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Hooray! It's Spring?

Snow On Humbug Mountain By Evan Kramer

Tuesday, March 22, was not a normal day in Port Orford. There's a saying here in town that if you don't like the weather, don't worry, it will change in 5 minutes. Some of the weather we had included dark black clouds, cold, rain, hail, blue skies and snow.

There was no snow at the corner of 9th St. and Highway 101 but reports kept filtering in to us about snow in Gold Beach, along Sixes River Rd., at Elephant Rock, on Hensley Hill, Floras Lake, Beaver Hill, and up the Elk River among other places. Later in the day I got to take a quick walk along the beach between Battle Rock and Hubbard's Creek. The trees on Humbug Mountain were dusted with snow along with the tree cover on China Mountain and what a sight it was. Here it is the second day of Spring during the week of Spring break for the students and we get snow.

Wednesday morning, March 23, sitting at a front table at Bartlett's Restaurant. What a view of snow covered China Mountain! I wonder what the rest of this day will bring?

Driving along Highway 101 from Gold Beach to Bandon one thing has changed since last month, and that is the blooming of the political contests here and in Coos County. This is not to be confused with the blooming of the daffodils, rhodies

and skunk cabbage. The primary election is held on Tuesday, May 17 and as of last week the races are definitely on. Toward the end of April the League of Women Voters will sponsor its Candidate Forums in Brookings and Gold Beach. All the candidates are invited to attend and if two years ago is any indication they all will show up. The public and press are welcome at these forums and people attending are encouraged to write down questions of the candidates on index cards. Some or all of these are directed towards the candidate by the moderator. Contested races to watch and follow with interest include the office of County Sheriff, Justice of the Peace Court #3 and Curry County Commissioner Position #1. The Candidate Forums give us, the voter, the best opportunity of sizing up the people running for these offices.

One recurring problem has already developed with the primary election campaign. At least two of candidate-for-sheriff Mark Creighton's signs have been defaced with spray paint and one was broken and pushed over. We went through similar nonsense two years ago when many political signs were broken and in some cases stolen. Whoever enjoys this form of vandalism probably doesn't bother reading so any plea in here will go unheeded. Let's try to make our statements by marking our ballots, not defacing the candidates signs and posters which cost them and their political cam-

paigns good money.

Interestingly, they recently held an election in this end of the County and almost no one came. There were two positions up for election on the 2CJ School District Board held currently by Michael Knapp

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School Meeting by Valerie Jean Kramer

The Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School Board will conduct a special meeting on Tuesday, March 29 at 6:00pm at Pacific High School. This will be a very important meeting as decisions will be made regarding teacher contract renewals and the future location for the 4th grade classes. Most of the meeting will be open to the public except for a 50 minute executive session from 6:20 to 7:30pm. Here's the full schedule:

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| 6:00pm | Call to Order |
| 6:05pm | Grade Level Distribution (4th Grade location for 1994-95) |
| 6:20pm | Annual Review Teacher Performance (Executive Session, public excluded) |
| 7:30pm | Renewal/Non-Renewal of probationary teachers (open to the public) |
| 7:40pm | High School Programs |

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Letter to the Editor

Wake Up Port Orford Parents!!

Do you really want your 4th & 5th grade children mixing in with pubescent adolescents? Do you want your 4th and 5th graders acting like miniature adults and possibly learning too much way too soon? And what about older children taking advantage of the younger childrens innocents? And don't think that the separate buildings will be much protection for the 4th grade girls from a hormonally active boy. They aren't separated at all times. And what about dances and social activities? The 5th graders where allowed to attend these with the older children. And what about class holiday parties that grade school children enjoy and should be allowed to enjoy? The 5th graders were denied these this year, because they are now "grown up" and are in Jr. High. Are the 4th graders going to be suddenly "grown up" too? And don't think that just because your child isn't in school yet or is in first grade that this doesn't concern you. Because it does. It won't be long and your child will be in the fourth or 5th grade and all these desisions will have been made for you by the school board. So speak up now or have no say. Speak up for our childrens right to be a child and not a "grown up" quite so quickly.

At the last board meeting only a couple of parents showed up, so according to the school board theres no problem with

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them forcing our 4th & 5th graders to "grow up" too soon. We feel that there has to be another solution to this problem. If you are as concerned about this situation as we are, there will be another school board meeting March 29th at 7 PM* at Pacific High School. Please be there and voice your concerns. Now before its too late.

Susan Page
and Other Concerned Parents

[Ed. Note: We have printed the letter as it was recieved, with the original grammar and spelling intact. Please note that the author incorrectly gives the meeting time as 7pm. The meeting actually begins at

6pm - The full meeting agenda is on the front cover of this issue. While I, personally, disagree with some of the "facts" in the above letter, you are encouraged to attend the meeting next Tuesday to learn firsthand what is proposed and to express your views on the matter.]

4th of July Jubilee Players

It's that time of year again. Time to plan the play for the 4th of July Jubilee. All of those interested in joining a dynamic, energetic and creative group focusing on the production of the annual performance of a Mellow Drama please make plans to attend the Thursday, March 31st meeting, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant.

We need your input and ideas to insure a successful production. No experience is needed to be part of this organization. If you have an interest in theater, acting, directing, makeup, costumes, concessions, advertising, set design, lighting, etc. we can use your specialized talents.

For more information contact Rebecca Miller, President of the Port Orford Community Theater at 332-2335.

Chamber of Commerce Meets

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Council Meets In Extra Session

The Port Orford City Council met in executive session which was followed by a special council meeting open to the public on Monday evening, March 21. All six members of the city council were present along with mayor Delaine Kennedy and city manager Dean Madison.

The one and only item on the agenda concerned the formation of an ad hoc water committee. A group of five citizens including Robert Carlisle, Ralph Donaldson, Joe King, Evan Kramer and Ellen Warring had gotten together earlier and come up a proposal put in written form to the city council. Their one page proposal listed the problem which they saw as "a crisis situation regarding the ongoing destruction of the city's primary water source." They also saw a problem in that the council being held by unpaid volunteers who had their own jobs and business to look after couldn't devote full time to this emergency.

The five citizens proposed to form an ad hoc committee to deal with the water supply problem. The committee asked for full access to information and that it would function solely in an advisory capacity to the city council. When the emergency of the water problem is solved the committee would dissolve itself.

The council was asked about the current status of the injunction before discussion



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began regarding the formation of the committee. City manager Dean Madison had gotten in touch with attorney Frank Hilton the morning after the last council meeting. Hilton's response to the city's latest request was as follows: "An injunction "period" would work if this case had been filed before the Bussmanns built the roads on their property. But that is not the fact. When we come to the court seeking relief from an existing nuisance, we need to show the court what work needs to be done to fix the problem and we are asking the court that the work we recommend is done. The court will balance the benefit to the City and the hardship to the Bussmanns in fashioning the required "fix". " Hilton will attend the next city council meeting in April.

One question asked of the city council by the audience was whether or not the city had written a letter to the Department of Environmental Quality asking for help with its current water crisis on Hubbard Creek. The answer to that question was no. The city has contacted D.E.Q. but only over the phone. It was agreed by the council and city manager to write letters to this and other agencies.

The council had several problems with the formation of the ad hoc committee including members of the ad hoc committee taking on legal responsibilities, representing themselves as members of the Port Orford city council and acting as a vigilante group against Mr. Bussmann.

The city council was assured the committee would only act as information gatherers and in an advisory capacity to the city council. Dean Madison requested that only one member of the committee come to him for information and that was agreed upon. The council after much discussion made and passed a motion supporting the formation of a citizen's ad hoc committee for water issues limited to information gathering and acting in an advisory capacity.

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"Crayons made in China that do not carry a safety certification label are of special concern," Fleming said. Crayons may be assumed to be lead-free if the box has the certification label "ASTM D-4236."

Ken Kauffman, an environmental specialist with the Health Division, today released results showing that standardized crayons from a carton of 64 colors purchased in Oregon were found to contain lead at levels of at least 250 parts per million. The box for these crayons is labeled "Made in China" and "nontoxic,"

but does not have the ASTM D-4236 assurance.

Earlier this month, Arizona issued a similar warning based on findings that a jumbo crayon purchased in the Phoenix area contained 800 parts per million lead. This spurred Oregon's investigation.

The Oregon Health Division is working closely with the federal Consumer Products Safety Commission, the agency authorized to regulate crayon imports. Consumers will be informed as additional information becomes available.

Lead ingestion can cause injury to the brain and nervous systems of young children even at fairly low levels. It is unlikely that persons using the contaminated crayons only for coloring or artwork are at risk for elevated lead. In 1993, the Health Division received re-

ports of 139 children with elevated blood lead levels. Most of these were traced to chewing on lead-contaminated crayons.

Parents concerned about childhood lead ingestion should contact their health care provider. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all children under 5 be screened for elevated blood lead.

Alumni Basketball Games

The Alumni Basketball games will be held on Saturday, March 26, beginning at 5:00pm at Pacific High School. The public is invited to attend and take part in the fun as former and present Pacific students participate in the games.

Preregistration was initially required. However, many alumni were not able to get their registration in on time so players will be allowed to register on Saturday before the games begin. Entry fee is \$2.00.

Admission to the games is \$1.50 for students and \$3.00 for adults. A concession will be provided.

If you require additional information, contact Christy Bewsee at 332-6331 or Liz Barker at 332-0700. They gym will be open at about 4:30pm to allow players to warmup before the game.

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Community Policing is a five element philosophy that causes a shared responsibility between Law Enforcement and our communities. The first element is "Forming a Partnership". Law enforcement needs to become part of our communities. Instead of responding time and time again to the same places, we can draw from resources within our communities and solve those problems together. The second element is "Empowerment". This allows an officer who responds to a scene to take command instead of going up the chain of command for instructions, thus minimizing over supervision. The third element is "Service Orientation". The Sheriff's Office needs to treat people like customers instead of numbers. The fourth element is "Problem Solving Techniques". Instead of utilizing traditional methods, we will use a more proactive approach and involve our communities in solving problems. The fifth element is "Accountability". The Sheriff's Office needs to be accountable to the public for its actions.

Community Policing draws law enforcement back to the communities. We can all be partners in changing the quality of life in Curry County. I believe that instilling family and community values, and drawing us all closer together, we can cause a positive change to make our streets safer, our communities more appealing to live in, and our children future brighter.

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Flo Lichtig would like to remind all artists (and wannabe's) that now is the time for them to call her if they would like to display any of their non-professional, not-for-sale type artworks. Have you created anything nifty that you'd like to show off? A painting, sculpture, furniture, photograph, or ??? Give Flo a call at 332-6060 and let the rest of Port Orford share in the fun!



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The audience had to brave driving rains including a cloud burst right before show time but it was worth getting a little damp for what lay in store. Emcee Michael Hall said a few words about the performers and then they took the stage. Hanneke and Casey performed several fiddle tunes together and several solos with Peter's accompaniment. Hanneke's mother Dianne helped out on a few tunes. They performed a variety of songs including waltzes, rags, Scottish reels and Aires. Some of the well received songs included Bullfrog Blues, Apple Blossom Rag, Soppin The Gravy, Sleepy Jesus Rag, and the second to last song of the show Orange Blossom Special which brought several in the crowd to their feet.

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Hanneke and Casey put on this show to earn money to attend Mark O'Connor's Fiddle Camp in Nashville, Tennessee. We wish them the best of success at the camp and hope Port Orford is treated to more evenings of their music like this one. We hope the Star Theater is the site of many more musical concerts including some dances in addition to their regular schedule of movies. It is a wonderful facility for this community.



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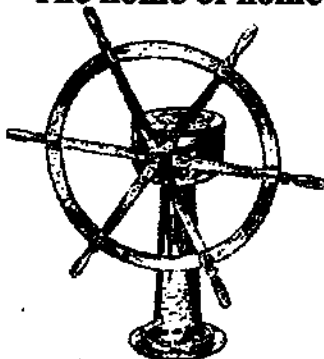
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Fri Mar. 25	9:39am 7.2	3:49am 1.5	10:21pm 7.2	4:13pm 0.3
Sat Mar. 26	10:35am 7.3	4:38am 0.7	10:58pm 7.7	4:55pm 0.4
Sun Mar. 27	11:26am 7.2	5:27am 0.0	11:34pm 8.1	5:36pm 0.7
Mon Mar. 28	NONE ---	6:13am -0.5	12:19pm 7.1	6:18pm 1.1
Tue Mar. 29	12:13am 8.3	7:02am -0.8	1:12pm 6.8	7:00pm 1.5
Wed. Mar. 30	12:55am 8.3	7:56am -0.9	2:08pm 6.4	7:46pm 2.0

How's The Fishing?

People are always asking us, "How's the fishing in Port Orford?" On a recent Saturday morning, Jim Fortner, owner of Western Mercantile & Automotive, went out in the bay with Joe Yost and a friend. In 4 hours they landed enough fish to fill a 44 quart ice cooler. The catch included greenling, cabazon, black rock fish and red snapper. They were using Danielson shrimp flies, squid and anchovies. They only quit when they ran out of bait. Jim, who has a store full of every kind of bait imaginable, forgot to bring any along.

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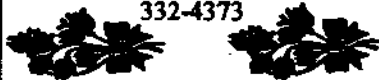
Audubon Walk

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The hike will be led by Dorothea Petersen. Meet for carpooling at the U.S. Forest Service office and Visitor's Center, 1225 S. Ellensburg in Gold Beach at 10:00am.

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and Marilyn Cuthbert. Despite last year's recall attempt against them and three other members of the Board, only Mr. Knapp and Mrs. Cuthbert filed for the positions and were elected without opposition. This is another history lesson in the short attention span of the public. Knapp received 525 votes and Cuthbert 517. North County voters also voted on a seat on the E.S.D. Board and elected Marc Farmer who ran unopposed. He received 3,538 votes countywide. The percentage of registered voters sending in their mail in ballot was 31% countywide.

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