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They're Off and Running By Evan Kramer



The League of Women Voters held a candidate forum in Port Orford last Tuesday for county candidates running in contested races. The candidates started with a three-minute statement.

District Attorney candidate John Spicer said he received his law degree in 1972 and moved to Gold Beach to practice law in 1974. He spoke of helping start the Curry Health District and being the first Chairman of the Health District for seven years. Spicer said he had tried all kinds of cases up to Measure 11 crimes.

District Attorney candidate Charlie Steak said he liked Curry County. Steak started in the district attorney's office in 1992 and since then has worked every kind of case. Steak said the district attorney's office reviews over 1,500 cases a year. He spoke about his seven-year's experience working with the police and others in the criminal justice system. He promised that he would be a "working DA."

County Commissioner candidate for position #2 Lloyd Olds, Democrat, spoke about his three and a half years as county commissioner and the changes in the

county during that time. He said he hasn't bowed to the ones who want more taxes. Olds said if he said he was going to do something that he would do it. He said he appreciated Port Orford because they're a stubborn bunch of people up here. Olds said he had no intention of running again for commissioner until three months ago when he changed his mind.

County Commissioner candidate for position #2 Nathaniel Wander, Democrat, spoke about his vision for our county. He spoke about the economy being in tatters and the inability to pay for adequate community services. He also spoke about what he saw as the future for the county if the effort was made. He sees a self-sufficient community and one with a development bank for making small, long-term loans to local people to develop businesses that serve our community.

County Commissioner Candidate for position #3 Dave Tilton, Republican, said he was an eighteen year resident of the county with a background in ranching, running a restaurant and writing. He said we need to run the county like a business. He said the government does not run like a business. Tilton spoke about working on long term economic development. He said he would make himself available to the citizens both days and evenings.

County Commissioner candidate for position #3 Bill Roberts, Republican, described his past three and a half years as county commissioner as tough. He said he hasn't been crying for more tax money. Roberts said he has been working for the passage of Senate Bill 1608. Roberts said he didn't like grants but we need them. He spoke of the one of his accomplishments as commissioner, with help from the people, having turned around the animal control department from its dismal days.

County Commissioner candidate for position #3 Peg Reagan, Democrat, spoke of her having served as county commissioner in the early 90's. She said she was the only candidate other than the incumbents who understands what the job entails. She said she knew since 1993 what the future held for the county. Reagan described herself as the only Democrat who could beat Bill Roberts in November.

County Commissioner candidate for position #3 Lucy La Bonte, Democrat, said she could win in November. She said she has a special place in her heart for Port Orford since working on the marine mining issue in the early 90's. She described herself as a team player who will accept

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Sun Apr 30, 2000	4:03a 1.9	9:53a 5.7	4:05p 0.8	10:32p 6.5	6:11a	8:18p	5:07a	4:41p	
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Wed May 3, 2000	6:08a -0.6	12:26p 6.3	6:04p 1.3		6:07a	8:21p	6:38a	8:07p NM	
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A Juicy Story
 By Anita Jottrand

So it's weed pulling time again as I'm pulling those around the raspberry patches. I uncover a whole mess of baby raspberry plants, vibrant and hopeful. All right, so I'll transplant you guys somewhere - never too many raspberries, what with neighbors and friends, and Christmas jam pots.

And suddenly I remember something that happened when I was about eight years old. My father grew several rows of raspberries in our backyard and I was the designated berry picker. My mother was the jam maker. I loved my job. For every ten berries that went into the bowl, one was popped into my mouth. Until the day when just as I was about to pop one, I noticed a green worm crawling out of a dark hole in the center. Moving his articulated parts right and left, looking kind of crunchy, he sniffed the air. Horrified I

threw the whole thing away and from then on checked every berry before it went into my mouth.

The rest, well, they were to become jam anyway, no one would know. Not so. One evening my mother gave us for dessert a pitcher of cream and a large bowl of fresh raspberries. She ladled a pile on each of our plates - while they were passing the cream around I moved all my berries to one side of the plate and, hoping no one would notice, I inspected them quickly one by one, laying those on the other side of the plate.

My father noticed. "What are you doing?" "I'm looking for the worm." Dead silence around the table.

A smile was slowly creeping behind my father's mustache. Finally he spoke to me: "You know, there's a story behind the little raspberry worm. When he was born in there he was just a dot. All he had

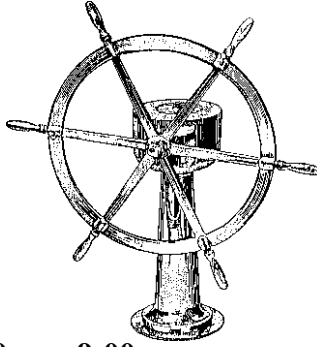
to eat was raspberry juice. For breakfast, lunch and dinner he sucked the juice, so as he grew fatter and longer his body became full of raspberry and he tastes just like one." "But why is he green?" I asked, still a bit suspicious. "Because as soon as the light touches him he turns green, just like plants do." And my father calmly shoved a spoonful of creamed berries into his mouth. Bravely I grabbed a bunch of my uninspected ones and threw them into my mouth, then twirled them around my tongue - no wiggling. Squeezed my teeth together. No sound of crunching. Quite relaxed now I poured cream over everything and looked up to smile at my father. That's when I saw that my mother and my older sister had pushed all their berries on one side of their plate, and one by one...

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There is a Well **By Graeme Graydon**



There is a well deep inside me that holds clean water, cool and life-giving. It is the quiet for my restless mind, healing for my wounds. It is companionship on my lonely journey, guidance when I'm lost and inspiration when I need to go further. Tightly covered and locked lest it be tainted by my mind or the collective mind-stuff of the societies that I have lived in, the water waits, silent, unchanging – its dark surface untroubled.

Life lurches from one extreme to another, from despair in one moment to ecstasy in the next – a wild ride of emotion with perhaps comfortable flat spaces in between, perhaps not, but always completely unaware of the quiet well within. I cannot just draw some water when I feel like it, for the well is locked and without the key, its not there for me. And what is that key? It has a lot to do with who I bring to the well. Its not enough to want or need it, I must be able to receive. Begging, demanding or threatening don't work. I have to leave behind the focus of my pain,

I dare not carry that to the well – my bucket must be empty. I have to be able to receive new directions, to hear new advice and be ready to let go of old strengths, the familiar, the comfortable – even the loved.

I find the key when I touch a place of awe. It may be set off by the glory of a sunset, blazing from the distant ocean edge, or the mystery behind a loved ones eyes, it could be the exuberant beauty of a tiny flower – but it is always silent. Silence has more power than words or words imagined. I think that God must move in silence. In that awesome space, where no action is required, where there are no words to speak, no questions to ask, there is only a silent space, I call it awe. The well is opened and from its quiet depths, the water flows not so much to bring answers, but more to bring its grace.

I met a man who fills each waking moment with words and noise. Not for a minute does he allow quiet. He's just like me, the same fears and dreams and hopes except that he fears, above all else, his own silence like a duckling doubting that it could swim or a fledgling eagle thinking that it could never soar. And so in his need, he pushes away the key that would

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let him meet his need – he doesn't know that he has a well as deep as mine, or yours. He turns to another who opens her well to him, why wouldn't he? But I wonder how long he can draw from another without finding or sharing his own.

To be in awe, is to be quiet enough to let it happen, and then the well is open. Perhaps being in awe is really worship, for there in that awesome silence can be heard the silent voice of God

Roaring Sea Open House

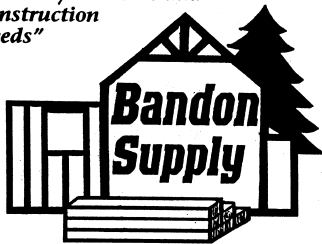
Everyone is invited to enjoy the featured artists and musicians at the last-Sunday-of-the-month Open House at Roaring Sea Arts, 41687 Highway 101 South, Port Orford, from 2:00 to 5:00, Sunday, April 30.

Guest artists this month include local potter and Port Orford Pottery owner Paul Bodtke, who will show new ceramic works as well as fish prints; well-known local artist Patricia Finch, whose oil landscapes are familiar in area galleries; and Jim Fossum, showing his sand paintings.

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Port Hires Interim Manager By Evan Kramer

The Port of Port Orford Commission met twice last week as construction of the new dock continued in the background.

Commissioner Scott Macdonald said the commission would not be hiring another hoist operator until the new hoist is installed. He said the commission didn't want to train someone to operate the temporary crane.

The new sport and commercial boat hoists have not arrived yet but they are being assembled and interim port manager Ed Schlender gave a date of May 8 for their arrival.

Louis Basey, owner of Dock Tackle store at the Port, spoke about her two requests to the Port Commission. One is for a rent abatement from September '99 through May of this year because of dock construction and secondly, a change in the addendum to her lease.

Ed Schlender said he spoke to Doris McKillip with the Army Corps of Engineers about a date for dredging the harbor. Schlender was concerned about getting boats out during lower tides.

The State of Oregon Aeronautics Division will put out a Request for Proposal for operation of Cape Blanco State Airport.

The commission discussed development of a strategic plan for the Port. Ed Schlender said it would behoove the Port to have one pointing out the added potential with the new dock. He recommended the commission hire a facilitator to help with the strategic plan. Commissioner Chris Hawthorne made a motion, which passed 5-0 to allow Ed Schlender to secure some options for facilitating a strategic plan.

The Commission dealt with a change in the persons authorized to sign. Commissioner David Darnell made a motion to

remove former port manager Gayle Paige from the ability to sign. It passed 5-0. Scott Macdonald then made a motion to authorize Ed Schlender to sign on behalf of the Port and it passed unanimously.

Chris Hawthorne made a motion that Ed Schlender be appointed as the point of contact for agencies and businesses, transactions and staff transactions. It passed.

Ed Schlender presented a brief oral manager's report. He spoke about the pump station problem, which had caused the bathrooms to be closed and replaced temporarily by Porta Potties. There is a question of whose pump station it is - the City of Port Orford or The Port District.

Ed Schlender spoke about the state lands lease. Because of the new dock the Port has more land. The Port has to sign a new lease with the Division of State Lands at

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the rate of \$2211 per year. Their current contract runs from February 2000 to February 2001. Chris Hawthorne thanked Ed Schlender for what he has been doing for the Port and the community. Scott Macdonald made a motion to approve the state lands lease and it passed 5-0.

Manager Gets Contract

The Port commission met again on Friday morning. They considered an employment agreement with interim manager Ed Schlender. The Port agrees to pay him minimum wage (\$6.50 an hour) payable at the end of the agreement. Commissioner Dave Knapp made a motion to adopt the employment agreement and it passed 4-0. It was Schlender's idea to be paid at the end of the agreement and the salary was arrived at because the Port lawyer said Schlender had to be paid at least minimum wage and not work for free. The agreement states

at the very top that the Port is in the process of soliciting applications and hiring a permanent Port Manager.

Schlender spoke about the multiple lending agreements involved with the Port dock project. He recommended getting an independent audit done on the dock project only. Scott Macdonald made a motion to authorize Schlender to handle all auditing that he deems fit. It passed 4-0.

Macdonald made a motion for the Port Commission to approve the by-laws of the Curry Governments. It passed 4-0. Chris Hawthorne made a motion to send Commission chairperson Leesa Cobb to the Special Districts seminar on personnel management in Medford on April 27 and 28. It passed 4-0.

Ed Schlender referred to the boat hoist as the "wayward hoist." He said the bottom section was due in today but the rest of it not until May 8. The Commission ap-

pointed Ed Schlender as budget officer for the 2000/01 fiscal year.

Free Diabetes Classes

Sharon Hatch, RN, diabetes educator for Curry General Hospital (CGH), will teach a four-part diabetes education course the first four Wednesdays in May at the Curry Family Medical Center in Port Orford, announced Cathy Boden. The classes are scheduled from 4:00 to 5:30pm, May 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Topics will include preventing or reducing complications, the carbohydrate diet, medications, basic diabetes management and the effects of activity. Many other subjects will be discussed.

The course is funded by a grant from the Area Agency on Aging. Other partners are the Curry County diabetes coalition, Curry Health District and SWOCC.

For more info, phone Sharon Hatch at CGH, 1-800-445-8085, extension 105.

Letter to the Editor,

I have always believed if you don't like the system change it. When I received word from the County Clerk that my picture was not in the Voter's Guide, I was in shock. I had gone to the post office at 4:30 PM when I got off work, placed the two required photos, literature and check in an envelope, rechecked the envelope, commented to Rick behind the counter about it. We talked about sending it certified and I decided not to because then someone would have to sign for it and there might be a delay. The packet was submitted in a timely fashion, complete.

I called the State Election's office and asked why, when the photos are a requirement and it states in the instructions that if there are problems with your submittal they would call. Why didn't they call? They told me that the mail is opened in the mailroom with thousands of other pieces of mail and when they received it there were no photos. They told me some candidates don't submit photos. I keep saying to myself, there must be a reason. Well, now at least they have changed the system. There will be a checklist so this freak thing won't happen to another candidate. Now I can only stand by my record, my words. I will continue making negatives into positives. I will continue to improve the system.

Sincerely,

Lucie La Bonte
Candidate, County Commissioner 3

Gun Club News By Bill Oleson

Once again the Port Orford community and Cape Blanco Gun Club has lost a member. Fred Ten Eyck participated in his last trap meet, April 10; he died April 12 from a massive heart attack. Fred served the club on the board of directors for six years; rarely missed a meeting and assisted with the rebuilding of the facility. Fred Ten Eyck will be greatly missed by those of us who knew him as a friend and a competitor.

The April 23 trap meet was held with a good turnout considering the weather. Scott Macdonald shot a perfect 50/50. Considering that he is also our trap master responsible for keeping events in order, the score is excellent. Robert McKenzie III was runner-up with a 49/50. All of this took place in virtual cloud burst. Scott also won the Handicap program.

The novice, anyone with a shotgun event scheduled for April 30 has been cancelled. We hope to hold the practice later on in the year when it does not conflict with Gold Beach gun club's fifth Sunday of the month trap shoot. It has been noted that they now shoot 50 target events instead of 50-yard targets. Gold Beach also serves good food.

Letter to the Editor,

Anytime a religious person becomes a politician, he denies his faith. Anytime a politician becomes religious, he denies his constituents.

A politician can't afford to be meek, honest, and much less, turn the other cheek lest he be swept away the changing tides of human frailty. A separation of church and state is as essential in man's personal affairs as it is in the laws of the nation. It is nigh to impossible to be a good religious man and a successful politician all one at the same time.

Helga Steffee

Letter to the Editor,

I am writing to express publicly our thanks and gratitude to two Port Orford citizens: George Gehrke and Warren Jewell. Today, Easter, while my husband and I were in Gold Beach, a stray dog chased our Manx cat up a tree, much too high for us to get her down. After I called Mr. Gehrke to see if the fire department had a ladder long enough to reach her, he drove up five minutes later to assess the situation; then he left saying he'd be back tomorrow if she didn't come down by herself. Fifteen minutes later, he showed up again with a ladder and Mr. Jewell in

tow. Before they could secure Zipporah, both had climbed the ladder, much to my consternation and fervent prayers that neither would fall. Mission accomplished and the cat safely in my arms, they left for their Easter dinners.

What great people in this town! Neither man knew us, but that made no difference. They didn't want the cat to stay up in the tree all night. In spite of all the differing opinions in this small town, help was here when we needed it.

Thank you, George Gehrke and Warren Jewell.

Most sincerely,

Anne and Ron Larmer

Letter to the Editor,

In a recent poll of the Curry County Bar Association members, John Spicer was chosen over his opponent by a margin of 18 to 3. Since this is a small County, the Bar members know each other personally and their reputations for skill, experience, integrity, and maturity.

Those polled included two Circuit Court judges, two municipal court judges, two former judges, three current prosecutors, two former assistant district attorneys in private practice, two public defenders, several attorneys who practice criminal law part-time, and the remaining members who practice civil law or are retired.

We understand what the job of district attorney entails. We all share concern for this community and want to maintain it as a safe, secure place to live for our families and friends.

The Office of the District Attorney has a direct impact on the quality of life in Curry County. I, therefore, ask the voters of Curry County to join me in voting for John Spicer for District Attorney.

Sincerely,

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Chamber Hosts Speakers
By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce held their membership meeting at the Battle Rock Deli on Monday and welcomed two guest speakers.

John Houtrouw spoke to the Chamber first. He is the owner of the recently opened Elder Home adult foster care and adult day care home in Port Orford on Lakeshore Drive. His foster care home is a licensed Class II facility and can offer in home services, a day care program of up to eight hours, respite or short term care, long term care, medical management and be an advocate for the residents.

Houtrouw sees a real need for these services in Port Orford. He has 15-20 years working with people with special needs and said he gets a lot out of this kind of work. The Elder Home has five beds available and according to Houtrouw can provide more personal services than a larger facility.

The next speaker was Brian Sparks, a safety consultant with Oregon OSHA. Sparks helps businesses on a voluntary basis developing safety programs. He said worker's compensation costs have been cut 50% in Oregon over the past ten years and that this state has more safety consultants per capita than any state in the country. He said OSHA conducts 2,000

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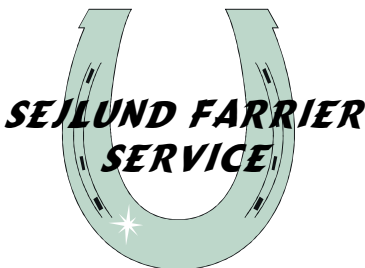
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voluntary consultations a year with businesses, government institutions and tribes. OSHA conducts 5,000 involuntary safety inspections per year. Of those 5,000 inspections 25% of those inspected are found in compliance with 75% not in compliance with safety laws.

But Sparks was at the Chamber meeting to present the friendly face of OSHA and talk about the voluntary consultations. He said OSHA offers codebooks, has an Internet site and provides an extensive training program. They have a library of 1,000 safety-related videotapes and a library service available to the public.

Sparks said the money to run OSHA comes from a small percentage of worker's compensation insurance premiums and that money collected from penalties levied goes to training grants, scholarship funds and an ergonomics program.



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A While Ago

By Jane Cramer

A while ago I came across an interesting comment in *A Century of Coos and Curry* by Emil R. Peterson and Alfred Powers.

Tucked away among descriptions of wagon trails and roads in Coos County was the statement that up until 1878 Curry County didn't have a single mile of highway in the regular sense. There were less than half a dozen wheeled vehicles at that time. The authors then debated whether the lack of highways caused the lack of vehicles or vice versa. By the turn of the century things had changed considerably and there were 200 or more wagons, carts and other wheeled transportation.

Louis L. Knapp once wrote about a "Report of Road Viewers" dated September 2, 1865. Three men, including Patrick Hughes, had been appointed by the County Court as a Board of Viewers to locate a County Road in North Curry.

Assisted by the County Surveyor, these men took 43 compass sets to locate a 19 mile road which started at the mouth of the Lagoon (Flora's Lake?) which emp-

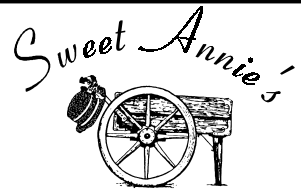
ties into New River near the ocean in Curry County. It continued through several land claims, including that of Patrick Hughes and ended at a large rock at the ocean at Port Orford. These men highly recommended the road.

I don't know when that road was actually built, but in 1886 a road was built from Cape Blanco Lighthouse to connect with the wagon road to Port Orford, so it was in existence then.

Historians don't always record things from the same perspective, but it doesn't matter to me just exactly when the first road was built. What interests me is how the people managed until there were roads.

No highways! No wheeled vehicles! This is a strange concept for today's population. While there are roadless areas in the interior portions of Curry County today, the more populated coastal region is well traveled by autos, trucks, busses and recreational vehicles.

So how did the early settlers get around without roads? The answer is mostly by sea. Port Orford was a busy port and most trips of any distance were by ship. Coastal



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steamers traveling between San Francisco and Portland called regularly in Port Orford.

Some land travel was by horseback and pack train along Indian trails to interior settlements. A north and south coastal trail followed the beaches whenever possible and crossed headlands when necessary. When Native Americans were rounded up and taken north to the Siletz Reservation after the Rogue Indian Wars, most were taken there by ship, but several hundred were forced to walk the 100 miles under heavy guard. Often their feet were cut to shreds on the treks across headlands.

Next time you're stuck behind a slow RV it may help to remember that you're still traveling much faster than early Curry settlers of a while ago.

Eggs for Legs Success

Shayna Denn received a 10s unit the following weekend after the article was printed. Special thanks to a gang of people at the Port and Starboard for the money collected and donated. Also to the others who donated and bought eggs. Thanks to the Downtown Fun Zone for the articles and location for sales as well as Salsa Rita's. Thanks to all those who called to offer machines. One was selected and purchased for only \$100.

Job well-done Port Orford.

Carlene Armi

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Baby Think It Over

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Program Coordinator, Alice Loshbaugh is working with Health Teacher, Mr. John Neeley to provide the program as a regular part of the student's curriculum. The parenting simulation is designed to help young people understand three important facts about babies: 1. Babies' demands are unpredictable and must be met promptly, 2. Babies require a great deal of time and attention, and 3. Babies change a parent's life profoundly. The program helps young adults explore the physical, emotional, social and financial consequences of parenthood.

Pacific High students were enthusiastic about the new additions to their school population. English teacher Ms. Anne Guerin observed that many students showed good nurturing skills with the very realistic looking dolls. Each student names his or her baby and is given clothing and a tummy pack and a baby bag to tote around. Students have faced challenges with finding appropriate baby sitters while they fulfill their various sports or other obligations. At the Savoy Theater recently, two babies cried and the "parents" had to leave the movie to attend their needs.

These infant simulators cost about \$300 each, so students have a serious responsibility to care for them. Parents of students in the program are urged to treat this like a real baby and take the opportunity to discuss issues such as parenting, marriage and dating with their teens. The dolls have been made available to NCFCC through the Curry County Public Health Department. Additional support for the program comes from the Children's Opportunities Grant from Port Orford Rotary Club and Rotary International. If you have any questions about this program, call NCFCC at 332-1042 or 332-9191.

What's New at Library By Midge Hayes

What's new at the Port Orford Library? Maybe it would be better to ask instead

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what's different at the Port Orford Library. And the answer is just about everything!

Call is Spring-cleaning or a cosmic shift, but the videos are no longer in the hall; juvenile videos are on shelves in the children's area; adult videos are on shelves where the "B" fiction used to be. All those extremely popular books on tape are in one continuous range, starting where the second section of tapes was and filling in where the "A" fiction used to be. Adult fiction now starts with "A" (of course) to the right of the window, which used to be Fiction "C" and goes in proper alphabetic fashion all the way to Fiction Z, which is where non-fiction 500 used to be. This pushes non-fiction ahead of it, around into the first alcove.

Okay! Have you got all that memorized? No, this isn't a fiendish attempt to confuse all the library's patrons. The Friends of the Library have purchased three new double-sided sections of bookcases, and these new shelves, added on to what was previously non-fiction shelving, resulted in an almost complete shifting of well, everything. This is a new version of the "Domino Theory".

The staff, along with patrons is still figuring out where everything is so please ask if you don't find things. In fact, make that your rule in our friendly library. Always ask, this is your library.

Letter to the Editor,

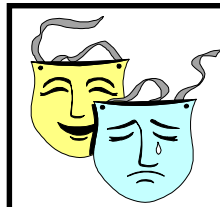
We had a successful Earth Day 2000 Celebration and I would like to thank the following: the Senior Center for the clean, cozy space and their president Owen Miller for all his help setting up and cleaning up; Midge Hayes for her lively presentation on composting; Francie MacLeod for her lovely table of flowers, plants and herbs and tinctures; Monique and Graeme Graydon for their interesting display of natural products including aromatherapy and Herbalife; Ester Giffen, LMT, for those relaxing mini-massages; Joyce and Doug Kinney for sharing Lester Bridgeman's wonderful birdhouses; and all the folks who showed up to celebrate (were there really more than 60?). Our donation jar overflowed, so I added a little extra and sent it to Al Geiser/Kalmiopsis Audubon for their terrific project: dark sky lights around town (PO Box 1265 –hint, hint).

Next a big thank you to Buck's Sentry and the women in the deli for donating all the buckets turned into composting worm farms; to Seaweed Natural Foods for lots of organic kitchen scraps; Brandon at the Espresso Wagon for buckets of coffee grounds; and Bartlett's Café for buckets of egg shells and coffee grounds (please open again soon).

With the sun shining, all the gardeners showed up to relieve the Hummingbird/ Butterfly Garden of a winter's worth of weeds deserve a big thank you (watch for another work day to finish the job). Thanks to the two Port Orford newspapers for their continued coverage and support for our Earth Day celebration.

Worm regards,

Paula Cracas
The Worm Woman



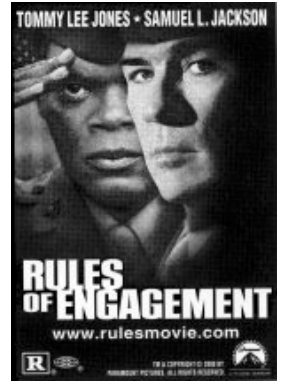
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April 17, 9:17am: Llamas at large on Deady Street – owner contacted and advised.

April 18, 3:15pm: Theft of cell phone from Port Orford Ambulance – under investigation.

April 19, 9:40am: Assist Curry County Sheriff with search warrant on Port Orford Loop.

April 19, 1:40pm: Picked up dog at large at Cedar Point Place – turned over to Animal Control Officer.

April 20, 10:45am: Picked up abandoned bicycle.

April 20, 2:30pm: Report of large black dog chasing utility trucks on Deady – unable to locate.

April 21, 10:30am: Assisted SCF at Blanco Middle School.

April 23, 8:45am: Camera found at Old Mill Road turned in – identify.

Also, one wooden crutch was turned in about two weeks ago.

Budget Committee Meeting

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Port Orford-Langlois School District 2CJ, Coos/Curry County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, will be held at Pacific High School Library, 45525 Highway 101, Sixes, Oregon, 97476. The meeting will take place on May 1, 2000 at 8:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 2, 2000 at Port Orford-Langlois District 2CJ District Office, 45525 Highway 101, Sixes, OR 97476, between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm.

This is a public meeting where deliberations of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Future meeting dates will be determined at this meeting.



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**Senior News
By Mary Yoder**

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ter egg hunt, yes 2340. The volunteers who did this were June Heyl, Savannah Tremmel, Bessie Laursen, Susan Meline, Janet Miller, Thelma Lagace and a young man from Portland Dustin Miller and Lara Miller – what a lot of work. Couldn't have gotten it done without you all.

April 20 Rotary – volunteers working Mary Evans, Bessie Laursen, Verna

Pretti, Kathy Goad, Savannah Tremmel – setting up the dining room Bessie and Savannah – dishes Kathy Goad and others helping.

April 22 was luncheon – working were Harold Pace, Gretta Carver, Betty Berger, Mary Evans, and Owen Miller. If you missed the lunch you missed a very special one – was told the food was super. Pauline Lenox took care of the money box. Kay Neal and Thelma Lagace the rummage sale.

The membership meeting April 25. More about it next week.

Don't forget Saturday April 29 is potluck – be sure to bring food, you know, special kind that all like.

To stop remembering my woe
This little rule I heed,
I think of someone else I know
Who has a greater need.

Elks Legacy Award

Amber Gregory, senior at Pacific High School, has been notified that she is the recipient of a \$1000 Legacy Award sponsored by the Elks National Foundation Trustees. Gregory was one of only 363 seniors across the nation chosen for this award. Presently serving as president of her senior class, she will attend Southern Oregon University in Ashland next fall where she plans to major in business.

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Letter to the Editor,

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Expense 1998 \$31,750.00
1998 change to cash -0-

Income 1999 \$23,750.00
Expense 1999 \$23,750.00
1999 change in cash -0-

Jan. 1, 2000 cash balance . \$13,377.54

Check Register Jan. 1, 2000 . \$2,806.94
Saving Register Jan. 1, 2000 \$1,188.03
Total cash Jan. 1, 2000 \$3,994.97

Difference \$9,382.57

It looks like they need an audit to find where the money went.

Walter Kaplan

School Board Meeting

The School District 2CJ Board will convene in executive session for the purpose of selecting a chief executive officer on April 27 and 28 at 10:00am in the Pacific High School Library. This meeting will be recessed and reconvened from time to time to conduct interviews, check references and other details pertaining to the search of the chief executive officer.

Scholarship Award

Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Oregon announced that PHS senior, David Compton, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, renewable for three additional years. Compton, a member of the National Honor Society also serves as vice-president of the senior class. He plans to study physical education and health with hopes of becoming a teacher.

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Letter to the Editor,

In the last three years, we have seen some very positive changes take place in Curry County. A lot of those positive changes can be contributed directly to Commissioner's Bill Roberts and Lloyd Olds. We have observed these two Commissioners place the people, and our county first. They carefully listen to both sides of any issue before they make their decision. They have always had an open door policy, not just during working hours, but on the week ends as well. One thing I have observed, when they are not out of town attending meetings, they are in the office working. You can't say that about some of the other elected officials.

All of us are in the same boat. We stretch our paychecks to make it reach to the end of the month. So we appreciate their stance of not demanding more tax money

to do their job, they roll up their sleeves and get the job done. They work with what we give them, and as a taxpayer we can appreciate that kind of leadership.

The idea of writing-in Lloyd Olds if he is not on your ballot in position number two, and Bill Roberts if he is not on your ballot in position number three is a good one. This will send a clear message to those tax and spend people that us voters support sound fiscal management of our hard earned tax dollars. That money belongs to us, not the bureaucrats. Lloyd and Bill have done a great job watching out for us taxpayers.

One final note, we have been thinking about the District Attorney's race, and after many hours considering both candidates, we are supporting John Spicer. John has give many hours of his time over the years to our community. We know he is a man of honesty and integrity, and would be the best choice for our District Attorney.

Mark and Gerri Creighton

[Editor's note: the portion of this letter over 250 words was paid for the authors.]

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the responsibilities of leadership if elected.

County Clerk candidate Renee Kolen and two-term incumbent spoke about the responsibility of the recording office and election office. She spoke of how fast technology is moving and the need to protect the citizen's privacy rights.

County Clerk candidate Mark Creighton, a county sheriff deputy was on duty that evening and could not participate. Clerk candidate Theodora Quick did not respond to the invitation to participate.

The Answers Please

The commissioners were asked about the super enterprise zone not being supported by the county thus depriving North Curry county of funds and what can they do for this area.

Lloyd Olds said he couldn't obligate the county to the Enterprise Zone because they couldn't get out of it. Nathaniel Wander said he had mixed feeling about the Enterprise Zone. He said the same people who opposed the Enterprise Zone destroyed the Community Response

Team, which we needed. Lucy La Bonte said she was disappointed the Enterprise Zone was turned down and said we needed it. Peg Reagan said she would help North Curry County by providing stable county services. Bill Roberts said the Enterprise Zone plan wasn't put together and he couldn't support something he didn't have faith in. Dave Tilton said he hated to see it turned down but that the county commissioners can bring jobs in to the county.

The commissioner candidates were asked about their plans for Cape Blanco State Airport. Lloyds Olds said he has developed contacts about leasing the county land adjacent to the airport. Bill Roberts said his main concern was the airport stays an airport. Dave Tilton questioned if there are plans in the works. Nathaniel Wander said George Welch had spoken to him and said the county was not competent to manage the airport (Welch is building a new hangar at the airport).

Clerk candidate Renee Kolen was asked about the progress on the central voter registration for Oregon. Kolen said voters need to reregister when they move to a new county or state. She said a central voter registration system was needed.

Commissioner candidates were asked: when will you agree on a proper lake level? Peg Reagan said she wasn't sure it is a county decision. She said she would have been very cautious. Lucy La Bonte urged getting the state's experts on erosion, etc. and holding a forum. Nathaniel Wander reminded Lucy that in 1999 the City of Port Orford did hold a forum with the state experts. Wander said it is not the county's lake but rather the state's lake and that the state should take the responsibility of opening the lake. Bill Roberts said the county paid for the lake to be opened. He said something needed to be done and buying flood insurance wasn't the solution. Dave Tilton thanked the county commissioners for stepping in and taking charge. Lloyd Olds proclaimed "We opened the lake." Olds said the commissioners had no problem working with State Parks on the lake problem. Olds says he has a plan for solving the lake level with a 4-foot culvert put in place to drain the lake. Olds said he was not going to stand by and do nothing.

There were a lot more questions and answers but not enough room here to print them.

Raffle Winner

Congratulations Brandon O'Rourke. Brandon was the winner of the RAD Outdoor Club raffle. He won a dinner for two at Salsa Rita's, two movie tickets plus two large popcorns and candies at the Savoy Theater. The money earned from the raffle helped five students from the outdoor club to go on a three-day redwood forest adventure. Thanks to all those who donated and participated in the raffle.

No Pancake Breakfast

There will not be a pancake breakfast at the Port Orford Senior Center in May as that Sunday falls on Mother's Day. The next breakfast will be in June.

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