



CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



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THE YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

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Our village is a place where natural resources are valued and protected, where diversity is celebrated, and where a vibrant economy and sense of community pride create and recreate a living spirit. Yachats cares not just for its citizens' basic needs but also supports them in their efforts to excel mentally, physically, artistically, and spiritually. It is a community with an enduring sense of itself.



Mayor's Message

By Ron Brean, Mayor

I don't know why it is that we pay more attention to anniversaries that are divisible by 5 than we do to others. Third anniversaries, or elevenths, or even fifty-firsts never get as much fanfare as fives, tens, and fifties. My dog will be ten next month and I'm already tuned in to that fact whereas I didn't even notice when he turned 9.

I'm fairly sure it is an artifact of our culture and our dependence on the decimal system of numbers and counting. If we have to add pennies or if we have to make change for a \$5, it's somehow less interesting. Or perhaps it's less easy to grasp and therefore just another tedious cypher in a world too full of tedious cyphers. Perhaps the ease with which we can do the math in multiples of fives and tens in the left brain frees the right brain to consider all of the other ramifications of the time past, of the events experienced, of the gains, losses, accomplishments, and the remaining challenges that we know will have to await at some future "quint-aversary" before we can celebrate.

The more times that five will divide into the anniversary, the more impressed we are by it. Five is great, twice five is greater, 5X5 is really special, and fifty is golden. We measure things, perhaps subconsciously, against our own expected longevity. Fifty is a big deal and 100...a whole

century...well that's too much to hope for and an awesomely big number.

I find myself lost in these calculations today because Yachats has an anniversary this year that's divisible by five. Fifty years ago the City of Yachats, as an official chartered entity of government, came into being. In addition to that, one hundred years ago, people who resided here got their mail addressed to Oceanview, Oregon. A hundred years ago "Oceanview" lacked as much imagination as it does today and it did not capture the heart of the village or of its populace. A decision was made to use the first peoples term for the place and give it a little more character. The official postal location became "Yachats" in 1916 and Oceanview Drive is the only remaining remnant of Oceanview.

We are going to celebrate both anniversaries, the fiftieth and the hundredth. Why wouldn't we? Yachats is both fifty years old and it's 100 years old. During the fifty golden years since incorporation and the century since the modern name was attached people have been coming to Yachats, enjoying it, learning from it and from others who live and visit here, experiencing sunsets and spectacular waves and friendly people who work together to build community. There is something special about the place and the older it gets the more special it seems to become.

In the centuries before we started counting and dividing by five, I wonder if the same special and enduring sense of place existed here. I suspect

it did. I suspect that before there were clocks and dollars and a decimal system of numbers the magic of this place was felt by the Alsea people who lived here in community with one another, in community with the environment, and in awe of the natural wonder and beauty of the place. I suspect that the magic that makes it a special village now made it a special village then.

Yachats is fifty years old. Yachats is a hundred years old. We pick a date on a calendar and we file papers. Then we wait for large number of years which is divisible by five to celebrate. The fact of the matter is that Yachats didn't come into existence just because we filed papers. Yachats is ageless. It is a state of mind that is not divisible.



Yachats Public Library

By Dianne Allen

"Just when we thought we couldn't do any better- we did!" So

said Maggie Marshall, the coordinator of the 2016 Yachats Library Book Sale. "We made over \$5,630 dollars, \$600 more than last year."

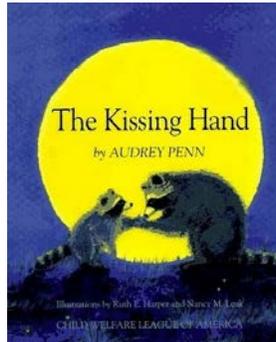
It was a fantastic year for all the amazing volunteers in the community who worked throughout the year to make our one big fundraiser such a success. Donations poured in, books and DVD's were then organized and stored. This Spring, all had to be moved from storage to be readied for the big event. For two days, books were sold for 50 cents and \$1.00 or were sold by the bagful's for \$4-\$5. Last and not least, everything needed to be removed from the Commons in a timely manner.

By now, you probably are reading or have read a book or two that you purchased, or, maybe you've found a great read in the library recently. If you enjoyed your book, why not share the title (and author) by adding it to our new collection of "BEST READS"? Perhaps your child would like to

share too. Come to the library and simply fill out a card and tack it up on the bulletin board. A friendly librarian will help you! As a volunteer, I know that many of you have found a "treasure" as you have already shared it recently with your friends in the library.

Celebrate your hard work and effort by coming to the Yachats Library. Check out a new title, read a magazine or the newspaper, use the computer, bring your kids to Thursday story hour, or simply hang out with your friends and catch up with what's been going on in the town.

HAPPY READING in the sun, in the shade, in the library tucked away. Enjoy what you've worked so hard to achieve. And, thanks again.



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

Families Together May 27th

Join us Friday night, May 27th for Families Together with our friends at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church beginning at 6 pm. The featured story is "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn. Dinner will be free and each child will take home a hard bound copy of the book for their home library. Chapter books that are more appropriate for older siblings will also be available. After dinner we will have some fun crafts for the kids. There's no need to sign up ahead, just come and enjoy the fun. You don't want to miss this one; it's the last Families Together of the school year.



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams, Coordinator

Our May luncheon will take place as usual on the last

Thursday of the month—Thursday May 26th. Anyone 55+ is welcome. Our guest chefs are Mary Goff and Gretchen Armstrong. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon (suggested donation is \$5 per person).

This month's menu will be Lemon Roasted Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, vegetable medley, tossed green salad, rolls with butter and Friendship dessert bread! Come and meet old friends and make new ones!



Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

Our little museum recently received a wonderful donation

that visually documents a part of our history here in Yachats. It is an original oil painting that depicts the Peace Hike to the Amanda Trail on January 1st 2015. The painting was purchased by Margaret and Sam Brooks who then generously offered it to the Little Log Church and Museum.

The painting shows many of the hikers gathered on the bridge that spans the Amanda Grotto, and the beautiful carved statue of Amanda who is honored there.

Amanda was a Coos Indian who was one of many who were forced to walk from their homes in the Coos Bay region to the Alsea Sub-Agency in Yachats in 1864. According to Loyal A. Bensell, one of the soldiers who accompanied the group, Amanda had a terrible time climbing around Cape Perpetua on the forced march. He wrote, "Amanda, who is blind, tore her feet horribly over these ragged rocks, leaving blood sufficient to track her by. . . I cursed the Indian Agents generally, [Alsea Sub-Agency Agent Amoss] Harvey particularly."

Well over a century later it was decided to construct a trail in the Cape Perpetua Scenic

Area commemorating the native people who were forced to traverse the difficult and dangerous route north. When the trail planner for the Oregon Parks and Recreation District learned of Amanda's story, he proposed naming the trail after her. It took a great many years to complete the plan. In 2003 local artist Sy Meadow created and donated a magnificent statue of Amanda to the trail to perpetuate her memory.

In 2011 a 62 foot continuous span fiberglass bridge was built across the creek and the Amanda statue was placed below. Thus began a tradition of a 5.5 mile peace hike on New Year's Day. The 2015 peace hike that our painting represents is somewhat of a final chapter in this story, for sadly, on December 18, 2015 a major storm produced a massive landslide down the Amanda Grotto, destroying the bridge, burying the statue, and devastating two acres of forest land. Those of us who knew of the Amanda story and the saga of the trail and bridge have greatly mourned the loss.

The intent is strong to restore the area and re-open the trail eventually. Meanwhile, there is a memory of better days displayed on the wall in the LLC's museum. Local resident Joanne Kittel, who was instrumental in dedicating part of her property for the trail, and who facilitated the delivery of the painting to the LLC&M, also provided us with a printed copy of the Amanda Trail Story and a copy of the Amanda Trail Interpretive Text. Both these documents are available to peruse at the museum.

We are deeply grateful to Joanne and to Margaret and Sam Brooks for enabling us to display such a special treasure.



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Yachats Public Works and Streets Commission

By Walt Weyand

Are You Ready?

I know no one wants to be reminded that nature sometimes makes life on the coast unpleasant or dangerous. We all want to look out on a blue ocean under blue skies, with a light breeze blowing in the trees surrounding our homes. Unfortunately, "stuff" sometimes happens. We can be hit by an earthquake or Tsunami at any time. In fact, the experts tell us either, or both, is overdue based on the historical record.

As we all know, we can't prevent "stuff" from happening. But we can take certain steps to minimize damage to our properties, and harm to our families and ourselves. Two of the best ways are to have a supply of ordinary items set aside to make "stuff" less dangerous and uncomfortable, and to practice quickly leaving our homes during the upcoming emergency exercise that we will describe in detail next month.

We strongly suggest that each household have survival kits close at hand for each member of the family. It would be best if these kits are easily portable, since during a severe earthquake or Tsunami event, you must leave your home to seek safety above the reach of the highest wave. Such a kit doesn't have to cost a lot of money, nor does it have to contain exotic items from the pricy survival equipment catalogs. Ordinary items already in your home, or available here in Yachats are perfectly suitable. You probably already have most of the items on this list.

Since many of us in Yachats are on prescription drugs, this is one area that demands pre-planning on our part. One suggestion that we found on a web site is to ask your Primary Care Physician if he/she would be prepared to prescribe an additional separate one month supply of your regular medications for your emergency kit. These medications can be stored in your refrigerator.

Section 1.01 Minimum Portable Survival Kit Contents (per person in household)

- Backpack or rolling duffle bag
- Non-perishable food -- 3-day supply

- Prescription drugs - minimum 3 day supply: 30 days advised
- Credit card, checkbook, & cash
- Copy of important documents & family contacts
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Space blanket
- Portable battery-powered AM/FM radio
- Plastic whistle
- Matches in waterproof container
- Small can opener
- Pocket knife
- 25 feet of nylon cord or clothesline
- Rain gear
- Gloves
- First aid kit
- Plastic garbage bags to keep items dry
- Plastic lawn bags to use as emergency rainwear or shelter

A kit such as this will provide each member of your household with the necessities of life until your friends, neighbors, or the authorities can come to your aid. Without these items, the wait for assistance can be very uncomfortable, or even fatal.



Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Chair
Communications
Leader

This is a varied and busy season for the Yachats Trails and YIPs! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) crews. Trails Crew members have recently been doing maintenance and improvements on the Ya'Xaik trail, near the Fistera trailhead. The trail should now be safer for hikers, easier to traverse and less muddy. Take a break during this beautiful spring weather and check it out!

As you may be aware, "Ya'Xaik" comes from the only known village name of the Alsea people who once lived in this area. This and many other locations, including the Amanda Trail, are in place to honor the history and cultural heritage of local First Nation People. One activity that has been on our to-do list for a while is an interpretive sign project depicting First Nation History. Joanne Kittel and Diane Desse are now moving it forward. We have applied for a grant

from the Oregon Parks Foundation Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation and hope to know the outcome in mid-May. Robert Kentta, Cultural Chair and Tribal Council Member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, is supervising.

The influence of the Amanda story continues to grow beyond our little community. "Amanda Transcending," a one-act play by Connie Bennet was performed in Eugene last March. In April it was selected to be performed at an international play writers' workshop in Kansas City. We look forward to seeing it performed in Yachats at some point too.

Which brings us to the trail itself... We continue to work on plans for re-opening the Amanda Trail early this summer, but until then the trail remains closed. Please, please, PLEASE honor the signs asking you stay out of the area for a few more weeks until it is safe to enter again. We will let everyone know as soon as possible.

Last month three of our Trails Committee Leaders had the opportunity attend this year's California Trails Conference. This annual gathering is an invaluable opportunity to learn and share ideas and best practices for trail planning, building, maintenance, promotion, community involvement and more. It also always shows us what a comparatively amazing job Yachats is doing in supporting trails and habitat restoration work. Much of that success has been due to the leadership of Lauralee Svendsgaard who serves as Trails Committee Chair and has also been the coordinator for the Trails Conference until turning it over to others this past year. Now, effective May 1, Lauralee is stepping down from her Trails Committee chairmanship as well, to free up a bit more time for personal projects and focus. However, while she is handing over her administrative duties to be shared among our very capable committee leaders, she - and husband Ron Brean - still plan to stay closely involved with the committee and will continue to help out and share their

knowledge and skills on upcoming projects and work crew activities.

YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

Thanks to great volunteer turnout, we've been able to continue restoring habitat along the Prospect Trail and in the Whale Tail Park. We also continue to monitor and remove Scotch Broom up and down Hwy. 101 through Yachats. This is one of our ongoing victories... isn't it nice to drive through town without being assailed by masses of yellow Broom? Just compare us with other nearby cities on the coast where this invasive has taken over big time. If you have questions about Broom or any other local weeds, contact Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695) for more information.

Upcoming Trails, YIPS! and Related Events

The Yachats Trails Crew meets on the first Saturday of each month and the YIPS! Crew on the third Saturday, both from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There are always a wide variety of tasks for all levels of interest so come join in the fun. We guarantee you a warm appreciative welcome and, if you are so inclined, a friendly social get-together to celebrate our accomplishments at the end.

May 7th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Trails Crew work event. (Location TBA)
May 21st (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: YIPS! Crew work event. (Location TBA)
June 4th (Saturday) National Trails Day
June 18th (Saturday) 8th Annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull (watch for more info to come)

For more information on Trails and YIPS! activities, and to sign up for the mail list, contact any one of us via phone or email:

- Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail at 541.547.3144 or jnkittel@peak.org
- Loren Dickinson, Leader, Trails Crew at 541-547-4559 or loren.dickinson@gmail.com
- Wally Orchard, Leader, YIPS! at 541.547.5474 or worchard@peak.org
- Bob Langley, Co-Leader for Trails and YIPS!
boblangley@lindabob.com
- Jan Brown, Leader, Communications at 541.547.4927 or espressobrown@gmail.com





You are never too old to set a New Goal or Dream another Dream!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Rainpout Mid-year Festival</p> <p>6:30pm Dances of Universal Peace (MP)</p>	<p>2 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 9:15am Energy Medicine 10am Exercise Class (MP) Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) 6pm Open & Honest Mtg. (Rm5) 6pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Basketball / Ping-Pong (MP)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8am Heidi's YOGA (Rm3)</p> <p>8:30am Marketing (Civic)</p> <p>9:30 Cosmic YOGA (Rm3)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) City Wide Tsunami Siren Test 11am Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) <u>1pm Art in the Kitchen</u> 6pm Zumba (MP)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>3:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8) 5:45p Ballroom Dance Lessons 7pm Big Band Dance (MP)</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>10am Exercise Class (MP)</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>YYFAP Talent Show (MP) 2pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>3pm Yachats Song Circle (Rm3)</p> 	<p>9 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 9:15am Energy Medicine 9:30am City Council W.S. 10am Exercise Class (MP) Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) 5:30p BUDGET Mtg 6pm Open & Honest (Rm5) 7pm Basketball / Ping-Pong 6pm Zumba (MP)</p>	<p>10 8am Heidi's YOGA (Rm3) 9:30 Cosmic YOGA (Rm3) 10am QiGong (Rm8) Emergency Planning Mtg. 2p Public Works & Streets Mtg 3 pm</p>	<p>11 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 10am Finance Committee Meeting (Civic Rm) <u>1pm Art in the Kitchen</u> Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) 6pm Zumba (MP)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>2pm City Council Mtg (Civic Mtg Rm) 3:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am Exercise Class (MP)</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Writers Anthology Readings 2-3pm (Rm 8)</p>
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<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>8 am Tai Chi (Rm 3) 9:15am Energy Medicine 10am Exercise Class (MP) Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) 6pm Open & Honest Mtg. (Rm5) 6pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Basketball / Ping-Pong</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8am Heidi's YOGA (Rm3) 9:30 Cosmic YOGA (Rm3) 10am QiGong (Rm8)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) <u>1pm Art in the Kitchen</u> Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) 6pm Zumba (MP)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:30am Lunch Bunch 3:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10am Exercise Class (MP)</p> <p>YYFAP: Families Together 6pm @YCPC</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Yachats Ladies Club Memorial Day Pie Social 11a-3pm @ Ladies Club</p> <p>Crafts on the Coast (Commons)</p>
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