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Council Declares Emergency Article by Evan Kramer



January 28 was Chinese New Year's Day. This is the year of the Tiger in the Chinese calendar, which is appropriate considering the New Year in Port Orford is coming in with a ferocious roar.

The Port Orford City Council held an emergency meeting on Monday at noon as the City's wastewater drain field was threatened with imminent destruction. City Public Works Director Jerry McNurlin showed the council and public a video of what the dunes at the city's drain field look like now. He said the siphon vault where the treated effluent water goes is about to slide into the ocean and the photos bore that statement out. There are no more dunes left to protect it from dropping into the ocean. This vault was located some 100-150 feet from the surf line until the last couple of weeks. However the same winter conditions which have washed away the dunes protecting the outlet creek from the ocean have also eaten away most of the dunes protecting Garrison Lake from the ocean. The video showed the monitoring wells are now located in the surf zone. Councilor Robert Warring said he wasn't convinced we have an emergency that

can be solved. He said that it was a bad choice to begin with putting the drain field in the dunes.

Councilor Ralph Donaldson stated what was happening was an "Act of God."

McNurlin told the council he has contacted many state agencies including the Department of Environmental Quality, State Parks and State Emergency Services. McNurlin said he wanted to save what we've got. McNurlin has looked for contractors who could help save the vault and drain field. Port Orford based Forest Access was one of those contacted about riprapping the area. Warring said riprapping will cause problems and urged the council to let the drain field go and instead consider an alternative.

The council adjourned to the public works office for a conference call with city lawyer Randall Tosh. Tosh said they need to adopt a resolution declaring an emergency. He had one written up and faxed them a copy. He said they need to designate an emergency response officer and a person on the council that officer reports to. The council chose McNurlin as the response officer and Ralph Donaldson as the councilperson he will report to.

The council reconvened the public portion of their meeting in the council chambers. Ralph Donaldson made a motion

with Jim Campbell seconding to accept Resolution 98-07 declaring an emergency. The motion passed 5-1 with Donaldson, Campbell, Carl Eskelson, Tim Sparks and Ruth Jamieson voting for it and Robert Warring voting against it. Donaldson said we need to solve the problem with the least funds spent. He urged the council to save the drain field.

Councilor Warring said he wanted someone competent to review the proposed work. He wants an outside opinion. He also said he hadn't been made aware that contracts had been let to dig the trenches, which opened the lake outlet creek. He asked for better communication.

McNurlin has contacted Wilbur Turnick, a specialist in ocean dunes about the situation and Turnick recommended riprapping.

Jim Britell told the council he was against riprapping. He stated all it would do is move the problem around and may cause a problem elsewhere. He said we need the best brains involved in ocean hydrology and volunteered to help the city resolve the problem in any way.

Ralph Donaldson said we need to save the siphon vault and "we're talking millions (of dollars) if the drain field goes".

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Fri Feb 6	1:04a	3.4	7:25a	7.8	2:39p	0.3	9:18p	5.8	7:24a	5:38p	1:50p	4:17a								
Sat Feb 7	2:15a	3.5	8:24a	7.9	3:34p	-0.1	10:14p	6.1	7:23a	5:40p	2:41p	5:07a								
Sun Feb 8	3:17a	3.4	9:18a	7.9	4:20p	-0.3	10:59p	6.4	7:22a	5:41p	3:35p	5:53a								
Mon Feb 9	4:10a	3.3	10:06a	7.9	5:01p	-0.4	11:37p	6.6	7:20a	5:42p	4:34p	6:33a								
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Resolution 98.07

A resolution of the City of Port Orford, declaring an emergency and making provision therefore

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309 authorizes the City Council of the City of Port Orford to establish procedures to prepare for and carry out any activity to prevent, minimize, respond or recover from an emergency; and

WHEREAS, an ORS 401.025(4) defines emergency as including "any manmade or natural event or circumstance causing or threatening loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering or financial loss"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Port Orford has a "dune field drainfield" (the drainfield) as a component of its wastewater treatment system for the disposal of treated effluent; and

Whereas, the drainfield is located in an area of dune field located directly adjacent to the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, as a result of recent storms and high surf, the foredune of the dune field has been eroded by the Pacific Ocean, and no longer protects the drainfield, and

WHEREAS, the drainfield is threatened with destruction in the immediate future, for which there is no ready solution; and

WHEREAS, such destruction will cause the discharge of treated effluent in a manner not authorized by law and creating conditions for contamination and other conditions recognized as emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Port Orford City Charter, Chapter II, Sections 4 & 5 and Chapter III, Section 6, the City Council of the City of Port Orford is vested with the power to declare that a state of emergency exists;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Port Orford, that as a result of the erosion by the Pacific Ocean the City of Port Orford's wastewater treatment facility has been placed in immediate peril, the City Council hereby declares an emergency exists pursuant to ORS 401.309(1);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Jerry McNurlin is hereby designated as the official charged with carrying out the emergency duties and functions necessary and incident to this resolution, who shall be known as "the Emergency Response Officer" of the City of Port Orford;

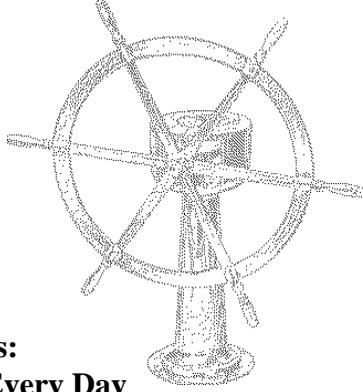
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Emergency Response Office shall report directly to Ralph Donaldson who shall be responsible for communicating directly with all members of the Port Orford City Council;

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Sun Jan 25	66	49		43	31	30.19
Mon Jan 26	56	49		14	39	30.20
Tue Jan 27	67	51		32	40	30.10
Wed Jan 28	67	48		41	28	29.83
Thu Jan 29	56	47		37	28	30.21
Fri Jan 30	66	42		18	36	29.86

Resolution 98.07 Continued

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Emergency Response Officer may and shall notify all necessary and proper authorities regarding the emergency, may schedule meetings with officials for the purposes of eliminating the emergency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council may enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to mitigate, prepare for, respond to or recover from the emergency hereby declared, and shall have such other powers as are granted it under ORS Chapter 410.

Approved by the Common Council of the City of Port Orford this 2nd day of February 1998.

Cayenne – Part 3 J. Graeme Graydon

Cayenne stimulates incredible circulation in the body. From last century comes the case of a teamster who arrived with both feet frozen to above the ankles. The doctor wrote, “he saw no possible chance of amputation, but that he would give Cayenne inwardly to see what effect that would have on the frozen feet.” On the 16th day after the first dose of Cayenne, the teamster walked nine miles. All the dead tissue had been sloughed off and replaced by new tissue. “He lost but five toenails all told.”

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not know scientifically what it takes to produce such a healing, how much courage, how much passion to live must there be? We can say however that Cayenne was and is a very congenial tool to use, it is so aligned with Life.

Some herbs are reputed to be “thinking” herbs. They seem to modify their action according to the needs of the body. Cayenne always means greater circulation, more blood, but when the crisis is severe bleeding, internal or external, Cayenne stops the bleeding, quickly and completely by redirecting pressure away from the damage but increasing the delivery of repair materials through the capillary beds.

I was building a fence with two men who were driving steel posts into the ground. The head flew off the sledgehammer, felling one of them with a nasty wound to the scalp. Blood spurted and I ran for the Cayenne, dumping a couple of spoons full onto the mess. The bleeding simply stopped, he stood up as though nothing much had happened and we went off to get him sewn up.

I confirmed this result later when I split my own head open. Another plus for Cayenne – when used in trauma like this it minimizes or negates the need for the body to go into shock while accelerating the healing process.

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Letter to the Editor,

The call volume for South Coast EMS in 1997 was as follows: July, 16 transports, 14 no transports. August, 17 transports and 11 no transports. September, 14 transports and 2 no transports. October, 10 transports and 14 no transports. November, 17 transports and 5 no transports.

Since South Coast EMS was classified as a non-profit organization they should have been allowed to use the ambulance chutes at City Hall. This was blocked by the city council voting to allow Port Orford Ambulance to store their ambulances there. They get free use of the chutes and pay no

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rent. One EMT Basic and one driver recently quit, both good men.

As for Port Orford EMS why would I volunteer for an outfit that refused to transport my injured granddaughter? Why didn't they volunteer to help South Coast EMS find addresses if they loved their friends and neighbors so much?

Bay Cities Ambulance told the commissioners that they would cover Port Orford

if they would put the County back up for bid. This service area covers 2 grade schools; 1 middle school, a high school and lots of seniors. I believe we have bases for schools, libraries, fire departments and cemeteries. Why not a base to cover a full service ambulance?

For a cardiac patient the EMTs must reach the patient within 10 minutes to administer the proper drugs and open an airway or it's DOA. An EMT cannot use a respirator. Only a doctor or nurse may do so.

Clarence Smith

Jet Boat Marathon

You don't need to race to be a part of the 11th Annual Rogue River Jet Boat Marathon on June 13 and 14, 1998. The Southern Oregon Power Boat Association is looking for clubs, businesses and organizations that want to participate in the festivities around Jot's Resort.

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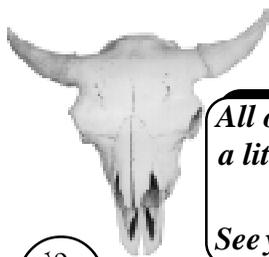
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Senior News By Mary Yoder

January 29th was Rotary Club. The volunteers working were Bessie Laurson, Kay Neal, Jan Dacayana, Roald Young, June Dennison and Lyla Sarratt setting up the dining room – dishes – Bill Butt and Chet Dacayana – also cleanup.

January 31st was potluck – people sure know how to make delicious food. I saw one person go back three times – and I'm not kidding these sure are some good cooks – in and around Port Orford.

February 1st was February birthday party – a real nice turn out. One of the members Harry White turns 92 this month – Mrs. Cory brought the birthday cake in his honor – really nice. All birthday people were honored – sang happy birthday – all really enjoyed the good time.

February 2nd – Monday night pinochle also election of officers. New President – Katrina Montgomery – Vice President – June Dennison – Treasurer and Secretary – Betty Keeler – she did such a good job that they kept her another term. Had a nice turn out for cards – five tables. Winning High ladies – Katrina Montgomery and Vanetta Marstal – Low lady – Beth Newkirk. High for men – E. David Klein – Low E.J. Drew. I was in the middle again. It's fun, come down and try it some time.

I was so happy with the birthday party nearly left out who made it so nice –

Thelma Lagace, Kay Neal, Lorraine Hass, Peigi Stahl and Bill Butt – sorry.

Next, February 8th is the breakfast – also rummage sale from 8am till 1:30pm. All you want to eat – nice huh?

February 10th is the board meeting – all are welcome to come.

Judy Peacock Klein and Thelma Lagace were decorating the center for Valentines Day – sure looks nice. On Friday night at the center is a bingo game. This helps the Lions to buy glasses for kids and people who can't afford them. It is the second Friday of each month. Come help the kids.

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February 10th 7:00pm

February 24th 7:00pm

February 14th is the luncheon and rummage sale – hope there will be a program.

I'll close with this:

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Become aware of all the good in which you share,
The love that around you lies
And you will see with glad surprise
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John W “Red” McWilliams

John W “Red” McWilliams passed away on January 30, 1998 at OHSU in Portland, Oregon at the age of 81.

John was from the Cape Cod community of Wareham, Massachusetts. After completing his education he played semi-pro football. He came to the Port Orford area during World War II while serving with the U.S. Coast Guard. He was stationed at Cape Blanco.

He married Nadine Babel in 1946 and settled in Port Orford. In 1949 he built and ran a gasoline station and garage, “Reds’ Associated Flying A”, which currently house “The Crazy Norwegian” restaurant.

John and Nadine owned and managed the Shoreline Motel for many years. During the same time John became both a Real Estate and Insurance Broker as well as a State Real Estate Appraiser. For many years his “Shamrock Real Estate and In-

surance” office was located on Highway 101 near Battle Rock Park.

John was very active in civic affairs throughout his life. In 1956 he coached the Junior High basketball team and won the county championship. He also organized and coached Port Orford’s first Little League Baseball Teams. He was an original and active member of the Pacific High Quarterback Club.

John was a charter member and past President of the Rotary Club and received the Paul Harris Fellowship Award, served two terms on the city council, was twice president of the Chamber of Commerce, and was on the County Juvenile Advisory Committee.

In the mid-1950’s John served as Port Orford’s Police Commissioner. In the early 1980’s he was Grand Marshal of the Port Orford 4th of July Jubilee.

John is survived by his wife of 51 years, Nadine and children, Mike, Ellen, Julie

and Jon, and grandchildren.

A Memorial Service and celebration of his life will be held in the future.

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rains fall softly upon your fields.
Until we meet again—may God hold you
In the palm of his hand.
—An Irish Blessing

Comment Period Extended

The National Marine Fisheries Service is extending by 90 days the comment period on a recent proposal to designate critical habitat for Central California coast and Southern Oregon/Northern California coast coho salmon. The critical habitat proposal was made last November 25, under requirement of the Endangered Species Act, and included a request for comments from all interested parties.

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Comment Period Extended
continued

The fisheries service held public hearings in Gold Beach, Oregon, and Eureka and Santa Rosa, California, to gather public comment.

The fisheries service said it welcomes comments and recommendations on any aspect of this proposal. In particular, the agency is requesting any data, maps, or reports describing areas in the Central California coast and in the Southern Oregon/Northern California coast that currently or previously supported coho salmon and that may require special management consideration.

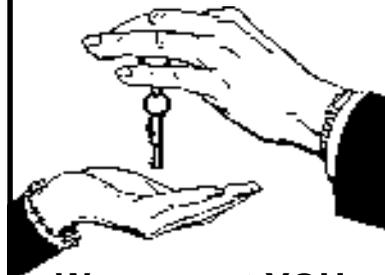
Comments on the proposed rule should be sent Garth Griffin, NMFS Protected Resources Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232. The fisheries service will consider all comments received by that deadline before reaching any final decision.

The Federal Register notice announcing this extension (1/27/98) and the previous notice describing the proposed critical habitat designation itself (62 FR 62741) are available at the Government Printing Office's website at www.gpo.gov.

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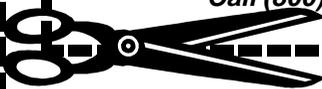
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More on Hubbard Creek

This letter was given to us by the City of Port Orford and is part of the official record.

November 17, 1997

Dear Mayor and Council:

I raised the question about the fish ladder being installed at the Hubbard Creek water impoundment of the City of Port Orford for the following reasons.

The remarks of Mr. Grey indicate that he believes a fish ladder is a one-way structure used only to get salmon up the stream. It is a two-way conduit that also allows juvenile salmon, steelhead, sea-run cutthroat and other species to return to the sea as well as ascend the stream. Those events occur at various times of the year, not just at high-water events in the fall. There-in is the possible problem I envision.



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The fish ladder may introduce coho salmon which are on the endangered specie list. This could have a profound effect on land use activities in the watershed.

The steelhead and sea-run cutthroat are also candidates for listing as endangered and are present in Hubbard Creek. (Watershed letter summer of 1997)

I am a property owner in the North Fork Hubbard Creek watershed and I am engaged in growing Christmas trees, noble fir boughs, Port Orford cedar boughs and other ornamentals. I engage in land clearing, soil tilling, use of herbicides and fertilizer. My business could be severely impacted by the building of this fish ladder and enlargement of the impoundment.

I, therefore, request an Environmental Impact Statement be prepared by the City to address these issues and determine

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what affect it could have on future land use activities in the watershed.

I am also concerned about the burying of the water pipes from Hubbard Creek in the Wetlands of Gold Run Creek. Gold Run Creek has been identified as a source of water to augment Hubbard creek flow during low flow periods by the Project Engineer Matt Grey of HGE. I am requesting an Environmental Impact Statement be done on this watershed.

Yours truly,

Glenn V. Mayea

Messerle Files for Re-Election

Representative Ken Messerle filed with the Secretary of States' office in Salem last week for re-election as a representative of District 48.

Representative Messerle said "I find it rewarding to be working toward solutions to our many challenges in Southwestern Oregon".

Messerle is working to improve our infrastructure, including, energy, transportation, water supply and waste disposal.

Messerle said, "We can have a natural resource-based economy and a healthy environment. It can and should be a win-win balance. We must work together even harder to bring family-wage jobs to the south coast." Messerle stated, "I look forward to representing District 48 at the next Legislative session in 1999.

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**I'm Looking Over...
By Donna L. Hoffmann**

With all the rain we've been having lately, some Haida children must have been picking the Red Rain Flowers (Red Columbine, which I wrote about in my last article.)

This time the plant of choice is Springbank Clover (*Trifolium Wormskjoldii*). It's considered a perennial herb with creeping rhizomes; red to purple flowers; often white tipped; growing in moist to wet places, from low to middle elevations. This clover differs from other perennial clovers because it has an 'involucre': A cluster of bracts under the flowering head. The Springbank Clover differs slightly from the common clover, which occasionally has the 'lucky' fourth leaf. It has long fleshy, white rhizomes, which were important food source to the Northcoast peoples Sechet, Haida, Kwakwaka Wakw, Nuu-Chach-Nulth, and straits Salish to

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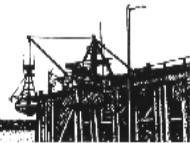
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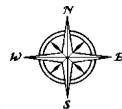
name a few. They were harvested and prepared with the roots of Silverweed. Both were usually dug in the fall after the leaves had died back. Both grew in dense patches along estuaries, which the Kwakwaka' Wakw and a few other groups, divided the patches into beds which were owned by families or individuals and passed down from generation to generation. The beds were 'weeded' and sticks and rocks were removed and the annual cultivation most probably enhanced these beds. At some point, the Nuxalk transplanted these species and worked them as we would our vegetable gardens. They dug up the rhizomes with a stick and wrapped them into a fist-sized bundle, using one of the roots to tie it

together. The roots were sometimes eaten raw, but most of the time they were steamed in a box or underground cooking pit, then dipped in fat or oolichan oil. The raw rhizomes were stored raw in underground boxes or dried for winter use. Reportedly the flavor is sweet, similar to young green peas. (I wouldn't suggest trying this at home!)

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Letter to the Editor,

Why Mr. Mayor? A few weeks ago the City of Port Orford published in the Port Orford News a box item that looked and sounded like an Official Public Notice to the people of this city. In this box item were a few statements that couldn't be substantiated.

1. That the City had a permit for the work on Hubbard Creek, the Army Corps of Engineers has not issued a permit. The time for public protests and comments ended January 29, 1998 and hearings on those protests/comments have not been held!
2. Environmental hearings should be held because there have been protests, comments and requests, made to the proper departments.
3. The City, or whoever purchased the box item said that the closing time for comments, etc. was January 23, 1998. How so, when the Army

Corps ending date was January 29, 1998.

Perhaps this is information that the City does not want its citizens to know about and possibly investigate.

Oh yes what about the water well that was contracted for in 1991, to be drilled on the dunes. Was it? Was it drilled to the contracted depth and how much water did it produce?

Walt Kaplan

GED Graduation Ceremony

Recent increases in general equivalency diploma completion have prompted plans for a graduation ceremony sponsored by the South Coast Education Service District, Alternative Youth Activities, and Southwestern Oregon Community College. Because so many graduates have changed their addresses and names, they will need to contact the South Coast ESD office.

Curry County GED graduates, regardless of age are invited to participate in the ceremony. The ceremony will be held on February 21st at 7pm in the Gold Beach High School "Multipurpose Room". Invitations, caps and gowns will be available to graduates.

For more information or to sign up to participate, phone (541) 247-6681.

The Learning Center in Harbor, which is also helping with the Ceremony, is asking for the loan or donation of any caps and gowns for the GED graduation.

Items may be dropped off at the SCESD, 29805 Mary Street, Gold Beach, or at the Learning Center in Brookings on Lower Harbor Road at the Hanscam Center.

Those supplying caps and gowns also can phone 247-6681 or 469-0873 to have the items picked up.

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Workshop registrations need to be finalized one week prior to the start of class. For more information or to register, come in to the Brookings office located at 420 Alder Street or call 469-5017. The Gold Beach office, located at the county fairgrounds in Gold Beach, can also be contacted by phone at 247-2741.

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Cost for this 3 unit, college transferable class is \$111. Come in to the Brookings facility located at 420 Alder Street or call (541) 469-5017 for more information or to register. Information and registration can also be obtained from the Gold Beach office located at the county fairgrounds or by calling (541) 247-2741.

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open house will center around the dedication of the new state-of-the-art CT scanner, with free food, music, dancing and informational hand-outs.

But for additional fun — and posterity — volunteers will make hand prints of Curry General Hospital babies, of all ages, for a large decorative mural that will be displayed in the hospital’s birthing wing.

The mural is one of many refurbishing projects underway in the birthing facilities. Others include new linens and window treatments for the patient rooms, and a new display board of baby pictures, Millie Bird, R.N., clinical manager, told members of the district board last month.

Additionally, the hospital has added a new gift to its current goodie packet for all mothers of newborns: a complimentary gourmet meal for moms and a guest of her choice, room service of course.

The menu choices span breakfast, lunch or dinner, and include everything from a full bacon-egg and French toast breakfast to New York steak, chicken cordon bleu or vegetarian lasagna.

“It’s just another way to thank our new moms and their families for letting us care

‘Gimme 5’ hand-printing party set for Valentine Sunday

Curry General Hospital invites all those who were born at the hospital — from 1951 to the present — to leave their mark on the birthing wing walls.

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for them during this miraculous time of their lives,” Bird says.

Structural modernization is planned for the birthing area, as well, pending the passage of the upcoming bond issue. Bird explained that the changes are needed to accommodate a projected tripling or more in monthly births now that Alice Taylor, certified nurse midwife, is delivering all newborns at Curry General Hospital. For example, new census figures show that births at Curry General jumped from two in November to 13 in December, 1997.

The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

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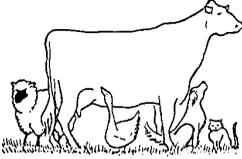
Public Meetings

Democratic Women in Curry County are meeting on Saturday, February 7, noon, for a no-host luncheon at Coffee Breakers Restaurant in Harbor. The group will focus on ballot issues relevant to Curry County and review some of the proposed initiatives. For more information call 469-4215 or 247-7944.

Port Orford Chamber of Commerce board meeting on Monday, February 9, noon, at the Wheelhouse Restaurant.

Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, February 9, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

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Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ School District Board of Education meets on Tuesday, February 10, 7:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

Community Resource Team meets on Thursday, February 12, 7:00pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center. The planning team from SMH architects will give a presentation on the Highway 101 Beautification Master Plan.

Fishermen's Memorial

Valentine's day is just around the corner. February 14th is a wonderful day to tell a special person in your life that you love them.

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Candidate Statement By David Wilken

David Wilken, owner/operator of a tree farm at Port Orford, has taken the first steps in filing for election to the Curry County Board of Commissioners. Wilken has filed a "statement of candidacy" with the county elections office and taken out petitions to get on the May 19 Democratic primary election ballot. A life-long community activist, Wilken is chairman of the Port Orford Watershed Council, vice-chairman of the South Coast Council of

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Watersheds, president-elect of the Rotary Club, a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, a member of the county Democratic Central Committee. He is 49 years old and has been married to Marlene "Marty" Wilken, his college sweetheart for 28 years. They have two sons, Kai and Jason.

Wilken, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, came to Curry County from Omaha, Nebraska, in 1970, living first in Brookings, then Pistol River, and then Gold Beach until 1976. He and Marty then returned to Omaha to bring up their sons near family and friends. While there, Wilken was twice elected to the Omaha School Board, where he received the "Award of Distinction" from the National School Boards Association. He was later elected to the Metro Community College Board of Governors, serving as chairman for two years. Wilken was appointed as a founding member of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board by Governor Ben Nelson. In the 80's, he was "honor club" president of the South Omaha Optimist Club, and was named "Lt. Governor" of the Nebraska District Optimists, serving the typical one year term.

Dave, as he's known to most, and Marty purchased their timberland in 1989 and moved back to Curry County when their boys were well into their college years. A candidate in the 1996 County Commissioner primary, he expects to file his nominating petitions in a couple of weeks, well before the March 10 deadline.

Speaking about his candidacy, Wilken said: "I am offering my services and skills to the public because that is what I do. Over the years I've learned that one person can make a difference for the better, and that we all have a duty to spend our time, talents, and energies on behalf of our community and neighbors. Local government, including the County Board, can always be improved, made more efficient and cost-effective, and more accountable and 'user-friendly'. I have a lot of experience doing just that, I have no axes to grind, no vested interests to protect, and many good ideas I'll be bringing up between now and election day. Better government is what this campaign is all about."

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Council Declares Emergency Continued from front cover

John Mayea told the council he had gone out to observe the drain field and dunes on Friday, January 30. He called county commissioner T.V. Skinner later that day to explain the situation. He brought up with Skinner the possibility of the county providing a piece of equipment to keep the lake outlet open. He asked the council to authorize McNurlin to contact the county about getting a piece of earth moving equipment and station it close to the lake outlet. Mayea said that as of Friday there were 32 feet of dunes protecting the siphon vault and drain field. On Sunday there were 14 feet and on Monday there were none.

Meanwhile the lake outlet creek has been blocked from Wednesday, January 28 through Monday, February 2 and high water is threatening septic tanks, basements of homes, flooding 12th Street, and is ready to raise havoc with the sewer and water system if some of the water isn't let out.

Okays Emergency Spending

The city council met on Monday evening at 6:00pm. The original purpose of the

meeting was to set goals. However, they also discussed the situation with the drain field and siphon tank. Jerry McNurlin explained what the city wanted to do. They want to dig a deep trench in front of the siphon tank and drain field and fill it with "jetty" rock. Then they will put more jetty rock on top of the first layer of rocks. Jerry said so far the leach fields are okay. He described the jetty rock riprap as a temporary emergency repair. The riprap section would be approximately 50 feet long. McNurlin has contacted and arranged for the work to be done by Forest Access. They will install culverts and put a bridge across the lake outlet creek and build a road to the drain field and siphon area. This will cost up to \$50,000. Jerry then said it would cost over \$1,000,000 plus to repair the property after the winter storms are over.

The council ended this discussion by convening a special emergency session at 6:20pm. Councilor Ralph Donaldson made a motion to authorize Forest Access to start work to prevent further dune erosion at the siphon tank and drain field area at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 and do no more work than is necessary to get us through winter. The motion passed 3-1 with Donaldson, Jim Campbell and Carl

Eskelson voting for it and Robert Warring voting against it.

Tuesday Morning February 3

I loaded up my rain gear and Myrtle and we drove down to Agate Beach Trailer Park about 7:30am. We walked out to the drain field for a look at the siphon tank. It is literally hanging in midair. It hadn't dropped into the ocean but at least three feet of it was exposed and the bottom portion was being undermined. I was surprised it was still in place. I continued north of the drain field to one of the few high spots left between the ocean and the lake. I had spent several hours on Sunday afternoon out here with Robert Warring and Jim Rhodes during high tide and we watched with awe and wonder as the waves pounded the dunes and chunks dropped into the water.

Myrtle and I then walked back to the lake outlet creek where it is plugged. About this time I heard a bulldozer and saw a D-6 cat with Curry County insignia rumbling down to the beach. The county equipment came with a two-man crew. One of the men started working on building a temporary dune before clearing a channel. Shortly after this Jerry McNurlin arrived. He told me he was responsible for the county crew arriving to clear a channel for the lake to begin draining again. He had spoken last week with county roadmaster Dan Crumley about the city receiving assistance. McNurlin told me Forest Access would begin their project sometime today and by 10:20am they were at Agate Beach working on the access road to the dunes.

Valerie did a bit of research. From now through Jan 31, 2000, we will have 126 days on which there will be tides 8.0 ft or greater and on 45 of those days the tides will be 8.5 feet or greater! On 16 the tides will be 9.0-9.4 feet!!! The next 8.5+ tide will be Oct. 7, 1998.

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