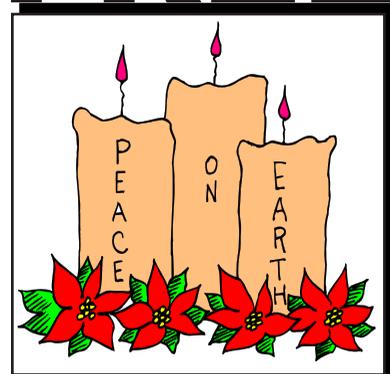


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Falcon Thieves Sentenced By Evan Kramer

Sentencing was held for two of the three people indicted on August 13 by the Curry County Grand Jury for theft of two peregrine falcon chicks on Friday morning, December 11. The sentencing hearing for Bert Loesberg and Wayne Skankey was held in Curry County Circuit Court with Judge Cynthia Beam presiding. A third person involved in this case, Clinton Paul Rand, has pled not guilty and will have a jury trial in April of 2010.

Loesberg and Skankey had pled guilty to two of the five charges against them for the incident which occurred on May 19, 2009, on a cliff below a house at 725 King Street in Port Orford belonging to Jim and Karen Auburn. The other charges were dropped as a result of the plea bargains entered between them and district attorney's office.

Curry County District Attorney Everett Dial spoke to the court about the peregrine falcons saying that by law they are property of the state and as such the people of Oregon were the victims in this case. Dial described Bert Loesberg as a person working as a monitor with Oregon State University on a study of the falcons in Port Orford and thus had

inside information as to their whereabouts. Dial presented a series of photos to the judge of the falcon nest which contained three falcon chicks and two adults at the time of the bird theft. Dial said Loesberg had a prior record having twice violated the Migratory Bird Act back in 1986. Dial said in Oregon it is legal to capture raptors with a state permit and that all the defendants had permits. He said once the falcon chicks were taken from the nest in Port Orford they were put in bags and thrown in the bushes and that no one knows what happened to them.

Betty Olsen, a neighbor of the Auburn's on Coast Guard Hill, said that she and her husband have a spotting scope and had been watching the falcon nest. She happened to be watching it on the day the two chicks were taken and noticed human legs rappelling down the cliff. She called the Auburn's who called the Port Orford Police Department and they responded within minutes and wrote the men up but did not cite or hold them. Karen Auburn said that the falcons had become part of their lives and had even named one Elvis because of its sideburns and displayed a photo of Elvis (the bird).

Martin Nugent, with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W),

said that the peregrine falcons are protected by the United States Migratory Bird Act. There are now 154 peregrine falcon breeding sites in Oregon compared to one in 1980. The ODF&W issued seven permits to master falconers in 2008 for taking of a falcon chick and six permits were issued this year but after the falcon theft in May all permits were returned to the state after the Port Orford incident. The ODF&W plans to issue a limited number of permits in 2010 to Master Falconers authorizing them to remove the birds from nests on bridges or buildings only.

Cindy Bockstadter with the US Fish and Wildlife Service told the court that this was a disappointing case. She explained to the judge that falcons are trained for sport to catch game and are used at airports to reduce bird populations. She said the incident in Port Orford turned into a large conspiracy and questioned where the two falcon chicks were, having not been found or returned.

District Attorney Dial described Loesberg as the "monitor" during the bird theft and that five people had come down to get the birds with Wayne Skankey the one who rappelled down the cliff to get the falcon chicks.

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Loessberg's lawyer described him as a falconer with 47 years of experience and that he had a permit and had been an observer of the nest in Port Orford for years. He is a businessman living in the Eugene area. Assistant DA Burt Webber told the court that the falconers had to give seven days notice prior to taking the birds and then do a follow-up report to the state five days after taking them. Loessberg's lawyer described their actions as a legal endeavor and that when the police showed up Loessberg freaked out. Loessberg later said when the police arrived they panicked and that they knew they messed up.

Judge Beamon sentenced Bert Loessberg in Count 1 (Theft 1 in the first degree, a Class C felony) to 18 months probation and a fine of \$2500 inclusive of court costs and to pay a compensatory restitution fine of \$1,000 to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. He was ordered to serve 10 custody units (ten days in jail) and have no contact with the Auburn's and not possess a

falcon permit. On Count 2 of removal of wildlife in violation of a permit (a Class "A" misdemeanor) the judge ordered him to serve 36 months of probation with a fine of \$5,000 and serve ten days in jail, serve 250 hours of community service and have no contact with the Auburn's and not be able to possess a permit for taking a falcon. Total fines were \$8600 and he was ordered to pay it at the rate of \$300 month. The two ten day jail sentences will run concurrently and Loessberg was ordered to report to the county jail at 2:00pm to begin serving his sentence.

Wayne Skankey had pled guilty to the charge of Theft 1 as a misdemeanor though the charge had originally been a felony.. His lawyer described him as very different than the other defendants. Skankey is 51 years old and with 38 years experience as a falconer. He was part of the falcon theft as the person brought in to rappel down the cliff and get the birds. Skankey apologized to the neighbors on King Street and the police for his behavior and said he has felt horrible ever since. He said he had lied to

the US Fish and Wildlife Service about what happened. He cooperated with law enforcement officials on this case and said he was ashamed of what he had done.

District Attorney Dial described Bert Loessberg as the leader of the group. Judge Beamon then sentenced Wayne Skankey on Count 1 (Theft 1 as a misdemeanor) to probation for 24 months, a fine of \$2,500 plus a compensatory fine of \$900 to the ODF&W. She noted Skankey had cooperated with the state on this case. He received no jail time on Count 1 but was ordered to serve 400 hours of community service at the minimum rate of 10 hours per month and can do that near his home in the Portland area. Skankey is to have no contact with the Auburn's and that he is not to possess a falcon permit or license during the time of his probation. Skankey agreed to pay his fine off at the rate of \$300 a month starting on January 1, 2010. DA Dial spoke of a deferred sentencing agreement to Count 2 of criminal trespass but it was not made clear

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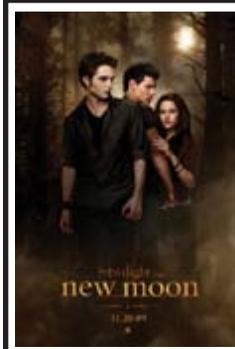
what a deferred sentencing agreement means. Efforts to contact him about the meaning of a deferred sentencing agreement were fruitless as was an attempt to get any understanding of the plea bargain agreement.

School District Crime Update

Winter break is here already, and our students and staff appreciate the opportunity to relax and recharge. The District Office and custodial teams will be working through the break, and we are available if you need assistance.

During the first full week of October, Pacific High School was vandalized, burglarized, and arson had taken place. To summarize the events for those unfamiliar with the incidents: Sometime prior to October 5th, the greenhouse was broken into and a weed eater was stolen. On October 6th, water system pipes and valves were deliberately broken, and the following night an expensive water pressure transmitter was destroyed. Finally on the morning of October 8th, maintenance employees discovered that there had been a fire in the woodshop and that 19 laptops had been stolen from the vocational computer lab. The sprinkler system functioned perfectly and extinguished the fire, saving the school. Five suspects were arrested, including three that are allegedly linked to the theft and arson.

The District loss is approaching \$70,000 for labor, equipment, tools, materials, repair, furniture, and computers. This does not include the \$100,000 plus for restoration of the building. The District has adequate insurance coverage, and the company's response was excellent. Typically, insurance companies seek restitution from the criminals for claim costs. Everything has either been, discarded, replaced or repaired, and classes are back to normal. The computers were recovered, but they were sent to the



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crime lab, and their condition was unknown so new laptops were purchased.

A generous staff, community, and Board donated to a reward fund. Information came forward from responsible citizens, and the reward will be disbursed upon resolution of the court proceedings.

Please have safe and warm holiday celebrations, and don't forget to come out to support our athletes. We still need Site Council members!

Victorian Splendor Returns

Christmas at Hughes House will once again brighten the season in 2009 at Cape Blanco and Port Orford. Following the Early American theme set by events chair Dolores Care, a total of twelve community organizations will put their most creative members to work turning a beautiful house into a Christmas treasure.

Friday and Saturday, December 19 and 20 and Saturday, Sunday and Monday December 26, 27 and 28 are the days and 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM are the times. Cape Blanco Lighthouse is also open

the same days and hours. Gift shops open in both locations.

Folks close to the cape and those traveling will not want to miss this festive experience. When family and friends have visited for Christmas, bring them to the house after the parities have ended.

Groups with downstairs assignments: Formal Parlor, Chetco Bank; Men's Parlor, Girl Scouts of Port Orford; Dining Room, Red Hats; Kitchen, Sunset Garden Club of Port Orford; Master Bedroom, Friends of Cape Blanco; Halls and Stairs, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Upstairs assignments: Chapel, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church; Edward's Room, Cub Scouts of Port Orford; Thomas's Room, Sterling Bank; Guest Room, St. John's Catholic Church; River Room, Innominata Garden Club of Gold Beach and Joseph's (child's) Room, SMART Reading Program.

New trees have been purchased, hosts and hostesses have been recruited, cookies are baking and the cider is ready to be spiced and heated. Join us for a festive end to a great season at Historic Hughes House.

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Letter to the Editor,

Get Down Wendy Thomas!!

Wendy you were right in as much as it was rude of me not to refer to Mrs. Auburn when I spoke of the bike racks. Mrs. Auburn, I do apologize to you if I was offensive towards you in the store or in the paper. It won't happen again.

As for the rest of the summation, yes I did conduct a survey of the locals that do come into our store, concerning the Dark Sky Ordinance, the overall consensus was just what I had said, they didn't want it before and they don't want it now, maybe not half of the community, but at the very least 100+ people.

Enough of the, I said, you said. The main question still is not answered.

Why did you move here? Because you all liked what you saw. In my opinion, this town does not have a dark sky issue that warrants an ordinance to make people conform to someone else's standards. Enough said about it. Go to the next Planning Commission meeting and voice your opinion there. I will be there to voice my opinion. I believe it's in January 2010.

So how about the water and sewer problems? I guess we all get caught up in the "I don't like what you are doing" stuff, without really addressing the main

problems concerning this town's infrastructure. Water, we are losing a lot of it to leaks that come from dying water lines that need replacement. How is it that the City can find financial help with remodeling the City Hall but have problems finding funds to help replace water lines? I'll go there next time.

Happy Holidays to all of Port Orford

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More to come!

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Letter to the Editor,

The Coble Family would like to thank the wonderful family and friends for helping Don celebrate his eightieth birthday. There were over 200 friends and family coming and going. People came from Indiana, Nevada, California, Tigard, Aloha, Roseburg, Canyonville, Albany and more. Also want to thank are daughter Dawn for taking over when I couldn't do anymore. The wonderful people who helped her out were Susan Henne, Roald Young, and Brenda Dell who did a wonderful job on the cake. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts. Hope I did not forget anyone.

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Four Shilling Short is a duo of traveling musicians with a carload of instruments. The duo consists of Aodh Og O'Tuama, from Cork, Ireland and Christy Martin, from San Diego, California. Since 1995, they have been touring in the United States and Ireland, performing at schools, libraries, bookstores, coffee houses and concert venues. Their music includes traditional and original pieces from Ireland, Scotland, England, Europe, America and India; they play over thirty different instruments from around the world. During their program, they will introduce each instrument, talk about its history, and follow with a demonstration in the form of a song or instrumental piece.

Aodh Og O'Tuama grew up in a family of poets, musicians and writers, and has a degree in music from University College Cork, Ireland. He plays many antique and ethnic musical instruments

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such as the dumbek from Morocco, and sings in both English and Gaelic.

Christy Martin grew up in a family of musicians and dancers, and studied sitar for ten years with a student of master sitarist, Ravi Shankar. She has also studied the hammered dulcimer, and plays mandolin, mandola, bouzouki, banjo, guitar, bodhran, charango, psaltery. Christy sings in English, Irish and Sanskrit.

We invite the whole family to join us for an entertaining musical performance.

Letter to the Editor,

Well, it looks like we're going to make it through another year. Let's give thanks for making it this far and look forward to the many challenges facing us in 2010.

How are we going to handle ideas such as; Dark Skies, zoning and architectural review in our commercial areas, safer and more reasonable traffic flow on 101, the proposed new building for the visitor/marine center at Battle Rock, a municipal election, etc., etc.? Can we overcome the "good old boy" mentality and its attendant favoritism? Can we lose our almost maniacal suspicion and fear of anything new or different?

I read recently that a mind is like a parachute: it only works when it is open. (Now there's a lofty goal for some of our more colorful "Letter to the Editor" writers)

On a higher note, I hope that most of you have noticed the great job that was done on the bioswale at Battle Rock. I volunteer at the visitor center and frequently observed the Mayor and Councilor McArdle present during the planning and construction phases. Since I am not there 24 hours a day I don't know if the other Councilors ever visited. If someone had a camera however, I'm certain they would have appeared.

So, until we begin again in January, I'd like to wish you all a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Joyous and Happy New Year! May you and your loved ones find the peace and contentment we all so fervently seek.

Respectfully

Jim Hajek

Brush with Kindness

Habitat for Humanity has initiated a program called A Brush with Kindness to help current low-income homeowners with needed repairs or improvements on the exterior of their homes.

Curry County Habitat for Humanity will process applications for such help on a first come, first served basis, so don't wait to apply for help. Copies of the eligibility guidelines and application are available at the Port Orford Public Library. If you need help filling out the application, call Ms. Harder at 541-469-6229.

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The Commission adopted the regulations for the 2010 commercial nearshore fishery for species such as rockfish, cabezon and greenling. The regulations prohibit the retention of green sturgeon in commercial fisheries.

The Commission also adopted and amended rules to suspend the Developmental Fisheries Program. The suspension of the program is due to insufficient funding. This Developmental Fisheries Program allowed for the controlled development of commercial fisheries for food fish species that are underutilized due primarily to limited markets or needed gear development. Included in the Commission's ruling was the approval to modify the developmental species list pertaining to permitted fisheries for swordfish, box crab, anchovy/hering, spot prawn and hagfish.

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Letter to the Editor,

There has been a lot written so far about the Dark Skies Initiative and its impact on the safety here, most of it intuitive.... but incorrect.

Too much light is as dangerous at night as too little. Bright lights in your eyes make it very hard to see stop signs or pedestrians or people hiding in the shadows. All you see are the lights.

All Dark Skies asks for is a hood on lamps to direct the light downward where it does the most good and to make sure that big bright commercial signs are not so bright they blind you.

Two more comments: Someone wrote that a property owner should have the right to do anything they want to on their property regardless how it impacts their neighbors. Seriously? Tire burning? 4am hard rock? A neighbor's porchlight so bright the glare hides the (sharp) toy in your driveway? People who live in towns need to be considerate of their neighbors. Curmudgeons should live in the woods. This isn't about creeping Fascism, it's about being polite.

And finally, our starry nights are as beautiful a natural resource as our ocean, our beaches and our forests. People in most cities don't get to see many stars. How very sad. This is one of the perks of small town life, and one of the many reasons people enjoy visiting here: they get to see the Milky Way...one of the many things that makes Port Orford special. Let's protect that.

Respectfully,

Michelle Duarte

Police Chief's Report By Marvin Combs

During this last week I was contacted by a citizen who advised me that someone had stolen one if the Deer in front of the Driftwood School. This was placed there for everyone to enjoy during this time of year. This is a real shame for someone to have stolen this item from the public in Port Orford. It is my understanding that this also happen last year when they placed them there for the public to view. The people of the community are very caring and take care of each other as well as other people passing through our small town of Port

Orford. On Thanksgiving Day some people broke down and were waiting for a tow truck. While sitting there a member of this community came with a box containing Thanksgiving Dinner. Wow that would not happen in other areas and I was very proud to be part of this community.

I would like for the person or persons who removed this from in front of the school to please give it back it does not belong to you it belongs to the people of Port Orford and the person who placed it there. There will be no charges filed if given back. If not and you are found in possession of this property it could mean charges being filed against you.

This is the time of giving not stealing.
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And say thank you to the delivery people: Mary Lou, Dutch, Jim, Dorothy, Leonard, Maybelle , Joyce, Warren, Phyllis, and “Goose” for their faithful and generous support of this wonderful and necessary program. Also thank Gail at Chetco and the folks at Driftwood Cafeteria and Port and Starboard.

Please show your support with a donation.

Happy Holidays.

Gayle Wilcox

Letter to the Editor,

The volunteers and riders of Over The Rainbow wish to thank the individuals and businesses whose donations have made it possible to continue the program in 2009. Over The Rainbow provides horseback riding experiences to both children and adults with disabilities throughout Curry County. The horses are transported regularly to Gold Beach, Brookings and Bandon, so that all those eligible have access to the program.

The program also wishes to thank the Coquille Tribal Community Fund, The Juan Young Trust, The Autzen Foundation, and The West Family Foundation for their generous support. Contributions from these foundations are dependent upon Over The Rainbow demonstrating local fund raising activities.

Currently the fall fundraising campaign is underway. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information contact Mary Margaret Smith at 348-2382.

Thanks for your continued support.

Alice Pfand, Secretary
Over The Rainbow

Letter to the Editor,

Thank you to the community

We would like to give a very warm and heartfelt Thank You to each and everyone who purchased the Shriner’s Fund-raiser Raffle Tickets. Your thoughtfulness is well appreciated by all. Because of your generosity many children and their families will benefit.

I would also like to thank Jerry Steinstorst and all of the Shriner’s for all of the outstanding work that they do. Again thank you all so very much!

Also congratulations to Charlie Casey, we all hope that you catch the “big one”.

For more info, or donations please contact Jerry Steinhoeft at 332-4008, or you can email him at steinie@verizon.net.

We are proud to have been a part of such a wonderful organization.

Sincerely

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Holiday Gift Meal Boxes

The Common Good, Inc. is announcing to our clients the NEW pick-up place for the Holiday Gift Meal Boxes. We will be in The Port Orford Community Center across the Eleventh Street from Driftwood School on Saturday, December 19 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please have your ticket or picture ID to check in. Damage at the Wild Wind Café was extensive and forced us to move to the Community Building.

Distribution of Giving Tree items will be going on in the same building from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Jackie Granados, Pantry Manager

Christmas Eve Service

St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church invites you to a festive celebration of the birth of Christ at a Christmas Eve service at 6:00pm on Thursday, December 24. There will be special music, the blessing of the manger and sung Psalm, Gospel and Eucharist. The church will be beautifully decorated with greens and poinsettias.

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Port Orford Chamber News**Holiday Lighting Progress**

Judging for the Holiday Lighting Competition will be this coming week on the 16th (or 18th, depending on weather). Make sure your lights are on and bright to bring the plaque and pride to Port Orford! Also, if your house of business wins the in-town competition, you will receive a gift certificate to Jerry's Rogue Jets in Gold Beach for first place and a meal at Paradise Café or Port and Starboard for second!

Mile-By-Mile Guide Advertising

The Mile-By-Mile Guide orders are coming in, so act fast to reserve your space! Visit <http://www.portorfordchamber.com/mbm>, email chamber@portorfordchamber.com, or call 332.8055 for more details! The final deadline is January 5, 2010. Don't miss this great advertising opportunity!

Santa at Driftwood

On Friday, December 18 at 2pm, Santa will make an appearance for the K-3rd Graders at Driftwood Elementary! The Chamber will be on hand to take photographs, so if you would like a picture, be sure to provide your child with an email address to send the photo to.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

St. John's Church Schedule

St. John's Catholic Church, located at Hwy 101 & 15th Street in Port Orford, would like to invite everyone to attend the coming events planned for the holiday season:

Dec. 22nd, Tuesday from 2:30 to 5pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. A Mass will be held at 5pm followed by dinner.

Dec. 24th, Thursday, Christmas Eve: There are no services scheduled in Port Orford but you are invited to attend Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Bandon for a Children's Mass at 4pm and a Night Mass at 9pm.

Dec. 25th, Friday, 8am: Christmas Morning Mass

Dec. 31st, Thursday, 4pm: Vigil Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation for Mary Mother of God

Jan. 3rd, Sunday, Epiphany: There are no services scheduled in Port Orford but the public is invited to attend Holy Trinity Church in Bandon for their Mass at 10:30am.

For more information, please call: 253-6250.

Engineers Seeks Comments

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking comments on an application for a permit to conduct work in waters of the United States.

Public Notice NWP-2009-509 describes a proposal by the Bureau of Land Management to breach the New River Spit at three sites between Bandon and Langlois, Oregon.

The project is designed to improve aquatic habitat for fish species, prevent a natural breach of the dune near Floras Creek and provide annual flood relief to private ranch lands.

The Corps is soliciting comments on this proposal from the public; federal, state and local agencies; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. The public notice with more information is available at <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/op/g/public.asp>. Comments must be received by Jan. 2.

The Corps issues or denies permits under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for discharge of dredged or fill material into U.S. waters, and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 for work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States.

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Rotary Club News By Elaine Roeman

“What is Poverty?” Hall Kibby asked when he spoke this week at Rotary. He has seen it first hand in his travels in Africa for The Rotary Foundation and in the migrant labor camps in Mexico. Poverty is hunger, lack of shelter, illiteracy, polluted water, dying of preventable diseases, living one day to the next without hope for improvement .

Hal Kibby, past district governor, and his wife Francie have spent the past 2 winters face to face with poverty in a small rural agricultural village on Mexico’s West Coast. They are working with Project Amigo to help improve education and living conditions for children at a migrant labor camp in Queseria in the state of Colima, Mexico. The people living in Mexico’s migrant camps are Indians from the South of Mexico that come north in hopes of finding work in the sugar cane fields. The Kibby’s story is inspiring and underscores the difference The Rotary Foundation is making in the future lives of children caught in the poverty cycle.

Along with construction projects, Project Amigo offers incentive programs to needy 4th, 5th and 6th graders in these rural agricultural communities to attend school. To encourage children to stay in school Project Amigo provides mini libraries of fun children’s books in Spanish, day trips to the beach, to museums, a Christmas fiesta with gifts of clothing and school supplies. The Kibby’s believe that to achieve their highest potential, children need hope, educational opportunities, material support, enrichment activities, and medical and dental services. Rotarians arrive at the vision clinic with suitcases of donated glasses, one small gift that makes a world of difference. Hal and Francie return home each year with a heightened consciousness of how they want to live their lives helping others and a belief that our neighbors’ problems in other parts of the world are our problems. Who is “Al-Qaeda’s biggest ally?” asks Hal. “Not religion, not a nation, but poverty”.

More than 150 volunteers (mostly from USA and Canada) visit Project Amigo each year. It is one of many projects world wide providing children with educational opportunities and making a difference in the lives of hundreds.

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Honored this month for outstanding achievements are Pacific High School senior, Ashley Curry and Driftwood Elementary 8th grader, Kyle Dahms. Kyle’s proud parents, Paul and Kathy and sister, Amanda agreed when Principal Sean Wells praised Kyle for his 4.0 grade point and being “just the nicest young man.”

Ashley’s Mom, Debbie, applauded as well when Principal Tony Smith honored Ashley for her scholastic achievements and her athletic and community contributions. Ashley, a Senior plans to attend the Culinary Institute in Portland.

Winter Holiday

The Port Orford Langlois School District shuts down for the winter holiday break from December 19 through January 4 with classes resuming on Monday, January 4. Have a great time.

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GB Book Signing

South coast author James Boyle will discuss and sign his new book, "*Ni'il: the War Within*", Saturday, December 19 at 10am at Gold Beach Books.

Set in a fictional small town on the southern Oregon coast, the story is a sequel to Boyle's debut novel "*Ni'il: the Awakening*." Police Chief Dan Connor and Stephanie Amis return to continue their battle with ni'ilaquo, an evil force rooted in ancient Native American myth and magic. This time, the protagonists have the help of a new character, a priest sent from the Vatican who belongs to a secret order fighting pagan gods for centuries and who believes he knows exactly how to win this battle.

Ni'il: the Awakening was a finalist in the Heekins Foundation competition for new novelists; both books are part of Boyle's ambitious goal "to build a fiction landscape of the Pacific Northwest, much like Stephen King has done with Maine, including dark possibilities."

Boyle is the author of several previous volumes of poetry and short fiction, and is an organizer for the South Coast Writer's Conference.

Having spent his childhood in North Dakota, Boyle learned about Native American cultures early on, and especially recalls trips to the restored ruins of a Mandan tribal village and to Fort Abraham Lincoln, General George

Custer's departure point for his ill-fated Little Big Horn expedition. As Boyle puts it, "I came to have a deep sympathy for the Native peoples' doomed resistance to the white culture, and admiration for their cultural connection to the natural world around them; while the dominant culture tried to change and subjugate nature, the Natives sought to live within the natural world as one part of a dynamic whole."

Like many area artists in other disciplines, James has found his work to be heavily influenced by the pristine natural surroundings of the south coast, saying, "It inspires recollections of what the pioneers first fell in love with a century and a half ago."

Admission to the book-signing event is free. Both books are intended for mature readers; those unable to attend may reserve signed copies of either book by telephoning the bookstore at (541) 247-2495. Gold Beach Books is located on Pacific Highway 101 and First Streets in Gold Beach.

Letter to the Editor,

Surfers travel to the beach to surf, hunter travel to the hill to hunt. RV'ers, travel to wherever they travel to RV. Stargazers should travel to the outskirts to stargaze...not make everyone conform to their way of thinking. We do not have the Luxor Casino and Hotel in Port Orford with a five million watt

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spotlight shining to Mars, we just have businesses trying to survive after dark, and keeping troublemakers from sneaking around with easy cover to burglarize them. We have concerned seniors, veterans (Thank you veterans!), and children who need safety of lighting at night. We have very dark blocks and dark sections of Highway 101 where people cross the street at night. Let's propose how we can work as a community to fix the water issue instead of being the lighting police. There is no problem with our sky and the stars are clear as ever.

Will (Pat) Holly

Letter to the editor,

Gross vandalism on both local school and library equals attacks against education. What is the opposite of education? Ignorance. And, as Goethe said, "Nothing is as frightening as ignorance in action." I believe each member of our community should ask, "What can I do to help educate and safeguard our hometown?" Thanks to all who, in whatever capacity, are doing so.

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Senior Center News

The Port Orford Senior Center hosts a Christmas potluck dinner for members and guests on Thursday, December 17, at 5:00pm. The Center is closed on December 24 and on Christmas day and again on December 31 and New Year's Day. There will be no member luncheon this month. You can get your blood pressure taken every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to noon.

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The class includes circle and line dance and you do not need a partner. Increase your aerobic endurance, balance and agility and have some fun with dances from Serbia, Israel, Greece, Bulgaria and other countries. The instructor is Vicki Isaeff and you can contact her and sign up for the class at 332-0950. Come out and try the first class!

City Council Meets

The Port Orford City Council meets in their last regularly schedule meeting of 2009 on Thursday, December 17, 6:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Ham Radio Club Meets

The Port Orford Ham Radio Club will meet on Wednesday, December 23, 9:00am, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant.

DeFazio Secures Funding

Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) today secured final approval for funding for critical projects in Coos County. The South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (SCINT) will receive \$500,000 for personnel, operational, and technology costs to ensure this critical task force can continue to fight the manufacture and trafficking of methamphetamines. The Port of Coos Bay will receive \$340,900 to replace the outdated and unsafe ice machine on the Charleston ice dock.

“SCINT has been vital to the war on meth on the Oregon coast. They have a proven track record of seizing drugs. I’m pleased I was able to help secure funding to help build on that success,” DeFazio said.

The Charleston ice dock in Coos Bay serves 400 commercial fishing vessels daily. The existing system is prohibitively expensive to repair and emits noxious fumes which pose a health hazard to the environment and the community. If the system were not replaced, it would threaten the entire commercial fishing industry in the area because there is no other public ice dock in Southern Oregon.

The funding was included in The Consolidated Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010. The bill must now be passed by the Senate before it heads to the White House for President Obama’s signature.