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## Happy Halloween By Evan Kramer

Halloween gets under way earlier this year in Port Orford as the Port Orford Community Theater presents the Halloween play, *Monster Soup or That Thing In My Neck Is A Tooth*. The spooktacular presentation will be performed at the Port Orford Community Building on Friday evening, October 27, at 7:00pm and at two performances on Saturday, October 28, one at 4:00pm and the other at 7:00pm. The play is produced and directed by Rebecca Miller. It stars among other community stalwarts, Richard AuFranc (as the lawyer, I. Fleecum,) Marci Alcott, Susan Page, Suzanne Jones, Kathy Jones, Stephan Parks, Katie Madison and Adam Brewer.

Other Halloween goings-on include the Champion Party for children on Halloween night at the Community Building. The party starts at 6:30 and goes through 8:00pm. Admission is one bag of candy. Enjoy games, skits, air bands, treats, prizes and contests. Everyone is welcome but they ask you not to wear skimpy or scary costumes.

This Saturday night we all get to turn our clocks back an hour as Daylight Savings Time ends - as the saying goes "Spring forward, Fall back". Now, I'll have to remember to leave the porch light on when I leave in the morning. I can thank Scott (Green Thumb ) McDonald for

bringing by a couple of pumpkins that he and his wife Kathleen grew in their garden. If you want to see something really scary take a look at my pumpkin after I attempt to carve a face in it.

## A Good Time Was Had By All

Valerie and I attend the Port Orford Rotary Club fund-raising benefit for their scholarship fund last Saturday night. The tickets for this dinner and dance event were \$100 per couple. The Rotary Club set out to sell 50 tickets. When I first heard about the price I was more than a little skeptical how they would do. But the club sold all 50 tickets and had people trying to buy them after they were sold out.

We were treated to a fine prime rib dinner. The Port Orford Community Building was decorated in a Hawaiian motif to go along with the evening's grand prize. All ticket holders won a door prize, all of which were donated by local businesses. Everyone also had a 50-1 chance at the grand prize of a week for two in Hawaii at a time share condominium, including round trip air fair from North Bend. This prize had been donated to the Rotary Club. Drum roll.... And the winner of the trip to Hawaii was Dr. William Nickerson.

The Rotary Club raised over \$5,000 at the dinner and dance. Even with the expenses of paying for the band and food they netted well over \$3,000 for scholar-

ships for Pacific High School students. Master of ceremonies for the evening was Frank Smith and he and the rest of the Rotary Club including president Al Affonso are to be congratulated on the enjoyable evening for this worthwhile cause. The Rotary Club and its members truly are "strong supporters of the community."

## Skinner Speaks To Chamber

Curry County Commissioner TV Skinner was the guest speaker at the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce on Monday at their membership meeting. Skinner spent most of the meeting talking about taxes and how the property tax money is distributed. He displayed a poster sized chart of how the property tax (not pecan) pie is sliced. 60.75% of the taxes go to schools while the amount which goes to the county for its budget is 6.27%. The total revenue the county collects for its share of the property tax pie is \$770,000 annually. He said the county handles and distributes property tax receipts to all the various taxing districts without taking anything out for administrative costs.

Skinner referred to a subject on many Chamber member's minds (1995-96 property tax bills) when he said that land and buildings were to be appraised and assessed at 100% of their true market value.

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**Letter to the Editor,**

On behalf of the Curry County Health Department and more than 500 families in Curry County I would like to express my appreciation to Gordon Ensley for his leadership of the Curry Health District in the establishment of the Curry County Perinatal Program. This program is a collaborative effort involving the Curry Health District, the Curry County Health Department and private care providers. It came into being six years ago at a time when there were no private providers who were able to give prenatal care to low income pregnant women. The program opened in January of 1990 and has continued since that time.

Gordon Ensley's efforts have supported the comprehensive services of the Perinatal program which includes prenatal care, labor and delivery, newborn and postpartum care of the new mother. In association with the Perinatal Program, the Public Health Department provides Maternity Case Management home visits and WIC nutrition services. Following the postpartum period many families continue to receive Public Health services such as infant immunization, family planning, and Babies First home visits. The total package of services available to families in the Perinatal program has assisted over 500 families in having a healthy start for their children. The

program would not have happened without the support of Gordon Ensley. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Ensley and others involved with the program, prenatal care has been available to all women in Curry County since 1990. Thank you, Gordon for all your work and support for the families of Curry County.

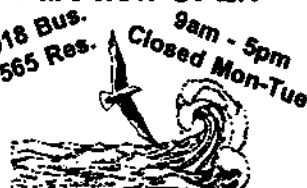
Barbara O'Malley Floyd, RN, CNM, MS

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Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Oct 26	1:56am 6.5	7:26am 2.3	1:14pm 8.3	8:26pm -1.1
Fri Oct 27	2:48am 6.3	8:15am 2.6	1:59pm 8.1	9:17pm -1.0
Sat Oct 28	3:48am 6.2	9:07am 2.8	2:49pm 7.8	10:14pm -0.7
Sun Oct 29	3:53am 6.1	9:10am 3.0	2:50pm 7.3	10:12pm -0.3
Mon Oct 30	4:59am 6.2	10:26am 3.1	4:01pm 6.8	11:14pm 0.1
Tue Oct 31	6:05am 6.4	11:48am 2.8	5:23pm 6.4	NONE ---
Wed Nov 1	7:00am 6.7	12:19am 0.5	6:48pm 6.2	1:09pm 2.3
Thu Nov 2	7:50am 7.1	1:19am 0.8	8:04pm 6.1	2:12pm 1.6

### Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford  
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Date	High	Low	Rain
Oct. 10	65	52	---
Oct. 11	60	54	1.40
Oct. 12	60	42	.50
Oct. 13	66	47	---
Oct. 14	71	46	---
Oct. 15	73	46	---
Oct. 16	58	53	0.04
Oct. 17	62	48	---
Oct. 18	63	49	0.62
Oct. 19	67	44	---
Oct. 20	72	46	---

### Senior News

by Mary Yoder

Sunday, Oct 22nd. Was the Grand Opening of our new addition to the Senior Center, or as we call it the Beverly Martin annex. It really turned out special. The ladies and men who worked so hard to make it perfect couldn't have done it any better. Under the guidance of Bobbetta Kron and Mildred Welsh. The

cake and cookies were out of this world and the people who served them were like professionals. I don't have the words to thank you all - but I'm trying. Mildred Welsh did very nicely reading the history of the main building, and I got to cut the ribbon and tell about Beverly Martin's involvement in the center. If you missed this gathering you missed something special. There were people from Coos Bay,

Bandon, Coquille, Gold Beach and Myrtle Point. We had people we hadn't seen in years. It was a wonderful get together.

I'd like to thank the Paradise Café for donating a dinner for two as a door prize, and the lady who donated the \$25 cash prize. I'd also like to thank the Wooden Nickel for the nice Myrtlewood plaque - it now has Beverly's name on it and is placed at the entrance to the annex above the door.

Now come enjoy - there is a pool table, TV, another game and our treasurer has a real nice office in there too.

Now - Sat. the 14th is our luncheon at 11:30am and Sat. nite the dance from 7:30pm till 10:30pm, you all come - it's theme is Halloween.

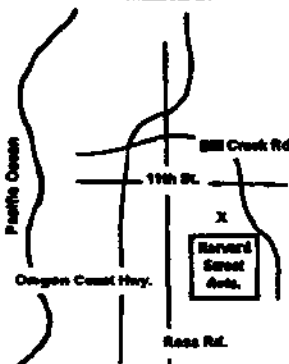
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Letter To The Editor,

A problem has developed around Port Orford's Transient Lodging Tax (Bed Tax) Committee. Business people who collect the tax feel they should say in how it is spent.

Port Orford's business people are allowed to keep 5 percent of the tax they collect to pay for their efforts in collecting it. At its October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Council, recognizing the intensity of the controversy over how the bed tax is to be spent, took the advice of Dick Wold, speaking for the Chamber of Commerce, and passed a motion that bed tax expenditure committee meetings be postponed until after the City's Ordinance Review Committee could review Bed Tax Ordinance 212-90B and make its recommendations to the Council.

The Bed Tax meeting with the support of the City Manager was held as scheduled, on October 10, 1995, in defiance of the City Council's vote. The various organizations that had petitioned for Bed Tax Funds were informed in writing by the Bed Tax Committee that their requests were being sent to the City Council with a recommendation to approve them.

In a written statement dated October 12, the City Council was notified by the Bed Tax Committee that the meeting had taken place as the City action in postponing it was illegal and it would have been unethical to cancel the meeting on such short public notice.

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Robert J. Warring  
City Councilperson, Port Orford

## Sixes Grange Meets

Sixes Grange #856 will hold its monthly business meeting on Thursday, October 26, at 7:30pm, at the Grange Hall next to Sixes Store.

The Adopt-A-Highway clean-up will begin at the Grange Hall on Saturday, October 28, at 10:00am, weather permitting. Grangers and friends are welcome.

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**That Time of Year  
by Valerie Jean Kramer**

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And leaves once green  
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The pumpkins are orange,  
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### Letter To The Editor,

As informed voters we can have tremendous power. This strength begins long before the ballot box. The wheels of election '96 are already churning. I expect our voter's pamphlet will again rival the thickness of the Portland phone book.

All kinds of interest groups will need our signatures on their petitions to get their initiatives on the ballot. The nature of formal initiatives make them tedious to read, but that's where our responsibility lies. The petitions that are circulating usually contain a distilled and glossy bite of the whole measure. This is very misleading!

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Fellin-Yeh is the director of the Douglas F. Cooley Memorial Art Gallery at Reed College. She holds a doctorate in 20<sup>th</sup> Century American art. Her specialization's include the history of photography, 20<sup>th</sup> century decorative arts and feminist theory.

The Art For Life event is a multimedia presentation billed as an artist's response to the high rate of breast cancer deaths in Curry County. Sponsored by Curry Breast Health Network and organized by Alexandra Eyer, the event comes on the second day of a two-day open art exhibit.

Paintings, sculpture, baskets and other art works, primarily from Curry-Del Norte artists, will be publicly exhibited from 10:00am - 4:00pm, Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29, in the Best Western Brookings Inn conference center. Many works will be for sale, with some or all proceeds going to the Curry Breast Health Network. Volunteer docents will distribute information about breast cancer awareness and answer questions.

For more information contact Alexandra Eyer at 247-6459 or Frann Grossman at 1-800-445-8085.

line. Don't feel pressured to sign a petition because "so and so" did or because it "sounds good". Sign only those petitions that you personally support and that addresses real problems.

Isn't it time to build community? Aren't you tired of neighbor against neighbor ballot measures that don't solve today's problems - but still cost taxpayers thousands of dollars?

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Yours sincerely,

Terri Stone, Office Worker  
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## Letter To The Editor,

I am writing this letter to put words to the dismay and confusion people in Port Orford community are feeling about the firing of Tom Pitchford, our doctor at the clinic here. I have tried to find out the reasons for his firing, but the health district lawyers have cautioned that reasons can't be given because it is a "personnel issue". I have been told it was a "board" decision.

Dr. Pitchford has been my doctor for the past six years and has served the community of Port Orford for nine years. Many of us have made a commitment to use the clinic here, rather than go north, because we believe in the importance of a doctor

and the clinic in our community. Many of us are asking why a town meeting wasn't held to discuss whatever problems the board had with Dr. Pitchford. Many of us wonder how to help reinstate him.

We are delighted Karen Olson has decided to work at the clinic. It took two years to find someone willing to take Tom Enghausser's place. Why would Dr. Pitchford be fired just as she comes on board?

I want to publicly thank Tom Pitchford for the care and concern he has given me as a patient. I could always count on him. I hope people will attend the hospital board meeting at the City Hall on November 8<sup>th</sup> and ask some of the questions



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that need answering. The health district is supported by our tax dollars and public servants are accountable to us. Even if you are not concerned about Tom Pitchford's firing, you may want to ask how decisions of this magnitude can be made without public input.

Sincerely,

Paula Cracas

## Hike To Homestead Site

Veva Stansell will lead this 2 mile round trip, easy hike to view plant life, birds, an old apple orchard with replanting of old varieties. Meet Veva at 9:00am on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Gold Beach Ranger Station. For further info call 247-7153.

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To pre-register for this course leave a message at 332-1325 or 332-7902.

Child care is available for children over 30 months of age (or potty-trained). Child care is limited, please call 332-7902 to reserve space.

This course is co-sponsored by South Coast Head Start, Southwestern Oregon Community College, North Curry Families' and Children's Center and the Port Orford Community Children's Center.

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day, November 3, at 7:00pm. Admission  
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## So Simple It Works

by: Paula Cracas

Even though Recycling Awareness Week is over, I'd never miss an opportunity to recycle. Here's a recycling idea I'd like to share with you. I'm going to number the used items I recycled in just this one idea. I started a WORM FARM! Some of you may not relish a worm farm, but before you start squirming, let me explain. Your plants will thank me. And you'll save on your garbage bill.

Somebody gave me an old fiberglass bathtub (1) they'd torn out of a remodel. I made a lid for it out of used lumber (2) and found the perfect sized hinge (3) at a yard sale. I put a layer of dirt (4 (hey, it wasn't new dirt; I had used it in my garden)) and added a thick layer of shredded newspaper (5). Then I put in a layer of leaves (6 - the trees were done with them), and some chicken manure (7 ditto re: the chickens). I went to Driftwood School and purchased some red worms (8 - they had been using them there) and carried them home in a used Styrofoam cup (9). I shredded the cup (10) and added it and the worms to the almost full bathtub. I covered the whole thing with the contents (11) of my compost bucket which I keep under my kitchen sink. By the way, the contents are officially known as "putrid garbage". Last, but not least, I added a layer of fresh grass clippings (12). I shut the lid, covered it with a large piece of black plastic (used, of course - 13) and let it sit there until I had collected

another bucketful of putrid garbage. (Worms especially love coffee grounds.)

In a couple months, I opened the lid wide, turned the entire contents with a three-tined pitchfork (14) I bought for a buck at a garage sale. Lo and behold, there were a bezzillion red worms and their tiny white baby worms! And the whole kit and caboodle had miraculously turned into the most luscious soil a potted plant, or any plant in your garden, could hope to gather around its tiny roots.

You wouldn't have to use an old bathtub to get started. You could use an empty 5-gallon paint bucket, with a few air holes in the lid, a layer of dirt, shredded news-

paper, and putrid garbage on the bottom. I could spare a few worms. Bring your own Styrofoam cup. And a recycling idea that works for you.

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### Strategic Planning Meeting

Rural Development Initiative will conduct a public meeting to review the Preliminary Draft of Port Orford Community Assessment that resulted from interviews and public hearing on September 13, 1995. Copies of the draft will be available for your review.

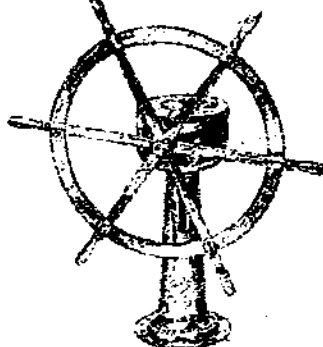
The meeting will take place on Monday, October 30, 1995, 7:00pm, in the Port Orford City Hall council chambers.

### Birds Of Oregon Islands

Nancy Morrissey, of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will give an illustrated talk on the birds of the Oregon Islands on Friday, October 27, at 7:00pm, at the Port Orford City Hall. The Oregon Islands, 33 of them, are National Wildlife Refuges. This is a free program and open to the public. Come, see and hear about the birds of these unique areas many of which are in Curry County. For further information call 332-0735.

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**Letter To The Editor,**

Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> will be a very important day for Port Orford. On that day people will have a chance to come together to begin planning our community's future.

About a month ago, consultants working for Rural Development Initiatives (RDI) interviewed some people in our community, asking them what the town's strengths and weaknesses are. Now, RDI will be coming back, and they will bring with them the results of those interviews. They will present their findings at a public meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, in the City Council Chambers.

This meeting will be the first step in planning for the future of our community. It is very important that as many of us as possible attend this meeting. Find out if RDI got the real truth about our community. And learn what RDI plans to do with this information. This is your chance to help shape the future of our town.

If you go to only one meeting this year, this is the one to attend. Help make our future the one you want to live in. See you all there.

Sincerely,

Martha Weaver-Britell

## Internet Hot Spots

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## Happy Halloween Continued from Front Cover

Skinner turned to discussion of the Oregon and California (O & C) timber lands. The county needs 5.7 million dollars from timber revenues to meet its annual budget but Skinner said only a small amount timber has been cut on O & C lands the past 18 months. He said the Federal government welfare payment has replaced the timber revenue. Skinner noted that the O & C timber lands were to be managed on a sustainable yield basis and that goal had been accomplished. He said in 1937 there were an estimated 50 billion board feet of harvestable timber in the 2.4 million acres of O & C lands and that in 1990 there were 49 billion board feet. Commissioner Skinner said the State of Oregon has a plan for sustainable yield timber harvest if it can get control of the lands. This would increase revenues to the counties.

## Straw Bales Offered To Public

The Port Orford Watershed Council has taken delivery of three tons of straw bales for use in protecting Garrison Lake from construction site soil erosion. The straw bales will be offered, at no cost, to property owners whose earth-moving activities (site excavation, grading and such) could result in dirt washing into Garrison Lake's numerous feeder streams and wetlands, thus adding to the Lake's current purity problems.

Council Chairman, David Wilken, said, "This is a pilot project which we hope will raise local awareness of the ways human activities can degrade the Lake, as well as all watershed areas. Once area residents become familiar with the problem, we hope they will make use of this tool in all their future construction activities."

The straw was purchased with grant money from Governor's Watershed En-

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