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Highway 101 Master Plan By Evan Kramer



A workshop meeting was held at the Port Orford Senior Center on Thursday night concerning the Main Street Highway 101 Master Plan. The Community Resource Team held the meeting, which was well attended.

Joan Geiser, the community project manager, spoke first and said a timeline has been developed for the project with a goal of finishing by May 6, 1998. SMH Architecture firm has been hired to develop the Master Plan through a grant from the U.S. Forest Service. Geiser said they weren't interested in a theme park look but instead would like to see Highway 101 a more people friendly thoroughfare.

Three representatives from SMH Architecture were present at the meeting including David Sluzerinko, John Warner and Karen Hennings. SMH is located in Portland. They have been involved in community planning, urban design and worked with heritage tourism. Sluzerinko mentioned one of their projects as the nature based planning for the South Slough estuarine area. He said he and his two associates had spent the day in Port Orford looking at "Main Street".

He then turned the lights down and presented a slide show of different downtown scenes. The downtowns were not identified but they bore little resemblance to Port Orford. The buildings were three and four stories built cheek to jowl and right up to the sidewalk. Some of the slides showed examples of "good" and "bad" signage. Sluzerinko said the plan would not work unless the community supports it.

Many citizens spoke including Flo Lichtig who asked the group not write up a bunch of city ordinances and codes for signs. She said the city doesn't deal very well with its ordinances right now. A suggestion from Jane Cramer was for slowing down traffic on Highway 101 by making the place more interesting for people. She suggested the need for getting people to stop their cars and walk around town. Ron Leitch pointed out one of our biggest assets is the ease for truck drivers to park here. Flo Lichtig said regarding potential sidewalk planters that we need to think about the rain and wind and not have them as obstructions between people's cars and the business their heading into. Al Geiser said he didn't want Port Orford to go the route of Brookings.

One of the more controversial elements was a suggestion in the vision statement for curb extensions or bump-outs. They

would extend outward from the yellow areas along 101. These bump-outs would take up part of the first lane of traffic making the street look narrower and thus encouraging people to drive slower. Joan Geiser made it clear that the bump-outs are just ideas. David Sluzerinko said the group needs to come to a consensus or majority consent on these and other issues.

Highway 101 in Port Orford as it looks at night was another subject. John Warner, the landscape architect with SMH, said the street lighting was set up for 35-mph speeds and that the lighting does not "play" to pedestrians because of the height of the light poles.

Joanne Ruoff spoke in favor of the traffic bump-outs and said it would make 101 more pedestrian friendly. Paula Dearing spoke against the bump-outs because it would force people to parallel park as opposed to the ease of parking now.

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The Oregon Coast Music Association and the Southwestern Oregon Community College Music Department are pleased to announce the 1997 performances of Handel's Messiah, a tradition during the holiday season on Oregon's south coast. The Bay Area Community Choir and the Coos Chamber Orchestra will be conducted by Christian Rosman, Head of the Southwestern Music Depart-

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Featured vocal soloists are Oregon Bay area residents soprano Teresa Martindale, alto Josie Reid, tenor Robert Martindale and bass Phillip Drehmer. Dwight Comer, a resident of Port Orford, and a timpanist will play in the chamber orchestra.

The first performance takes place at The Barn in Bandon City Park on Saturday, December 20, at 8:00pm.

The second performance will be held at Marshfield Auditorium in Coos Bay on Sunday, December 21, at 2:00pm.

Tickets are \$5.00. They can be charged by phone by calling The Box Office at 269-2720 or 1-800-676-7563. Other ticket outlets include The Bon Marche in Pony Village Mall, Farr's True Value Hardware in Coos Bay and the Old Town Emporium & Christmas Company in Bandon. Tickets will also be available for both performances at the door.

Christmas Service

The Port Orford Christian Center will be hosting their Christmas service on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 6:30pm. All are welcome to join us for song and the Christmas story read by Pastor Doug Jamieson. We will also be collecting gifts until Dec. 21 for the Bay Area Rescue Mission.

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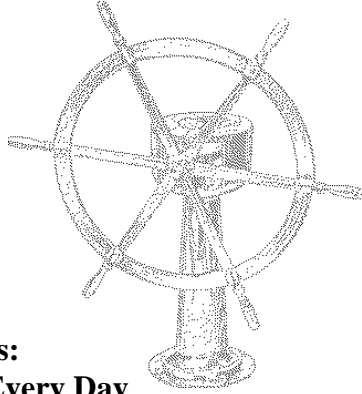
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What's Right About Port Orford By Evan Kramer

The Thursday night meeting of the Community Resource Team concerning the Highway 101 Master Plan got me thinking about what's right with Port Orford.

New owners have purchased many businesses and properties along Highway 101 in the last few years. They have put their money and considerable time into remodeling and improving their buildings. Some examples include Coast Candle in the former Orford's Restaurant building, the building occupied by the Lichtig Law Office owned by the Gilmans, the Sea Crest Motel, Shoreline Motel and Port Orford Inn (formerly Port Orford Motel) and Port Orford Family Dentistry. Other examples of businesses and owners who have greatly improved their properties include Grumpy's, Spaghetti West, Crazy Norwegians, Quilter's Corners, Grantland-Mayfield Gallery, Sea Breeze Florist, Downtown Fun Zone, Port Orford Pottery, The Chevron and Texaco stations, Paradise Café, Sentry Market, the Laundromat and the Port and Starboard Restaurant. Many other businesses have been painted and made other improvements.

The Community Resource Team worked on and received a grant from the U.S. Forest Service for \$12,000 to develop a Main Street Highway 101 Master Plan. The Forest Service has also committed \$18,000 for the entrance signs to town with the City of Port Orford providing an additional \$8,000. A company headquartered in Portland named SMH Architecture received the contract for developing the plan with the recommendation of the CRT and City Council approval.

SMH planner David Sluzerinko presented a slide show of downtowns including examples of, in his opinion, good and bad signage and color coordination. I had a big problem with his slide show. The city or cities depicted in the slides have very little in common with Port Orford other than being in the United States. I'm also against new city ordinances to deal with sign regulation or color coordination. Till now the City of Port Orford has dealt poorly with their collection of ordinances . . . when they can find them.

Port Orford's ship of state along Highway 101 has sailed forward. The momentum is on our side. The best SMH can do is grab a hold and come along for the ride.

I congratulate the many business owners

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along Highway 101 for the improvements to their properties. They did it with their own hard earned money and not with yet another government grant. I can tell you from personal experience that banks and other lending institutions are not in business to loan money to start-up businesses. In our case it was financial assistance from my mother and Valerie's parents who helped our business get off the ground.

By the way grant money isn't "free money". It often requires matching grants or in-kind labor. It is also money in the case of the Forest Service coming from an agency that could spend these funds repairing the roads in the National Forests and developing recreational opportunities.

I believe the local people involved with developing the Highway 101 Master Plan are very well meaning and have only good intentions in mind. I strongly support two of the Community Resource Team projects, those being the new entrance signs and the wayfinder site at Battle Rock Park. The CRT has done an excellent job of publicizing their meetings and issuing frequent and timely press releases about their activities.

Port Orford has a nice frontier, entrepreneurial spirit set in a magnificent physical setting. People do their thing here and most of the time we work things out between ourselves. It really is the last, best, unspoiled place on the Oregon Coast.

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Book Review

By Dan Hill

The following is a book review of **Bandon By-The-Sea** by Dow Beckham, Arago Books, 1997.

"It was a gloomy place...". This was the description of Bandon according to George A. Bennett in 1873 at the mouth of the Coquille River. He is the one who introduced gorse (Irish furze) into the area which is now considered, by some, to be the curse of Coos and Curry Counties.

Bandon's first white immigrants were the Lowes who settled on Beaver Slough in 1853. By 1860, Irish, English, Swedes,

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Next, let's take advantage of this lovely little piece of land and put it to good use. When I went by there to see it, I was struck by the idea that this would make a great vest-pocket park for Port Orford. It wouldn't take much. A bench and planter box about half the size of the one outside

the library would do the trick. Add a few trees for a windbreak and you would have the perfect place to sit on one of our sunny, windless, winter mornings. (We all know it doesn't blow and storm all the time during the winter.) Or picture it on a summer evening just before dark when the wind has dropped a little. Wouldn't it be a peaceful place to relax and enjoy a pleasant view?

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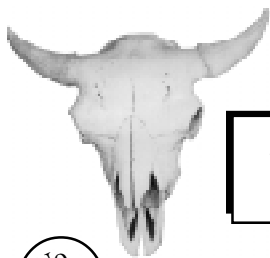
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Senior News

By Mary Yoder

December 9 was the board meeting – seems as though everything is going fine for the center. December 11 the Rotary Club luncheon – these volunteers are the ones who did the work, Beth Newkirk, Bessie Laurson, Marge Kyle, Mary Evans and Vicky Lundgren. Lorraine Haas' daughter is visiting here from Georgia. Saw Glorene Godfry helping out – June Dennison as usual did a fine job setting up the dining room – doing dishes this time were Judy Peacock-Klein and E. David Klein.

Then on December 13 the Christmas luncheon and program. To me this was the event of 1997. The luncheon was fabulous. These are the volunteers who made it that way – Norma Ellis, Bessie Laurson, Mary Evans, Eirwen Morgan and Pete Bannon. June Dennison I was told made the gravy and set up the dining room. Peggi Stahl took care of the coffee and

taking care of the money was Claire Stahl – doing dishes Bill Butt and Pete Bannon. Same time the sing-a-longs put on a program. If you missed this I feel sorry for you. They sung beautiful songs under the direction of Glorene Godfry – besides they put on a Christmas play – Santa came – three small grandchildren of Jan and Chet Dacayana were really cute. I really don't know who was the director of this but I will say it was really special. I'd like to see it again with the same actors. Oh yes the sing-a-longs sang a song for what's his name. He does a good job decorating the Christmas tree year after year.

December 14 was the breakfast – nice turn-out – what I like you can go back for seconds. These are the volunteers – Marge Kyle, Pauline Lenox, June Dennison, Lee Hyle, Beth Newkirk, Art Klima, Lu Tubbs, Hazel Klima – doing dishes – Bill Butt and Dick Clothier and Claire Stahl at the moneybox. I hope I haven't left out anyone out or anything out. But I guess I better close with this:

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means so much
And those with whom we're somehow
out of touch

Merry Christmas

Public Notice

The City of Port Orford Planning Commission has a vacancy for which the city is seeking volunteers who would wish to serve their community. The appointment is for a two year period. The commission meetings are scheduled the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at city hall. Anyone wishing to be a part of the planning commission please send a letter stating your background and your reasons for wanting to serve to Mayor Gary Doran, PO Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465. Call 3320-3681 for additional information. Deadline for applicants is January 9, 1998.

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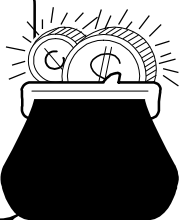
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Letter to the Editor,

Greetings for the holidays. Hope you are ready for the big day. If not, this may be just what you are looking for. A group of writers has been working feverishly all year to turn out some good books for family enjoyment. They are having a group signing at "Words and Pictures" in Harbor on December 20.

During the year the group has learned, through study and critique of each-others

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work, more about the craft of writing and publishing. Kathy Baggett recently made headlines with her publishing of "The Adventures of Sinclair Slug. Bill Mucklow has three books under his belt; "Islands of the Mist," "Rough as a Stucco Bathtub," and "A Few of My Favorites." Toni Gose charms us with her tales of intrigue from Gose Stories. Pam Lynn's moving book, "Witness of a Miracle," has received miraculous reviews. William Hiltz published "Cogitations on a Brookings Afternoon," with record sales.

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Over the years, Christmas has become more a chore than a celebration, the good thing surviving; being the camaraderie between friends that is renewed at this time. Togetherness is perhaps the true spirit of Christmas so let's do it this year at "Words and Pictures" on December 20.

Bill Hiltz

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Curry County Fair Manager Ron Crook was pleased upon finding out a book recently published by the National Geographic Society featured local resident Jeffrey Knox on the front cover. Seven year old Jeffrey, the son of Scott and Karen Know of Gold Beach, is pictured with a twinkle in his eye and a chicken in his arms as he prepared to exhibit in the Curry County Fair last July, 1996. "Being featured on the front cover is quite an honor," said Ron proudly. "It seems only fitting that Jeffrey's photograph was picked. His great-grandfather, Robert Knox, was the first Curry County Fair Manager. Imagine, more than 3,000 fairs in the United States and a Curry County resident's photo was chosen for the cover." The National Geographic book titled "County Fairs, Where America Meets" was an expansion of the article on fairs, which appeared in the October 1997 ar-

ticle of the national National Geographic Magazine.

Ron, manager of the both the Curry and Coos County Fairs, worked diligently with Mureen Walker, staff member, in order to peak the photographer's interest. Unfortunately, only the photographer and not the writer visited Curry County so there is little text regarding the fair except the captions under the photographs. However, a picture is worth a thousand words and the nine Curry County Fair photographs out of a total of eighty plus pictures in the book is an impressive 10%.

Photographs in the new book include John Swanson of Langlois and his pet calf and lamb, a photo of the rolling hills of the McKenzie Ranch in Langlois, horseback riders on the beach among the sea stacks of Pistol River State Park and the five generations of 99 year old Ruby Purdin, preparing for the Fair Parade.

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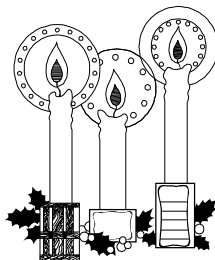
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My unpublished research revealed that the coldest ice cream is always mint flavored, and of course there is the after-dinner mint as a decadent digestive.


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Public Notice

Public hours in the main office of The City of Port Orford will change effective on December 17, 1997. The new hours will be 10:00am to 5:00pm, and closed for lunch from noon until 1:00pm. This is to allow office staff two hours of undisturbed work time. The phones will be handled by an answering machine between the hours of 8:00am to 10:00am. The phone number is 541-332-3681 and the fax number is 541-332-3830.



This holiday season, give your loved ones the gift of discovering their own backyard—**Oregon State Parks.**

\$77 buys a booklet of **Camper Bucks**, good for seven nights' stay in any type site (tent, electric or full hookup). That's like getting two nights free. And they're valid during Discovery Season (Oct. 1—March 31) any year.

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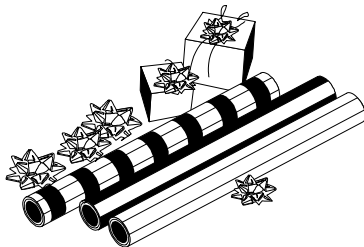
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We will gather to sing traditional hymns of praise and glory such as "Joy to the World", "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Silent Night." We will hear the

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The concert begins at 2:00pm with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks served at 1:30pm. There will also be an auction of donated items. Tickets are \$15.00 each. The price includes the concert, refreshments and a chance to win a door prize. For more information call Olive Woolridge at 247-0317 or in Port Orford 332-9002.

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Highway 101 Master Plan Continued from Front Cover

Other ideas included better signage letting people know what is here in Port Orford. Joanne Ruoff suggested a park at the north end of Port Orford where the

two empty lots are located on the east side of the street.

Al Geiser said the entrance signs for both ends of Port Orford were being worked on. Another idea was for use of native plants and wildflowers as well as planters at the north end of town.

Carol Malley suggested planting trees in front of Driftwood Elementary School as well as cutting out small squares in the sidewalk for tree plantings on 101.

Sluzerinko suggested that a "downtown association" work on signage cohesion and set up guidelines for color schemes and size (in his words not prescriptive in nature). He reiterated his company would be through with their work on May 1, 1998.

The next public meeting regarding the Highway 101 Master Plan is scheduled for February 12, 1998, at the Port Orford Senior Center. The time was not set. I would advise all interested persons to attend these meetings and be part of this debate.

Why did they have to schedule the Christmas holiday at the time of year when the stores are the busiest?

ESA Says Thanks By Shelly Sweet

The ESA Sorority would like to thank the 31 participants of the 31st annual bazaar who sold such a diverse array of home made and locally produced Christmas goodies and to our local and out of town shoppers. Not only did participants work hard on their goods but also the displaying of them. All booths really showed off their pride in products and Christmas spirit. Cash prizes were awarded to Over the Rainbow, TOPS and Will Van Dorin for the decorating contest.

Santa added 22 more names to his list. Daryl and Doris Rogers of Coos Bay received an early Christmas gift when they won the basket raffle.

Christmas Origins

The original suggestion to celebrate Christ's birth on Dec. 25 came about 357AD in Rome when church fathers wanted to outdo the Dec. 25 festivities of Mithraism, a competing, and more widely believed, religion. Nobody knows exactly when Christ was born. In those days birthdays weren't important. It was the death day that was significant. In fact, at one time the church considered it sinful to celebrate Christ's birth.

Mistletoe was gathered and burned as a sacrifice to the gods by the Druids two hundred years before Christ was born. Sprigs were hung in houses to insure harmony and good fortune. People embraced under it and enemies meeting under mistletoe were required to lay down their arms and forget their differences for a day. Mistletoe is a parasite spread by seeds in bird dung. The Church forbade using mistletoe and suggested holly.

The fir Christmas Tree originated with St. Boniface in Germany in the early 700's. Christmas Cards began in 1843 in England. The original St. Nick was a post 4th century Turk while Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer was "born" in 1939. and the list goes on!

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