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### No Emergency Permit By Evan Kramer



The stage was set for Monday night's council meeting when, after the executive board meeting, city attorney Randall Tosh told them you can only open

the lake in a non-negligent manner.

The regular meeting began with a presentation by city auditor Rob Wall who passed out a preliminary management report to the council. He told them the regular financial audit was nearly completed but more work was needed with the federal grant portions. Councilor Nathaniel Wander asked Wall if the city could reduce the number of accounting funds. Wall said yes and explained it would be simpler with fewer funds.

Councilor Wander made a motion that the public works superintendent hire a temporary worker for his department, at minimum wage, to serve until the personnel committee comes up with a long term solution. The motion carried 6-0.

The council considered the planning commission report from city planning director Chuck Nordstrom. Councilor Norm Leeling had several questions about the Mouchawar development at Agate Beach and extension of the condi-

tional among them when California Street would be brought up to city standards and what constituted substantial construction. Councilor Wander offered a motion that "the Council deems that in receiving the Planning Commission report tonight it has been officially notified of the decision of the Planning Commission on the Mouchawar conditional use permit and wishes to consider the possibility of hearing an appeal on a timely and legal basis." The motion passed unanimously.

The council added "lake level" to the agenda under old business. Bob Houck, a resident on Lakeshore Drive, spoke first. He asked the council who set up the rule that city infrastructure is more important than private property. He asked the council if a permit to open Garrison Lake had been filed and was told by acting city administrator Martha Weaver-Britell no. Houck told the council he has three inches of water in the recreation room of his house and he had seen other examples of damage to people's homes. He told the council, "It's criminal!" and urged them to step down and let somebody else come in and do something.

Mayor Gary Doran told the council and public that he had been on the phone a lot and suggested the city invites the state agency people here for a meeting. He

called Garrison Lake a state body of water. Councilor Jim Campbell said he wanted to open the lake up. Public works director Alan Wagner said at 4:20pm on Monday afternoon he had taken some measurements at Agate Beach and the lake would need to rise 20 inches to breach.

Councilor Campbell made a motion that the City apply for an emergency permit to open the lake if we see fit to open it. Councilor Wander speaking about the responsibility for opening the lake questioned what damages are done by opening the lake versus not opening the lake. He said the city should not be the responsible party opening the lake. Councilor Ralph Donaldson said the City needs written permission from Agate Beach property owner Camille Mouchawar to cross his property and open the lake. Councilor Leeling said he was concerned about placing the city with legal liability if they open the lake. Councilor Robert Warring said doing nothing was the safest thing for the City. The council then voted on the Campbell motion with Campbell and Donaldson voting yes and councilor Jane Cramer, Leeling, Wander and Warring voting no defeating it.

County Emergency Services director Pete DeRusso told the council the County

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Date	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Sun		Moon			
									Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Phase	
Thu	Jan 13, 2000	4:30a	7.0	10:38a	3.1	4:09p	5.8	10:23p	1.7	7:45a	5:07p	11:50a	12:15a	
Fri	Jan 14, 2000	5:14a	7.3	11:49a	2.5	5:30p	5.4	11:15p	2.3	7:44a	5:08p	12:20p	1:19a	1Q
Sat	Jan 15, 2000	6:02a	7.6	12:58p	1.7	7:00p	5.3			7:44a	5:10p	12:53p	2:26a	
Sun	Jan 16, 2000	12:15a	2.9	6:53a	8.0	2:02p	0.8	8:24p	5.5	7:43a	5:11p	1:30p	3:35a	
Mon	Jan 17, 2000	1:20a	3.3	7:46a	8.4	3:00p	-0.1	9:34p	5.9	7:43a	5:12p	2:13p	4:43a	
Tue	Jan 18, 2000	2:25a	3.5	8:39a	8.7	3:52p	-0.9	10:32p	6.3	7:42a	5:13p	3:05p	5:50a	
Wed	Jan 19, 2000	3:26a	3.5	9:32a	9.1	4:42p	-1.5	11:23p	6.7	7:41a	5:14p	4:08p	6:52a	
Thu	Jan 20, 2000	4:23a	3.3	10:24a	9.2	5:30p	-1.8			7:41a	5:16p	5:13p	7:46a	FM

**Senior News**  
**By Mary Yoder**

Well let's see January 6 Thursday was Rotary luncheon. Here are the volunteers who worked - Lorraine Hass, Bessie Laursen, Greta Carver, Mary Evans, Owen Miller. Now they all do everything - at times cooking, serving dishes, etc. It has to be done and they do it. Bless you all.

Have you noticed Christmas decorations are gone? I heard it was Bessie Laursen and Betty Berger who took it all down - quite a job.

January 8 was luncheon and birthday party. Volunteers working were Mary Evans, Betty Berger, Verna Pretti, Ellis and yes his wife Camellia Zimmerman, Harold Pace, Pauline Lenox at the money table. I was told all helped setting up the dining tables. Then it was Bessie Laursen who made the very special birthday cake. Thank you one and all for a nice birthday.

Rummage sale workers were Kay Neal, Peggy Roberson, Bessie Laursen - also had Penny Walkup, David Walkup and Tom Kehne doing dishes. Those three all came from Coquille.

January 9 8:00am till 1:00pm breakfast. Volunteers were Greta Carver, June Dennison, Betty Harper, Betty Berger, Harold Pace, Jane Black, Lu Tubbs, Bessie Laursen and two fourth graders Ashley Wilson and Megan Loshbaugh - wasn't that nice. Pauline Lenox took care of the money table. Rummage sale Kay Neal and helper Bessie Laursen.

January 11 is board meeting. More about it next week.

January 14 Friday bingo will be at Langlois at 6:30pm. It's for a good cause and it's fun. Come join your friends.

January 17 is pinochle at 7:00pm.

January 17 the Center will be open 9:30am to 3:30pm. That's Monday.

Do you wish the world were better?

Let me tell you what to do  
 Set a watch upon your actions  
 Keep them always straight and true

Rid your mind of selfish motives  
 Let your thoughts be clean and high  
 You can make a little Eden  
 Of the sphere you occupy.

**League of Women Voters**

Port Orford unit, League of Women Voters of Curry County, will meet Friday, January 14, at 10am at the home of Dot Mathews, Doug Johnson Lane at the end of Deady Street. Topic will be program planning at the local and national levels of the League for the coming year.

The League of Women Voters welcomes women and men citizens of voting age who are interested in promoting good government and citizen participation. For further information, call 332-9002 or 332-2160.

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### 01/01/00 - Hindsight Graeme Graydon



Seven months ago, I was asked what I would be doing Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2000. My first response back then was that I would laugh and laugh. I should have known better because there was no way that I could guess at what became my experience of that day. Prophets don't have an easy job, even the best of them, stuff happens, people change their minds and everything gets re-arranged - which is a very good thing. My favorite prophesy is hidden away in an old letter to the Corinthians - "where there be prophecies, they shall fail." So I have to correct my shot at Y2K and tell what really happened to me.

In the last days of December, I left the Coast to go into a Spiritual Retreat in the mountains with over a hundred friends and companions of time, a New Years event that I have attended off and on for 12 years. The day-to-day life on the Outside was quickly forgotten in the simple regimen that invited me to start my day at 4:15 am with meditation followed by

other practices including Yoga. My favorite part of Yoga comes at the end - it has a Sanskrit name - Shivasana. I don't know what it means but it is done lying on the carpet, snug in a blanket, lost in total relaxation for 20 minutes - to integrate what went before. The two meals each day were tasty and wholesome and were the only times for socializing. Everyone had a job to do. One team prepared and served the meals, others cleared snow, did housekeeping or cleaned bathrooms - I did dishes for four days. We went for long walks, chanted, sang, drummed and danced. From time to time as the new millennium clocked in around the world, we were interrupted in our practices or duties to hear a news report off the Internet. The first good news came even before that - an Islamic leader had condemned the action of Muslim hijackers as being "anti-Islamic." After decades of intractable insanity, a totally unexpected call for decency. We had been working on this incident, praying for the highest outcome. My heart expanded with thankfulness

Then, the first moments of 2000, a report from New Zealand, my home land, that all was well and news of the first born on the planet, a little boy. I couldn't help it,

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I cried. The good news never stopped, country after country. One that moved me a lot - Thousands of South Koreans, families separated from their kin in the North by a war zone, gathering at the border to offer a bell that they had cast from scrap war materials to the North Koreans Sounded very much like swords into ploughshares It wasn't the politicians, nor governments, it was people, I wept with joy. At a time when there was such great opportunity for hatred, when fear and doubt were circulating wildly, something else happened and we went for the joy.

When the 24 hours of New Years celebrations reached us, we filled our glasses with bubbly and toasted to the New Ways. Seven months back, I had written that I would be laughing. Well, I did laugh, but many times it was through my tears, moved by the out-pouring of human celebration and goodwill. Yes, a lot of work had been done to correct a technical glitch, and I am thankful for those who cared enough to get it done, but what really showed was a persistent human trust, a quiet expectation that All **will** be Well.

Perhaps the Destiny of Mankind has been changed forever, who could have seen that?

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The Port of Port Orford Commission meets on Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00pm, in the Port office at the dock.

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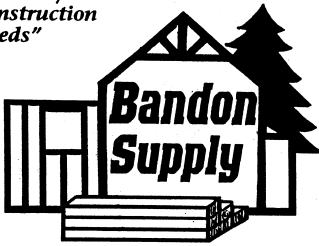
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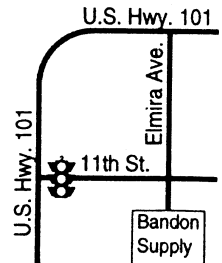
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### Garrison Lake Update

The recent rainfall has caused the lake level to raise causing flooding of private property and the City of Port Orford infrastructure.

The City has taken steps to protect the sewer infrastructure by placing barriers around the pump station and a manhole on Lakeshore Drive.

On January 7, Arizona Street was closed and rock shale was added to improve the road base for travel. The road is currently open and passable. [Note: As of Wednesday morning, Jan. 12 the road was underwater and closed again. - Editor]

As of today, the Curry County road crew is raising the roadway on Paradise Point Road and will allow travel on the road. The project should be complete by the end of the day.

Pete DiRusso, Curry County Emergency Services is aware of the recent increase in

rainfall and flooding. He is doing everything within his authority to help.

Home and property owners are urged to take steps to protect their property. Poly bags for filling with sand will be available from Coos Curry Supply later this week.

Contact Lance at Coos Curry Supply, 332-1818 for information about the bags.

Sand will be made available from the City yard.

Contact the staff at City Hall 332-3681 for more information about how and where to get sand.

There have been communications with several key individuals within the State of Oregon regarding the issues at hand.

Citizens may contact any or all of the following persons and make them aware of individual situations and concerns:

Governor John A. Kitzhaber  
254 State Capitol

Salem, OR 97310  
(503) 378-3111

Rep. Ken Messerle  
1740 Coos City-Summer Rd.  
Coos Bay, OR 97420  
(541) 269-2510

Sen. Veral Tarno  
PO Box 657  
Coquille, OR 97423  
(541) 396-6965

In addition, any person(s) may apply for a permit to open an outlet for Garrison Lake. The permit may be obtained by contacting:

Bryan Herczeg  
Coastal Land Use Coordinator  
Parks and Recreation Department  
Sunset Bay State Park  
89814 Cape Arago Highway  
Coos Bay, OR 97420-9647  
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Sun. .... 6 pm  
Wed. .... 7 pm

### Letter to the Governor

Dear Governor Kitzhaber

The rising level of Garrison Lake, a water of the State, is flooding City of Port Orford infrastructure and private property within the City, as well as property outside the city limits. The City is asking that the State take all necessary steps to protect our municipal and private property from impending damage.

The outlet to Garrison Lake lies within the Meander Line of the Lake and also opens directly onto the beach below the Vegetation Line. The Lake itself is mostly outside the city limits, though some portions of the Lake do lie within the city limits.

The El Nino of 1997-98 began a process of eroding the foredunes that separate the Lake from the Pacific Ocean. This erosion has reduced the dunes significantly. Prior to the El Nino the Lake emptied through a creek into the Pacific Ocean. Now, however, the creek is gone and the Lake outlet is directly on the dunes, which are currently blocking the open to the Lake.

The City has used Garrison Lake as a municipal water source, but the current salinity of the Lake makes it unusable as drinking water. In the past the City maintained a weir in the outlet creek of the Lake and the City and Curry County jointly kept the creek open when necessary, but that creek no longer exists.

The City of Port Orford is a small rural community with limited resources and several pressing infrastructure problems. In 1998 wave surges caused loss of the City's wastewater effluent drain field, which was situated in the dunes. An emergency was declared by the City and the County, but none by the State.



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On behalf of the City of Port Orford, I am asking you to extend help to our City. The State has resources that are not available locally. The City needs your help to prevent flooding from Garrison Lake that constitutes a potential danger to public health and safety. I would emphasize this is preventable flooding.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gary Doran, Mayor  
January 5, 2000

### GED Class

The GED class has moved to Monday nights from 5:00 to 8:00pm. The class meets at the Adventure Center in Buffington Park. You can enroll anytime and invest in your future. For more information call 332-7100.

## OPEN HOUSE

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### Good Choice

#### Editorial Opinion by Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council offered the job of City Administrator to Martha Weaver-Britell on Monday night and she accepted. She was one of four candidates for the job the council interviewed on Friday and Saturday.

Weaver-Britell has already been on the job for four months as interim city administrator having been offered the job when Johnny Alexander resigned.

She has already accomplished several major things including organizing the office, developing a very good working rapport with other city employees including new public works superintendent Alan Wagner and making valuable contacts with the state agencies.

Weaver-Britell came to the job with two years experience as a former city councilor and has lived in Port Orford for twelve years.

The City faces several major crises including Garrison Lake at flood level and getting higher every day, a ruined sewer drain field that needs replacing at a cost of nearly 2 million dollars and a North Fork

Hubbard Creek watershed in desperate need of protection. Weaver-Britell is the right person for the job to work on the council's behalf. She has grant writing experience and grants are the main way we're going to fix some of the problems.

She has an open door for the press and public with questions about city business. I have received an answer to every question asked and received all the information requested. I haven't seen a "Weaver-Britell agenda" but instead an understanding that she works for the city council and the people of Port Orford.

I commend the council for choosing Martha Weaver-Britell as City Administrator.

### Wander Files

Port Orford City Councilor Nathaniel Wander confirmed his intention of filing for Position 2 in the race for Curry County Commissioner this week. "I will be running in the Democratic Party Primary for the seat presently occupied by Lloyd Olds," Wander said. "Mr. Olds has made numerous public statements in the past three years that he would not consider running for a second term, although I understand he is presently wavering."

"Public response to my candidacy," Wander said, "has been very gratifying. It's raised more than two thousand dollars in five weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's, a time when there's plenty of competition for people's cash."

"Contributions came from all corners of the county, from more than sixty people representing the range of Curry citizens: health care professionals and mechanics, business owners and retirees, scientists, builders, artists, ranchers, people in private practice and people in government service. They apparently agree that my thoughtful approach to problem-solving will benefit the county."

Wander reiterated his theme. "The people of Curry County need to take a long-term, big picture look at what we want our government to do, and how we propose to pay for it. We need to ask tough questions, and we need to stick with it until we get useful answers."

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### Emergency Planning Meeting By Jay Stoler

The Port Orford Emergency Planning Committee was formed about two months ago by order of the City Council. The main objective and "official" task of the group is to write and present an Emergency Plan for the Port Orford area. Hopefully this plan will dovetail and coordinate with the already existing Curry County plans. The committee has had three meetings so far, with the next one scheduled for Wednesday, January 12 at 5:00pm. The group is meeting in the City Hall council chambers and will continue to meet at regular intervals until a written plan is developed and community education is performed.

The members of the committee were appointed by Mayor Gary Doran in response to public advertisements and a city council request to form an Emergency Planning Committee. The members include Lynda Foster, Chairperson; Jay Stoler, Secretary; Gayle Wilcox; Fire Chief George Gehrke; Public Works Superintendent Alan Wagner; Police Chief Bill Rush; City Councilor Jim Campbell; Al Luis. Also working with the commit-

tee are Langlois Fire Chief Mike Murphy, Dan Hill and Michael Hall.

Watch this paper for regular updates on the Emergency Planning Committee.

### Watershed Council Meets

The Port Orford Watershed Council meets on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

### Water/Sewer Bill Update

Have you been checking your mailbox for your water bill? The bills for December have not been produced. This is not a Y2K issue, but related to a recent upgrade of the Springbrooke Utility Billing Software to a windows-based environment. Springbrooke staff will be on site at the City Offices this week to make necessary adjustments.

The Public Works crew obtained meter readings as normally scheduled at the end of December. Therefore, when the bills are produced consumers should not see any extraordinary charges. The computer glitch has only affected production and mailing of the bills and consequently, when the payments are due. Good news for consumers; there will be no late fees this billing period and the due date will be extended until February 25, 2000.

### Girl Scout Cookies

Local Brownie Girl Scout Troop #550 will be selling cookies from January 15 - 30. You have eight different varieties to choose from. If you don't know or see a Brownie Girl Scout please call Julie Belcher at 332-1304 or Shelly Sweet at 332-5365 for more information.

## Learn to Dance



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- Lessons January 20 & 27 are **FREE**
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**Police Log**

January 3, 8:30am: Welfare check on local citizen-unable to locate.

January 3, 4:30pm: Burglary at Bartlett's Café-report taken, under investigation.

January 4, 5:58pm: Alarm at Driftwood Elementary School – unfounded.

January 5, 10:00am: Complaint of criminal mischief at Port Orford Loop Road – report taken.

January 6, 9:00am: Complaint of illegal parking at 611 Jackson Street – handled by contact.

January 6, 10:30am: Report of four huge dogs at large on Blueberry Lane – referred to County Sheriff.

January 7, 1:45pm: Report of theft of suitcase and shoes – report taken.

January 7, 2:45pm: Disturbance on Mather Drive – handled by contact.

January 7, 11:00pm: Report of disturbance at the 800 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Street – unable to locate.

January 8, 12:00pm: Civil dispute and criminal mischief at 20<sup>th</sup> and Arizona – handled by contact.

**Police statistics for December**

Calls for service .....	71
Agency assists .....	14
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Traffic citations .....	26

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Felony .....	4
Misdemeanors .....	6
Other .....	4
Felony arrests .....	1
Misdemeanor arrests .....	1

**Heritage Society**

The Point Orford Heritage Society will hold its Annual Meeting on January 23, 2000. The meeting will be held at 2pm at the historic Coast Guard Lifeboat Station, Port Orford Heads State Park. All members are encouraged to attend. Election of officers will be held. There will be an update on the progress of the museum. All guests are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you on the 23rd at 2pm.

**Children's Health Carnival**

There will be an organization meeting for the Children's Health Carnival on Friday, January 14 at 1:00pm in the Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse Annex in Gold Beach. This year the carnival will be the first week of March in order to coincide with "Children and Health Care

Week." As last year, the fair will be held at the Curry County Fairgrounds in Gold Beach. The target age for the Children's Carnival 2000 is preschool through sixth grade. The carnival was a huge success last year and we look forward to you participating this year. At the January 14 meeting, we will begin our local organization and all parties interested in participating in this year's carnival are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Voni Simmons at the Health Department (247-7011, extension 265) or Ginny Hochberg, RN, at Curry General Hospital (247-6621).

**Internet Business Training**

Two workshops are being offered in Brookings on Thursday, January 27, that will assist business owners currently utilizing the Internet or those individuals considering starting an Internet business.

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### Land Trusts

The Port Orford Watershed Council and South Coast Coordinating Watershed Council will be holding a special meeting on January 19 at 7PM at Port Orford City Hall. The groups will be hosting guest speakers; Jayne Cronlund, Executive Director – Three Rivers Land Conservancy, Jacqueline Dingfelder – Acting Deputy Director and

Watershed Program Coordinator - For the Sake of Salmon and Anne Donnelly, Coordinator – Coos Watershed Association. The speakers will be discussing how other groups and watershed councils are partnering to purchase land in watersheds and cities throughout Oregon for conservation purposes.

South Coast Coordinating Watershed Council Chair Lucie La Bonte' attended a statewide Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts meeting in Jacksonville last fall to

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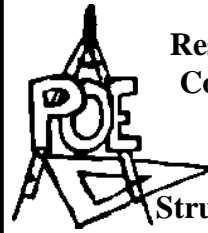
listen to how folks are working on land trusts throughout Oregon for conservation and habitat protection. In response to watershed concerns in the north part of the county she approached Port Orford Council Chair John Leuthe about holding the joint meeting.

The speakers will discuss land trust agreements in their areas of the state and how For the Sake of Salmon is working with the new Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to educate watershed councils on uses of funds from Measure 66 dedicated for acquisitions.

Land acquisitions for protection of fish habitat are not new in Curry County. The Port of Gold Beach purchased approximately 628 acres of Rogue Riverfront property through a bond election to protect fish habitat and maintain public access a few years ago.

The group will be taking a tour of the

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Hubbard Creek Watershed before the meeting.

The meeting is for educational purposes and is open to the public. Anyone interested in land acquisitions is encouraged to come and participate.

### Arizona Street Closed

Arizona Street between 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Geer Circle was reopened on Thursday evening, January 6. The city had contracted out for 30 yards of shale to be dumped on the low spot on Arizona where Garrison Lake water had spread across.

On Monday, January 10 Arizona Street was again closed to vehicle traffic as Garrison Lake continues rising with water across the roadway. 12<sup>th</sup> Street at the boat ramp is also closed and the recently constructed fishing dock is now under water.

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### Letter to the Editor,

I have recently spent my holiday time in the City of Port Orford with the intention of buying property to open a west coast branch of my film production company. At this point I can move anywhere in the country. After spending time here last year during my search I decided Port Orford was where I wanted to relocate. I was attracted by the most spectacular ocean shores, the small and easy access airport and the beauty of having Garrison Lake next to the ocean, a most unusual asset.

It is the improper management of this asset, Garrison Lake, that has given me

cause to question my decision and to look for property elsewhere, up and down the coast.

Upon further research I have discovered that for more than fifty years the lake levels were intelligently managed by the city, otherwise so many lakefront houses would not have been built. But I do not understand how the city government can now arbitrarily decide to stop managing the lake and jeopardize community property.

While I had come back with an intention of buying property, expanding my business and moving some of my employees here, I must regretfully move on and explore other possibilities.

I hope you can solve this problem in the near future so that your community can grow and flourish.

Dean Janoff,  
Wild Kind Films

### First Boat Hoisted

There was exciting news from the Port of Port Orford last Wednesday. Laskey-Clifton reached an important benchmark in their new dock construction project with the first fishing boat hoisted using

the temporary crane.

The honor of the first boat went to David Darnel's boat the Adela. David and his son brought in a load of crab with them. The second and much larger boat hoisted up using the temporary crane was Ray Smith's Blanco Girl, also bringing in a load of Dungeness crab. Laskey-Clifton employees instructed Port employees Larry Dell, Richard Myss and David Barnes on the use of the crane.

The next day the product hoist was moved from the wooden dock over near the temporary crane. The project has turned the corner and it's starting to look like something down there. Construction of the concrete barrier wall is proceeding and the oil-water separator unit has been put in place.

On Friday the large yellow boat hoist was dismantled and taken down – another major landmark. Now the stage has been cleared for removal of what's left of the wooden dock and pilings and completion of the new dock.

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was never the lead agency regarding the lake. He said nobody in the County wants to see Port Orford go under.

The council next considered the bed tax fund request from the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce for \$6,000. Newly elected Chamber president John Ineson told the council the Chamber was not asking for a handout. He said the Chamber had spent their own money doing the job of running the visitor center at Battle Rock Park. He said they were just asking for recompense for money they have already spent. Councilor Leeling said the contract between the Chamber and the City was for \$9,000 or 30% of the bed tax funds. He felt bailing out the Chamber was not the City's responsibility. Councilor Warring suggested a possible use of some of the bed tax funds to pay for buying the City's watershed. Pat Campbell suggested the councilors attend a few Chamber meetings and inspect their financial books. Councilor Leeling made a motion that the council on the advice of legal council not allocates \$6,000 to the Chamber of Commerce. The motion carried 5-1 with Campbell voting against it.

The council will hold a workshop meeting to deal with the bed tax ordinance but did not set a date and time.

The council considered purchasing a new aerial photo of Port Orford. Councilor Cramer made a motion to buy a 20" by 24" photo from Aerial Concepts and have Carol Malley frame it. The vote was tied at 3-3 and Mayor Doran voted no and the motion was defeated. Some council members were unhappy with the small size and quality of the photo.

The council next considered hiring a city administrator. They had held two executive sessions last Friday and Saturday for consideration of a public employee. Councilor Leeling made a motion that the City offer Martha Weaver-Britell the position of city administrator at a compensation level to that of recently departed city administrator (Johnny Alexander) beginning tomorrow (Tuesday) and she be give a job performance evaluation after six months of employment. Councilor Donaldson said in reference to Weaver-Britell's job performance it appears to be working. Councilor Campbell said he was not in favor. He said the City had other qualified candidates and it would be nice to have tried hiring one with experi-

ence. Councilor Warring said Martha was the most qualified of the four finalist candidates. Councilor Cramer spoke about Martha's experience, good contacts and ability to network. She said it would be too bad for the City to drop that. The council voted 5-1 for Leeling's motion with councilor Campbell voting no.

Councilor Cramer moved to name the wetlands project the "Wetlands Interpretive Center" on the recommendation of the Port Orford Watershed Council. It passed 5-1 with councilor Leeling voting no because he believed it should be called the "Wetland Interpretive Center."

Three members of the Port Orford Planning Commission's terms were up including Viola Cuatt, Tom Hamilton and Frank Cramer. Cuatt and Hamilton asked to be re-upped for another term while Cramer did not. Mayor Doran recommended Cuatt and Hamilton be reappointed and, on a motion by councilor Donaldson, his recommendation was approved. There is one vacancy on the planning commission.

The council approved major changes recommended by the council personnel committee including the duties of Public Works Director be absorbed by the two positions of public works superintendent and city administrator.

Councilor Warring spoke about the importance of getting fiber optic cable to Port Orford.

Councilor Donaldson told the council the Wilken/Sorenson and Bussmann properties were for sale in the City watershed. He urged the council to do everything they can to acquire the properties. He mentioned using them for recreational facilities. Donaldson made a motion to appoint councilor Campbell to represent the City in its watershed real estate activities. It passed 6-0.

There were several more items on the agenda but after four hours and twenty minutes I left.

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