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Council Retreats

By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met in a workshop session on Monday, November 27. The council considered the idea of having a student representative on the city council. Mayor Kennedy spoke strongly in favor of the idea and said it would be a student between the ages of 16 and 18. The student would sit in at the council meetings but not be a voting member. The council will contact the Pacific High principal and counselor and let them help choose the student. The issue will be taken up at the next regular council meeting.

Dotti Myers asked the council's approval to write the checks early for city employees who have accrued sick leave. Employees do not carry over sick leave from year to year and are paid for the sick leave they don't use at the end of the year.

The council moved on to discussion of the council retreat. It will be held on Saturday, December 9, from noon to 4:00pm, at the A-frame cabin in Buffington Park. Dotti Myers reported that Judy Shay has not returned her phone call and it is not known if Shay will be able to serve as facilitator at the meeting. Martha Weaver-Britell asked if there

would be no facilitator, then what? Mayor Kennedy said the council would hold an open discussion. Ralph Donaldson said the council needed a format at the retreat. It will be open to the public, but no public input will be taken.

The councilors heard about the Curry Transfer & Recycle (CTR) franchise negotiation process. Dotti Myers said the contract is coming up for renewal soon. She is negotiating with CTR that they pick-up the trash at city locations for free as a condition of signing the new contract. She said as an example that the city of Brookings gets 3% of the trash collection revenue fees collected by CTR. Mayor Kennedy suggested the annual Port Orford clean-up day be moved back to Buffington Park. She also said the

public needs a more specific definition of what will be accepted at the clean-up site.

The council discussed the bid for engineering design for the city's water system. Ralph Donaldson reported that a committee consisting of Tom Hamilton, Dotti Myers, Dennis Gehrke and himself had reviewed the bids. The two bids considered were submitted by Lee Engineering of Portland and H.G.E. of North Bend. The Lee bid was for \$135,000 while the H.G.E. bid was \$98,000. H.G.E. said the costs were guaranteed. The committee recommended the H.G.E. bid because of its lower costs, fixed costs, and they know Port Orford. Martha Weaver-Britell said

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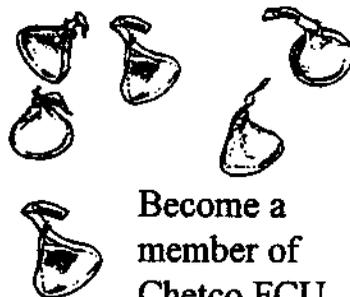
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drubbing in the newspaper like it did last week as long as I am mayor."

George Kennedy reported that in a discussion with the mayor of Brookings at the League of Oregon Cities meeting he was told their goal is to keep council meetings to one hour or less. Kennedy wants to shorten the Port Orford council meetings.

This goal sounds great. Nobody wants long meetings, but I wonder how it will be accomplished. There is a certain amount of business that needs to be done by the council - reports to hear, questions to ask, and issues to discuss. This cannot be reduced. Council deliberations are required by law to be public so they can't shorten the meeting by eliminating their debates. There may be some inefficiency and histrionics that could be eliminated but I'm afraid that occasionally lengthy meetings are just part of the job.

Correction

Last week I incorrectly reported that Flo Lichtig was the president of the Common Good. She is the president of the Lightin' Bugs and John Stockman is the president of the Common Good.

Council Retreats

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the city needs to look at the Operation and Maintenance costs of the water system improvements and consider an ordinance locking in the water rate.

Dotti Myers reported that nine officials from the Department of Environmental Quality visited Port Orford on November 14 for a final inspection of the sewer plant and system. They found cracks in the walls of the digester plant. They will have to be corrected by the contractor. It was also reported too much grease is going into the sewer plant and it is clogging up the lines. D.E.Q. recommended an ordinance concerning grease, most of which is released into the system by restaurants.

The council discussed a letter to the public concerning city business which would be printed in the local newspapers.

Robert Warring praised city public work's director Dennis Gehrke for the job he is doing. He recently led a group of Pacific High School students on a tour of the water treatment and sewer treatment plants.

Martha Weaver-Britell brought the discussion back to the council retreat. She asked if George Kennedy was going to use the retreat to dump on his fellow councilors. She wanted to know the council's intentions. Mayor Kennedy said she was very sick the night of the last council meeting and couldn't attend. She said she wanted to address the issue of the last council meeting at the retreat, not at a council meeting. Robert Warring said he wanted to discuss the council structure and preferred to do it at the retreat. Mayor Kennedy said in reference to the bed tax meeting of October 10 the council had no authority to stop the meeting. The Mayor went on to say she "doesn't want the council to take a

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Thu Nov 30	6:21am 7.2	NONE —	6:34pm 5.5	12:54pm 1.9
Fri Dec 1	7:11am 7.4	12:35am 1.4	7:53pm 5.4	2:02pm 1.2
Sat Dec 2	7:58am 7.6	1:31am 1.9	9:02pm 5.5	2:55pm 0.6
Sun Dec 3	8:38am 7.8	2:23am 2.2	9:59pm 5.7	3:44pm 0.1
Mon Dec 4	9:16am 7.8	3:12am 2.5	10:48pm 5.8	4:26pm -0.2
Tue Dec 5	9:52am 7.8	3:58am 2.8	11:32pm 5.9	5:04pm -0.4
Wed Dec 6	10:27am 7.7	4:36am 2.9	NONE —	5:40pm -0.6
Thu Dec 7	12:12am 6.0	5:18am 3.1	10:56AM 7.6	6:15pm -0.6

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Nov. 18	59	46	.60
Nov. 19	61	40	—
Nov. 20	57	38	—
Nov. 21	64	45	.13
Nov. 22	60	54	.20
Nov. 23	61	54	—
Nov. 24	59	55	1.26

Letter to the Editor,

I am puzzled by Al Affonso's letter regarding the October 13 City Council meeting. It appears from his behavior at the meeting and his subsequent letter that he is angry and upset. I hope this is just some misunderstanding that can be cleared up soon.

It is not possible in a letter to the editor to explain complex issues such as those covered at the last City Council meeting. I will touch in this letter on only two points that I believe are important to the citizens of Port Orford.

First, annexation. I voted to annex the Roselius property, but I did so only after I was sure that City staff had done the proper staff work. At the October 9 City Council meeting the City staff, including the City attorney, were not aware that annexation effects the City's tax base. The Oregon Department of Revenue says that not only does annexation effect a

city's tax base, it does so in ways that are financially and politically important. Once City staff provided the required information I voted to annex the Roselius property.

The other issue that is important to the citizens of Port Orford is that of the bed tax committee meeting. There is much confusion over the October 10 committee meeting. In his letter, for instance, Mr. Affonso says that the City's attorney said it was unethical for the Council to direct the bed tax committee not to meet. The truth is she did not say that. I believe other misunderstandings are also circulating.

At the October Council meeting the Council instructed the bed tax committee to wait until the ordinance could be clarified before they held any further meetings. The bed tax committee met the next day without anyone informing the Council that the meeting would be held. For a

decision of the elected representatives of the citizens of Port Orford to be reversed without the Council's knowledge is a serious matter that it is the Council's duty to look into. I don't believe that the citizens of Port Orford elected this Council to just rubber stamp everything put in front of us and look the other way when problems occur.

The members of the Port Orford City Council try to do our best to represent you the citizens of Port Orford. We Council members must put community interests first, even if that means long meetings and incurring the displeasure of some individuals.

Martha Weaver-Britell

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Before the variety show, the Riley Creek Jazz band will entertain diners with selections of their favorite music. Master of Ceremonies, Tim Brueckner, will open the talent show at 7:30pm. "He will lead you through a night full of entertaining

musical and non-musical performances," stated Cherie McNair, event coordinator. "Keith Fleshman and John Mueller, our guest co-directors, have been busy rehearsing our talented K-8* graders. It looks to me that they are pretty close to being ready to take the stage," said McNair.

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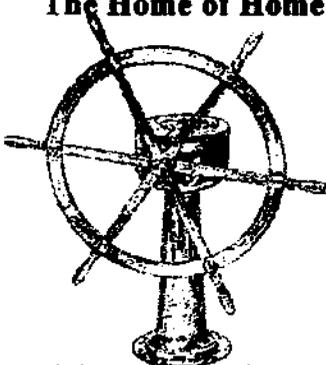
Senior News
 By Mary Yoder

Monday nite, Nov. 20th - pinochle players played and here is how it went. Lady high Venita Marstall, lady low - Dorothy Spencer. Men's high Henry Kron, men's low Clar Stahl. All had a good time. Come join the fun just think the high prize is \$1 in cash, the cost is \$.50. If you get double pinochle you get to wear the pretty shell necklace. So if you don't come see what you are missing.

Then the dance - Sat. the 25th was as usual real nice - every one had a nice time. June Dennison and Lee Hyle always do a good job. There was sandwiches and pie for

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the lunch punch, coffee and tea - really hit the spot. Next is the birthday party on Dec. 3rd. Here are the birthday people: Dec. 2nd Herb Gaia, Dec. 5th Verna Larson, Dec. 8th Clara Hill, Dec. 8th Betty Parker, Dec. 11th Leonard Foster, Dec. 12th Kay Wise and Margret Knutson, Dec. 17th Bill Butt, Dec. 21st Betty Allen, and Dec. 31st Genny Haner. I never even asked anyone how old they were - you can guess.

We have the December breakfast the 10th and also the rummage sale 8am to 1:30pm for both. There will be only one luncheon in December on the 16th and another rummage sale on that same day.

This should do it for this time. Nearly missed this, Monday nite Dec. 4th pinochle - See you there.

Bells Ring and Angels Sing

The place to shop this week will be this Saturday, December 2, at the Community Christmas Bazaar. The hours will be from 9:00am till 5:00pm, at the Docia Sweet Hall at the Curry County Fairgrounds. This year's theme is "Bells Ring and Angels Sing" and the theme will be carried out with the decorations throughout. Santa Clause will make his special appearance at 11:30am till 2:30pm, with the opportunity available for pictures to be purchased.

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Letter to the Editor,

During, last years meetings of the City Council and the Bed Tax Committee in regard to the Transient Tax Ordinance #212-90b, a prior Council person (who was involved in the passing of the ordinance), an Attorney (that gave advice on some of the wording of the ordinance) and last years City Attorney, all gave their interpretations of the ordinance. Their opinions did not coincide with the opinion of Mr. Affonso and some other Bed Tax Committee Members, so they took the stand that the ordinance was too confusing for anyone to understand, therefore the committee would make their recommendations based on their interpretation of the ordinance, which action they took at that time.

Now, a year has passed and two of our new Council Members, at the Oct. 9th, council meeting, referred the ordinance to the new City Attorney for an opinion, and a motion was made and passed to instruct the Bed Tax Committee to wait to hold any further meetings until a clarification, by the Ordinance Committee, could be brought to the Council. No comment by the City Attorney at that time, was made that was audible to the audience or evidently on the Recorders tape of the meeting, that the council was overstepping their bounds.

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ested parties were under the impression that there would be no meeting. Therefore being a public meeting, the meeting should not have been held.

Unless, when the City Attorney was called the following morning (Oct. 10th), when the question of legality was posed, in the manner it was, the attorney may not have been aware of the action of some City Personnel to notify the public of the cancellation, had already taken place.

Why, Mr. Affonso, has the Transient Tax Ordinance become so clear to you and the Bed Tax Committee, this year, when last year you claimed it was extremely confusing?

Walt Kaplan

Sees Candy

Sees candy is here and will be sold by Rotarians as a fund raiser to support the school sports program.

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The scholastic book fair will held in the library and offers books for sale for all ages.

The proceeds from this activity will benefit Driftwood student activities.

Reagan Elected

Peg Reagan, former Curry County commissioner, was elected chairperson of the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission last week in Salem.

Reagan served as vice-chair of the Commission since her appointment in 1992. Recommended by the Association of Oregon Counties to represent county government, Reagan was initially appointed by then Governor Barbara Roberts. She was recently re-appointed by Governor John Kitzhaber to fill the public interest vacancy. On November 16, Reagan's appointment was confirmed by the Senate.

The Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission was created by the Oregon legislature in 1991. Its mission is to reduce exposure to earthquake hazards in Oregon. The Commission works to improve public understanding of earthquake hazards. It advises the Governor and the legislature on legislative proposals and influences policy at the federal, state and local levels. In addition, the Commission advises on earthquake response and recovery, supports needed research and pursues the implementation of appropriate hazard mitigation.

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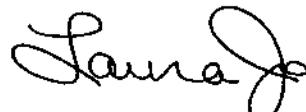
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Alice Sanders will demonstrate and have samples of "Tis Tasty Food Items."

The 4-H club of Agness will be hosting a bake good sale at the same time.

Stop in, taste the goodies, check out the display of art work, and then shop thru the bake good items from the 4-H members. Start out your Holiday activities with Kathy at the Old Agness Store on Sunday.

Internet Update

Good news! The Port Orford internet site has been upgraded from 4 to 6 modems and a seventh should be installed by the time you read this. Meanwhile, some people have gotten confused because all seven phone lines are active. If you are one of the first six callers, you get

Letter to the Editor,

It seems to me that what was set up as a vehicle of law, (Ordinance #212-90b), by which our City Council could gain funds for the repair, maintenance and possible expansion of city owned cultural and tourist related properties, without raising taxes to our citizenry, has now become a Giant Give-Away program, (to no doubt worthy groups), and our city owned properties and buildings are left to go begging from our taxes (via-the general fund).

Think about it, perhaps all of our Port Orford citizens do not feel they can afford or wish to support, however worthy, these Give-Away recipient groups.

Lea Kureth

[Ed note: Hear, hear! - Valerie]

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Groups or individuals planning to make baby blankets, quilts or afghans for the Christmas baskets are reminded that these items should be 40 by 50 inches in size. We have the materials for making these prized baby-crib accessories. For materials or for information call Mae Ellis any evening at 348-2562, or any Wednesday at the Common Good at 332-1365.

And we very much need your continued financial support to continue our work in the community. For example, a \$25.00 donation will pay for delivery of 175 pounds of food from the Oregon Food Bank. We thank you for your past support and hope that we are the first to wish you a Merry Christmas.

Charles Quillen, for all the volunteer workers of the Common Good



Cookie Alert

The Friends of Cape Blanco are preparing for their annual Christmas Open House. All friends and members are invited to participate by hosting at the House or through other volunteer activity. Cookies especially are needed for the two weekend receptions. Donations can be left with Viola Cuatt at the liquor store.

Library News By Bonnie Wagner

The Friends of the Library are busy getting ready for our Christmas sale which will be at the Port Orford Library on Saturday, December 2. We plan to have some "like new" books to sell for gifts besides crafts, food and plants. Hope you will all stop in.

The After School program for kids in grades 3-5 has gotten off to a good start. We are doing writing, reading and crafts. Please join Shirley Nelson and the gang for an interesting hour on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:00pm.

The Saturday Story Hour for December will focus on the holiday season as follows: December 2, "Thinking about Christmas and Giving"; December 9, "Christmas Trees"; December 16, "Winter and the Festival of Lights"; and December 23, "Varieties of Stories and Activities." There will be no program on Dec. 30.

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Curry Health Foundation

The Curry Health Foundation fund-raiser, which kicked off Oct. 1, has reached 12 percent of its goal so far, announced Judy Stringham, executive director.

The foundation's goal is to raise \$22,000 for essential medical equipment needed in Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford facilities. To date, Stringham says, donations total \$2,700.

About 30 persons attended a recent fund-raising party held in the home of Roger and Virginia Davis of Wedderburn. The group heard presentations from Dr. William Nickerson, the new administrator of Curry General Hospital, and Saundra Hannah, RN, the hospital's newly appointed director of clinical services. Other parties are planned for the future.

The Curry Health Foundation's purpose is to raise philanthropic gifts and make grants to support Curry General Hospital and other health providers in the Curry County. Planned giving can involve a variety of programs, from giving an annual cash donation to bequeathing property or life insurance designations to the foundation.

The next meeting of the foundation's fund-raising committee is set for 5pm, Dec. 19, at Curry General Hospital. For more information, phone Stringham at (503) 247-6621.

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Audubon Annual Raffle

Kalmiopsis Audubon 1995 Annual Raffle is underway. Donations are \$1 each or \$ for \$5. The drawing will be held December 30, 1995 at the Audubon Christmas Bird Count.

- 1st Prize - Hand Blown Glass Vase by Chris Hawthorne
- 2nd Prize - Bushnell Binoculars, carrying case, field guide, guide to bird songs cassette, birders "life" list diary and official Cornell Lab binocular strap.
- 3rd Prize - Veva Stansell 4 hour Guided Nature Walk
- 4th Prize - Twined Vase Basket by Bob Warring
- 5th Prize - Bob Sutton "Teeter" bird feeder and 50 lb. Oiled sunflower seed
- 6th Prize - National Geographic "Birds of North America" field guide
- 7th Prize - 2 year membership to Kalmiopsis Audubon

Tickets can be found at the Port Orford Christmas Bazaar, Audubon table on Sat. Dec. 2 and at Ray's Sentry Market in Brookings on Dec. 8 from 10am to 2pm.

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Honesty Lives in the 90's

I would like to thank the members and visitors to the Port Orford Senior Center for rekindling my faith in my fellow humans.

Three weeks ago I left my necklace on a coffee table at the Senior Center. I change clothes there before taking Ava Peterson's Yoga class each Wednesday evening. When I left that evening, I

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simply forgot to pick up my necklace and did not even realize I'd forgotten it. I've received many compliments on this particular jewelry item, so I know it is attractive to others. I missed class the next week due to illness.

Two full weeks later when I walked into the room, there was my necklace, precisely where I'd left it! What a joy to know that a lot of good citizens noticed it and evidently realized someone would eventually be back to find it.

My wish for this Holiday Season is that we could all feel safe in more places in this world. It's a free gift we can all give each other.

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Holiday Patchwork

You are invited to the next meeting of the Christian Women's Club luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at noon. The luncheon will be held at the Truculent Oyster Restaurant and the cost is \$5.95.

The theme of this meeting is "Holiday Patchwork". The special feature is "Quilter's Dream", presented by Dolores Purdy of Quilter's Corner. The music will be provided by Debbie Anderson. The speaker this month is Elaine Andvik. Her talk is entitled "A Patch In Time". She is from Camano Island, Washington.

Reservations are essential and cancellations necessary and can be made by calling 332-0825 or 332-2765.

From The Mouths Of Babes...

Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote the organ of the species.

Benjamin Franklin produced electricity by rubbing cats backwards.

The theory of evolution was greatly objected to because it made man think.

Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.

The dodo is a bird that is almost decent by now.

To remove air from a flask, fill it with water, tip the water out, and put the cork in quick before the air can get back in.

The process of turning steam back into water again is called conversation.

A magnet is something you find crawling all over a dead cat.

The Earth makes one revolution every 24 hours. The moon is a planet just like the Earth, only it is even deader.

The cuckoo bird does not lay his own eggs.

To collect fumes of sulfur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube.

Parallel lines never meet, unless you bend one or both of them.

Algebraical symbols are used when you do not know what you are talking about.

A circle is a line which meets its other end without ending.

The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects.

Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull.

An example of animal breeding is the farmer who mated a bull that gave a great deal of milk with a bull with good meat.

We believe that the reptiles came from the amphibians by spontaneous generation and study of rocks.

English sparrows and starlings eat the farmers grain and soil his corpse. By self-pollination, the farmer may get a flock of long-haired sheep.

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