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Happy New Year By Evan Kramer

The Port of Port Orford Commission met on Tuesday night, December 18 and spent nearly an hour discussing an increase in the moorage rate for fishermen. The Commission heard from several members of the public opposed to the rate increase including three local fishermen. Fishermen currently pay \$215 a month to park their fishing boats at the dock and that includes unlimited hoists, water, electricity and garbage.

The proposal was to raise the dockage fee by \$60 a month to \$275 a month. This would increase the annual dockage fee \$720 per fishing boat and raise an additional \$28,800 for the Port. An alternate idea was to keep the dockage fee the same but charge for hoists at the rate of \$10 per hoist. There were 2,618 hoists last year and if the same number held next year it would raise \$26,180 per year. Port Manager Gary Anderson laid it on the line when he told the commission and public that "The Port will not survive without a rate increase." Total income from the fishermen is \$242,158 which includes \$144,031 in fuel sales and \$83,360 in dockage fees. However it takes \$342,436 in Port expenses to operate the Port for the fishermen at a

cost of \$8,560 per fishing boat (40 fishing boats at the dock). This results in a \$100,278 shortfall. These figures were provided by the port manager.

Commissioner Ed Dowdy made a motion to increase the dockage fee by \$60 a month and it passed by a 3-0 vote with one abstention and one commissioner not present.

The Port of Port Orford is supported in many ways. The fishermen support it through their dockage fees. The two fish buyers lease a lot of dock space plus Norcal leases much of the cannery building and through these payments contribute significantly to the operation of the Port. There is a 1% fee on all fish brought across the dock which goes to the Port. The Port is a taxing district with an annual tax levy of \$70,000. In addition the taxpayers voted in favor of a 20 year - \$1.5 million General Obligation bond for the construction of the new Port facility. That comes out to \$118,000 a year making the property taxpayer contribution to the Port \$188,000 per year.

The Commission briefly discussed the possibility of locating a motel at their Fifth and Washington Street property. It would cater to tour buses. There is no proposal from any motel company or

anything firm but it is an idea which is being discussed.

The Commission discussed the recent storm damage to the Port. It included \$1,500 to replace the computer. The fishermen's hoist was destroyed in the December 2-3 storm and it is estimated it will cost \$5,000 to replace. \$2,300 worth of damage was done to the electrical building and two breaker panels were destroyed with a replacement cost of \$4,000.

City Council Meeting

Last time we left the city council they had voted on a major land use issue. Their agenda also included several items of new business including a proposal from Meadow Outdoor Advertising to lease the billboard at Washington and Highway 101 that now advertises the Evergreen Motel. The council discussed the proposal but in the end told Meadow Advertising representative thanks but no thanks. The sign would violate the city sign ordinance since Meadow would rent the space to other businesses in town and the way the sign ordinance is written that is not allowed. Advertising signs must be located on the site of the business being advertising.

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Happy New Year Continued from Front Cover

The council unanimously approved Resolution 2008-09 between Port Orford and the City of Brookings. This resolution calls for "improved coordination between the cities and Curry County with respect to urbanization planning within the cities' urban growth areas. Mike Murphy noted that Port Orford had the biggest urban growth boundary in the county and talked about both cities wanting more control over how these areas develop.

The council quickly approved Resolution 2008-10 setting up a trust account for the Port Orford Police Department reserves and policy. This establishes a trust account for the police reserves which are funded through grants, fundraisers, donations from the public including cars. The monies will become part of a restricted police reserve cash account. Continuing with police matters the council approved Resolution 2008-11 which declares four police cars surplus and authorizes the sale of three of them with the fourth to be towed for

junk. The money raised from selling the three surplus cars will be split between the Reserve Offices program and the electronic speed signs. Way to go!

By a 5-1 margin the council passed a motion approving participation in the Oregon Cooperative Procurement Program. This is a state purchasing program which will help the City save fifty percent on its purchase of janitorial and office supplies. It will cost \$500 to be a member the first year because of all the library construction money going through the city but be reduced to \$200 the following year. Outsourcing comes to Port Orford.

The council passed a motion to accept the consent calendar which includes a letter from Mayor Auburn thanking Oregon Parks and Recreation Director Tim Woods for the state purchasing the former Agate Beach RV Park and turning it into Tseriadun State Park and completing the Garrison Lake Outfall Project.

The council next meets on Monday, January 22.

Letter to the Editor,

I would like to thank the Port Orford Community, the advertisers and subscribers of the Port Orford News for their continued support this last month. I was offered a job here in Port Orford on Friday, December 21 and accepted the job. I leave the Port Orford News with my head held high, knowing I did my job well, as I have for the past ten years at the newspaper.

I urge the community to keep their voice and use it. Donell has put the paper back the way Heidi Kerby and I had been laying it out. She will do well for Port Orford. Support her. I was very, very disappointed with the three issues that Jean Ivey of the Roseburg Beacon gave to us and that was basically the last straw for me.

Thank you again Port Orford, you are really a town that is so awesome in community spirit!

Sincerely

Pam Massengill

Tsunami Alert

The following information is a communication written by Port Orford City Administrator Mike Murphy to the Port Orford City Council in response to the Tsunami sirens going off.

All emergency response agencies received a page from the Sheriff's 911 dispatch about 2 am. The dispatch center also controls the tsunami sirens, which they also activated. This activity was taken as a result of receiving a "tsunami advisory" from the tsunami warning center. It is the lowest of the three products issued by the warning center. The advisory was received by the dispatch center via the National Warning System (NAWAS) and the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS).

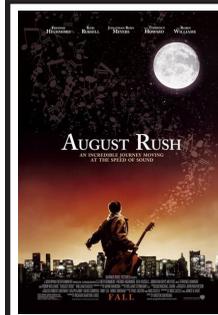
The sirens were activated for the normal time allotted (3 minutes). For unknown reasons, the fire siren, which is supposed to be part of that, did not activate. It was set off manually, and most likely ran longer than the 3 minutes.

About 20-30 minutes later, the advisory was lifted, and a decision made that there would be no tsunami. This happened at the federal level, at the warning center itself. This was communicated to the 911 center in Gold Beach.

The 911 center re-paged all of the emergency response agencies and advised that the advisory was lifted.

At that point, the responders returned the equipment to the stations, and concluded operations. Apparently, Port Orford Fire had already started advising people to move to high ground. Many of those who did so were advised of the lifting of the advisory and they also "came down" and went home.

A tsunami advisory is the lowest level of the three alerts issued by the warning center. It basically means "heads up, something might be going on." It is issued immediately upon detection of a large earthquake. After the advisory is



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issued, tide gauges near the location of the earthquake are watched, as well as the deep ocean tsunami buoys, for evidence that a tsunami was generated. We get tsunami advisories fairly often, may once every week or two.

A tsunami watch is generally issued when there is a tsunami detected near the earthquake location. It may, or may not, be destructive in our area. However, a tsunami has been detected from the earthquake, and it is believed that it will strike our area. A watch may be cancelled as well, if it is determined that the tsunami is small, and it is not of sufficient size to generate a destructive tsunami in our area.

A tsunami warning is issued when it is believed that a destructive tsunami WILL strike our area. Tsunami Warnings are normally not cancelled until the event is over.

For a tsunami generated in Alaska, the travel time is 3-4 hours, or more, depending upon location of the earthquake.

The bottom line is this—if I was the one calling the shots, I would not "pull the

plug" on the basis of an advisory. Since we get a significant number of them over time, and most of them do not progress to a watch or warning, I would not activate sirens, or page agencies, based on the advisory. Once upgraded to a watch or a warning, I would certainly activate the sirens and page everyone out. Normally, if an advisory is to be upgraded to a watch or warning, it will be done in plenty of time for warning. They are often issued 3 hours or more from estimated tsunami arrival time. I believe that is plenty of time to move equipment to high ground, and get low lying residents warned.

Corrections

In last week's article about the Port Orford City Council meeting there were a few errors.

Rick Cook said in referring to the big undeveloped parcel of land that was part of the land use proposal that it was the site of the first United States military fort. We reported that he said it was the site of the first fort in Oregon. A citizen's fort had been built one year prior to Fort Orford on a nearby site in Port Orford.



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Bookmobile Update

by Rebecca Malamud

The Bookmobile Crew made a special presentation to the Port Orford Head Start on December 10. A public domain book, "The Head Start Critter Book" was created for the event, and uploaded to the Internet Archive at <http://www.archive.org/details/HeadStartCritterConstructionBook> so anyone can download it. The book was bound on location and distributed to the kids so they could take it home and share it with their parents. Feel free to beta test the book and share your feedback so it can be improved!

We also donated two OLPC laptops (One Laptop Per Child - <http://www.laptop.org/>) - one to the Port Orford Library and the second to Blanco School. These are some of the first models to be made available to the public through the Laptop Giving program (<http://www.laptopgiving.org/>). The OLPC laptop is specifically designed to double as an ebook reader as well as a general purpose computer, and the public domain books made available for download by the Internet Archive are readable on these machines. Full texts of these

works can be found at <http://archive.org/> and <http://demo.openlibrary.org/>.

This was the BookMobile's maiden voyage into Oregon, and it was exciting to be a part of it. I had a little more excitement than I bargained for when the storm of the century hit while it was under my care, but I parked it in a safe place, held my breath, and put the generator and radio to good use. Many thanks to the Bookmobile Crew - Vilma McCutcheon and Bill Gaetjens - I could not have done it without them. In addition to the vehicle that made the rounds in Port Orford, there are currently Internet Bookmobiles in India, Uganda and Egypt.



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The Internet Archive Bookmobile returns to San Francisco this month, but more adventures in the public domain will follow. Stay tuned!

DeFazio Secures Funding

Congressman Peter DeFazio announced on December 18 that the House of Representatives approved funding for dredging, wave energy and a meth abatement program on the Southern Oregon coast. The funding was included in H.R. 2764, the Omnibus Appropriations bill.

Projects funded included \$308,000 for dredging the Port of Port Orford; \$2,000,000 for an ocean wave renewable energy demonstration project, and \$164,000 for the South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team to combat the meth problem on the South Coast.

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Police Report by Chief Creighton

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12-18 Police assisted Curry County Sheriff's Office with an out of control juvenile subject.

12-19 Police received a report of a possible impending Tsunami and begin evacuation efforts after being advised by Curry County to start evacuating people to higher ground. The warning was cancelled shortly after Ambulance Fire and Police begin efforts to evacuate citizens who were in the danger areas.

12-19 Police responded to a local business on an intrusion alarm sounding. The business was checked secure and the business owner responded.

12-19 Police were dispatched to an intrusion alarm sounding at Driftwood Elementary School. Police checked the building and found it secure and determined it to be unfounded.

12-20 Police responded to an alarm at a residence on Deady Street. The residence was checked and determined to be secure.

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12-20 Police responded to a report of an illegal burn. It was determined that plastic bottles, a propane cylinder, and clothing were in the fire. The responsible person was cited to appear in Municipal Court for violating the city ordinance.

Chiefs Note: This last Tsunami warning was again a good awakening for our community. When the sirens were sounded, some areas had difficulty hearing them probably the result of the high winds. Our officers and Fire personnel immediately begin driving through the neighborhoods that were most likely to be hit first by the Tsunami while utilizing both our sirens and loud speakers to warn people to get to high ground. Fire Chief Wilcox and I had asked Curry County Dispatch for a timeline update for when the Tsunami would hit but they had not been provided that information so evacuation efforts are limited to a ten minute window limiting how we evacuate people. By utilizing sirens and loud speakers we are able to contact more people in that short period of time. If we had been given a specific time line we would have been able to provide a more specific evacuation plan

by utilizing more personnel and going home to home. The warning was called off within that first ten minutes so we stopped our warnings and returned to the low areas advising people they could go home. One of the biggest problems we have during an event like this is that people tie up all the emergency phone lines to get information. One other problem emergency personnel experience is people flagging them down to find out what is going on. That takes a lot of time if we only have a ten minute window. The bottom line is if you hear a Tsunami warning or see a bunch of vehicle heading uphill "Get your family immediately to high ground". That short delay trying to call and determine what is happening could cost you and your family their lives. I will apologize to some residents because we never made it to your homes to warn you but we were called off in a short amount of time. I will tell you that I can guarantee your emergency services personnel from Ambulance, Fire and Police will be out in the danger zone trying to save as many lives as we possibly can when something like this occurs.

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Crab Pot Retrieval

Following a storm with hurricane-force winds just a day after the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab season on Dec. 1, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has made it easier for crabbers to recover lost and scattered gear.

ODFW today adopted temporary rules to allow boats to retrieve up to six pots belonging to another vessel that have been lost, forgotten, damaged, abandoned or otherwise derelict. The retrieving vessel should record the gear in their logbooks and return the gear to shore during the same fishing trip.

“Our industry advisors support regulations that would allow for gear recovery,” explained ODFW’s Marine Resources Manager Patty Burke. “We wanted to allow boats that come across lost crab pots to legally be able to bring them into port so the owner can get them back.”

Permanent regulations related to pot limits prohibit vessels from having gear onboard unless it has that vessel’s buoy tags and markings. The pot limit plan came about after many members of the commercial crab industry voiced con-

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cerns about problems associated with the growing amount of gear in the fishery. This is the second season of the crab pot limit program that restricts the number of pots a crabber may fish.

“Industry advisors also want to create incentives to avoid gear loss in the first place,” added Burke. “This season, many operators moved their gear prior to the storm to avoid shallow waters, and have put a premium on fishing strategies that will prevent gear loss.”

To provide additional assistance and streamline efforts to replace irretrievable lost gear, ODFW has moved up the date to allow for lost pot replacement tags from Dec. 31 to Dec. 14, 2007.

Rotary Club News By Jo Rieber

The Port Orford Medicine Wheel Project was explained to Rotary members by the project’s facilitator, Charlene Wolfe. Sponsored by the Port Orford Arts Council, the Medicine Wheel Project intends to locate a site in our area on which to build a wheel shaped pattern of stones in a quiet, meditative setting.

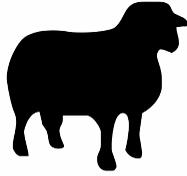
Medicine wheels have been built around the world throughout the ages.

Stonehenge has been thought to be an ancient medicine wheel. In the United States, Plains Indians constructed medicine wheels, but the coastal tribes did not. The site of a medicine wheel is thought to be a site with particular energy where people “go for peace and quiet, contemplation, prayer and meditation.”

Charlene Wolfe explained that the wheel was not to be a tourist attraction, but a community treasure, built and maintained by the community for use by community members. Rocks from the Elk River would be used to form the wheel and spoke pattern, and benches would be available. Teachers in the 2CJ School District are interested in including their students in the project. The Garden Club and the Senior Center have expressed interest.

The Port Orford Medicine Wheel will be created on the Spring Equinox of the new year, a time of new growth and potential. By participating as a community, “we will deliver the energy of intent, mindfully, through creative action.”

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Holiday Candle Safety

State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr reminds Oregonians that candle-caused fires are preventable. Earlier this month, an unattended candle caused a fire at a home in Hubbard resulting in \$300,000 in damage. "Always keep an eye on your burning candles," advises Orr. "A lighted candle in your home is an open flame and can quickly get out of control."

In the five year period from 2002 to 2006 there were 783 candle-related fires in Oregon resulting in 13 civilian deaths, 74 civilian injuries, 16 firefighter injuries and estimated property losses of more than \$16 million.

Some tips from the fire marshal's office on candle safety include: blow out all candles before leaving the room or before going to sleep; keep candles away from things that burn; keep candles at least one foot away from combustibles including clothing, curtains, upholstered furniture, greenery, and decorations; and always use a sturdy metal, glass or ceramic candleholder. Make sure the candleholder is big enough to catch dripping wax. Also maintain working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area and in every bedroom.

World Meditation Day

The annual World Peace Meditation will be commemorated on Monday, December 31 at 4:00am at the Unity of Bandon Church. The World Healing peace meditation was initiated by John and Jan Randolph-Price in 1986 and has been continued as an annual time of prayer and meditation by millions of people of all faiths worldwide. It is believed that if enough people join together to think and pray about peace and harmony, this will become a reality for our planet. This vigil for peace occurs at 12:00 noon, Greenwich Mean Time which translates to 4:00am Pacific time. This non-denominational time of mediation is open to the community.

This event will be facilitated by Rev. Robin Haruna, Unity of Bandon's minister and includes a candle lighting service for World religions. "This is a unique time for us on the peaceful South Coast of Oregon to focus on world peace and planetary healing. This year it is especially important that we focus on prayers for peace in every corner of the world." All are welcome to attend. Due to the early hour, dress is casual. For more information call 541-347-4696.

Harborside Access Problems

By Valerie Jean Kramer

On Thursday morning, December 21, we began getting phone calls from a number of people stating they couldn't connect to Harborside Internet service. Thanks to reports back from several of these folks, we now understand that due to storm damage, Verizon has changed some phone numbers in the Brookings-Crescent City area. Despite its "332" prefix, one of the numbers affected was the 332-1309 number used by many to connect to Harborside.

I have been told that either of the numbers 366-4270 or 366-4013 should now be used instead of 332-1309 and that these are local numbers from Port Orford. I have also been advised that the username box should include your full username, complete with "@harborside.com".

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Happy New Year's from Langlois By Evan Kramer

Gary Romele, Port Orford's former postmaster, is now the postmaster at the Langlois Post Office. I stopped in to see him and wish him happy holidays. He asked me to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's to the people in Port Orford. When Gary worked as the Postmaster in Port Orford he was very popular and had an interesting collection of postal memorabilia on display from his collection. He is happy in his new job and the people in Langlois are glad to have him. The Port Orford Post Office has a reputation for being too busy for the number of hours allocated for two employees other than the postmaster and it is stress inducing. Nevertheless our local postal employees and new Postmaster Wade Lindsay did a fine job this holiday season in getting the mail and packages out. Thank you and thank you Gary Romele for the outstanding job you did in Port Orford.

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News from St. John's by Viv Williams

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Are you a woman who is interested in learning about the adventure of a personal relationship with God and how the Bible applies to everyday living? Merrilyn Cuthbert from the First Community Church will guide us in an ecumenical Friendship Bible Study entitled Mark: Christ-God's Perfect Servant on Tuesdays at 10am beginning January 8 at the home of Helene Harrington-Colins. This simple and easy study is sponsored by Stonecroft Ministries. Please contact Helene for more information at 253-6250.

Subcommittee Meets

The City of Port Orford council subcommittee on public safety meets on Wednesday, January 2, 5:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

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Happy Holidays!

CCEC Board Meeting

The Coos Curry Electric Cooperative board of directors meets on Friday, December 28, 10:00am at the cooperative headquarters in Port Orford. The town hall meeting following this board meeting will be held in Gold Beach on January 3. The next town hall meeting scheduled for Port Orford is for February 7, at the cooperative's headquarters.

Pick of the Week

Yoga classes in Port Orford start on Tuesday, January 8. They will be held in the Driftwood School cafeteria on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:00pm. Deb Lohry is the instructor for the classes and a fine one at that. For more information call 332-8110.



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NEW VIDEOS: "American Pie: Beta House", "Rush Hour 3", "Shattered", "The Kingdom", "Eastern Promises", "The Heartbreak Kid", "The Brothers Solomon", "Intimate Affairs", and "Halloween Unrated Directors Cut". Please remember 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 9:30-6 Mon-Thurs and 9:30-7 Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays.

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THE LIGHT RAIN GALLERY in Bandon is going out of business. Deep discounts on all African art work. 980 Hwy 101 N. Hours 12-5, closed Dec. 25th to 27th for Christmas. Hours 12:00 to 5:00, Sunday hours 1:30 to 5:00, phone 347-2188.

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Movie Reviews
By Ginelle Weber

Happy Holidays to you movie fans! Playing until Thursday at the Savoy will be "The Golden Compass", the first of a beloved fantasy trilogy authored by Philip Pullman. Set in a world full of magic and mystery a young girl must race to save her best friend and her father before it's too late. With Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig in supporting roles the film is a visual feast for the eyes.

On Friday the newcomer "August Rush" is a story of a young musical prodigy searching for his long lost parents. Set in New York and starring Robin Williams the movie weaves fairytale elements and ties of love into a heartwarming film.

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Here at the Downtown Fun Zone films to recommend include the new "Eastern Promises" with Viggo Mortensen reunited with his "History of Violence" director for another gangster saga of redemption. If you didn't get a chance to see "Stardust" at the Savoy come in and take it home! A wonderful piece of magical fluff for the whole family, Michelle Pfeiffer is perfect as a witch on a mission to find the fallen star before she disintegrates into an old powerless hag. For music lovers "Once" is the highly acclaimed film about two musicians who meet by chance and spend one week collaborating in sound and romance. More titles to see include "Talk to Me", "The Bourne Ultimatum", "The Fever" and "Namesake".

New Skate Bowl

A new skate bowl is under construction at Buffington Park. The new bowl is a smaller one than the two already there and is for "beginners." The new bowl is immediately adjacent to the two existing bowls and has been framed and is awaiting a concrete pour. Thanks go to Brenda Dell and Patti McKenzie who spearheaded fundraising efforts to get this beginner's skate bowl built and thanks to the public who donated to the cause. They raised over \$4,000 to get this new skate bowl built. It's your park so go out and enjoy it.

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Sole Pursuits Grant

Members of the Gordon Elwood Foundation board of Trustees has announced that the Curry Health Foundation has been awarded a grant of \$5,600 in support of Sole Pursuits, Curry General Hospital walking incentive program.

The award represents the "matching support necessary" to match the support from the community and from Curry General Hospital that Sole Pursuits has received in its first seven years coordinating hiking programs for Curry County residents.

The grant will be used to continue preventing obesity, promoting cardiac wellness and highlighting social networking among the county's residents of all ages.

The money will be used to research and develop new programs that help provide a fun and safe incentive for people to "get off the couch" and explore the beauty of Curry County.

Watch for a schedule of upcoming Sole Pursuits offerings next year, including canine hikes with Terry Cocohron and Francisca Van Lith and the all-new Walk Card Contest program featuring \$50 prizes from cosponsors.

For details, phone coordinator Cathy Boden at (541) 332-5039 or email her at solepursuits@curryhealthnetwork.com

Burning Bowl Service

Unity of Bandon will mark the passage of 2007 with a "Burning Bowl" service on Sunday, December 30, at 11:00am. As 2007 completes its cycle and the year 2008 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 spaces for new blessings. Unity of Bandon is located one mile south of Eleventh Street on Highway 101. All are welcome to attend. Call 347-4696 for more information.

Christmas Bird Count

Have you always wanted to learn more about identifying local birds?

Then please join us for the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count for Beginners on Sunday, Dec. 30 (the day after the official count). We'll meet at 8am at the Driftwood School and then head out to look for birds in a variety of local habitats. We'll be back around noon.

The Christmas Bird Count is a 107-year old tradition. It started as a way to encourage people to appreciate rather than to just shoot at birds. Since 1900, the count has grown to more than 50,000 volunteers watching birds from more than 2,000 count circles nationwide. Data generated by this long-term effort has helped scientists to learn much about birds and their migratory patterns. The Kalmiopsis Audubon Society has been participating in the Christmas Bird Count tradition for over 25 years.

This year's Christmas Bird Count for Beginners is open to everyone who is interested. Dress warmly, and bring binoculars and bird-ID books. (If you need to borrow, just let us know ahead of time.) To participate in this fun, educational tradition, please RSVP to Ann (332-0261). Bad weather cancels.

Happy New Year!
from all of us at
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We will be open Monday,
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