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Here Comes The Sun By Evan Kramer

We were greeted by our old friend the sun on New Year's Day which made for a fine day to be outdoors. I turned on the Oregon Ducks football game but as I looked out the front window couldn't help but want to get out and enjoy the weather rather than stay indoors. So Valerie and I drove over to Agate Beach Trailer Park and from there walked over to the beach with Myrtle for a little walk and beachcombing. We found several small agates. Of course I'm always searching for fishing floats, particularly the glass ones which have become rarer and rarer. More important than agates or floats, we met up with a nice group of other people also walking the beach. We happened upon Nancy and Greg and John and Tobe who were also enjoying the respite from the heavy rains and wind.

Port Orford Vision Statement

The next meeting of the Port Orford Community Response Team (CRT) is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, from 6:30 to 9:30pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center. The previous meeting of the CRT was held at the Community Building which proved uncomfortable for the group because of the noisy heaters, cement floor and hard chairs. Mary Bosch and Treva Hunter from Rural Development Initiatives, Inc. have prepared a

vision statement entitled "Vision of Port Orford in 2010" which has been distributed to participants of the last meeting. This vision statement is based on commentary from the 52 people who attended the November 28 meeting at the Community Building and was arrived at with their participation. All members were asked to fill out "snow cards" — blank index cards on which they wrote their vision of Port Orford in the year 2010. The "vision statement" is a summary of all of these snow cards. It is considered a draft and is for discussion only. It is not written in stone and can be changed. Here are several examples of visions of Port Orford 14 years from now.

"An architectural review board insures that buildings in the commercial zone are attractive."

"The business district is thriving."

"The Port Orford area is established as a center for artists and artisans working in many media."

"A new dock has opened, with additional space for development."

"The community's growth is supported by a pro-business city government."

"Garrison Lake has been restored for swimming, fishing and boating. The wetlands that make Port Orford unique are preserved and valued for aesthetics as well as flood control and drainage."

"A working gold mine has been restored as a tourist attraction."

"When visitors come to the community, they can stop in at a remodeled visitor center at Battle Rock Park."

"A new library/community center has been built, which hosts the Oregon Symphony appearances in town."

"There is a co-operative attitude among various interest groups in town, while differences among people are respected and valued."

"Port Orford has the best small public school (district) in the state, offering an excellent curriculum in high school and college degrees attainable locally, all of which bring more education opportunities for both children and adults."

The closing paragraph reads, "Port Orford 2010 is a place where all economic, social and age groups are able to live and exist side by side in an atmosphere of respect and community. There is a retirement center for assisted living, a hospital with well-educated medical practitioners, increased medical coverage for community residents, and zero-tolerance for abuse. With a clean environment and a committed community, Port Orford is a place whose reality has the capability of matching its vision."

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League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters will hold a unit meeting Friday, January 12th at 10am, at the home of Elaine Hamilton. Hamilton lives on Doug Johnson Lane, at the end of Deady Street.

Leaders of the Curry County League will be present to lead discussion of items proposed for national study by the League during 1996-98. The program will be adopted at the national convention which meets in Chicago in July. Local members will also decide whether positions of the League of Women Voters of the United States - adopted in the past after nationwide study and consensus - should be retained or dropped.

All interested local women are invited to attend. This is a good meeting for finding out about the League and how it operates.

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Internet News

by Valerie Jean Kramer

@Harborside got a whole new look on January 1 with faster access, better organization, and more pointers to more services.

One new page that got added was a Port Orford page. Dale Dearing provided me with several pamphlets touting Port Orford. From these and my own knowledge, I put together a small list of features to entice visitors and mailed the page, along with a digitized photo I'd taken on the dock, to @Harborside who put it on their system and linked to it. I hope to see it grow over time. I'd be happy to have your help in creating additions.

@Harborside has also made some changes to their rate plans. Most people in Port Orford, Gold Beach, or Bandon will want one of two basic plans:

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Microsoft has finalized version 2 of their Internet Explorer program and it can be downloaded free from their web site at www.microsoft.com. I like it! When I went to www.windows95.com I got music and animations that I don't get with Netscape. Of course, the next version of Netscape will be out soon but until then... Meanwhile, if you bought Windows 95 on floppy disk instead of CD-ROM, you can get all the extra pieces free from the Microsoft site along with some stuff from the Plus Pack.

Be sure to see our ad in this issue announcing Internet classes. We will be holding 2-hour classes on Jan. 13 & 20.

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Southwestern Oregon Community College is offering a series of five Art Therapy Workshops beginning with a Visual Arts workshop on Saturday, January 13, 1996 from 9am to 4pm at the SWOCC Chetco Center (the old library).

Participants will learn to better understand themselves, their families, and their culture through discussion and personal exploration in art media of the visual images that are in common use.

This workshop is suitable for professionals and non-professionals alike. It will offer techniques used in expressive therapy that are safe for personal use and experiences in a supportive group.

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Reduce and Reuse By Paula Cracas

Around our country about 25% of our household waste is recycled which equals about 45 million tons of materials each year. That's 160 million tons we don't recycle or about 1,300 pounds of garbage per American annually. Do you toss 1,300 pounds of garbage a year?

Trust me when I tell you, we are generating more trash every day as our population increases. Wasting precious resources and creating pollution. What are some of the ways we can reduce the volume of garbage we consign to the landfill near Roseburg where your trash and mine is hauled in 10 trucks each carrying 22.5 tons of garbage from Curry County every week?

A new *Sunset* booklet called "Use Less Stuff" is full of useful ideas to help us not create garbage in the first place and save money in the process.

Here's some facts. 40% of our garbage is product packaging and food wastes. Food scraps account for 36% of a restaurant's garbage. Smart shopping decisions can have a positive impact on garbage volume. Buy concentrated products: laundry detergents, household cleaners, and fruit juices. Don't toss that Windex bottle with the spray attachment. Buy the refill bottle and reuse the original container. Buy in bulk. Visit Coos Head Food Store the next time you are in North Bend.

They have a huge selection of bulk foods. You'll save a bundle on spices, herbs, cereals, flours (if you bake bread as I do, they have all varieties of flours), grains and nuts. In other words, try to purchase the products with the least amount of packaging and give preference to the packaging that can be recycled like glass, tin, aluminum. Plastic milk jugs and some other plastic containers can be recycled. Check with CTR to find out which ones.

Bring your own grocery bags from home. You can make nice, sturdy ones from canvas. Don't forget to recycle those produce bags. On an average shopping trip, 6 produce bags and 4 large grocery bags amount to a lot of waste. Multiply that over a year or ten. See, you can make a difference. And that's why I use the 3

R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). I believe I can make a difference.

By the way, for all the food scraps going into your garbage can, I have a solution. Seventh Generation (1-800-456-1177) sells a compact, odor-free, escape-proof worm farm made from heavy duty plastic. Worms can eat up to 5 pounds of food waste a week without mess or odor and can be stored in a closet or under a table. For \$64 you receive the bin, a turning fork, and a book titled "Worms Eat My Garbage". Seventh Generation catalog is filled with recycled products and other earth friendly goods.

"Use Less Stuff" is a limited edition but if you are interested in borrowing mine, let me know. I'll be quoting from it in the next few articles. Recycling. So simple, it works.



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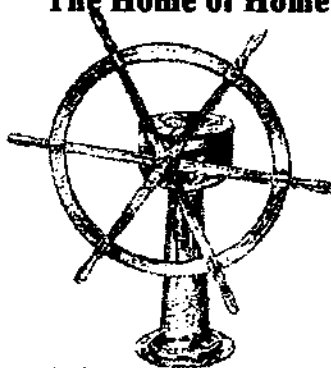
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Port Orford Plan

Area residents are shaping a plan for the community and economic development in the Port Orford area.

On Thursday, January 11, 1996, residents of Port Orford and the surrounding community will meet to review their draft vision statement and to identify the most critical issues to be addressed in the community's action plan for community and economic development. This second strategic planning meeting is scheduled for 6:30-9:30pm at the Port Orford Senior Center, 1536 Jackson in downtown Port Orford.

The Community Response Team (CRT) is comprised of residents from the greater Port Orford area. Throughout the five session planning process the CRT will focus on goals in four categories: Business Development, Quality of Life, Workforce Development and Infrastructure. During the next several months, the group will form an action plan of specific community and economic development strategies to reach the goals. All interested community members are encouraged to participate in the meetings to ensure that the plan reflects Port Orford priorities.

The meeting is part of a planning effort coordinated by Rural Development Initiative, Inc. (RDI). Rural Development Initiatives, Inc., is a state-wide, non-profit corporation which works to help Oregon communities shape the development of their future economy by providing strategic planning services, technical assistance, leadership training and access to resources, to implement local strategic plans. RDI presently works with over 40 communities throughout the state.

Open Letter to Ms. Dotti Myers

Is the article of December 27, 1995 in the Port Orford News your defense and justification for disregarding the City Council Motion mandating you to suspend bed tax committee meetings?

Can we then expect you to be the judge and jury in determining whether further motions made by the City Council are to be followed?

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What's Happening at City Hall by Dottie Meyers, City Manager

On October 24, 1995 the Transient Lodging Tax Committee met to complete their recommendation for expenditures of the Revenue generated through the Lodging Tax. Once again it was stated by a member of council the meeting was illegal. During the roll call the council had two members abstain from voting for they were not sure if it was legal. I believe the following should clarify any misunderstanding of the meeting.

Carol Cyphers, city attorney stated to the council that they could not suspend the meeting. She also followed up with a letter to that statement. Ordinance 212-90 B dictates the dates the committee shall meet. The only way council can direct the committee not to meet is by changing the ordinance.

I spoke with Sandy Arp, of LOC regarding the statement she made to a councilmember that council could by motion, postpone the committee meeting and also on the same day, disband the committee.

Sandy Arp was not informed the meetings were under the direction of the ordinance. Therefore, council cannot suspend or disband the committee without first changing the ordinance. Sandy also advised the councilmember he should seek the opinion of the city's legal counsel. This was previously done.

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Issues to be discussed at the January 8, 1996, Council Meeting:

CTR Franchise - Contract Renewal
Grease Trap Ordinance

Important Meeting dates:

January 8, 7:00pm
City Council
City Hall

January 9, 7:00pm
Planning Commission
City Hall

January 11, 6:30pm
Strategic Planning
Senior Center

January 12, 5:30pm
Town Hall Meeting w/ Peter DeFazio
City Hall

January 17, 7:00pm
Water Shed Council
City Hall

Help! Adopt a Hamster!

Help! There are four cute baby hamsters up for adoption that need good homes. There is a handling fee of \$5 per hamster with the money going for the C.H.O.I.C.E.S. reading program at Driftwood Elementary School. Contact Stephanie Stevens at 332-0243 if you're interested in adopting a hamster.

Important 2CJ Meeting Notice

The Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School District is facing a difficult problem. The Oregon Legislature has changed the formula used to distribute funds to schools. As a result, the district estimates that it will receive about \$185,000 less next year than it received this year.

To avoid this loss, the district has identified a way to receive additional funding by re-organizing the schools. The State's formula makes a "Small School Correction" to give additional funds to smaller schools. The 2CJ District qualifies in all respects except that there are more than 28 students in one grade at a single school. If the district were to have lower grade classrooms at both Driftwood and Blanco schools, it could qualify for more than enough to offset the estimated losses.

Because this is such a major change, the 2CJ School Board would like the community, especially parents of school children, to participate in this decision. The Board will hold a community meeting to explain the situation, to describe the options, and to hear public input prior to making a decision. This meeting will be held in the Pacific High School Gymnasium on Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at 7:30pm. The regular Board Meeting usually held on the second Tuesday will be postponed until January 16 at which time the Board hopes to make a decision.



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According to Mary Stansell, spokesperson for the Pistol River Concert Association, Simpson's performances always

showcase his broad knowledge of blues styles and traditions.

Born in Scunthorpe, England, Simpson is very much at home in small venues reminiscent of the English folk clubs where his career began.

Tickets are available by pre-sale for \$9 at one of the following locations: Java Java in Brookings, Soakers in Gold Beach, and Clydes' Music in Crescent City.

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Public Meetings

Port Orford Chamber of Commerce meets for the first time in 1996 at the Port and Starboard Restaurant on Monday, January 8, at noon. The board of directors will elect a slate of officers for 1996 including president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary.

Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, January 8, at 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Planning Commission meets on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Rural Fire Board meets on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00pm, at the city fire station.

Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ School District special public meeting Tuesday, January 9, at 7:30pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

1996 Summer Arts Program Last Call for Artists

The Port Orford Arts Council is accepting applications from artists interested in teaching a course during the 1996 Summer Arts Program. The program, if funded



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S.W.O.C.C. Scholarships

Southwestern Oregon Community College Foundation scholarships are now available. There is one for a two-year tuition scholarship to a Pacific High School 1995 graduate. Scholarship applications need to be postmarked by January 15, 1996. For more information contact the SWOCC Foundation Office (Tioga Hall, Room 511) or the SWOCC Financial Aid Office (Dellwood Hall) for an application. Call the college at 888-7357 or locally call Janet Pretti at either 247-2741 or 332-1325.

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Letter to the Editor,

At the City Council meeting on December 11, 1995, the Council approved the bid for engineering of the City's Water System Improvements. Unfortunately, it was not listed on the meeting agenda or mentioned in the new City column for the newspapers, so most residents aren't aware of what is happening.

The City is proceeding to plan a 1.5 million dollar project. The City water system is certainly in need of upgrading; however, the question of how it will be financed has not been adequately answered. Some grant money and some loan money may be available, and the City has some funds set aside for this project.

I am concerned that we not repeat the situation of the sewer rates where the increase in fees was supposed to be small, but in the end sewer rates increased dramatically. The time to discuss how much we are willing to spend on Water System Improvements should be now, not later. I believe it is wisest to only spend what we can afford. In any case, there will probably be an increase in operation and maintenance costs as a result of the improvements, just as there was with the sewer improvements.

To insure that the City makes a careful decision regarding future water rates, I have asked that the following be on the Council agenda for next Monday, January 8: "How will the citizens of Port Orford pay for the water system upgrade?" It is important that residents and business owners let me and the other Council members know how you feel about any future increase in water rates

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Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Jan 4	10:08am 7.6	4:17am 3.1	11:56pm 5.9	5:23pm -0.4
Fri Jan 5	10:44am 7.5	4:57am 3.1	NONE —	5:56pm -0.5
Sat Jan 6	12:32am 6.0	5:36am 3.1	11:16AM 7.5	6:29pm -0.4
Sun Jan 7	1:00am 6.1	6:15am 3.0	11:48AM 7.3	7:01pm -0.3
Mon Jan 8	1:32am 6.2	6:54am 3.0	12:23pm 7.1	7:33pm -0.1
Tue Jan 9	2:04am 6.2	7:36am 2.9	12:59pm 6.8	8:05pm 0.1
Wed Jan 10	2:35am 6.3	8:25am 2.8	1:41pm 6.4	8:41pm 0.5
Thu Jan 11	3:11am 6.5	9:17am 2.6	2:32pm 5.9	9:19pm 0.9

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Dec. 23	55	43	—
Dec. 24	57	32	—
Dec. 25	62	36	—
Dec. 26	62	36	—
Dec. 27	56	49	.75
Dec. 28	56	49	2.65
Dec. 29	56	54	1.20

Senior News

By Mary Yoder

December 30th was the 5th Saturday of December so a pot luck. It was a nice turn out and real nice food. I think people bring what they like best. Those who put it together so nicely were Mildred Welch, Leo Welch, Bobbetta Kron, Betty Harper, Kay Neal, RH and our members from Coquille - Penny and David Walkup.

On Sunday January 7th at 2pm will be the birthday party. Cake and icecream - all are invited. Those with birthdays in January are Maybelle Beith the 3rd, Marion Pickitt and Mary Yoder the 7th, Ray Dalen and Betty Gaia the 8th, Les Manning the 11th, Shirley Pipkin the 14th, Ed Ellis the 19th, Penny Randal and Lois Swanson the 23rd, Toby Dillingham the 27th, Rita Armstrong the 28th and Conrad Johnson and Dot Mathews the 30th. Happy Birthday to all.

These are all the volunteers who worked

Thursday, December 21st: Greta Carver, Betty Harper, Kay Neal, Norma Ellis, RH, Mildred and Leo Welch and Clar Stahl. Now did someone say there is nothing to do in Port Orford?

The dance December 31st turned out real great - why not? June Dennison, Lee Hyle and Art Klima put it all together. Everyone brought - I guess you call it finger food - was it ever good. Someone brought deviled eggs - my favorite. Any way the music was good to. If you missed this you missed a good time.

Pinochle January 1st. Men's high: Would you believe only one man showed up to play cards. He was low and high. Ladies high Venita Marstal and low was Judy Peacock. Some of the ladies brought nice snacks. See what you missed.

January 10th is the board meeting at 1pm.

Just a word here about the dues - it runs from July 1st 1995 to June 30th 1996. The

dues are \$3 a year. If you haven't joined you are missing some good times. Lets make 1996 even better than 1995.

A Letter to the Community

Dear Friends,

After reading the recent public letters in the local newspapers, it is obvious that confusion exists concerning SAT scores and the reporting of those scores. I personally feel and accept the responsibility of any misrepresentation of those scores and or public information related to those scores. If any school staff member or myself has misled or offended anyone, I apologize to you. It is my responsibility to provide accurate information concerning our schools. During the month of January I will prepare a report on testing in 2CJ schools.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Wold,
Superintendent

Letter to the Editor

I read City Manager Myers news release and think that it would be nice if all the facts were included.

The City Council voted to suspend the Bed Tax committee meeting until they could get a legal opinion from the City Attorney regarding whether the city was properly following the bed tax ordinance. The citizens at the meeting were told the bed tax meeting was canceled. The posted notices of the meeting were changed to inform the public that the meeting was canceled. The committee then proceeded to hold the meeting without the attendance of the public who had the right to attend.

The issue is not whether the city council acted properly. Apparently legal council has told them they didn't, not on the night of the council meeting, (and any statement in that regard does not appear on the Council meeting tape), but later. The bed

tax committee then proceeding to hold the meeting was in error because, whether rightly or wrongly, the public was notified that the meeting had been canceled. Any action taken by the Bed Tax Committee would be null and void because, effectively, the public was excluded from the meeting. The proper action should have been for the Bed Tax Committee to open the meeting and immediately adjourn it for at least 24 - hours so new notices could be posted properly as required by the Oregon Open Meetings law.

The fact that two of our council members abstained from voting because of a question of legality of the motion to suspend the Bed Tax Meetings, is not entirely correct. One of the two members that abstained from voting, did so because of a letter that he received, and felt was rather intimidating.

Walt Kaplan
Port Orford

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