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The Journey to Bethlehem By Valerie & Evan Kramer

Since this is our last newspaper before Christmas on behalf of Valerie, Brenda, Nancy and myself at the Downtown Fun Zone, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

When traveling around the country like our recent trip to Cleveland there isn't much available for free. But one thing that was presented for the public and which we enjoyed was the Euclid Avenue Christian Church Christmas pageant of "Journey to Bethlehem which featured many members of the church playing different roles from that of the baby Jesus to Joseph and Mary.

It was refreshing to go to see the Journey to Bethlehem. We had already made the journey to J. C. Penney, Barnes and Noble, and numerous other commercial enterprises. The church didn't even ask for a donation for this pageant. Nor were they selling plastic Jesus' with halos that glow and rotate to bring you better TV reception. They just made part of their church appear to be a long crooked street in old Bethlehem. Our tour began with an audience before King Herod who inquired who these people were who were in his garden. When told we were seeking the new baby he offered a gold bribe

for news we might have of this upstart King. From there we were led to a Bedouin tent where they let us see how they camped and offered to share their grapes, dates, nuts, and other food with us. Their goat was grazing on some straw and was a favorite with the kids.

Finally we entered Bethlehem. Some things never change. The first people we encountered were the moneychanger and a beggar. The moneychanger declined to exchange his coins for our American money. Other booths included women at the well, various small live animals, a Hebrew temple, a jewelry vendor, a bakery with loaves of bread, a potter making some sort of bowl on her wheel, a basket store, a copper & brass merchant, a dyer of cloth, a storyteller, a fruit & nut vendor, an herbalist, some carpenters and finally the innkeeper, the manger, and the baby Jesus. While exploring, there were Roman soldiers who moved among us "rabble" urging us to keep moving and not to loiter.

The booths were extremely lifelike, well constructed to look authentic and well lit to add to the aura of reality. None of the "merchants" were actually selling anything and certainly not for phony foreign American money that they'd never even heard of. If we'd had the foresight to bring some drachma's with us maybe



things would have been different.

We learned a lot of different things. For example, we were told that the purple dye was created from small mollusks and that they got only a single drop of dye from each one making it the most expensive of the colors – hence it's use by royalty – only they could afford it! From my folks we learned that the baby Jesus this year was actually the baby of one of the church members. In one past year they rotated among five different babies. In yet another year the church had no babies so they had to "borrow" one from a nearby Catholic church.

We arrived early and were quickly started on our tour. As the line waiting grew, they were seated in the sanctuary and a puppet performance kept them entertained while waiting. The puppets were great! Good music and a lot of comedy. In fact they were too good. One usher complained that people didn't want to leave when it was their turn for the tour!

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The deadline for submissions for our Dec. 27 issue will be 4:00pm **MONDAY, Dec. 24.**

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Date	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Sun		Moon			
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Sat	Dec 22, 2001	5:41a	6.6	11:48a	3.7	4:57p	5.3	11:21p	2.0	7:44a	4:49p	12:49p	12:29a	1Q
Sun	Dec 23, 2001	6:23a	6.7	12:55p	3.1	6:19p	5.0			7:45a	4:49p	1:10p	1:26a	
Mon	Dec 24, 2001	12:09a	2.5	7:02a	7.0	1:52p	2.4	7:40p	5.0	7:45a	4:50p	1:33p	2:25a	
Tue	Dec 25, 2001	1:00a	2.9	7:39a	7.3	2:40p	1.6	8:50p	5.2	7:45a	4:50p	1:57p	3:26a	
Wed	Dec 26, 2001	1:50a	3.3	8:16a	7.6	3:23p	0.8	9:49p	5.5	7:46a	4:51p	2:25p	4:30a	
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Prevent the Flu!

The Curry County Health Department has plenty of flu vaccine for the 2001-2002 flu season! The department would like to remind the public that it's not too late to prevent the potentially mortal flu infection since the season usually persists through February.

"In an average year in the United States, more than 100,000 persons are hospitalized and more than 20,000 deaths are related to influenza." (Centers for Disease Control).

The Curry County Health Department will be giving flu vaccines during regular hours. The cost for the flu shot is \$10 otherwise Medicare, Oregon Health Plan, and all Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Oregon health plans will cover the cost of vaccination.

Call for more information or to set up an appointment in Port Orford at 332-4041.

Those at highest risk for influenza infection include:

- All people age 65 or older.
- All of any age with chronic diseases of the heart, of the lung, and of the kidneys.
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppression
- Anemia
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic care facilities housing patients of any age with chronic medical conditions.
- Women who will be more than three months pregnant during the flu season.
- Children and teens who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy.

Those whom annual vaccination is recommended:

All persons ages 50-64 (since 24% - 32% of this group has at least one chronic illness)

Those in frequent or close contact with anyone in high risk categories defined above. (For example: health care personnel, volunteers, residents living with someone with a chronic illness).

Students or others living in institutional settings (for example dormitories).

Although these recommendations are in place the Curry Health Department recognizes that many of the above people STILL do not receive the vaccine because they believe it to be ineffective or they are not aware of the seriousness of the influenza infection.



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Love Affair

By Graeme Graydon

When Forest Gump jogged across America, he went as far as he could – to the great Pacific Ocean – which brought him to an abrupt halt, turned him around and sent him back to the East Coast. It was quite different for me. I came as a weekend camper to Cape Blanco after a 15,000 mile drive around the US and Canada to the most westerly part of the country. When I walked on the beach that early October morning, the great Ocean called to me, and I knew in the depths of my being that I had to live by the sea. Within three weeks, my wife and I had moved into the area, simply known around here as “the Coast.” For five years now, I have known what the sea is doing each day. Sometimes, I can hear it thundering on the beach from inside my home, and when I drive down Hensley Hill on my way to work, I can see the surf on Agate Beach, behind Garrison Lake. I have walked beside her, swum in her, been caught by her sneaker waves when she has reached out to play with me. I have flown over her, paddled a kayak when she has been glass – with Gray Whales as close companions. I have

meditated beside her when her silence has been more powerful than her song. I have walked through early morning foam a foot deep, a “topping” whipped up from the night’s storm. I watch her as she pounds against the breakwater at the Port, I see her play with logs at the mouth of the Elk River – river carries them to the sea - she tosses them back again. I’ve seen her gray and moody, sullen and threatening, I’ve laughed with her when she is happy, I have been filled with awe when she gilds her crests with golden fire from a setting sun. It is a love affair – that doesn’t let me go, I am more obsessed with her than ever. What is it that draws me to her? I live in a forest of tall firs, there are gorgeous river valleys, hills and mountains, magnificent old growth forests, yet nothing calls me more than the sea, and the call is not met until I walk close enough to her edge to have my footprints washed away behind me as I walk.

She is a doorway for me, a doorway and an invitation to the unseen and the unknown. The beach is not just where the land ends, its where the sea starts. Her vastness leads me forward, always to the horizon and beyond, she is a beginning

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with the promise of ongoing forever. My teacher says that she is like an entity with a consciousness of her own, so acute, that when I bend down and touch her with my hand, all of the oceans, all over the world, know that I have touched her. Sometimes, when I have placed my hand in her, my touch has gone all the way to the distant shores of my birth country, and I have touched home through her. I have learned that she has a mind of her own. There is no knowing what she will do next. She will let us think that she can be trusted for 10 – 25 or 50 years and then one day she will do something that everyone had forgotten about. There is a straight stretch of beach here still known as Paradise Point, mute testimony of her power and her capricious ways, she simply took the Point away. When the sea wipes out some human endeavor, no one blames God for it – how could God be blamed - it was the sea that did it. She has no limits, her power is awesome, just look at how she crumples a 100 pound, steel-framed crab pot into a pretzel and then spits it out at the high tide mark. Beautiful in repose, majestic in her fury, boundless, mysterious, nurturing – and she calls me to her.

It is no wonder that I have a love affair with the sea, for I first heard, many years ago, hidden in the cadence of her songs, be they from gentle wavelets or crashing breakers, a heart beat, and I have never stopped trying to find whose heart it could be.

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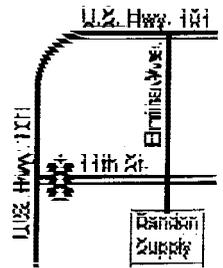
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Senior News By Mary Yoder

Well here is a great big thank you to Karen Pace for the beautiful decoration of the Senior Center. It is enjoyed by all and another big thank you to the flower shop lady for the lovely arrangement she gave the Center. These thank you's are from all of us.

Now – December 9 was breakfast – volunteers working were Lee Heyl, June Heyl, Marge Kyle, Jane Black, Bobbetta Kron, Bessie Laursen, Amos Rhodes, Eddie Currie. Pauline Lenox – money-box. Kay Neal, Betty Berger – rummage sale and Mildred Welch selling our cookbooks – all did a fine job.

December 13 Rotary luncheon – volunteers working were Lorraine Hass, Betty Berger, Savannah Tremmel – doing dishes Norm Rice, Pat Grady – setting up the dining room Savannah Tremmel, yes Warren Jewell did dishes too.

December 15 was luncheon and birthday time – working Lorraine Hass, Rosalie Coble, Bessie Laursen, Amos Rhodes, Pat Grady dishes, etc. The luncheon was real nice – how do I know – I was there. The birthday cake was beautiful. It was made by Lou Cobb. Thank you from all – it was very special. The money box – Pauline Lenox – the rummage sale Kay Neal, Betty Berger.

Isn't it wonderful the volunteers who give their time and talents for the Senior Center? The next thing on the agenda is the Christmas potluck December 25 – that's Tuesday – anyway the turkey and main dishes will be furnished by the Center – salad – cookies you know to be brought by those who come. I'd like to remind the public no dinner is right without deviled eggs. Hope to see you at the dinner. And for now I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Hope I haven't missed anyone or anything.

Greetings in the spirit of the season

With happiness and health and all the best

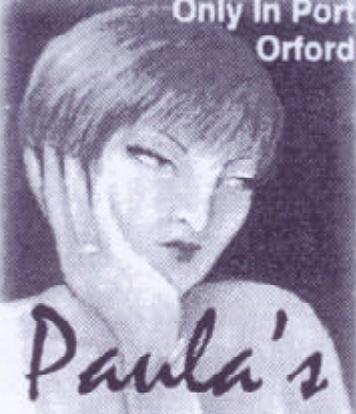
To you and yours through out the New Year.

The bag lady – Sue Ellen

Holiday Music Night

Come join the fun at the Community Music Night on Friday, December 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Community Building. The Arts Council is now sponsoring the third-Friday-of-the-month music nights and will provide refreshments and decorations. Pick up your song sheet of Christmas Carols & Holiday Songs for the sing-along at the Port Orford or Langlois Library. Bring non-perishable food items for the Common Good's holiday baskets. Admission free. Donations accepted. For more information, call 332-0131.

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December 3, 8:00am: Report of theft at True Value – report taken, investigation.



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1:00pm: Report of suspicious explosions north of Paradise on Arizona – being monitored.

4:00pm: Report of MVC, hit and run on 19th Street – crash report taken.

December 4, 8:30am: Report of theft of trailer – report taken, under investigation.

10:00am: Turquoise bike missing from Arizona and Paradise Point Road – report taken.

11:35am: MVC in front of Coos Curry Supply – report taken.

December 5, 6:00am: Unattended death at Madrona Trailer Park – handled by contact.

12:00pm noon: Report of more missing items at True Value – continued investigation.

1:45pm: Report of intermittent dog barking on 18th Street – owners contacted.

December 6, 1:00pm: Report of tree leaning over road on Vista Drive – referred to Public Works.

December 7, 5:00pm: Arrested Greg Polly on parole violation – transported to Curry County Jail.

December 10, 9:40am: Report of theft of wheels and tires off rig from behind Battle Rock Garage – report taken, under investigation.

Safety Tip of the Week

Drive safe, drive sober, arrive alive.
Merry Christmas to all, from the POPD.

Gayle

Happy Birthday

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Hazardous Waste Collection

The Curry County Commissioners are happy to announce that the Department of Environmental Quality has picked Curry County as a 2002 DEQ Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event location.

The DEQ received 20 applications for collection events but was only able to select six locations due to budgetary limitations. They will be calling Project Coordinator Pete Smart, Curry Transfer and Recycle, later in January to schedule the event.

The Curry County Recycling Committee recommended applying for the grant to

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Pete Smart, Project Coordinator says: "It has been at least four years since we have had an event. Part of the new requirements is that we have a 10,000 square foot building. We are quite fortunate and it will save people a lot of money. It is a wonderful opportunity for people to take advantage of. We probably won't get another one for quite a few years so people may want to plan ahead."

"Our Recycling Committee and Curry Transfer and Recycling do a good job. Curry County has an active committee working with the company for a number of years. This will add to our goal for collections," says Lucie La Bonte, Commissioner liaison. "We surpassed our goal last year. The first time we had an event I remember someone traveling from Eugene to participate. It is a wonderful community project."

More information about the event will be available as the project planning progresses.

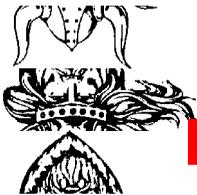
Skateboard Park

Progress is well underway on the Skateboard Park located in Buffington Park. The Dreamland construction crew and volunteers were busy applying the concrete facing to the shallow end of the park on Monday afternoon. The Skateboard Park is located near Lakeshore and between the horseshoe pits and the City water treatment plant.

On Tuesday afternoon Dreamland contractor Mark Scott was working inside the water treatment plant on a piece of railing for the structure, which will be buried within the concrete. He said he hopes to have the park complete by the end of January. Dreamland has built skateboard parks in several other cities including Lincoln City, Portland, Newberg, Aumsville, Redmond, Donald and their most recent one, which was in Brookings. The company also built a skateboard park in Austria.

The walls of the skateboard park will be made of six-inch thick shotcrete (a form of concrete) and are reinforced with rebar. Scott said 80% of the framing for the park has been completed. The skateboard park has three bowls including a deep end, shallow end and a cradle. Now if Scott and crew can get some dry weather...

Crazy Norwegian



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Season of Giving Sing

The public is invited to an impromptu sing (performance and sing-along) by the youth and young adults of North Curry County on Friday, December 28, at the Savoy Theater, from 4:30 to 5:30pm. The snack bar at the theater will be open.

All North Curry County youth and young adults are invited to participate.

The first rehearsal is at the Port Orford Christian Center on Friday, December 21, from 7:00 to 9:00pm. The second rehearsal will be held at the Port Orford Christian Center on Thursday, December 27, at a time to be announced later.

The North Curry County churches sponsor the Season of Giving Sing.

Head Start Up And Running Open House in Spring

Thanks to many, we have been open since October. Our new site is beautiful and the kids are happy. We will invite all of you to come see soon.

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Mammogram Hotline

Coordinators of the Curry General Hospital Breast Health Network have established a "mammo hotline" to help direct Curry County mammography patients to the earliest available appointments at The Brookings Clinic in Brookings, and at Curry General Hospital in Gold Beach.

All patients wishing to have screening mammograms can phone the hotline at (541) 247-3191; or toll-free, 1-800-445-8085, ext. 191. Callers should leave their names and phone numbers. A hospital staff person will phone them as soon as a new mammography schedule is set up.

Currently the mammography program is in transition, Ginny Hochberg, Curry Health District CEO, announced. A temporary mammography technologist has been doing mammograms for the district since the district's longtime mammography technologist left her position in the

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fall, Hochberg said. The temporary tech's tenure will end Dec. 21.

"Our search for a permanent mammo tech continues through recruiters and internet searches," Hochberg said. "Meanwhile, we will set up a date next month when a temporary technologist can return to Curry County to take care of our mammograms. Those who phone our mammo hotline will be the first to know when that is."

For more information, callers can phone Curry General Hospital at (541) 247-6621.

Puppet Show a Success

Even the weather cooperated on Saturday. It didn't start raining until theatre goes, and the equipment that was used to produce "The Toad Prince," were safely in vehicles on their way home. The audience that attended the professional puppet show at the Savoy last weekend enjoyed a wonderfully unique theatrical spectacle.

About 100 children and 37 adults were reminded about the importance of "virtue" by Indri's transformation. Those

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attending the Saturday afternoon performance of "The Toad Prince" were not only treated to some of the best in classical puppet theatre, but also reminded of a valuable lesson...that our appearance to the outside world has more to do with the quality of our heart than anything else.

Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre was written up twice in The Oregonian this month. Joe Bryan and Jason Ropp, two members of their touring company, proved to be delightfully entertaining and dedicated professional puppeteers. They are also very gracious human beings. Joe and Jason said they really enjoyed performing for Port Orford children.

A very special thanks to all who worked on Saturday: The Savoy Theatre Staff (including Fay), Steve Abbott, Clare and Roger Button, Shelly Sweet, Sally Johnson, and Kass Mc Laughlin, who not only warmed up the group with her guitar and several Christmas Carols before the show, but also worked as photographer.



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Remember, in good times and bad, your library is a free source of entertainment, enrichment and education.

Let There be Light The Langlois RFD

The holiday season comes at the dark time of the year, making it enjoyable to light and decorate the house. The use of electric light, though safer than candles, is not without its hazards. The practice of attaching light strings end to end to make a longer string is common, but creates the possibility of overheating. If more electricity is attempting to flow through the wires than they were designed for, the cord “resists” the electricity. Basically, the cord can become a heating element, like the burner on your stovetop. If the cord becomes hot, it can ignite surrounding materials, paper dry

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plants, and fabric. This is true of extension cords that have been hooked together in the same fashion, they could become heating elements.

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Federal Aid to Counties

Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman signed the first checks to provide federal aid to counties devastated by steeply

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declining revenue on Thursday, December 13.

Curry County Commissioner Marlyn Schafer said on Monday afternoon that the Curry County share of this Forest Service money would come to \$3,290,000, which will go to the road department. Last year the county received \$2,260,980 from the same fund.

Holiday Light Display

Celebrate this holiday season by sharing in the extravagant beauty, wonder and joy of Nature’s Coastal Holiday, this December 8 through 30 in Azalea Park in Brookings, from 5:00 to 9:00pm every night, rain or shine. Tens of thousands of sparkling colorful lights transform beautiful Azalea Park into a winter wonderland of lighted sculptures and glowing nightscapes, capturing the essence of the Pacific Northwest. Experience the spectacular “Undersea Adventure,”... inhabited by denizens of the deep. Walk through the “Enchanted Garden,” and enjoy its new additions. Entertainment and refreshments are provided nightly. The admission for Nature’s Coastal Holiday is \$1 for adults and children under twelve are admitted free.

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GOD'S BLESSING TO ALL, wishing you a Happy Holiday. May you share in God's "true peace and joy" in the year 2002. From The Shell Shack at BattleRock Park.

HEAD START BOTTLE DRIVE on Sat. Jan. 5th we will be going door to door. For special pick-up or drop off, call Jennifer at 332-1900.

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The Journey to Bethlehem Continued from front cover

Outside on the lawn were a camel and two donkeys, which again thrilled the kids and added to the atmosphere. There were also several 12-foot high "puppets". These were costumes worn by cast members to catch the eye and encourage people driving by to stop and take the tour. They seemed to work quite well but would be pretty impractical in windy Port Orford!

I don't know how many dozens of people it took to set this all up, make all the costumes, paint the backdrops, play the characters, work as ushers, etc. then tear it all down again, but it's a good thing they have a large congregation! It's a lot of work to go to for something that only lasts one afternoon but all in all, it was a fine production and I'm very glad to have finally gotten to see it. (For more information, visit their web site at www.eacc.net.)

No Chamber Meeting

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce will not hold a membership meeting on Monday, December 24, because of the Christmas holiday.

Shop Locally By Evan Kramer

Every year Sea Breeze Florist owner Gayle Wilcox writes a letter to the paper about shopping locally and does a fine job listing all the different things you can get for holiday presents here in town without leaving Port Orford or getting on the Internet.

Every year for the past several years I have ordered several Christmas wreaths sent from Sea Breeze. The reason for writing this article is I thought it is time to share some thoughts about these wreaths. They are by far the most enjoyed and popular gifts we give. We send them to relatives and friends living outside of Oregon because where these wreaths are going fresh greens like these are a real treat.

We send a wreath to Valerie's parents George and Ruby every year. They live in a six story apartment building in Cleveland and enter their apartment from an inside hall. Ruby sent me the following e-mail yesterday after receiving her wreath. "Hi Evan, The UPS package arrived today and the wreath is so beautiful!!!! Thank you very much, I

love it. The UPS man even enjoyed the smell through the box!"

George and Ruby place their wreath on the hallway door and thus spread the fragrant smells to other people living in the building.

Gayle's hand tied wreaths are made from fresh locally picked noble fir, Port Orford cedar and pinecones. Not only are the wreaths sold by a local shop but they use local materials and are made locally which makes them the ultimate example of shopping locally and supporting the local economy.

Thank you Gayle for the beautiful job you do assembling these wreaths and the joy they bring people.

2002 Curry County Fair

The winner of the contest for the theme of the 2002 Curry County Fair and Rodeo, scheduled for July 25-28, is to be chosen at the Fair Board meeting on January 21.

The theme contest for Curry County's main summer event is open to any and unlimited entries are welcome, due in the Fair Office by noon January 18. The winner will receive two season passes to the fair, a \$30.00 value.

The theme, which sets the tone for the decorations and costumes at the fair and in the parade, inspires artistic expression and captures the fun of fair. The phrase often rhymes with the year.

Premium cash is awarded to exhibitors at the fair who win with theme exhibits in various departments, such as in Art, Needlecraft, Photography, Crafts, Weaving and Spinning, and Floral Arrangement.

Suggestions are welcome for Grand Marshal for the 2002 Fair Grand Parade. Deliver entries and suggestions to the Curry County Fair, 29392 Ellensburg, Gold Beach, 247-4541, fax 247-4542, curryfair@harborside.com.

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