her favorite small town. She always heard that “one would have to run fast over the border lest one would be sucked back.” because for this child of the land, this is where her heart is. She grew up going to Blanco, Driftwood and Pacific local schools and still feels the loyalty of friends from those years. The McKenzie’s managed their family cranberry farm and she grew up with 800 acres of playable land. In her town people didn’t notice status differences, people were just people. She didn’t get a sense of class distinctions until she joined a sorority in college where she first heard of “Nordstrom’s.” As a part of a talented and gifted program in High School she went to a two-week convocation at the University of Oregon where she loved the campus and returned there to study architecture and journalism before entering Law School at Willamette University.



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Once when she came home on vacation, her Dad was struggling with a pile of legal papers regarding Oregon land laws; it kindled in her the desire to understand and defend landowner rights and how being an attorney could really help people. She considered a career in Law but had to overcome a fear of public speaking. Befriending her fear, she pursued a successful and challenging law degree. (Willamette is one of the toughest scholastically). A favorite teacher was an ex-supreme court justice. His advice impressed her. “When an attorney is called “counselor”, it is because you are the one who is there helping people through some of their most difficult times... like dissolutions, deaths, trials. Often it is you, as the counselor, people are really needing at these times.”

Because she is in a small town, Shala doesn’t do just one technical type of law so she is enjoying the uniqueness of every day, every case, and every person. Knowing that she wanted to work in Oregon where her roots run deep, she applied to Fred Carlton’s law office and was hired on the spot into what has developed into a successful working relationship.

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She passed her bar exam the day before her wedding to Grant Kudlac, who has taken over the management of the family cranberry farm. Hearts are warmed to see the right people in the right places. It really does feel that way with Shala.

Angel Awards: Rotary would like to give a special “Thank You” to Theresia Hewitt for her work with the Giving Tree. For the past three years Theresia has helped gather and distribute gifts to ensure as many Port Orford children as she can manage, have a special loving gift at Christmas. The Giving Tree is sponsored by Port Orford Rotary.

Monthly Water Report

The City of Port Orford Public Works Department reported they treated 3.97 million gallons of water at the water treatment plant in November. 1.92 million gallons of water were metered for a loss rate of 51.6%.

The public works crew treated 2.45 million gallons of water at wastewater treatment plan. The crew wishes the residents of Port Orford happy holidays and New Year.

Senior Center News By Jennifer Ewing

If you missed the member/guest Christmas potluck dinner at the Port Orford Senior Center on Thursday evening, December 18, you missed a good time and a lot of great food. I swear, Port Orford should publish its own cookbook with recipes of all the good food that we get to eat whenever we go to an event somewhere! The Senior Center supplied the ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, and rolls and delicious dishes and desserts were brought by the members and their guests. Everyone was dressed in their Christmas finery and we packed the dining room that was decorated for the holidays; candles and all.

Thanks to all of you for making the potluck supper a huge success. Remember, if you're 50 years of age or older, you can join the Senior Center and mix it up with a lot of interesting people from your community. Happy Holidays to everyone from all of us at the Senior Center.

Burning Bowl Service

Unity of Bandon will mark the passage of 2008 with a "Burning Bowl" service on Sunday, December 28 at 11:00 AM. As 2008 completes its cycle and the Year 2009 is born, it is a time to let go of old beliefs and attitudes that no longer serve our highest purpose, and open the way for new, fresh insights and inspiration.

Fire is symbolic of the purification process and participants will be given the opportunity to write down what they wish to release and then burn the paper on which they write these things. Through this process, unwanted and limiting attitudes and behavior patterns such as fear, guilt, and unforgiveness can be released to create space for new blessings. Unity of Bandon is located one mile south of 11th Street on Highway 101. All are welcome to attend. Call 347-4696 for more information.

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Letter to the Editor,

To call a dedicated volunteer in the community a "little man", "coward" or "underbelly of Port Orford" is beyond belief. Bob Hergert is beyond dedicated. It takes a very special person to risk their own life to serve others. There are numerous times when ambulance and fire are requested to go on a scene that may or may not be safe. We all go willingly and only hope that the info dispatch has received is accurate. As president of the Port Orford Community Ambulance I strongly feel that a public apology to Bob Hergert is in order, especially since he was berated in public by a council member.

Tina Buchholz
President, POCA

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Pre-registration for the class is required and the cost is \$15 per household for the eight hour certificate class. The price includes all materials. Contact Valorie Rose at 541-267-6505 to register. The Brookings Center is located at 420 Alder Street.

St. John's News by Viv Williams

The Parishioners of St. John's Catholic Church cordially invite you to attend our Christmas Liturgy Thursday December 25 at 8:30am. For more information, please call 253-6250.

From our family to yours, we sincerely wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

CLASSIFIED ADS

CLASSIFIED ADS are \$3.50 for the first 25 words or less, and 10¢ each for any additional words. Normal deadline for submission is 3:00pm Tuesday. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc., 832 Hwy 101, Box 49, Port Orford, OR 97465 (541) 332-6565.

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EMPLOYMENT

THE PORT ORFORD-LANGLOIS School District 2CJ has an opening for an Assistant Secretary at Pacific High School. Beginning pay \$10.45 per hour, 7.5 hours per day. Position begins January 2009. An application and job description are available at the 2CJ website at www.2cj.com or by calling the District Office at 348-2337. Application deadline is January 2, 2009. 2CJ is an equal opportunity employer.

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NEW VIDEOS: “The House Bunny”, “Ghost Town”, “Eagle Eye”, “The Duchess”, “Savage Grace”, and “Resident Evil Degeneration”. We’ve brought some oldies and goodies to DVD! “White Christmas”, “Shrek the Movie”, “Miracle on 34th Street” and “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation”. Please remember all items are due back by 3:30pm the next business day. Reservations must be prepaid so cannot be taken over the phone. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. Open 9:30-5:30 Mon-Thurs and 9:30-6:30 Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays.

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Safe Driving Tips

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Don’t use cruise control in wet, icy or snowy weather.

Position your hands on the steering wheel at 9:00 and 3:00 or lower.

If you lose traction, gradually slow down – don’t slam on the brakes.

Steering, braking and accelerating smoothly are key to maximum vehicle control on slippery surfaces. Steer just enough to follow the path you intent (most people steer too much or too fast).

Be ready to handle potentially dangerous situations by thinking “15 seconds ahead” about your options, such as controlling your speed, changing lanes or communicating with others on the road.

Use extra caution when driving on bridges or concrete highways. Ice forms first on these surfaces.

Avoid driving through snowdrifts; they may cause you to lose control of your vehicle.

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Chain up early.

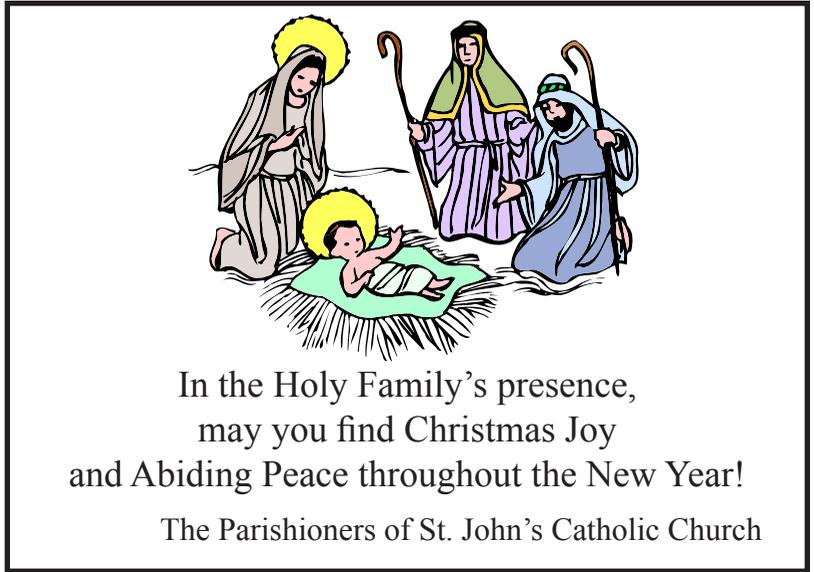
You can check road conditions and cameras at www.tripcheck.com; 5-1-1

Wood Creations

If you missed it last weekend, you have another chance to see the incredible wood creations of Port Orford artist, George Vrana. Held over for another weekend, George's work can be seen this Saturday and Sunday, December 20 & 21, 1:00-5:00pm at the Face Rock Village community room.

George M. Vrana was born in New York City, educated at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan, and began a career in commercial art after leaving school. He found his passion for art evolving, drawing inspiration from early Greek, Egyptian and Native American mythology. George finds fascination in the development of myths to explain the mysteries of life. Made from a variety of carefully carved pieces of wood, Vrana's art has been described as sacred geometry, some of it reminiscent of spiritual mandalas, other works reflecting the art of the people whose stories have inspired them.

Face Rock Village is condominiums just off Beach Loop Dr. in Bandon. From Port Orford, take Hwy 101 to Beach Loop Dr. Turn left and continue on Beach Loop Dr. for several miles (past Face Rock Country Club) to just past Face Rock Vista Point. Turn right onto Face Rock Dr. (there will be an "art show" sign on the corner). Make the next right and park.



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