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Thanks, But No Thanks By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council met on Monday night and began with councilor Jane Cramer reminding people about the community dessert potluck party on Sunday, February 27, from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the Community Building. She said the Port Orford Step Dancers and Bell Singers would be performing.

The council considered Jane Cramer's letter concerning the recent community vandalism. Mary Corey, from the Educational Service District (ESD) presented the councilors with printed material from the Hill-Walker Institute on Anti-Social Behavior which is located at the University of Oregon. It contained eleven main points about anti-social behavior. Corey recommended early prevention. She said we need to find out what went on with the vandalism and pay attention. Councilor Nathaniel Wander asked how many kids were involved and how old they were. Police Chief Bill Rush said one of the parties was under house arrest and that all the information had been sent to juvenile and that it was up to them now to proceed. The council put this issue on the March agenda as an action item. The city admin-

istrator will contact the University of Oregon and report back to the council. Chief Rush said he has had a lot of calls since the tire slashing and needs people to be the eyes and ears of the community. The police department phone number is 332-9013.

Pete DiRusso, self-described "whipping boy" for the county and coordinator of emergency services reported on Garrison Lake. He reported there would be a meeting on February 18 with Brian Herzig from State Parks concerning the lake and the permit to open it. DiRusso said on Friday evening at 6:30pm he had taken a shovel and opened the lake but added the emergency permit expired the next day. He told the council the county breached the lake to the south to avoid further damage to the dunes.

Mayor Gary Doran thanked public works director Allan Wagner for the extra responsibilities he has taken on.

Jay Stoler updated the council on the emergency planning committee activities. He said they meet once a month and are working on a plan that will dovetail with the county emergency plan.

Al Affonso spoke to the council about recent discussion of having recreational vehicle parks collect bed tax fees. He said it would make it difficult to compete with

parks outside the city that wouldn't be assessing the bed tax. He said it would be better to keep the campers close to town where they would shop in town. He suggested spending the bulk of the bed tax money on one main project a year.

The council briefly discussed water/wastewater rates before Mayor Doran recommended holding a workshop or special session to deal with the issue.

Councilor Ralph Donaldson said the county had done a wonderful job on the lake issue. He made a motion that the council authorize the city administrator to write a letter to the Curry County commissioners thanking them and Pete DiRusso for their efforts on behalf of the lake. Councilor Cramer said the lake was a State responsibility. Councilor Norm Leeling said it wasn't done in a responsible way and it was dumb luck we didn't have more damage. The motion was defeated 4-2 with Cramer, Leeling, Wander and Robert Warring voting against it and Donaldson and Campbell voting for the motion. Public Works Director Allan Wagner thanked the County for their help in repairing the Arizona Street Bridge.

Mayor Doran thanked Justin Bauman for his work on the planning commission and watershed council. He recently resigned

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Senior News
By Mary Yoder

February 10 – as usual I’ll start with the Rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were Mary Evans, Betty Harper, Bessie Laursen, Gretta Carver, Judy Franklin, Owen Miller, - Betty Harper set up the dining room.

February 12 those working were Mary Evans, Betty Berger, Lorraine Hass, Verna Pretti, Bessie Laursen, doing dishes Betty McCormick and John S. This was luncheon and birthday party. There were birthday cakes – one by Mary Corey and the other by Julia Barnes. A real nice time was had by all. Harry White was a guest – our oldest 94 years old – downstairs the rummage sale Kay Neal and Thelma Lagace.

Did you notice the decorations for Valentine’s Day? Really nice – Karen Pace did it. Thank you Karen. Now at the board meeting it was announced who our

volunteer for February is – yes, it is Pauline Lenox. She is our treasurer – also takes care of the money table for all the lunches. Good going Pauline.

I was told March 11 at 4:00pm will be a corn beef and cabbage luncheon. All are welcome come and enjoy.

There is a new thing going on at the Center every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 830am mornings. It’s called the health walking group. Kathy Goad is the head of this – all are welcome to join.

I’d like to take this time now to thank the Sea Breeze floral shop for the lovely flower arrangements they gave the Center for Valentine’s Day. Thank you from all of us.

I hope I haven’t missed anyone or anything.

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Public Meetings

Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School District Board meets on Monday, February 21, 7:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School to select a superintendent screening committee.

Port of Port Orford Commission meets on Tuesday, February 22, 7:00pm, at the Port Office.

Port Orford City Council meets on Wednesday, February 23, 10:00am, in the city hall council chambers to discuss land acquisition and rules for public contracting.

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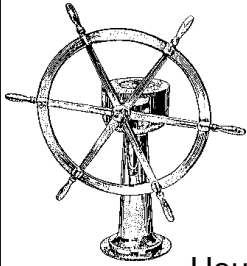
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Playing God Graeme Graydon



I am getting a little weary of reading about Life Extension – the science of lengthening our lifespan. Others have done it without trying, the Hunzas and other cultural groups. Ages of 120 years were common. That is 120 and still being sexy, riding horses, healthy and active. Researchers have tried for years to find out how they did it. There are companies who claim that their expensive products duplicate the Hunza diet, a forlorn hope because you have to have their glacial waters loaded with colloidal minerals to drink and to water your own garden. Furthermore there can be no imported, out of season or processed food, no sodas, no popular medications, no cars, telephones, and please enjoy the tough climate.

Now, scientists are scrambling to 'improve' the human body, to change a perfectly good model, (note the Hunzas). They're speaking of the day when degenerative diseases will have been bred out of the body with, of course, the

promise of longer lives. If their genetic improvement of tomatoes is any indication of how it will be, we can expect to look great on the shelf, but otherwise be bland, tasteless, somewhat artificial and certainly not as good as a real one. Apart from the alluring motive of profit, I believe the quest is driven by a passion to cheat death and gain immortality. Societies like ours, regard death as being the worst thing that can happen to us. There is an outrageous fear of death, that we will not continue, that we will disappear. Other cultures don't fear death at all. The early Egyptians, from the Pharaoh to the servant, celebrated it as a birth, no question about it. All those people who have had "near death experiences", but who got sent back to finish the job, try to describe emotions of joy and love, not reached in human life. Talk to one of these people, they KNOW that there is something to look forward to, They have no fear and will welcome it when the time comes. The world's greatest spiritual leaders associate death with a return to bliss and ecstasy of spirit. A lot of us have been privileged to watch a loved one die and have marvelled at the transformation that may be glimpsed at the moment of leaving – a high and exciting

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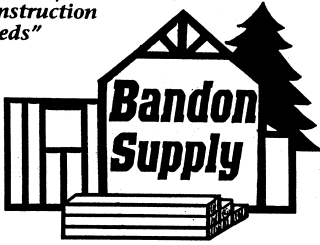
moment. So, if they're right, why would we bother with taking extraordinary, uncertain and motivated-by-fear-and-profit measures to avoid it? Something very strange about that picture. I always wondered what those people would do, who died, and had their remains deep-frozen so that one day, technology could bring them back to life. Think about it, the man dies, his body goes into a freezer for 50 years, and he goes off to play with the angels or whoever. Then someone sends a message – "Your body is ready for you again". Do you imagine for a moment that he's going to drop his lifestyle to go back to his old thawed-out body that has a prostate problem, a hearing defect and owes back rent on the freezer?

It seems to me that we already have a lot of the answers to both health and longevity, but to find the discipline to live a simple lifestyle, to reject the civilized parts like diet sodas and white sugar and to go for the pleasure rather than the profit, is beyond what most of us are prepared to do. But I believe it holds greater promise than those scientists who love playing God.

Toll Free Number

With help from various grant funds, the Curry General Hospital toll free number has been reinstated effective Feb. 14. Earlier it was discontinued in an effort to cut back expenses. The number is 1-800-445-8085.

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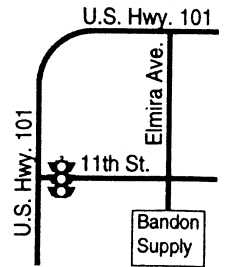
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Port Commission Meets

The Port of Port Orford Commission met briefly last Thursday morning to discuss two agenda items. They discussed the fees and a change in mediators for the pending mediation. The mediation will be held at the Port office. Gayle Paige asked for a mediator acceptable to both parties. Port Commissioner Scott Macdonald described the mediation process as fact finding that gets to view the situation. Commissioner Chris Hawthorne said the Special Districts has an investigator but that person won't be brought in unless the mediator requests it.

Scott Macdonald made a motion to amend the original motion so that they find a mediator by mutual agreement to both parties. The original motion said the mediator would be hired through the Oregon Department of Labor. The amendment passed.

The Commission then passed a motion to change the date of the regular Port meeting from Tuesday, February 15 to February 22 at 7:00pm.

Commissioner Dave Knapp then spoke and told the Commission it had been brought to his attention that he could have voted with a potential conflict of interest with his motion on July 28 to accept Laskey-Clifton's bid for the new dock project. Knapp said that Laskey-Clifton had an agreement with him for fill material. He reached a work agreement with Laskey-Clifton on September 13 and the rock was tested after that. Knapp referred to himself as an ignorant farmer and went on to say he had turned himself in to the Government Standards and Practices Commission. Knapp apologized for his mistake and told the Board he will keep them informed of what happens with the Commission.

Letter to the Editor,

It's appalling how some businesses use false advertising to lure consumers into their traps. A box of eggs recently purchased in a health-food store advertised the following: "Brown Eggs from cage-free vegetarian hens."

Hey, cage-free hens scratch the ground and one of their favorite snacks is sow bugs, worms, bugs, grasshoppers, moths and other crawly creatures. If, as the advertiser claims his hens are vegetarian, then logic tells me his feathered flock is in an enclosure, rummaging around on either a concrete or wooden floor. This tells me his chickens are never exposed to a robust blast of sunshine, which heals and curbs bacteria. For the public's information, normal, free-roaming outdoor Hens are Not Vegetarians!

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Tues. Sweed n Sour Pork - Chicken Fry
Steak
Wed. BBQ Chicken - Halibut
Thu. Tips with Pasta - Chicken Enchiladas

Prayer and Fasting By Richard Jamieson

Dear Citizens of Port Orford and vicinity, I have written you this message for a very important reason. In the time it took the publisher of this paper to open the envelope and unfold this letter several children in the world probably died from malnutrition or hunger related disease. In fact, at an average rate, a child dies of these causes each time we take a breath. Kind of makes you want to stop breathing doesn't it? Please keep breathing because there are ways you can help. My Sunday School Class and the Youth Group at Port Orford Christian Center is participating in an annual event hosted by World Vision. We have promised to go without food for 30 hours starting on February 25, 2000 so that we can bring attention to the plight of those less fortunate than us. Our sacrifice is small, it only consists of prayer and fasting for a short period of

time, but we hope that you will also be able to make a small sacrifice as well. Would you consider pledging a tax-deductible donation to this cause? Our church has worked with World Vision on many occasions over the years and we can say with certainty that they can make your dollars go a long way to help alleviate the suffering of impoverished children. If you can, would you please send a check written out to Port Orford Christian Center to P.O. box 1288? Our treasurer will send you a receipt for tax purposes and once all pledges are collected we will send 100% of what we receive to World Vision to aid in this very worthwhile cause. Thank you for taking the time to read this and to give it your consideration. If you would like further information about this event or how you can help please contact me at 332-8733 or Gary Doran at 332-6161.

Letter to the Editor,

"Election Races Heating Up" Curry County Reporter – February 9, 2000 – was hot news all right. I, for one, am very glad Peg Reagan's hat is in the ring.

Times change. People change. But the need for experience in government where it counts never changes. Having previously served as County Commissioner from 1991-1995 gives Peg a decided edge. Her networking with County Commissioners around Oregon and across the country for the last four years will bring much needed input to the planning of Curry County's future.

The fact that such an articulate, experienced and energetic person wants to serve in an often unsung position is to her credit and our benefit. She will hit the ground running. Peg Reagan deserves our support! Sincerely,

Terri Stone
Ophir

Superintendent Search **By Evan Kramer**

The Port Orford Langlois 2CJ School District Board met last Tuesday and began their meeting an hour early with a presentation from Jim Carnes. He is conducting the Oregon School Board Association superintendent search for the district. The board voted at their December meeting not to renew the contract of Superintendent Dick Wold, which runs out on June 30, 2000.

Carnes addressed the Board and the lightly-attended public. He reviewed the calendar of events for the Board adoption. He estimated the search for a new superintendent would run \$6,000-\$8,000. Carnes asked the Board if they wanted in-district candidates treated differently. He said it was up to the Board how to deal with people applying for the job within the District.

Carnes recommended setting up a screening committee to go through the applications and compile a list of the top ten applicants. It was decided all applicants would be treated equally. Carnes recommended rather than ask the applicants for their college placement file they receive three to five letters of reference along with the resumes. Carnes displayed a tentative brochure that all applicants will receive and later read it.

Carnes said he couldn't predict how many applications would be turned in for the job. He said in Tillamook they had 26 applicants for school superintendent while in Enterprise they had 17. He said there were 25 superintendent positions open in Oregon.

Carnes told the Board they had met the criteria for public input and that they need to form the screening committee consisting of no more than 15 members within the next two weeks. Carnes said he needed a copy of the current executive contract for the superintendent and said it was public information. He next dis-

cussed salary ranges for the job and said \$66,851 was the average salary for a superintendent in a district with between 300-600 students.

Carnes said now that the legislature provides 70% of school funding the superintendent needs to be in contact with the state legislature and have the ability to lobby local legislators.

Carnes had a stack of forms that had been filled out by the public on the superintendent search. He asked for public input. I asked about the wall of separation between the school board and the superintendent and the relationship of the board to the superintendent including hunting and fishing together and being members of the same service organizations. Carnes said the Board might require the superintendent to live in the District. Carnes said the Board gambles in becoming too familiar with the superintendent. Dan Smith reminded the current board that it was a lame duck school board that had renewed Dick Wold's contract several years ago. Smith said it was important for people to be able to talk the superintendent without being intimidated.

Carnes reviewed the process for forming the screening committee. It will consist of all school board members except Mike Knapp who voluntarily took himself off to give a spot to someone else, a classified, certified and administrative employee, one person from each school site and three members of the public. The applications must be received at School District office no later than Friday, February 18. The school board will meet on Monday, February 21, and select the committee.

Regular Business

Student Hannah Swenson, a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) recited the FFA creed. FFA teacher Richard Cooper said the FFA convention would be held in Ontario during spring break.

Under public comments Dan Smith thanked the board for the job they are doing, I commented positively on the student newspaper, The Pacific High Times, and Carlene Armi suggested the student paper be put in the regular newspaper.

Computer teacher Paul Young gave a report on the search for a new intercom/phone system for the District. Two bids have been received including one from Smead Company, which Young said was real flexible. Young told the Board he needed them to decide what they wanted the system to look like. The majority of funding for the new system will come from E-Rate. They determine how much the District will receive based on how many students are receiving free and reduced rate lunches in the schools. Young said the District was missing out on thousands of dollars in grant money because parents of children who could qualify for free or reduced rate lunches weren't filling out the paperwork. The Board will consider the intercom/phone system again at their March meeting.

Superintendent Dick Wold recommended the Board hold a special meeting with OSBA representatives concerning the charter school issue.

School transportation manager Justin Potter said Western Bus Sales had submitted the low bid for a new 77-passenger school bus. He said their bid was for \$63,679 but that he had negotiated with them and gotten the price down to \$62,237. (a savings of \$1,447 or 2.25%) The bus will be acquired through a five-year lease purchase. Board member Shirley Van Loo made a motion to purchase the bus for \$62,237 and it passed unanimously.

The board adjourned for an executive session, then reconvened into regular session and Mike Knapp made a motion to accept the resignation of teacher Kathy Stack no later than 60 days from February 8. The motion passed 5-0.

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The principals and superintendent then gave brief oral reports in addition to the written ones submitted to the Board. Blanco School principal Judy Shay said attendance at both Langlois schools was now 237 students including 21 in the kindergarten class. She said March 7 was parent's night at Blanco School. She said the state school report card for Blanco hadn't yet been received.

Superintendent Wold said the District had received a \$66,970 grant for state lottery funds for capital improvements. He said that this fiscal year the District had received \$659,147 in funds outside of the general funds. Wold said Pacific High School had gotten a strong rating in their State Report Card. Wold said the District would be getting a resource officer next week. This position will be paid for by a grant from the Clinton COPS program and is for three years and \$125,000. The officer will come from the ranks of the Curry County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Kent Owens has selected Ted Longton to serve as the officer. He will work at all four schools.

Port Orford Library By Paula Cracas

Another new book order just arrived and do we have treats for you! If you requested a book, but sure to check to see if we were able to find it. Or just stop by and find the perfect book for the winter blahs.

In light of more people "cocooning" (placing more emphasis on their homes), Cheryl Mendelson wrote Home Comforts about the art and science of keeping house. If you have just set up housekeeping for the first time or have been dusting the same shelves for the past fifty years, you're sure to find helpful information in this book. To keep house the natural way, Casey Kellar wrote Natural Cleaning for Your Home... 95 recipes to make dirty into clean. The Joy of Simple Living by Jeff Davidson and Living Simply by Sara Orem and Larry Demarest are books packed full of ideas on how to make the best use of your time and maintain balance in your busy life.

With the rainy weather upon us, maybe escapes to warmer climates seem like a good idea. Whether you are planning a trip to the desert or over the hill to your grandchild's house, take some advice

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Would you know what to do if a friend or relative stopped breathing? What would you do if they received a deep cut or a broken nose? If you're like most people in coastal communities, you are some distance from medical help. One way to help be prepared is to take a Medic Standard First Aid and CPR class. Southwestern Oregon Community College will offer this important and practical class on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Port Orford City Hall. The fee is \$26.00: pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

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Community Theater

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A couple of decades ago several local residents organized a little theater company to perform plays and skits for the community. Then, for one reason or many, they lost interest and Port Orford's own theater group faded away. Back in 1993 or '94, it was started up again because several local residents wanted a "Melly-Drayma" (sic) for the Fourth of July Jubilee Celebration.

After a few brief meetings a core group was established and a governing board was voted in. And, the "Melly-Draymas" started up again. However, history repeated itself and the upstart theater group, up an folded for lack of interest (or whatever) after a couple of very successful Fourth of July performances.

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Once again, another push to cycle up yet another Port Orford Community Theater Group has materialized. This, then, is a call for all persons (young and not so) to put together the Port Orford Community Theater Group. This isn't a production or a cast call. This is an attempt to put this oft desired "Company" back together. Without a strong board of governors and core membership, this group may dissolve into obscurity for another couple of decades.

If you are interested in membership, please call Michael Hall at 332-1492 and leave a message. Or reach Colleen and Monty Harrison at 332-2233. Donna Lindberg is available for more information at 332-5006.

Creighton Runs For Clerk

Mark Creighton has announced his plan to enter the race for Curry County Clerk. Creighton, a Sheriff's Deputy from Port Orford, announced that he has filed his prospective petition for candidacy with the County Clerk's office, and will gather the required signatures so his name will be placed on the May ballot. Creighton has been employed by Curry County since 1989 as a Deputy Sheriff. He said he plans to manage by involvement, and lead by example. Creighton said he has the management experience, education, and the qualifications needed to provide leadership in the Clerk's office, he continued by saying, his plan will include strong leadership, and a

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business approach. Because of dwindling resources, Creighton believes, it will take someone willing to introduce a plan that includes innovative ways of providing quality service with limited resources, not a plan that includes asking the public for more taxes.

Creighton stated, "As an elected official, I will not ask for a raise in pay, I am fully aware what the job pays. It's not about money. It's about helping people." Creighton concluded, "in these times we need a manager who can manage within the confinements of budgetary constraints, and someone who will be there when someone needs help. I plan to bring back honesty, integrity, and professionalism to the office of Curry County Clerk."

You can contact Creighton at 541-332-0149, e-mail markc@harborside.com or by fax at 541-332-7609. Contributions may be sent to "Creighton for Clerk" P.O. Box 45, Port Orford, OR 97465.

Arts Council Funds

At their most recent meeting, the Port Orford Arts Council voted for the funds to be assigned to three of their annual programs. \$500 for the Honor Ceremony in May, \$1,000 towards the NCFCC Summer Arts Program for young children, and the High School Art Scholarship will receive \$400 this year. These represent approximately one third of their annual budget.



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Blanco School News

Only two more boys' basketball games at Blanco this season – Wednesday, Feb. 16th and Feb. 23rd with games starting at 4pm. The boys have had very successful seasons. Everyone is invited to come see how their skills have developed.

6-7-8 Grade Dance is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17th in the gym from 3-5:15 for students who are eligible. An activity bus will be available and the dance will be chaperoned by Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Stack.

Ticket Drawing Winners this week are Brady Hammer and Ambrosia Farris!

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are available in each school office. Parents and guardians are encouraged to complete an application whether or not you think you may be eligible. The number of students each school has on free and reduced lunches determines the amount of money the federal government distributes to that school. The criteria for qualifying is quite low so you may be pleasantly surprised!

The Outstanding Portland Opera performed "The Night Harry Quit Smoking"

February 15th in the Blanco gym free of charge. Driftwood students joined in the fun and Mrs. Cassel 4/5 grade class participated in the performance. Thank you Portland Opera!

No School Friday, February 18 – Teacher Inservice

No School Monday, February 21 – Presidents Day.

Police Log

February 7, 3:25pm: Unwanted transient at Port – contacted and advised to move on.

February 7, 4:45pm: Unwanted transient at Wheelhouse – contacted and advised.

February 8, 2:10pm: Report of break-in at St. John's – report taken.

February 9, 2:00pm: Report of lost files left on top of car.

February 9, 3:05pm: Transient in Buffington Park – contacted and advised.

February 10, 8:30pm: Report of vehicle stolen from front of Pitches – under investigation.

February 11, 8:30am: Criminal mischief

to light pole at Port Orford Apartments – report taken.

Police Statistics

Calls for service	93
Agency assists	12
Public assists	39
Traffic citations	42
Written warnings	25
Verbal warnings	15
New cases	22
Felony	7
Misdemeanor	11
Other	4
Arrests	
Misdemeanor	3
Warrant	1

Community Party

By Jane Cramer

For Port Orford City Council

The Port Orford Community Party is coming up on Sunday, February 27 from 1 PM to 4 PM. It's time to look through your recipes for a fabulous dessert to bring to the party and share with your friends and neighbors.

Winter can seem long and dreary. Why not come out for a lovely afternoon of fun, food and entertainment? Remember it's the people who make Port Orford special, so why not meet some new friends and enjoy the company of old friends. This is your chance to see people you may not have seen all winter. We're looking forward to seeing you then!

City Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Allan Wagner's monthly public works report for January included the information that the water plant had treated 3.986 million gallons of water. The same report showed the wastewater plant treated 7,101,790 of wastewater. Councilor Norm Leeling spoke about the big difference between the inflow (water) and outflow (sewage) and that it was because of infiltration of water into the system.



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The Blue Book, published biennially since 1911, is Oregon's official government directory and encyclopedia of history and facts. Bradbury will narrate a demonstration of the new features found in the online Blue Book.

The broadcast will be recorded and available on the Secretary of State's web site, <http://www.sos.state.or.us>, shortly after the press conference.

Interesting Web Sites

www.alltheweb.com - They claim to be the biggest, fastest search engine.

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Switching departments, on Tuesday, we received the newest expansion set for **Magic, The Gathering - Nemesis**. Available in preconstructed decks and booster packs.

What about **Pokemon**? Sorry, as of Wednesday morning, our wholesaler says they don't expect to receive any until sometime in March. More than that, they don't know either.

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Gun Club News
By Bill Oleson

Last Sunday's trap meets weather forecast was for gale force winds and rain. The barometer was falling faster than a target. As shooting time came up, no one had appeared at the range. In the absence of the President of the club and also members of the board of directors, the Secretary was ready to close up for the day. At the last minute, the equivalent of two squads showed up; all were from Coos Bay-North Bend. We had a meet.

It was all George Millen's (Coos Bay) day. George won the 16-yard singles match by one target over Howard

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Ganette, Coos Bay, with a good score of 46/50. Winds at the time appeared to be gusting to 30-40 miles per hour.

The Handicap event was also won by George Millen, shooting from the 27-yard line, with a 44/50. This score might not seem impressive but neither were the targets. The wind would switch from South to West and back again causing targets to either go straight up or dive flat. Bill Kemper, Coos Bay, and Howard Ganette were tied up for runner-up.

The Club has experienced exceptional turnouts on Wednesday afternoons starting at 4:00pm. We shoot until everyone goes home.

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Letter to the Editor,

I was appalled by Nathaniel Wander's letter to the editor last week. Although why should I be. Blaming the good guys, shirking your responsibilities, covering your own inadequacies and covering up your own bad decisions seems to be in vogue these days.

All spin aside, these are the facts around the issues surrounding the opening of Garrison Lake. The State was contacted at the Governor's level and their opinion was that the maintenance of the lake has been a local issue for years and should remain so. Emergency permits to open the lake were available. For 30 plus years, the City of Port Orford has maintained a lake level via a dam/weir on Garrison Lake. People's homes were not only permitted to be built, but they were also approved by the City and County. None of these homes were built in a flood zone. Services were provided and taxes accepted.

People's homes and properties, ours included, were already underwater, other homes were in danger of being flooded as well. On January 10, 2000, the City Council voted, in the presence of the

homeowners who were being flooded and threatened of flooding 4 to 2 not to even apply for an emergency permit. The Council members who voted not to apply were Nathaniel Wander, Jane Cramer, Bob Warring and Norm Leeling.

After hearing of this decision, Bill Roberts and Lloyd Olds, County Commissioners, came out to the lake and saw what was happening. They talked to the homeowners in the area, went back and contacted Cheryl Thorp. They all, at that point, made a unanimous decision to apply for an emergency permit which only took a matter of a couple of hours. This decision saved many homes and possibly lives of those surrounding the lake.

Where were you Nathaniel, Jane, Norm and Bob? Did you even bother to go out and talk with any of the residents on the Lake who were flooding? Your inactions cost the taxpayers of Port Orford a lot of money in property values and direct damage then and property values in the future. Nathaniel, since you do not own any property, let alone a home in Curry County, why don't you try it. Perhaps, then, you would be able to relate.

In answer to your question "why aren't Commissioners Olds and Roberts working with their fellow elected officials instead of charging around our community tossing about reckless accusations?" If they don't keep you in the loop of what is going on, I'm sure you will understand as it is obvious your lack of compassion and common sense in this matter, would just get in everybody's way. Furthermore, to correct the record, the Commissioners are not the ones 'tossing reckless accusations.' The accusations made to date are coming from residing residents, some of whom, voted you into the position of City

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Councilman, and have regretted it ever since.

In summing up, Bill and Lloyd's actions should be praised instead of criticized by a letter that is obviously politically motivated. As everyone knows Nathaniel, you are running for County Commissioner, seat number 3 against Lloyd Olds. Why is this? Is it so that you can act as irresponsibly with the whole County as you have with the City of Port Orford. I shudder the thought.

Respectfully yours,

Bob Houck
Port Orford

[The author paid for the part of this letter above 250 words.]

Project Graduation

This Sunday February 20 the Pacific High School Graduation committee will be having a can and bottle drive to help raise money for our Safe and Sober all night celebration for our graduating seniors. The Committee members will be collecting from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. If you have cans or bottles that you would like to donate, please call Mary Hathorn at 332-1301, Katie Hensley at 332-7040 or Candy LaPlante at 332-9545 anytime this week. We would be very glad to make arrangements to pick up them up. Any donations would be appreciated. Please help us make this a big success.

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from both groups. There are two vacancies on the planning commission, one of which is open to a resident of the urban growth boundary.

The council unanimously passed a motion recommending approval of a liquor license to the OLCC for the Battle Rock Deli and Coffee House.

Councilor Warring made a motion that the council declare its interest in joining "Curry Governments" and accept the by-laws as written. It passed 5-1. Curry Governments would consist of the three cities; three port districts and county commissioners and humorously refers to itself as the Magnificent 7.

The council tabled a review of the rules of local contract review until the special session.

City Administrator Martha Weaver-Britell presented an update on sewer hook-ups to the council including a possibility of limited hook-ups in the near future because of progress on the outfall project. She will continue to work out an agreement with DEQ.

Councilor Cramer made a motion to adopt the Public Records Policy as presented to the council and it will supersede any other public records policy. It passed 6-0.

Councilor Leeling updated the council on the watershed council. He said it has been declining in numbers and needs reinvigorating or disbanding.

The council will hold a special session on Wednesday, February 23, 10:00am, in the council chambers to discuss land acquisition and the rules of local contract review. They will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 2, 7:00pm, to deal with water/wastewater rates.

Vandalism in Port Orford By Jane Cramer

[Editor's note: This letter was presented to the city council on Monday night.]

Does the community have an obligation or responsibility with regard to recent vandalism occurrences in Port Orford?

This item appears on the agenda in response to a request by citizens of Port Orford who are concerned with the recent vandalism occurrences in Port Orford.

The entire community should hold the children involved accountable for their actions. This is not a matter for law enforcement to handle alone. To quote a slightly overused phrase, "it takes a village to raise a child."

The issue as perceived by the people who raised the question is: given the financial constraints of the city and lack of sufficient city staff, what can the community do as a whole to help the situation?

The answers will not be easy, but surely there are some to be found. Some suggestions I have heard include:

1. Open communications with the young people.
2. Take an interest in them; ask about their interests and activities.
3. Find an outlet for their restlessness, perhaps by matching their youth and strength with needs of the elderly and/or disabled. This could be in the form of running errands, yard work, lifting or carrying.

I'm sure there are many additional ways to approach this. It all boils down to whether the community is willing to try to deal with the issue and let the young people know they are a part of this community and as such have responsibilities as well as rights.

Angela's Ashes

Angela's Ashes stars Emily Watson and Robert Carlyle and is based on Frank McCourt's Pulitzer prize-winning memoir. It is the tale of the author's impoverished young life in Limerick, Ireland during the sufferings of worldwide depression and widespread consumption. A young boy and his siblings have the incredible ability to persevere despite the dire circumstances of their lives and find comedy in even the most desperate situations. Rated R for language and some sexual content.

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