



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

There is an old, somewhat obscure, Willie Nelson song that proclaims the

"nothing lasts forever but old Fords and natural stone". Well, I've busted my knuckles a number of times trying to make old Fords last a little longer and I've seen the Grand Canyon. It turns out that, where old Fords are concerned, forever is a pretty short time. Geologic features usually take a bit longer to wear out, but the great chasms of the planet (the canyons, the fjords, the gorges) give testimony to the fact that even natural stone can only endure so long.

I find myself today contemplating durability. Some things ought to last longer than they do. I recently learned that our local bank branch will be closing on the 23rd of January. Banks are supposed to be rock solid. They are supposed to endure. While I know that this communities own durability, its staying power, will enable it to rise above the inconvenience caused by the banks closure it still just seems ...well, that some things ought to just be there continually without question.

I received word yesterday that one of my first colleagues and patrol partners when I was a rookie park ranger passed away recently. His name was Alex Weiss. He was a remarkable human being with passion, compassion, intelligence, talent, and a reverence for nature and for human nature. He made historical

discoveries, made films, wrote poetry, played the fiddle, survived what he called a "Von Trapp family experience" when as a young child his father led his family out of Nazi Germany into Italy via the alps. He could say something to almost anybody from almost anywhere in their native tongue.

In the same week another former colleague passed away. Ken Gray taught me horse patrol. His quiet manner worked well with horses, but it also worked well in reassuring accident victims and their families, people in need of rescue, calming excited people and settling difficult situations.

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As I study the tracks these people have made in my heart it occurs to me that it isn't old Fords and natural stone that endures. It certainly isn't "rock solid" banking institutions. It's the contributions made by those people that touch us in life that really endure. Alex and Ken and a whole host of others whose talents I've gotten to witness and experience over the years leave a legacy harder than rock. I will soon forget the inconvenience of the closure of this bank branch but long remember the contributions made by the people who work there. Some of them live in other cities but have contributed to our village way beyond their banking services. So I've lost my bank. I've lost a few of my old colleagues and comrades in arms. In recent weeks and months I've felt great loss at the

passing of Yachats neighbors and friends, some suddenly and unexpectedly. But in the end what I've gained from each of those relationships is far more important and far more enduring than the loss I feel at their departure. Old Fords eventually become piles of rust. Mountains of natural stone become the sands of Oregon beaches. Nothing lasts forever but ideas, soul, heart, kindness, compassion, love, spirit. Since these are the bedrock foundation of Yachats I know we will survive, endure, and thrive together.



When it comes to building connections between people and communities, look no further than our annual Yachats New Year's Day Peace Hike for inspiration.

Thursday, January 1, 2015 marks the 5th year we will celebrate this wondrous event. Over those years, regional awareness and the number of participants have grown substantially and this year promises to be the biggest and best ever. We will need many volunteers to help out. - From initial planning to kitchen help to shuttle drivers to hike leaders and more. Planning meetings are under way now so if you have ideas or suggestions for the hike, or related activities, now is the time to join in and get involved. You can contact any of the Trails Committee leaders listed at the end of this article to get details or to add your name to the Peace Hike mail list. Please also spread the word among your friends, relatives and visitors who are planning their holiday itineraries now.

YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

While the YPS! crew may be focused on dis-connecting invasive weeds from our local environment, it always helps to have connections to do that! CSC's [Natural Resource Youth Conservation Crews](#) provide a much-needed opportunity for young people to connect to practical learning and employment opportunities as well as ways for youth and experienced mentors to connect and learn from each other. Natural Resource crews based in Newport have spent many hours on community projects in our area in the past and will be returning to Yachats over the next few months to help us out with weeding and trail maintenance. If you see them when you're out and about this winter be sure to give them a big thumbs-up for all the help they provide.

If you have any questions about weeds, contact our weed wizards Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695), who are always happy to answer any questions you have about invasive plants in the area.



Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Leader, Communications

Yachats area trails got a good workout in October

as did the participants in [Rainshadow Running's](#) inaugural Oregon Coast 30k and 50k trail race. To the racers I must have looked like a friendly local. (I certainly did NOT look like I was part of this pack of amazing athletes who were capable of running from Waldport to Cape Perpetua, around the cape and back to Yachats in just a few hours.) As runners passed me along the 804 trail they'd wave and say things like: "Your trails are the BEST! Your town is AWESOME! EPIC location! STELLAR trail!" It was clear that people were excited about this venue from the start as the first 300 available race slots were filled with 36 hours of the registration announcement and another 100 slots that were added were snapped up in a day. Of course the praise is great and the business it brings to the area fantastic, but this group is also committed to building relationships with the communities where they race and has offered to bring some of their strong and energetic participants back during the year to help with our trail building and maintenance projects. Trails do indeed build connections between locations, people and communities.



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 real good time!

Upcoming events to add to your calendar:

November 1st (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:

Trails Crew work event to do fall pruning and planting. (Location will be announced via email to the Trails Committee's contact list.)

November 15th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:

YIPS! work event. (Location will be announced via email to the Trails Committee's contact list.)

January 1, 2015 (Thursday) 10:00 a.m.

Yachats 5th annual New Year's Day Peace Hike

For more information, 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
- Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail at 541.547.3144 or jnkittel@peak.org
- Wally Orchard, Leader, YIPS! at 541.547.5474 or worchard@peak.org
- Jan Brown, Leader, Communications at 541.547.4927 or espressobrown@gmail.com



Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

What do 15 dogs, a tortoise, two goats, a donkey, and a female cat named Uncle Kitty have in common? They were all blessed at the annual Blessing of the Animals in the Saint Francis Garden at the Little Log Church last month. It was a glorious October afternoon, and our well-behaved menagerie seemed to know something special was going on, just for them. We were especially delighted to see "Nellie Belle", the

rescue donkey-in-training, appear for her first blessing. Her human handler, Lauralee, should be proud of the fact that Nellie Belle has transitioned from a very shy, reclusive animal to a confident equine, almost ready to join the Yachats Trails crew. Never underestimate the power of a good blessing (or a carrot).

The Little Log Church is looking forward to participating once again in the annual Celtic Festival, held November 14, 15, and 16 throughout our village. We'll host a couple of events that weekend, so be sure to check for dates and times. The Celtic musicians love to play and sing at the LLC&M, as they enjoy the intimate setting and the acoustics are wonderful. The place will be jumpin'! Hope to see you there.



Yachats Public Library

By Janet Rackleff

November at the Yachats Library

Weather's changing fast and for indoor activities, don't forget Bob Barber offers free genealogy help at the library on Wednesday mornings starting at 10am.

Also, we'd like to thank Amaterra Inc, for a generous grant to the children's room and programs. Amaterra Inc. promotes preservation and improvement of natural resources through education and development and has funded environmental books and speakers for the upcoming year.

If you need a few good reads while the rain pounds outside, here is few suggestions by library volunteer Terri Homer:

The Paying Guests and The Little Stranger
Two novels by Sarah Waters

The *Paying Guests* is set in 1922, a few years after WWI when all levels of British society were facing the devastating aftermath of the Great War. A time when it seemed that every family either had suffered at least one death of a father, son or brother and many other families welcomed home survivors with incredible physical and/or mental disabilities. The protagonists in this particular novel are a lesbian couple. Many of Ms. Waters' novels do involve lesbian relationships and the author herself claims not to mind being considered a 'lesbian writer'. But, she also feels that a lesbian relationship is only one of many themes included in her works. She deftly deals with universal themes of life in historical British society including poverty, social class structure, and the devastating effects of war, among many issues. The entire second half of *The Paying Guests* carefully develops a tense and thrilling story of an unplanned murder, the subsequent investigation into the murder and the trial that results. Ms. Waters' extraordinary ability to accurately depict the setting of the trial as well as to maintain a constant high level of suspense draws the reader in to such a degree as to not want to put the book down until it is finished.

The *Little Stranger*, set in England a few years after WWII, is an old fashioned ghost story. In post war Britain (in the immediate years after WWI and WWII), many of the 'landed gentry' class found themselves unable to care for the enormous mansions that had been in their family for generations. Such is the case for the members of the family in this novel. Due to illness and changing economic times, they can barely maintain their behemoth of a home. Yet they insist on continuing to live there as it slowly deteriorates all around them and takes on a malevolent life of its own. As the story unfolds, the author challenges the reader to differentiate between psychological madness due to posttraumatic stress and the occurrence of supernatural phenomena. The main character, a physician and a friend of the family, is perhaps meant to represent the reader as a logical,

analytical thinker, skeptical of the supernatural. Yet, some of the mystery cannot be entirely explained by logic and even the physician in this story faces that dilemma. The book is very intriguing and yet I'm afraid that it gave me nightmares. Read it if you dare.....



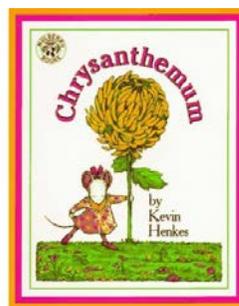
Friends of the Commons:

In consideration of those who are sensitive to the chemicals in fragrances. Please refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes during activities at the Commons. Your Cooperation is appreciated

Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams,
Coordinator

The lunch bunch will not be meeting in November but will resume in December for a grand Holiday feast!



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck,
Executive Director

Yachats Youth & Family Activities Families Together Program in November will be on Friday night the 21st from 6-8 pm at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church. For November we will feature the book "Chrysanthemum", by Kevin Henkes. This is a wonderful story about a little girl who learns how to love her unusual name. Per Scholastic Literacy Partnership, "It is a gentle and humorous look at childhood strife." We hope you will come and join us for this fun evening of dinner and story time. Every child will take home their own copy of the story. Older siblings that attend will also have age appropriate books available for them as well. See you there!





13th ANNUAL YACHATS CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

November 14-16, 2014
at the Yachats Commons
Come and experience a lively
blend of foot-tapping Celtic

music, humor, scrumptious food, and performances by graceful dancers. For this 13th Anniversary of the Festival acclaimed performers from the old countries will mix harmoniously with home grown American masters to fill the Village of Yachats with traditional (and not so traditional) Celtic Music.



Commons Events

By Leon Sterner, Coordinator

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Yachats Celtic Music Festival 2014. Dates for this year's festival are Friday Nov. 14th thru Sunday Nov. 16th. Since 2001, the Friends of the Commons have sponsored this annual music event which is centered in the Commons where main stage performances, Celtic Craft vendors, and the main information center are located. Other venues around town, like the Little Log Church and the Ladies Club also host events. The festival culminates with the free Ceili dance in the Multi-purpose room at the Commons on Sunday at 1pm.

Businesses and restaurants around town offer Celtic specials as well. Concerts, Cameo performances, Workshops, Celtic Cultural history, storytelling, crafts, food and libations all swirl together for what has proved to be a most exciting and entertaining weekend each year. And this year is no exception! If you have been before, or if this is your first year, you will want to check out the website for all the festival information - including how to purchase tickets and the schedule of events. The website for 2014 festival is: yachatscelticmusicfestival.com. You can also find festival information and

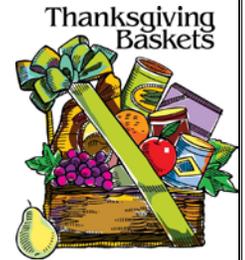
registration/ticket purchase at the Yachats Mercantile, or by calling 541-547-3060.



YAAS presents: AMY GULICK:
Salmon in the Trees: Life in Alaska's
Tongass Rain Forest. Sunday
November 2nd at 2pm

Holiday Food Baskets

Helping our neighbors have food on their table for the holidays is an annual concern. You can help Holiday Food Baskets by donating canned and prepackaged food. Canned soups, vegetables, fruit, tuna, yams, peanut butter and cranberry sauce are excellent choices. Collection tubs are at Bank of the West, Community Presbyterian Church and Yachats Baptist Church. South Lincoln Resources gathers the food and fills the baskets, also adding a turkey, bread, potatoes, onions, carrots and eggs.



This is the 31st year for Holiday Food Baskets serving children, families and seniors in Yachats, Five Rivers, Ten Mile, Tidewater, Waldport and Seal Rock. South Lincoln Resources is an all-volunteer, non-profit charitable organization with no paid positions and no government funding. You can also help by sending a check to South Lincoln Resources at PO Box 1638, Waldport, OR 97394.

For more information, please call South Lincoln Resources at 541-563-2388 or visit www.SouthLincolnResources.org anytime.



Due to the Holidays the water meters will be read earlier in the months of November and December.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 YAAS presents: Amy Gulick, Salmon in the Trees 2pm</p>	<p>3 8am Tai Chi (Rm 3) 10am Exercise (MP) 6pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP)</p>	<p>4 2pm Emergency Planning Cmte (Civic Mtg Rm) 3pm Public Works & Streets (Civic Mtg Rm) 5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm8)</p>	<p>5 8 am Tai Chi (Rm 3) 10 am Exercise Class (MP) Monthly Tsunami Siren Testing 11 am (Citywide) 1pm Art in the Kitchen(Rm5) 6pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Rhythm Weavers (Rm3) 7:05 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm7)</p>	<p>6 5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm3) 7 pm Yachats Big Band Dance (MP)</p>	<p>7 10 am Exercise Class (MP)</p>	<p>8 Crafts on the Coast 10am</p>
<p>9 Crafts on the Coast 10am</p> <p>3pm Yachats Song Circle (Rm8)</p>	<p>10 8 am Tai Chi (Rm 3) 9:30 am City Council Work Session (Civic Mtg Rm) 10 am Exercise Class (MP) 6 pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Basketball / Ping-Pong (MP)</p>	<p>11 5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm 8) City Hall Closed</p>	<p>12 8 am Tai Chi (Rm 3) 10 am Exercise Class (MP) 1pm Art in the Kitchen (Rm5) 6 pm Zumba (MP) 7:05 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm7) 7pm Rhythm Weavers (Rm3)</p>	<p>13 11am Gentle Healing YOGA(Rm3) 2pm City Council Mtg (Civic Mtg Rm) 5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm3)</p>	<p>14 10 am Exercise Class (MP)</p> <p>13th Annual Yachats Celtic Music Festival</p>	<p>15 13th Annual Yachats Celtic Music Festival</p>
<p>16 13th Annual Yachats Celtic Music Festival</p>	<p>17 8am Tai Chi (Rm 3) 10 am Exercise Class(MP) 6 pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong</p>	<p>18 2 pm Planning Commission Work Session (Civic Mtg Rm) Planning Commission Meeting 3 pm (Civic Mtg Rm) 5:30pm Friends Board Mtg. 5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm 8)</p>	<p>19 8 am Tai Chi (Rm38) 10 am Exercise Class (MP) 1pm Art in the Kitchen(Rm5) 6 pm Zumba (MP) 7:05 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm) 7pm Rhythm Weavers (Rm3)</p>	<p>20 3pm Parks/Commons Commission (Civic Mtg Rm) 5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm3)</p>	<p>21 10 am Exercise Class (MP) Land and Sea Symposium 2 (4pm MP) YYFAP Families Together 6pm YCPC</p>	<p>22 YYFAP Families Together 6pm YCPC</p>
<p>23/30 </p>	<p>24 8 am Tai Chi 8 am (Rm3) 10 am Exercise Class (MP) 6 pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP) YYFAP: Closed all week</p>	<p>25 5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm 8)</p>	<p>26 8 am Tai Chi (Rm 3) 10 am Exercise Class (MP) 6 pm Zumba (MP) 6pm OM YOGA (Rm3) 7pm Rhythm Weavers (Rm3)</p>	<p>27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY City Hall Closed</p>	<p>28 10 am Exercise Class (MP) City Hall Closed</p>	<p>29 City Hall Closed</p>



As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them...JFK

