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Next week's edition of "Port Orford Today!" will be distributed on Friday, instead of Thursday. All materials should be submitted before 4:00pm Tuesday as usual.

Storms Hit Port Orford

By Evan Kramer

What a Sunday it was in Port Orford. High winds and rain punctuated the day as the O.D.O.T. sign at the north entrance to Port Orford warned motorists of high winds the next 27 miles.

Valerie and I decided to see the storm up close about 7:30pm Sunday and drove down to the parking lot at the Dock just opposite Nellie's Cove. Lightning and thunder guided our way into Port Orford. We pointed the van towards the ocean and were treated to a great show of nature. The ocean waves roiled and heaved and spit salt water at us. Several other car loads of people had the same idea and it reminded me of being at a drive-in movie except we were all watching something happen in real time not pre-recorded. We both attempted to get out of the van one at a time and really experience the winds but it wasn't something to stay outside in for very long. At least not if you wanted to remained in a vertical position.

High winds were clocked at Cape Blanco. The Coast Guard recorded winds between 102-107 miles per hour on Sunday according to Pat Bry at the Cape Blanco State Park. The Oregon Department of Transportation has a wind measuring

device at Brush Creek and Highway 101 where they record wind velocity. They recorded winds up to 85 miles per hour. There were many power failures and in Gold Beach a power line fell adjacent to the Curry County Sheriff's Department. Coos Curry Electric and the fire department responded. Monday night rain continued as the Oregon Coast waited for an even bigger storm to pelt the coast.

City Council Meets On Rainy Night

The city council met on Monday night and quickly got down to business. Gary Schultz, a forest practices officer with the Department of Forestry, spoke briefly to the council and answered questions. Schulz said in reference to the Bussmann property on Hubbard Creek that if there is no additional timber harvest his agency had no more regulatory status. Answering a question about the citations previously issued to Bussmann for forest practices violations Schulz said there were three penalties totaling \$350.

The council reports were brief this month. Dennis Gehrke talked about the water situation. He said the bouncing turbidity levels of Hubbard Creek water prevented him from meeting health department standards. George Kennedy mentioned the council retreat planned for last Saturday didn't happen because of a time goof

amongst the councilors regarding the meeting's starting time. Martha Weaver-Britell said June Dennison and Ruth Bryant had resigned from the parks commission.

Alice Pfand thanked the council for posting public notices of the switch from Hubbard Creek to Garrison Lake water. The council heard a second reading of the Roselius annexation ordinance. The adopted the ordinance unanimously.

Councilor Carl Eskelson made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Bed Tax committee which totaled \$16,000. George Kennedy referred to a letter, written by committee chairman Rosy Roselius and said he hoped no one on the council was intimidated by it. Martha Weaver-Britell said all the bed tax money applicants represented good causes but the money was not available. The vote on the motion was Eskelson and Donaldson for, Weaver-Britell against with George Kennedy and Robert Warring abstaining. The abstentions were counted as "no" votes and the motion was defeated. Weaver-Britell made a motion to give each of the applicants 61.7% of their request for a total of \$10,000. The motion died for lack of a second. The issue is tabled until January.

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Cougar

By Holly F. Witt

As people move into and use wildlands, encounters with cougars are destined to increase. Encounters near towns get a great deal of publicity and political agendas are driving much of the recent publicity and political agendas are driving much of the recent publicity. (I do not think Paula Dearing's letter is driven by this agenda.) Recent changes in Oregon hunting practices (no use of dogs or bait) could not possibly be the reason for recent increases in cougar sightings (they mate every other year). If dogs are required to successfully hunt cougars, they clearly are of little threat to humans (as the following statistics verify). As a wildlife biologist, I hope, through education, to prevent the cougar hysteria of Gold Beach from spreading to north Curry County.

Most of us live in a rural area because of its beauty, and there are easy ways to live in harmony with our animal neighbors. Most problems are ameliorated by maintaining the composition of the natural landscape. Planting non-native plants entice grazers and replaces native vegetation, destroying cover forces animals into open areas, and removing snags and dead logs causes birds, bats and rodents to move into buildings. Also, learn everything you can about the animals you fear. The more I learned about and handled snakes, the less fearful I became.

I was raised in rural southern Oregon, have worked three years in the woods, and routinely hike alone, day and night, without a weapon. I have never seen a cougar in the wild. I have had two "friendly" encounters with black bear (one was a sow and cub).

The Oregon cougar population is estimated at 3000 and appears to be self-regulating. Studies show densities peak and stabilize at 10-20 sq. miles per adult (3-8 adults per 100 square miles). Cougars have a land tenure system for home ranges which are maintained through mutual avoidance. Transient cougars (without a home range) are at a great disadvantage and much less likely to successfully raise young. Cougars prevent overgrazing by keeping foraging ungulates moving and cull sick and weak animals from herds. Studies in three states indicated cougar populations did not significantly limit the size of deer and elk herds.

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Between 1890 and 1990, there were 53 recorded cougar attacks on humans in the US and Canada, resulting in 10 deaths. British Columbia had 57% of those attacks and Oregon had none. Children

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Courtesy of the Port Of Gold Beach

Date	High		Low		High		Low	
Thu Dec 14	4:43am	6.4	10:55am	2.9	3:59pm	5.4	10:44pm	1.3
Fri Dec 15	5:25am	6.6	11:37PM	1.7	5:23pm	5.0	12:01pm	2.4
Sat Dec 16	6:10am	7.0	NONE	—	6:47pm	5.0	1:07pm	1.7
Sun Dec 17	6:56am	7.4	12:28am	2.1	8:07pm	5.1	2:05pm	0.9
Mon Dec 18	7:42am	7.8	1:27am	2.4	9:15pm	5.4	2:58pm	0.0
Tue Dec 19	8:28am	8.2	2:20am	2.6	10:11pm	5.8	3:50pm	-0.7
Wed Dec 20	9:15am	8.6	3:18am	2.6	11:04pm	6.1	4:38pm	-1.3
Thu Dec 21	10:05am	8.8	4:09am	2.7	11:53pm	6.4	5:25pm	-1.8

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Dec. 2	57	46	.37
Dec. 3	55	42	.21
Dec. 4	56	45	.86
Dec. 5	56	46	1.41
Dec. 6	56	47	.06
Dec. 7	53	43	.09
Dec. 8	52	45	.12

Storm Hits Port Orford

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The council received a revised bid for \$9,967.24 from G.A.R. construction of Bandon for repairs to the Community Building roof. The council unanimously approved a motion from Robert Warring to accept page one of the bid and put a completion date and penalty clause in it.

The council added the engineering bid for the improvements to the city water system to the agenda. Tom Hamilton spoke for the bid review committee and said the H.G.E. bid was the lowest and most attractive. H.G.E. representative Matt Gray spoke about the preliminary design report. He asked the council for an additional \$7,500 on top of the company's original bid. The extra money is for permits, easements and a water rate study. Robert Warring made a motion to accept H.G.E.'s bid of \$102,313 which carried unanimously.

Curry Transfer representative Louis Rucker took the microphone next and said his company will place recycling bins in town and this will be written into the ordinance. We can thank Alice Pfand for this improvement in local recycling and Louis Rucker for listening. C.T.R. will also provide free trash pick-up for the City of Port Orford at their city hall and Battle Rock Park dumpsters and in the process save the City \$5,000 a year. City Manager Dotti Myers deserves to be congratulated for negotiating this tremendous cost savings. Rucker said he would make once a month curbside recycling in the city part of the contract. Citizens will have to contact C.T.R. and sign up for their recycling containers. The council tabled the first reading of the ordinance until January so they could study the 18 page document more fully.

The council began first steps toward a grease trap ordinance. Dennis Gehrke spoke about the problems household and

restaurant grease, mainly from cleaning dishes, is causing in the sewer lines, pump stations and at the treatment plant. Gehrke stated that if the new drain field in the sand dunes becomes plugged with grease and the city has to go to an ocean outfall for its treated wastewater it will cost \$2,000,000. The council is forming a grease trap ordinance committee. George Kennedy will serve on it and the city is looking for representatives from the restaurants and homeowners to serve on the committee. The need for public education on the problem was emphasized.

Mayor Delsine Kennedy announced there would be no workshop meeting this month and wished the council and public a happy holidays. I was told at the council meeting a drive around Gear Circle would be well worth the trip for those looking for an exceptional Christmas light display. You'll know which house when you see it.



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Senior News By Mary Yoder

Just have to tell about the school kids who entertained for the rotary Thursday luncheon. There were about 45 of them under the leadership of their teacher - Diane Cassel. It was really outstanding. Then they were treated to ice cream and cookies.

The volunteers doing the cooking and serving were Kay Neal, Greta Carver, Betty Harper, Thelma Lagace and R.H.

Have you been to the center? The Christmas trees are up and trimmed. One is a big one in the main room - real nice - the other is smaller it is on a table in the Beverly Marten Annex - it's so pretty, red lights, on it. A real nice gentleman put them up and trimmed them - here is a special thank you to him.

Now a reminder - Dec. 16th is the date for both the Christmas luncheon and the rummage sale - all are welcome. Sing

Alongs will entertain. Then on Christmas Day there will be a pot luck. The turkey will be furnished. Come and bring your favorite dish, and maybe we can sing some Christmas carols.

Then on New Years Eve December 31st - its Sunday night - there will be a dance. The music will be by Jack and Ruth Champayne. Put on your dancing shoes and come on down and help bring in the New Year.

The breakfast on Sunday the 10th was will attended. It takes a lot of volunteers. To serve and cook for so many - here they are: Lee Hyle and June Dennison, Betty Harper, Dutch Heinauer, Greta Carver, Glorene Godfrey, Marge Kyle, Lucille Tubbs, Hazel Klima, Bessie Laursen, Beth Newkirk and Clar Stalh. Pauline Lenox took care of the cash. Now these volunteers work at different times - not all at once - hope I haven't missed any one.

That's going to do it for now. See you at the center.

Audubon Society

Kalmiopsis Audubon Society Annual Raffle will continue until December 30th, at which time the winning numbers will be drawn in the evening during the Christmas Bird Count Tallying and Chili feed for participating birders.

Two of the seven prizes - The Chris Hawthorne Vase and Robert Warring Basket, will be on display at the Chetco Federal Credit Union in Port Orford and tickets may be purchased there until the 29th. Donation of \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 8 tickets is gladly accepted.

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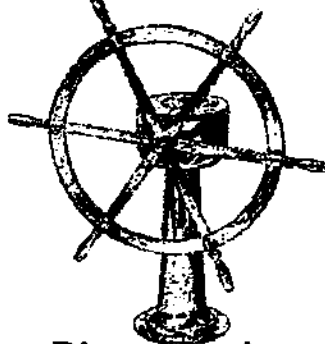
Influenza

Over 2600 Curry County residents have received flu shots from the Curry County Public Health Department as the first influenza cases have been identified in Oregon. Flu vaccine remains available at all offices of the Health Dept.; unvaccinated seniors and other at risk persons are urged to be immunized before the flu season progresses any further. The flu vaccine protection begins 1 to 2 weeks after it is administered. Pneumonia vaccine is also available to persons at risk of this disease.

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Influenza is an illness characterized by abrupt onset of fever, sore throat, cough, and muscle aches. Unlike the common cold, influenza is associated with a striking sense of unwellness accompanied by a loss of appetite and weakness which lasts several days. Rest and fluids are important during the acute illness. Children should not be given aspirin because of the risk of Reye syndrome following influenza.

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Chamber Election

The votes have been counted and the winners in the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce election were announced at the Monday Board meeting. The election committee consisted of Wilbur Greene and Mary Yoder. The three people elected were Lance Cox, co-owner of Coos-Curry Supply; Pat Campbell, co-owner of Century 21 Real Estate; and Al Luis, owner of Buck's Sentry Market. Campbell and

Luis were already board members while Lance Cox will be new to the Board.

The new officers will begin their three year terms of office at the January 8, 1996 Chamber meeting. Board members will elect their officers for 1996 at that meeting.

In other Chamber business the Board voted to hold their annual dinner on Saturday, February 3, at the American

Legion Hall. The price of the dinner has not been determined but the main course has been. Attendees will have a choice of prime rib or halibut. Tickets for the dinner will be sold and paid for in advance.

Chamber Board members expressed pleasure with the monthly newsletter edited and produced by Jackie Bright. They passed a motion to continue printing the newsletter.

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"I am glad to report that my husband who is missing is dead."

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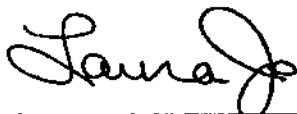
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"My husband got his project cut off two weeks ago and I haven't had any relief since."

"Please find for certain if my husband is dead. The man I am now living with can't eat or do anything until he knows."

"Unless I get my money soon I will be forced to live an immortal life."

"I am forwarding my marriage certificate and six children I have on half a sheet of paper."

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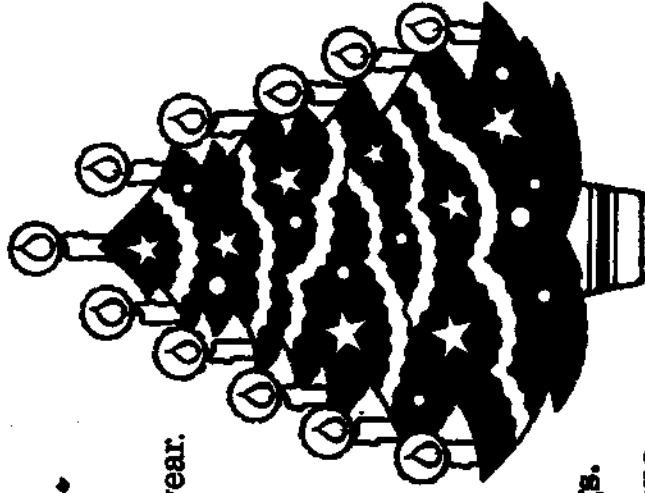
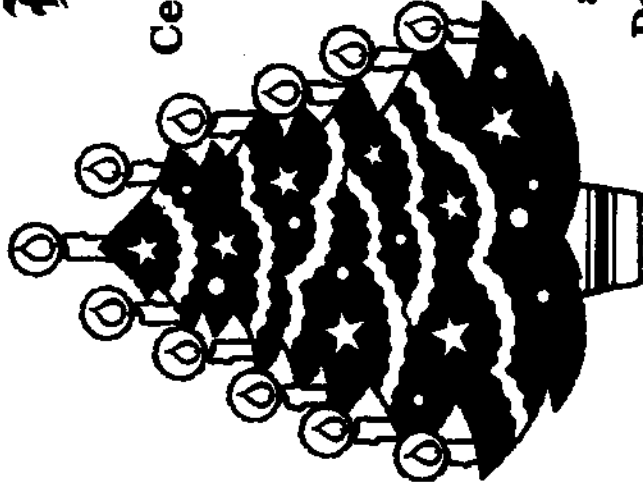
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