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(purchase of Alaska)

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Now it's time for the Port Orford Purchase

### Council Sets Priorities

By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council held a workshop meeting on Monday to review and discuss the current bed tax ordinance. Councilor Ralph Donaldson jumped right into the meeting and asked, "what are we doing here?" He then answered his own question by saying it was to talk about land acquisition in the watershed. He asked if the bed tax money could fund land acquisition. Donaldson complained that this meeting was the eighth one the council has held this month. Mayor Doran asked if the council wanted to simplify the ordinance. Councilor Norm Leeling wanted to discuss the ordinance. Councilor Jane Cramer wanted to approach the discussion in an orderly fashion. Councilor Robert Warring asked if we could use the money for land acquisition. Councilor Nathaniel Wander said he would like to see the council stop tinkering with the ordinance.

Donaldson said if the council failed to purchase the Bussmann property (in the North Fork Hubbard Creek watershed) they would be really negligent. He said the city needed a good source of water.

The council then set to work choosing their priorities for use of the bed tax money. The bed tax is a 6% tax on people who stay in any of the five motels or five bed and breakfasts in the City of Port Orford. The council voted on their priorities ranking them in order of importance. Here are their rankings with #1 as the highest.

1. **Purchasing land and maintaining land for open spaces.**
2. **The Visitor Information Center**
3. **Public works, capital improvement and economic development.**
4. **Tourism development.**
5. **Beautification.**

Sea Crest Motel owner Martin Myhre told the council the land acquisition was a community wide need and the entire community should pay for it. He said it was inappropriate for the motels to carry the utilities and land acquisition. He urged the council to put the money into direct advertising and economic development to create family wage jobs. Councilor Wander called tourism our principle "crop." Bed tax committee member Bonnie Allen recommended holding the bed tax money to solve the City's most crucial problems.

Bed Tax committee member Ron Culbertson recommended the number one priority is running the visitor center. He spoke about the importance of the person at the Visitor Center in contact with the tourist.

Port Orford News editor Jay Stoler asked the council if they had thought of letting the voters decide how to spend the bed tax money. He said the council could put a referendum on the ballot.

Bonnie Allen asked the council to think about including the Recreational Vehicle Parks in the bed tax ordinance and have them collect the 6% tax.

Councilor Cramer said she was against raising the 6% amount. She asked when the changes would take effect and was told for the 2000/2001 fiscal year if the ordinance is changed.

Bonnie Allen told the council all applicants for the bed tax money should use the same application form, which they have not been doing. City Administrator Martha Weaver-Britell said the City was taking grant application forms until Friday, January 28 for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2000.

The council discussed holding an executive session dealing with land acquisition

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Date	Time Tide	Time Tide	Time Tide	Time Tide	Time Tide	Sun		Moon	
						Rise	Set	Rise	Set Phase
Thu Jan 27, 2000	4:36a 7.3	11:06a 2.4	4:52p 5.5	10:40p 2.3	7:35a	5:25p	12:44a	11:39a	
Fri Jan 28, 2000	5:24a 7.2	12:17p 2.1	6:17p 5.1	11:33p 3.1	7:34a	5:26p	1:42a	12:07p	3Q
Sat Jan 29, 2000	6:13a 7.2	1:26p 1.7	7:47p 5.0		7:33a	5:27p	2:38a	12:37p	
Sun Jan 30, 2000	12:34a 3.6	7:04a 7.1	2:25p 1.3	9:04p 5.2	7:32a	5:28p	3:33a	1:11p	
Mon Jan 31, 2000	1:39a 4.0	7:54a 7.2	3:15p 0.8	10:01p 5.5	7:31a	5:30p	4:26a	1:48p	
Tue Feb 1, 2000	2:38a 4.1	8:41a 7.3	3:57p 0.4	10:44p 5.8	7:30a	5:31p	5:17a	2:31p	
Wed Feb 2, 2000	3:28a 4.0	9:24a 7.5	4:35p 0.1	11:20p 6.0	7:29a	5:32p	6:04a	3:18p	
Thu Feb 3, 2000	4:12a 3.8	10:05a 7.7	5:10p -0.1	11:52p 6.2	7:28a	5:34p	6:47a	4:14p	

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

As usual I'll start out with the Rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were Mary Evans, Betty Harper, Bessie Laursen, Owen Miller, and Judy Franklyn. Setting up the dining room Mary Evans and Betty Harper. Verna Pretti also Harold Pace and Marian Pace worked on Wednesday making the main dish for the luncheon. It was very special. Hope they do it again soon. Also Judy Fladger made the dessert which was brownies – delicious.

January 22 was the Center luncheon. Volunteers working were Mary Evans, Betty Berger, Betty Harper - setting up the dining room Betty Harper. Harold Pace did what ever needed to be done. This is where I had a brownie Judy Fladger made – really tasty. This was a very fine luncheon. Everyone enjoyed it.

Here is about the rummage starting February 15 the Center will again be accept-

ing rummage – said please no junk.

Another thing. As of February 2 Wednesday from 9:30am to noon and every Wednesday same time will be tax help. There is a sign-up sheet at the Center – no cost need it. Come sign up. The last Wednesday for tax help is April 12.

January 25 was membership meeting. More about it next week.

January 29 is potluck – our vice president Thelma Lagace is in charge – always does a nice job so come bring some kind of food you like and so will everyone else. All are welcome. Come join your friends or bring them with you. Hope I haven't missed anything or anyone. Yes, I'd like to say thank you to True Value Hardware for the telephone answering machine. Thank you from all of us.

If you growl all day,  
 Naturally you feel dog tired at night.

**Letter to the Editor,**

Thank you Curry County Commissioners Lloyd Olds and Bill Roberts! We want to thank Commissioner Olds and Roberts for their hard work leading to the lowering of the water in Port Orford's Garrison Lake. They stepped forward getting property owners' permission, a state permit and State Park authorization, and located an extractor to complete the project. Commissioners' Olds and Roberts prevented a potential disaster! They should be rewarded for their efforts.

Thank you again Commissioners Lloyd Olds and Bill Roberts. You truly work for the people.

Nadine McWilliams, Port Orford  
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 Ellen Eckstein, Templeton, CA  
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### **An Act of Kindness By Graeme Graydon.**



I was asked about kindness, and so I looked back to find any outstanding moments that had stuck with me to see what made them memorable.

My Great-grandfather, one James Russell, was born in 1839, a Scott who emigrated to New Zealand. Life was not easy in that remote and wild colony, but everyone who went there had chosen the unknown hardships rather than suffer under the stifling rigidity of the British class system. It took him two years to survey The Remarkables, a massive chain of high mountains near Queenstown. Then he became a contractor and built the beautiful Governor General's Residence at Tinakori Road. He took part in civic affairs and in his later life found ways to share his success. His birthday celebrations became legendary. On his birthday, he would invite all the children in his part of Wellington to a truly wonderful party and then give each

one an expensive gift. My mother was one of those kids of course. He died before I was born yet still his presence was felt. An investment that he left to his children multiplied through three generations to give me a share that would pay for a herd of dairy cows when I first went share-milking. It seems that he had a passion for bringing joy to others. I can imagine him planning his birthday with almost fiendish delight just about bursting with the anticipation of watching his presents being opened. My mother was a lot like him. Every Christmas, she would bake big fruit-cakes to give to the shop-keepers in our village and the men who delivered our milk and mail. All through the war, the cakes, with other goodies were sent in food parcels to relatives in Britain she had never met. When there was a death in the neighborhood, even though they weren't friends, she would bake a cake, gather flowers from her garden and deliver them - with nothing said. When we kids grew out of our clothes, they would be made like new again, tied up in a brown paper parcel with string, and taken to "Old Mary", an ancient Maori lady who bore a "moko" or tattoo on her chin, a mark of rank at the Porirua Tribal

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Village. My mother knew that the clothes would be wisely distributed. It was a way of life for her.

When I think about being on the receiving end of kindness, I remember a time I rode 150 miles on my motorbike for a job interview. I was crossing the high Central Plateau of the North Island on the lonely Desert Road. As I got to the highest section, it started to snow and began to accumulate on the road. I crawled along with my feet acting as sled runners and started to freeze. I got off my bike and stomped around to try to warm up. There had been no traffic at all, so I was surprised when a little car pulled up beside me. A few moments later, the window rolled down and a cup of steaming cocoa was put in my shaking hands by a beautiful lady who smiled and said, "I think you need this more than I do."

Kindness like that comes from compassion - the super-normal power to identify with the plight of another and then respond with an action that genuinely lifts that one without expecting or creating the need for any response. Those who enjoy practicing kindness have come far in their journey on this planet, they have done it all, they've been there, they understand. They know exactly how to help or bring pleasure, and get a kick out of doing it.

High Temp			Low Temp		Avg	Avg	Inches	# Days	Rainy Period		
Month(s)	Temp		Month(s)	Temp	High	Low	Rain	Rain	Month	Days	Inches
1999	Oct	79	Nov	29	58.8	45.8	76.09	156	Feb	25	16.35
1998	Oct	79	Dec	22	59.0	46.7	97.25	175	Nov / Jan	24 / 29	22.96 / 17.74
1997	Sep	80	Jan	26	61.0	46.9	68.7	156	Jan / Mar	14 / 22	12.11 / 10.49
1996	Sep	83	Feb	29	59.9	45.8	107.55	166	Dec	25	24.67
1995	Aug	77	Dec	32	60.9	47.5	83.31	164	Jan/Dec	27 / 24	19.47 / 16.25
1994	Sep	89	Nov	27	60.0	45.4	66.46	143	Nov / Dec	22 / 20	11.24 / 11.19
1993	Oct	82	Nov	27	61.0	45.7	72.61	165	Apr / Dec	27 / 16	13.04 / 14.78
1992	Aug	86	Dec	30	62.7	47.2	55.56	141	Dec	26	14.54
1991	Oct	88	Jan	27	61.4	45.5	55.53	127	Nov	23	7.61
1990	Sep	84	Dec	13	60.1	45.7	67.36	151	Jan	23	14.65
1989	Sep	86	Feb	19	60.6	45.0	57.46	136	Mar	30	16.03
Temp		Temp	Avg		# Days		Rain for	Most In	Cumulative Rain For Year		1999
High	Low	High	Low	Rain	Month	24hrs	Days	Inches	Days	Inches	
Jan	62	53	52.4	39.9	18	12.76	3.47	18	12.76		
Feb	58	33	51.2	41.0	25	16.35	2.46	43	29.11		
Mar	64	29	51.6	38.4	21	11.19	1.85	64	40.30		
Apr	77	35	55.4	41.6	13	4.18	1.00	77	44.48		
May	69	36	57.0	44.4	15	5.57	1.31	92	50.05		
Jun	69	42	62.3	49.4	7	0.70	0.30	99	50.75		
Jul	69	47	63.0	51.5	2	0.03	0.0	101	50.78		
Aug	76	48	67.7	54.3	3	1.47	0.83	104	52.25		
Sep	77	47	66.3	51.9	1	0.03	0.03	105	52.28		
Oct	79	30	64.4	47.2	11	4.06	1.74	116	56.34		
Nov	77	29	58.9	47.8	24	12.57	2.02	140	68.91		
Dec	69	35	55.1	42.1	16	7.18	1.64	156	76.09		
All Year	79	29	58.8	45.8							

Number of Days in Temperature Range											
(Highs)						(Lows)					
	70	60	50	40	30	60	50	40	30	20	
Jan		4	18	9			1	14	16		
Feb			21	7				17	11		
Mar		2	21	8				15	15	1	
Apr	1	5	21	3				19	11		
May		6	24	1			2	25	4		
Jun		22	8					17	13		
Jul		27	4					24	7		
Aug	6	22			1			23	3		
Sep	9	16	5					25	5		
Oct	5	11	2	2			6	12	2		
Nov	2	8	17					10	16	1	
Dec		4	25	2				4	14	12	
Total	23	127	166	32		1	112	160	71	2	

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## Port Orford Weather Statistics

Courtesy of Gene Traglio

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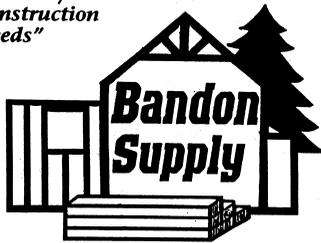
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Public Utilities Department,

Climatological Station Location: City  
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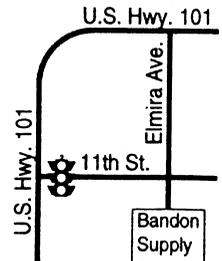
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## Water Sewer Meeting

The City of Port Orford sponsored an informational type meeting on budgeting and rate setting for the sewer and water systems last Thursday night. Chris Marko representing the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) put on the presentation. Marko explained that RCAC is a private non-profit corporation, which works with rural communities concerning water and wastewater systems. They receive funding from among other sources the US Department of Agriculture, the EPA and the Department of Health and Human Services. He said the purpose of his talk was to explain aspects that need to be considered when setting rates.

Marko brought him several pages of boilerplate material, which he displayed and reviewed using an overhead projector. His extensive presentation lasted over two hours during which more than half the audience left before the end.

Marko started with a presentation on the three parts of a utility program including the board/council, the management and the operations. He then moved into the five steps toward ensuring effective operation and maintenance of the sewer and water systems.

Another chapter was devoted to small water system financial management, which stressed the importance of the budget. The City of Port Orford provided copies of the water operations fund budget for the year ending June 30, 1999 and the sewer fund for the year ending June 30, 1999 but there was no discussion of the specifics of these reports.

Marko presented another segment of his talk on four different rate structures including a uniform flat rate where all customers pay the same no matter how much water they use. However, according to Marko's chart this is used in un-metered systems. There was public opposition to

a flat rate because it wouldn't encourage conservation of water. Other rate structures that were in his chart included single block rate where customers are charged a constant price per gallon regardless of the amount of water used; an "increasing block rate" where the price of water increases as the amount increases; and a "decreasing block rate" where the price of water declines as the amount of water used increases.

Marko was asked if the purpose of this meeting was to increase rates and his answer was he was here because of the need to meet costs.

This meeting was just the beginning of the process to possibly change the way City water and sewer rates are charged. Now the City needs to buckle down and have a meeting regarding the specifics of Port Orford's water and sewer rate structure.



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### Handbook Accepted By Evan Kramer

The Port of Port Orford Commission met last Tuesday night before a small but interested group. It was announced that GTE had removed the pay phone from the dock.

Commissioners first considered a change order in the permanent dock project. The change was in the outfall pipe from galvanized steel to HDPE (high-density polyethylene) at an additional cost of \$862.30. Commissioner Scott Macdonald made a motion to approve the change order and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Macdonald spoke about the surge pushing boats away from the new sheet pile wall dock. Port Manager Gayle Paige said the new fender system to be installed would help solve that problem. Commissioner David Darnell said there was a need for more pilings in the temporary product hoist area. Paige said the permanent pilings would have more give. Darnell also spoke about the need for more lights at the hoist area.

The commission moved into dredging issues. It was noted that the jetty had been further damaged by Sunday's storm.

Paige said the Sandwich dredge barge would be coming to the Port in April. The good news is "Captain John" will be piloting the barge.

The Commissioners reviewed the changes to the Employee Handbook and commissioner Dave Knapp made a motion to approve it with changes on pages three and eight. The employees will now get nine holidays a year with the addition of President's Day, Veteran's Day and Martin Luther King Day. The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Chris Hawthorne made a motion to approve the employee job descriptions for Port employees, which passed 5-0. Scott Macdonald followed with a motion to adopt the new employee review and appraisal form to unanimous agreement.

Discussion then focussed on the Castaway Motel discharge pipe and survey of Port property. The discharge pipe has been found to be on Port property. Scott Macdonald noted a property owner couldn't dump water on another person's land nor bury survey markers. He said the Port needs to notify the Castaway they have encroached on Port property. The

Commissioners will meet on Friday morning at 7:30am, at the site.

Gayle Paige went through a lengthy history of Port dealings with the Division of Aeronautics regarding the Port retaining control of Cape Blanco State Airport. Paige will send Aeronautics a letter that the Port Commission has reaffirmed they are still interested in the Airport. She estimated it would take \$2,000 a year to maintain. Curry County owns 64 acres of land adjacent to the Airport and the County Commissioners have expressed interest in the Airport.

The Port Commission held a meeting on Friday morning, January 21, 7:30am. First they inspected the site where water coming out of a pipe is running off from the Castaway Motel onto Port property. Then they held a brief meeting and directed their attorney, Richard AuFranc, to write a letter to the contractor contacting him about the problem.

### Roaring Sea Open House

Everyone is invited to enjoy the featured artists and musicians at the last-Sunday-of-the-month Open House at Roaring Sea Arts, 41687 Highway 101 South, Port Orford, from 2:00 to 5:00, Sunday, January 30.

Guest artists this month include Myrna and John Austin and Sandy Todd, of A and T Myrtlewood, award-winning wildlife sculptors; Georganne White, showing some of her colorful silk work, which Karen Butts will also display on her hand made paper books; and Susan Palmer, exhibiting bead work and masks.

Informal music is provided during the afternoon by the Kammeroque Ensemble, with original prose or poetry by Joyce Mueller.

Refreshments and pot-luck snacks are served. Come share the afternoon with us. For more information, call Donna at 541-332-4444.

## A While Ago By Jane Cramer

A while ago the fishing vessel *Three Sisters* was overturned by a large wave. The men on board were rescued and the boat was recovered because of quick action by local fishermen. This dramatic situation reminded me why the Cape Blanco Lighthouse and the Port Orford Lifesaving Station were built many years ago.

In those days Port Orford was a busy deep water port. Reliable weather forecasting and reporting was not available and ships were often caught in dangerous situations.

Port Orford was chosen for a lifesaving station because there was no treacherous bar to be crossed by a courageous life saving crew setting out to rescue people from ships in distress. Ironically, the absence of a bar was one of the reasons given for closing the lifesaving station in the early 70's. Other ports with bars to cross were not as safe as Port Orford and needed the Coast Guard more.

Memorable shipwrecks of the many that occurred along the rugged coastline near Port Orford include:

*The Phyllis March 9, 1936 near Rocky Point.* The salvage operation gave work to local people during the depression. The cargo contained toys at a time when most families couldn't afford to buy them. When the hull broke open and salvagers were losing the race to save all the cargo, people were allowed to take things that would have been lost anyway.

*The Cottonvea February 1937 at Battle Rock Beach.* The crew of the lifesaving station saved the entire crew by using a breeches buoy (a combination of life ring and canvas pants moved by a pulley system). Lifesaving crews drilled regularly to increase their speed and endurance for this strenuous work.

*The Willapa December 2, 1941 near Humbug Mountain.* The story of that res-

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*The Bunkalation* was unloading materials for construction of the Cape Blanco Lighthouse when a storm came up on May 18, 1870. No lives were lost just the unloaded cargo.

*The Bawnmore September 6, 1895 near Flora's Lake.* The crew was lucky an engineer was camped nearby who had the skills to rig a device to save them. He later acquired salvage rights and hired a lot of local people to help. The iron drums of bright yellow paint included in the cargo resulted in an epidemic of yellow buildings in Curry County.

*The Anna Hormine* didn't sink at Blacklock Point because of a storm or adverse weather conditions, but because it was an unseaworthy craft that was heavily loaded with sandstone from the Blacklock Quarry.

Take a walk at low tide when the sand has been scoured off the beaches by winter storms and you might glimpse a piece of a shipwreck of a while ago.

### Letter to the Editor,

Due to some upcoming changes to the Gym at Tracy's Place my hours will be Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 6:30pm and closed on Saturday and Sunday.

After the remodeling gym members will have seven-day access with a combination door lock.

I appreciate your patience while these changes occur.

Sincerely,

Tracy

### Cinco De Mayo

The Light'n Bugs are holding a fund raiser to celebrate Cinco De Mayo and their planning committee is welcoming your involvement in planning and organizing a family and friends day of celebration and fun. A meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10th at 6pm at the Port & Starboard Restaurant. Be there or be square. For more information contact Liz Stone 332-2830 or Flo Lichtig 332-6060.

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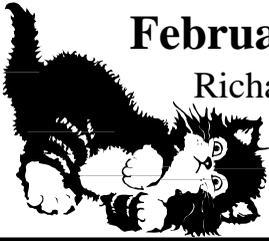
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### Decision Upheld by Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met on Thursday night to review a decision made by the city planning commission at their December 14 meeting. The commission gave the owner of the Agate Beach Manufactured Dwelling Park, Camille Mouchawar, a one-year renewal of the conditional use permit to complete Phases 1 and 2 by January 12, 2001.

Councilor Jane Cramer said the council could not appeal the decision because it was beyond the 15-day appeal period but they could have an open discussion about the issue. Councilor Ralph Donaldson said he couldn't imagine why the council would want to intrude on a decision made by the planning commission. Councilor Robert Warring said the job of the city council is to supervise the commission.

Jack Pruitt spoke and said the applicant was in violation of several parts of the conditional use permit.

City planning director Chuck Nordstrom described the Agate Beach development as a "mobile home park" not subdivision. He continued with a history of the development saying it was first approved on

February 10, 1998. He said that Camille Mouchawar, owner of the development, had told him he had spent \$57,000 so far developing the property between land clearing, building permits and erosion control devices for the lake. They have until January 12, 2001 to complete Phase 1 of the development and must have done "substantial construction" of Phase 2 by that date. Councilor Norm Leeling asked if the 19 sewer and water connections had been paid for at a cost of \$76,000 and Nordstrom told him no.

Councilor Robert Warring asked that an action item be added to the next city council agenda that the city administrator gives the council a definition of what constitutes substantial construction.

Councilor Jim Campbell made a motion to "let the Planning Commission decision stand and not pursue an appeal." The council voted 6-0 in favor of his motion.

### Letter to the Editor,

In the Wednesday, January 19, 2000 issue of the Port Orford News, it was reported that folks at the Port Orford Christian Center came to the aid of some stranded motorists, when the highway

was shut down due to the tanker truck overturning. This part is true, however, it was the Youth Group from the Port Orford Christian Center who decided to open the Church up to stranded motorists. Gary Doran, Milo Arnesen and I opened the church to have Youth Group that evening, when Milo made his suggestion to have a place for the stranded motorists to come. Our Youth Group consists of six young men ages 12-18. This information was inadvertently left out of the article regarding the "friendliest town in the west." These young men went out of their way to knock on car windows and invite the stranded motorists back to the church where hot coffee, cocoa, fresh-baked cookies and popcorn awaited them.

It is important for the community to know that not all teenagers are out "slashing tires." These young men care about the community they live in and will make a difference!

Thank you,

Dena Owens, P.O.C.C. Youth Leader

### First Aid and CPR Class

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SWOCC will offer this important and practical class on Saturday, January 29th. The class is from 9am to 5pm at the Gold Beach SWOCC center at the Curry County fairgrounds. The fee is \$26: pre-registration and prepayment are required.

Students will learn first aid, and the skill necessary for the immediate and temporary care of the sick or injured, until qualified medical help arrives. Adult CPR is included.

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### **Fashion Show and High Tea**

It's time to dust off that fancy hat and put on your best dress for the Bree's Fashion Show and High Tea, "Fashions In Time," to be held Saturday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. at Heritage Place in Bandon.

A silent auction begins when the doors open at 12:30 p.m., with food served and the event beginning at 1 p.m.

The annual fashion show is a benefit to raise money for breast cancer awareness and screenings. This is the third year the event has been held, and last year the show was sold out, with 250 people attending and almost \$1,500 raised.

This year the idea of a "High Tea" was chosen to complement the fashion show. Cost of the event is \$10 per person, and includes a generous array of salads, sandwiches, desserts, beverage, and of course, tea.

Kathy Pennington, founder of the Bree's Foundation and Bree's Upscale Resale, a clothing store in Bandon dedicated to making breast cancer screening available to all women, regardless of income, is coordinator of the event. Clothing from the store is modeled at the show. Pennington is looking for loans of vintage clothing to be displayed in keeping with the fashion show's theme.

Pennington is dedicated to the breast cancer cause in part because her own daughter, Sabrina, was diagnosed with breast cancer at a young age and underwent a mastectomy. There was no history of breast cancer in the family.

Sabrina's experience led Pennington to form the non-profit foundation, and to hold a luncheon to raise money and to

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provide a forum to talk about the disease and its implications and prevention.

All proceeds from the store and the annual fashion show are used for the purpose of making people more aware of the signs, symptoms and prevention of breast cancer and for mammograms for those who can't afford them. The Bree's Foundation will pay for all or part of the cost of a mammogram for any woman.

New to the fashion show this year will be a Cancer Survivor's Wall, a collage of names and/or photos, of women who have survived breast, cervical or any other type of cancer.

As Suzy Kling, a cervical cancer survivor who spoke at last year's fashion show eloquently put it:

"Breast and cervical cancers need to come out of the closet, and women need to talk about it and write their congressmen and lobby for more money for research of these silent killers of women," she said.

A wall of cancer survivors makes it more "real" to everyone, thus raising awareness.

A cancer memorial quilt is also being sewn in honor of those who have had the disease. Blocks for the quilt are still being accepted, and the quilt will be displayed when completed.

Once again, the Bree's Foundation is asking local merchants to donate for the

silent auction and for door prizes. All donations are tax deductible and will only be used to raise money for the foundation. For more information on the silent auction or to donate, call Michele Winchell at 347-9836.

Tickets are now available at Bree's, located next to Mother's Natural Grocery on Highway 101 in Bandon, or at the Bank of America, Bandon Branch.

Because the fashion show usually sells out, no reservations will be taken, and tickets must be purchased prior to the event. Tickets will not be available at the door. For more information about the event, contact Pennington at Bree's, 347-4435 or Judy Gonet at Bank of America, 347-9422.

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### **Pancake Benefit Breakfast**

Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department invites you to attend a pancake benefit breakfast on Sunday, February 6, from 7:00am to noon at the fire department at 19<sup>th</sup> and Idaho Streets.

Cost of the breakfast is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for seniors and children.

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## **Chamber Awards By Evan Kramer**

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce held their annual awards luncheon on Monday at the Wheelhouse Restaurant. John Ineson, new president of the Chamber, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the millenium. He spoke about the many challenges facing the Chamber this year and asked for the cooperation of the membership. He urged members to pay attention to what is going on in our community.

The first award was to Buck's Sentry Market for 1999 business of the year. Ineson presented a beautiful myrtlewood plaque to store owner Al Luis. Luis said he has a great staff at his store. Ineson explained that Sentry Market does a lot for this community. He said it helps every charitable organization and has helped the community grow and prosper.

President Ineson then announced Al Affonso as 1999 person of the year and

presented him with a myrtlewood plaque from the Wooden Nickel. Ineson said Affonso has done much for our community researching the sewer and water situation and keeping the citizens advised.

Ineson then thanked outgoing president Jay Stoler and said he had done a lot for the Chamber last year. Ineson then thanked Chamber office manager Mechelle Billings and the volunteers for the great job they've done at the Visitor Center at Battle Rock Park. Ineson added that people are spending more time in our town than before.

Bob Sutton displayed the new Jubilee Pin for this year. It is entitled "Up Up and Away in Y2K" and features a seagull painted white with a yellow beak.

### **1999 Visitor Center Statistics**

Visitors to the Center: ..... 17,244  
 Requests for Visitor Info ..... 7,022  
 E-Mail requests or letters ..... 743  
 Relocation letters ..... 88  
 Phone messages ..... 1,281

## **Police Log**

January 17, 1:00pm: Report of assault at 1120 Arizona Street – unfounded.

January 17, 2:03pm: Report of trespass at 656 9th Street – unfounded.

January 18, 11:40am: Report of prescription theft – under investigation.

January 18, 2:30pm: Animal abuse 12th Street boat ramp – report taken.

January 19, 8:30am: Theft of sign post 1901 Arizona Street – recovered and returned.

January 20, 6:30am: Menacing complaint Silver Springs Trailer Court – referred to Curry County Sheriff's Office.

January 21, 4:20pm: Complaint of Trespass at 1205 Idaho Street – report taken, being monitored.

January 21, 10:20pm: Complaint of Criminal Trespass at Port and Starboard – unwanted person removed.

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Whereas, a significant number of our county residents are left without a local health care provider and undergo great hardship in traveling long distances to obtain medical services, and

Whereas, the shortage of health care providers willing to serve Oregon Health Plan residents in the Brookings-Harbor area has a serious adverse impact on health care services and providers in the rest of Curry County, and

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Whereas, Oregon law provides a tax credit to specified health care providers who work in rural areas, but does not require those providers to provide services to Oregon Health Plan clients;

Now, Therefore, we the Curry County Commissioners do jointly agree and declare that a County state of Medical Care Emergency exists, and do urge all county health care providers to accept their com-

munity responsibility to provide services to Oregon Health Plan residents of Curry County;

We further urge all our elected legislative representatives to provide immediate emergency funding to the Oregon Health Plan, sufficient to provide services to all Oregon residents who are eligible for the services, and sufficient to encourage health care providers to participate in providing services;

We further urge our elected legislative representatives to require that rural health care providers who are accepting a tax credit, must demonstrate willingness to serve Oregon Health Plan clients in order to be eligible for the tax credit.

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**Gun Club News**  
By Bill Oleson

Members finally tired waiting for the weather to improve and held a well attended trap shoot Sunday – in a downpour.

All of us have been saddened by the passing of club members and members of club members. Catherine Morrow, wife of Jim Morrow has struggled for many years with health problems. Catherine was a teacher and librarian in the Fairbanks, Alaska School District before moving to Port Orford.

Tim Coombes, longtime resident and rancher up the Sixes River was an expert trap shooter. His name appears a number of times in the Pacific International Trapshooting Manual. Tim kept the Battle Rock Club in operation for many years. He also is remembered for his exploits as a crop duster pilot. Ron Johnson, long time member of our club and also President of the Bandon Trap Club lost his long time companion, Penny. Penny prepared many meals for us when we competed at Bandon.

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Don Chase, high overall trap shooter in our first Annual Trap Meet lost his father Wayne Chase. Mr. Chase is remembered by many of us as the manager of our local True Value store.

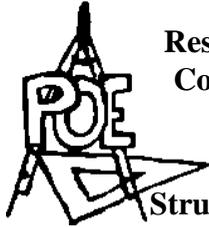
As said before, Sunday's shoot started and ended in a downpour of rain. Competition in the 16 yard Singles was fierce. Four of us were tied at 25/25 going into the second half. They were Scott Macdonald, Mike Sullivan Coos Bay, Rudi Breuer and Bill Oleson. Two of us faded leaving Scott and Mike tied at 49/50. Scott Macdonald won by one target in the shoot off.

The Handicap Event was won by Rudi Breuer, Breuer Construction. Corky Brewer, Brookings was runner-up.

The second annual League Trap Shoot at Myrtle Point has completed its second week. Last year the two teams representing Cape Blanco were number one and two overall. In order to make the league more competitive all of us have been dispersed among the other squads. Scott Macdonald had the highest score in the AA division; Bill Oleson tied for first in the B division. Scott Wurster is only a target or two from being high overall.

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**Lake Watch**

The water level in Garrison Lake is on the rise once again. Ocean water entering the lake at the exit channel has pushed the lake up several feet since last week. There is now some water under the 12<sup>th</sup> Street boat ramp and only two concrete weights were showing on the sewer out-fall pipe. Arizona Street between Madonna Street and Geer Circle was reopened at the end of last week.

The special meeting of state agencies, Curry County and the City of Port Orford regarding Garrison Lake levels planned for February 1 has been cancelled.

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**R.A.D.**  
by Audra Loeber

The R.A.D. outdoor club is a group of students from Pacific High who are interested in learning about the outdoors and desperately want to get out and do stuff like hiking, camping, and rafting, but these all cost money. To deal with this we have been brainstorming about fund-raisers that we could do. The last one we tried was a gift wrapping service, where you could bring your Christmas presents in for us to wrap. This was not as successful as we would have liked, but we received generous donations from community members and local businesses.

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Our leader Cathy brought up a great idea, a little odd at first. Her idea was to make and sell dog biscuits, at the Seaweed Natural Grocery. Now the not so limp bizkits for dogs are in high demand. At one dollar a bag these treats are definitely making money for us.

Our next great adventure will take place Feb. 18-21. We will be teaming up with thirteen other students from a Eugene high school for a trip to the redwoods in California. We will be staying at a youth hostel and enjoying many educational hikes throughout the Redwoods National Park.

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Our club is also planning to adopt a forest through the Powers/Gold Beach Ranger Districts. The roadless area, Potato Mountain, has already been hand-picked by us. We are planning on getting to know this area very well, and taking a great many adventures in it.

Our next scheduled fund raiser will be a bake sale with many home made goodies for everyone to buy. It will take place Saturday, January 29th in Sentry Market. Dog bizkits and raffle tickets for a night out on the town will be available too. We hope you all will stop by and help us to go to the Redwoods.

Any questions contact Cathy Boden at NCFCC 332-1042.

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### GREAT COMEDIES THIS WEEK!

The big hits of the week are the runaway comedy, "Runaway Bride" and "Illuminata" which sounds from the box like the movie will be much better than it's title. Another comedy new this week is "the Sex Monster" (Does it hide under

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the bed?) We also got three dramas, "The Tempest", "Business for Pleasure", and "Twin Falls Idaho" and one Western, "Blood and Honor." Hope you enjoy them! To rent videotapes, Sega, Sony, and Nintendo video games, or DVD's remember The Downtown Fun Zone. We are open 9:30am till 6pm Monday thru Thursday and from 9:30am till 7pm Friday and Saturday. Closed on Sunday.

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### Letter To The Editor,

I have been living in Port Orford for almost 11 yrs now and have enjoyed my residence due to the beautiful scenery, fishing, hiking, and the acquaintance of some very special people. I have also had to deal with those who feel that their

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lives are more important than the rest of us. I recently read an article from a person who was considering moving to this area and chose not to because of some community problems due to the Lake Fiasco. I am glad that these problems are (so called) resolved, Unfortunately I have seen these problems in the past and find that life in this wonderful town has it's up's and downs. I tend to wonder where some of us come from!! I enjoy hearing the stories of those who have lived here all of their lives and yet I equally love the expressions of those alien to our little environment.

Life is only what we make of it and I would like to thank the editors of this FREE mini mag for their input and time to give new information and keep us informed with an unbiased as possible point of view.

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## Council Sets Priorities Continued from Front Cover

but didn't set a specific date nor did they set a specific date to deal with the priorities they reached in this workshop meeting. The council can't make motions in workshop meetings.

### Watershed Letter

January 18, 2000

To Mayor Gary Doran

Regarding: Acquisition of Sorenson and Bussmann properties

Honorable Mayor:

I am writing to you, as the State Forest Practices Forester for Curry County and as a resident of southern Coos County, to encourage the City of Port Orford to acquire ownership of the North Fork Hubbard Creek watershed. I know you are well aware of the importance of the watershed as Port Orford's primary community water supply. Equally important is protecting the water resource in the future. Currently, the watershed is being assessed for water quality risks under Oregon's Drinking Water Protection Program. I firmly believe many of the existing and future risks can be mitigated

if the City acquired physical ownership of the watershed.

While government agencies are mandated to protect water quality, it is not always the main objective for private landowners. Water quality priorities within the watershed will always be at risk while land use and resource management decisions are made by diverse individual property owners. If the City were to acquire ownership, water quality could become the priority land management objective.

I believe City ownership of the watershed would prove to be an asset not only for the residents of Port Orford but also for the community at large. The land could be developed or not, for the public good. I ask you to envision the many possibilities for water quality protection, recreation, education, or infrastructure expansion presented by City ownership.

Two properties within the watershed are for sale. They are the 140-acre Sorenson tract (formerly owned by David Wilken) and the 80-acre Bussmann tract. Both are at risk for future land uses that may negatively impact water quality. I urge you to do all within your power and authority to

promote and acquire these properties for the Port Orford community.

Sincerely,

Kathy Wiggins  
Forest Practices Officer

### Reserve Deputy Program

Curry County Sheriff Kent Owens announced three community meetings to provide information and application materials for a Sheriff's Reserve program in Curry County. Interested men and women, over the age of 21, physically active, with good driving/criminal records and residents of Curry County are invited to apply.

As a community service the training program will provide free of cost by Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC), alternating between their Brookings and Gold Beach campuses. Successful completion of the program will provide a Certificate in Basic Law Enforcement, meeting the requirements of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) certificate program. The standards for a Reserve Deputy, though serving on a volunteer basis, without compensation of any kind are exactly the same as for a full-time career deputy.

Reginald W. (Reg) Dewar will act as the sheriff's representative at the three January community meetings. The meeting in Port Orford will be held on Friday, January 28, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers. Reg will explain the program, answer questions and provide application materials at the meeting.

The formal Reserve training program is scheduled to begin in the latter part of February, following completion of the prerequisite application processing and individual Reserve applicant interviews.

Reg emphasized that both men and women would be given equal consideration and that active retired and semi-retired persons are also encouraged to apply for the Reserve program.

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