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Council Looks Gift Horse in the Mouth By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council began their meeting Monday night with a short report from public works director Jerry McNurlin. He recommended the council and public to go look and see the improvements being made at the city shops on Port Orford Loop Road including landscaping and a berm. He said the sewer pump station at the Port went out and that the power box blew up. A new electrical service and pump have been installed.

Police lieutenant Lou Ball gave his report. He said the department had written a total of 64 tickets during the period of February 13 - 28, 56 of which had been sent to the municipal court and 8 to the district court. He said the police department had a total of 208 "activities" during February including tickets, arrests, complaints and citizen inquiries. Lou said he is always on duty or available when the reserves are working.

A beautiful myrtlewood plaque was presented to former mayor Delaine Kennedy in appreciation of her four years of service by mayor Gary Doran.

Nancy Dowdy gave a Community Resource Team report. She said the wayfinder site is definite for Battle Rock

Park. She noted there is an important meeting **Thursday night, March 13, 7:00pm**, at the Senior Center where Joe Pevea from O.D.O.T will speak about the wayfinder site. It is important for people to attend this meeting. The design for the entrances to Port Orford have been chosen and the rock wall design was the winner though aspects of the other designs will be incorporated.

New city attorney Randall Tosh was introduced. He practices law in Coos Bay. Tosh has two other municipal clients including Coos Bay and Elkton. Motions to appoint him as city attorney and to accept a contract agreement with him were approved unanimously.

Ed McQuade spoke about the Enterprise Zone application. He said the designation for the joint North Curry and Port Orford zone ends on June 30, 1997. It provides some incentives for businesses to settle in the area including an abatement on property tax improvements for three years and can include reductions in water and sewer rates.

The Enterprise Zone can be renewed but the application must reach Salem no later than April 4. Dale Dearing spoke in favor of renewing the Enterprise Zone. He said we need to create more jobs and he couldn't understand why anyone would

be against it. Ralph Donaldson expressed concern about the water-sewer rate reductions. He said he doesn't want the current rate-payers subsidizing new businesses in the Enterprise Zone. A motion was passed asking city manager Dotti Myers to draw up a resolution for the Enterprise Zone application.

One item on the agenda not discussed was the long overdue sewer audit report from Robert Wall, City Auditor. The City did not receive the audit even though it had been expected. However, the audit was received by the City on Tuesday morning by fax. If you want a copy you can get one at the Fun Zone or at City Hall.

The council moved on to the bed tax ordinance. Dotti Myers said there were two brand new members on the committee (the only two members). The committee should consist of 5 people. Dotti recommended putting a council liaison or

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There will be no paper next week, March 20.

We will resume publication with our March 27 issue.

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Date	Midnight to Noon				Noon to Midnight				Sun		Moon		Phase
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set			
Thu Mar 13	2:33a	7.8	9:11a	0.2	3:29p	6.1	9:05p	2.1	6:30a	6:22p	9:51a	11:57p	
Fri Mar 14	3:20a	7.4	10:12a	0.5	4:38p	5.6	10:00p	2.8	6:28a	6:24p	10:34a	12:54a	
Sat Mar 15	4:14a	7.0	11:18a	0.7	5:57p	5.3	11:07p	3.3	6:27a	6:25p	11:20a	1:45a	1Q
Sun Mar 16	5:17a	6.6	12:29p	0.9	7:19p	5.3			6:25a	6:26p	12:09p	2:31a	
Mon Mar 17	12:26a	3.5	6:27a	6.3	1:37p	0.9	8:26p	5.4	6:23a	6:27p	1:00p	3:13a	
Tue Mar 18	1:42a	3.4	7:35a	6.3	2:34p	0.8	9:16p	5.7	6:21a	6:28p	1:52p	3:51a	
Wed Mar 19	2:43a	3.1	8:34a	6.4	3:21p	0.7	9:55p	5.9	6:20a	6:29p	2:46p	4:24a	
Thu Mar 20	3:31a	2.7	9:24a	6.5	4:00p	0.6	10:27p	6.2	6:18a	6:31p	3:40p	4:56a	
Fri Mar 21	4:11a	2.2	10:08a	6.6	4:35p	0.6	10:56p	6.4	6:16a	6:32p	4:39p	5:25a	
Sat Mar 22	4:48a	1.8	10:47a	6.7	5:06p	0.7	11:23p	6.6	6:14a	6:33p	5:34p	5:53a	
Sun Mar 23	5:22a	1.4	11:25a	6.7	5:36p	0.8	11:50p	6.8	6:13a	6:34p	6:29p	6:21a	FM
Mon Mar 24	5:56a	1.1	12:02p	6.6	6:05p	1.0			6:11a	6:35p	7:26p	6:49a	
Tue Mar 25	12:17a	7.0	6:31a	0.8	12:40p	6.5	6:35p	1.3	6:09a	6:36p	8:22p	7:19a	
Wed Mar 26	12:45a	7.0	7:08a	0.6	1:20p	6.2	7:06p	1.7	6:07a	6:38p	9:20p	7:51a	
Thu Mar 27	1:14a	7.0	7:47a	0.5	2:03p	5.9	7:39p	2.1	6:06a	6:39p	10:18p	8:27a	

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Fri Feb 28	50	42	Trace
Sat Mar 1	49	41	2.30
Sun Mar 2	46	36	.66
Mon Mar 3	48	32	.25
Tue Mar 4	50	34	Trace
Wed Mar 5	50	46	.33
Thu Mar 6	51	39	Trace

The Boston University Bridge (on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts) is the only place in the world where a boat can sail under a train driving under a car driving under an airplane.

The Scenic Siskiyou:

Local National Forest Driving Tours, a slide presentation by Bill Forbes, forester with the Chetco Ranger District, on scenic national forest drives in the Curry/Del Norte area. Friday March 14, at 7pm, at the Brookings-Harbor High School Library. Some of the topics included are: Ideas for short hikes and forest interpretation along local routes; How the recent flood damage has affected local drives; Self-guided driving tours to the local World War II Bomb Site near Mr. Emily and unique wildlife habitats and forestry demonstration areas up the Rogue River.

This presentation is sponsored by Kalmiopsis Audubon Society.

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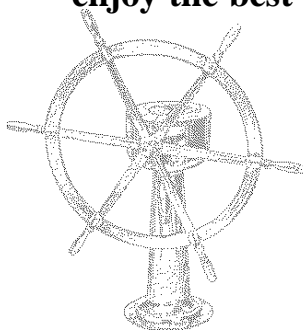
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Letter to the Editor,

Dear Port Orford Ambulance Patrons;

Your support has been overwhelming and for that, we are grateful.

We feel the responsibility to inform you of where we stand at this time in regards to the Ambulance Service Area (A.S.A.) Franchise.

On March 6, 1997, the A.S.A. advisory committee met. Three separate ambulance services, including Port Orford Community Ambulance (P.O.C.A.) bid for the area of ASA 1 North Curry County, which makes up the Port Orford district.

A letter was read from the Curry County Attorney, Jerry Herbage, urging the advisory committee to disqualify P.O.C.A.'s application due to the fact that Port Orford's application was received 40 minutes after the deadline time. The A.S.A. advisory committee reluctantly voted to deny P.O.C.A.'s application.

Since the Curry County Commissioners issue the A.S.A. franchise, it is our hope that the commissioners will over rule the advisory committee's decision and allow P.O.C.A.'s application to be accepted.

If you would like to express your opinion on this matter please contact your Curry County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

Port Orford Community Ambulance
personnel

Sunset Garden Club Report

The Sunset Garden Club met at the Senior Center on March 7 for their monthly meeting. A group of 24 members participated in a vigorous discussion of current events and past projects.

The meeting was called to order by president Betty Hardegger. The membership was apprised of several aspects of financial reporting.

A committee was appointed for the selection of new officer nominees for the coming year. Ruth Bryant, Lucille Burroughs, June Bauman and Dot Mathews accepted this assignment.

Lucille Burroughs was chosen as chairperson for the July 4 committee.

Please call Betty Hardegger for information regarding the conference on wild flowers to be held on May 18 at 332-0170.

Paula Cracas and Norm Leeling were chosen to represent the club in the "Picket Park" project.

Saturday, March 15, is a work party. All interested meet at the Community Building at 10:00am.

The next meeting will be held at the Senior Center on April 4.

Community Activities Center

The City of Port Orford recently signed a contract with a local architect, James Tronson, to provide design drawing for a refurbished community center. To assure that the design incorporates the community's ideas for a multipurpose activities center, the project design committee is collecting comments concerning desirable characteristics of such a center.

Your attendance and participation is needed in the "Creating Our Community Activities Center" meeting at 7:00pm, on Thursday, March 20, at the Port Orford Community Building. Architect James Tronson will be listening to your comments at this meeting. Bring your wish list. It's your community center.

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Langlois Library News
 by Tobe Porter, Library Director

How has the library helped you and your family? Your answer could win \$20,000 in cash for your child's college education as part of a national "Kids Connect @ The Library" Contest sponsored by the American Library Association and Suave.

Based on the National Library Week theme, the contest invites parents and/or legal guardians who are 18 or older to tell in 125 words or less how the library is part of their family lives. The contest runs through April 30, 1997. A grand prize of \$20,000 will be awarded to the winner. In addition, a multimedia computer will be given to the library of the winner's choice. Stop by our library for a copy of the rules and entry form.

Kids Reading will be the theme of our April Art Display. We invite you to lend us your favorite photograph of a child or children reading. The person whose photo

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is chosen "best in show" by patrons will receive a children's book. Please bring your photo entry to the library by the end of March.

The end of March brings our Fourth Friday Program: "Gardener's Potpourri" with Eileen Mulligan of Marsh Haven Farm. Eileen will convince us that worms are not just squishy, they're good in the garden. Bring a sack lunch and a gardening item to trade—a seedling, an interesting article, a gooey compost item, etc. The program will begin at noon March 28 at the Langlois Public Library. Lunch and worms, don't miss it!

Children's House Garage Sale

Children's House, a non profit preschool in Bandon, will be holding a fundraising garage sale, 8:00am until 1:00pm on Saturday, March 22. If you wish to donate items, please bring them to the school on Friday, March 21, between 9:00am and noon or call 541-347-9503.



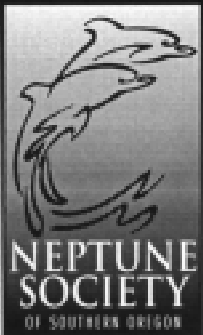
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Solos from Handel's Messiah and Mendelssohn's Elijah will be offered by contralto Mildred Hill, past choir director and tenor Milt Nelson, current director. Organist Ellen Warring will play the Pastoral Symphony from Messiah as an offertory for the free will offering. Proceeds will be used for the music and instrument maintenance fund.

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Senior News By Mary Yoder

To start off with - Thursday March 6 - the volunteers who worked were: Bessie Laursen, Roald Young, Patty Young, Betty Harper, E. David Klein, Judy Peacock Klein and June Dennison set up the tables. I was at the center for a few minutes and I got to eat a piece of corn bread - made by the Young's - gee was it good.

Then March 8 was the luncheon. Here are the volunteers who worked Bessie Laursen, Jan Black, Thelma Lagace, Roald Young and me Mary Yoder. This time Jane Black and June Dennison set up the tables. Taking care of the coffee pots, tea etc. was Peigi Stahl and Clair Stahl. taking care of the money. Nice couple don't you think? OK yes Pauline Lenox helped with the money also - doing dishes Bill Butts and Dick Clothier. Then downstairs the rummage sale: Bobbetta and Henry Kron did that. We had a speaker - Mark Creighton - talked about the land left for a park - to be named for the brothers who give it. Mark gave a very good speech - I'm sure all understood about the land. March 9 was the breakfast - nice crowd - good food and fine volunteers: Lee Hyle, June Dennison, Bessie Laursen, Hazel



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Klima, Beth Newkirk, Greta Carver, Lucille Tubbs. Taking care of the money were Clair Stahl and Pauline Lenox and coffee Peigi Stahl - and would you believe a new dishwasher Barney Houser. Hope I didn't miss anybody. The rummage workers were: Bobetta Kron, Henry Kron and what's his name. They told me they sure sold a lot of stuff.

Don't forget Friday night March 14 from 5 till 8 - corned beef and cabbage - all you can eat - best come - \$4 for adults and \$2 for kids.

A reminder Tax help every Tuesday from 9:30 till 12 till April 15. Blood pressure and hearing aid 9:30 - 12:30. March 18 - I'll leave you with this.

Youth has today and youth is young and clever. Age only yesterdays of smiles and tears, and yet the past grows lovelier for ever the more the years.

Sam Cuatt

Graveside services for Samuel Arthur "Sam" Cuatt, 79, of Port Orford, were held at 1:00pm, Wednesday at Myrtle Crest Memorial Gardens, Coquille. Pastor Rick House of Langlois Community Church officiated.

Sam was born May 7, 1917, in Bird City, Kansas, to William and Norah (Barr) Cuatt. He died March 8, 1997, in Eugene of complications following surgery on a brain tumor.

The youngest of 13 children, he moved at a young age to Washington state with his family following the death of his mother. There he attended schools in Richland and Prosser.

He married Viola Alice Enyeart March 21, 1940, in Sunnyside, Washington.

Mr. Cuatt moved to the South Coast area in 1948, settling in Bandon. He later moved to Sixes where he and his wife owned and operated a cattle ranch for more than 32 years. He lived in Port Orford since 1991 and helped his wife run the Port Orford Liquor Store.

Mr. Cuatt worked for Moore Mill and Western States, and also drove a school bus for the Bandon School District. He retired from Moore Mill in 1985.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who enjoyed visiting with people. He also enjoyed the ocean and his flowers.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Viola Cuatt of Port Orford; daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Dale Denn of White City; grandson and his wife, Scott and Susan Denn of White City; great grandson, Tyler Denn of White City; sister Ethel Green of Selah, Washington; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and nine sisters.

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At the Sea Lion Suds Fest, the third annual Microbrew Festival at the Curry County Fairgrounds on March 14 and 15 there will be ten breweries represented and twenty two specialty brews.

"The Innovators" will be playing for the dance both evenings 7pm to 11pm. The three musicians in the Gold Beach based band are Chris Mealue, Mike Ferguson and Mike Snead.

Snacks will be available from three local establishments. The Rod 'n' Reel will be serving Cajun Oysters, The Crows Nest will be BBQing Hot Wings, and Honey Bear Campground proprietor, Gary Sax, will be offering bavarian treats, most notably sausages and potato pancakes, otherwise known as German frybread.

A "Home-brew Contest" will be held on the second evening. Entries are due by 3pm Saturday, March 15. The "Champion Brewmaster" will win \$50 and a Myrtlewood plaque.

Due to OLCC requirements, minors are not allowed at the event.

Microbrewery representatives will be traveling from as far as Seattle, Washington, eastern and northern Oregon as well as from along the Coast.

For more information call the Curry County Fairgrounds at (541) 247-4541 or the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-525-2334.

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Friends of the Library

The March 4, 1997 meeting of the Friends of the Library was presided over by the Vice-President, Dot Mathews. She brought along two delightful books for consideration - "Hummingbird Garden" by Nancy L. Newfield and Barbara Neilson, and "Taylor's guide to seashore gardening." The members unanimously agreed to purchase both books for the library and to renew the subscription to "Scientific American Magazine".

The members were given a demo for the libraries new internet page which was created by Alice Pfand. The page shows hours, new books, reference materials, and has a lot of links to other pages of interest to library patrons. The address for the new page is www.harborside.com/home/p/pol if you would like to look at it on your home computer. *[I peeked - It's really well done and useful too! - Valerie]*

Bonnie would like you to note that we have the new student loan forms and the school code list that is needed to fill it out. We are running out of tax forms so you will need to get those right away if you haven't already.

Letter To The Editor

Our Oregon State Parks are in financial trouble. We need to urge our legislators to work for a stable, long-term source for funding. We know that facilities such as Humbug Mountain and Cape Blanco attract visitors to our area. They come because of the great beauty of our coast, access to the beaches and well-appointed campsites. Cape Blanco has the added attractions of Hughes House and the light-house.

These visitors help our local economy. Even people who camp like to eat out once in a while and go shopping. At the very least, they need to buy groceries and gasoline. Their activities in the parks certainly fit the concept of nature-based tourism.

Call Representative Ken Messerle and Senator Veral Tarno at the toll-free number 1-800-332-2313 and leave your message of support for state park funding. They are **our** parks, we all need to help preserve them.

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Richard Jany, M.D. and Kenneth Freudenberg, M.D. orthopedists.

Oregon Health Plan patients welcome — both Family Care and DOCS!

So Long Sam **By Evan Kramer**

I was shocked and saddened to learn of the recent death of Sam Cuatt last Saturday. Sam had entered Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene a few days earlier for surgery necessitated by a brain tumor.

Sam was a big fan of this newspaper as well as being a big supporter of many other businesses in Port Orford. Every Wednesday afternoon I deliver the latest edition of our paper in Port Orford. My first stop is the Port Orford Liquor Store. I barely put the papers on the counter before Sam would get his copy and start pouring through it. Sam liked going to garage sales so the first thing he looked at was the classified section under garage sales. Then if there was a customer in the liquor store he or Viola made sure they got a copy of the paper.

Sam was also the cardboard man to us at the Fun Zone. Sam, as many of you know, collected cardboard from many

local businesses and took it to Coos Bay. We were a regular on his route and it gave us all a chance to visit and chat awhile. I really appreciated him driving over to the store and taking out big loads of flattened cardboard boxes.

I can't think of two people who are as much an institution and well loved in Port Orford as Sam and Viola Cuatt. It's hard for me to imagine going in the liquor store and Sam not being there to get his copy of the paper. We'll miss you Sam.

New Services At Clinic

Curry Family Medical personnel announce new services in the Port Orford clinic

We now have liquid nitrogen available allowing us to take care of removing skin lesions, skin tags and warts.

Gosvener says the new equipment has allowed him to relieve and treat patients with actinic keratosis, a red scaly sun spot

on the skin that has been known to lead to cancer. He also can take care of large open black heads and benign rough moles known as seborrheic keratosis.

We also can do biopsies on suspicious moles as well as removing cysts and benign moles. After an initial evaluation, Gosvener says he will refer patients to a dermatologist, if the services needed require that level of care.

Also at Curry Family Medical, the staff performs well baby checks and is expected to offer immunizations through a state program this spring.

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Welcome Back

You can tell Winter is coming to an end and Spring is just around the corner. The "rainbirds" are back from their extended vacations along the southern part of Baja California. First back last week was the potter of Port Orford, Paul Bodke looking very tanned and relaxed. Paul did a lot of reading and fishing while down in Mexico and returned with his sense of humor intact. Also back in Port Orford are Rick Smith and Debby Lohry and the rest of the gang. Everyone who frequents Sister's Natural Grocery and vegetarian café will be happy to see Debby. Thanks for a great job Julia filling in for Debby. Hope you're feeling better.

Project Graduation Auction

The Pacific High School Project Graduation Auction takes place on Saturday, March 15, 7:00pm, at the high school gym. Entrance fee is \$3.00 per person or \$2.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for a family. All you can eat desserts will be served. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.


All proceeds from the auction go to benefit the class of 1997's Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Party. The luck of the Irish be with you!

If you have any questions or would like to contribute, please call 348-2326.

Letter To The Editor,

Mr. Leitch, I really resent being called a coward. I resent the fact that you think people huddled around and patted each other on the back. I believe you forgot that this country was built on being able to voice our opinions and vote as we see fit. I personally think it is an honor to see wildlife walking around unharmed. I resent the fact that you think I am a coward because we try to preserve wildlife, not destroy it. If it takes putting someone in their place, then so be it.

June Banks



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Welcome to Carnie

Auditions for "Welcome to Carnie", a play about the trials of teen age life, will be held Tuesday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 19, from 5:00-7:00pm in Langlois. There are 11 major roles (all teen aged) needed, plus extras. We will also need makeup, costume and lighting crews. If you are interested, please call 348-9925 and ask Adrienne for more information.

Hist. Society Rummage Sale

The Curry County Historical Society is seeking donations for their upcoming rummage sale to be held on Saturday, March 22. Anyone interested in contributing to this fund-raiser please call Emily Killian at 247-2988 or leave a message at the museum 247-6113. No clothing please

Local Artist's Show

The Bookworm Bookstore Gallery in Gold Beach presents a month-long showing of artists representing Curry Arts Association. An artist's reception is scheduled for Saturday, March 22. Refreshments and musical entertainment will be provided. For more info, call 247-9033.

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Oleson Just Beats Raccoon Unofficial Final Election Results

Incumbent Port Commissioner Bill Oleson was reelected to another term as Port of Port Orford Commissioner as the campaign for write-in candidate Rocky Raccoon fell short. Oleson collected 345 votes or 42% of those voting while write-in Rocky Raccoon got 301 votes or 36% and 180 (22%) voters declined to support either candidate. Rocky supporters claim that some of these 180 "under votes" would have voted for Rocky but did not hear of his campaign until they'd already mailed in their ballots.

Incumbent port commissioner Lynn Haller was defeated by challenger Scott MacDonald. Two other port positions went to Leesa Wagner and John Spurgeon who both ran unopposed.

Gary Anderson, Theresa Hewitt, Virginia Hughes and Donald Smith were elected to the Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ school district.

Gayle Wilcox, Vern Larson and William McMullen were elected to the Port Orford Rural Fire Board.

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Midge Hayes and Patricia Rhoades were elected to the Port Orford Library District.

It appeared there were more than enough write-in votes cast to elect Roxanne Compton and Greg Gibbs to the Port Orford Cemetery District.

Niels L. (Roy) Martin, Ray Johnson, Richard Wold and Fred Bitgood were elected to the Sixes Rural Fire District Board.

Winners in the contested races for positions on the Southwestern Oregon Community College Board were Cathy Vesper-Wilson for position #7 and Kathleen Grossman for position #2.

Roger K. Davis, Brian McNulty and Doug Jamieson were elected to positions on the Curry Health District Board.

Selected Vote Counts

Port of Port Orford Position #1

Under Votes 180
Bill Oleson 345
Write-In 301

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Port of Port Orford Position #2

Under Votes 184
Scott MacDonald 395
Lynn Haller 242

2CJ School Board Position #1

Under votes 357
Donald Smith 674

2CJ School Board Position #4

Under votes 221
Sue Minton-Edison 154
Kathleen Teague 113
David A. Wilken 265
Virginia Hughes 312

2CJ School Board Position #5

Under votes 118
Gary Anderson 738
Valerie Kramer 211

2CJ School Board Position #7

Under votes 162
David B. Smith 437
Theresia Hewitt 456

Port Orford RFPD Position #2

Under votes 21
Gayle Wilcox 214
Jan Dacayana 95



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Gold Beach Port Dist. Pos. #3

Under votes 212
Scott Boley 926
Linda Spicer 450

Gold Beach School District Pos #1

Under votes 119
Mark A Metcalf 550
Bill Blackwell 452
Barbara Floyd 556

Curry Health District Position #4

Under votes 636
Doug Jamieson 1,420
Emory P. Longstreth 326

Nesika Beach Water Dist. Position #1

Under votes 17
Guy Colby 64
Jack Figueiredo 50

Nesika Beach Water Dist. Position #2

Under votes 18
Clinton Benhart Adams 67
Tor Flatebo 46

Nesika Beach Water Dist. Position #3

Under votes 17
Joan Cooper 54
Bill Curtis 58

Nesika Beach Water Dist. Position #5

Under votes 21
Michael Meszaros 60
Jeffrey L Voshall 49

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all those who ran and were willing to give of their time for the public good!

Letter to the Editor,

After reading Wednesday, March 5th's letters to the editor, I am somewhat confused. It sounds to me like you feel we are losing our ambulance service, we are not. We are being offered the highest level of emergency care that is available in this state. Nobody is saying we don't appreciate the volunteers we have now and we commend them for the service they have provided, but as you said, we have had volunteers for fifty years and now that we have a chance to have a paramedic service, why wouldn't we want them?

The basic and intermediate E.M.T.'s skills are very limited and in a life threatening situation for ourselves and our loved ones I personally want the best care available until I can get to a medical facility. An E.M.T. basic is just that, basic. A paramedic has extensive schooling and training and can do procedures that a basic or intermediate, no matter how friendly their face is, just is not trained to do.

For your information these volunteers are paid. Also, the reason there are two E.M.T.'s and a driver on Port Orford's ambulance is because the state law requires so of a basic life support ambulance.

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lance. An advanced life support ambulance is required one E.M.T. basic and one paramedic because of their advanced level of training.

You know an ambulance company does not want to come to a community where they are not welcome in and the paramedics will have jobs whether they work out of Port Orford or not, so really, we are the ones who will benefit the most from this change. I think we should be grateful that this service is finally being made available to us.

With my husband being a brittle diabetic and grandson suffering from severe asthma, I know if a real crisis occurs with either one of them only a paramedic would be able to provide the level of care to save them. No E.M.T. basic or intermediate can give the medications or use the tools necessary to revive them.

Port Orford and Gold Beach are the only cities on 101 that do not have paramedics available.

We should all be pulling together to make Port Orford a better and safer community by improving our emergency medical care

Cheryl Novotny

Oregon Trails, Oregon Tales

"Oregon Trails, Oregon Tales", a lively presentation of storytelling and song, will be presented by Tom Nash on Friday, March 14 at 7pm at the Coquille Community Building. The public is invited and admission is free.

The program is sponsored by the city of Coquille and is made possible by the Oregon Council for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

From Astoria to Vale, regional folklore reveals much about Oregon history, offering a chronicle of cooperation, strife, tradition and ethnic pride. This program provides a kaleidoscopic view of Oregon's diverse cultural legacy. Included are compelling and often humorous anecdotes from many traditions, including Nez Perce, Basque, Hispanic, Chinese, English, and African American.

Tom Nash, a professor of linguistics and folklore at Southern Oregon State College in Ashland, has collected legends and lyrics from people in every corner of our state. For further information, call Rochelle Wiese at 396-5131.

Tales Sought By David Wilken

Chairman, Port Orford Watershed Council

The Port Orford Watershed Council is asking area residents to share their memories of native fish in Hubbard Creek and its tributaries. Most of the Council's recent publicity has focused on Garrison Lake and its wetlands, but the town's "primary" water supply has been very much on the Council's agenda since day one. Although the creek has been important to the town's history, not much has been written about it, nor the fish who have used it as their home over the years.

The Watershed Council needs the information to assist the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in its mission to insure the survival of some important members of our community, salmon, steelhead, and trout. To their credit, Hubbard Creek landowners have been cooperative in various aspects of habitat survey and restoration activities in the drainage, with more planned for this year and the next several. This spring, Council members will be trained in doing fish surveys in the creek, meaning, sneaking up on likely fish spots and seeing who's there.

The past history of fish in the creek, both species and numbers, as well as size, is an important factor in ODF&W's decision about future populations. If, for example, the creek had supported Coho Salmon, it might be appropriate to actively encourage their return. Meanwhile, steelhead and cutthroat trout (both ocean-going and freshwater) present some similar issues, as well as different ones. All these fish are now in the arena of public discussion, with both Coho and steelhead being considered for listing under the Endangered Species Act. Fortunately, for all, the Council and ODF&W are approaching this as partners, as is the case with other government representatives the Council is involved with.

Readers with information for the Council can mail letters care of the City Offices,

contact Ellen Warring or David Wilken, or other Council members, or deal direct with Russ Stauff, Fish Biologist, ODF&W, Gold Beach, at 541-247-7605.

Letter to the Editor,

There has been so much controversy over a new ambulance service coming into our community to administer emergency care that I would like to inform you of what this service could mean to you and your loved ones. This is nothing against the service we have now - this is just an opportunity for us to be cared for the best way possible in that "golden hour."

Let me be the first to commend Port Orford Ambulance Service for the job they have been doing, however, now we have the opportunity to receive the highest level of care in the state. National Registry does not recognize Oregon E.M.T. intermediates because of their substandard scope of practice. It does recognize E.M.T. basics and paramedics.

I am sure many of you have heard rumors about a certain paramedic service. I advise you to please investigate these rumors for yourself. When you do you will soon realize the expanded scope of prac-

tice and the higher level of care a paramedic is able to offer you and your loved ones.

If you would like to investigate further, please feel free to contact me anytime at 530-0639. Leave a message and I will get back to you.

Sincerely,

Timothy Novotny
Nationally Registered
E.M.T. Paramedic

SWOCC

A Standard First Aid and CPR class will be held Saturday, March 15, from 9am to 5pm, at the ESD office, 29805 Mary Street, in Gold Beach. The cost is \$20 for this all day class. Instructor Dave Anderson will help students learn first aid and skills necessary for the immediate and temporary care of the sick and/or injured until qualified medical help assumes responsibility. CPR included. Coast Guard Approved.

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Letter to the Editor,

Last week's letter from the Wursters responded to allegations that the Battle Rock Gun Club facility has been used by its members to shoot trapped animals. They said there was no evidence of this but they were not speaking officially for the club. The gun club needs to officially clear this up. Unofficial letters from gun club members are not sufficient. To ac-



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cuse someone of killing animals when they haven't, is a big injustice to the person; on the other hand if he did, then people need to know it.

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- in the heat of an argument boasted that he had done so when he hadn't, or

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- someone misunderstood or mis-reported what he said.

In any case, it's time for the Gun Club to bite the bullet and do these things right away.

1. Question the alleged shooter carefully as to if he ever did the things he is accused of doing.
2. Question other members for possible information about this matter.
3. Tell us officially what their findings are, and: either expel or censure the alleged offending member in some way; or tell us unequivocally that the rumors and allegations are complete fabrications.

For the record I do not know the Wursters or the person alleged to have shot the animals.

Jim Britell



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The traditional blessing of the horses is open to all area equines. You need not be a contestant to participate in this special ceremony honoring the spirit and beauty of the magnificent horse. The animals will enter the arena prior to the first event. Each will receive a special memento of the occasion as a prayer for the safety, health and protection of each horse or pony is given. There is no charge for this event. The Amaze Your Horse! Trail Class will again be offered. This trail class always contains some interesting obstacles and surprises to test the rider's ability to communicate with the horse. It is a challenge to most horses. Spectators especially enjoy this event as they watch with fascination, horses who may buck, snort or refuse the test course obstacles. This trail class is always an interesting insight into the mind of the horse. The show, sponsored by Cedar Grove Farm, is in its 8th year at Buffington Park.

Other classes include: hunter hack, English and western pleasure, equitation as well as gymkana (game) events. Barrel racing, chicken snatch, rescue race and other timed events are on the schedule as

Sign-up begins at 7am. Entry fee is \$3 per performance class, \$2 per game and \$1.50 for the lead line class. Designed especially for spectators, the lead line requires no riding experience. All lead line riders will receive a ribbon. Rosettes and ribbons will be given up to 6th place in all classes. High point awards will be given in each division. One all-around high point will be awarded in gaming as well as other special awards. Judge for this year's show is Melissa Herman of Coquille.

A concession will be operated by volunteers from the "Over the Rainbow" special needs riding program. This program

provides special needs children and adults throughout Curry County an opportunity to experience the joy and freedom of riding. Complimentary "wake me up" coffee or juice will be provided at sign-in by Cedar Grove Farm. Raffle tickets, to benefit Over the Rainbow, will be on sale during the show for a chance to win a specially selected raffle item.

Requirements: Boots in all classes and games, helmets for the English classes, permission slips for all under 18 years of age.

For more information or to pre-register, call Cedar Grove Farm at 332-2675. Rain will cancel this outdoor event. No official rain date has been set.

Otter Point Beach Hike

There will be an Otter Point beach hike, with Dorthea Peterson of Kalmiopsis Audubon Society. Meet Dorthea at the Otter Point parking lot 10am on Saturday March 15, 1997. Otter Point State Park is 2 miles north of Gold Beach on the Old County Road. Hike the trail and beach at low-tide, a chance to get Mussels for those interested and enjoy birds and spring flowers. For information call Dorthea at 247-7944.

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Dear Mr. Kramer,

I have just finished reading the March 6, issue of Port Orford Today. In your article on the state canceling the races, I saw a note from you asking for an explanation of aviation activity at the airport other than drug shipments. I would like to provide some input on this.

To begin with, I would not have moved our company from California had the airport not been here. We maintain an airplane at Cape Blanco that is used on a regular basis for moving people and material to points within a thousand mile radius of here. In addition, our customers and suppliers visit here and are able to bring aircraft such as Lear Jets into the airport. Other Business Jets have been using the facility, as well as weekend visitors to the area. All of these people use the restaurants and hotels in town. The Coast Guard uses the airport when they are working lifesaving search and rescues in the area, to save valuable time in having to fly to North Bend to refuel. The airport is also an emergency landing facility for Military and Commercial air traffic. This facility is absolutely essential to anyone trying to conduct business on a national level given the remote nature and relative inaccessibility of this area without an airplane. I believe the value of a company such as ours is vital to the future of this area without an airplane. I believe the value of a company such as ours is vital to the future of this area as

well as to the state of Oregon. We do approximately 12 million dollars/year in sales, of which as much as is practical is spent in Port Orford and Curry County and in Oregon. This amounts to many millions of dollars each year in material purchases, payroll, taxes, etc. In addition to this, we have been instrumental in getting Federal Express to service the area, as well as enhancing UPS and the various other trucking companies, all to the betterment of the community. Also, we contribute substantially to the various sports programs and other activities. The point is, we are one small company that doesn't pollute, has very little impact on the community in terms of traffic, no sewer or water use, and no noise, and were attracted to this area in no small part by the airport. In my opinion, this is the type of business that needs to be attracted to Curry County. The airport is absolutely essential to do this. All of the trips to Belize, beautification programs, etc. directed toward tourism, will never begin to equal what a good, healthy light industrial base could do for this economy. Most people do not realize what an important asset the airport is, not as a race-track, but as an airport. While the races are fun, and may contribute to an already otherwise busy weekend, they are not the future of the community. (I do not advocate eliminating the races, rather finding ways to accommodate both aviation and the races if possible.)

I hope this letter will clarify the fact that the airport is being used, and is a very valuable asset to the region. I look forward to reading your publication each week, and enjoy it very much. Keep up the good work!

George Welch
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Council Looks Gift Horse in the Mouth Continued from Front Cover

the city manager on the committee to help guide it. Dotti said the City needs to advertise for new members. Frank Smith volunteered to serve on the committee but was disqualified after it was pointed out he didn't live in the city which is a requirement for being on the committee. The city needs three more members for the bed tax committee. Interested persons should contact Dotti at City Hall.

Councilor Tim Sparks addressed the council about the sound system. He has been working on bids for a new sound system for the council chambers. He presented prices for systems from three companies. The council voted for the one with the low price which was from Musician's Friend in Medford. It will include wireless mikes and will cost between \$4,000-\$4500.

Norm Leeling was appointed to the Port Orford Watershed Council. He is a retired biology teacher.

Frank Smith spoke to the council on behalf of the local American Legion chapter. The Legion is offering their building and the land it sits on for free to the City. The only things the Legion is asking for are that the City build them a storage shed if and when a time comes that the Legion can't store its flags, handicap equipment, etc. in the building and that they be able to meet there or in another city building once a month. The council made no decision on this matter but will reconsider it at their special session on Monday, March 24, at 7:00pm.

Ralph Donaldson brought up the situation with the Chamber of Commerce and the cancellation of the auto races. The council authorized the city manager to write a letter on behalf of the Chamber supporting the races.

The City accepted a grant application from the Community Resource Team for a Forest Service grant for \$48,000. The city will act as the official applicant.

The council meets again in a workshop session on March 24, at 6:30pm followed by a special council meeting at 7:00pm. Items on the agenda include donation of the American Legion building, revision in the bed tax ordinance and the resolution for the Enterprise Zone.

Local Wells Fargo Banks Sold

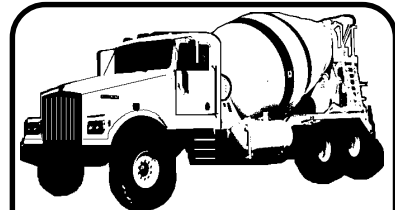
An article written by Alan K. Ota in the Saturday, March 8 edition of the Oregonian business section announced that Wells Fargo Bank had sold 25 rural branches to Klamath First Bancorp. The bank's headquarters is in Klamath Falls. The Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings branch offices of Wells Fargo were three of the ones sold to Klamath. The branches will become part of Klamath First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

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