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Curt Brown Retires By Evan Kramer



Long time Coos Curry Electric Coop district manager Curt Brown is retiring from the company on Friday, December 29.

Brown has worked for Coos Curry Electric for the past 22 years. Before that he worked for P.G.&E for six years and with the City and County of San Francisco at their Hetch Hetchy Reservoir electric generating plant for eleven years. Brown said he plans to work at home and travel a little. Brown turns 63 in March of 2001 and said he needed to retire.

I asked him about the deregulation of the electric industry. He said the Federal government diversion of power from the Northwest to California was a bad idea. He said normally it wouldn't be a problem but in a low water year like this one it's not a good idea. He said the industry was already deregulated in Oregon. Coos Curry Electric now buys 30% of its power on the open market as part of a buying cooperative. The other 70% comes from Bonneville Power. Brown said deregulation could make a difference for large users like South Coast Lumber Company but that it wouldn't help the homeowners. He said power rates would go up.

Richard "Mooch" Roberts who has been the Coquille District Manager will replace Curt Brown as the Port Orford District Manager.

One of the areas in which Curt Brown has been very helpful is community service, especially his work on behalf of the Port Orford Lightin' Bugs. Mary O. Loan, June Dennison and Aggie Patterson founded this group in 1987. Thelma Belcher had a very active role from the beginning. Mary Loan said Curt Brown was very cooperative towards the group right from the very beginning. She said he was always helpful with work and donations. Loan said the Electric Coop never charged the Lightin' Bugs a dime for all the work they did on behalf of setting up the lights every year.

Some of Brown's accomplishments on behalf of Lightin' Bugs include getting the power plugs on the poles and attachments, getting the Coop to provide electricity for the holiday displays for free, getting the Coop crews to hang and take down the displays, and helping develop a method of keeping the displays and poles in the wind. Brown has run all the volunteer work parties to prepare the lights each year.

Coos-Curry Electric Coop will hold a reception for Curt Brown on Friday, De-

cember 29, from 10:00am to noon. The public is invited to attend the reception. The company headquarters is located at 43050 Highway 101, north of Port Orford.

Thank You

There are just a couple of days left before we welcome in 2001. I wanted to thank many of you out there for making this newspaper possible. First of all thanks to our advertisers without whose confidence this paper wouldn't exist. The advertising dollars they spend with us pay for the paper and ink and our time in creating this paper. Please do me a favor and support them and once in a while tell them you saw their ad in our paper.

Thanks to our large group of devoted readers. Many of you look forward to this paper every week and we appreciate your support and words of encouragement. Thanks also to the people who write articles for the paper especially to Graeme Graydon and Mary Yoder for their weekly contribution and people like Jane Cramer, Paula Cracas, Frann Grossman,

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Sat Dec 30, 2000	3:18a	6.5	8:30a	4.1	1:59p	6.7	8:58p	0.6	7:46a	4:54p	11:11a	9:44p	
Sun Dec 31, 2000	3:57a	6.5	9:25a	4.0	2:45p	6.2	9:36p	1.1	7:47a	4:55p	11:36a	10:42p	
Mon Jan 1, 2001	4:39a	6.5	10:26a	3.8	3:42p	5.8	10:18p	1.6	7:47a	4:56p	12:01p	11:41p	
Tue Jan 2, 2001	5:19a	6.7	11:35a	3.4	4:54p	5.3	11:04p	2.2	7:47a	4:57p	12:25p	12:40a	1Q
Wed Jan 3, 2001	6:00a	7.0	12:42p	2.7	6:20p	5.1	11:55p	2.7	7:47a	4:58p	12:51p	1:42a	
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Recycling Tips

The following information is a list of what you can and cannot recycle with Curry Transfer and Recycle taken from their recycling information brochure.

Glass

Acceptable: clear, green, colored "Jar Glass" only. Glass must be clean, lids removed. Labels may be left on.

Unacceptable: Window or auto glass, light bulbs, dishes, ceramics or blue colored glass.

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Acceptable: HDPE #2 milk and water jugs only. Opaque or natural. Must be properly prepared; remove lids and wash out.

Newspapers

Acceptable: Newsprint and inserts which normally come in newspapers. Leave

flat. Nothing but newsprint.

Unacceptable: Any paper other than newsprint. No Junk Mail!

Cans

Acceptable: Any tin (steel), aluminum, can lids and bottoms must be removed on the tin (steel) cans, and then flattened. All cans must be cleaned thoroughly, labels removed.

Cardboard

Acceptable: Corrugated cardboard and grocery-styled brown paper bags. Cardboard must be flat.

Unacceptable: Cereal boxes, waxed cardboard or egg cartons.

Magazines

Acceptable: Magazines with slick pages.

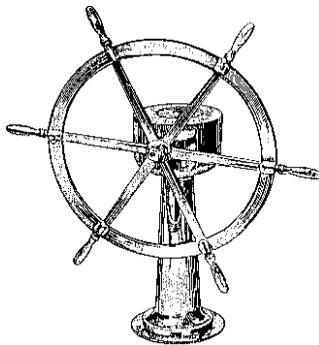
Christmas Bird Count

The annual Port Orford Christmas Bird County will be held on Saturday, December 30. This is an annual census conducted throughout the U.S. and elsewhere. Our Christmas Bird Count centers on Sixes and covers a 15 mile diameter circle from Langlois south to Rocky Point. The circle is divided into survey areas, each covered by a team of birders who try to find every species and most of the individuals in their area. Although proficiency at identifying birds is necessary for the team leaders, novices are welcome. Those wishing to participate should meet at the Driftwood School parking lot in downtown Port Orford at 7:15am. The count lasts until dusk (around 4:30pm). Be prepared for cold, wet, windy weather and bring lunch. Some areas require long hikes. The count is followed by a meeting where hot chili is provided and the species list is tallied.

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Rule # 1

by Graeme Graydon



I've been very lucky with my health and with the ability to heal my body, however, for a while now, well, ever since I fell off a roof, I've had a few aches and pains that

have prompted me to take some extra care – herbs and supplements, including a complex mixture of Chinese herbs to unlock old trauma. I've used essential oils, yoga and stretches, I've followed the diet recommended for my blood-type, but nothing much happened – until one morning last week when I woke up with not an ache in my body.

The difference was incredible – I could walk and move lightly, effortlessly. The effect lasted all day as if I had somehow turned the clock back to where I didn't even think about my body. What had I done right? I know that in some way, I am always responsible for any changes in my body – they are signals to get my attention, so I looked at the previous 24 hours to see what could have possibly happened.

To begin with, I had broken my usual pattern of starting the day – I had chosen to walk on my favorite beach at sunrise. It was glorious, not a breath of wind, there was even a brief burst of sunshine. The seals looked fat and happy, the sea was agitated, stirred up by some distant storm. I walked a little slower than usual on my favorite, 3-mile hike, but I still got a good lift from being there.

An hour or two later, I did another special thing, completing the last stage of a lab-grown emerald, working from a dark green chunk of rough to the moment of birth, and I held another vibrant, living gem in my palm – eager that my woman should admire it.

Then came a gathering of friends, a wonderful spread of food – my strict diet went by the wayside as I deliberately enjoyed many of the foods that weren't good for my blood type, including delicious meats and salmon and of course, an array of desserts and good wine. Later the musicians of the group enticed us into song after song – much to my surprise, there was some very sweet singing – another of my favorite things. The day wasn't done yet. When we got home, my woman and I watched "The Gods must be Crazy".

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The movie is South African and the humor is decidedly British, a sort of cultural virus that I carry that leaves me helplessly vulnerable – I laughed until I hurt.

The whole day had been a joy – all the way to its sweet ending. I had thoroughly blown my diet. I forgot, completely forgot to take my supplements, I chose the beach instead of my meditation and practices, forgetting all the "what I should be doings" and goofed off for a day – and my constricting pains left me. The message for me is that I'm uptight about something in my life that a day of enjoyment was enough to dissolve.

Rule # 1 – Get a happy life.

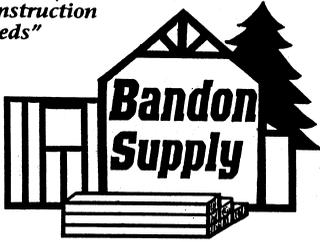
Council Approves Contract

The Port Orford City Council met in special session on Thursday, December 21 regarding the contract with the Port Orford Rural Fire District.

Councilor Jim Campbell made a motion that the council approve the Fire Protection Agreement between the City and the Fire District and incorporate the change in Section 7 that the attorney has suggested. The motion was seconded by councilor Ralph Donaldson and carried 5-0.

The Port Orford Rural Fire District Board will meet on Wednesday, December 27, 5:30pm, at the Elk River Fire Hall to vote on the contract.

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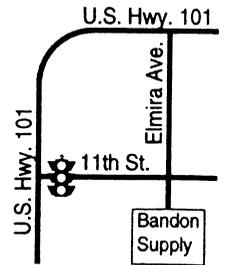
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Flu Vaccine Available

Flu vaccine is still available at all county Public Health offices, according to Kathie Wills, Immunization Coordinator. About 3,000 Curry County residents have received their flu shots through the Public Health Department, and the first cases of influenza have been reported around the state. Though the vaccine arrived late, it is still a good idea to have the shot to prevent illness for the rest of the flu season. Call your local Public Health office for dates and times of flu clinics. The number in Port Orford is 332-4041.

Whom to immunize: Although influenza vaccination is cost-effective for healthy working adults, the following groups are at risk on increased morbidity and mortality from influenza:

Persons 65 years of age or older

Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities

Adults and children with chronic pulmonary or cardiovascular disorders, including children with asthma

Adults and children with chronic diseases such as diabetes, kidney problems, blood disorders, or disorders of the immune system.

Children and teenagers who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and are at risk for developing Reye's syndrome.

Women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season.

Other persons who should also be immunized include doctors, nurses, and other personnel in both hospital and outpatient care settings and employees of nursing homes and chronic care facilities.

Letter to the Editor,

For those of us who make up your Curry County Public Health Department, the holiday season seems an especially appropriate time to remember and salute the

volunteers who have given of themselves throughout the year to help us in our mission. These extraordinary people rarely get much applause, but they make a tremendous difference in our ability to provide many important services to our community. Some have given the gift of time every week in regularly scheduled hours; others have helped out during special events, including our very busy flu clinics. All of them deserve our sincere appreciation for their unselfish devotion to enhancing health care in Curry County.

Many more merit our thanks than can be listed here (and they know who they are!), but individual recognition should go to Marilyn Argo, Shirley Craig, Shirley Cramer, Shirley Herrins, Betty Hoefler, Laura Kraus, Lola Kyler, Dorene Newman, and Kathy O'Donnell. Their help and support has been invaluable to us.

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Letter to the Editor,

Dear Mayor Doran and Council Members:

The Port Orford Planning Commission has had concerns regarding the increasing light pollution caused by misdirected street and outside lighting which obliterates viewing of the night sky when one is located in an area of concentrated outside lights. This has been a planning issue for some time; however, the Commission has recently become aware of the cooperative effort of the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society and Coos Curry Electric Coop to replace the existing street and outside lights within the city with "Sky Cap" lights. Sky Cap lights direct light downward to illuminate the ground but greatly reduce upward directed polluting light.

The Commission understands that this is a voluntary program which provides the Sky Cap lights with free installation, for those wishing to participate. The Planning Commission applauds this program as well as the city's participation in replacing some of its street lights and would encourage all citizens of the city to avail themselves of the opportunity to change their outside lighting to Sky Cap lights

for the benefit of all.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment to the City Council on this important issue. If you have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Viola Cuatt, Chair
Port Orford Planning Commission

Conversational Spanish

Do you want to learn a foreign language for the New Year? Or practice language skills you may already have? A conversational Spanish class may be the answer.

Suitable for both beginners and interme-

diate levels, the class helps students develop their basic conversational Spanish vocabulary including necessary grammar. Jennifer Pflieger is again teaching this class at the Port Orford Senior Center on Wednesday, starting January 10, from 6:30 to 9:00pm. The tuition is \$40.00, with a class fee of \$5.00 and workbook cost of \$13.95. Senior, 62 years and older, pay half price on tuition.

New students as well as returning students are welcome. Pre-registration with payment saves valuable class time. Call Southwestern Oregon Community College for more information or to register in Gold Beach at 247-2741 or in Port Orford on Fridays at 332-3023.

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A While Ago . . .
By Jane Cramer

A while ago Robert Warring and I discussed the fantastic sea cave in the Big Sister Rock at Frankport. He told me it was much more impressive before the rock had been blasted and the opening made larger. Before that a person could climb up to the cave opening to sit inside and listen to the ocean booming into the cave. The sounds would bounce off the rock overhang at the entrance to wrap around the listener in a most satisfactory manner.

When I asked why the cave entrance rocks had been blasted, Robert explained that the site was a quarry at one time. I decided to learn some of the history of this interesting place and why it was sometimes called Frankport instead of Sisters Rocks.

Tan oak bark was used to make tannic acid for leather tanning operations. There was a good source of tan oak on both Mussel and Euchre Creeks. The land at Sisters Rocks was right between the two creeks and had a sheltered deep-water anchorage for shipping so S.H. Frank and Company, San Francisco tanners, built a port (Frankport) there in 1893.

A horse drawn railroad a quarter mile long moved the bark from a storage area to the dock. Sections of the rails still protrude from a hillside above the beach.

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There were also barns, storage buildings and a bunkhouse. By 1903 the tan oak bark business had declined and the port was only used by occasional fishermen.

Sause Brothers Ocean Towing bought the property in 1955 and played a part in ending a logger's strike in British Columbia. Logs from Euchre Creek were needed at a Vancouver mill in the quickest way possible, which Sause Brothers decided would be by ocean-going barge.

Local men built a dock to use in loading the logs onto the barge. In his book, "Rogue River Rogue", the late Howard Newhouse recounted the amazing story of how 110' logs were transported to the dock site. Since Mr. Newhouse generously donated a copy of his book to the Port Orford Library, you can read about the resourceful way it was done.

When the dock was completed a half million board feet of timber was loaded onto the barge and taken to Vancouver. The strike ended when the British Columbia loggers saw how quickly timber could be brought from Oregon.

Some of the giant logs that formed the dock were still visible until the storms of

El Nino and La Nina in 1998 and 1999 took away the last of them.

Later Sause Brothers quarried rock there until complaints by neighbors about the noise and pressure from environmental groups stopped that operation.

In 1969 a nearby land owner proposed building Sisters Rock Community with homes, hotels, air strip, golf course, jet boat service from Gold Beach and even a private boarding school. These fancy plans were never carried out, which is probably just as well because the entire area is geologically unstable and prone to slides.

Marijuana smugglers thought the isolated port would be perfect for their uses in 1987 but they were caught and prosecuted and their boat was wrecked during an attempt to escape. Pieces of the boat still litter the beach today and can be seen by people willing to walk down and back up the long, steep road.

Some people want State Parks to purchase this historic and fascinating property for a park. It would be nice for more people to enjoy the scenery and see traces of events that happened a while ago.

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December 18

8:00am: Report of abandoned vehicle on 18th and Washington – report taken.

9:40am: Report of suspicious person at Ray's before hours – under investigation.

10:00am: Assist other agency, Curry County Sheriff, welfare check on female on Cemetery Loop Road – checked okay.

3:40pm: Report of motor vehicle crash (MVC) at Jackson and 20th – report taken.

9:15pm: Report of suspicious person walking with something in a blanket near 11th and Washington – unable to locate.

December 19

5:20am: Suspicious person at Ray's – contacted and advised, handled by contact.

11:35am: Welfare check on residence on Arizona – checked okay.

December 20

8:40am: Report of abandoned vehicle at Ray's, broke down – attempted to contact owner, owner removed.

10:00am: Report of juvenile/domestic problem – report taken, under investigation.

December 22

5:14am: Disturbance at 1119 Idaho Street. Attempted burglary, criminal mischief and criminal trespass – under investigation.



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Senior News By Mary Yoder

December 22 was Rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were Harold Pace, Norma Ellis, Verna Pretti, Kay Neal – setting up the dining room Verna Pretti and Mary Yoder – doing dishes and clean up – Norm Rice, Kathy Goad and Warren Jewell.

The Rotary had the bell choir – was it every special. I don't know how they do it. Did you visit the Center and see the lovely decorations? The ones who made it so pretty were Karen, Keith, Kyle and David Pace. Thank you from all of us.

December 26 was staff meeting at 10:30am, membership meeting at 11:00am. More about it next week.

The walking group is Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30am. Dominoes every Thursday at 1:00pm. The second Friday at 6:30pm bingo at Langlois.

The third Friday at 7:00pm the music group. All are invited. Bring your instru-

ment. Come join the fun. Yes, it's at the Center.

January 1 is pinochle at 7:00pm.

January 2 at 10:00am nutrition meeting.

We all hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

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.

Pioneers and Native Oregonians

The Port Orford Arts Council sponsors a captivating presentation by Shannon Applegate and Esther Stutzman entitled "Two Way Seeing: Pioneers and Native Oregonians" on Friday, January 5, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers. Admission is free.

The performance will explore the experiences of Native Americans in Oregon and Oregon Trail Pioneers.

The performance is made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Southwestern Oregon Community College will present this workshop on Fridays, from January 19 through February 9, at the Port Orford City Hall, from 6:00 to 9:00pm. The class cost is \$30, plus \$9 for the textbook. Seating is limited, and pre-registration with pre-payment is required by January 17.

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Geology for the Homeowner

Geology for the Homeowner is a class where students learn to recognize basic geologic conditions affecting property. The class focuses on slide and stability problems, excavations and grading considerations, ground water – too little or too much, foundations and drainage, as well as reviewing geologic field reports.

Longtime geologist Richard Bateman will instruct the class and lead students on two field trips. Held at the Gold Beach Southwestern center, the class starts on Monday, January 29 and goes through March 5, from 6:00 to 8:00pm, with the field trips scheduled on Saturdays. Tuition is \$30.00, with seniors 62 years and older paying half price.

Appropriate for homeowners, realtors, contractors, and those who are just curious, this class always proves to be fun and informative. Call Southwestern for more information or to register in Gold Beach at 247-2741 or in Port Orford on Fridays at 332-3023.

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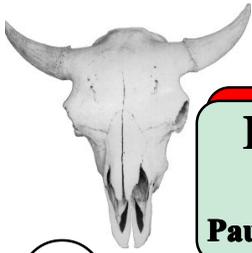
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Health District Anniversary

The Curry Health District board of directors is seeking community residents for ideas in planning the 50th anniversary of Curry General Hospital, Barbara Stover, board chair, announced.

Those interested in helping can attend a meeting at 4:30pm, Thursday, January 11, at the hospital in Gold Beach.

Stover said she is especially interested in gleaning bits of history.

“It’s important we catch some of these memories while the people are still around,” she says.

For more information, phone the district’s community relations office at 247-3187.

Calling All Talent

If you have always wanted to be in the spotlight or be part of Broadway, now’s your chance. You have until January 5 to turn in an application for Port Orford’s own Broadway. Pacific High School is putting on a talent show and anyone can be part of it. You don’t have to go to Pacific High School. You don’t even have to go to school. It’s open to any age group and any kind of talent from singing to dancing, play acting to poem reading or anything you can think of. Do it alone or in a group. For more information call any member of the Talent Show Committee: Nicole Reed at 332-0149; Shilo McKenzie at 332-1090; Erica Longton at 332-6225.

Meeting Cancelled

The Port of Port Orford Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 19 was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7:00pm but only commission member Chris Hawthorne was in attendance. Port Manager Mike Nielsen cancelled the meeting at 7:30pm with two out of the five commissioners present. The meeting has not been rescheduled.

Not Science Fiction!

The International Electron Devices Meeting held recently in San Francisco revealed things that sound like sci-fi but should become real products within about 5 years including single-electron transistors and circuits that can be created on an inkjet printer without toxic chemicals. We’re approaching the limits of the possible with today’s techniques.

Correction on E.S.A. Community Calendar

The display ad for Jodie T. Hall, Hypnotherapy and Reike Center should read “**Oregon Coast**”, not “**Orgeon Coast**”. The calendar company goofed even after the E.S.A. told them of their mistake. Sorry Jodie!!



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MISCELLANEOUS

HAPPY NEW YEAR BOLD GUY! Spray the brace green and red and what do you get? An old sick reindeer. Love, Ben.

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IN STITCHES WILL BE CLOSED Dec. 24th - Jan. 1st. Thank you for making this a wonderful sewing year. Have a safe and happy holiday.

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COMPANY COMING? Serve up a fresh smoked salmon for appetizers, frittatas, omelets. Nice gift idea too! At The Shell Shack at BattleRock Park.

YEAR-END SALE, lots of reduced items throughout the store at the Shell Shack at Battlerock Park.

LIVE CRAB AT DOCK TACKLE, will cook. Crab cocktails.

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2001 CALENDARS at The Shell Shack at BattleRock Park.

WANTED: Old stringed instruments, banjos etc. Linens, fishing stuff, clocks, oil lamps, slot cars. Buy, trade, consign. Timeworn Treasures Organic Espresso 346 Oregon (Hwy 101), 332-2046.

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PREPAID PHONE CARDS - 2 hour cards - no minimum usage! The Downtown Fun Zone.

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! Learn this truth with some of this week's new movies: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", "The Sopranos" (a five volume set about the mob), "The Art of War" (action movie starring Wesley Snipes.), Godzilla 2000, and "Crocodile". We've also added

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"Annie Get Your Gun" in our New Arrivals section. This is the first time it's been available on tape! Please remember items are due back by 3:30pm the next business day. For videotapes, Sony Playstation, Nintendo games, or DVD's come on down to The Downtown Fun Zone. We are open 9:30am till 6pm Monday thru Thursday and from 9:30am till 7pm Friday and Saturday. Closed on Sunday.

STOP! Lots to see at L&R Variety, 3,000 sq. ft. Used - old & new. Spices, tools, beads, household and gift items, books, collectables, too much to list. 10:00am - 5:00pm, 1819 Oregon St., Port Orford.

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Shelter Home Needs

Imagine spending the holidays in a shelter for battered women. Imagine trying to explain to your children why this year must be so different. Imagine trying to understand it yourself!

These are uncomfortable thoughts at this time of year. Unfortunately, as board members of Oasis Shelter Home, these are not the worst of our worries. While we are extremely grateful for the generosity of our community our needs continue and we feel we must ask for more. Oasis is still facing a major financial crisis! Curry County is a great place to live - but we have all heard the statistics about domestic violence and we know that our

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challenges are many and our economic base is limited.

Below is a very specific list of needs that must be met if Oasis is to survive. We feel certain that, as in the past, the citizens of Curry County will look inward and come forward to help.

Committee Members: Our board is in the process of reorganizing committees and we are looking for people to help us in areas of fundraising, education, and volunteer coordination.

Volunteers: People are always needed to pick up and store furniture and clothing. Staff and board members need help with errands and a wide variety of small jobs. If a volunteer is willing to attend an informative series of training sessions, she could help out at the Home by answering the telephone and helping to take some of the pressure off the staff.

Pledges for ongoing support: Oasis now functions on a month-to-month budget. Our staff is grossly underpaid, works incredibly long hours, and they are constantly worried about whether or not there will be enough money in the budget for their next paycheck.

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Designated pledges for specific budget items like utility or insurance payments, telephones and long distance bills, crisis line billing, or payroll.

And most of all, we need your continued goodwill, good wishes and prayer!

Call us at 1-800-447-1167, or you can make a check out to Oasis Shelter Home, Inc., PO Box 6942, Brookings, OR 97414 or PO Box 932, Gold Beach, OR 97444. Please ask about making arrangements for ongoing pledge support.

Thank you, Curry County, for your support in the past and for your continued interest in this important work.

Oasis Shelter Board

Drawing Winner

Port Orford resident Nancy Groves was the winner in the Wooden Nickel drawing for a \$150 gift certificate. Her name was drawn out of the hopper on December 20. Congratulations!

Curt Brown Retires Continued from Front Cover

and Tobe Porter for their regular contributions. Thanks to Valerie who takes all the articles and advertising and turns them into quite a nice looking finished product and Brenda and Nancy for making the Fun Zone fun. [Hey Evan, Don't forget yourself - You attend meetings, do research, write articles, type in press releases, and do a lot of the printing, folding, stuffing, and delivering the papers! - Valerie]

Have a happy and safe New Year from all of us at The Downtown Fun Zone!

Bill Roberts Dies

Curry County Commissioner Bill Roberts died on Christmas morning at his home in Brookings. Roberts had been a county commissioner for 4 years and was scheduled to leave office on January 2, 2001. He had lost a reelection bid to Lucie La Bonte in November.

Roberts was elected to the county commission in November 1996 when he defeated Cheryl Thorp. In the May primary election of that year Roberts had defeated three-term incumbent Rocky McVay.

Roberts had previously run for County Sheriff twice. He was 57 years old. He leaves behind his wife Ruth, daughters Elizabeth and Katherine and son William and three granddaughters.

Roberts had a long career in law enforcement including time as a canine deputy in California. Fellow commissioner Lloyd Olds said he had talked with Bill Roberts on Christmas Eve and that Roberts had been doing great. Olds said Roberts had come to work every day last week. Roberts had given the weekly commissioner's talk on KURY radio on Friday and Olds said it was a good one.

Bill Roberts was very good about not only taking phone calls from his constituents but also returning their calls and talking with them about their concerns.

Services for Commissioner Bill Roberts will be held on Friday, December 29, at 2:00pm, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Brookings. The Church is located at 770 Elk Street.

Health District News By Frann Grossman

Curry Health District bond funds will help improve parking lot drainage. Bond

money also funded re-upholstering for the hospital lobby chairs. Additionally, the Curry General Hospital Auxiliary Wishing-U-Well Gift Shop will receive a facelift after the holidays.

Curry General Hospital is now seeing 20 -30 patients a month for echocardiograms, or ultrasounds of the heart. A certified hospital echocardiogram technologist can perform the procedure by appointment. Previously, patients had access to the procedure only once a month when a Medford technologist traveled to the site. Echocardiograms are analyzed by cardiologists with Cardiology Consultants of Medford.

The Health District board has met about five times with community members to help review more than 25 job applications for a chief financial officer. The new CFO will replace Randy Scholten who left last spring, according to board Chairman Barbara Stover. "We're in the process of narrowing it down," Stover adds. The CFO will join Reg Williams, M.D., and Ginny Hochberg on the district management council.

Curry General Hospital admissions during November totaled 40, bringing the total to 263 since July 1. That's up 14 percent from last year's fiscal year-to-date total of 228. Hospital outpatient visits for November totaled 2,130. Since July 1, outpatient visits total 10,577, up 10 percent from the previous fiscal year to date total of 9,559. Two babies were born in Curry General Hospital last month. Newborns since July 1 total 30, compared with 32 during the same period last fiscal year. Hospital emergency room visits for November totaled 190. Since July 1, the total outpatient visits total 1,151, a 25 percent increase from the previous fiscal year to date total of 868.

This column was created to help keep district patrons up to date with new improvements and changes in the Curry Health District – from Pistol River north to just north of the Sixes River.

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