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History in the Making By Evan Kramer



This story begins nearly sixty-six years ago in Port Orford. On July 1, 1934 the Port Orford Coast Guard Station was commissioned. It was an active station for thirty-six years and was decommissioned in 1970. The 101.29 acre site was given to Oregon State Parks in 1976 and named Port Orford Heads State Park. The buildings and entire site were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. Now on June 3, 2000 the Lifeboat Station Museum opens in the Barracks Building and it is an event that many people in our community have worked hard to make happen.

The Point Orford Heritage Society will operate the Lifeboat Station Museum. The group was formed in 1995 and established a memorandum of understanding with Oregon State Parks to place the site on the National Register of Historic Places and open a museum and interpretive center in the Barracks building.

Heritage Society board member Barbara Breuer gave me a sneak preview last Friday morning so I could see what was going on with their grand opening plans.

She took me on a tour of the two floors, which will be open to the public and a brief look at the basement and the now decommissioned boiler. A new heating system has been installed in the building but the radiators and boiler are still in place but this level won't be open to the public. The first floor features a large room, which served as the mess hall. There are several displays in this room including a beautifully framed U.S. flag pre 1960 with 48 stars and U.S. Coast Guard ensign flag. There are several photo displays in this room and don't they tell the story! There are also Coast Guard uniforms on display.

Another room on the first floor houses what is known as the Port Orford Room. This room is special to me and I'm sure will be for many others in Port Orford because it houses the Ernie and Jean Malaskey Pharmaceutical Collection. Ernie Malaskey and his wife Jean ran the Port Orford Pharmacy from May 1980 until his death in June 1996. Those of you who used to get your prescriptions filled at the pharmacy will remember Ernie's large collection of pharmacy items from bottles to scales and pestles. Jean Malaskey donated Ernie's collection to the Heritage Society and for the first time since the pharmacy closed part of the collection will be on display. Barbara

Langner put the displays together with exceptional care. The Port Orford Room also hosts some photos and history of Fort Orford and Native American history.

Another room on the main floor features photos on shipwrecks. A desk saved from the Joan of Arc, which sank off the Rogue River Reef, is on display in this room.

The second floor is where the men lived. There is a large common bathroom and five bedrooms. One of the bedrooms is a large one and eventually programs will be held in it.

Outside the barracks building is Coast Guard motor lifeboat number 36498 waiting to be returned to its former glory. We're lucky to have this boat back home in Port Orford. It spent ten years in Bandon on display in their boat basin before being given back to Port Orford by the Port of Bandon. Frank Cramer was the driving force behind the return of the motor lifeboat and had help from numerous fishermen in bringing it back home. The boat will be restored and moved to a different part of the park where it will be on display.

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Fri Jun 2, 2000	6:35a -2.0	1:10p 6.2	6:19p 2.3		5:40a	8:51p	6:37a	9:21p NM
Sat Jun 3, 2000	12:20a 8.4	7:22a -2.4	2:03p 6.3	7:08p 2.5	5:40a	8:52p	7:33a	10:27p
Sun Jun 4, 2000	1:06a 8.4	8:11a -2.5	2:56p 6.3	8:01p 2.7	5:39a	8:52p	8:35a	11:25p
Mon Jun 5, 2000	1:55a 8.2	9:02a -2.3	3:51p 6.3	8:59p 2.8	5:39a	8:53p	9:41a	12:15a
Tue Jun 6, 2000	2:49a 7.7	9:54a -1.8	4:47p 6.3	10:05p 2.9	5:39a	8:54p	10:49a	12:57a
Wed Jun 7, 2000	3:48a 7.1	10:49a -1.2	5:45p 6.4	11:18p 2.8	5:38a	8:54p	11:57a	1:33a
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Fire Board Members Resign
 By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford Rural Fire District board of directors met on Tuesday night, May 30, 5:00pm, at the Elk River Fire Hall. The published agenda for this meeting included public input, reviewing the Rural Fire District contract with the City of Port Orford and consideration of alternatives to the contract with the City.

All five board members including Vern Larson, Richard Mijs, Frank Smith, Brice Wagner and Gayle Wilcox were present. Gayle Wilcox spoke first and said she had found out about the meeting in the newspaper. She then dropped a bombshell on the large crowd gathered at the meeting and read a statement Richard Mijs and herself submitting their resignations from the Board. The statement listed nine reasons for resigning. Then board member and treasurer Vern Larson read a statement he had prepared. He said, "I

hereby submit my resignation." Board member Brice Wagner made a motion to accept the resignations of Mijs and Wilcox and it passed 3-0 with Smith, Wagner and Larson voting for it. A motion was then made to accept the resignation of Vern Larson at the "end of the meeting" and it passed 3-0. Board chairman Frank Smith then gave a oral statement. At the end of it he submitted his resignation. A motion was made to accept his resignation and it passed 3-0.

Board member and secretary Brice Wagner said he wasn't resigning.

Comments from the public were then taken and Jan Dacayana spoke. She said there needs to be more respect from these two sides. She said we needed a working situation. Vern Larson said the people from Cedar Terrace got a lot of lies from the Fire Department.

It was pointed out to Chairman Smith that the motion to accept his resignation did

not include "at the end of the meeting" and therefore there were only two board members left and there was no longer a quorum. The meeting came to an abrupt ending.

The Rural Fire Board now consists of one member - Brice Wagner. There are now four vacancies that need to be filled. We'll know more by next week but last time the board couldn't fill a vacancy because of a deadlocked vote of 2-2 the matter went to the Curry County Commissioners.

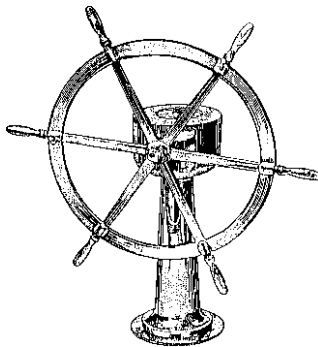
Because of the late breaking nature of this story we'll have to print the board member statements in next week's paper, which will give the reasons behind what happened.

There are more than 783,000 web pages of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and answers of course. You can find almost anything on the Internet!

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swallows, red-winged blackbirds, brown headed cowbirds, American goldfinches, lots of wood ducks and ducklings, and canvasback, redhead and ring-necked ducks. We heard but didn't see the reclusive Virginia Rail. The world became a different place for under the influence of Bud Widdowson's bird pointers.

Three hours of bird watching in the Lake Earl wildlife area wasn't enough for us so we stopped along the way back to Port Orford at a good birding spot in back of the Ship Ashore gift shop. We continued our good fortune and spotted a tundra swan, great blue heron, snowy egrets, a Savannah sparrow, song sparrows and the ultimate find of the day – a white faced Ibis. The Ibis was a florescent green and tan beauty but way out its range and where it is supposed to be this time of year. Their migratory range gets only as close as southeastern Oregon.

We stopped under the Chetco River Bridge looking for purple martins but they were not to be found. However, I spotted a green-backed heron flying gracefully above the river under the bridge. A colony of Black-crowned Night-Herons proved elusive and we never did spot them.

The Lake Earl Audubon society's next event is "Birding by Kayak and Canoe in search of ducks and waterfowl," led by Joe Gartland on June 25 from 7:30am to 11:30am. They can be reached at 1-707-465-8904.

Letter to the Editor,

Because of this evening's events at the Port Orford Rural Fire Board meeting, it is important to assure the members of this community that fire protection for ALL of OUR community will not be affected in any way. The Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department has always responded to all 911 calls and always will.

Sincerely,

Gayle Wilcox
Richard Mijs

Bird Watching By Evan Kramer

It isn't all attending meetings and working at our store for me. This Sunday Nathaniel Wander and I headed south to Lake Earl in Northern California for an Audubon Society sponsored bird walk. The first bird we made a point of stopping for on the way down was a Red-shouldered hawk on a telephone pole along the Highway 101.

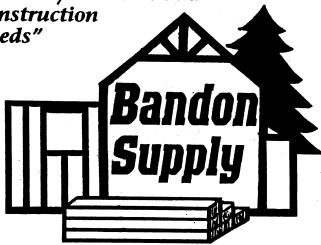
Bud and Margaret Widdowson led the Lake Earl bird identification walk. They had recently returned from conducting a

study sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution of the effect of sun grown coffee plants on bird life in Peru. Coffee plants have traditionally been grown in shade but coffee bean farmers are developing full sun tolerant varieties and the nature of the forest is changing.

Lake Earl is just north of Crescent City and is California's largest coastal lagoon. 5,000 acres of it are in what's known as the Lake Earl Wildlife Area. A problem with bird watching where our group walked is access to it is over private property and through a locked gate. We had permission to go through the property for our walk.

Bud Widdowson did most of the bird identifying and he was incredibly attuned to what was going on around him. I'm not the serious birder that Nathaniel is and can't identify any birds by their calls. Bud knew the birds by their calls; flight patterns and even what part of the tree they might be found in. We saw and identified many birds with his assistance including several double breasted cormorants in a partially dead tree, American bitterns, turkey vultures, a peregrine falcon, an osprey, mourning doves, black phoebes, Western kingbirds, violet green

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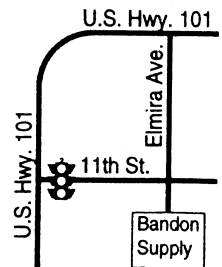
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Women's Health Screening

More than 50 Port Orford area women took advantage of free health services when the North Curry Community Health Grant partners hosted the area's first free women's health screening, Tuesday, May 9, in Curry Family Medical.

Cathy Boden, grant program coordinator, thanked all women for attending. She reported that those surveyed gave the all-day screening top marks for meeting their expectations, learning more about personal health, and being treated well by staff in an efficient manner.

Comments ranged from "fun" and "impressed!" to several thank you notes. One participant wrote that "even the refreshments were great."

Boden also lauded volunteers and staff from Curry Health District – including Curry Family Medical staff – and the

Curry County Public Health Department who made the screening such a success.

Health providers Dorothy Dutton, CNM, NP, Del Barber, PA-C, and Tom Pitchford, MD, helped screen women for early signs of cervical and breast cancer. A host of others performed cholesterol and glucose tests, counseled women on diet and exercise, and provided education on breast cancer and osteoporosis.

Boden says she looks forward to offering a similar women's screening day next year, and a men's screening soon.

A large part of the funding is provided by the federal Rural Health Outreach Program which granted the Curry Health District a total of \$400,000 over the next three years to curb problems in four areas: heart disease, cancer, chronic pulmonary disease and diabetes.

For information about upcoming activities, phone Boden at 332-1042.

Community Theater News

This past weekend, the Port Orford Community Theater Group presented three performances of "The Wishin Tree," a comedy about seven women and a tree. Not just any tree but a "Wishin Tree" capable of granting wishes to those in "need."

It starred all local folks – some veterans of theater and others were new at it.

If you missed out seeing this play and having a good laugh you're in luck! The theater group will be performing "The Wishin Tree" over the Fourth of July weekend.

Anyone interested in the theater group, whether for performing or just helping out our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00pm at the Pizza Place. All are welcome to attend.

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A While Ago . . . By Jane Cramer

A while ago I learned the Army Corps of Engineers is studying the jetty in Port Orford to determine how to deal with its deteriorating condition and shoaling caused by the construction of the jetty.

Local fishermen often complain that the ACOE has been studying the shoaling problem for thirty years without producing any results, but actually Port Orford Harbor has been studied for more than 100 years.

Major Henry Robert came to Port Orford in September of 1872 with an assistant. They stayed for five days, using a small raft to examine the bay and take soundings. They were here to determine the feasibility of building a breakwater to create a Harbor of Refuge at Port Orford.

The idea of Harbors of Refuge for ships to shelter in during storms was conceived

because there were 750 miles of seacoast between San Francisco and the Straits of Juan de Fuca and not a single harbor that could be entered during a southerly gale. Port Orford is 25 miles south of midway in that 750 miles and was considered because it also offered excellent protection from the summer northerlies.

Major Robert developed a plan for a breakwater that was far different from the jetty constructed in 1968. His plan called for a breakwater beginning at a point of rock near Nellie's Cove and running 500 - 1,500 yards to the southwest to afford protection from storms. He planned for the breakwater to begin about 100 yards from the mainland to leave an opening so as not to interfere with the littoral current and thus prevent a deposit of sand from building up in the harbor. I wonder what construction of the jetty he envisioned would have meant for users of the Port today!

The River and Harbor Act of 1879 appropriated \$150,000 for the commencement of construction of a breakwater at Port Orford, Oregon. An 1880 report by the Board of Engineers of the Pacific Coast designated Port Orford as a Harbor of Refuge and put the cost of building the breakwater at \$8,000,000. Three of the four reporting engineers were in favor of choosing Port Orford, but Lt. Col. R. S. Williamson gave a minority opinion because he favored Trinidad in California. Lt. Col. Williamson was acquainted with Port Orford since he constructed Cape Blanco Lighthouse in 1870.

I don't know why the Harbor of Refuge was never built here. Port Orford newspapers called for construction nearly every week through the late 20's. Perhaps the government was slow to appropriate money to build the breakwater and the depression and World War II killed the plan completely.

When I see the jetty being battered by winter waves and hear the fishermen complain about shoaling problems I can't help but wonder if things would be different if the first plans for a breakwater had been carried out a while ago.

Sunset Garden Club

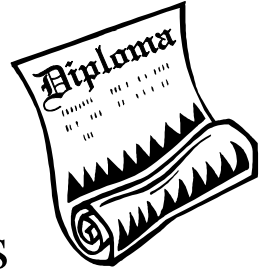
The Sunset Garden Club will hold its last meeting for the season this Friday June 2nd at the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Vandervelden from the Coos Bay Garden Club. He will have an excellent slide presentation on the identification of "Oregon Wildflowers". Membership dues will be due at this meeting. Plans for the distribution and replanting of the Hwy 101 flower boxes will be presented. (We intend to have all boxes re-done for the 4th of July Jubilee.) The next meeting will be held in September. Guests are welcome to attend. For more information, call Paula Dearing 332-2145 or 332-6802

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Curry Medical Open House **By Frann Grossman**

Port Orford native Hanneke Cassel, nationally acclaimed champion fiddler and professional musician, will play a set “for old time’s sake” when Curry Family Medical hosts an open house celebration, from 2:00 to 4:30pm, Friday, June 2.

Cassel graduated this year from the prestigious Berklee School of Music in Boston where she now lives. She got her start in classical violin as a youngster growing up in Port Orford. For fun, her mom – school music teacher Diane Cassel – once suggested that she compete in a fiddling contest in Crescent City. Soon she became intrigued by country and ethnic styles and began to study fiddling with a master teacher living six hours away. At times she would play pieces for her teacher by telephone. She was 14 when she captured the National Scottish Fiddling Junior Championship in New England, launching her career.

“Hanneke has graciously offered to help us celebrate a new, positive era in medical care for the north county, Del Barber, PA-C, said. “Along with Dr. Pitchford, Dr. Manuele and the whole crew here, I’m looking forward to some fun Friday with friends and patients, and newcomers, too.” Barber has practiced in the clinic since January, while Dr. Manuele began last month.

Besides music, the open house will include free snacks and a drawing for a Health Rider exercise machine, “good for the cardiovascular system,” says Barber.

Cassel is in town preparing for two concerts Saturday, June 3, at the Savoy Theater. She will perform with longtime friends, national fiddling champion Ryan McKasson, and his sister Cali McKasson, keyboard; and Chris Lewis, Boston-area guitarist.

Letter to the Editor,

Correction: Thursday, May 25, 2000
“Letter to the Editor.”

Frank W. Smith is mistaken. The articles in the Port Orford News on May 17, 2000 and the current May 24, 2000 Curry County Reporter, are **not** regarding the Port Orford Rural Fire Department. If Mr. Smith would have someone read the information to him, he would find that this writer was correctly addressing (3) Board Members of the Port Orford Rural Fire Department.

However, I must agree with Mr. Smith on his statement “low ethical standards.” He is after all, the expert on this topic. In my opinion.

Lynda J. Foster



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Letter to the Editor,

Response to the editorial by Valerie Kramer, Fun Zone Today, May 11, 2000.

It's much easier and safer to sit in a back room, in front of a computer and be in the www.world than deal with the drug problem of the community. It's much easier to write all the negative comments that you wrote than to show up for the meeting to see what might be done. Were you at the meeting Valerie to see what can be done for the community you count on for a living?

I have been fighting the problem for two years and things are being done. It's taking time, and I'm frustrated, but I haven't stopped fighting.

You want obvious effect. Obvious effect is that Port Orford Breadworks will no longer advertise in a paper whose editorial owner does more to hurt the community than to help the community. Continue to live in the www.world and keep your negativity also.

The Breadman

[Response by Valerie Kramer: In answer to your question, no, I was not at this meeting because I have class on Thursday nights. Evan was covering another meeting that we felt was more significant. I was at a similar meeting held several years ago at the community building, which I felt was a futile gesture. It gave publicity to a few politicians, rehashed

common knowledge, and very little else.

You said you are fighting a drug problem but are you sure what the problem really is, or what solutions are really fair and just? I agree that there is a drug problem. I don't do illegal drugs nor do I condone others doing so. But on the other hand, I'm not sure our "war on drugs" is such a good idea.

I worry about laws that make a criminal out of a person, not because they are evil or harm others, but because they have a weakness or a chemical dependency which *might* lead them to harm others.

I worry about laws that imprison people, break up families, and leave children parentless because a parent smokes a joint in the privacy of their own home.

I worry about the unfairness of laws that say that its ok to drink yourself into a stupor but not to get a buzz off a joint.

I worry about a country that apparently didn't learn anything from its experiment with prohibition in the 1920's.

I worry about accusations that instead of fighting drugs, some government agencies cultivate drug money to use in fighting communism or other pet projects.

I worry about seizure laws that confiscate personal belongings without the benefit of a trial. I worry about the corrupting effect this may have on police agencies who can use these laws to enrich themselves.

So, what do I do to improve my community? I'd like to think we do that with this paper. We try to report local events fairly and accurately. We try to publish letters or articles from all views regardless of how much we may sometimes disagree with them. Occasionally, we even stick our own necks out to give our own opinions. Sometimes people disagree with us. Sometimes they take offense at what we've said. I'm afraid that's just life. We'll continue to call 'em as we see 'em. We encourage anyone who disagrees to write and share their views. At the same time, please realize we are not the New York Times. We cannot and will not cover every meeting and every issue - we would like to have a life of our own too!

After ten years of publications in addition to our other involvements, I'm sorry if you think one editorial comment with which you disagree means that we do "more to hurt the community than to help the community."

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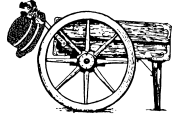
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February	377	247	447	580
March	279	505	701	937
April	204	142	629	1,210
May	884	630	1,241	
June	1,250	1,956	1,908	
July	1,660	3,471	2,180	
August	1,491	4,175	3,372	
September	840	3,125	2,564	
October	941	1,501	1,719	
November	408	601	846	
December	374	517	1,156	
Totals:	8,998	17,141	17,244	3,251

Letters for Visits	1997	1998	1999	2000
January	92	626	248	395
February	81	500	348	594
March	179	451	401	434
April	53	1,069	650	744
May	71	1,640	409	
June	94	595	474	
July	156	826	2,384	
August	48	585	664	
September	105	363	694	
October	71	315	280	
November	134	191	208	
December	222	127	262	
Totals:	1,306	7,288	7,022	2,167

E-Mail	1998	1999	2000
January	8	80	74
February	9	58	72
March	27	39	87
April	26	60	82
May	42	80	
June	70	62	

	July	72	37
August	102	72	
September	93	62	
October	159	62	
November	101	62	
December	81	69	
Totals:	790	743	315

Relocation letters	1997	1998	1999	2000
January	10	7	12	4
February	9	9	10	5
March	9	13	1	2
April	2	4	6	8
May	13	15	2	
June	13	8	7	
July	13	12	9	
August	20	13	10	
September	7	10	12	
October	4	12	8	
November	8	5	4	
December	8	5	7	
Totals:	116	113	88	19

Phone Messages	1997	1998	1999	2000
January	56	63	96	68
February	66	42	89	75
March	81	91	102	178
April	47	84	71	131
May	75	101	145	
June	72	139	147	
July	85	149	79	
August	61	141	51	
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If you're doing your research online, we have a meeting coming up for "web-crawlers/or not" when we air our suc-

cesses or ask for help with our problems. Lots of experienced web-surfers help those of us who are still novices...Next meeting, June 6th, 7:00 pm at the LDS Church located at 20th and Jackson in Port Orford

If you are thinking about your family's story, come on in and let us help—Wed., 9am-5pm, Thurs., 9am-9pm, Fri., 9am-1pm. Questions? 332-5501

Coast Baseball News

The Coast Baseball League and the Fishermen's Association will present a baseball and fish barbecue on Saturday, June 10 from noon till 6:00pm during the Coos Bay, Gold Beach, and Port Orford baseball games. The games will be played with starting times from 9:45am to 4:30pm. The games played on May 20 were all close and well played. Please come out to Red's Field at Buffington

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Park and have a salmon barbecue and watch our kids play. Money from the barbecue will help complete our restroom in the park. Your help in supporting our League has been very good. The park has games every day but Sunday and the crowds have been the biggest we have seen.

Coast Baseball League would like to thank all our sponsors of the outfield signs and team sponsors for all your support throughout the years. We have nine teams this year with 150 players and with many people helping coach and helping with the park. The program is a good example of people pulling together in our community.

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Help is also needed on the night of the auction. Also help is needed with some of the events for the July 4 Jubilee. Contact Wilbur Green at 332-3535 to offer help or sponsor an event.

Would your organization like to have one of the booths at Battle Rock Park? There are sites still available. If interested contact Pat Favero at 332-0319 to sign up for more information.

Call 332-2352, 332-0319 or 332-6774 for more information or to have items picked up or offer your help. Items can also be brought to the Community Building on June 10 or call to have someone meet you at the Community Building on June 9.

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Buck's Sentry will become part of a market chain with 45 stores and keep the Sentry name through September. Ray's Food Place has stores in Bandon, Gold Beach, Harbor, Brookings, Smith River and McKinleyville among other locations.

Good luck to Al and Susan Luis in their retirement.

Letter to the Editor,

Congress gives away more: Our great friends in the House of Representatives voted on May 24 to give permanent trading relationship to China. If you thought you have seen an overabundance of Chinese goods in this country, just wait. The trade imbalance now sits at 85 billion and will now increase by leaps and bounds. China will soon own this country, at least the parts that Japan doesn't already own.

Our Congress seems determined to destroy or give away this nation, as evidenced by the horrible laws they have passed. In just the last few years they have passed N.A.F.T.A., G.A.T.T. and now permanent trade with China. Take a few moments to read these laws and see if you can find where your interests are being considered.

Concerned,

Leonard Foster
Port Orford

[Editor Note: Text of NAFTA and GATT may be found at <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/glin/x-nafta.html>, <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/glin/x-gatt.html>, and many other Internet locations.]

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Senior News By Mary Yoder

You know what? Today is June first so here are our birthday people – Vance Noble 6-3, Dutch Heinauer 6-5, James Rhodes 6-3, Bill Embry 6-6, Charles Quillen 6-10, Florence Quillen 6-15, Gretta Carver 6-13, June Heyl 6-13, Helen Duke 6-15, Harold Olsen 6-22, Dee Hansohn 6-24, Betty Berger 6-29, Bessie Laursen 6-30. I'm glad we only have one birthday a year.

May 25 Rotary luncheon – volunteers working were Lorraine Hass, Mary Evans, Connie Heida, Betty Berger, Savannah Tremmel and Gretta Carver.

May 27 was senior luncheon. Volunteers working were Pattie Young, Roald Young, Betty Berger and these young ladies Ashley Wilson, Megan Loshbaugh. There was a nice turn out and the food was super. It was like a picnic – really neat – please do it again soon.

May 29 was Memorial Day. The place was crowded. June Heyl, Thelma Lagace, Betty Berger, Mary Evans, Ashley Wilson, Tara Panter, Megan Loshbaugh – these all helped in the kitchen. It was lots of work. You did a

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really good job. Here are the fellows who did the setting up and all on the outside – hope I have them all. Mark Creighton, Owen Miller, Lee Heyl, Mike Hall, Roald Young, Milton Finch, Monty Harrison, Junior Mathis, Doug Jamieson. Hope I got everyone. Then the Bell Choir performed – it was outstanding. Everyone enjoyed them. Teresa Kolibaba sang the national anthem. The Center's flag was raised and after all was enjoyed. Everyone was invited in for finger food and lots of it too.

One person I'd like to thank is Gayle Wilcox for the beautiful flower arrangements. Thank you from all of us and a thank you to all who did such an outstanding job making this a perfect get together.

The joy of living fills my heart
And Father God I pray
That I may share this joy
With all who cross my path today.

Gun Club News By Bill Oleson

Members of the trap club traveled to the Myrtle Point Sportsman Club to participate in a Pacific International Trap Association event. International refers to

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many trap clubs in Canada that also are involved. Although many of us had respectable scores in the 16-yard event on Saturday, none of us won. We were competing with some of the best in the Northwest. Scoring – Scott Wurster 92/100, Jim Harrison 96/100, Scott Macdonald 95/100, Bill Oleson 94/100, Howard Gavette 93/100, George Millen 96/100 and Bill Kemper 96/100. Rudi Breuer saved the day for us, however, by scoring 93/100 in Class C for runner-up honors.

Sunday was a turn around for the club. Scott Wurster and Jim Harrison scored 98/100 for a tie and top honors in Class A. Scott also scored a perfect 50/50 to help pay his shooting bill. Howard Gavette won the Class C singles with a 96/100 and Bill Kemper won Class B with a 99/100. Bill Oleson won the military veteran's category in the Handicap event.

Looking forward to a long over due event – Cape Blanco versus Myrtle Point is planned for June 18 and June 25. This will be a home and home shootout; Blanco there on the 18th and Myrtle Point here on the 25th. The top five or more scores from each club will decide who wins the combined event and trophy.



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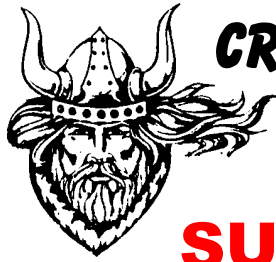
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Committee Adopts Budget

The Port of Port Orford budget committee met on Thursday night and after two hours and fifteen minutes of discussion adopted the 2000/01 budget.

Port Commission member Chris Hawthorne was elected budget committee chairman and commission chairperson Leesa Cobb was elected secretary. Interim port manager Ed Schlender presented the budget committee with the 2000/01-budget message. He said he had a lot of help with the "numbers" from office assistant Kathy Sherborn. He presented the committee with a general fund budget for expenditures of \$320,000. The general fund expenditure budget includes \$151,000 for total personal services and \$137,000 for materials and services. The general fund resources budget (money the Port brings in revenue) was for \$320,300. Budgets have to balance. Schlender presented the committee with a resources general fund update as of April 30, 2000. The figures for dockage and hoist fees, fuel and oil sales, rent on facilities and variable rent were all way under the approved budget for 1999/00 with only two months left to go in the fiscal year. Receipts year to date as of April 30 have been \$264,871.

Ideas discussed during the meeting included putting the fuel the port buys for resale up for bid. Port commissioner Scott Macdonald recommended a card lock station for fuel sales at the Port.



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Leesa Cobb set fish limits will be ratcheted down. 571,000 pounds of crab have been landed at the Port since the season opened on December 1, 1999. Ed Schlender said the sewer pump station at the Port which needs replacing was too expensive an item to put in the budget. He estimated replacement at \$100,000 and said the Port would go after grants for its replacement.

Budget committee member Jay Stoler made a motion to accept the 2000/01 budget as amended. The motion passed 6-0 with Stoler, Cobb, Macdonald, Hawthorne, Eric Oberbeck and Gifford Barnes voting for it.

**New at the Library
By Paula Cracas**

Travel: to go, to walk, to journey. So much to see. So much to do. And wouldn't you know it, the Port Orford Library is just the place to go to find out about the fabulous places you're hoping to visit. Start right in your own backyard with *The Pacific Northwest: An Interpretive History* by C.A. Schwantes; which is the perfect path to *Northwest Passage: The Great Columbia River* by William

Dietrich. *A Walk Toward Oregon* by Alvin M. Josephy and *Listening for Coyote: A Walk Across Oregon's Wilderness* by William L. Sullivan are made all the easier by *Wanderlust: A History of Walking* by Rebecca Solnit.

If you're not too tired at this fork in the road, there's *New Zealand* by Turner, Williams, Keller and Wheeler, a *Lonely Planet* offering following close on the heels of *Alaska: Adventures in Nature* by Paul E. Otteson. While we are across the ocean, *Gunning for Ho: Vietnam Stories* by H. Lee Barnes and *I Will Bear Witness 1933-41: A Diary of the Nazi Years* by Victor Klemperer are both a walk back in time.

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Letter to the Editor,

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On Memorial Day at the Senior Center in Port Orford, over one hundred people, including many veterans, gathered to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives for this country. Reverend Doug Jamieson led us in prayer. Mark Creighton gave some background about the servicemen still missing-in-action (MIA)...forty-two from Oregon. Charles Forsyth read a Memorial Day poem. The Port Orford Bell Choir played the National Anthem with Teresa Kolibaba lending her beautiful voice to their moving rendition. Some members of the Pacific High School Band performed. And then during taps, Old Glory and MIA flags were raised up the new flagpole in front of the Senior Center.

We owe a big thank you and a debt of gratitude to Owen Miller and his ability to make his dream come true. Thank you, Owen, for bringing the community together and thank you to all the other people involved in making this a special Memorial Day.

Sincerely,

Paula Cracas

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History in the Making Continued from Front Cover

One of the most unique things about this Coast Guard station is the location on top of Coast Guard Hill. When an emergency call came in the Coast Guardsmen had to get to their lifeboats by running down the hill 532 steps to the lifeboat house in Nellie's Cove. The boathouse burned down in the late 70's but for those interested in architectural ruins the concrete foundation and launchway pilings are still in place as well as the concrete seawall. These remnants are visible now thanks to the Oregon State parks trail building program. One of the loop trails which cuts off from the watchtower trail provides an excellent view of Nellie's Cove and the boat house ruins.

The Lifeboat Station Museum opens to the public this Saturday morning at 9:00am, beginning with a special ceremony. The State Historic Preservation Office and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department are presenting an award to Viola Cuatt and the Point Orford Heritage Society for "outstanding community leadership in the documentation and preservation of the Port Orford Coast Guard Station." A guestbook will be

available to sign as you enter the building. The museum will then be open on Saturdays and Sundays from June through October 31 from 1:00-5:00pm.

The Heritage Society is sponsoring a free shuttle van service to the park beginning at 10:00am. The van will take people from the Community Building up to the park and back every half-hour. There is limited parking at the Heads State Park and people are encouraged to use this free shuttle service. There is no turn around for motor homes and trailers at the park.

The Point Orford Heritage Society has an excellent web site thanks to Rick Francona who put it together. The web address is www.portorfordlifeboatstation.org

Expressways Approved

The Oregon Transportation Commission approved Expressways classification for four sections of state highway on Oregon Highway 42 and U.S. Highway 101 in Coos and Douglas Counties at its May 11 meeting held in Redmond.

An Expressway designation maintains certain highways for high-speed, high-

volume traffic to support traffic movements. These segments will benefit from a potential higher pavement preservation priority, as well as improved potential for state participation in the development of local frontage roads.

Sections of the state highway approved for Expressways classification are:

Highway 42: A 9.97 segment from the junction of Highway 101 (MP 0) to W. Central Avenue in Coquille (MP 9.97).

Highway 42: A 7.34 segment from Filter Plant Road in Coquille (MP 13.19) to Ash Street in Myrtle Point (MP 20.53).

Highway 42: A 3.29 mile segment from Lookinglass Road (MP 73.88) to the junction of Interstate 5 (MP 77.17).

Highway 101: A 4.38 mile segment from Bunker Hill (MP 239.89) to the junction of Highway 42 (MP 244.27).

The Expressway designation is a new highway classification subset included in the 1999 Oregon Highway Plan, which defines policies and investment strategies for Oregon's state highway system for the next 20 years.

In the 1999 Oregon Highway Plan, Expressways are defined as follows:

Expressways are complete routes or segments of existing two-lane and multi-lane highways and planned multi-lane highways that provide for safe and efficient high speed and high volume traffic movements. Their primary function is to provide for interurban travel and connections to ports and major recreation areas with minimal interruptions. A secondary function is to provide for long distance intra-urban travel in metropolitan areas. In urban areas, speeds are moderate to high. In rural areas, speeds are high. Usually there are no pedestrian facilities, and bikeways may be separated from the road.

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