



# CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2015

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

*"Boy, I got vision and  
the rest of the world*

*wears bifocals", Butch Cassidy from Butch  
Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*

Vision is an interesting thing. Where it exists, people are prepared for what is coming their way. When it's not present the whole of existence is reactionary. Sometimes it's actually difficult to know when vision is in play or when reactivity is really what's going on. Vision enjoys a place of reverence whereas reactivity is considered more base, but reactivity is often what's needed to solve immediate problems.

I once had a boss who was widely declared to be visionary. He rose to his position when times were dire, budgets were slashed, and the mission of the organization was in jeopardy. He made radical changes in organizational structure, procedures, and business methods. He sought training for staff that enabled them to succeed under the horrible conditions they faced. He created (along with a very talented group of subordinate managers) an atmosphere that made the organization's mission top priority and allowed creative solutions to emerge. He reacted to a bad situation in a positive manner. His courage to take action, not his vision, ushered in an era of success from a disastrous starting point. He delivered what was needed at the time,

but his vision extended no further than the need to deal with the current crisis.

Crises will come along pretty regularly, regardless of the nature of an organization. When I meet with mayors and other municipal leaders from across the state the topic is usually the crisis they're dealing with at the moment and what they are doing to address it. The heroes are those that come up with the solutions that ride in on their white horses with guns a-blazin' to run off the marauders. The fact is that, although we pay lip service to vision, we really celebrate successful reactionaries.

It is that reality that actually makes real vision difficult to obtain. Somebody famously said: "If you're up to your ass in alligators it's hard to remember that you came to drain the swamp". In other words, the vision gets lost in the exigencies of the day and the alligator wrestlers get all the kudos.

I am happy to say that Yachats has plenty of alligator wrestlers, but we also have more than our share of visionary thinkers. We have plenty to wrestle with (economic downturns, unfinished property developments, closed banks and gas stations, broken water lines, revenue needs, logged watersheds, etc.), but we're also looking ahead so that future generations of Yachats will have fewer problems to solve.



Some of your neighbors are working on transportation issue, health care provision, long term water supply, relationships with other entities for shared provision of service, probable long term demands on wastewater treatment, productive use of sewer bio-solids, innovative methods of producing energy sustainably, impacts of global climate change, a healthy ocean, trends in tourism and world travel, and much more. Some of this vision is happening in commissions and council meetings and some of it is happening in homes and garages and coffee flavored conversations between friends and neighbors. Some of it is probably happening in your head.

It is wonderful to live in a place with vision and creativity. We'll keep reacting to those issues that pop up, and we'll appropriately express appreciation for those that provide the right reaction, but the vision I'm talking about will reduce the need for reactivity. To the degree we are successful, future generations may not even notice, or be aware of an issue they don't have to face because we fixed it. For those alligator wrestlers out there, don't worry. As good as this community is, we're bound to miss a few.



## Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Trails Committee Communications Leader

August was a difficult month for The Yachats Trails Crew and many other members of the community as we mourned the passing of fellow crew member and dear friend Ben Christensen. Our hearts continue to go out to his family and friends. Ben and his wife Kathee have been long-term community spirits, supporting many local area projects and endeavors over the years. Ben's heart failed as he was about to begin working with the Trails Crew to spruce up the Amanda Trail - work he loved in a place that had deep meaning for him. Ben and Kathee's

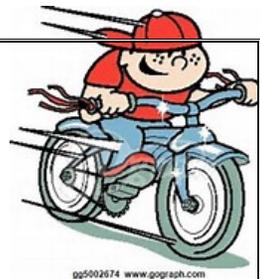
involvement in opening the Amanda Trail was instrumental in building the trust and healing that continue today with native tribes in our area.

Thank you to the many people who helped plan and participate in Ben's "Tribute Walk" along the trail and to the Amanda grotto the following week. Special thanks go to Mary-Beth Nickel whose Native American flute-playing created an immensely peaceful and loving space within the grotto and on into the forest. Once again this special place has brought solace to the Yachats community. As participant Mary Wiltse said in a Facebook posting, "We gathered side by side, and even if we did not know the person well who was standing next to us, we were noticeably bonded together as one community. It was a sacred moment in a mystical space."

Upon hearing of Ben's passing, Wendy Williford Garcia, a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, wrote a poem to him to thank him for "helping to honor our lands, Amanda and our Tribes." It was read aloud at the grotto and is perhaps the ultimate tribute to this intelligent, gracious and gentle man who will be dearly missed by so many. She wrote:

*"Hold on to what is good  
Even if it is a handful of earth.  
Hold on to what you believe  
Even when it is a tree that stands by itself.  
Hold on to what you must do  
Even when it is a long way from here.  
Hold on to life  
Even when it is easier letting go.  
Hold on to my hand  
Even when I have gone away from you."*

The days and the seasons move on now and the cooler autumn days ahead beckon us to both walk and work on trails. We hope to see you there and if you have a favorite trail you would like to help maintain, let us know. You can find our schedule for the month as well as information on how to join the Trails Committee mailing list below.



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**YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News**

Having recently made great progress in taking back habitat from blackberry, holly, morning glory and ivy in the wetlands park behind the Commons, we are continuing our work there. There is still much to do, but the good side of that situation is that there are activities to match all interests and capabilities. It provides a great way to check out YIPS! to see the work being done and see if you might want to become involved.

Since this is the time of year when invasive plants are flowering and bearing fruit it's the perfect time to locate, identify and dispatch them. To get familiar with the worst of the worst and how to eradicate them you can check out Yachats' Noxious Weeds page online or stop by the Commons for a brochure. And, as always, you can contact Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695) for additional 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 a friendly social get-together to celebrate our accomplishments at the end.

**September 5<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:** The Trails Crew will clip and lop plants encroaching on the Ya'Xaik Trail. Meet at the east end of Diversity Drive just beyond the Fisterra Gardens apartments.

**September 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:** YIPS! work event. (Location TBA)

And if you are looking for other types of outdoor volunteer opportunities that help bring visitors into town in the fall you might check out the

**Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup** on September 19<sup>th</sup> and the **Oregon Coast Gravel Epic** - a gravel cycling endurance event



that always seeks volunteers to help cyclists make their way through our rural coastal back roads. You can get more information on both these events from the Yachats Visitors Center.

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:

- Lauralee Svendsgaard, Chair, Yachats Trails Committee at 541.547.3640 or [lsven@peak.org](mailto:lsven@peak.org)
- Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail at 541.547.3144 or [jkittel@peak.org](mailto:jkittel@peak.org)
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**Little Log Church and Museum**

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

If you've been impatiently waiting to get on Highway 101 while a steady stream of vehicles drive by, or tapping your foot while in line at the grocery store and all three check stands are in use, you know its summer in Yachats. We've been sharing our little town with what seems to be a record number of tourists this year.

We have experienced a generous flow of visitors at the Little Log Church this year too. From Memorial Day weekend through mid-August our guest book accounted for 765 visitors from throughout the U.S. as well as 11 foreign countries.

In addition to enjoying the displays at the museum and hearing about the history of our sweet little church, guests often engage our docents in conversations about Yachats in



general. That's when they realize how special and very quirky our community is. Our hosts enjoy providing answers to queries such as:

**Q:** We want to fix a Thai dish for dinner tonight. Do you know where we

might find some organic lemon grass? **A:** Try the

Video Store. **Q:** Where can we buy some

binoculars? **A:** Topper's Ice Cream store. **Q:** Do

you know where I can get a pair of swimming

trunks? **A:** Yep, Turtle Island Candle Company. **Q:**

Does your grocery store carry eggs from free-

range chickens? **A:** No, but our fire department

does. And so on.

There is no doubt that our local merchants (and fire chief) are accommodating to a variety of needs in a variety of creative ways - all within walking distance of the Little Log Church and Museum. We're a little quirky, and we like it that way!

On another matter, animal lovers, be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the LLC&M's garden. It's the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi and we'll be conducting our annual Blessing of the Animals. After the blessing you can follow the two goats back to the fire house and buy some eggs.



## Yachats Public Library

By Janet Rackleff

### September at the Library

The library's card catalog is now online! You can search for books in our collection, see if a book is available or checked out, and even reserve a book by email. Just go to the library website at [www.ci.yachats.or.us](http://www.ci.yachats.or.us) click on the Library tab and

below the pictures of the library you'll find the catalog link. Or bookmark it directly at <http://catalog.ourlibraryonline.com/start.php?a=YACHATS>

Reserves will be processed three times a week and you'll receive a call when your reserved material is ready for pick-up at the library.

Thanks to the Trust Management Grant, the library will be increasing its collection of NW and Oregon authors' books. Let us know if you have recommendations. You can find these books on a designated shelf under the new non-fiction books. We will also be building up our collection of Spanish and bilingual books in the kids room and hope to have a new bookshelf for these titles by October.

The Summer Reading Program was very well attended this year by both local children and visitors throughout the 8 weeks. Twenty-four children completed the program and received State awards signed by the governor as well as prizes and gift baskets generously donated by the Yachats Ladies Club and the Friends of the Library. Eleven adults and three teens volunteered time over the summer to help with the program and both Yachats Fire Dept. and the Oregon Coast Therapy Animals group visited as local Heroes, for our "Every Hero Has a Story" theme....See you at the library this Fall!



## Commons Events

By Leon Sterner,  
Coordinator

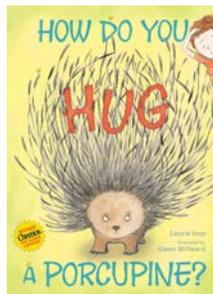
Friendly "snowbirds" who have 'returned home for the summer' along with the large influx of visitors to our Yachats area have resulted in a dramatically increased numbers of people taking advantage of our Commons facility! Exercise classes, Zumba, Yoga, Big Band, to name a few, have seen a marked increase in attendance during these busy summer months.

As the User Support Manager at our community center, I have the advantage of spending quite a lot of time in and around the building and hearing lots of comments about our Commons and what a wonderful center it is for the community. I also hear stories about other centers and the challenges they have with fundraising, coordination of activities and getting community members involved in activities. I keep coming back to a rich appreciation of how lucky we are here in Yachats! Notices on the outside reader board, posters around town, the goyachats.com website with its community calendar, and through word of mouth are all ways that visitors can learn about our activities and attend.

The Friends of the Yachats Commons Foundation, a nonprofit organization, recently finished our Room 8 project. That work added new blinds, flooring and paint to the room and hallway as well as the installation of a wireless ceiling mounted projector, projection screen and technology cabinet. The work has created a very nice looking meeting space and also allows the room to still be used for other activities including exercise classes and the "green room" for stage performances. That work was funded by local fundraisers (through the Friends) and a grant from the Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Alliance. Please stop by room 8 and check out the new improvements!

The Friends is also coordinating a project with the City of Yachats to build a skate park in the Yachats Commons Park. The concrete pad has already been poured. We are working now with several community leaders and skateboarders, to plan what skate elements will go into the park and to design a fence system to keep skateboarders safe. We are also working on an idea to add a community mural to the back wall that is adjacent to the emerging skate park. If you've got ideas about the new skate park, stop by my office in the Commons and let's talk.

**Don't forget : if you are leaving for 3 days or more please remember to turn your hand valve off!!!**



## Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

### Families Together Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

Join us for the first Families Together Dinner of the school year on Friday night, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, 360 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. We are featuring the book, "How Do You Hug A Porcupine?" by Laurie Isop. Every family takes home their own copy of the book. This is a free, fun dinner and story time that YYFAP does every month during the school year. It is a great time to meet other families and help build your child's home library. Start a love of reading now, come to Families Together!



Fall is in the air and here at YYFAP we are getting ready for school to start. We are offering preschool Monday-Friday from 9 am to 1 pm beginning the second week of September. Children entering kindergarten next fall are given priority for 5 day a week attendance. Younger children will be accepted for two or three days a week based on their age and availability. If you are interested in enrolling your 3-5 year old in our preschool class please call Ms. Angie or myself at 541-547-4599 for details. Space is limited so call early.

Our afterschool program, Recreation PLUS, begins on the first day of school, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Hours of operation will be 3:45 (when the bus arrives) to 6 pm Monday through Friday all days school is in session. We offer lots of fun recreational activities, art projects, special programs like photography throughout the year and much more. In addition, we offer homework help if needed. Check out our website for more details and the registration form or call or stop by the YYFAP office in the basement of the Commons.





## Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams, Coordinator

We will be Lunching as usual on the last Thursday of the month.

Please mark your calendars for Thursday September 24th 2015, and come on down to the Yachats Commons. The event is open to everyone 55 years or older, and doors open at 11:30am with lunch being served at 12 noon, by our surprise guest chef. The menu this month is also a surprise, but sure to be fantastic! There is a suggested donation of five dollars. This is your chance to meet old friends and make new ones. If you've never been, it's high time you paid us a visit. What are you waiting for? Get yourself a cup of coffee, and enjoy being a member of the Lunch Bunch. It's that simple.



## Yachats Ladies Club LABOR DAY PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL-September 5, 2015

Saturday 11 am - 3 pm  
Yachats Ladies Clubhouse,  
W 3rd & Pontiac

Pies, Pies, Pies!...Yachats Ladies Club pie socials are famous for their astounding variety of delicious pies. Each slice is a generous 6th of a pie and costs \$3.50. Add a scoop of ice cream for an additional fifty cents. A variety of beverages will also be sold. Come early for the best selection and before the pie is gone!

PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST



## YACHATS LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**September 6, 2015**  
Sunday 7:30 - 11:30 am  
Yachats Lions Hall, W 4th & Pontiac,

All you can eat pancakes with eggs over easy, choice of sausage or ham, milk, tea or coffee. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds go to support local nonprofit organizations. Sponsored by the Yachats Lions Club. FMI: Secretary Max Glenn 541-547-5171

**2015  
Fall Blues  
Show & Shine**  
Sept. 11th - 13th

Registration  
Fri. 3-7pm  
Sat. 8am-12

Show & Shine  
Sat. 9am-4pm

35+ Sponsor Pick  
Awards  
Sunday 10:30 am

**Yachats Inn  
Yachats, OR.**  
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**Saturday Night  
Dance**

**\$40.00  
for all of this!**

Sprint Car  
Racing  
Fri. Night & Sat.  
Free Breakfast  
Sat. & Sun  
Dinner Sat. Nite  
(See Registration)  
Dinner Catered  
by  
The Drift Inn

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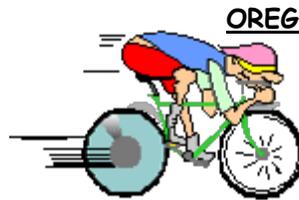
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## GREAT OREGON FALL BEACH CLEAN UP

**September 19, 2015**  
- Saturday 10 am-1 pm  
Register/pick up bags  
at the Visitors Center

Your opportunity to help keep Oregon's beautiful beaches clean. Come to the Yachats Visitors Center to register and pick up your bags. FMI: (541) 547-3530, 1-800-929-0477. Find the Yachats Visitors Center in the center of town next door to Yachats Village Market. This semiannual coast clean-up is sponsored by SOLV.



## OREGON COAST GRAVEL EPIC

**September 26, 2015**  
Saturday, Waldport and Yachats

The Oregon Coast Gravel Epic offers riders seeking an unvarnished challenge a full day of adventure in the Siuslaw National Forest on the central Oregon Coast. The ride showcases the raw beauty of ancient Siuslaw National Forest scenery and rural coastal communities. This is one of the crown jewels of the Oregon Triple Crown Series of premier and challenging racing and recreational riding events. It is Oregon Bicycle Racing Association (OBRA) sanctioned.



City Hall will be closed Monday September 7th  
in observance of Labor Day.

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SUNDAY

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SATURDAY



**1**  
Emergency Planning Cmte (Civic Rm) 10am  
Public Works & Streets Mtg. (Civic Rm 11am)  
  
YOGA- Cosmic Lotus (Rm8) 5:30pm

**2** T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3)  
Exercise Class 10 a.m. (MP)  
City Council Work Mtg (Civic Rm)9am  
Pickleball 12pm (MP)  
Art in the Kitchen 1pm (Rm5)  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)

**3** Yachats Arts Guild Fall Art Exhibition (Rm8)10am-3pm  
5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)  
  
Yachats Big Band Dance 7pm (MP) 

**4** Yachats Arts Guild Fall Art Exhibition (Rm8)10am-3pm

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Yachats Ladies Club Pic Social 11am (MP)

**6** Lions Club Pancake Breakfast 7:30-11:30am  
9am Yachats Farmers Market  
  
Yachats Arts Guild Fall Art Exhibition (Rm8) 10a  
  
6:30pm Dances of Universal Peace (MP)

**7** T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Pickleball 12pm (MP)  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Open & Honest 6pm (Rm5)  
7pm Open Gym  
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm3)  
City Hall Closed 

**8** Friends of the Commons Board Mtg. (Rm5) 5:30pm   
  
YOGA- Cosmic Lotus (Rm8) 5:30pm

**9** T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Finance Committee Mtg. 10 am (Civic Rm)  
Pickleball 12pm (MP)  
Art in the Kitchen 1pm (Rm5)  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)

**10**  
2pm City Council Mtg (Civic Mtg Rm)  
  
5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)

**11** Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Fall Blues Car Show & Shine   
  
One of Us Productions: NUNSENSATIONS - A VEGAS REVUE 7pm (MP)

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One of Us Productions: NUNSENSATIONS - A VEGAS REVUE 7pm (MP)

**13** 9am Yachats Farmers Market   
Fall Blues Car Show & Shine  
  
One of Us Productions: NUNSENSATIONS - A VEGAS REVUE 2pm (MP)  
  
3pm Yachats Song Circle (RM8)

**14** T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Pickleball 12pm (MP)  
Open & Honest 6pm (Rm5)  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
7pm Open Gym (MP)  
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm3)

**15** Planning Commission Work Session 2 pm (Civic Rm)  
Planning Commission Meeting 3 pm Civic Rm  
  
YOGA- Cosmic Lotus (Rm8) 5:30pm

**16** T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Pickleball 12pm (MP)  
Art in the Kitchen 1pm (Rm5)  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)

**17** Parks/Commons Commission Mtg 3 pm (Civic Rm)  
  
5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)  
  
Village Mixer (MP) 7pm

**18** Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
  
One of Us Productions: NUNSENSATIONS - A VEGAS REVUE 7pm (MP)

**19** Great Oregon Fall Beach Clean 10am  
  
One of Us Productions: NUNSENSATIONS - A VEGAS REVUE 7pm (MP)

**20**  
9am-2pm Yachats Farmers Market (Commons)  
  
One of Us Productions: NUNSENSATIONS - A VEGAS REVUE 2pm (MP)

**21** T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Pickleball 12pm (MP)  
YYFAP Board Mtg. 4:30pm  
Open & Honest 6pm (Rm5)  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
7pm Open Gym (MP)  
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm3)

**22**   
  
YOGA- Cosmic Lotus (Rm8) 5:30pm

**23** T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Pickleball 12pm (MP)  
Art in the Kitchen 1pm (Rm5)  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)  
  
First day of Autumn

**24** Yachats Lunch Bunch 55+ 11:30am (MP)   
  
5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)

**25** Exercise Class 10am (MP)  
  
YYFAP: Families Together 6pm YCPC 

**26** 

**27**  
9am-2pm Yachats Farmers Market (Commons)  
  


**28** T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Pickleball 12pm (MP)  
Open & Honest 6pm (Rm5)  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
7pm Open Gym (MP)  
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm3)

**29** Oregon Dept. of Agriculture Mid-Coast Advisory Mtg. (Rm3) 4pm  
  
YOGA- Cosmic Lotus (Rm8) 5:30pm

**30** T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Pickleball 12pm (MP)  
Art in the Kitchen 1pm (Rm5)  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)

**1** Gentle Healing YOGA 11am (Rm 3)  
  
5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)

  
**PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN**  
In Remembrance — September 11, 2001 **2015**

“The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary “ --- Vince Lombardi