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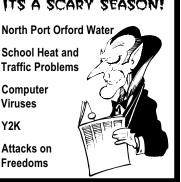
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Council Does Their Homework By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council met Monday night and began in executive session. They went into special session and discussed the Mutual Agree-

ment and Order with DEQ regarding the wastewater drain field. Interim city administrator Martha Weaver-Britell said the City was out of compliance with two items in the DEO agreement. She said the worst case scenario would be if the geotechnical work at Agate Beach didn't get done until September-October of 2000. She said Ron Bush of Tetrotech, the company which will do the geotechnical report, said the best time to do the ocean survey would be August-November, Councilor Nathaniel Wander made a motion that the council direct the city administrator to revise the scheduled dates and present the revised schedule to DEO and that she include a paragraph explaining the reasoning for the request and also request DEQ renegotiate the MAO with the City. The motion passed 5-0.

The council took no action on the September 9 letter from Ruben Kretzschmar of DEQ. Martha will clarify the letter with DEO. She was directed to send a thank you letter to Camille Mouchawar for the letter he sent to the City regarding access to his Agate Beach property. The City is seeking access to his property at Agate Beach if it needs to open the lake this fall or winter.

The council convened their regular meeting. Mayor Gary Doran spoke about the City being proud of the Oregon EMS award recently given to Diana Bussmann.

Martha Weaver-Britell gave a brief public works report in the absence of Jerry McNurlin. She said the water treatment plant in Buffington Park was scheduled to be complete in a month. She said the two entry signs to town are now complete and that ODOT says the Wayfinder signs should be complete in a couple of months.

Mayor Doran read the fire department report and then councilor Jane Cramer remarked that the council should answer the Rural Fire District's letter to the city concerning the Rural District contracting with the City to provide fire protection to the City. She asked this be an action item on next month's agenda. Cramer asked that the Rural Fire District board provide a list of all their equipment and answer how the resources will be allocated. She also asked the City provide a list of resources and asked for an explanation of how fire insurance rates are determined. She asked that a qualified individual analyze the reports.

Councilor Cramer asked that a letter of thanks be sent to State Parks for their work on behalf of the historical sign at Battle Rock Park.

Al Affonso spoke under citizen's concerns and addressed the council about the water/waste water fund accounts. He said the City needs to look at the different water / wastewater bookkeeping accounts. He said some accounts need more auditing. Affonso suggested the city administrator provide the council with quarterly reports of the different accounts. Affonso said some accounts may be getting fatter than they need to be. Councilor Cramer asked this be an action item on the November agenda.

Mayor Doran recommended the appointment of Police Chief Bill Rush, Fire Chief George Gehrke, Public Works Director McNurlin, Councilor Jim Campbell, Jay Stoler, Lynda Foster, Gayle Wilcox and Al Luis to the Emergency Planning Committee. The council approved Councilor unanimously Cramer's motion to accept the Mayor's recommendations.

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Mon Oct 18	1:04a	1.3	8:14a	5.6	1:34p	4.0	7:02p	5.8	7:33a	6:32p	3:40p	1:27a	
Tue Oct 19	2:04a	1.2	9:01a	6.0	2:38p	3.5	8:14p	6.0	7:34a	6:30p	4:15p	2:26a	
Wed Oct 20	2:56a	1.1	9:39a	6.4	3:30p	2.8	9:16p	6.3	7:36a	6:28p	4:48p	3:28a	
Thu Oct 21	3:42a	1.0	10:14a	6.8	4:15p	2.0	10:10p	6.6	7:37a	6:27p	5:19p	4:32a	

Council Does Their Homework Continued from Front Cover

Police Chief Rush discussed the situation with the pens for keeping stray dogs. He showed the council photos of what the pens will look like and said they need to be located in an area away from people because the dogs will bark all night. Rush recommended the City allow the pens to be built, which will be constructed at county expense. Rush said the pens are for dogs the police department picks up that are loose or causing a problem. They will then be picked up the next day by the county animal control officer and taken to Gold Beach. Jack Pruitt spoke and said the issue of loose dogs was a big over reaction. Mayor Doran said it was a big problem and gave an example where a loose dog threatened him and his family. Pruitt recommended spending the money towards spaying/neutering dogs. The council took no action but Councilor Nathaniel Wander asked this be an action item on the November agenda.

The council discussed the cost of towing impounded vehicles with Chief Rush. A certified towing company charges the city \$75.00 to tow a vehicle. A problem has developed in that the City only gets their \$75.00 back if the owner reclaims the car. The council believed the City was not going to be out money because of this ordinance. Councilor Norm Leeling suggested the council revisit the ordinance for towing vehicles.

Councilor Cramer asked Chief Rush how the lack of AIRS/LEDS (computer systems) is affecting the City. Rush responded that it really affects the municipal court and that it hampers the judge basing his decisions on past driving records. Rush said he can operate without AIRS/LEDS but it causes a lack of efficiency and access to criminal and driving records.

The council considered the water/wastewater committee report submitted by Ernie Gordon. Mayor Doran said the recommendations of the committee had been erroneously included in the September 28 motion to submit the application for the 1999 Community Development Block Grant. Councilor Wander said he had made the original motion to form the committee and define their work. He said their actions were not based on the motion the council passed. Committee member Al Affonso disagreed with Wander and said he had reviewed the minutes of the meeting and the motion was to discuss rates for the wastewater outfall. Councilor Ralph Donaldson made a motion that the council adopt the funding recommendations of the water/wastewater committee with a flat rate of not more than \$4.40 per month. The motion passed

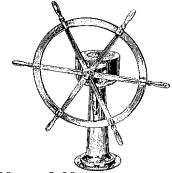
Councilor Cramer said the 150th anniversary of the founding of Port Orford was coming up in June 2001. She made a motion for the city administrator to ad-

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vertise for a committee to plan for 150-year celebration and present their plans to the council for the celebration. She emphasized the importance of holding this celebration for people living here and who formerly lived here. The motion carried 4-1.

The city has scheduled the first interview of a candidate for the job of city administrator on Friday, October 15, at 10:00am. Councilor Campbell noted that since the council had chosen their top five finalists several more job applications have been received. He noted that at least one of the new candidates really interested him. Councilor Leeling recommended the council convene an executive and special session to evaluate the additional candidates. This session was set for Wednesday, October 13, at 10:00am. The search for a "permanent" city administrator continues though councilor Donaldson noted that "we're not hard pressed and things are going along good".

The following is a letter from the Department of Environmental Quality to the City of Port Orford dated September

9, 1999 regarding the Mutual Agreement and Order (MAO) about the wastewater drain field

Dear Mayor Doran:

On June 22, 1999, Johnny D. Alexander, City Administrator, informed the Department that the City of Port Orford will not meet Paragraph 7, Section A, items 4 and 5 of the Mutual Agreement and Order (MAO) #WQ/M-WR-98-030. Item 4 requires submittal of engineering plans and specification by March 30, 1999. Item 5 requires completion of local funding arrangements by April 30, 1999.

Therefore, in accordance with Paragraph 7, Section B, I am requesting the City cease allowing new connections to the sewage collection system until completion of this project.

The Department is also reviewing Section E covering violation of the compliance schedule, but no decision has been reached at this time.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this action letter or the MAO

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Ruben Kretzschmar, Natural Resource Specialist Department of Environmental Quality

Paragraph 7, Section B

Requiring Permittee, should Permittee fail to comply with the above schedule, to cease allowing new connections to Permittee's sewage collection system upon written direction of the Department.

Wetland Trail

Planning for the first stage of the Port Orford Central Wetlands Trail interpretive site will begin soon, with construction scheduled for 2000. The project, which will provide interpretive signs and a boardwalk into a small area of the City owned wetlands between 16th and 17th streets, is funded primarily with Federal Highway Administration - Pacific Coast Scenic Byway money. Only contractors who are pre-qualified for federal contracts with ODOT will be eligible to bid on the construction project. Anyone interested in information about obtaining pre-approval should contact Ken Norton of ODOT at 541-957-3510.

Gladys Ponting

Gladys Ponting (alias Molly Malone) born May 5, 1910 passed away October 12, 1999. Friends and family will gather at the Port Orford Senior Center for a potluck on October 14 at 5:00pm.



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Langlois has 40MPH signs on the north

and south ends of the village. The distance between these two signs is just a mere eight-tenths of a mile and threetenths of a mile that is designated School Zone. So far this year there has been a conspicuous absence of any Curry County Deputy Sheriff's cars to monitor the school zone traffic. The parents of Langlois and Port Orford pay the same taxes as the people who live in Gold Beach and Brookings.

I have no ax to grind with the current Curry County Sheriff's administration. However I can not stand idly by while children are in real danger when that danger could be lessened or prevented. Anyone who has the ability or power to help curb the current traffic problems that are potentially lethal is just as guilty as the driver that runs down a child, if he doesn't use that power to protect our children. The finger pointing and blame for such an incident that always follows would fall directly on the Curry County Sheriff's Administration. Not on a misdirected

deputy or a deputy that may be working with no instructions for the Langlois school zones. No step is too great when children are at stake, especially when that step only requires a little of our time. Send a letter or call the Sheriff and let him know how you feel about your children or the community's children being in jeopardy when they go to or from school. Our children are our future and anyone of them is capable of doing great deeds for humanity. Let's not let that one become a traffic statistic. Make your feelings known.

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tic systems will have on the quality of the acquifer.

If you would like to express your feelings on this proposed subdivision all written material must be received by 5:00pm on October 22, 1999. This material must be submitted or mailed to: Curry County Planning Department, PO Box 746, (94235 Moore Street), Gold Beach, OR 97444.

Vocal comments may be expressed at the November 4 Curry County Planning Commission meeting at 7:00pm. This will be held at the Courthouse Annex Lower Level Conference room located at 94235 Moore Street in Gold Beach.

This subdivision will benefit few but could do harm to many. If your well slows down or stops, you personally will be responsible to fix the problem, as no one else will be held liable if this subdivision is approved. More detailed information is available at the Port Orford City Library.

Michael Myers

Spaghetti Feed

The Driftwood Elementary School Booster Club is holding a spaghetti feed fundraiser on Thursday night, October 14, from 6:00-7:00pm in the school cafeteria. Admission to the spaghetti fee is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 and under. The money is being raised for new school playground equipment. Remember to bring your Campbell's soup labels for Driftwood School!

The spaghetti feed will be followed by a school open house from 7:00-8:00pm. In addition you can learn about Oregon's school standards and benchmarks from speakers from the Department of Education. They will be in the school library from 7:00-7:30pm.



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Happy Balance By Graeme Graydon



A friend asked me about the importance of balance in my life. Depends on how you look at it. If balance means living in a way that is neither too

much or too little, not too hot, not too cold, a sort of even road that keeps one out of trouble – I wouldn't want to live there. Sounds like boredom. Being caught in the same old wheel tracks. Balance on my terms looks more like a juggling act. If I work too hard for too long, balance has to be made – there's got to be a playtime. The trick is to actually notice that the pendulum is swinging way too far and needs to return. Especially in a close relationship. I have to watch how much time I give, how much I take, how much I receive and how much I offer back. Keeping balance means constant decisions. What do you do if one really wants to walk on the beach and the other really wants to go to a movie? Do you both go to the movie leaving one a little pissy because he really wanted to walk or do you agree to do what you want separately and then come back together, missing each other and happier for it? You won't know till you give it a try.

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become very important to me. I call it letting Me be me. I was committed in a close friendship when I felt the need to be alone for a while. My old black van was set up as a camper and one night in the middle of a snow storm I set off from Sam's Valley, (North of Medford), for the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island. For 2 weeks I camped, damply, near the beach, rain, snow, storm and freeze - and played like a child. I did everything and anything in the moment I thought of it. I gave myself freedom that I could never have in the best of relationships. When I returned I found greater appreciation of my friend. Since then I have made solo journeys many times - each time my relationship felt fresh and renewed again. I had made space to be with Me and I brought that back with me.

Sometimes it takes a long time to notice an imbalance. I met a scientist who realized at the end of his career that he had an awesome balancing to achieve. As a plant geneticist he had developed corn for years, improving its commercial qualities. After retiring he became aware that he had never, not once, considered protecting, let alone improving the nutritional values of his seeds, which is what food is all about. He returned to research and devoted his efforts to just that.

The benefit of a different kind of balance was shown in a weight control experiment with a large group of women. At the end of a year those who had followed a strict diet for 6 days and then ate anything

they wanted on the 7th day lost a lot more weight that those who tried to keep the same strict diet for 7 days per week. Those who could cheat happily had a better balance than those who found guilt and failure in their cheating.

Sometimes improving balance calls for outrageous behavior. There was a retired vicar who enjoyed golfing with a friend, who unhappily, had the habit of cussing whenever his shots went astray. Balance was achieved when the dear old vicar sliced a drive and stepping out of character let forth with some choice profanities of his own. His startled friend protested, "You can't say things like that." The vicar smiled a little smile but made no reply. There was no more cussing from that day on.

It looks as if making balance has a lot to do with choosing happiness. I'd say that's important.

Flycatching Gulls

Port Orford residents were treated to the sight of hundreds of Western Gulls flying in the sky above Driftwood Elementary School on Monday morning. By Tuesday morning they had migrated over to Garrison Lake, around Pinehurst and Lakeshore. According to bird watcher Mike Patterson the gulls are feasting on "a pretty good termite hatch."

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As an organization of crime victims, we have looked long and hard at the "rights" we would supposedly gain, but we are hard-pressed to see how any of this helps us.

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Measure 69 would give government prosecutors the power to decide who is a victim and who is not. In some cases, the prosecutor could decide the state is the victim. Measure 69 says a defendant can never be a victim, even in cases of rape, domestic violence or incest. Adding insult to injury, crime victims would have no recourse if the rights they supposedly gain under this measure were violated by the government, because the measure is expressly unenforceable by law.

Measure 70 would turn part of our Bill of Rights on it's head, giving government prosecutors the right to demand a jury trial over the objections of both crime victims and the accused. Our constitution guarantees people the right to a jury of their peers. It doesn't say that rape and incest victims who may want to avoid testifying in court, or who may want to avoid trial altogether, should be forced into court by the government.

Measure 71 would violate the sacred maxim: "Innocent until proven guilty." For certain crimes, this measure would allow people to be jailed for months at a time based on the accusation alone, before they've even had a chance to defend themselves at trial. The police don't always arrest the right person, but this measure would treat the accused as guilty until proven innocent.

Measure 72 would greatly increase the chance that innocent people will be convicted of murder. Only the state of Louisiana allows convictions for murder on less than a unanimous verdict. Our Bill of Rights ensures that people will not be convicted of murder on anything less than "guilt beyond a reasonable doubt." This measure is inconsistent with that necessarily exacting standard.

Measure 73 would grant government prosecutors one of the powers abused by Kenneth Starr. This measure would violate the right against self-incrimination by giving prosecutors the power to force people to testify against themselves and the right to prosecute them. It's the power Starr used to place Susan McDougal in jail when she refused to give Starr the answers he sought in his Whitewater investigation.

Measure 74 takes power away from voters and the Legislature to decide sentencing issues. It also takes power away from judges to set sentences that fit the crime, giving that power instead to prosecutors. Measure 74 would strip corrections officials of the right to consider alternative sanctions such as work release and home detention, while costing taxpayers millions for the added incarceration and prison costs.

Measure 75 says that people convicted of certain undefined misdemeanors would not be allowed to serve on juries. With a potential cost running into the millions, it could disallow jury service for something as minor as fishing without a license. And this measure will require government background checks of everyone called for jury duty to ensure that people convicted of misdemeanors are eliminated from the jury pool.



Board Orders Boiler

It has been cold at Driftwood Elementary School but the Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ School board has ordered a new boiler for the school. The boiler was repaired at the beginning of summer. It was inspected in August and it did not pass the test that was performed on it. The School District decided to buy a new boiler rather than do any more repairs on the old one. The boiler runs on diesel fuel and the one currently at the school is estimated to be 50 years old. It produces steam heat, which is circulated throughout the building.

The school board put out a bid for the replacement boiler and the contract was

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In the meantime the school is using two large electric heaters with blowers as a temporary solution which they installed on Friday. Each one puts out 15,000 kilowatts and they are located at opposite ends of the main hallway. They electric heaters weren't getting much of a workout on Monday afternnon because of our unusually warm, calm weather.

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Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School District Board of Education meet on Tuesday, October 19, 8:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

The Port Orford Watershed Council meets on Wednesday, October 20, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers. Dan Cary from Shapiro and Associates will be here to discuss the subject and content of the signs for the Wetland Interpretive Center on Highway 101.

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October 9, 2:30am: Agency assist to Mental Health by assisting client in residence.

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Gun Club News By Bill Oleson

The absence of club members processing their cranberry fields, hunting migratory birds or deer and preparing for the coming crab season left the rest of us to keep the trap club going.

George Millen, Coos Bay, won the 16 yard singles competition with a 49/50 score. Runner-ups with identical scores of 47/50 were Don Brewer, Gold Beach; Corky Brewer, Brookings; Ed Henderson, Bandon; Scott Wurster and Bill Oleson, Port Orford.

The 50 target handicap program was won by Ron Johnson, president of the Bandon Gun Club. George Millen and Scott Wurster tied for runner-up honors. For the first time in months, we shot targets without wind on a clear, sunny day.

Those interested in preparing for our Turkey Shoot, Nov. 14, can come out and practice Wed. afternoons at 4:00pm or on the 4th Sunday of this month.

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Savoy Theater Opens By Evan Kramer

The most exciting news of the week is that the Savoy Theater is now open in Port Orford. I don't know how many times people had asked me the question when is the movie theater going to open but it was a lot. The new owners of the Savoy have been working on it since May of 1998 and the wait has been worth it!

The movie theater has been given a new lease on life. Owners Chris and Phil Shoaf and Chris's brother Ron Speed have presented Port Orford with a state of the art movie theater to welcome in the new century.

The Savoy Theater boasts 18 new speakers and modern projection equipment. I got a chance to see the projection equipment and things have changed from the projector days. The movies are now fed to the projection equipment on large platters. Ron Speed told me the theater now has 180 seats and I can tell you from my experience they're very comfortable. Some of the seats are 22" wide and all the seats are staggered so the person sitting in front of you does not block the view of the screen. The theatergoer is greeted by a

brand new snack counter made of glass brick when they enter.

People's reaction to the Savoy Theater has been overwhelmingly positive. I was talking to city councilor Ralph Donaldson who attended the Saturday matinee performance of Stars Wars The Phantom Menace. He was so enthusiastic he wanted the city council to pass a resolution of praise and support for the theater.

The Savoy Theater has given young people a place to go to in Port Orford. I was noticing after the matinee Valerie and I attended that a group of them were hanging out in front of the theater and was glad to see it. Couples of all ages now have a different kind of place to go out on a date. One of the rites of passage growing up is the theater or theaters you attended matinees at as a child. For me it was the Picfair and Stadium theaters on Pico Boulevard in Los Angeles. For Port Orford youngsters it will be the Savoy Theater just as it was the Star or Colonial Theater for their parents.

Port Orford now has something many towns our size and even larger don't have. Cities like Bandon, Gold Beach. Coquille, Myrtle Point and Reedsport no

longer have movie theaters. Coos Bay and North Bend have movie theaters but I'll go out on a limb here and say that the Savoy Theater is a far superior movie going experience than what you'll find in the "Bay Area." The reason is because the Savoy Theater is a labor of love. You also don't have to drive 100 miles round trip anymore to see a movie in a theater.

This week's feature attraction is Blue Streak starring Martin Lawrence.

Letter to the Editor,

Recently the League of Women Voters conducted another of their well-attended forum nights. The topic of discussion was to be measure 08/28 - a Curry County initiative.

All those attending were given a slip of paper stating the wording of the initiative and a card for submitting a question to the forum participants. Rules were reviewed and then opening statements were made followed by a question and answer section.

It soon became evident that the debater against the initiative had an entirely different interpretation of the initiative than most citizens residing in the county. We were told that the initiative has nothing to do with the canopy project, but yet everyone who signed the petition for this initiative was well aware of what sparked its creation. Yes, the wording, courtesy of a circuit court judge who penned the final version, is a bit puzzling, but not unusual. Many people of long residence here have stated that initiatives often seem worded to confuse.

At any rate this is what we have to work with like it or not. The initiative solely relates to the canopy project and will require a YES vote to send the message loud and clear that Curry County does not want this project here.

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