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Sewage Spill in Port Orford By Evan Kramer

The City Council met on Monday night and heard from public works director Dennis Gehrke about the sewer spill. He reported that at around noon about 1,000 -2,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled out of a manhole at the corner of Hamlet and Wyoming because of a valve failure that allowed air in the system. The fire department responded with a tanker truck along with the city crew and washed the area down and applied lye where needed. Carlene Armi, a resident of the Hamlet in the spill area, spoke to the council and expressed her concerns about the lack of speed in dealing with the situation. She said three phone calls had been placed to city hall before a response from the city crew was made. A report will be prepared on the incident and the affected wetlands in the area will be closely monitored. Dennis Gehrke said he had notified D.E.Q. and the other proper agencies about the situation.

The council considered proposed ordinance #96-10 concerning the contract between the city and Curry Transfer and Recycling. Additions had been made to the ordinance since the December council meeting including inclusion of recycling bins in the city and curbside recycling. Louis Rucker, represent C.T.R., said the company would start with once a month curbside recycling. The entire 19

page ordinance was read by Mayor Delaine Kennedy after which the council voted unanimously to accept the ordinance.

The council dealt once again with the issue of dispersal of bed tax funds for 1995-96. Frank Smith took the microphone and told the council the bed tax committee had been diligent in their work and the recommendations of the committee should be approved by the council as submitted. Councilor Ralph Donaldson had some strong words about the bed tax funds. He said he had read and reread the ordinance many times recently while he was home sick and that he believed the transfer of \$10,000 of bed tax funds into the city budget was illegal. Donaldson apologized to the bed tax committee and said the Transient Lodging Tax better known as bed tax ordinance should be repealed and then rewritten this year. He read the controversial Section #24 to the council and public. Martha Weaver-Britell said the city budget takes precedence - this according to city attorney Carol Cyphers. Weaver-Britell made a motion to table the bed tax discussion until the workshop meeting so the council could study new information from Cyphers. The motion was defeated 4 - 2 with Robert Warring adding the second vote for tabling. George Kennedy then made a motion to accept the bed tax committee's recommendations. It passed 4 - 2 with Kennedy, Sparks, Donaldson

and Eskelson voting for it.

Ralph Donaldson offered a motion that city manager Dotti Myers write a letter to this year's recipients of bed tax funds telling them to make plans around possibly not having any bed tax funds next year (1996-97). It passed unanimously.

The council moved on to appointments to the Planning Commission and Parks Commission. The Mayor re-appointed Russell Ucolano and Viola Cuatt to the planning commission and chose Jim Campbell and Tom Hamilton as the two new members. She chose Siegfried Hoffman for one of the two openings on the parks commission. The other opening went unfilled. Motions were made and passed to accept the mayor's appointments.

The council discussed the city manager's annual performance review. The personal committee has evaluated all city employees. It was suggested by Robert Warring that a notice be published in the newspapers soliciting public input on the city manager's job performance and that they be in writing with the person's correct name and address affixed to the letter. Mayor Kennedy was upset and said she personally felt the subject was being made into a big deal. She said, "it's BS and you can quote me."

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Letter to the Editor

We who have the privilege of working and volunteering with Curry County Hospice truly are grateful for all the support of the community that has been given to us.

Over the holidays, we conducted our first annual Light-Up-A-Life campaign, a national hospice event. This provided an opportunity for Hospice to spread the word on our purpose, and our availability to help patients and families who are experiencing a potentially terminal illness.

The holiday time can be difficult for those who have lost a loved one, and the opportunity to "Light Up A Life", by placing a symbolic ornament on a remembrance tree, helps the process of coping and healing.

We had an overwhelming response to our campaign. Many of you accepted the

invitation to celebrate the life of a loved one who is now gone, or to acknowledge someone you admire. The Hospice benefited by receiving a substantial amount of donations, which will be kept in the county to provide care for Hospice patients, many of whom have no insurance.

A huge thank-you goes to all the businesses who assisted, as well as the many individual volunteers and donors. Thank you to the folks at the City Hall who allowed us an area to place our Remembrance Tree.

We endeavor to always provide the best possible services, realizing that Curry County Hospice is a program that we all have a part ownership in. Thank you again for all the support we have received.

Lori Kent, RN

Homecoming

On Thursday, January 11, 1996, the Senior Class will be sponsoring a penny drive to help with Homecoming. Students will be going door to door after school collecting donations. Thank you for your support.

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Thu Jan 11	3:11am 6.5	9:17am 2.6	2:32pm 5.9	9:19pm 0.9
Fri Jan 12	3:46am 6.7	10:16am 2.4	3:32pm 5.4	10:01pm 1.4
Sat Jan 13	4:29am 6.9	11:22am 1.9	4:47pm 5.0	10:53pm 1.9
Sun Jan 14	5:19am 7.1	11:49PM 2.3	6:20pm 4.9	12:31pm 1.4
Mon Jan 15	6:11am 7.5	NONE —	7:48pm 5.0	1:37pm 0.7
Tue Jan 16	7:08am 7.8	12:53am 2.7	8:58pm 5.3	2:36pm -0.1
Wed Jan 17	8:05am 8.2	2:00am 2.8	10:00pm 5.8	3:29pm -0.8
Thu Jan 18	8:59am 8.5	3:03am 2.8	10:49pm 6.2	4:20pm -1.3

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Dec. 30	55	51	.10
Dec. 31	56	40	—
Jan. 1	60	41	—
Jan. 2	57	49	.10
Jan. 3	57	40	.14
Jan. 4	53	40	.20
Jan. 5	56	49	.07

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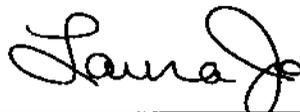
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City Receives Police Funding Grant

The council went into new business and heard from Dotti Myers about the federal grant she has secured from the Cops Universal Program, part of the Clinton Crime Bill. Myers had applied previously for the grant on behalf of the City and was turned down. She reapplied and this time hit the jackpot. The City has been awarded a three year grant of



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\$105,000 to fund one police officer for three years. The grant is for 75% financing but Myers said she is currently negotiating a waiver with the federal government to fund the grant 100%. Myers told the council the city will need to spend about \$5,000 to get the program started including buying a used vehicle for the police car. She said the grant money could only be used for personal services, not equipment. She said we already have the guns for the police officer from the city's previous police department and that they have been stored by the Curry County Sheriff's Department. Myers said there is an oral review board being formed to hear from the job applicants and among others on the panel will be Sheriff Chuck Denney and Pastor Doug Jamieson. A motion was made to pass the resolution accepting the grant and it passed unanimously. I would like to congratulate Dotti Myers for not giving up on this grant and putting in the hard work and time it took to secure it.

The council discussed guidelines for the city column in the newspapers. Robert Warring said the articles should be non-partisan and he felt Dotti's recent article was partisan. Myers volunteered to not write the articles if the council didn't

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want her to but they made a motion and unanimously voted to have her write the column.

The council had more work to do on several ordinances because of the police funding grant. However, due to the late hour they voted to continue the meeting on Monday night, January 22, at 7:00pm, in the council chambers.

Letter to the Editor,

In her excellent letter, wildlife biologist Holly Witt mentioned how more deaths occur in Oregon due to deer/car collisions, domestic dog attacks, bee stings, snake bites, etc., than as a result of cougar attacks (there have been no humans killed by cougars in Oregon). However, she omitted one incredibly appalling statistic.

According to our State Office for Services to Children and Families, in 1994 alone a record 33 innocent, helpless young children in Oregon were brutally abused to death by a parent or friend of a parent. As of Dec. 14 the number was 28. In fact, Oregon's revolting rate of children's deaths by abuse is twice the national average.

My question is, where are our priorities? Why do I see such outrage by those awaiting the day when a cougar in Oregon finally takes it's first human life, while there is such a comparatively small outcry over the truly abominable rate of children in Oregon who are literally abused to death each year! 33 in 1994. At least 28 in 1995. I ask you to think of these figures the next time you read about or hear warnings about what a great threat cougars are to Oregon's children.

Cheryl Douglass

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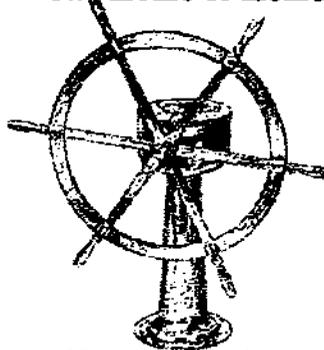
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Senior News By Mary Yoder

On Thursday, Jan. 4 the following volunteers worked: Thelma Lagace, Kay Neal, Bessie Laursen, Leo Welch and RH. Then I got to thinking - we have volunteers who do other things like answer the phone, greet people, see things are in order - some do putting up tables and arranging chairs for meetings. I saw Lucille Douglas, Marie Barington, Glorine Godfry, BJ Honauer, Nadine Vile and that's not all of them - each take turns doing their thing. Like Bessie Laurson she takes blood pressures on Jan. 16 and keeps track so you know if it goes up or down. See what I mean? I'll

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We really had a nice birthday party - real good turn out. Paul Garratt made the birthday cake - chocolate. I saw some go back for seconds. There was ice cream too. They sang happy birthday to us birthday people. You should of been there.

Those who make this so special were Paige Stalh, Claire Stalh, Bobbetta Kron, Mildred Welch and RH.

Saturday, Jan. 13 is the luncheon at 11:30am - also the rummage sale from 8am till 2pm. Sunday, Jan. 14 is the breakfast from 8am till 1:30pm - all you can eat for \$3.50 - better come.

Then on Monday, Jan. 15 pinocle - lets see some fellows out to play cards. The last couple times there have been some real nice snacks - better come and share.

Viet Nam Veterans

The Viet Nam Veterans of America are having a General Meeting on Saturday, January 10th at Sandy's Country Kitchen located in the Harbor Shopping Center in Harbor at 9am. This is a general meeting. Anyone wishing to become involved with this non profit organization are invited to attend this meeting.

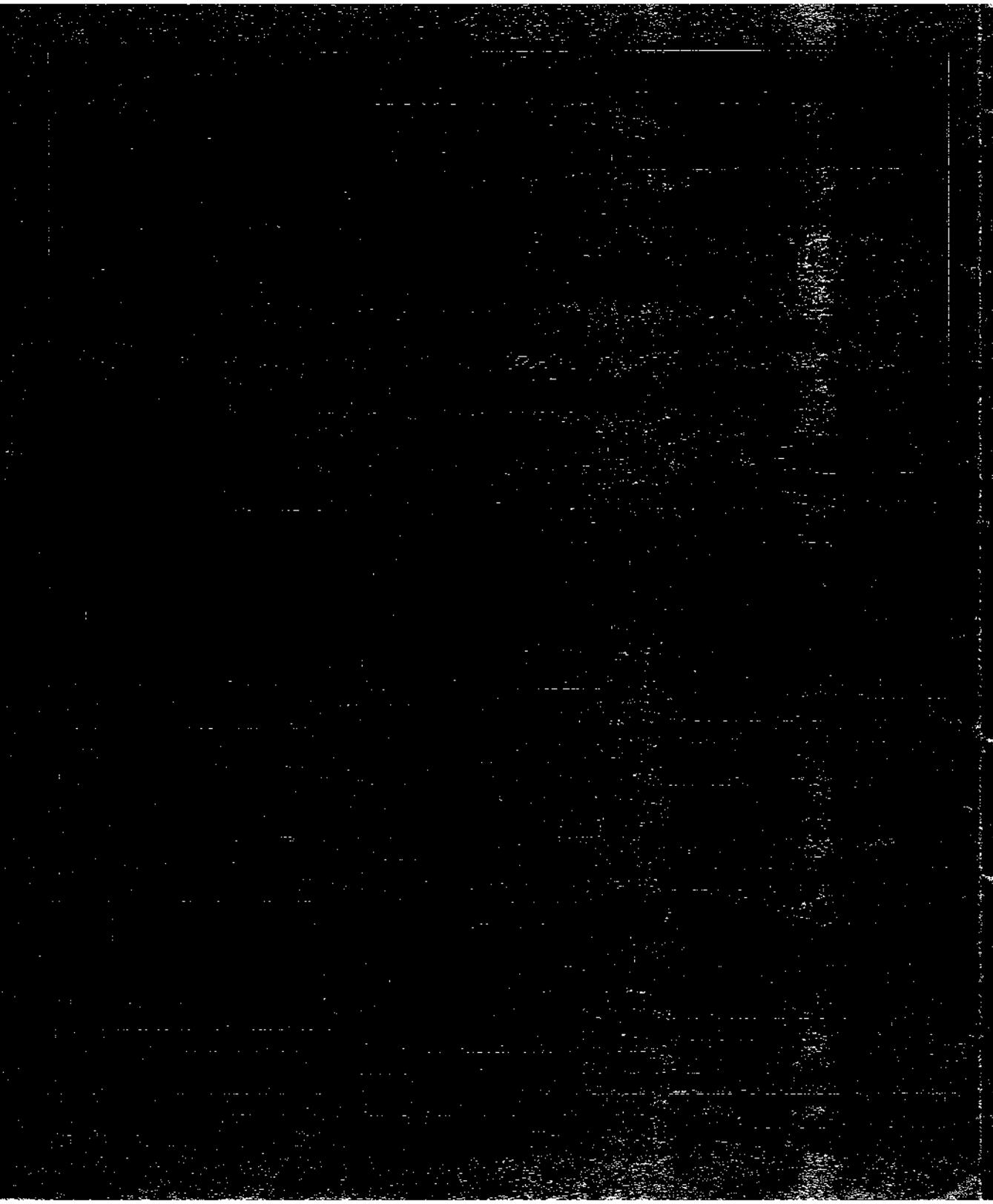
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The American Party believes that the voters would sooner listen to a discussion of substantive issues rather than watch two spoiled little boys hurling sticks and stones at each other, while arguing about which one can best misrepresent us. We consider Karen Shilling to be on the leading edge of a national movement against this type of campaign behavior.

Karen says "As I have campaigned throughout the state of Oregon, I find that as soon as a voter realizes there is a viable alternative to the millionaire lawyers and

professional politicians, they tell me that they will vote for me. They say that they are sick of the attack advertising that has dominated the Senate race for months now. They look to anyone who can provide a rational discussion of issues that face real people. Every report from the man-on-the-street has shown that voters desperately want this campaign to focus on issues."

Karen Shilling will visit Port Orford to meet with concerned citizens and discuss issues this Thu., Jan. 11 at 7pm at the Port & Starboard restaurant, Madrone at Hwy 101. The press is invited to attend, we will be available for interviews just before the event, at 6:30pm.

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For more information, please call Donna Smith at 332-1300 or Luana Berens, LCSW, at Curry County Home Health/Hospice at 247-7084, 469-0405, or 1-800-535-9472.



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DeFazio Town Hall Meeting

Congressman Peter DeFazio is holding a town hall meeting in Port Orford on Friday, January 12, from 5:30 - 6:30pm, in the city hall council chambers. He will hold a town hall meeting in Bandon on Saturday, January 13, from noon to 1:00pm, at the VFW Hall on Bates Road, off Highway 42.

DeFazio represents the 4th Congressional District. He was first elected to Congress

in 1986. He ran against Ron Wyden in the recent Democratic primary to fill the Senate seat vacated by Bob Packwood and was narrowly defeated.

DeFazio serves on the House Resources Committee. He is the ranking Democrat on the Water and Power Subcommittee.

DeFazio will address his balanced budget plan among other topics.

NCFCC News

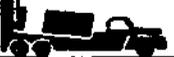
The North Curry Family and Children's Center sponsored a Skate Day on Dec. 29th at the Sixes Grange last month. Seventeen youth had a lot of fun for the two hours, we hope to do it again this month and encourage more skater's to come, we'll keep you posted.

I would like to thank Mary Ann Puhl who did a wonderful job running the Cub Scout's concessions and Al Louis, owner of Buck's Sentry for letting the Scouts borrow the popcorn machine with all the supplies. Thank-you very much!

It was great to have the parents participate and bring their children, which is why we were there for their fun and enjoyment.

Please call Maureen Wayne at NCFCC, 332-1042 with any comments or suggestions you may have for future activities that you would like to see happen in the community.

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and concern the implementation of this service.

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I am most concerned, however, with the imposition on "normal" taxpayers of twice the connection fee charged to the "privileged" families currently having students enrolled in the schools.

The taxpayers who already underwrite the expenses for these students and their families, including their schools' Internet access, are now facing another expense and are being called upon to also pay for the lion's share of their home based Internet connectivity.

EDS, SCAN, the schools and the services they render must be equally open to all taxpayers. There must not be a separate fee structure with those not encumbering the schools having to pay double the amount paid by those benefiting from the free education. I am calling for the taxpayers to join me in demanding that SCAN and ESD cease their discrimination of student-less taxpayers. All of us must share equally in the expenses for the provided services we desire.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Lustig

Letter to the Editor,

There is a line from a song in the Disney Movie "Cinderella" that I often sing to myself. "Go up and do the attic and go down and do the cellar, you can do 'em both together Cinderella."

There are times in my life when I want things as contradictory and impossible as in that song. Such occasions are all the more natural when people have different

and opposing interests. As we form our "Visions of Port Orford", upon which we will set the goals for the future of our city, let us remember that some things are mutually exclusive. It will be challenge enough to keep the small, uncrowded town that attracted us here in the first place and at the same time provide adequate services and jobs. What we will never be able to do is to have all the conveniences and services of a big city without ruining what we have. Many of us are escapees from areas that were once desirable places to live but "progressed" to become miserable for the residents.

Some of the things we want are incompatible with one another. We can have a lot, but we can't have it all.

Elaine Hamilton

School Reorganization Meeting

The 2CJ School District held a very well-attended public meeting Jan. 9 to get public input on plans to switch from having grades 1-3 at Driftwood and 4-8 at Blanco to one of several possible plans including 1-8 at both schools.

Because of changes by the state legislature, our district will have \$185,000 less next year unless action is taken. If changes are made, however, we could change this loss into a \$186,000 gain instead.

Prior to Measure 5, most school funding came from local property taxes. As the effects of Measure 5 have been phased in, less money comes from property taxes and the bulk of our schools' funds now comes from the state's general fund.

The state uses a complicated formula to compute how much money to give each school. The formula is based on the number of students attending but is modified to give more money to schools with students who don't speak English well (ESL), are handicapped, are pregnant or parenting, etc. The formula also gives more money to districts with "small schools." Until the last legislature, our

district has qualified for this "small school correction." The new law makes three requirements for a school building to qualify.

1) the nearest school building having the same grade(s) must be at least 8 miles away. (Driftwood and Blanco are 13 miles apart.)

2) The school building may have no more than 224 students total.

3) The school building may have no more than an average of 28 students in each grade. (Driftwood, with grades 1-3, could have no more than $3 \times 28 = 84$ students while Blanco with grades 4-8 could have no more than $5 \times 28 = 140$ students)

As presently configured, we will not qualify for the correction factor but if we split the grades across the two sites, we can qualify and thus avoid serious financial problems. Three plans were shown as examples. Until shortly before the meeting the district mistakenly understood that *each grade* had to have less than 28 students for the building to qualify. Tuesday afternoon, the district was advised that we need only have less than *an average* of 28 students per grade in the building. Because of this, the figures presented for two of the examples were incorrect.

In all three examples, Blanco would offer grades 1-8. If Driftwood also has grades 1-8, both schools qualify and we get the maximum funding giving \$186,000 more than this year for teachers, programs, and to provide better education.

In other examples Driftwood would have grades 1-5 or 1-6. More grades at Driftwood = more money. More money, assuming it is spent wisely, means better education which is, after all, the main purpose of the schools.

While any of these plans will help now, the legislature could change the rules next year. If so, we hope its more in our favor. If you would like to know more, call the district office at 348-2337.

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now in stock

We just received the new Inquest Magazine and, finally, we have green beads (for thalids.)

We are trying to get our single Magic cards set up so you can look thru them and buy what you need. We have some now but plan to keep working on this project as time permits.